



AUV St. Albans 2021/2022 Annual Report

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AUV ST. ALBANS

The first part of the financial year was disrupted by the uncertainty of restrictions and lock downs. There were no committee meetings for the months of August, September and October of 2021. Most planned events during this period were unable to take place. There was minimal activity and social gatherings of AUV members. Some of the events and day to day operations that we managed to hold.

SVIAT VECHIR

This St. Albans annual event held at the Essendon Domivka, was again a great success. The number of guests that booked was over 100 people. Then there was another strain of the Covid outbreak. The numbers dwindled down to 60, we were committed to go ahead as catering was well in advance. Our guest feedback was that this was the best Sviat Vechir that they have attended. The evening was a great success with Christmas carols sung both in Ukrainian and English, this was well catered for the young children. Videos of a white Christmas from the Ukraine were shown on the big screen.

Some food was made and prepared by committee members who also set up the hall and all trimmings. We thank all who made this a great evening.



PYSANKY

The St. Albans Easter Pysanky event was held again for 2022. The event is always a great success. The Sister of Saint Basil supply all the equipment and help our guests in painting some beautiful eggs in the traditional way. One of the main reasons for our success is of the Nuns contribution and making it so popular and a successful.

The Pysanky event was well publicized and channel nine came down filmed and interviewed participants painting eggs. This was shown on the news that night. This gave great exposure of the Ukrainian community and us keeping up our traditions.



GOVERNMENT GRANTS

The club is always on the lookout for grants either from local Council or State government. The club has been successful in obtaining two grants this year.

1. Covid support for multicultural Seniors \$2000 over 1 year.
2. Multicultural Seniors Support \$8000 over 4 years.

PENSION CLUB

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HALL HIRE

The hall has been hired out to a religious group. The contract is for a 12 months period. This is the second year that the contract has been renewed. It appears that this is going to be a long term arrangement.

The revenue from the hiring of the hall covers all annual cost rates, gas, electricity etc.

A very responsible group with the hall building and facilities maintained and no damage occurring.



ST. ALBANS PENSION CLUB

The St. Albans pension club continues to be run by the St. Albans AUV, administration wise. The current committee is seeking to look at a younger generation taking over and running the club. An AGM is scheduled to be held in August 2022.

The pension club lunch attendance is continually increasing. The lunches now have an average of 35 people. Membership numbers have increased by 14 bringing the total members to 86.

A mass is given at every gathering. We are truly grateful for Father Andriy Mykytyuk doing this. The members truly appreciate it.



BISHOP MYKOLA BYCHOK VISIT.

The St. Albans pension club was very privileged to have our Bishop Mykola attend our club and deliver Holy Liturgy. After Mass Lunch was provided and a game of bingo was played. We can see that the Bishop had a successful game of bingo as he collects his winnings.



A VISIT TO THE ST. ALBANS COMMUNITY BY FATHER BOHDAN VOZNIAK

The newly arrived Orthodox priest and family from the Ukraine were welcomed into the St. Albans community. A mass was delivered then followed by a lunch and meet and greet. The St. Albans community wants the priest to give the Holy Liturgy at St. Albans on a more regular basis.



FUTURE PLANS

Our plans for the future is to get all AUV St. Albans members involved in activities and events that will be conducted throughout the forthcoming year. These will be but not limited to;

1. Sviat Vechir evening
2. Pysanky workshop
3. Holding a Paska workshop
4. Fund raising. Sausage sizzle, vereneky and borscht night and sale of vereneky.
5. BBQ day
6. AFL grand final afternoon.

OH&S

Storage

The club also intending to make an external storage area for table and chairs that are currently storage at the back of the hall. These items clutter the back emergency exit. Plans have been drawn up. Waiting for grants to come up with building support given.

Evacuation plan.

A plan needs to be implemented as a high priority. Should there be a fire, gas leak etc, (most likely place in the kitchen area) and evacuation is required at the rear of the building, an exit is required at the back of the building. Currently there is no access out of the property from the rear. The back fence requires to have an exit gate fitted to it so as evacuation can be carried out.

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AUV St. Albans Vice - President

