

Southern Peninsula Community Support

Annual Report 2026

SOUTHERN PENINSULA COMMUNITY SUPPORT

HELP WHERE IT'S NEEDED

The Life You Can Change

With your help we provide support for vulnerable individuals and families who are experiencing disadvantage within our community.

Demand is growing and we need your help!

You can support our work by volunteering, donating food or material goods, or making a cash donation.

Donate:	www.spcsic.org/donate/
Volunteer:	03 5986 1285 or www.spcsic.org/volunteering
Drop-off:	878 Point Nepean Road, Rosebud (9:30am – 3:30pm)

We are truly grateful for all of our volunteers. You are the backbone of Southern Peninsula Community Support. Featured in our front cover photo are (left to right): Germaine, Fay, Steve, Sarah, Roger, Judy and Ilze with Karen, SPCS Volunteer Support & Emergency Food Relief Coordinator (third from right).



Southern Peninsula Community Support acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First People of Australia and we pay our respects to their elders past and present with whom we share this country.

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Vision
A strong and equitable community for all.

Mission
To build equality by providing client driven support, information, and advocacy to people on the Southern Peninsula.

Values
Open & Inclusive – we are committed to ensuring that our services are available and accessible to every person.

Respectful – we will be respectful in all of our interactions with others, including clients, staff, volunteers and community stakeholders and partners.

Ethical – we will practice the highest standard of ethical behaviour and be accountable, inclusive and non-judgmental in all of our actions and strategy.

Trustworthy – we will be consistent with our actions, our standards and our communications to maintain an environment of trust.

Innovative – we will be collaborative, reflective, flexible and responsive in our practices now and for the future.

SOUTHERN PENINSULA COMMUNITY SUPPORT

HELP WHERE IT'S NEEDED


EVACUATION DIAGRAM
Tax help
Tax help
Lenovo

Services

Crisis Support and Emergency Relief

Crisis support volunteers provide comprehensive assessment, information, referral, and practical assistance in the form of material aid. Emergency Relief material aid is available to Southern Peninsula residents on a low income who are experiencing financial hardship, a crisis or emergency event. Emergency Relief may include pantry items, fresh fruit and vegetables, frozen meals, food vouchers, transportation and utilities assistance, medical needs and other financial aid.

Southern Peninsula Fresh Food Program

The Southern Peninsula Fresh Food Program works with food recovery agencies, Oz Harvest, Second Bite and Food for Change, to provide fresh food on the Southern Mornington Peninsula. Our program delivers two services: walk up Fresh Food pickup on a Monday and Fresh Food available Monday to Friday to the community as part of Emergency Relief services.

Low Income Support Service

The Low Income Support Service (LISS) has been operating at SPCS since July 2002. The Service provides an effective means of assisting clients to address issues that are causing hardship in their lives – eg financial, health and housing. LISS works within a case management model and is designed to assist people to identify pathways out of crisis, working alongside them to build more manageable situations and empowering them to have greater control over their circumstances.

Family Support Service

The Family Support Service (FSS) has been operating at SPCS since 2017 and is designed to assist families with children to address issues that are impacting on their day-to-day lives. FSS operates 3 days per week within a case management model and allows people an opportunity to address more complex family concerns, where the needs of children and adults are taken into account. The Family Support Worker can help with everything from income and entitlements assessment, household bills, budgeting, advocacy and negotiation, education and school issues, to getting connected to specialist support services, or with a specific identified need.

Southern Peninsula Laundry and Shower Program (SPLaSh)

This service is available to community members who are sleeping rough or experiencing other forms of homelessness. The program offers access to showers and laundry services, meals and NFA food bags. Many other support services also attend SPLaSh, offering a chance for clients to have contact with services that may not otherwise be easily accessible. SPLaSh is a free service and offers practical support in a friendly, welcoming environment.

SPLaSh for Women

Similar to the main SPLaSh program, SPLaSh for Women offers practical supports such as meals, material aid and showers and laundry in a friendly, welcoming and safe environment. The program is especially for women experiencing homelessness, recognising that many women have experienced family violence and other kinds of trauma and need a safe and secure space to engage with workers.

Southern Peninsula Homeless Connections

This outreach service started in November 2020 in response to the growing number of people impacted by homelessness. Focusing on rough sleepers our worker goes to where people are living, on the foreshore or in their cars, forming connections, building trust and ultimately connecting them back to mainstream housing services and to other case management services.

Financial Counselling

Financial counsellors are qualified professionals who provide information, advice and advocacy to people in financial difficulty, their services are non-judgmental, free, independent and confidential. SPCS has been extremely fortunate to run our own Financial Counselling program with the dedicated work from a highly skilled Financial Counsellor, Tracey Blythe, who volunteered her time and energy in the role for two years. Tracey retired at the end of 2025 and we thank her for her wonderful, generous contribution to SPCS.

No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS)

The No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS) provides individuals and families on low incomes with access to safe, fair and affordable credit. Loans are available for essential goods and services such as

fridges, washing machines, car repairs and medical procedures. Repayments are set up at an affordable amount over 24 months.

Energy Mentor

The Energy Mentor program at SPCS supports people around utilities bills and energy use, assisting people to ensure they are getting the best rates on their bills, that their concessions are applied and provides information on how to reduce bills by reducing energy usage. The program also facilitates access to bill relief such as the Power Saving Bonus and Energy Bill Relief, particularly for those living in caravan parks and on other embedded networks.

Tax Help

Volunteer workers are trained by the Australian Taxation Office to assist people to fill in simple tax returns. This service is offered to people on low incomes and is available from mid-July to the end of October each year.

Needle and Syringe Program

The Victorian Needle and Syringe Program (NSP) is a major public health initiative to minimise the spread of blood borne viruses, HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis B and C among injecting drug users and to the wider community. The NSP at SPCS offers a low-barrier service with anonymous access to essential equipment and educational support material.

Volunteer and Student Placements

SPCS relies on a dedicated team of volunteers to deliver the majority of our services. Our volunteers are people from the local area who have great knowledge and understanding of their community and are willing to contribute their time and skills to support people in our community who are struggling.

Our volunteers provide: reception duties, support to clients in crisis, comprehensive information and referral, completion of forms, Tax Help, Fresh Food program, Pantry Program, support at SPLaSh, SPLaSh for Women and Homeless Connections, the No Interest Loan Scheme, Energy Mentor, general maintenance and gardening at the centre, administrative and data entry, statistical information collection, practical action, advocacy and negotiation, governance and management and so much more!

SPCS also provides students studying social work the opportunity to get experience via work placements. Throughout the year these students bring great skill and enthusiasm to SPCS and often stay on as fantastic volunteers after placement.

Colocation

The model of joint service provision between SPCS and colocating services provides the wider community with a more comprehensive and efficient service. Enabling colocating services to operate at a low cost from the centre allows SPCS to better fill the gaps in services on the Southern Peninsula, benefiting the local community by allowing clients greater access to various services.



Statistics

Southern Peninsula Community Support Snapshot (1 July 2025 - 30 June 2026)				
Value of Assistance Given				
Assistance Given ($) All Programs	$1,354,722	**Top 5 assistance by types**	1. Food	$631,873
Assistance Given ($) Main Centre	$1,081,895		2. No Interest Loans (NILS)	$220,490
Assistance ($) food & material aid @ SPLaSh & Splash for Women	$149,408		3. Food Vouchers	$182,647
Fresh Food Stream 1 (walkup)	$123,418		4. Toiletries	$48,954
Christmas Hampers	$52,681		5. Accommodation & Housing related	$41,987
Client Numbers				
Unique Clients	2,004	**Key client groups**	Clients with identified disability (Main Centre)	726
Occasions of Support (all programs)	20,787		ATSI clients (Main Centre)	83
Types of Services Delivered (number) Main Centre	42,836		Clients with LOTE (Main Centre)	47
No. of Dependents (non-unique)	9,491		Asylum Seeker (Main Centre)	7
New Clients (Main Centre)	442		Clients who were rough sleeping (SPHC)	251
SPLaSh & Splash for Women Presentations	2,209		Clients who were homeless or at-risk (SPLaSh)	281
Presentation/Visits for Homelessness support	3,775		Unique clients who were homeless (all programs)	462
Case management sessions (LISS, FSS & SPHC)	2,327		Individual Managed Cases (LISS, FSS & SPHC)	375


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President's Report

I said at the AGM last year that I was hopeful to have some positive news to report this year. Well, there is actually some very welcome news this year, which is that as a result of our successful fundraising and networking activities, and the incredible generosity of our supporters, we can now be proud that almost 70% of SPCS income is currently coming from philanthropy.

In fact, donations have gone up by ~46% over the past two years. Fortunately, this increase has come at a time when we are still seeing a dramatic and concerning increase in both client numbers and complexity.

Overall, we had 6,588 emergency relief visits during 25/26 FY across a total client cohort of 1,526, with 442 of those clients being new visitors to SPCS. **Sadly, our staff and volunteers are seeing a lot of clients returning to obtain assistance after several years absence – a clear indication of how housing and cost of living pressures are having a broadening impact.**

We also supported 462 homeless clients over this past year across all our programs, with 251 of them sleeping rough. Regrettably, the number of rough sleepers dying continues to grow with over 8 in the last 15 months.

We have however continued to advocate hard to key decision-makers at all levels of government, and with a new Minister appointed to the Housing portfolio, and a State election later this year, we remain hopeful that the Mornington Peninsula will start to receive the attention and fair share of funding for community support that it deserves.

Our team of staff and volunteers continued to demonstrate their ability to effectively manage both increasing demand and higher numbers of clients with multiple interrelated issues. Even as the day-to-day challenges increased all clients were consistently treated in a caring, compassionate and respectful way, so that SPCS continued to remain a haven of hope and support for disadvantaged members of our local community.

While our main SPLaSh Program celebrated its tenth anniversary this year, our recently introduced programs have also continued to grow and flourish. For example, the Peninsula Grow to Give program spread far and wide across community gardens and wineries, which then complemented the produce donated from backyard gardeners and local commercial food growers.

Ongoing support for the SPLaSh for Women program was demonstrated by the huge success of this year's SPLaSh for Women luncheon, which ended up being sold out at the maximum of 320 guests, with a significant waitlist. Ranch 2.0 and the SPLaSh medical triage clinic also continued to provide important support to their specifically targeted client cohorts. As always, we are immensely grateful to everyone involved in these initiatives.

This year I'm pleased to report that our Board membership has remained stable and that we have made good progress on achieving our strategic objectives and our major policy review. While sustainable funding always remains a concern, other key issues that the Board has been trying to address and plan around, include the impact of AI, in both communications and client data management, as well as the psychosocial risks particularly associated with frontline staff and volunteers.

I sincerely thank all Board members for their continued commitment to SPCS and for their ongoing support of me as President. I would also like to especially thank our CEO Jeremy who continued to work incredibly hard to lead and manage our operations over the past year, even during a period of some challenging family member health issues.

It is, however, really these same themes of concern and commitment to the cause that underlie the work and support that we receive from *all* our staff, volunteers and community partners. A huge thank you to you all - it really is only through your contributions that SPCS is able to continue to provide "HELP WHERE IT IS NEEDED".



Belinda Rodman
President,
Board of Management


SOUTHERN PENINSULA COMMUNITY SUPPORT
Southern Peninsula Community Support assists people experiencing hardship, crisis and disadvantage by providing:
Emergency Relief and crisis support
In-depth assessment and wraparound specialist services
Fresh food, pantry and material aid
Help with everything fro financial stress to suppo with complex issues such as homelessness, family violence and mental healt
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Board of Management



Belinda Rodman (President / Fundraising & Marketing Committee) Board since 2018

Belinda Rodman was appointed as the President of the Southern Peninsula Community Support's Board in May 2023, after being on the Board as the Chairperson of the Fundraising & Marketing Board Committee and fulfilling several other volunteer roles at SPCS since 2018. She also represents SPCS as Governance Secretary on the core committee of Repower, a volunteer community organisation, which is working to make renewable energy initiatives accessible to everyone living on the Mornington Peninsula. Belinda has a Master's Degree in Business and many years' experience in Human Resource Management, including previously as the Training & Development Manager at St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne. After running a vineyard, restaurant, and winery in Balnarring for several years, Belinda currently runs her own consulting business assisting people with job applications. Belinda is a Member of the Institute of Community Directors of Australia.



Marion van Rooden (Vice President / Projects Committee)
Board since 2021

Marion joined the Board in June 2021 after many years as a senior executive in the public sector in roles including economic development, education, industrial relations, child protection and the court system. She specialises in strategy, governance and program implementation and was the University Secretary of Federation University and chaired the Fair Work Commission Audit Committee. Marion has a Master's degree and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Public Administration.



Jan Getson (Secretary)
Board since 2024

Jan has had a long career in records and archives management in the University sector, for which she has postgraduate qualifications. This role also included an involvement with Public Record Office of Victoria working parties formed to develop Retention and Disposal Authorities for government departments.
Jan has lived on the Mornington Peninsula for more than 40 years and has served as Secretary to the Management Committee of the local Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society since 2020.



Graeme Rocke (Treasurer / Finance & Governance Committee)
Board since 2023

Before retiring Graeme worked as a financial accountant and brings his financial knowledge and skills to the Board in the role of Treasurer. He has continued to remain active within the community and has been the tutor of the U3A Mornington Leisure Riding group for a number of years. In 2018 Graeme formed a community group, Mornington SafeLink Group (SafeLink), to focus on the development of a shared pathway from the end of the Peninsula Link Trail (near the Moorooduc Station) into Mornington. SafeLink works with the Mornington Peninsula Shire on the wider Peninsula Trail project and supports Active Transport within our community.



Rev Murray Morton AM (Board Member / Projects Committee)
Board since 1996

Murray has been a Reverend for 50 years and believes the church cannot stand alone from the community but be a servant to the community.
A number of years ago while Murray was working with Food For All, Habitat For Humanity and the NILS program there was an opportunity

to bring these groups together which led to his involvement with SPCS as a Board member commencing about 30 years ago.



Vicky Davison (Board Member / Fundraising and Marketing Committee) Board since 2024

Vicky joined the Board in April 2024 after a diverse career in local government with a focus on Economic Development, Housing, Advocacy to Federal and State Governments and Policy Development. Vicky's work with the wider community included introducing a new model for charity clothing collection bins to create funding for a Charitable Foundation and establishing the Boroondara Farmers' Market to raise funds for community projects through a local Rotary Club.

After retiring to the Peninsula, she joined the management committee of the local Australian Design and Fine Arts Society and in 2022 the Mornington Peninsula Shire Advisory Committee for Elders (PACE) on which she is currently Vice Chair and Convenor of the Housing Working Group.



Caroline Gibson (Board Member / Fundraising & Marketing Committee) Board since 2025

Caroline Gibson joined the Board in April 2025. Her family have been living in the Peninsula since the late 1980's. Caroline holds a Bachelor of Education, (Monash) and a Post Graduate Diploma Counselling. She currently works at the University of Melbourne overseeing capability and culture in the Advancement (fundraising) team and designs and facilitates leadership programs. She has over 20 years of business development and fundraising experience and has developed a specialist expertise in identifying commercial partnerships and collaborations across business, NFP and the government sector. She cares deeply about human rights and has worked with some of the most senior leaders in the country to lead ethically and morally.



Tracey Byrne (Board Staff Representative) Board since 2020

Tracey has been the Family Support Worker at SPCS since the program's inception in 2017. Tracey emigrated from the UK in 1987 and has lived on the Mornington Peninsula since. She has a long background in finances and bookkeeping, managing her husband's business in building and construction. Whilst studying BA Criminology at Monash in 2008, she volunteered at a local community support centre, which eventually led to the offer of paid casework positions. Tracey is passionate about supporting vulnerable families on the Southern Peninsula through practical targeted casework interventions that can improve and transform a family's ability to move beyond the barriers they often face.



Southern Peninsula Community Support Staff

Chief Executive Officer: Jeremy Maxwell
Program Coordinator: Miranda Gillespie
Volunteer Support Coordinator: Karen Peters
Office Administrator: Vanessa Smedley
Low Income Support Worker: Margaret Brown
Family Support Worker: Tracey Byrne
SPLaSh Coordinator: Peter Mountain
SPLaSh for Women: Marie Lugg
Community Support Worker: Louise Broadby
Homeless Connections Assertive Outreach Worker: Kara Van Der Heyde
Homeless Connections Assertive Outreach Support: Leonie Hutchinson
Fundraising Relationships Coordinator: Kera Zaltsberg
Communications and Media: Tracee Hutchison

SPCS 2026 Annual Report Client & Supporter Testimonials

CLIENTS

"They endeavour & do their best amazing service, good caring volunteers who are empathetic, sympathetic, caring & prioritise."

"The staff treated my brother and I with respect and without any judgements ❤️ "

"Thank you and SPCS for your support and help. It made such a difference to our lives, and I always want to express my gratefulness and any help we have received. I will never give up, hoping the tables turn one day soon, so I can return the help we have received."

"We honestly can't thank you enough for the support, it has helped our family in a way words really can't describe. Finances have been really tough for us, especially with my health, and this was a cost we simply couldn't afford. To now have four new tyres and able to travel without that stress was such a huge relief. It meant we could focus on supporting our son and enjoying the experience, rather than worrying about the journey. We are incredibly grateful for the kindness and generosity it truly makes a difference to our family."

"To all the staff and volunteers at Southern Peninsula Community Support... Thank you so very much for your wonderful attitude of friendliness and respect and cheerfulness. It means a lot! Special thanks to the lady at Reception who answered by initial phone call and met me when I arrived and for the lovely lady who "interviewed me". 😊 Thanks too for paying a couple of scripts for me - I'm very grateful."

"Oh my god, this is amazing. What you guys do is amazing!"

"Thank you for treating me with such dignity."

"You people are so lovely. I'm so grateful to you for all of your help. You are lifesavers."

"I helped a client, a single mum with four kids, including a baby - she was shaking, so stressed, and when she received the vouchers she just broke down crying. Her son's birthday was coming up and it meant she could cover that and put petrol in the car. She was so relieved. The next time I saw her she hardly needed anything, just fresh food. It had really made a difference. It just made my day. You can just see the stress go out of a person's face. The relief that they can put petrol in the car and get food. They don't have to choose."

SPCS 2026 Annual Report Client & Supporter Testimonials

CLIENTS

"I had known about you for months but was too embarrassed to come in. Everyone was so lovely, friendly, accepting and helpful that I have returned. Thank you all."

"For a very long time Margaret Brown from Southern Peninsula Community Support has been helping me with communication from various companies and Government enquiries which I have not been able to understand. She has always been there to help me with her brilliant replies for me. If it hadn't been for Margaret and her help I would never have been able to find my way through the amount of problems she has helped me with. I care for her very highly and can't express just how much she helps me."

SUPPORTERS

"Boneo Lions Club members support the vital work of SPCS for our local community and the homeless."

"Donating my Power Saving Bonus in support of people who need it more than me!"

"Every little bit helps. I only wish I could do more."

"Hang in there - you have an amazing organisation by your side."

"Hope this tiny amount can make a small difference to those doing it tough.
Thank you to all the workers who do an amazing job supporting our community."

"I hope this donation can in some way help to make your very tough life a little easier."

"The team at SPCS are doing an amazing job in challenging times and we thank them and are delighted to support them in 2026."

"Quite shocked when I read about homeless in the area, but I think you're wonderful helping people."

"Your work is so very important and as a member of SWAN we have been grateful to have speakers come and tell us of the work you do. Sending you loving energy to keep up the good work."




THE PANTRY















Wraparound services

What Does Wraparound Mean?

Many of you will have heard us talk about wraparound support or having a dual focus when people come to us for help. It is what makes us different from other food and material aid programs and in terms of the Southern Mornington Peninsula, SPCS is the only organisation providing support that way.

Our peak body, Community Information Support Victoria (CISVic), through their ER Consortium, has long practiced a comprehensive, wraparound model of emergency relief. SPCS, as one of the original members of that ER consortium, has used the wraparound framework as the basis for all of our programs.

It is the key to how we help people change and improve their situations, but what is it, why do we do it and how does it actually work?

What is it and why do we do it?

We are talking not just about food and material aid, but a range of supports we provide beyond that. Food and material aid is extremely important – a key part of people getting through each day and we put a lot of effort to provide a diverse range of options to match people's different circumstances – it's a vital way of building trust.
However, on its own food aid won't change lives, if you are struggling to cover food costs then there are other things going wrong. That's why we provide this wraparound support, we want to help them find a better path, we want to change lives.

It's not easy. Many people in crisis situations, experiencing trauma or extreme stress, are ill-equipped at that time to manage the processes to deal with their circumstances. Often embarrassed, they often become anxious, worried their situation may become even worse, many are overwhelmed or confused around what to do.

How does it work?

It starts with our frontline work – our Emergency Relief program and sometimes other 'first point of contact' programs such as SPLaSh, SPLaSh for Women and Homeless Connections. The initial assessments in these programs identify whether people are facing a short-term 'bump in the road' that we can help them get past with some basic supports, or whether their situations are more complex, with underlying and ongoing issues that will need more intensive support and guidance.

The food, material aid and range of other supports through Emergency Relief are the beginning of wraparound – essentials such as food, toiletries and pet food and help with the costs of medication, transport, education and bills. If more complex problems are identified people are then referred to our more intensive supports, where workers often identify multiple issues that need addressing. This is the next part of wraparound, working on resolving the deeper concerns a person is facing, enabling them to move out of crisis. Our highly-skilled case managers and program workers can guide people through the steps they need to take, breaking the process into manageable stages based on prioritised needs. With their help change becomes possible.

Here are some example scenarios of clients who presented through Emergency Relief and were referred into our case work programs. The work described in these examples often takes months, so this is a brief summary. Names and other details have been changed to protect clients' identities:

James, single male, 36. A serious health event meant James lost his job, consequently lost his rental property and had to move into a rooming house. James had dental and other health issues and could not afford treatment due to the high cost of rooming house rent.
Emergency Relief program >> provided food and material aid for immediate relief and advised of other local food services that he could access to free up money for rent. Advised of local health supports, including bulk billing doctors. Referred to our Low Income Support Service (LISS) for further support.
LISS >> LISS worker identified health issues and that car repairs were needed as car was currently off the road. There was also an outstanding loan and LISS worker identified possible superannuation insurance claim due to health event. LISS worker linked James to **Peninsula Health Community Dental** for urgent dental care and **local health service** for ongoing complex health support. Referred James to **No Interest Loan scheme** for car issues. Referred to **Good Shepherd Financial Counselling** for assistance with the loan and provided information on **options** for possible superannuation insurance claim.
NILs >> NILs worker guided James through the application process and assisted him to organise car repairs to enable job-seeking when health on track.

Tina, single mother with two children, 35. Tina recently escaped family violence and was living in a friend's house, situation was not sustainable, she needed help with housing. Was not getting full Centrelink entitlement due to sudden end to relationship. In need of bond and help to move into new property. Children in need of uniforms and school supplies for new school.
Emergency Relief program >> provided food and material aid for immediate support, explained process for assistance with school costs and how to get a referral from the school. Referred to our Family Support Service (FSS) for further support.
FSS >> FSS worker connected Tina with **Orange Door** and while waiting for intake assisted her to access crisis payments. Advocated with **Centrelink** to ensure full entitlements were established. Supported Tina to apply for a Bond Loan through **Housing Vic** and as not eligible for traditional housing assistance successfully applied through a **foundation** for rent in advance. Liaised with the **school** to ensure education and wellbeing supports were in place and provided funds to cover uniform and books. One of the children was identified as having special needs, FSS worker liaised with school for assessment and then connected family to **Brotherhood of St Laurence** to assist with **NDIS** supports. Identified debts incurred through ex-partner's fraudulent use of accounts and referred to **Good Shepherd Financial Counselling**. Facilitated referral to **SECASA** for ongoing counselling for mother and children post-family violence.





CEO Report

"Because the planting itself matters. Because transformation always begins in futility. Because life, ultimately, is measured in not what we harvest but in what we plant." – Anonymous (inspired by Jean Giono's classic 'The Man Who Planted Trees.')

This reflection speaks to real change beginning not when success is guaranteed but in moments that feel small and dark sometimes even pointless. Over many years, since 1980, we have built programs targeted to meet local need, deliberately they were focused on where we saw the biggest gaps in our community. Time and again we have had our operations disrupted, funding reduced, our operating environment change and yet we have continued, despite everything, to help those most in need.

This past year we delivered more aid than we have done in any year previously, largely thanks to community donations, and I wanted to reflect on our journey over the last decade and a bit and how it is our community that got us through.

It is eleven years since ER on the Southern Peninsula underwent a major disruption. In 2014 the then federal Government stopped providing aid contracts to individual organisations and reallocated funds to consortiums effectively reducing funding to our area.

SPCS joined the Community Information Support Victoria's (CISVic) Emergency Relief Consortium in its effort to get some of the federal Emergency Relief funding. Previously, the biggest amount of food and material aid we provided had been via food vouchers funded by those federal funds. We switched to food donations, community and food recovery and the result is best described by our CEO, Jackie, at the time in the 2015-16 annual report.

"The two words that come to mind when I think about this financial year are "amazed" and "thankful". After Emergency Relief funding was reduced last year by the federal government we reached out to our community, and we were amazed at the response. That our community is generous was never in doubt. But that they were so generous, and responsive, and encouraging and supportive was overwhelming."

Over recent years, we have had our share of challenges and yet together with our community we have grown the support we are able to give, grown the number of committed volunteers, as well as the hundreds of hours of case management and outreach we provide.

However, this past year we saw another major reduction in our federal funding as again the federal government reallocated funds away from CISVic's ER Consortium. This saw widespread program reductions for the CISVic network across Victoria. SPCS took a big hit but instead of looking to cut services we turned to our community, and their support has been "amazing" and we are so "thankful" that so many care about people not being left out of getting support.

I think, looking at these two watershed years and comparing the amount of aid provided reflects how we have adapted over the years and how our community has made that happen. The standout changes are the reduction in food coming from food recovery agencies, the increase in food purchased, food voucher increases and the facilitation of No Interest Loans.

Our experience tells us there is more to the problem than just a need for Emergency Relief or material



Southern Peninsula Community Support
Aid Comparison 2025-16 to 2025-26

FOOD	Value $ 2015-16	$ per week	Value $ 2025-26	$ per week
Main Centre - Food				
Food - Fresh Food	$ 12,136	$ 242.72	$ 143,949	$ 2,878.98
Food - Frozen	$ -	$ -	$ 64,693	$ 1,293.86
Food - Parcels/Non perishable	$ 86,474	$ 1,729.48	$ 172,776	$ 3,455.52
Food - main centre	**$ 98,610**	**$ 1,972.20**	**$ 381,418**	**$ 7,628.36**
Main Centre - Food Vouchers				
Food Vouchers	$ 40,000	$ 800.00	$ 182,647	$ 3,652.94
Christmas Hamper Vouchers	$ -	$ -	$ 52,681	$ 1,053.62
Vouchers	**$ 40,000**	**$ 800.00**	**$ 235,328**	**$ 4,706.56**
Food & Vouchers - Main Centre	**$ 138,610**	**$ 2,772.20**	**$ 616,746**	**$ 12,334.92**
SPLaSh & Splash for Women				
Food items - SPLaSh	$ -	$ -	$ 115,161	$ 2,303.22
Sandwiches - SPLaSh	$ -	$ -	$ 3,759	$ 75.18
Food items - SFW	$ -	$ -	$ 6,957	$ 139.14
Sandwiches - SFW	$ -	$ -	$ 1,160	$ 23.20
SPLaSh Food	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 127,037**	**$ 2,540.74**
Fresh Food Walk Up				
Fresh Food	$ 224,878	$ 4,497.56	$ 77,724	$ 1,554.48
Supplementary	$ -	$ -	$ 45,694	$ 913.88
Fresh Food Walk Up	**$ 224,878**	**$ 4,497.56**	**$ 123,418**	**$ 2,468.36**
Total Food	**$ 323,488**	**$ 6,469.76**	**$ 631,873**	**$ 12,637.46**
Total Food & Vouchers	**$ 363,488**	**$ 2,772.20**	**$ 867,201**	**$ 14,875.66**
Aid Other than Food				
Main Centre				
CISVic categories	$ 138,412	$ 2,768.24	$ 220,984	$ 4,419.68
Christmas Kmart Vouchers	$ -	$ -	$ 23,675	$ 473.50
Main Centre	**$ 138,412**	**$ 2,768.24**	**$ 244,659**	**$ 4,893.18**
SPLaSh & Splash for Women				
Material Aid - SPLaSh	$ -	$ -	$ 7,287	$ 145.74
Specific items - SPLaSh	$ -	$ -	$ 5,093	$ 101.86
Material Aid - SFW	$ -	$ -	$ 5,004	$ 100.08
Specific items - SFW	$ -	$ -	$ 4,987	$ 99.74
SPLaSh	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 22,371**	**$ 447.42**
No Interest Loans (NILS)				
Loans Approved *	$ -	$ -	$ 220,490	$ 4,409.80
No Interest Loans (NILS)	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 220,490**	**$ 4,409.80**
Total non food aid	**$ 138,412**	**$ 2,768.24**	**$ 487,520**	**$ 9,750.40**
Total Aid Provided	**$ 501,900**	**$ 10,038.00**	**$ 1,354,721**	**$ 27,094.42**

* NILS data 2015-16 unavailable

aid. If someone needs food, there are often bigger underlying challenges that require urgent attention to get to a good outcome. We often talk about our wraparound model or having a dual focus, firstly dealing with the immediate need and then starting the process of working through those underlying issues.

Because of the SPCS team's training, experience, and expertise they do this work thoughtfully, building trust with each client so as to understand and identify the issues they face. Issues such as domestic violence, financial distress, homelessness, social isolation and more.

Every case that comes to us, is a case that requires time, patience and compassion. And our team, made up of just twelve staff and 84 volunteers, has all those qualities in droves. Every case is unique because the person, couple or family that makes up each case is unique. And every team member delivers a unique response to help with a client's issues.

That we were able to manage this year was only possible because of your support and our team's dedication and efforts. Our community, made up of individuals, families, businesses, community organisations, philanthropic entities and government, has really stepped up.

On top of this we had over 20,000 hours of wonderful volunteer contributions equating to over $1million in $ value, but to us their worth is so much more. Our volunteers are the lifeblood of our service, and these numbers reflect that. Every day they give of themselves often in challenging circumstances. Their commitment is a constant source of inspiration for all of us.

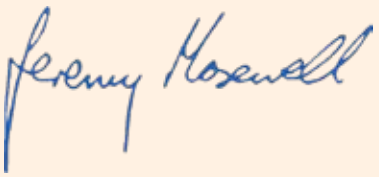
We have made a concerted effort to broaden our fundraising activities, both for cash donations and in-kind food and goods donations and, in an era where government is reducing support and other services are pulling away from the Peninsula, it is providing a vital lifeline of funds.

In addition to all the wonderful individuals who support us I would like to acknowledge our major partners who have all been such important contributors to our increased support.

We refer to many agencies (2,100 plus referrals annually) and so many of them collaborate with us to find joint solutions. It is a long list and too many to mention them all.

I would also like to acknowledge our board for their support on so many levels, governance is always important as is leadership, especially in challenging times, and as a group they show a genuine concern for the wellbeing of staff, volunteers and clients.
I do not have to tell you that the cost-of-living crisis and the lack of affordable housing are impacting thousands of people across the Peninsula. As our work continues, I hope you will continue your support of those doing it tough or living rough on the Southern Peninsula.

I am truly grateful to our staff and volunteers, they are such a wonderfully committed group of people, and for the special sense of community that exists down on the Southern Mornington Peninsula.
Thank you.



Jeremy Maxwell, CEO






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Volunteer Support Coordinator Report

***"Unless someone like you cares a whole, awful lot. Things aren't going to get better, they're NOT"* – Dr. Seuss**

Just as Dr Seuss' famous Lorax worked tirelessly to make the world a better place by caring for the natural world, our wonderful volunteers make OUR little corner of the world better by caring for those doing it tough in our community.

The past year has continued to test the resilience of both our organisation and the community we serve. With the soaring cost of living and ongoing housing crisis, many people have found themselves struggling to meet even their most basic needs — food on the table and a safe place to sleep.

At Southern Peninsula Community Support, we've witnessed firsthand the toll this has taken - people arriving in crisis, uncertain and overwhelmed, often with nowhere else to turn for help.

But in the face of immense challenge, our wonderful volunteers have been there for our clients day after day, offering not only practical help but also dignity, compassion, and human connection. A daily reminder that even in difficult times, community spirit and kindness can create real and lasting impact.

Entering my ninth year as Volunteer Support Coordinator, I remain truly humbled by what our volunteers bring — not just their time and energy, but their empathy, humour, patience, and willingness to go above and beyond. It is, effectively, love in action.

At the close of this financial year, we had more than **80 active volunteers.** Without them, the essential services we provide simply would not exist. Their contribution is not just valuable - it's vital.

This year, we were lucky to welcome a wonderful group of new volunteers – **Dianne C, Mel D, Kathy G, Michelle B (and Michelle W!), Renske, Ron, Sue W, Jacqui M, Kendra, Jeff, Sally G, Alan and Brodyn** joined our team across a range of roles from reception, interviewing, SPLaSh, SPLaSh for Women, fresh food/pantry programs, centre/garden maintenance and more.

Our social work students on placement – **Lucie, Sarah and Colleen** each gave us so much more than just their mandated 500 hours – they brought youthful energy and a sense of fun and quickly became part of the fabric and family of SPCS.

As always, change is part of the rhythm of volunteer life. This year, we farewelled some long-standing and dearly valued volunteers. We extend our deepest thanks to **Susan H-S, Dean, Kimily and Tracey R** who moved on to new chapters through relocation or entering the workforce.

Each volunteer brings something special. They enrich our organisation and their legacy is lasting. We are so grateful for the time, heart, and care they give to our community.

Despite the uncertainty and pressures of the year, our volunteers gave in excess of 21,200 hours of their time — a phenomenal contribution valued at more than **$1,022,000!!**

These numbers are impressive on paper, but their real power is felt in every conversation, every delivery, every comforting word and quiet act of kindness that happens behind the scenes, every day. Their work is what transforms this service into both a lifeline and a community for so many.

To each and every one of our volunteers: thank you. You are the reason Southern Peninsula Community Support continues to make a difference.

See our Volunteer Thank You page for the names of all the wonderful volunteers who have supported our work this financial year.

Karen Peters
Volunteer Support Coordinator




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Emergency Food Relief Report

Here at Southern Peninsula Community Support, the past year brought with it significant challenges. The rising cost of living and housing pressures meant more local individuals and families turned to us - many for the very first time. In response, our food relief model provided a consistent, compassionate safety net, supporting those facing long-term food insecurity.

Our Emergency Food Relief program continued to be a lifeline for many across the southern peninsula, offering not just fresh produce and groceries, but hope, dignity, and a reminder that no one in our community needs to face hardship alone.

What powers this response is people—an incredible network of dedicated volunteers, generous partners, and supportive neighbours. Our Fresh Food and Pantry volunteers show up rain or shine, week after week to make sure no one goes home hungry.

We continue to work closely with key food rescue organisations who help us to help others. Historically the weekly deliveries from **Second Bite and Oz Harvest** have provided the foundation of our food support programs, but more help was needed this year.

Sadly, growing food insecurity within our community has corresponded with a significant decrease in the quantity, quality and variety of food donations from **Second Bite**, which has been both disappointing and challenging to say the least.

That was part of the inspiration for the development and roll out of our new Peninsula Grow to Give program – born out of grassroots support from founders Karen Panton and Georgina Haig. Peninsula Grow to Give has harnessed the good will and green thumbs of local food producers to share the harvest from their own backyards, be it a courtyard, field or farm.

Support also came in thick and fast from local community gardens, schools, retirement villages and individuals donating gifts in kind. These donations continue to bring variety and vitality to our food offerings—from fresh fruit and vegetables to bread, eggs, and more.

Our wonderful friends at **Southern Peninsula Food for All** continue to make a huge impact, packing and providing up to 85 bags of pantry staples every week, while our fantastic partnership with **RACV Cape Schanck Resort** continues to provide 100 single-serve meals every Friday. These delicious, nutritious meals have been a game-changer for clients with limited ability to cook at home, offering comfort and nourishment in a convenient way.

Even the furry family members of our clients are looked after, thanks to the ongoing support of **Pets of the Homeless**.

Our Monday Fresh Food Program (sponsored by the Community Bank Southern Peninsula) continued to be a busy hub of connection and care. Over the past year:

- Around 2,100 people visited on Mondays
- We distributed 12,650 kilograms of fresh produce plus supplementary items (bread, dairy, snacks, and grocery staples) to a total value of more than $120,000.

In addition, around 5,000 bags of fresh food were handed out through our Emergency Relief program, ensuring people in crisis didn't go without. Together with pantry bags and frozen meals we provided a total of $381,417 in food relief through Emergency Relief. Adding in over $180,000 of food vouchers and food through our SPLaSh programs **the total value of food relief provided to our community this year was a massive $867,201.**

We acknowledge the support of Oz Harvest, Second Bite, Rye Op Shop, Southern Mornington Peninsula Uniting Church Op Shop, JGK Ripple Effect Fund, Sunshine Golf Classic, Chobani, 6A Foundation, many other donors, and the many people who support our Pantry Call Out campaign.

None of this would be possible without the incredible humans behind the scenes—our "All Star" volunteers in Fresh Food, Pantry and Helper roles. See our Volunteer Thank You page for who they are. Together, they have built more than a food relief program— they've built a community that shows up, shares and cares.

Karen Peters
Volunteer Support & Emergency Food Relief Coordinator






THE PANTRY

Low Income Support Service Report

The SPCS Low Income Support Service (LISS) is a case management program offering support to individuals experiencing crisis and disadvantage – working closely with people on issues that matter most to them, addressing the underlying causes and building solutions. Service delivery is flexible, and clients are offered a choice of either attending appointments at the centre or via phone. In a small number of cases home visits are made available to people experiencing serious health issues and who have previously found it difficult to access supports.

During the 2025/2026 financial year LISS assisted 142 people (210 cases) – 72 male and 70 female; 61% of people presenting for assistance were 36-65 years of age and a further 34% were aged 65+years. On average each person required assistance over 5.5 sessions, equating to a total of 786 sessions overall. Of those 142 people, 35% resided/or were based in Rosebud; 15% in Dromana/Safety Beach; 20% in Capel Sound; 11% in Tootgarook; 11% in Rye, with the remaining 8% residing/based in other suburbs within the catchment area.

As rental costs continued to rise, accessing and maintaining stable and affordable housing remained a serious concern for many people engaged with LISS and focus was aimed at ensuring housing was maintained.

Of the 142 clients assisted - 8% were homeless; 5% in caravan parks; 51% - private rental with an additional 2% in shared private rental; 8% in public housing; 8% in mortgaged properties; 11% homeowners without mortgage; the remaining 7% in supported accommodation or staying permanently with family/friends.

Thanks to the generosity of a donor who chooses to remain anonymous, the LISS program is able to assist people in a substantial way through the SUM Assistance program. Throughout the financial year $28,835.67 was given in financial assistance through the SUM program, 61% of this went toward housing costs, primarily rent and removalist costs. Well over $35,000 was gained in waivers, grants and other in-kind funds; funds that without skilled support people would never have the opportunity to access.

In September 2025 I made the decision to reduce my days of work from 4 days, down to 2 days, as I transition toward retirement, and will enter into full retirement in May 2027. I have worked in the community services sector for over 20 years, 16 years in my current role as a caseworker at Southern Peninsula Community Support.

When I first started working with clients, it was common to hear people say they chose to move away from Melbourne to the Mornington Peninsula because housing rental costs were considerably cheaper. Those days are gone and I am now seeing people having to make hard choices around keeping a roof over their head.

Single people on Services Australia Jobseeker income support are particularly vulnerable - having to decide whether to move out of area or consider entering into a shared rental property (in some cases with people they don't know), if that option is available. Even those on a disability/age pension now struggle to find affordable rental housing. When a person is facing such vulnerability in their housing, it goes without saying that their health and wellbeing is affected, particularly for those who already have underlying health issues.

Despite all the hardships people face when presenting to this service, I am constantly amazed at the resilience people display. As I have said before, I have the utmost respect for people utilising the Low Income Support Service Program. Every day I meet people experiencing varying degrees of hardship (financial, housing stress, ill health, personal trauma) working toward their own resolutions. It is a real privilege to share that journey with them.

The work done through this program would not be possible without the support of a number of donors including Sentinel Foundation, Houghton Foundation, RM Ansett Trust – Equity Trustees, The Ross Trust and two key donors who wish to remain anonymous.

Margaret Brown
Low Income Support Service



"Thank you for being a great support for me, it's priceless." (LISS client)

"Dear Margaret, thank you for helping my dad with everything and for being so nice to him, you have really helped him." (Child of LISS client)

"Thank you so much for everything you have done for myself and my son from the start til now. I wish you all the very best." (LISS client)

"Margaret - I can't thank you enough for everything you have done for myself and my son since you first helped me get into housing way back in I think 2010 ... thank you."





Family Support Service Report

I love the job I do! I often get asked about my role as a Family Support Worker and how tough I must find it some days. The reality is that the tough days only come when we struggle to find answers for our families. No housing to be found, waitlists to wrangle with, lack of funds to assist. However, it never feels as tough as what some families face on a daily basis and if we can put a smile on a client's face, listen through nonjudgement and offer suggestions that may make a difference, the effects can be profound!

There are so many single parent and carer families out there these days, trying to get on and make the best home for their children. Finding their way into our centre is not always easy and often soul destroying for a parent being in that position. They often feel guilty having to ask for support, they often feel judged for not being able to manage, so it's an act of bravery to step in to our centre and take the first step in articulating their needs. Finding their way into my service means so much more; through casework and wraparound support, they can be offered a safe space, someone who listens, practical suggestions, referrals, hope and sometimes life changing options that mean a difference for their future.

The Family Support Service (FSS) continues to respond and evolve, through a 3-day casework model to families that seek out support. Across the year 107 families were assisted through FSS; these families come with a myriad of complex needs in an environment of declining face to face service provision and increasing social isolation. Housing unaffordability, financial stress, family violence and mental health continue to be key drivers of poverty. The service continues to work with clients on concerns they raise, offering options, referrals and practical support where possible.

Some examples include:

- Rent arrears and lack of affordable alternate housing options, leading to an increase in notices to vacate, legal referrals and practical measures to avoid homelessness
- Education costs, particularly for those students transitioning into year 7 and needing a laptop and new uniform. Our education assistance program can target some of these key costs and liaison with agencies, schools and welfare teams can ensure no child goes without.
- Centrelink compliance which affects payments, often results in stopping of payments and may involve completing tax returns for casual and part-time jobs which are not understood or affordable for single parents.
- The high cost of medical reports or funding to access specialists often acts as a barrier for families seeking support. The Family Support Service can discuss options, seek bulk billed options and discuss alternate ways to achieve medical goals.
- The increased number of families who have disability funding reduced through NDIS packages has led to increased advocacy and reviews, increased referrals to community supports and a number of families struggling with less disability support.
- The ongoing number of single female clients who present in financial & housing stress with primary care of children. These women represent the backbone of our society, carrying the burden of stressors for their families. The Family Support Service not only offers practical help but also dignity, compassion and human connection for these women, reminding us that even in difficult times, community spirit and kindness can create real and lasting impact.

Thanks to the generous support of many donors the Family Support Service has been able to fund brokerage costs for clients to the amount of $25,910 covering things such as education, car repairs, health costs and fuel. The program has also accessed waivers, grants and deductions to the amount of $89,115. A special mention to We Are Mobilise for their incredible Kickstarter program that has supported many families to stay in their homes.

The Family Support Service would like to acknowledge the ongoing support of many generous donors including Brown Family Foundation, Payton Foundation, Soroptimist International – Australian Communities Foundation. Without the ongoing philanthropic resources provided this program would not be possible.

Tracey Byrne - Family Support Worker





"Unreal!!! Thanks Tracey your a bloody legend!!!
Thankyou Thankyou Thankyou"

"Oh bless 🙌 you great end to my last x2 years since moving to the Ninch. All up and onwards from here. You are a true professional superstar, totally inspiring to me."

"We honestly can't thank you enough for the support it has helped our family in a way words really can't describe. Finances have been really tough for us, especially with my health, and this was a cost we simply couldn't afford. To travel without that stress was such a huge relief. It meant we could focus on supporting our child and enjoying the experience, rather than worrying about the journey. We are incredibly grateful for the kindness and generosity it truly makes a difference to our family."

"I'm finally calm, in peace and starting to see bright days in the present and in the future, thank you for your support all these years! Also I wanted to tell you that your help in the early days of this overwhelming process was the key of an easy transition of living with a toddler as a single mum with no family or direct support or village around. Your help applying to the services you did was WONDERFUL! It took lots of stress from me and I can't thank you enough."

Southern Peninsula Laundry and Shower (SPLaSh) Report

Another year has rolled by and the SPLaSh Program still maintains its momentum with a constant stream of new or returning clients. This is not surprising considering that on the Peninsula we had 462 people who were homeless, of which 251 were rough sleeping. With these ever-increasing numbers, the complexities and needs of clients dramatically outweigh the availability of much needed supports and services.

SPLaSh operates Mondays and Thursdays on the foreshore come rain, hail or shine, providing a much-needed connection for all those who are sleeping rough, living in their cars or vans, couch surfing, many in tents on the foreshore and those paying ever increasing rental costs in boarding or rooming houses.

SPLaSh offers a safe, non-judgmental environment for all· People can have a shower, do laundry, have a hot meal, eat a delicious toasted sandwich, get hot coffee or cold drinks, and, more importantly, it gives those in need a space to interact on a social level and connect with many other supports and services. Another key aspect is keeping updated on new people arriving in the area who are of No Fixed Address, working closely with the SPCS Homeless Connections team to evaluate client need, whilst monitoring their safety and welfare.

Many who attend SPLaSh are among the most vulnerable, disadvantaged and marginalised people in the community, with an increasing number in compounded crisis situations due to other complexities such as trauma, mental health, addiction, depression, isolation, unemployment and financial hardship, all of which are huge barriers when trying to improve and move forward in life.

Kara and Leonie, SPCS Assertive Outreach Workers, and Bill and Jody, Bolton Clarke Outreach Nurses, are all integral supports for SPLaSh clients, as well as the huge range of other visiting services including legal, health and AOD services. Peninsula Community Health Dental has generously set aside an appointment time once a week for SPLaSh clients and another really wonderful initiative started in late 2025 with the Shire hiring a team of fantastic Community Safety Officers. Their ongoing support has been vital in identifying rough sleepers and encouraging them to engage with SPLaSh and SPCS services more generally. Thank you Harry, Klarissa, Eddie and the team for your insight and support.

Since September 2025, we have had the incredible support of Dr Martin Coffey volunteering his professional medical services through the Monday SPLaSh GP Clinic. He is supported by nurse Sally, together providing vital services which in some cases have been lifesaving. Dr Coffey sees on average 30% of those who attend each SPLaSh session as well as doing follow ups and referrals. Many people experiencing homelessness do not engage with health services for many complex reasons, so this support has become increasingly essential and valued within the SPLaSh Program. The biggest most respectful thank you to Martin and Sally, you are inspirational beyond measure.

One important aspect of the SPLaSh program is the essential group of volunteers, some behind the scenes as well as the SPLaSh team on the ground, who are on the frontline and are the first point of contact for clients. They generously give their time, dedication and empathetic positivity, building amazing connections and rapport with clients and workers from other services that are so vital and beneficial for all. Without them, SPLaSh would not work or function the way it does – see the Volunteer Thank You page to see who they are!

Over the last 12 months we have had wonderful support from Unica Restaurant in Rosebud, who have provided us with fresh hot meals for every session at no cost. This has been gratefully appreciated by all our clients as this may be their only meal for the day. The ongoing commitment from the owner Michelle and her Chef is wonderful.

This in tandem with the amazing support from Rotary Club of Sorrento, who run a fully donated fortnightly Sausage Sizzle – which the SPLaSh clients love. Enormous thanks to David and the Sorrento Rotary team, who also provide essential funding through the Point Nepean Heritage Motor Show each year to help keep the program running. Lastly huge thanks to Capel Sound Community Hub for the fabulous toasted sandwiches that they make every week - they go down a treat.


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LAUNDRY and SHOWE

Again, this year over summer we provided most of our clients with a Summer Survival Bag which contained some basic essentials and much-needed summer products that were kindly donated by the Mornington Peninsula Shire. Winter sees a big need for warm winter clothing, including blankets, thermals, jackets/coats, beanies and gloves. We are able to provide all these items at SPLaSh thanks to the amazing generosity of donations from far and wide in the community. To be warm is to feel human and cared for.

In addition, YAWA provided us with amenities passes allowing some rough sleepers to access a hot shower when in need. This is something that most of us take for granted in our daily routines, so you can imagine how good this feels for them.

Moving forward with a fresh approach and emphasis on client need, SPLaSh keeps evolving and growing, reaching those who are doing it the toughest. In the last 12 months the SPLaSh Program conducted 94 sessions with well over 2,000 attendances. 250 individuals attended across the year, with 114 of them new clients. Our shower facilities were used 342 times and the laundry was busy with 895 loads of washing. We also provided well over 120,000 items of food and material aid, including toiletries, clothing and other essentials during these sessions.

As we receive zero government funding SPLaSh could not exist and operate without the support of the Shire providing the facility from which we operate, and the following amazing and generous donors who support us and keep it running:

Rye Op Shop, Rotary Club of Sorrento, JackanAndy's Op Shop, Mornington Peninsula Foundation, StreetSmart, Unica Restaurant -Rosebud, Capel Sound Community Hub, a key anonymous donor and the many generous groups and individuals who donated funds, material aid and toiletries.

We truly thank you for your ongoing support, kindness, commitment and faith in SPLaSh.

Peter Mountain
SPLaSh Program Coordinator

There has been an incredible GP Clinic running at SPLaSh every Monday since September 2025. The Clinic provided 178 episodes of care in that time, and provided and funded, through Bolton Clarke, 71 scripts. This is a wonderful collaboration to support many people who, through marginalisation and isolation, are often very reluctant to seek healthcare, 80% of whom were male. **Huge thanks to Dr Martin Coffey and Sally for volunteering their time, and to Bill from Bolton Clarke for coordinating and providing care as well.**






Peter
Chief
Mikaela

SPLaSh for Women Report

How wonderful it is when a good idea takes form and function and is actually brought to life. This is what happened with SPLaSh for Women (SFW), the program established just for women experiencing any form of homelessness, through Southern Peninsula Community Support.

Based on consistent feedback and evidence from people with lived experience, this unique program opened its doors in August 2025. It was noted that despite significant numbers of women being represented statistically as experiencing some form of homelessness, they were not attending existing support programs. The assumption being that these women did not feel comfortable or safe, therefore this alternative support option was piloted.

The broader Peninsula community responded with great generosity to a Women's only fundraising luncheon, with Sorrento Beachside Tourism organising and promoting the initiative at RACV Cape Schanck Resort, raising significant funds. These funds, along with a generous donation from R M Ansett Trust, enabled the SFW program to be established. With the remarkable support of the Uniting Church Council who made their Rosebud hall available as a discreet, safe, welcoming and comfortable venue, the SPLaSh for Women program is going from strength to strength.

Over 30 women, who live with a range of challenging living circumstances impacting their safety, health and wellbeing, are regularly supported on a Tuesday each week.

There is a small team of wonderful volunteers who ensure that I am supported in facilitating the SFW program. Thank you especially to Michelle (Program Operations) and Rob (SPLaSh Van driver), and now Michelle (yes Michelle 2!) joining the team as well. As with all SPCS programs, there are many volunteers who help out and contribute to the overall wonderful end result of SFW – we are very grateful for every contribution, small and large.

The incredible team behind the Church Council continue to generously donate resources and their expertise to ensure that the SFW program runs smoothly, that risks are minimised and that all flows smoothly at this venue. We are extremely grateful to the Minister and her wonderful team.

SPLaSh for Women is unique. Women of all ages and backgrounds are welcomed to this safe, women-only space. Each will have challenging accommodation circumstances; many are living in their cars (often with beloved pets for company and security). Many have mental and/or physical health challenges, are dealing with a range of addictions, and are isolated from family through relationship breakdown. Many are survivors of family and domestic violence. These women are in vulnerable circumstances, so having a safe place which is warm and non-judgemental can make all the difference when you are surviving day to day.

Whilst there are shower and laundry facilities via the SPLaSh Van, many choose simply to drop past for a chat, to pick up supplies from the extensive range of special items that most women appreciate but which these women cannot afford. Most stay for a cuppa and some nutritious food, and they happily access some extra pantry items to make tough times a little easier.

SPLaSh for Women has forged a wonderful partnership with **Clothes 4 U** which ensures a steady supply of clean and lovely seasonally appropriate clothing being available each SFW session. We have learned how difficult it is for women to maintain standards of health, hygiene and dress when sleeping in their car, or in a tent on the foreshore, especially when it leaks and is cold and cramped, and when choices for showers and safe parking are severely compromised and limited. This also applies to those reliant on couch surfing, shared housing and boarding rooms.

We aim to make a difference for these women in a meaningful way, on a regular basis. **SFW offers the opportunity for women who attend to receive 1:1 support, to tell their stories, to be heard and listened to confidentially.** Over time, many will ask for help, as they begin to feel safe and gently supported. If appropriate, the SFW team regularly make referrals to wraparound services for individualised specialist support for women who are too tired, confused or de-motivated to help

themselves. There is no pressure - just focused support and consistency.

So as the first anniversary of SPLaSh for Women looms, those of us who support the program feel hopeful, confident and grateful that this program has been established. We believe that in time, women who access the program will continue to help shape what it offers, to be as responsive as possible to the needs of women who rely on it, in a positive and enriching way.

Thank you to everyone who supports SPLaSh For Women – the staff, volunteers and external organisations and we would particularly acknowledge Southern Mornington Peninsula Uniting Church, William Angliss Trust, Sorrento Beachside Tourism and the generous donors and sponsors of the Ladies Lunch who ensure we can continue providing this essential service.

Marie Lugg
SPLaSh for Women Coordinator



Southern Peninsula Homeless Connections Report

Homeless Connections is an assertive outreach program supporting rough sleepers on the Southern Peninsula. This includes those out in the open, in tents, cars and buses. The goal of the program is to link these clients back into community and services and eventually get them out of rough sleeping. We work with the clients at their sleep sites and support them the way they need, without the pressure of a time frame to achieve goals.

Homeless Connections is the only dedicated assertive outreach program on the Peninsula and is funded 100% by donations. The program often works in partnership with Bolton Clarke community outreach nurses to ensure two workers together are doing this vital and challenging work.

It has been another very tough year for our staff with rough sleeper numbers now at levels that we have had to restrict the level of support we provide. While individually amazing things were achieved through our team and by collaboration with other services, the bigger picture still looks very bleak for homelessness on the Southern Peninsula.

Overall, we supported 191 people through the Homeless Connections program.

Despite increasing capacity in the program, from 1.2 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) at the start of the financial year, expanding to 1.8 FTE through the year, the numbers of rough sleepers were still beyond our capacity. When active client numbers reached 105, we were forced to close our books and concentrate on the clients already within the program. Any new clients during that time were supported through SPLaSh and our Emergency Relief program at the main centre.

We have seen a continued rise in rough sleeping this year with the combined numbers across all our programs, with 251 rough sleepers supported.

Successful Assertive Outreach requires homelessness case management programs and unfortunately, the limited services available have been disrupted as funding has moved out of the area. The closure of The Ranch in Mornington reduced options even further.

Of the 191 people supported through Homeless Connections this year, 96 clients were new to the program and 95 had been with the program in previous years. This year we supported 61 women, making up 32% of our overall clients.

The **Mornington Peninsula Shire** listened to our calls for help and employed a team of Community Safety Officers (CSO) in November. The CSO team has been fantastic, they have been supporting people in a respectful way, often having to take on the harder aspects of the work. Kara was on leave for a period this year with Leonie stepping in to pick up some of the load along with Pete, our SPLaSh Coordinator; fortunately, with the CSOs on board this has made locating rough sleepers easier. Rosebud police also created a rough sleeper coordination strategy with different services meeting to work through issues in a more collective approach.

This year the Homelessness Outreach team worked alongside the Journey to Social Inclusion (J2SI) program managed by the Salvation Army, which includes 3 years of wraparound support and potential offer of earlier housing. Six Homeless Connections high-needs clients have been referred and accepted for support. Homeless Connections continue to assist the staff of the J2SI program in supporting connections to clients.

A very important part of Homeless Connections work is providing financial and material aid assistance

in targeted ways to keep those who are rough sleeping going during the long wait for housing options to become available. This is at best many months, at worst many years.

Thanks to donations from many wonderful people and organisations, we were able to supply necessities such as tents, tarps, sleeping bags, gas cookers, airbeds and pumps. With brokerage funding from generous donors of $30,209 we were able to assist with key supports such as crisis accommodation, petrol, car repairs, mobile phones and, importantly, rent in advance and removalist costs when clients moved into permanent housing. Many people also donated those necessities after checking with us what was needed.

The Ranch

The closure of The Ranch Motel in Mornington brought to an end of over five years of critical crisis accommodation. It was challenging, especially to the clients who were housed there at the time.
The closure did demonstrate something important, in part because the closure was so public, many agencies worked together to find housing for all twelve residents. It showed with extra funding from DFFH and a focused effort people can be found housing. We are very grateful to have been able to partner with **Mornington Community Support Centre** in running The Ranch and the opportunity it gave for people sleeping rough while working on housing options and other goals. There were many successful outcomes, and the success rate was close to 60%, well above the industry average.

The Ranch 2.0 opened in July 2025 with 7 two-bedroom units in total. The number of units and layout of the accommodation mean it is only suitable for a narrower range of clients. Ranch 2.0 continues to be **the only option** for crisis housing on the Mornington Peninsula, so it is extremely important.

Functional Zero-Mornington Peninsula

Functional Zero began on the Mornington Peninsula in December 2024, funded by **Mornington Peninsula Shire** and run by **Launch Housing**.

Since that time the Mornington Peninsula has topped, equalled or been close to having - the highest number of rough sleepers of any of the LGAs in the program, highest number of people over 55 rough sleeping and the highest percentage of women rough sleeping Functional Zero project has finally drawn much needed attention to the issues down here. It has been heartening to hear there will be actions taken to reduce the pressure on frontline services.

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers and staff at SPCS for their support and to Bill from Bolton Clarke outreach for his expertise and commitment. Thanks also to Payton Foundation, Igniting Change, Yulgilbar Foundation, The Houghton Foundation, Lindisfarne Foundation and Sentinel Foundation whose contributions allow us to continue this important work.

Southern Peninsula Homeless Connections team








Barb




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Program Coordination Report

Emergency Relief & Crisis Support

The 2025/26 financial year in Emergency Relief (ER) and crisis support has been another busy year for SPCS. We had a 12% increase in ER sessions provided compared to FY24/25, which was on top of a 14.5% increase the previous financial year. These increases compound every year so this financial year was 60% busier than the 22/23 financial year.

Interestingly, although visits went up by 60%, the increase in the number of unique individuals attending was smaller, at 23%.. This means people are having to attend the service more often than in the past, suggesting need has increased a lot for those who are disadvantaged and on low incomes.

As in previous years, the housing crisis continues to have a severe impact on our community. We sound like a broken record sometimes in regards to housing, but the situation is just dire.

The median weekly rent in Rosebud now sits at around $570, having continued to increase across the year. This means no new rentals are affordable for single people, pushing more people into inappropriate living arrangements or out of the area they call home, or into homelessness. We saw an increase in people coming to us with No Fixed Address, in need of camping supplies as they were forced to sleep rough.

The fuel crisis also had a profound effect on local residents, with a huge increase in people requesting help with petrol costs when the prices hit well over $2/litre. We had many people specifically requesting help with fuel.

It was a challenging year for other reasons too. The increase in clients attending has presented some complications in terms of space and volunteer power. With only three face-to-face interviewing spaces there were sometimes longer waits, and the spaces were in constant rotation, with volunteers having to vacate to write notes so the next person could come through. Although our roster is very healthy and we have a waiting list for potential volunteers, there were days, through a combination of illness and travel, when we had only two interviewers supporting 30 or so clients across the day. Every one of our incredible interviewers is somehow able to find another gear and keep going providing thoughtful, compassionate support to every client.

The complex service landscape can make it challenging for our Community Support Workers to get the most up to date information quickly and easily. Thanks to The Ross Trust we are developing an online Knowledge Base platform.

No Interest Loan Scheme (NILs)

The 2025/26 year was a very successful year for our NILs program, with amazing volunteer Barb again running the program single-handedly with complete efficiency and professionalism. Our gratitude goes to Barb for all the hard work she puts into the program, volunteering three days a week and coming in on other odd days to ensure loans can be expedited if needed.

With another small increase in the target for loans for the year, we ended the year at more than 135% of target loans. **Loans totalled over $220,000 across the year, which demonstrates the need in the community for this important service.** Barb also dealt with another 274 enquiries that did not proceed to the application stage, and made 41 referrals to NILs 4 Cars, enabling many people to get on the road without the burden of a high interest and possibly unaffordable car loan.

The No Interest Loan Scheme is such a vital alternative to predatory high-fee loans that can trap people in debt spirals. Every NILs loan that is approved represents a careful and thoughtful process that ensures loans are only provided at an affordable repayment rate with no interest, no fees and no charges so that individuals and families can access essential goods or services that they otherwise couldn't afford. NILs recipients pay back exactly what they borrow.

Tax Help

The July-October 2025 Tax Help period was another great success. Christine, a local accountant, returned to provide the program for the third year in a row and volunteered her time and expertise

to support people with tax matters. In the midst of this, she had a family emergency but was able to catch up with everything thanks to her very hard work and amazing skills in this area. We are very grateful to Christine for returning each year to offer this important program.

A large part of the Tax Help program is assisting people to navigate an increasingly online world. We regularly see people who are confused and overwhelmed by myGov and other online systems and unable to complete applications, forms and things like tax on their own.

Christine's patient and professional support meant over 50 people were able to get their tax sorted. For some people their income depended on tax being completed, so Christine's help was vital. And when thanked she'll say, with a wave of the hand, "oh it's nothing, it's *easy*". We're very lucky to have her on board.

Needle and Syringe Program

The Needle and Syringe Program (NSP) remains an important part of the range of services we provide at SPCS. As the only outlet for free needles and syringes on the Southern Peninsula our NSP is vital. The service is anonymous so the data we have for it is limited, however based on our stats via reception we believe the program was accessed in excess of 1300 times across the year. Our fabulous volunteer Julie continues to maintain this program almost entirely on her own, ordering supplies, organising stock in the NSP room and reporting on stats, as well as providing community education and news. *Thank you Julie!*

Energy Mentor Program

Our volunteer Energy Mentor, Deb, continued to provide assistance around energy matters to the community. With the state government providing a last round of the Power Saving Bonus at a reduced rate, Deb was kept busy helping people navigate the online application. With the Energy Bill Relief program only available to caravan park residents through an online application there were plans to roll out a program at caravan parks to assist people but the program was very suddenly cut short by a couple of months forcing us to cancel, a frustrating and disappointing outcome.

Student placements

We provided placements for Social Work students across the year, with capacity for only one placement per semester. The wonderful Sarah and Colleen completed their 500-hour placements with us this financial year and they were both fantastic assets for the organisation while they were with us. We continue to provide a limited number of shorter-term placements, usually 200-hour Diploma of Community Services placements for people who are able to commit to volunteering with us for an extended period.

Financial Counselling

Our very fabulous volunteer Financial Counsellor, Tracey, retired at the end of 2025. She was an amazing boon for us for the two years she provided financial counselling and we were very sad to see her go. Tracey stated on several occasions that she found the clients she saw at SPCS to have extremely complicated and challenging situations. This is in part to do with lack of services down here, and in large part to do with the incredible work that our case work programs do in working with clients, so that only the trickiest situations went through to Tracey, who handled it all with great professionalism.

Once Tracey left we were very grateful that Good Shepherd agreed to place Financial Counsellors at SPCS two days a week. This has meant a reasonably seamless transition and kept a vital service available at the Centre throughout the year.

Miranda Gillespie
Program Coordinator



Fundraising Relationships Coordinator Report

The 2025–2026 financial year has been an outstanding example of community generosity and we are so grateful to everyone who supported us.

This year has reinforced something fundraising is all about - **relationships**.

We rely on community donations to fund much of our work (70% last year). Fundraising is crucial to generating the support we need to help people doing it tough. For me, as the person responsible for so many of our fundraising relationships, it is about so much more than that. **It is about connecting people with a cause they genuinely care about, helping them understand the need within their own community and finding meaningful ways for them to become part of the SPCS story.**

There is so much we need to do and it's always a concern that many people simply don't understand the level of hardship that exists for many on the Southern Peninsula. Families are struggling to put food on the table, older people are facing impossible choices around everyday living costs, and more people are experiencing homelessness right here in our community.

What gives us hope is what happens once people know. Time and time again, we hear the words, *"How can I help?"* That generosity never ceases to inspire all of us.

As the Fundraising Relationships Coordinator one of my favourite parts of my role is welcoming people into our Centre. A Centre tour takes people beyond the statistics. They meet our passionate team of staff and volunteers, see our programs in action, get to understand the uniqueness of our wraparound approach and hear the stories behind the growing need. The tours really give people an insight and they leave with a much deeper understanding and a genuine desire to help in a way that works best for them.

Many of the wonderful partnerships we have today grew from these initial conversations and connections.

This year has been incredibly rewarding to see both new and long-standing supporters continue to place their trust in SPCS. Some have renewed or increased their commitment, others have chosen to support us over several years, and many contribute in ways that extend far beyond funding.

A big part of my role is getting out into our community, something I really love. Whether it is the Point Nepean Heritage Motor Show, Christmas Carols, service clubs, schools, networking events or community gatherings, every conversation is another opportunity to tell our story and raise awareness.

Events such as the SPLaSh for Women Luncheon, Sunshine Charity Golf Classic and All-Comers Lunch have also been wonderful examples of our community coming together, creating important conversations and inspiring generosity.

One of the things I love about fundraising is that every donation has a story behind it.

It might be a child donating money from a school market stand, a business choosing SPCS as its charity partner, a community group organising a pantry collection, someone making their first donation after visiting the Centre, or a philanthropic foundation investing in one of our programs.

Every one of those acts represents someone making a decision to care about another person, and collectively they have an extraordinary impact.

To every donor, foundation, business, church group, op shop, community organisation, volunteer and supporter who has stood beside us this year - thank you.

Thank you for believing in our work, sharing our stories, introducing us to others, supporting our events, donating food and essential items, giving financially and, most importantly, caring about people in our community who are going through incredibly difficult times.

As we move into another year, our focus will continue to be on building genuine, long-term relationships, welcoming more people into our

Centre and creating meaningful opportunities for our community to be part of what we do.

There is still so much need across the Southern Peninsula, still so many people doing it tough, and there is also an extraordinary amount of generosity, compassion and willingness to help.

It is an absolute privilege to tell the story of Southern Peninsula Community Support, and I truly believe our greatest strength is our community.

Together, we can continue creating meaningful change for people doing it tough.

Kera Zaltsberg
Fundraising Relationships Coordinator







Major Donors & Program Partners 2025-2026

Our work is made possible by hundreds of people whose support contributes across all of our programs. They are a group of major supporters ($15,000 or more) who have a core role in making sure each program can flourish. We would like to acknowledge their support, along with five foundations and individuals who wish to remain anonymous.

Brown Family Foundation

Now in their third year of supporting SPCS, the Brown Family Foundation continues its generous commitment to our Family Support Service. Their ongoing support helps families experiencing hardship navigate difficult circumstances through practical assistance, advocacy and the dedicated support of our Family Support team.

Capel Sound Community Hub (Seawinds Community Hub)

For a number of years Seawinds, now Capel Sound Community Hub, has made sandwiches and the bases for our toasties at our SPLaSh program. Almost all of that time for both our Monday and Thursday sessions and during the COVID period they were often the only fresh food for our participants.

Chobani Pty Ltd

Through Chobani's Big Difference Grant, SPCS upgraded our kitchen and pantry, helping us make better use of rescued and donated food. This generous support has strengthened our Fresh Food Program at a time when demand for food relief continues to grow.

CommBank Staff Foundation

We are grateful to the CommBank Staff Foundation for their generous support of our Emergency Relief Program. Their contribution has helped us provide essential food vouchers to local individuals and families facing financial hardship, at a time when rising living costs continue to drive increased demand for assistance.

Community Information Support Victoria (CISVic)

We are a member of CISVic, and they provide support through advocacy, training and resources that guide our service practice. They also administer an ER consortium, of which we are a member, that provides Emergency Relief funding from the Australian Government. This funding provides the base for our Emergency Relief programs and for our Low Income Support Service.

Good Shepherd Microfinance

Good Shepherd Microfinance has generously supported our work to improve financial wellbeing for local families and individuals. Their funding this year has helped strengthen our No Interest Loans Program and Emergency Relief, providing practical assistance to people experiencing financial hardship.

Houghton Foundation

The Houghton Foundation has continued to place its trust in SPCS and the breadth of work we undertake. Their flexible support allows us to direct funding where it is most needed, helping us respond quickly as community needs and pressures change.

JackanAndy's Op Shop

JackanAndy's Op Shop continues to be a valued local supporter of SPCS. Their generous support helps strengthen our Emergency Relief services and homelessness outreach programs, enabling us to provide practical assistance to people experiencing hardship and homelessness across the Southern Peninsula.

JGJ Ripple Effect Fund – Australian Communities Foundation

We are incredibly grateful to the JGJ Ripple Effect Fund for their generous support this year. Their contribution has strengthened our ability to respond to increasing community needs and provide practical, compassionate assistance to people experiencing hardship across the Southern Peninsula.

Lindisfarne Foundation

Lindisfarne has been a multi-year supporter of our homelessness programs. Their support has been more than financial, they have actively advocated to other foundations for wider support and have been heavily involved in our working party searching for alternative crisis accommodation options.

Mornington Community Support Centre (MCSC)

SPCS partnered with MCSC for over five years in the operating of The Ranch Motel, and unfortunately the use of The Ranch came to an end in April this year as the developer moved ahead with his development plans. During that time, it was the only crisis accommodation for people rough sleeping and was an outstanding success. MCSC have built on the expertise to now operate The Ranch 2.0 - smaller and an apartment block (not a motel). It is made possible by the generosity of two charitable foundations. - the Upotipotpon Foundation and Payton Foundation who purchased the property and have leased to MCSC for an extended period of time.

Mornington Peninsula Beachside Tourism Association – Sorrento Beachside Tourism

Sorrento Beachside Tourism continues to be a wonderful champion of SPLaSh for Women & beyond. For the second year in a row, their Ladies Luncheon at RACV Cape Schanck Resort was a sell-out event, bringing the community together to raise significant funds and greater awareness of the challenges facing vulnerable women on the Southern Peninsula.

Mornington Peninsula Foundation (MPF)

MPF has supported SPCS for many years. Previously, they had provided funding for three of our key programs, this last year they have supported SPLaSh. Many individual donors channel their philanthropic giving through MPF. As MPF transitions to support their other work, they have worked to help us put in place other supporters ensuring the continuation of programs.

Mornington Peninsula Shire (MPS)

MPS provides the core subsidy funding for our central operations as well as the use of our main centre building and use of an amenities block for our SPLaSh program. In addition, both staff and councillors support us above and beyond their regular duties.

OzHarvest

OzHarvest is one of the two food recovery agencies that will deliver to the southern Mornington Peninsula. They have provided this service for several years, a key part of our Fresh Food program.

Payton Foundation

The Payton Foundation continues to support SPCS in ways that extend well beyond funding. Over recent years they have backed a range of our programs, including Family Support, education assistance, Emergency Relief and Homeless Connections, while also generously sharing advice, ideas, connections and encouragement as we tackle increasingly complex community challenges.

Pets of the Homeless

Pets of the Homeless provides valued support to SPCS clients experiencing homelessness or hardship who are caring for much-loved pets. Their assistance helps ensure companion animals can access essential food and care, easing one more pressure for people already facing difficult circumstances.

RACV Cape Schanck Resort

RACV Cape Schanck Resort provides around 100 frozen meals each week for our food programs, with their staff taking great pride in creating quality, nutritious meals for our clients. Beyond this vital contribution, the Resort has championed our cause by engaging corporate groups and guests through in-room promotions, staff-led fundraising initiatives, and their wonderful support of the Ladies Luncheon event. The RACV Foundation has further strengthened this partnership by funding projects that support and celebrate our volunteers.

RM Ansett Trust – Equity Trustees

The RM Ansett Trust continues to be a significant and valued supporter of SPCS. This year, they increased their support and committed to a further two years of funding, recognising the growing impact of cost-of-living pressures across our community. Their generous, long-term commitment helps strengthen our ability to respond to increasing need and support local people experiencing hardship.

Rotary Club of Sorrento

The Rotary Club of Sorrento continues to be a terrific supporter of our work. Through initiatives including the Point Nepean Heritage Motor Show, they have raised significant funds and awareness for SPLaSh and homelessness, while their members also regularly join us at SPLaSh to cook a much-loved BBQ for clients.

Rye & District Community Financial Services Limited – Community Bank Southern Peninsula

Community Bank Southern Peninsula has been a valued supporter of SPCS for many years, particularly through our Fresh Food programs. Their involvement extends well beyond funding, with staff and board members actively supporting appeals, food drives, events and initiatives addressing hardship and homelessness in our community.

SecondBite

SecondBite is one of the two food recovery agencies that will deliver to the southern Mornington Peninsula. They have provided this service for many years, a key part in our Fresh Food program.

Sentinel Foundation

The Sentinel Foundation has been a significant and valued supporter of SPCS for many years. This year, they increased their funding across three of our programs, helping us strengthen support for local individuals and families experiencing financial hardship and increasingly complex circumstances.

Soroptimist International – Australian Communities Foundation

Soroptimist International has shown a wonderful commitment to supporting women in our community. Their generous funding has strengthened our Family Support Service, helping women and families experiencing significant hardship to access practical assistance, advocacy and support when they need it most.

Southern Peninsula Community Fund Inc. – Rye Op Shop

The Rye Op Shop is our longest-running philanthropic supporter, having stood alongside SPCS since 1984. Their extraordinary commitment to the Southern Peninsula continues today through significant support of our

Emergency Relief services and SPLaSh, alongside a genuine willingness to step up whenever our community needs help.

Southern Peninsula Food for All (FFA)

FFA has provided us with non-perishable foodstuffs for many years at a significant discount, often donating goods at no cost. They are the main provider of Christmas Hampers and toy bundles for us every year.

Sunshine Charity Golf Classic

The Sunshine Charity Golf Classic, led by Pat Randall, continues to demonstrate the incredible impact of community-led fundraising. Through bringing people together for a great day of golf, they have provided generous support for our Emergency Relief services, helping us respond to local people facing financial crisis and hardship.

The Ross Trust

Ross Trust has been a significant support of ours for many years, they have backed new initiatives and jumped in when we have faced challenges like the COVID pandemic. This year their contribution has helped strengthen our capacity by funding the development of an online Knowledge Base platform helping us to get the most up to date information quickly and easily.

The Yulgilbar Foundation

We are thankful for the continued support of The Yulgilbar Foundation. Their understanding of the homelessness crisis facing our region has enabled them to invest in our Southern Peninsula Homeless Connections program, strengthening our ability to support people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Unica Cucina E Caffe

Unica Cucina E Caffe has been a wonderful local supporter of our SPLaSh program, generously preparing warm meals for people experiencing homelessness and providing essential toiletries for those in need. Their practical, heartfelt support helps bring comfort, dignity and care to people doing it tough.

We are Mobilise

A charitable organization that uses philanthropic giving in a different way. We refer clients who need urgent support around housing. Mobilise Kickstarter is the flagship rental assistance program by We Are Mobilise that pays bond, rent in advance, and rental arrears directly to housing providers to help people secure or keep stable housing.




SPLASH Ladies Luncheon


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Vale Marianne, an extraordinary volunteer

We are all saddened at the passing of one of our wonderful and caring volunteers – Marianne. If you have ever come to our main centre, you most likely met Marianne - one of our longest serving volunteers, ready with a warm smile, humorous stories to tell, and a love for sugary hot drinks. But it was the care and compassion she had for every person who needed help that we will miss the most.

Marianne's philosophy was simple – **"just get on with it"** - and got on with it was exactly what she did for those who came to SPCS.

Born in Holland, Marianne and her sister had what she described as "*a rough upbringing that probably gave me a good insight into domestic violence. My parents were well-known actors. They split up and my sister and I ended up in a children's home.*"

At 17 years of age, Marianne moved in with her grandmother, a level-headed and grounded woman who Marianne absolutely adored.

"Soon after, I met my husband. He too was level-headed, whereas I was a bit of a rebel. I adored him. When I was nearly 21, he told me he was emigrating to Australia. Six months later I followed him to the other side of the world. ***Moving to Australia was when my life truly started. We married and had three beautiful girls.****"*

As her daughters were growing up, Marianne worked as a night nurse, secretary and eventually as a Bereavement and Grief Counsellor with Tobin Brothers, a position which would help her in one of the most difficult times in her life – losing her beloved husband.

"For three years I did nothing. I was missing people. I was missing giving something."

The death of her beloved husband hit Marianne hard. Eventually she found her way to volunteering. She had previously done a short course on emergency relief and ultimately found herself "getting on with it" through volunteering for various organisations.

One thing people learnt very quickly about Marianne was she could not keep still for long. Her commitment and passion to help people burnt very bright and led her to Southern Peninsula Community Support.

"I moved to Dromana to be with my daughter, and I googled to find out what organisations are in the area that need volunteers. And that's how I came across Southern Peninsula Community Support!"

What I liked was that there was a really warm feeling about this place.

I sat down to be interviewed. I had all my references along with my pride and joy – a big card filled with beautiful messages from people I had worked with in the past. The interviewer said he wanted to read the card. I started the next day."

From the moment she stepped into the main centre, Marianne felt that SPCS was a place of compassion, care, trust and belief.

"This place is about trying to find out the cause of a person's problem. How do we help them get out of the poo they're in? We spend time with a client. They learn to trust you because you're willing to listen to them. ***They learn that we truly care. I love the trust this place gives me. I love the passion everyone has for people because I've also got that.*** *It's the most beautiful place."*

Vale Marianne and thank you for all your love, care and compassion for every person you met and helped. You are missed.




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Our Volunteers

Our huge thanks to everyone who gave their time, energy and care to volunteering with SPCS across the year. You are all vital to keeping our services and programs running. Without you, so many people in our community would have much bleaker futures. Thank you.

Alan Travers	IT/Tech
Ali Fish	Interviewing / Reception
Alison Erskine	Runner
Angela Sevior	Interviewing
Angela Wall	Interviewing
Barbara Allford	NILs
Bec Martin	Reception / Data entry / Fundraising support
Belinda Rodman	Board President / Reception
Beth Ellis	Reception
Brodyn Reed	SPLaSh
Bronwyn Van Amerongen	Interviewing
Carmel O'Brien	Brochures / Poetry
Caroline Gibson	Board
Christine Lane	Tax Help / Case work support
Clifford Woodward	SPLaSh
Colleen Duyvestyn	Interviewing / SPLaSh for Women
Dean Trimboli	SPLaSh
Deanne Sealey	Reception
Debbie Coffey	Energy Mentor
Diane Ashcroft	Data Entry
Dianne Cookesley	Interviewing
Fay Foster-Swan	Pantry Team / Fresh Foodie
Frank Capper	SPLaSh
Germaine Mengoni	Pantry Team / Fresh Foodie
Gill Beever	Data Entry
Graeme Rocke	Board Treasurer
Greg Foster	Christmas Hampers
Heather Williams	Pantry team
Ilze Moran	Pantry Team / Fresh Foodie
Jac Rossiter-Nuttall	SPLaSh
Jacqui Mason	Interviewing
Jan Getson	Board Secretary
Janie Perrott	Interviewing
Jeff Green	Maintenance
Joan Bennett	Reception
Joan Little	Pantry Team / Fresh Foodie
Joanne King	Reception
John Groenen	Road Crew
John Knowles	Road Crew
Judy Woods	Interviewing / Reception
Judy Grant	Pantry Team / Fresh Foodie
Julie Van Schajik	Data entry / Needle Syringe Program
Karen Mapleston	Reception / Runner
Kathy George	Reception
Kathy Shield	Pantry team / Fresh Foodie
Kendra Keleher	SPLaSh
Kerry Bruehwiler	Interviewing
Kerryn Edwards	Interviewing

Kimily Clark	Runner / Reception
Kylie Dolman	Interviewing
Lauren Prowse	Interviewing
Leonie Hutchinson	Program support
Lily Setnik	Pantry Team / Fresh Foodie
Lucie Arthur	Interviewing
Lyndsay Gordon	SPLaSh for Women / Interviewing
Mardi Gillespie-Dawson	Data management
Maree Tuffy	Reception / Interviewing / Admin support
Marianne Te Lindert	Interviewing
Marie Lugg	SPLaSh
Marilla Gorman	Interviewing
Marilyn Merrifield	SPLaSh
Marion Van Rooden	Board
Martin Coffey	SPLaSh GP Clinic
Melanie Dawson	Interviewing
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Michelle Wright	SPLaSh for Women
Mikaela Clarke	Interviewing / Pantry Team
Murray Morton	Board
Pat Randall	Fundraising support
Pauline Credlin	Interviewing
Phoebe Spargo	Interviewing
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Rob Williams	Road Crew / SPLaSh
Robyn Fowler	Interviewing
Robyn Latham	Interviewing
Roger Holdway	Pantry Team / Fresh Foodie
Ron Arnot	Maintenance
Sally Geurts	SPLaSh GP Clinic
Sandra Mitchell	Interviewing
Sarah Carpentier	Interviewing / Casework support
Sarah Hudson	Pantry Team / Fresh Foodie
Stephen Gahan	Pantry Team / Fresh Foodie
Sue Wilson	Reception
Susan Hillman Stolz	Runner / Program Support
Susie Lane	Pantry Team / Fresh Foodie
Suzanne Rogers	Reception
Tony Dugan	Road Crew / Pantry Team
Tracey Blythe	Financial Counselling
Tracey Ryan	Christmas Hampers
Tracy Wynde	Reception / Interviewing
Trish Foreman	Reception
Vicky Davison	Board
Vince Martino	Pantry Team / Fresh Foodie / SPLaSh
Wendy Brink	Reception
Wendy Dugan	Road Crew / Pantry Team

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Balcombe Grammar School
Barb Kuhl
Barbara Pow
Barbara Smith
Barry Plant Rosebud (Good2give)
Bayview Care
Bayview Church
Beach House Linen Hire
Beaty Masters
Bec Engsmyr
Bec Watson
Beccy Tarasuik
Beck Family Foundation

Belinda Hawkins
Belinda Jordan
Belinda Rodman
Ben Hunt
Bernard and Patricia Tonks
Bernard McNamara
Beth Hamill
Bette Neil
Bev Bec
Beverley Abbot
Bianca Reed
Blairgowrie Community Garden
Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron
Blessing Bags
Blue Moon Cottages
Bradd Shannon
Brenda Osbourne
Brian Staniforth
Bridge Club Of Rye & Dromana
Brie Ellett
Briony Thoolen
Bron Ronan
Bronwyn Mason
Bronwyn Thomas
Brotherhood of St Laurence
Brown Family Foundation
Bruce & Christa Maydom
Bruce Hay
Bruce Unthank
Bryan Payne
Bunnings Rosebud
Capel Sound Community Hub
Carin Johnston
Carl Luxton
Carlee Hitlon
Carly Foster
Carol Wood
Caroline Fyfe
Caroline Gibson
Caroline Morgan
Carolyn Pickburn
Catherine Lance
Catherine Wallace
Centrelink
Cherry Hunt
Cherryl Heath
Cherryl Houben
Cheryl Ciantar
Chloe Rhys-Jones
Chobani Pty Ltd
Chris Atmore
Chris Malkin
Chris Rider
Chris Watt
Christa Blackledge
Christina Cairns
Christine Corrigan
Christine Gray
Christine Hatzianestis
Christine Holland
Christine Richter
Christine Thomas
Cindy Pritchard
CISVic
City Book Club
Claire Adams
Claire Astle
Claire Pearce
Claire Phillips
Clifford Woodward
Clive Smith
CommBank Staff Foundation
Commonwealth Bank Rosebud
Commonwealth Bank Sorrento Branch
Community Bank Southern Peninsula
Connect Church
Craig Aarons
Craig Brumley
Curves Rosebud
CWA Frankston South
CWA Pearcedale Branch
Cynthia Crompton
D M Keane
Darren Musilli
David & Irene Gorr
David Atkinson
David Ball
David Clark
David Gibb
David Lawrence
Dawn and Peter Clavin
Dawn Cass

Deb Clayton
Deb Crawley
Deb Fischer
Deb Kwasnicki
Deb Nillson
Deb Stafford
Debbie Coffey
Debbie
Deborah Arnold
Debra Bockselte
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Debra Goodin
Deidre Holicka
Dellie McKenzie
Denise Buchanan
Denise Richards
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Di Taylor
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Diane McDonald
Diane Silk
Dianne Thomas
Dianne Wilson
Dolphin Red Hill Trefolk (Girl Guides)
Dominic Parsonson
Don Basco Camp
Donna Szeitz
Dromana Bay Probus
Dromana Early Learning Centre
Dromana Valley Probus
Eagle Ridge Golf Club
Eastbourne Primary School
Edna Boyle
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Flinders Probus
Frances Millane
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Gabi Barnewall
Gabrielle Crehan
Gabrielle O'Brien
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Gabrielle Weerden
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Gillian Sharp-Paul
Gina Kasmas
Gina McInnis
Glenda Bray

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Graham Reeve
Grant Buckland
Greg Fitzgerald
Greg Melgaard
Gwen Couley
Gwen Smith
Hanks Orthodontics
Harrison Weston
Hawkes Farm
Hazel Reddall
Heather & Rob Williams
Heather Ashton
Heather Barton
Heather Cook
Heather Cooke
Heather Iapozzuto
Heather Judd
Heather Phillips
Heather Walker
Helen Constas
Helen Hall
Helen Hatch
Helen Lardner
Helen Luxton
Helen McLean
Helen Talbot
Houghton Foundation
Hugh Bateup
Ian Abbey
Ian Campbell
Ian Coffey
Igniting Change
Ingrid Beilharz
InterContinental Sorrento
Mornington Peninsula
Irene Wyld
J James
JackanAndy's Op Shop
Jacki Patrick
Jackie James
Jackie Over
Jacqueline Rossiter-Nuttall
Jacqueline Salter
James Breersen
James Carroll
James Wright
Jan Aitcheson
Jan Foster
Jan Getson
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Judith Hargrave
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Julie Rice
Julie Upfal
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Karen Mapleston
Karen Moore
Karen O'Shannassy
Karen Panton
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Kate Skvor
Kate Stewart
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Kathy Shield
Katie Hara
Katie Richter
Katrina Hailes
Katrina Leif
Kaye Russo
Kellie Isherwood
Kelly Beattie
Kelly Thirgood
Ken Clements
Kera Zaltsberg
Kerrie Watson
Kerry Keller
Kerryn Edwards
Kevin Gorman
Kim Parkinson
Kim Wilson
Klaudiya Mitrev
Kobi & Willow Marshall
KOGO (Knit One Give One)
Kristina Benn
Kristy Anne Mounsey
Kylie Henry
Kylie Rooth
L Morley
La Casa Nostra Deli
Ladies of the Dunes Golf Club
Laureen Longrieg
Lauren Morabito
Leanne Fitzgerald
Leigh Neill
Leonie Anderson
Leonie Pottan
Lesley Dix
Lesley Greensmith
Lin Carter
Lina Morello
Linda Patrick
Linda Sandford
Linda Wilson
Lindisfarne Foundation
Lisa Felmingham
Lisa Maddocks
Little Farmers
Liz Fearby
Liz Hales
Liz Seward
Liz Stringer
LJ Ryan
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Louise Gruber
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Magistrates' Court of Victoria
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Mandy Knudsen
Mandy Lee
Mandy Lovell
Mandy Robertson
Maney Beasley
Many Little
Marcia Barlow
Marcia Paturzo
Mardi Harding
Marg D'Arcy
Marg Jewell
Margaret Collins
Margaret Kealy
Margaret McFarlane
Margaret Murphy
Margaret O'Shea
Margaret Schoonbeek
Maria Christakos
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Marie Lee
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Mario Costanzo
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Marion van Rooden
Marisa McTeigue
Mark Aarons
Mark Crotti
Mark Ferguson
Mark Oddie
Martha Cove Community Garden
Martin Coffey
Mary Dow
Mary Iles
Mary Jones
Mary Ross
Maryanne Bullock
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Max Employment
Max Patton
Maxine Rosenfield
McCrae Lions Club
Meals on Wheels Rosebud
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Megan Dallas
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Alison McNicol Smith
Michael Griffin
Michael Hain
Michael Pater
Michael Radecki
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Michele Nancarrow
Michelle Judd
Michelle Mullen
Michelle Petropoulos
Michelle Sattes
Michelle Wright
Mick Botten
Mick Russell
Mike Griffin
Miranda Gillespie
Molly Bloxham
Molly Maxwell
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Moonraker Dolphin Swims
Mornington Community Support Centre (MCISC)
Mornington Mazda
Mornington Peninsula Beachside Tourism Association T/A Sorrento Beachside Tourism
Mornington Peninsula Foundation
Mornington Peninsula Greens
Mornington Peninsula Patchworkers
Mornington Peninsula Satellite Rotary Club
Mornington Peninsula Shire
Mornington Peninsula Veteran Golfers Association
Mornington Peninsula Welsh Ladies Choir
Mornington Racecourse
Mount Martha Sea Wolves
Mt Martha Social Golf Group
Mums Supporting Families In Need (MSFIN)
Murray Morton
Nadette Cuming
Nadia Carlin
Nadia Dusselberg
Nadine Crawford
Naomi Wilson
Natalie Richardson
Natalie Tabbagh
Nepean Country Club
New Peninsula Community Caring Inc
New Surface Foundation
Nicholas Robertson
Nicholas Whiteley
Nick Grage-Perry
Nick Greiner
Nicola Reardon
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Noellae McClean
Ocean Beach Yoga
Off Your Back
Oz Harvest
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Pam Davey
Pam Farrington
Pam Marshall
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Patricia Hutchinson
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Pauline Credlin
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Penelope Hart
Penelope Keys
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Peninsula Business Network
Peninsula Grange Aged Care (Australian Unity)
Peninsula Health
Peninsula Rotaract Club
Peninsula Skin Co.
Peninsula Specialist College
Penny Frielink
Peppers Moonah Links Resort
Perch Store
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Pete Wagglen
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Peter Dodd
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Peter Markowlec
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Peter Renkin
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Phil Blashki
Phil Smale
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Phill Young
Phillip Danby
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Port Phillip Group
Portsea Estate Winery
Portsea Golf Club
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Racecourse & Peninsula Grange Aged Care
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Rachel Schlipalius
RACV Cape Schanck Resort
Rae Dunstan
Rae Mitchell
Raelene Murphy
Rahona Valley Winery
Ralph Wilson
Rasmus White
Ray Lawson
Ray Ohlson
Raymond Bongiorno
Raymond Tilley
Rebecca Cridland
Rebecca Hudson
Rebecca Martin
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Red Hill Muesli
Red Hill Op Shop
Renske O'Brien
Return-It Australia
Revamped Jewellery
Revillaging Project
Richard Ruth
Rikki Mainzer
Rita Bellomia
Ritchies Supermarket & Liquor Stores Australia
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Rob & Edwina Fellows
Rob Pagey
Robert Barrington
Robert Flew
Robert Lane
Robin Griffiths
Robyn Aldenhoven
Robyn Batten
Robyn Eastgate
Robyn Gillies
Robyn Kirby
Robyn Meikle
Robyn Woodbridge
Rocky Creek Strawberry Farm
Rodney Button
Roger Fisher
Roger Holdway
Roger Munday
Rosalie Dalziel
Rose Crossfield
Rosebud Community Garden
Rosebud Country Club
Rosebud Funerals
Rosebud Lions Op Shop
Rosebud Medical Clinic
Rosebud Packaging Supplies
Rosebud Rockers Inc
Rosebud RSL Sub-Branch Women's Auxiliary
Rosebud St Vincent De Paul (SVDP)
Rosemary Macindoe
Rotary Club of Dromana
Rotary Club of Rosebud - Rye
Rotary Club of Sorrento
Rotary Op Shop Rosebud
Roxanne Daniels
Russell Chambers
Ruth McIntosh
Rye & District Community Financial Services Limited
Rye Bowls Club
Rye Community Group Alliance
Rye Health Store
Rye Ladies Probus Club
Rye RSL Women's Auxiliary
Rye St Vincent De Paul (SVDP)
Safety Beach Probus Club
Safety Beach Sailing Club
Salad Days Gardening
Sally & David Clarke
Sally Brown

Sally Cleary
Sally Hannah
Sally Myers
Sam Groth
Samantha Blair
Sandi Dent
Sandra Bain
Sandra Dujela
Sandra Lih
Sandra Lucignani
Sandra Marks
Sandra Mitchell
Sangeeta Thaker
Sarah Brockhoff
Sarah Jaboor
Sarah Race
Sean Farley
SecondBite
Sentinel Foundation Pty Ltd
Serena Doyle
Services Australia (Rosebud office)
Shadiya Chaib
Shake It Up
Shannon Cotter
Shannon Young
Share the Dignity
Sharon Berger
Sharon Curtain
Sharon Hillman-Pegg
Sharon McNeil
Sharon Richardson
Shelley Shergold
Shelly Logan
Sheryl Bisetto
Sheryl Callanan
Shirley Baston
Shirley Richards
Shona Holdsworth
Shoreham Community Centre
Sonia Digiglio
Sophie Panigirakis
Soraya Hopley
Soroptimist International, Australian Communities Foundation
Sorrento Activities Centre
Sorrento Boomerang Bags
Sorrento Community Centre
Sorrento Contemporary Art Gallery
Sorrento Photographic club
Sorrento Portsea RSL
Sorrento Probus Club
Sorrento Reformer Pilates Studio
Sorrento Tennis Club
Southern Mornington Peninsula Uniting Church
Southern Mornington Peninsula Uniting Church Op Shop
Southern Peninsula Community Fund Inc. (Rye Op Shop)
Southern Peninsula Food For All
Southern Peninsula Women's Action Network (SWAN)
Space Managers
Spirit of Sorrento
St Kilda Mum's (Our Village)
Stacey Lethlean
Stephanie Hewitt
Stephanie Lee
Stephen Lean
Stephen Margaritis
Stephen Wain
Steve A
Steve Kennedy
Steve Wirthensohn
Steven Thomas
Stitch n Sisters
StreetSmart Australia
Stuart Miller
Sue Christou
Sue Farrelly
Sue Francis
Sue Green
Sue Johnson
Sue Mathews
Sue Smith
Sue Travers
Sue Wilson
Sue Wright
Summer Fascelii
Sunshine Charity Golf Classic
Susan Bennett
Susan Edgar
Susan Haile

Susan Hillman Stolz
Susan Home
Susan McCulloch
Susan Robertson
Susanne Smith
Susie Rodgers-Wilson
Suzanne Richards
Suzanne Rogers
Suzi Kincaid
Suzy Calley
Suzzanne Barker
Sylvia Ballerini
Tahlia Cruise
Tania M
Tenielle Hebaiter
Terry Roth
Tess Clark
Tess Neal
Tess Park
Thalia Collard
The Beauty Collective
The CWA of Victoria - Rosebud Branch
The Diggers Club
The Dunes Golf Links
The Jack Brockhoff Foundation
The Leg-Up Foundation
The Nappy Collective
The National Golf Club - Women's
The Ranch MP
The Ross Trust
The Yulgilbar Foundation
Theresa Polidori
Therese Taylor
Thomas Scurry
Tiina Price
Tim Collett
Tim Malone
Tina Whiteley
Tom Sullivan
Tony Robertson
Tony Taylor
Torello Farm
Tracee Hutchison
Tracey Maher
Tracy Delacruz
Tracy Wynde
Trevor Hunt
Trevor McDonald
Trish Barr
Troy Long
Trudi Anscombe
Trybooking
Tyson Richardson
Unica Cucina E Cafe
Val Bates
Vanessa Killen
Vanessa Smedley
Vic & Annie Lucas
Vicki Colegrave
Vicki Gorman
Vicki Scicluna
Victoria Davison
Village Glen Aged Capel Sound
Vin Cheers
Vincenza Aliotta
Vinnies Kitchen
Visy CDS
Vivienne Maughan
Volunteering Victoria Incorporated
Warwick Bisley
Warwick Watson
Wayne Cox
Wayne Jocic
Welma Norris
Wendy & Tony Dugan
Wendy Bellinger
Wendy Brink
Wendy Clarke
Wendy Dragojlo
Wendy Dunston
Wendy Tubb
Wendy Turner
Wild Adventures Melbourne
Wild Elements & Co.
William Angliss Charitable Fund
William Boyle
William Duffield
William Pearson
William Templer
Winsome Kirk
Woodleigh Senior School
YAWA Aquatic Centre

Yolanda Derham
Yolky Dokey Eggs
Your IT
YSAS - Bunjilwarra
Yvonne Waller
Zarb + Ru Cafe
Zbigniew Sebastian Nowakowski
Zoe Karkas
Zowie Evans Hairdressing

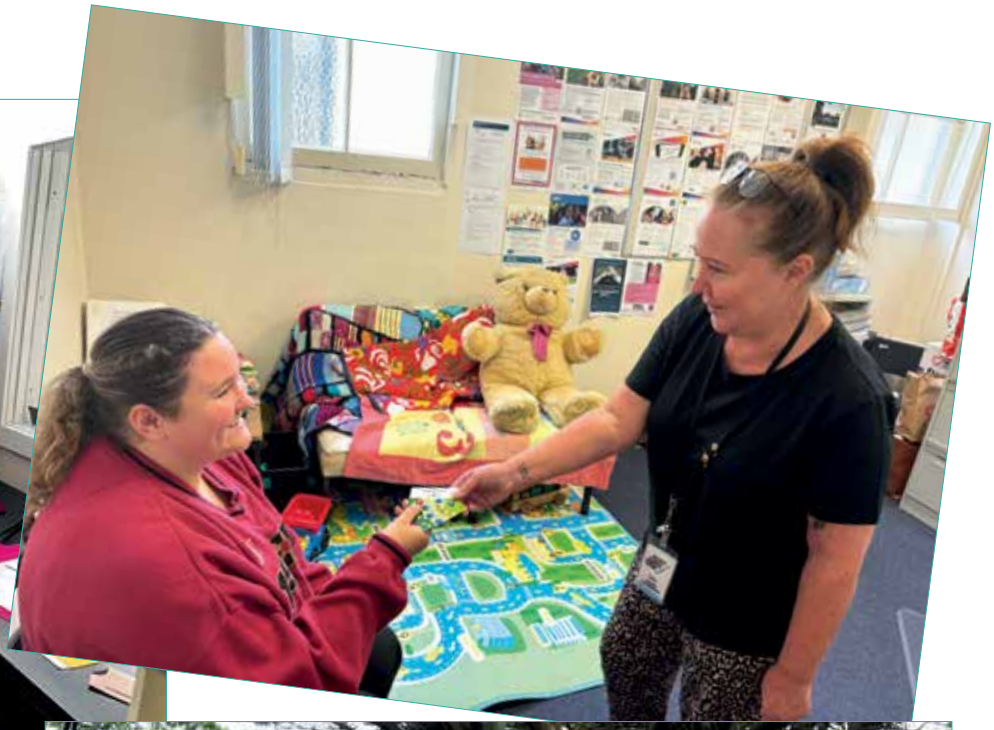











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Treasurer's Report Financial Year Ending 30th June 2026

The Association has recorded a net result for the 2026 financial year of $29,737.

While higher than the previous year there are ongoing changes in the mix of the revenues. The Centre's receipts from Government Funding continue to decline, fortunately, this has been offset by increases in support from our community. The Association continues to broaden its engagement with our community enabling growth in overall revenue flows.

The current year result is within the Board's expectation to ensure the Association remains financially sustainable and able to support the needs of our clients. The net surplus result as a percentage of total revenue was just 1.8% (FY 2025 1.2%) or 1.8 cents in the trading dollar. Our clients receive the benefit of the remaining 98.2 cents in each revenue dollar.

Planning the programs to support the needs faced by our clients requires the Association to have sufficient cash to cover the unevenness of our revenue receipts. While the cash holding at 30 June 2026 of just over $1.1M may seem significant it represents slightly less than 6 months cover for our client programs.

The Cost of Sales has increased by $103,068 (34%) over 2025. Demand for assistance continues to grow with Food Vouchers the standout, up $68,812 (63%). This growth was particularly evident in the final quarter of the year and appears sustained for the current financial year.

Operating expenses for FY26 have increased by $104,697 (9%) over 2025 with Staff Costs up 8%. The growing need for complex support for our clients has seen and will continue to see changes to the staffing mix.

Graeme Rocke
Treasurer



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT - Five Year Comparative

	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Trading Income					
Colocator Licence Fees	41,056	66,659	36,028	55,168	3,364
Donations Non-Government	1,166,412	827,877	707,953	669,327	441,414
Government Funding	425,687	525,182	520,820	404,505	564,007
Interest Income	33,523	25,800	20,692	8,864	1,474
Other Income	1,042	2,534	2,000	500	127
Total Income	1,667,720	1,448,052	1,287,493	1,138,364	1,010,386
Cost of sales					
Food	87,886	80,329	84,697	52,599	49,567
Food Vouchers	177,237	108,425	74,450	47,995	27,982
Housing	49,989	57,295	37,521	32,913	32,308
Other Client Support	92,348	58,343	67,169	55,425	45,593
Total Cost of Sales	407,460	304,392	263,837	188,932	155,450
Gross Surplus	**1,260,260**	**1,143,660**	**1,023,655**	**949,433**	**854,936**
Operating Expense					
Staff Cost	1,056,928	976,073	829,424	775,956	794,428
Premises	27,058	22,597	23,939	16,623	11,361
IT & Communications	7,926	10,398	9,961	8,355	4,695
Travel & Motor Vehicle	4,322	6,411	2,170	2,509	2,148
General & Admin Expense	131,020	108,149	90,915	59,370	38,246
Other Client Sevices	3,269	2,198	960	4,833	3,219
Total Expenditure	1,230,523	1,125,826	957,369	867,646	854,097
Net Result Surplus (Deficit)	**29,737**	**17,834**	**66,286**	**81,787**	**839**

This statement of historical data does not form part of the audited 2026 Financial Statements.

Financials

Board of Management Declaration

Southern Peninsula Community Support Inc.
For the year ended 30 June 2026

Principal Activities
To support local community members of the Southern Peninsula with emergency relief and crisis support, advice, referral to services, food and material aid.

Board of Management's Report
The Board of Management have determined that the organisation is not a reporting entity and that this Special Purpose Financial Report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the Financial Statements.

The Board of Management of the Southern Peninsula Community Support Inc declares that:

1. The Financial Statements and notes, as set out herein, present fairly the organisation's financial position as at 30 June 2026 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the Financial Statements;

2. In the Board of Management's opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the organisation will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

3. This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Management.

Significant Changes
No significant financial changes have occurred or been found during the audit.

Operating Result
The surplus for the financial year amounted to $29,737 as per the attached Financial Statements.

Going Concern
This financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis which contemplates continuity of normal business activities and the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of business. The ability of the association to continue to operate as a going concern is dependent upon the ability of the association to generate sufficient cashflows from operations to meet its liabilities. The members of the association believe that the going concern assumption is appropriate.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the Board of Management on 27 August 2026

Belinda Rodman - President

Graeme Rocke – Treasurer

Date 27/08/26

27 August 2026

Income and Expenditure Statement

Southern Peninsula Community Support Inc.
For the year ended 30 June 2026

	Notes	2026	2025
Income			
Colocator Licence Fees		41,056	66,659
Donations Non-Government		1,166,412	827,877
Government Funding		425,687	525,182
Interest Income		33,523	25,800
Other Income		1,042	2,534
Total		**1,667,720**	**1,448,052**
Cost of sales			
Food		87,886	80,329
Food Vouchers		177,237	108,425
Housing		49,989	57,295
Other Client Support		92,348	58,343
Total Cost of Sales		**407,460**	**304,392**
Gross Surplus		**1,260,260**	**1,143,660**
Expenditure			
Staff Costs		1,056,928	976,073
Premises		27,058	22,597
IT & Communications		7,926	10,398
Travel & Motor Vehicle		4,322	6,411
General & Admin Expense		131,020	108,149
Other Client Services		3,269	2,198
Total		**1,230,523**	**1,125,826**
Net Surplus (Deficit) Before Tax		**29,737**	**17,834**
Net Surplus (Deficit) After Tax	8	**29,737**	**17,834**

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Assets and Liabilities Statement

Southern Peninsula Community Support Inc.

As at 30 June 2026

	Notes	2026	2025
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash on Hand and at Bank	3	1,129,777	813,607
Trade Receivables	4	3,763	18,270
Other Receivables	4	121,376	60,289
Total Current Assets		**1,254,916**	**892,166**
Non Current Assets			
Long Service Leave - paid in advance		12,798	22,605
Fixed Assets	5	123,995	130,497
Total Non Current Assets		**136,793**	**153,102**
Total Assets		**1,391,709**	**1,045,268**
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	6	29,890	17,297
Funding in Advance		845,557	539,159
Employee Leave Provisions	7	190,896	179,307
Total Current Liabilities		**1,066,343**	**735,763**
Non-Current Liabilities			
Employee Leave Provisions	7	58,051	71,927
Total Non-Current Liabilities		**58,051**	**71,927**
Total Liabilities		**1,124,394**	**807,690**
Net Assets		**267,315**	**237,578**
Equity			
Retained Earnings	8	267,315	237,578
Total Equity		**267,315**	**237,578**

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of Cashflows

For the year ended 30 June 2026

	Notes	2026	2025
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Funding in Advance		1,953,812	1,438,869
Other Income		409	2,534
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(1,655,636)	(1,366,334)
Interest Received		33,523	25,800
Net Cash Inflow from Trading Activities		**326,539**	**95,358**
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Payments for Property Plant & Equipment		(10,369)	(3,170)
Net Cash Outflow from Investing Activities		**(10,369)**	**(3,170)**
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		0	0
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		**316,170**	**92,188**
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Year	**3**	**813,607**	**721,419**
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the Year	**3**	**1,129,777**	**813,607**

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Movements in Equity

Southern Peninsula Community Support Inc.
For the year ended 30 June 2026

	2026	2025
Equity		
Opening Balance	237,578	219,744
Increases		
Current Year Surplus (Deficit)	29,737	17,834
Total Equity	**267,315**	**237,578**

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

True and Fair Position

Southern Peninsula Community Support Inc.
For the year ended 30 June 2026

The Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the Financial Position and Performance of the Association.

We, Belinda Rodman and Graeme Rocke, being members of the Board of Management of Southern Peninsula Community Support Inc., certify that –

The Financial Statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the Financial Position and Performance of Southern Peninsula Community Support Inc. during and at the end of the financial year 30 June 2026.

Signed

B Rodman

Belinda Rodman – President
Date:
24/9/26

Graeme Rocke – Treasurer
Date:
24/9/2026

Notes to Financial Statements

Southern Peninsula Community Support Inc.
For the year ended 30 June 2026

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act Victoria. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets. Comparatives have been reclassified in line with the current year Financial Statements. This reclassification does not result from a change in accounting policy.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.
Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.
If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

Cash on Hand

Cash on hand includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from donors. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)
Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the Assets and Liabilities Statement.

Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)
Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.
The depreciable amount of all PPE is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

Impairment of Assets
At the end of each reporting period, the committee reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in the Income and Expenditure Statement.

Accounts Payable and Other Payables
Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

Employee Provisions
Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee provisions have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Provisions
Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result, and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

	2026	2025
2. Audit Services		
Audit Fees	**1,945**	**1,600**

The auditors did not receive any other fees or perform any other services other than audit fees.

3. Cash on Hand and at Bank		
Cash on Hand	227	227
General Account	176,736	116,443
Management Account	946,572	693,048
Statement Account	6,242	3,889
Total	**1,129,777**	**813,607**

4. Trade and Other Receivables		
Trade Receivables		
Accounts Receivables	3,763	18,270
Total Trade Receivables	**3,763**	**18,270**
Other Receivables		
Long Service Leave - paid in advance	41,939	21,919
Pre-paid Expenses	79,437	38,370
Total Other Receivables	**121,376**	**60,289**
Total Trade and Other Receivables	**125,139**	**78,559**

5. Fixed Assets		
Computer Equipment at Cost	22,289	22,289
Less Accummulated Depreciation	(17,261)	(14,747)
Total Computer Equipment at Cost	**5,028**	**7,542**
Office Equipment at Cost	30,928	30,566
Less Accummulated Depreciation	(23,951)	(22,636)
Total Office Equipment at Cost	**6,977**	**7,930**
Pantry Equipment at Cost	51,374	45,881
Less Accummulated Depreciation	(19,984)	(16,900)
Total Pantry at Cost	**31,390**	**28,981**
Plant & Equipment at Cost	111,870	107,357
Less Accummulated Depreciation	(31,270)	(21,313)
Total Plant & Equipment at Cost	**80,600**	**86,044**
Total Fixed Assets	**123,995**	**130,497**

	2026	2025
6. Trade and Other Payables		
Accounts Payable	29,890	10,893
Other Payables	-	6,404
Total Trade and Other Payables	**29,890**	**17,297**
7. Employee Leave Provisions		
Current Liability		
Annual Leave Provisions	81,985	60,556
Personal Leave Provisions	65,502	50,451
Portable Long Service Leave	4,242	3,396
Long Service Leave	39,167	64,904
Total Current Employee Leave Provisions	**190,896**	**179,307**
Non Current Liability		
Long Service Leave Provisions	24,852	38,728
Personal/Carers Leave Provision	33,199	33,199
Total Non-Current Employee Leave Provisions	**58,051**	**71,927**
Total Employee Leave Provisions	**248,947**	**251,234**
8. Equity		
Opening Balance	237,578	219,744
Current Year Surplus (Deficiency)	29,737	17,834
Total Equity	**267,315**	**237,578**

9. Lease of Premises - Short term arrangement

SPCS Inc. occupies premises provided by the Mornington Peninsula Shire under a year to year arrangement for a nominal rent of $721 ex GST per annum. The arrangement is cancellable annually by either party without penalty and therefore does not create an enforceable right to use the premises beyond 12 months.

In accordance with AASB 16 Leases, SPCS Inc. has elected to apply the short term lease exemption available to not-for-profit entities. As a result no right of use asset or lease liability has been recognized and lease payments are expensed as incurred.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of Southern Peninsula Community Support Inc.

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Southern Peninsula Community Support Inc. (SPCS Inc.), which comprises the statement of assets and liabilities as at 30 June 2026, the statement of income and expenditure, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and the board of management's declaration.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial report of Southern Peninsula Community Support Inc. is in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- giving a true and fair view of SPCS Inc.'s financial position as at 30 June 2026 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022*.

Basis for Opinion

I have conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of my report. I am independent of SPCS Inc. in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards) ("the Code")* that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

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Emphasis of matter: basis of accounting

I draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling SPCS Inc.'s financial reporting responsibilities under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Information other than the financial report and auditor's report thereon

Management is responsible for other information. The other information comprises the information included in SPCS Inc.'s annual report for the year ended 30 June 2026 but does not include the financial report and my auditor's report thereon.

My opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with my audit of the financial report, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Committee and Management and those charged with governance for the financial report

The Committee and Management of SPCS Inc. are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the needs of the members and interested parties and for such internal control as the committee and management determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, committee and management are responsible for assessing SPCS Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee and management either intends to liquidate SPCS Inc. or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing SPCS Inc.'s financial reporting process.

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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of my responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: *http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx*. This description forms part of my audit report.

Yours faithfully

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Date: 25/9/26

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