



UNITARIAN DRUZE COMMUNITY CENTRE OF VICTORIA

Druze News Community Update

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COMMUNITY COMMITTED AND UNITED

A Word from the President

Well, it has been another busy and exciting year and how quickly has it passed !! The well-structured Team of The Executive and Sub-Committees have all worked incredibly hard to not only to do the routine tasks required to manage all affairs of the Community like, funerals and memorials, events, meetings, managing accounts, coordinating between sub-committees and overseas, raising funds for our Community Centre, but also to spread the spirit of harmony and unity that is crucial to our very fabric as Unitarian Druze.

We have had many highlights this year; events and activities trying to bring the community together and of course the biggest part of the project: Completion of the Community Centre Carpark, drainage system, deceleration lane and the extra work that had to be done before finishing the carpark.

The construction final stage still needs lot of work

to make sure it complies with Building Permit and regulations to allow issuing of the Occupancy Certificate. This should be smoothly achieved when we have all the funds required and finish all minimum required work in one hit.

We said goodbye to dear and beloved family and friends who departed but remain in our memories and we welcomed new families to the Community.

We assure you the team is working within the association rules, that soon will be renewed with consumers affairs to most importantly include the Board of Trustees. The Team has the skills and dedication to achieve our Community's goals and will only go by the majority's decisions to achieve that.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I would like to thank you, the Community Members, for your

support and of course every member of our wider team including the Women SC, Youth SC, Events SC, Footy and Soccer teams and BDW2018 SC for all being part of ONE Big Team that potentially has no limits to achieve the best for our Community.

Keep in mind, our overall **SUCCESS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERY-ONE OF US**, and **YES** everyone can make a difference by contributing, being involved and **ONLY** spreading **HARMONY**.

Wishing you all a great festive season, and wish the New Year brings Joy and Happiness to you and your families and great hopes to **Finish THE COMMUNITY CENTRE** by Every Unitarian Druze God bless our Community.

On behalf of the Team,
President
Nizar El Hajj



We have a lot planned for 2018 but we can't do it alone. There will be some important decisions to make and we call on every member of the Community to be a part of the discussion and the planning.

Together we will complete our Community Centre.

SO ... WHAT'S IN STORE FOR 2018?

Unity in Decisions

Our biggest challenge will be raising funds to complete the Centre, which is approximately \$700,000.

There are a few options available and we will be calling on every member of



Decal lane preparation.....

the community to positively engage with the Committee and with each other to reach an informed solution.

The last information day held on Sunday 17th December 2017 was a great opportunity to see the work achieved to date and be informed. But don't worry if you missed out. We will be holding monthly workshops in 2018 so stay tuned for details.

The Executive Committee presented the current financial status of the accounts and the projected costings to complete the Community Centre.

For more details and cost breakdowns, please log onto our Facebook page.



**Saturday
4th February 2018**

Why?

Read on to find out more



Decal lane after!!

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

FINANCES AND COSTS

How much do we need?

How much do we have?

There has been significant progress in the construction of the Community Centre but funds are urgently needed.

For the period 17/01/2016 - 17/12/2017 a total of \$340,000.06 in revenue was received into the Community bank account through a combination of donations, sponsorships, subscription payments, contributions and funds raised from various events.

This period was also one for our biggest expense – the carpark and deceleration lane. With other expenses also due, a total of \$756253.41 was paid out.

There is still a lot of work to go but it is achievable.

WE ARE SO CLOSE TO COMPLETION.

As you will see from the table on the right, there is still work to be done; completion of the carpark and drainage systems, internal and external fit-outs and of-

course, lighting and landscaping. We have approximately \$300,000 of potential revenue.

WE NEED \$700,000 TO HAVE A FULLY FUNCTIONING COMMUNITY CENTRE.



Our immediate target is \$200,000 by March 2018

And together we can do it!!!

The completion of the Community Centre is the responsibility of every member of the Community.

For a more details on funds in the Community and expenses, please do not

hesitate to contact the Executive Committee.

We encourage all community members to ask questions and see where their contributions are going.

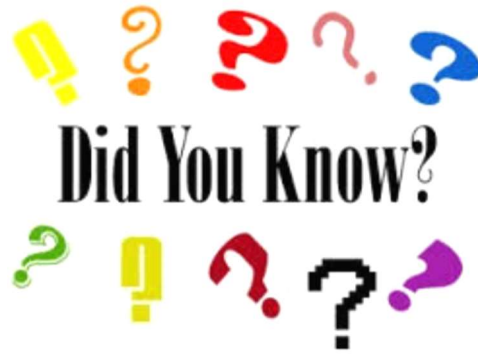


Where will the money go?

- Internal works
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Corking where relevant
- Mechanical and Hydraulic rough-in (ducts installation) and mechanical ventilation
- Complete Kitchen installation and fit out
- Frame completion including frame for Kitchen, Disabled Toilet & Cool Room, lockup fixing stage
- Plastering
- Painting including removals of graffiti
- Tiling
- Floor polish.
- Plumbing fit out
- Electrical fit out
- Internal signage where required
- Fire protection internal

- External works- building
- External pergolas wings side-walls
- External painting
- Electrical lighting Externa
- Extra Sewerage / Gas Pipes / Water

- Carpark · Complete drainage system as per the approved plan
- Complete car- park as per the approved plan and specifications
- deceleration lane
- Complete as per VicRoads approval and engineering specification
- Decel Lighting
- Landscaping
- Complete landscaping as per the landscape plan
- Fire protection · Upgrade the water main from across the road 200m or install water tanks as per the fire engineer recommendation



SUBSCRIPTIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS:

Your member subscriptions and contributions are crucial to not only completing your Centre, but also in making it your home. The Centre will bring us all together in harmony and unity where we can celebrate our faith and our culture.

Currently the rates are as follows:

One off Contribution for Community Centre:
 \$2000 Family or
 \$1000 Single Working Adult

Subs / Membership 2011-2016:
 \$185 / Family
 \$50 / Single Adult

Subs 2016 Onward:
 \$50/Adult
 capped at \$185 Family

If every household paid their annual subscriptions there is over \$80,000 in revenue for the Community. The potential income from outstanding contributions is \$700,000.

So what does this mean for you?

This means that if every household paid their subscription and contribution share our Community Centre would be complete.

We are calling on every member of the Community to be a part of this Community goal. Let's start realizing the completion of the Centre so we can all enjoy it together.

2018 will bring many challenges and we want you to be a part of the solution.

The Executive and Sub-Committees will be calling on you for your support and

commitment. But you don't have to wait for us to knock on your door; we welcome and encourage our Community to contact us too.

There will be some decisions that will need to be made, but together, with your support, **the Community will make the decisions.**



**2018 and Beyond
 Community Committed.
 Community United.**

Over the next few months all Committee members will be working especially hard to raise the required funds from the Community. If we don't reach our target, the Community will be asked to vote on alternative options.

You're Invited!

A workshop will be held at the Community Centre on

Sunday 4th February 2018.

Please keep this date free and come and join us for a coffee and chat.

More details will be provided soon.

WANT TO MAKE A PAYMENT?

Payment facilities are available for your convenience.

Log on to:

<http://druzevictoria.org.au/>

for secure payment options

Or

Contact any Member of the Executive Committee



- Get involved
- Pay your subs/contributions
- Spread the word of Unity
- Come to the workshop in February 2018
- Ask how you can help
- Register your skills for upcoming works (licenced/registered where applicable)
- Help raise funds
- Be one with your Community

Want to Know More?

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