

**President's Report: 1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020
For Annual General Meeting 30 October 2020**

As the Executive Director has detailed in her report, it has been a very busy, very productive year for Community Links. And that was pre-COVID! The growth of the Board has added five energetic, skilled and resourceful persons with knowledge and determination to work at building Age Friendly Communities. The first ever retreat brought together board and staff and fostered a stronger team and mutual understanding of where Community Links is striving to go. This was certainly an asset when COVID-19 arrived and caused us to explore other ideas and directions.

I wish to thank the Board of Directors for their concerted efforts to lead in the pursuit of Age Friendly Communities and for their continuing efforts when pandemic struck, and other demands on their time did not dim their interest in Board matters.

It has been a pleasure to work with and support the efforts of Helen Mac Donnell and her amazing staff. Some of them were relatively new to Community Links when pandemic fell upon the world. They each have shone in their individual districts, and in their team work and outreach to their communities. Your good works are remembered and appreciated.

The pandemic will of course cause some alteration in direction and intensity the need to consider even more acutely what constitutes the makeup of Age Friendly Communities. And Community Links, Board and staff, are poised to work to that end.

Carol Rogers, President and Board Chair.