



# President's Report July 2021 – June 2022

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Unfortunately, we have to say that the 2022 year has been another period of hibernation for SEBA with the Covid-19 pandemic causing many restrictions on organisations such as ours. Like most others in the Charity space our ability to arrange gatherings and fund-raising events has been very much curtailed due to Government and Health mandates. However, SEBA was able to support Uniting Care in their drive to provide homeless woman over 45 with toiletry gift bags. SEBA also supported the Australian Chinese Charity Foundation with their fundraising for flood affected residents in the Lismore area. We look forward to a more open environment soon where we can continue to support communities, medical research organisations, small charities and the needy in the 2022/23 year. Thankfully there has been some activity in this area which will form part of next year's report.

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## **EVENTS 2021/22**

Unfortunately, SEBA was not able to hold any major fundraising events throughout the year. It was impossible to host any functions or to seek corporate sponsorship to raise funds.

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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020/2021**

SEBA held the AGM on 9th December 2021 for the year 2020/2021. The meeting was held at the Zilver Restaurant. The Minutes of the Meeting accompany the papers for this year's Annual General Meeting.

The meeting elected the following members to the Board :

Greg Bugden – President  
Luci Ozcan – Vice President and Fundraising Chair  
Milan Grzic – Director and Public Officer  
Vincent D'Cruz – Secretary and Membership Director  
Craig Jones – Director and Treasurer  
Lesley Bell – Director and Raffle Co-ordinator  
Margaret Wong - Director

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## **UNITING CARE FUNDRAISING , AND FLOOD RELIEF IN LISMORE**

Uniting Care launched a fundraising drive to provide Toiletry Gift Bags to homeless woman over 45 who found themselves living rough on the streets or in cars, sometimes with their children. SEBA has taken the opportunity in the past to help woman and children in similar circumstances when we supported Lou's Place in Kings Cross and at our last fundraising event in 2019 for Mary's House on the Northern Beaches.

A request from our Director Lesley Bell to assist Uniting Care found the approval of the board to donate \$2,000 thereby allowing the purchase of items like toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, hair dryers, deodorant, soap, and the like. Gift bags were made by some residents from Wirreanda Retirement Village with an initial donation of 20 gift bags.

SEBA then launched an additional fundraiser requesting support from members and friends/families. This yielded several cash donations and the offer of three items we used in a silent auction. Thank you to Patsy Armati for offering some long weekend holiday accommodation, Graham Singh for a collector's bottle of wine and Bruce Bartle for a Jim Beam Bourbon Dodge Car Decanter. In total this activity provided \$1,600 allowing for further 16 gift bags.

Uniting Care were extremely grateful for our efforts and support.

SEBA once again assisted the Australian Chinese Charity Foundation with their efforts to support the residents of Lismore badly affected by terrible floods earlier this year with a \$2,000 donation.

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### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021/2022**

The Annual General Meeting for 2021/2022 will be held on 26 July 2022 at Le Petit Blot Restaurant, Pitt Street, Sydney.

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### **THANK YOU**

The 2021/22 year has presented a difficult environment for SEBA to fully realise its objectives of fundraising and providing a platform for members to meet and provide services to our charity support groups.

As President I am blessed to have had the support of a small group of like-minded individuals who share the SEBA passion, and we look forward to achieving more in the forthcoming year.

In closing, I would like to thank my Board of Directors and members once again for your support.

Here's to a successful year ahead. May you, your family and friends all enjoy the run down to coming festive season and travel safely particularly in this more open travel environment.

Kind regards,

Greg Bugden - President