

## **TO THE NEIGHBOURS OF THE SEACLIFF RECREATION CENTRE**

**News from the Centre – January 2021**

Seacliff Recreation Centre is a vibrant facility offering various programs being Calisthenics, Girls Gym, Boys Gym, Aerobic, Judo, KinderGym and Ju-Jitsu. The Centre is used throughout the year and only closes for a couple of weeks over the Christmas holidays. Around 1500 members attend their sport at the Centre on a regular basis every weekday and weeknight as well as weekends.

While most groups compete successfully on a local and interstate level, we also ensure that we have programs that are for fun and keeping fit. Make sure you check out what we are offering at our Centre, you might find an activity you want to try right here in your neighbourhood. You can find all the information you need on our website.

Our coaches and leaders are up to date with their qualifications in their respective sports as well as in their First Aid and Asthma training. All coaches are required to have a Working with Children Clearance to ensure the safety of our young athletes.

2020 has certainly been a year that has tested our resilience and changed the way we live and work. As the Covid-19 pandemic unfolded in March 2020 we were forced to adapt incredibly quickly to the situation as we worked our way through all the restrictions at each Government announcement. Our priority throughout the pandemic has always been the safety of our staff, volunteers, members and their families as well as their physical and mental wellbeing.

Our hearts were broken when following a Federal Government announcement on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 the Seacliff Recreation Centre doors had to close until further notice. The uncertainty was deeply concerning but we managed to undertake maintenance work normally reserved for the end of year holidays and we also started preparations for reopening. We organised hand sanitiser stations to keep everyone entering the Centre as safe as we could. Each group found different ways to communicate with their members e.g. closed Facebook groups, Zoom training sessions, Zoom catch ups.

In June 2020 we were able to reopen. With COVID Safe Plans completed and groups following their own Peak Bodies advice and guidelines, our sports groups returned and picked up where they left off. More recently we were forced again to close following a Government announcement on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020 for 2 weeks. This closure thankfully only lasted until Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 when we were able to reopen. Most groups returned for the remainder of the term.

You are probably well aware that parking can be an issue at times and we appreciate the help of the Seacliff Uniting Church by letting participants of the KinderGym program park in their car park to ease congestion. Thank you to our neighbours who avoid parking in our car park during the times when the Centre is in use so we can maximise our car park usage. Please be aware that parking is at your own risk and the Centre will not take any responsibility for damage occurred whilst parking on the premises.

Please be assured that we are not hiring the hall out for any parties or other events that might cause any disturbance to our neighbours.

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](mailto:secretary@seacliffrec.org.au) or visit our website at [www.seacliffrec.org.au](http://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 or Pinterest.

Stay Safe,

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