

TO THE NEIGHBOURS OF THE SEACLIFF RECREATION CENTRE

News from the Centre – January 2018

Seacliff Recreation Centre has continued to provide programs that encourage active participation and its popularity is evident with new members enrolling during 2017 bringing our total membership to 1500.

Our sports consist of Calisthenics, Gymnastics (girls, boys and Aerobic), Judo, KinderGym and Ju-Jitsu. All groups have qualified coaches, with training programs in progress every week-day and week-night plus weekends for 47 weeks of the year.

Groups within the Centre compete locally and interstate in their respective sports with the trophies and medals proof that we run very professional and successful programs. To ensure we have something to suit everyone we also provide programs that concentrate on having fun and keeping fit and recognise that competing is not essential to enjoy a sport.

Our leaders and coaches regularly update their qualifications in their respective sports and are First Aid and Asthma trained. They are also required to have a Police Clearance Check (required for anyone with regular contact with children) for the safety of our young athletes.

We realise that parking is at a premium during weekdays and this has been eased slightly with the Seacliff Uniting Church permitting our KinderGym Section to use the church car park and we appreciate their co-operation and support. Thank you to those neighbours who avoid using our Centre carpark during the daytime so we can maximise our carpark usage. Please note car parking is at your own risk and the Centre is not responsible for any damage caused.

The Board of Management has again confirmed its decision that it will not permit any parties or similar activities to be held at the Centre that may cause any disturbance to our neighbours.

We have been successful this year with numerous awards. In November 2017 Life Members Marilyn Rayner & Hazel Statham received a Premier's Certificate of outstanding volunteer service for their continued support of the Centre.

The centre has been busy over the December 2017 / January 2018 period and for your information we have re-surfaced and polished our timber floors, undertaken our annual "Centre and Equipment Cleaning Program" and have undertaken maintenance painting

where required. You may have noticed that our foyer front doors have had an upgrade with automatic doors installed making our centre inclusive and now meeting current Building Codes.

We have also installed new toilet cisterns, motion sensor lights, sensor taps and fans in our rest rooms. Our centre is always working towards our pledge to investigate ways to reduce our 'ecological footprint'.

Our Yacca Road garden has received an upgrade thanks to our successful City of Holdfast Bay Greening Our Community grant application to make a local indigenous garden. We have removed introduced plants as well as plants identified as weeds and replaced them with plants that suit local conditions. This has reduced seeds from plant species that pose a threat to the health and value of our natural environment and created a habitat and food shelter for local fauna such as birds, butterflies and small lizards.

You may have seen us in the local Messenger newspaper in 2017. We received \$2000 from a successful City of Holdfast Bay Arts and Cultural Donations grant application. The 'Active Creations' project was designed to revitalise and celebrate the active sports that take place in our Centre. A local artist who goes by the name of **zedr-one** completed the mural in the Hocking Hall in July 2017.

Finally thank you to our neighbours who voted for our centre in the South Australian 'Fund My Neighbourhood' Program for our project 'No More Leaks'. We organised letterbox drops, signs in our gardens, social media advertising as well as advertising amongst all our members. The community voted and we received the second highest votes in the western suburbs which will ensure the project will receive the funding needed for a new roof on one of our halls. The project is in planning stages at the moment, hopefully we will have the project completed this year.

You are welcome to call in anytime to view our facilities or discuss any matter of concern by contacting the Centre on 8296 4995, via email secretary@seacliffrec.org.au or visit our website at www.seacliffrec.org.au. You can always be kept up to date on the happenings in our Centre by following our posts on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Pinterest or Google Plus.

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