



annual report

2017



cittaslow goolwa



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President's Report

MARGARET GARDNER

This has been a momentous year for Cittaslow as so many significant events have occurred. The year began with a rush, with Cittaslow Corner opening. Local produce and artifacts were sourced to show case and a Grow Free Trolley was in place within two weeks of the year starting. More recently a book exchange has been added. The Mayor opened Cittaslow Corner in early February and the centre has been open five days per week by willing Volunteers welcoming locals and visitors. A new Lease has recently been negotiated with Council for the next two years.

The 10th birthday celebration in March was a triumph, with a birthday cake made of 400 cupcakes provided by Cittaslow members, with Patsy Greer being master of construction. Lyn and John Clark received the surprise of the day when presented with

Life memberships. The Damushi African drumming band brought the 600 crowd alive and Signal Point buzzed with enjoyment.

“At the Wharf” events have again been a wonderful way to bring the community together and Karen Ross has done a great job organising volunteers, Music, Wine and Food.

Smoke off on the 5th November was enjoyed by everyone, another great opportunity for the community to come together. Perfect weather helped but without good organisation and Volunteers the event wouldn't have been so enjoyable.

International Cittaslow Sunday on October 1 was a fun day on the Deck, with more people than we expected. The weather again was perfect and many participants

commented on how much they enjoy Cittaslow community events.

The Fruit Forest initiative has taken off this year with Council donating a small site on Neighbour Park and providing support. Those involved are now planning what to plant.

The Farmers Market is now a year old and is slowly growing in size. The community is recognizing how important it is to purchase locally produced food.

The Community Garden has continued to produce food for the Children's Centre each week and have on occasion been able to provide fresh vegetables for the Grow Free Trolley. Bendigo Bank has financially supported the garden which has been a great help.



Cittaslow Goolwa's Facebook page has had a boost this year with Leon Mead taking responsibility for wonderful photos of all our events. Ken Smith has also ensured Cittaslow has had publicity in Coastlines and The Times.

Nothing however, can compare with the enormous event in May, when Goolwa hosted the International Cittaslow Assembly. So many Cittaslow members were involved in making this week a success. Lyn and John Clark managed the bulk of the administration, with Lyn at her desk day and night for months taking care of International guest bookings, queries and distributing tasks and John managing the finances.

The weather was perfect for the entire week, the Food and Wine group organised the food, so many members played pivotal roles to ensure the Assembly was simply the best.

The Management committee has experienced change this

year. John and Lyn Clark, Jan Henderson, Karen and Kaarel Lume and Edward Booth resigned. Christine Putland, Julie Low, Tracy Parkes and Karen Ross were co-opted.

Management had four workshops during the year led by Anne Liddell assisted the group to develop management roles, an organisational chart and a four year strategic plan. Cittaslow Members will be given an opportunity to comment on the strategic plan after the AGM. All members of Management are now taking responsibility for particular aspects of Cittaslow and this has helped create a team who are working together in a collaborative way. A number of policies have been developed this year which will assist in the smooth running of the organisation.

In August four members of Cittaslow Goolwa had the experience of a life time flying to Cittaslow Fonglin in Taiwan to attend the Festival of Ghosts. The welcome the visitors

received was almost overwhelming and it is hoped this connection will continue.

The numbers of hours volunteers have worked on Cittaslow events over the year, are in the thousands. The Food and Wine Group, the Community Garden, Farmers Market, Fruit Forest, Education, Publicity group, Art Group, Cittaslow Corner have all contributed with enthusiasm, creativity, vibrancy and passion. Cittaslow Goolwa has joined with numerous other groups over the year in cooperative ventures and the community of Goolwa has joined more than ever before with Cittaslow in celebrating the organisations philosophy and values which resonate with the vibrancy of the town.

Thank you to all Cittaslow members who have supported the organisation this year.



International Assembly

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INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY
 activate. innovate. participate. thrive.

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KEN SMITH (article for The Times)

The 2017 Cittaslow International Assembly, held in Goolwa from 9 to 12 May was by all accounts a complete success. The Assembly, the first held in the southern hemisphere and the first ever in Australia, attracted over 100 Cittaslow delegates from across the globe. Countries represented included Italy, China, France, South Korea, Iceland, Finland and many more.

The International Assembly is an annual event that enables Cittaslow towns and cities from around the world to gather and report on progress of their individual projects that spread the Cittaslow philosophy. Education, Cittaslow markets, collaborative programs involving government agencies and co-operative projects that involve a number of Cittaslow towns across several countries working together were all highlighted.

Cittaslow is a movement that began in Italy in 1999 inspired by the philosophy of the Slow Food Movement. Cittaslow recognises the importance of traditions, food, art, language, music and the contributions of indigenous people to towns in the member networks.

Aside from the formalities of the Assembly, delegates took the opportunity to explore the attractions of Goolwa and surrounding parts of the Fleurieu, with many arriving early or staying in Goolwa for a time after the Assembly to explore in the marvellous autumn weather.

The Assembly commenced on Wednesday the 10th with the traditional Ngarrindjeri Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country, followed by the Official Welcome by Mayor Keith Parkes and Cittaslow International President Stefano Pisani.

That night, His Excellency, the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, attended the Mayoral Reception at Signal Point and added his welcome to delegates.

A traditional 'Aussie BBQ' kicked off proceedings for early arrivals prior to the formal Assembly commencement. This provided an informal, relaxed opportunity for delegates to mix with Goolwa locals.

In addition to the formalities, the Assembly program featured plenty of time for delegates to become acquainted with the features of Goolwa and other Fleurieu towns. Highlights included a trip on the Cockle Train with some delegates visiting Port Elliot, whilst others travelling on to Victor Harbor.

In Victor some delegates took the Horse Drawn Tram to Granite Island whilst others braved the sea tour on the Big Duck.



Andrew Barker, of the burgeoning local Grow Free project from Middleton, gave a presentation to the Assembly. Overseas chapters of Grow Free are now likely to be established. An Expo, featuring local producers artists and craftspeople showing their wares to the overseas visitors, was held on Thursday 11th. This was

followed by a sumptuous lunch featuring freshly cooked local fish and the famous Goolwa Cockles and provided by Bombora@ Goolwa Beach Cafe and Hector's on the Wharf, with wine by the Wharf Barrel Shed.

The formal Assembly proceedings took place on Friday morning. A

World Food lunch, involving dishes from around the world provided by local food providers followed. Then delegates had the choice of an environmental tour of Goolwa, a visit to the Community Garden and Urimbirra or a tour of the Langhorne Creek Wine Region.



Fonglin Invitation

MARGARET GARDNER

Cittaslow Goolwa received an unexpected and welcome invitation in May from Chang YuPei for up to four members to visit Fonglin, a small town on the eastern side of Taiwan. Fonglin is a small town of 11,000 and like many rural towns had been losing its young people to larger Taiwanese cities. Yu Pei a young woman who lived in Fonglin until the past few years is passionate about her home town, and it was due to her energy and drive that Fonglin became a Cittaslow in 2011.

Yu Pei came to Goolwa in May for the 2017 Cittaslow International Assembly and was hosted by Kate Crawford and John Ayres.

She applied for three grants, from the Hakka Affairs Council, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Eastern Taiwan Joint Services Centre Executive Yuan. All of these grants enabled Cittaslow Goolwa members to enjoy three amazing days of nonstop activity in this beautiful area of Taiwan. Cittaslow Goolwa President

Margaret Gardner, Secretary Christine Putland, and members Steve Grieve and Kate Crawford were able to enjoy the generous offer to visit Fonglin.

The Mayor of Fonglin Hsiao Wen Lung, Councillors of the town and other dignitaries met with the group on arrival and gifts were exchanged. The visitors experienced visits to cultural museums including a Japanese Saw Mill, a bike ride around the town, visit to a peanut plantation and shop, as well as air flights at 6am one morning in two seater planes over the area of Fonglin. The group also made rice cakes with red bean, experienced vegetable tie dyeing, and made bowls and spoons from leaves.

The food at the many restaurants in Fonglin was outstanding and the hospitality and kindness of the Taiwanese people was at times almost overwhelming. The Hakka village people of Lakai-jan (the Indigenous people of Taiwan) provided an unforgettable evening

meal under the stars and spoke of their philosophy of caring for the land and living in tune with nature.

For the past four years Fonglin has held the Festival of Ghosts to entice visitors to enjoy this special evening with the local community. The group of Australians joined in by wearing Australian animal masks in the parade. A concert by locals was enjoyed by all and local food and beer was consumed with gusto. A night not to be missed.

On the final morning Margaret Gardner spoke at a community meeting about ways Cittaslow had made a difference in Goolwa, and a lively discussion with translation going back and forth made the event most intriguing. Lunch with the senior members of the community who sang was a fitting way to complete a magical three days and the four Cittaslow Goolwa members have memories that will last a lifetime.





Cittaslow Corner

CHRISTINE PUTLAND

In 2017 Alexandrina Council made the premises at Lot 1 Cadell Street available for lease to Cittaslow Goolwa to use as its community access and administration base. On Jan 11th 2017 the doors to 'Cittaslow Corner' opened for the first time and have remained open continuously 5 days per week, staffed entirely by Cittaslow volunteer members.

Cittaslow Corner was officially opened on 10th February 2017 by Mayor Keith Parkes.

Since January Cittaslow Corner has been the site of a many, varied activities:

- Receiving casual visitors from around Alexandrina, Adelaide, South Australia and interstate
- Providing information (verbally and in the form of pamphlets, photographs and audio-visual

display) about the history of Cittaslow Goolwa and Cittaslow International, current initiatives and opportunities to become involved

- Hosting regular meetings of the Management Committee, Food & Wine Group and Volunteer Information sessions
- Administration tasks including managing stock, meetings of the Cittaslow Goolwa executive, strategic planning workshops, and storage of merchandise, event signs, chairs and tables
- Construction of the cart to host 'Grow Free' and stocking it with produce, as well as promoting its philosophy of sharing
- Supporting local producers and makers through sales of local and regional foods, produce and crafts
- Sales of locally commissioned Cittaslow Goolwa merchandise including T-shirts, caps, beanies,

carry bags, note pads, badges, T-shirts

- Supporting local artists by exhibiting works for sale on consignment from Artworx and Art@Goolwa
- Operating as a site for registration of delegates during the International Assembly held in May, as well as the base for storing and handing out delegate kits, coordinating the 9 regional tours on offer to delegates, depositing left luggage and providing general information about local services and facilities.

In a snapshot:

- There have been an estimated total of 1815 visitors to Cittaslow Corner between January and October 2017.
- From the start, Cittaslow members were excited about

the prospects of having a 'home base' with 27 members signing up to staff Cittaslow Corner; this number has since grown to 44 active volunteers on the roster.

- An estimated 1,000+ hours of volunteer time has been invested in keeping Cittaslow Corner open and accessible and interesting for the public.
- There are currently 15 producers/makers whose wares are featured and sold in Cittaslow Corner and a list of local artists who have benefited by having their works exhibited on rotating display and available for sale.

VOLUNTEERS' ROLES

The contribution of volunteers in running Cittaslow Goolwa is crucial and has been facilitated by periodic gatherings for information, consultation and generation of ideas to improve the services offered to the community. On 6th February the inaugural Volunteers Meeting was held to discuss ideas about the running of Cittaslow Corner, and to assign the positions of Volunteer Roster Coordinator and Stock Coordinator. Two subsequent meetings have since been held to involve members in practical decisions, development

of effective procedures and to introduce new producers such as Sacred Grove Organic Australian Native Plant Based Health products.

As the organisation has grown, so too have the administrative responsibilities associated with Cittaslow and the need to improve efficiency and effectiveness. A grant of \$2,750 was sought and received from Strengthening Communities for a dedicated computer, printer and fridge.

The procedures involved in running Cittaslow Corner have been streamlined incrementally over the past months. Role statements for key positions of Volunteer Coordinator and Stock Coordinator have been developed and a Business Plan drafted. The opening hours of Cittaslow Corner have been maintained in accordance with the council lease, however managing these through the colder months became a minor challenge. The town as a whole has fewer numbers of visitors at this time of year and many local people – including many of the regular volunteers – head north for warmth. As a result the volunteer shifts were adjusted to suit the

non-peak period, returning to peak time hours from October to April.

In short, having a central base has been a great advantage to Cittaslow Goolwa. As well as providing space for organising events and administration, its location is accessible and highly visible to passers-by which has helped to raise its public profile. In October Cittaslow Goolwa was invited by Alexandrina Council to submit a proposal for an extension of the lease of the premises beyond 2017. A proposal was prepared for a 24 month lease to 31st December 2019 and has been approved by Council on Monday 6th November. This allows Cittaslow to plan ahead and to build on the significant progress of 2017.





Community Garden

LYN MATEER

The community garden continues to supply The Children's Centre with weekly produce. This is still subsidised by Bendigo Bank.

The closing of Ballast Stone cellar door at Signal Point was a devastating blow to fundraising for the community garden as we lost our very prominent point of sale for our jams and chutney. These are now available at Cittaslow Corner but the turnover is much reduced. It has been suggested that these products could be available at the farmers market. Volunteers continue to attend fundraising

BBQ's at Stratco 4 - 5 times per annum. Takings average approx \$50 - \$70.

Two of our very valued volunteers had to withdraw from the garden earlier this year due to serious health issues. However we are hoping that sometime in the future they might be able to visit the garden for social events.

Volunteer numbers fluctuate during the year as the majority are retired people who travel and some have other volunteering interests and hobbies.

A few working bees were held during the year to help erect the new seed raising enclosure. This was necessary as the old one had been damaged beyond repair.

All garden beds available to the community have been leased out during the year. Leases are due for renewal in December and there are likely to be some available. These will be offered to people who have indicated that they would like to lease one.



Food & Wine

KEN SMITH

Although the group meets regularly, without fail, there are no formal positions – no regular Chair or convenor or minute taker, these roles being taken by those who volunteer and thus provide the opportunity for group members to experience these roles. The closest aspect to a formal structure is our venerable sender of emails Karen Ross who is responsible for ensuring that group members receive minutes, agendas and items of importance to the group.

The informality of process can obscure the fact that meetings are inevitably very productive with significant progress achieved. This is often as a result of vigorous debate involving, at times, quite varying views. Invariably, consensus appears, sometimes as if by magic! (by the way, aside from anything else, the meetings are also a lot of fun!)

2017 has been an exciting time for Cittaslow Goolwa. This year

in May saw, for the first time, the Cittaslow International Assembly held in the southern hemisphere, right here in Goolwa. March saw the tenth anniversary of the creation of Cittaslow Goolwa and October the anniversary of the Cittaslow Goolwa Farmers Market. Just a few days ago the Smoke Off Festival was the most successful yet!

The Food and Wine Group is the basis for the annual Smoke Off Festival, the At The Wharf events that occur on a monthly basis from November to March on Friday evenings, How To ... events that explore various topics (including this year making passata, snail trail felting, social media and recycling with visiting a local alpaca property and others planned). In addition, the Group arranges Seasonal Dinners. These involve local cafes and restaurants which is in keeping with the Cittaslow practice of experiencing and supporting local businesses and local products.

This year, the environment and the arts have emerged as focuses within the group, leading to separate bodies within Cittaslow Goolwa being established to cater for those interests more specifically.

Food and Wine events have again enjoyed not only increased attendances but increased numbers of Cittaslow Goolwa members being actively involved.

The Food and Wine Group is a vibrant, exciting group of people with a commitment to maximising involvement and focussing on doing everything possible to make Goolwa the best place to live in or to just visit. There is a lot of plain hard work involved in these activities, yet notwithstanding this, members of the Food and Wine Group keep coming back for more and the group continues to go from success to success.





At The Wharf

KAREN ROSS

Our At the Wharf event at the end of January was our biggest and best ever. It was enjoyed by around 400 people. The food vendors, Southy (Wood-fired pizzas), Arkie (Gourmet German-style sausages) and Nick (Castaways Burgers) were pleased with sales. We sold wine from Langhorne Creek and Shaw Family Vintners, with a profit of around \$1000 made.

On Sunday March 12 Fringe Weekend coincided with the 10th birthday of Cittaslow Goolwa and a magical celebration was enjoyed despite the fact that rain bucketed down for most of the afternoon. "Damushi African ensemble" played to a huge crowd inside Signal Point Gallery, Patsy organised five million cupcakes for the happy birthday celebration and

life-membership certificates were presented to John and Lyn Clark in recognition of their services. Everyone danced, drank lots of beer and wine, and generally had a great time.

Our events continue to popular with locals and visitors and generally net around \$500 each time, which suggests they are successful from both a community and financial



perspective. The time and effort spent by our highly treasured volunteers is a key ingredient to the success of these events.

Dependency on the weather, is a considerable inhibitor. Cold, windy and/or wet weather is a constant threat and difficult to predict. It results in poor attendance, low profits, disgruntled food vendors and disappointed volunteers.

<http://travelinsider.qantas.com.au/australia/south-australia/a-weekend-in-goolwa-sa>

...and a soon to be published article in the Qantas In-Flight Magazine.

An event we can be proud I think.

Smoke Off

KEN SMITH

Sunday 5th November was a very special day at Goolwa with the annual Smoke Off Festival being held at the RSL lawns. There were many highlights in what was a spectacularly successful event but a major attraction was the 9th annual Goolwa Smoke-Off, now incorporated within the festival. Ten teams of aspiring chefs worked long and hard at smoking a ham or beef or chicken and, of course, there was a lot of tempting fish! From the opening at 11.00 am until late in the day hundreds of people, mainly locals but plenty from the Adelaide suburbs and further afield, enjoyed all the fun at the Smoke Off Festival.

Cittaslow Goolwa, the organisers of the event, are committed to a relaxed, laid-back lifestyle that works at making Goolwa the best that it can be for residents, for local businesses and for visitors – is there a better way than enjoying a highly entertaining event like the Smoke Off!

To top it off, the weather could not have been better. The forecast

high winds and late showers never eventuated. Bright sunshine, a warm twenty degrees and just a slight cool breeze in the morning made for a very comfortable day.

While the food was smoking away, those present sampled the marvellous wines from Langhorne Creek. Karrawatta, Bleasdale, Kimbolton, Next Crop, Temple Bruer, Gipsie Jack were all there plus the increasingly popular Meechi Craft Beer. Food? Of course – Cittaslow sold out of their smoked ham sliders, the famous Bombora pipi bike attracted a large crowd (and sold out), while Berry Good ice cream, the Hungry Caterpillarbakery, Seaveweartisan sheep dairy cheese, Matchett products, the CFS Sausage Sizzle and many more were very popular. In amongst it all Suzi and the Jetz provided their great party music which even provoked a smattering of dancing late into the afternoon.

Food judges on the day were local food identities Juliet Michell and Michael Duchow with Tony Love, national food and wine writer for

News Limited. The trio judged the best smoked ham and best food in the open category themed and had their work cut out to arrive at the winners given the quality of the work from those competing.

Eventually the winners were announced: The Best Ham award went to the Under The Sea team and the Best Open Class entry was the Ngarrindjeri team in their first time in the competition. As well, all team sites were eligible for the award for most creatively decorated site. This award was judged by local artists Sharon Pankhurst and Mon Bowring and it was won by the Toy Story Team.

The event was generously supported by the Alexandrina Council, Stratco Goolwa, Shaw Family Vintners, Langhorne Creek Grape and Wine Inc. and several Goolwa eateries.

The Smoke Off Festival will benefit the Currency Creek CFS, the Goolwa RSL and Cittaslow Goolwa and promises to be back bigger and even better in 2018.



Farmers Market

JANE WILLIAMS

The Cittaslow Farmers Market had its first birthday in October and we celebrated with cake and words of encouragement from President Margaret.

This first year has had its highs

and lows with some of the worst weather ever.

Stallholders have been increasing and we average up to 15 per Market. We have a small but loyal customer base which is increasing

and membership of 50. Our meat producers have left us and we are working towards finding another. All stallholders have worked very hard and this will continue into the future as we work towards making our little market bigger and better.



Fruit Forest

MARTY ALSFORD

The situation regarding the development of the Forest remains that Alexandrina Council has approved the site for the Forest and provided funds to be used for the purchase of a solenoid for irrigation of the Forest. The Group has informally agreed on the trees to be planted and the stages of the planting but has not provided

Council with these plans as yet.

Carol Cooney, the Council member seconded to the Group, has been of great assistance and will help in the drafting of a grant application to Council for the purchase of trees for stage 1 of the Forest.

The Group is next schedule to meet on 16 November 2017.



Environment

MARGARET GARDNER

Cittaslow has joined KESAB!

A small group of Cittaslow members headed by Olaf Hansen have taken responsibility for adopting approximately one and half Kilometres on both sides of Randall Rd and an area of the bike track on Hindmarsh Island.

This little group recently collected 15 bags of rubbish which was then taken to the Transfer Centre in Goolwa.

Olaf Hansen, Karen Ross, Julie Obst, Vanessa Button, Tony Trimboli and Bob Jones as driver participated in the exercise.





Education

VANESSA MULHALL / MARGARET GARDNER

Goolwa Primary School and Cittaslow Goolwa has had increasing involvement over this year. Cittaslow Volunteers, teachers and students have established vegetable Gardens in the front area of the school which are beginning to be very productive.

In term one Cittaslow began making 120 paper lanterns with school children which made up the "Paper Snail Lantern Trail" which the school children carried during the final Dinner of the International Assembly at the Fleurieu Function Centre in May. Teachers, parents and many children paraded by the river in front of the 130 international and Australian guests who watched from the balcony. A full moon shone and the Wooden Vintage boats sailed past with fairy lights on their masts. The children walked up in to the Function Centre and presented each International guest with a lantern. It was a spectacular and memorable event and one enjoyed by our guests.

At the 2015 international assembly held in Italy Margaret Gardner met Yu Pei Chang from Cittaslow Fonglin Taiwan. Their continuing relationship resulted in Yu Pei coming to Goolwa in May to the Cittaslow International Assembly. Yu Pei visited the Goolwa Primary School and spent time with the children talking with them about her town and introduced them to the children of the Fonglin School. Since that time Goolwa Primary has Skyped the Fonglin school and established a relationship between the children of each school.

Cittaslow Goolwa has been asked by the school together with the Bendigo Bank and Create and Connect from the Goolwa Community Centre to make 200 paper lanterns during their Twilight Fair to be held at the end of November. The lanterns will be paraded around the school oval at the close of the evening. This is yet another way Cittaslow has been able to collaborate and support the school with other groups in the town.

On December 5th the year 7 Graduation will be held and Cittaslow Goolwa will be presenting the Environmental Award to the winning student. Cittaslow has offered to provide the \$100.00 award each year.

Since the International Assembly Investigator College contacted Cittaslow Goolwa and requested a meeting to enquire how they could be involved with Cittaslow. Past President Lyn Clark, John Clark and Vanessa Mulhall had a positive informative meeting with Mark Tenney and year 5 students. The one major issue which many of the students and teachers raised was the previously unsuccessful request to Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure for pedestrian crossing lights for students on the main road. Cittaslow Goolwa has sent letters of support for the crossing to the Minister of Road Safety Chris Picton MP, Mayor Keith Parkes, and Adrian Pederick MP Hammond for funding this safety issue.



Publicity

KEN SMITH

A major addition to the ever increasing strengths of Cittaslow Goolwa, was the recognition of the abilities of member and Goolwa resident Leon Mead, our photographer. Leon is an absolute treasure who contributes so much to the increasing imagery of Cittaslow Goolwa in the local press, on the Cittaslow website and in the developing social media world of Facebook. Leon's collection of photographs of the International Assembly (displayed on our website) successfully captured not only the formalities, but the way that our international visitors became such a part of the local community.

2017 has seen an increased emphasis on publicity in an organised way. Contacts have been made with all local media

outlets and increased support has been forthcoming. The Times, Coastlines are the major press publications, although Events Alexandrina and the Goolwa Lions Community Newsletter also have a role to play. June Taylor, a greatly experienced media person who currently has a role with The Times, Happy FM and Fleurieu FM, has been a great support and is an enthusiastic fan of Cittaslow Goolwa. In addition, Goolwa's own Alex-FM, Radio 5MU, Hills Radio Mt Barker, Power FM, The Rotary red clock sign and the aforementioned Happy FM and Fleurieu FM regularly publicise Cittaslow Goolwa events in various ways.

We shouldn't forget the role that is played by various volunteers who put up and then remove at

the appropriate time, the large coloured corflutes that publicise events.

The Corner has clearly been a significant factor in spreading the word about Cittaslow and what it stands for. There is a lot more that needs to be done to achieve this but the increase in membership and active involvement by those members on 2017 has been significant and bodes well for the future.



Financials

JULIE LOW

This report will be from August 2017, when the role of Treasurer was handed over to me, and Tracy Parkes as assistant Treasurer. Although 2016 / 2017 financial statement prepared by previous Treasurer, will be included.

Xero, an Accounting software programme, has been set up and is being used to:

- reconcile bank Accounts, (statement information is received direct from bank)
- record financial transactions
- prepare financial reports that track each interest group and Cittaslow as a whole profit & loss statements
- keep track of Cittaslow Corner produce sales, quantity and value of products on hand
- list of members details and their activities; and financial transactions

BANK ACCOUNTS

Management has decided that all bank accounts be consolidated into the one Bendigo Bank General Account.

Not all groups who currently have separate bank accounts are comfortable with this decision, so a compromise has been reached to work together with the Treasurer until a full understanding of a new procedure is put in place, using the software programme.

The Food and Wine Group have agreed therefore will be closing the BankSA account after the Smoke Off, transferring all funds to the Cittaslow General Account (Bendigo Bank) The information received from the Farmers Market and Community Garden are still in the process of being entered manually, as the information becomes available until we as management team decide on possible new procedures that both these groups are comfortable with.

Therefore, I will send the financial report from Xero, however please keep in mind that it is not as yet complete, but it will give an indication on how it keeps track of the finances.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Train key people to use Xero, so that they can:

- View what is going on financially with each group and retrieve other information that may be required
- View Corner product (inventory) transactions, info and reports,
- Member's details etc.
- Create invoices when required (Garden & Market)
- Have procedures in place for each group, to enable the consolidation of accounts etc to flow through smoothly and consistently.

As at October 31st 2017,

Bank Accounts total	\$15,722.06	(includes Garden, Market & F&W Accounts)
Term Deposits total	\$12,844.13	
Cittaslow Corner		
Stock on hand value	\$1,388.36	(does not include consignment stock)
Sales	\$ 228.80	

Profit & Loss

Cittaslow Goolwa 1 July 2017 to 31 October 2017

31 Oct 17

Income

ATW Sales	3,442
Community Garden	264
Consignment Stock	(23)
Garden Income - Jams, chutneys	144
Garden Income - Kindy	375
Interest Income	149
Membership	1,335
Other Revenue	14
Products	1,140
Seasonal Dinners	245
Smoke Off	1,532
Total Income	8,617

Less Cost of Sales

Cost of Goods Sold (Corner)	303
Cost of sales (ATW)	1,588
Cost of sales (Garden)	10
Total Cost of Sales	1,902

Gross Profit

6,715

Less Operating Expenses

At the Wharf

Advertising - ATW	36
ATW General Expenses	26
Licenses - ATW	165
Music - Band Hire - ATW	850
Total At the Wharf	1,077

Cittaslow Garden

Neutrog Fertiliser	471
Water charges - Cittaslow Garden	1,822
Total Cittaslow Garden	2,293

Farmers Market

License - Farmers Market	910
Total Farmers Market	910

General

Bank Fees	7
Cleaning	110
Consulting & Accounting	88
Council rates	97
General Expenses	727
Insurance	1,099
Interest Expense	(7)

Profit & Loss

	31 Oct 17
Office Expenses	105
Postage	66
Printing & Stationery	31
Total General	2,322
Smoke Off	
Advertising - Smoke Off	300
Equipment Hire - smoke off	971
Smoke Off Expenses	60
Total Smoke Off	1,331
Total Operating Expenses	7,933
Net Profit	(1,218)

MONTHLY SUMMARY OF CITTASLOW ACCOUNTS July 2016 - June 2017
 Goolwa and District Community Bank (Bendigo Bank)

INCOME

	Membership Food and Wine/ Functions	2017 Assembly	Grants, Sponsorship	Merchandise Corner	Cittaslow Corner	Fundraising	Interest	Farmers' Market	Totals
July	\$ 225.00	\$ 5,000.00					\$ 2.32		\$ 5,227.32
August	\$ 150.00	\$ 805.00					\$ 5.52		\$ 960.52
September	\$ 185.00	\$ 460.00					\$ 5.84		\$ 650.84
October	\$ 80.00	\$ 75.00		\$ 88.00			\$ 5.59	\$ 240.00	\$ 558.59
November	\$ 311.00			\$ 48.00			\$ 4.64		\$ 363.64
December	\$ 175.00	\$ 1,690.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 44.00			\$ 3.52	\$ 0.16	\$ 1,987.68
January	\$ 765.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 146.00	\$ 96.50		\$ 3.97		\$ 4,511.47
February	\$ 580.00	\$ 1,455.34			\$ 474.40		\$ 5.13	\$ 4.57	\$ 2,519.44
March	\$ 150.00	\$ 17,684.52			\$ 368.50	\$ 277.70	\$ 4.92		\$ 18,485.64
April	\$ 270.00	\$ 14,672.28		\$ 20.00	\$ 785.80		\$ 7.88		\$ 15,755.96
May	\$ 135.00	\$ 10,897.00		\$ 55.00	\$ 422.30		\$ 14.67	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 13,523.97
June	\$ 3,026.00	\$ 1,335.00	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 172.55		\$ 15.11	\$ 871.92	\$ 5,328.33
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 69,873.40	\$ 4,325.00	\$ 411.00	\$ 2,320.05	\$ 277.70	\$ 79.11	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 69,873.40

EXPENDITURE

	Admin/Web, Food & Wine/ Insurance	2017 Assembly	Merchandise Gopher GP	Cittaslow Corner	Cittaslow Awards	Fundraising	Sundry	Bank Charges	Totals
July									\$ -
August									\$ -
September	\$ 779.73								\$ 779.73
October	\$ 935.00	\$ 1,365.00							\$ 2,300.00
November			\$ 188.00						\$ 188.00
December	\$166.49		\$ 264.00						\$ 813.24
January				\$ 382.75					\$ 998.43
February	\$ 1,640.00		\$ 44.00	\$ 757.70				\$ 2.40	\$ 2,444.10
March	\$ 124.00	\$ 1,355.38		\$ 475.08				\$ 4.85	\$ 1,959.31
April	\$ 1,824.52	\$ 2,857.58	\$ 48.00	\$ 133.70			\$ 871.92	\$ 4.50	\$ 5,740.22
May		\$ 42,348.52		\$ 1,527.65					\$ 43,876.17
June	\$ 5,469.74	\$ 1,365.00	\$ 544.00	\$ 100.20	\$ 98.00			\$ 18.50	\$ 7,969.98
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:		\$ 67,069.18	\$ -	\$ 4,375.51	\$ 98.00	\$ -	\$ 871.92	\$ 30.25	\$ 67,069.18

RECONCILIATION	
Balance at 30/6/16	\$ 3,309.43
Income for Year	\$ 69,873.40
Expenses for Year	\$ 73,182.83
Total	\$ 67,069.18
Bank statement	\$ 6,113.65
Our total	\$ 6,113.65
Difference	\$ (131.40)
Uncashed cheques	
Sacred Grove	\$ 91.20
Julie Low	\$ 40.20
Total	\$ 131.40

Goolwa and District Community Bank	
Opening deposit	\$ 6,882.81
Interest 15/5/16	\$ 186.11
Total at end of Fixed Term	\$ 7,068.92
Balance redeposited	\$ 7,068.92

Goolwa and District Community Bank	
Opening deposit	\$ 5,167.50
Interest 21/8/16	\$ 139.66
Total at end of Fixed Term	\$ 5,307.16
Balance redeposited	\$ 5,307.16



