

## **Events Annual Report – December, 2022.**

We were so excited at the beginning of the year to be calling for tenders and had envisaged a building site for this AGM. However another year almost gone, and I guess calling for tenders for the second time is still progress. Covid again caused problems with organising events, but by September communities were able to open up and things started to happen again! Raise the Roof came together and the Centre was alive with music, magic, market stalls, entertainment with a relaxed community enjoying the day. Thanks to all who helped to make this day such a success.

Over the year Events have supported Friends in various attempts to ensure the heritage status of OBH is recognised- Blue Plaques, Jubilee Tree Planting, request to ABC Historic Houses, SE Arts Cultural Tourism, Sapphire Tourism Art in August, Gordon's Memory Cubes. Events have ensured our QR Code is used on all promotional material enabling easy access to information about events and the precinct.

There is a State election in March 23 and Eden Monaro is a swinging seat. So Events attention will be on that election and any polite publicity we can create to remind all levels of government the community has waited long enough for this restoration. We will be in Carp Street selling our \$2.00 raffle and merchandise, giving out our free bookmarks and perhaps our Memorial Paver Path information, as well as providing the community with latest updates on what is happening "out there."

Thank you to Kristy McBain and Jo Riley Fitzner for our printing and support over the last 12 months. Events welcomed Dr. Michael Holland as our new State member by explaining to him how important his printer is to us. So far we have not bombarded him with printing demands.

Thank you to all who have responded, in so many ways e.g. volunteer hours, donations, advice, publicity, performances, to Events requests for help. We could not operate without this help.

Events wish everyone every happiness for the festive season and for us the best Christmas present will be a restored OBH.

Following is a brief outline of most of Events activities and thought bubbles over the year.

### **2021:**

#### **November:**

Selling Business House \$2.00 raffle and OBH merchandise in Carp St.

#### **December:**

Attend Bega Chamber's late night shopping evening for last sales and drawing of raffle.

Break for Christmas.

### **2022**

#### **January:**

Vegemite Cooking Competition- combined with Bega CWA's Land Cooking Competition- Jan 22..

Entry numbers small, but Bega Cheese representative did arrive and take pictures of set up.

Decision made to simplify rules a bit, which was done for second Vegemite Cooking Competition held, as normal, with Raise the Roof. Disappointing numbers again, despite appeals to Friends, tenants, CWA to assist in promoting, as well as usual promotional material. Why isn't idea appealing? No entry fee, and very good prizes. Suggestions.

Discussion of format/basic theme of opening week/weekend when building restored- expected to be complete by August 2023 – (no longer applicable- still marking time with tenders). Time to fit in

with Art in August month. Theme around gathering (see 7. Events Report- meeting held Jan.31, 2022.)

Restoration Australia TV Show. Kay tried to interest ABC – ‘only do houses.’

Gordon retired as compiler of our Seasonal Newsletter.

### **February:**

Attendance at 2022 Bega Show: Events prepared bookmarks promoting this show + all things OBH RCCC. Manned a table in pavilion (Fri/Sat) to display restoration plans and sell raffle tickets in new Friends Mitre 10 Autumn \$2.00 raffle (\$1000.00 Mitre 10 Vouchers- \$500.00 donated by Mitre 10.) Events assisted show committee with yarn bombing efforts Feb. 17.

Selling raffle and merchandise outside Sportspower. Events asks if card payments can be looked into. Val and Kay sharing the selling.

John Watkin happy to MC Trivia night.

Events informs Iain Dawson Friends want to be involved in Art in August Month. Trivia night placed on schedule for inclusion.

Gordon creates Memory Blocks.

Friends agree to add FAQ's section to webpage.

Land Managers to organise official opening; Friends the community opening- need to encourage community to look on OBH RCCC as a destination- either as a starting or finishing point for any particular activity. **Need strategy for Engagement with other Groups and Organisations.**

Paving Project gets a run.

**Events suggest Friends prepare a generalised outline to form the core of any submission for sponsorship or partnership agreements:** adaption of information used in 2021 Bendigo Bank submission.

Events agreed community opening would have a Welcome to Country.

### **March:**

Events approach Tulgeen's new printing business- Inprint. Provide contact- no response.

Building Blocks of Memories launched. On website. Folded examples at raffle table; some hard copies to give out.

Preparations for Trivia – McBain's office will print questions.

Tenants notified of closing date for Newsletter copy.

Early organisation for Paver Project (see 5, Events Report, March 28, 22)

Friends take on responsibility for gear needed in Community kitchen.

Friends invited to submit EOI in Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee Tree Planting. Friends complied.

Date set for Raise the Roof. - great day for Jubilee planting – if successful.

Signage- Events requested Land Managers review existing signage and consider new signage, both physical and digital, to reflect the heritage and importance of the precinct as a RCCC.

Events propose a clean up of kitchen area in NQ's and cottage.

### **April:**

Raffle to be drawn week after June Long weekend.

Missed out on Blue Plaque- continuous program so will enter until accepted.

New set of heritage cubes on website- fits in with National Trust theme for 2022- storytelling.

Progressing preparation for Trivia and Silent Cake Auction. Raise the Roof- holding pattern format because of rebuild possibilities.

Guidelines for newsletter prepared: - interest expressed from Linda Jane Rehwinkle.

Gordon attends Cultural Tourism Workshop

June 27 set down as meeting date for Paver Project Planning.

Missed out on grant for Jubilee Planting. Events keen to establish management plan for landscaping.- 5 year plan? Albury Council.

Events Wish List discussed: flagpoles, QR Codes for tenants, historical type cookbook, possibility of forming OBH History Group, OBH wreath to be purchased each year for ANZAC day ceremony.

### **May:**

Expression of Interest Form for inclusion of Trivia and Open Information Day in Art in August promotion.

Val attends 2 workshops on Engaging and Sustaining Volunteers. Everyone Talked the talk- to the initiated. Outcomes?

South Coast Film- Hiromi – contact with Richard about filming restoration. Any developments since? Need to follow up.

Email to Linda thanking her for interest in newsletter. -invited to attend Friends meeting. No response to numerous emails. Friends revert back to Friends newsletter format, with Richard as editor.

### **June:**

Paver Plans – see Report, June 27, 2022.

Trivia Night -ready to swing into publicity. Finalise preparations.

Tenants notified of newsletter cut off date for copy.

Bowing out of Art in August for logistical reasons.

Open Day -Merimbula. Combining with Weavers.

### **July:**

Trivia postponed.

Most plans ongoing. Bookmark, pavers, merchandise, Raise the Roof, newsletter.

### **August:**

Preparations for Raise the Roof : see Events Report 29/08/22

### **September:**

Raise the Roof final countdown. Events Report 26/09/22

**October:** Meeting not held as day after Raise the Roof – however:-

Comments on possible improvements to and suggestions for Raise the Roof planning in future years.

Purpose of Raise the Roof? Fundraiser or Community Get Together- or combination.

### **November:**

Discussed future of Raise the Roof- request for Friend to consider purpose of Fair with future changes to precinct

Organised \$2.00 Friends Easter 23 raffle.

Request Friends consider how a new Sponsorship from Bendigo Bank can best work for OBH-and Bendigo Bank.

Bookmark- needs to be in a generalised form so don't need to keep changing. Events request Friends suggest the information of most importance for a new bookmark. Pavers?

Memorial Paver Path should be a priority because it will raise ongoing funds.

Trivia- possibility of new date in April 23.

Thank you everyone

Val Little, on behalf of the Friends of the OBH Regional Community Cultural Centre Events Committee- 12/12/22.