



ASHBURTON
COMMUNITY
CENTRE

Annual Report **2024 - 2025**

Vision: An empowered community that is vibrant, diverse, and inclusive.

Purpose: To cultivate a welcoming, supportive, and safe environment that fosters connections, facilitates learning, promotes fun and delivers over-all wellbeing for participants

Values: Our values underpin our behaviours and culture. We value:

- Respect, honesty, and accountability,
- Creativity and innovation,
- Collaboration and inclusivity,
- Environmental responsibility,
- Individual and community wellbeing.

Our Key Challenges in the near future include generating financial sustainability, increasing diversification at all levels including offering activities at new times targeting new demographics.

Our Strategy can be summarised:

If we:	This will result in:	Eventually leading to:
Create a welcoming centre, with appropriate facilities, policies and procedures and valued, diverse, staff, tutors and volunteers...	A visually appealing, well maintained Centre equipped with appropriate amenities and a diverse team...	A welcoming, suitably equipped, and resourced Centre for our community.
Participate in partnerships, review and evaluate current activities and trial new activities...	An expanded range of activities available for diverse community members...	A diverse range of accessible activities ^[1] responsive to current and emerging community needs.
Promote the Centre's activities and resources through a range of avenues and participate in relevant networks and create a strong marketing plan...	Better targeted current and new activities and resources ...	A recognised asset (the Centre and its activities) within the wider community.
Implement effective financial management and Centre procedures and diverse income stream managed by an effective Committee of Management...	Our Centre's governance and finance structures being able to manage the peaks and troughs which may occur...	A financially stable and sustainable Organisation with high standards of governance.
Identify initiatives and values which promote community wellbeing and integrate them into our Centre's activities...	Our Centre's activities representing more diverse values and communities and attracting more people seeking these activities...	An organisation that advocates and supports social and environmental values and initiatives promoting community well-being.

The Strategic Plan sets the parameters for Centre's Operation Plan, which determines how the Centre operates on a day-to-day level. The Centre's operations are monitored by a Committee of Management duly elected from the membership and adhering to the Rules of Association.

The Centre's performance is measured against Key Performance Indicators set by the City of Boroondara and the ACC Committee of Management. The Centre also reports to the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission.

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Our cover features the Ashy Eco Hub, located in the foyer of our Centre.



This vibrant space brings together our key sustainability initiatives, including the community bookshelf, the Green Deck project, our container deposit donation point and a recycling collection station for a variety of items.

A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated volunteer, Barbara Kaye, who keeps the Eco Hub running smoothly - ensuring recyclables reach their proper destinations, maintaining the plants and coffee grounds, and always welcoming a friendly chat about sustainability. We also extend our thanks to Judy Shevlin who supports Barbara with the Green Deck and plant care.



The establishment of the Ashy Eco Hub was made possible thanks to generous funding from Bendigo Bank.

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung of the Kulin Nation, custodians for countless generations of the land on which we are meeting. We pay our respect to their Elders, past and present, and their connection to this land. We recognise the importance of the Murnong, which is an important food source found on this land. *(Abridged version).*

The Neighbourhood House Sector

The Ashburton Community Centre is a member of the following organisations and networks from our national peak body through to our local networks.



NATIONAL PEAK BODY

Australian Neighbourhood Houses & Centres Association (ANHCA)

The ANHCA is the national peak body for over 1000 Neighbourhood Houses and Centres in Australia.



STATE PEAK BODY

Neighbourhood Houses Victoria (NH Vic)

Established in 1979, Neighbourhood Houses Victoria represents a membership of close to 400 independent, community-based organisations across Victoria, we are a trusted source of: strategic leadership, state-wide advocacy, advice and information, timely research and data analysis, professional development & sector promotion.



REGIONAL NETWORK

Network of Inner East Community Houses (NIECH)

One of 16 regional networks funded through NHVIC, NIECH facilitates regional collaboration on issues, needs and projects, provides individual support and resourcing to houses and represent and advocate on regional issues and needs to Neighbourhood Houses Victoria, and local and state governments. NIECH represents 29 Neighbourhood Houses & Learning Centres in the Inner East of Melbourne, covering four local government areas: Boroondara, Manningham, Monash and Whitehorse.



COUNCIL AREA NETWORK

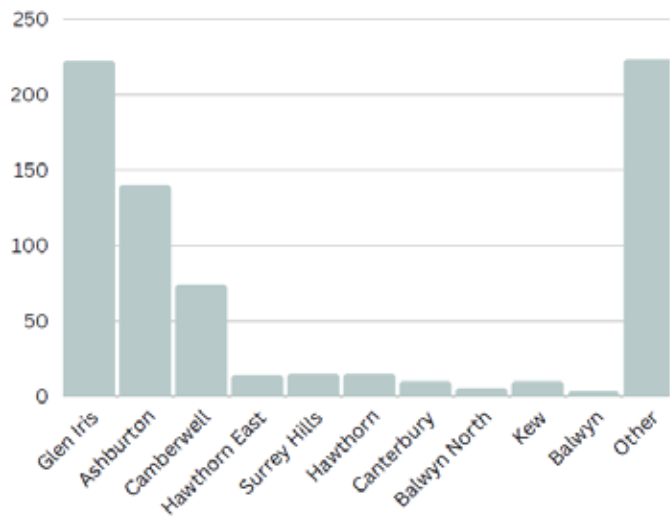
Neighbourhood Houses Boroondara

This is a network run by the 11 neighbourhood houses in the City of Boroondara and meets four times a year. This network provides peer support for managers and marketers, advocacy, a link to the City of Boroondara and shared marketing activities. Attendance at this network is a condition of funding for Neighbourhood Houses in this municipality.

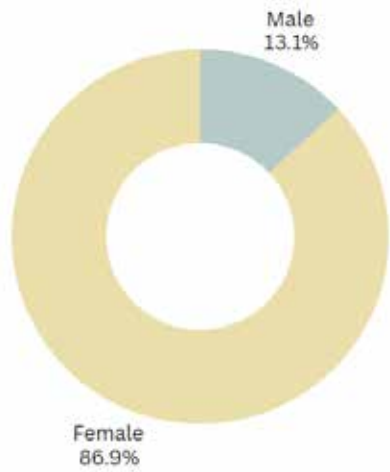
Our Community & Our Members

Our Centre finished the year with over 670 members. We value our members enormously and the support they provide to our Centre. However, members represent only a slice of people who access our Centre. Hundreds of people visit and engage with our Centre during the increasing number of inclusive and accessible events our Centre runs and many people, especially children and young people, engage with our Centre through our Room Hirers’ activities.

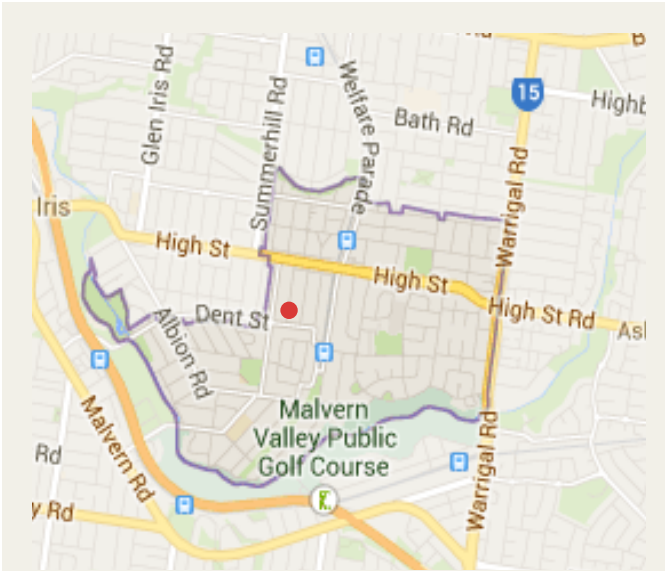
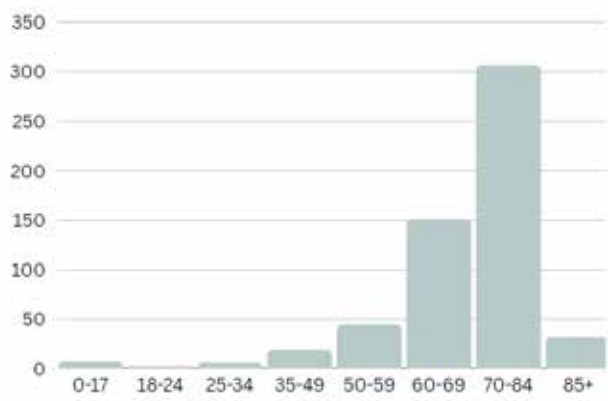
Where are our members located?



Membership by Gender



Membership By Age



Map of Ashburton

Our location

The Ashburton Community Centre is located on High Street next to the library, and forms part of the busy trading hub known as Ashburton Village. Our Centre is fortunate to be within a suburb that has a very strong community infrastructure including the active Ashburton Traders’ Association, two other neighbourhood houses (Craig Family Centre and Alamein Neighbourhood and Learning) and a number of local community organisations servicing our local area.

Ashburton sits within the Solway Ward and borders onto two other municipalities; the City of Stonnington and City of Monash. This is reflected in our member demographics.

Indigenous History

Ashburton is on the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people.

(Source: <https://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/traditional-owners-boroondara>)

About Us

Ashburton Community Centre is a well established community owned and managed not-for-profit organisation, offering classes, activities, workshops, events and services developed in response to the needs of the community.

First established in the mid-1980s, the Centre grew steadily in size, outgrowing the original building and undergoing a City of Boroondara redevelopment in 2013 to a purpose-built meeting and activity space.

Our Centre works within a community development framework, and we aim to build an empowered community that is vibrant, diverse and inclusive (Ashburton Community Centre Strategic Plan 2024 – 2026).

Our Centre receives significant funding from the City of Boroondara as well as the use of the building, but most of our income is self-generated to ensure we are financially sustainable. We are governed by a volunteer committee who ensure that the Centre achieves its vision, purpose and strategic goals (see inside front cover) as well as fulfilling its ethical, legal, financial and constitutional obligations.

Our Centre is staffed by a dedicated office team, all of whom are part-time and supported by volunteers.

Our Staff & Committee

Office Staff

Rachel Morley - Executive Officer

Natasha Kuperman - Marketing & Communications Coordinator (Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays)

Jo Lewin - Administration Officer (Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays)

Jill Schober - Administration Officer (Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays)

Catherine Potgieter - Administration Assistant (Tuesdays & Fridays)

Committee of Management

Official Office Bearers

President - Christine Millward

Secretary - Ben Chesler

Treasurer - Natallia Smith

General Committee Members

Bill Ford

Georgie Henzell (from August 2024)

William Lee

Michael Murray

Lynn Norman

Martin O'Dell (until August 2024)

Deepa Subramanian (until July 2024)

Our Tutors

We pride ourselves on the quality, talent and professionalism of our tutors who facilitate courses, activities, workshops and events at the Centre.

The Ashburton Community Centre works with tutors from diverse backgrounds, many of whom are professional artists, instructors and teachers with national and international recognition and awards.

Over 40 individual courses, workshops and activities have been offered at the Centre, delivered by our amazing tutors throughout the year both at the Centre and online. Tutors who offered classes in 2024/2025:

New Tutors

David Barton
Liz Bednall
Sandy Buchanan
Megan Edwards
Margaret Havlik

1 year +

Sam Au
Sim Birrell
Jill Brailsford
Sarah Craze
Sam Lloyd
Catherine Loria
Marie Pietersz

5 years +

Jane Creasey
Margaret Crichton
Laura Goldstraw
Lisa Gribbon
Lorraine Kelly
Robin Kenrick
Isabelle Martin
Dina Theodoropolous

10 years +

Martine Bourbon
Barbara Boxhall
Echo Wu

20 years +

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30 years +

Alan Rawady
Jenny Biggin
Ulla Jones
Mary Thow



Our Volunteers

As a not-for-profit community centre with limited resources, we depend on volunteers to assist and support the provision and expansion of our services. Volunteer workers are the lifeblood of organisations like ours; the day-to-day operations of the Centre could not be managed without their considerable involvement.

We rely on our volunteers' help to co-ordinate our groups and keep costs low for various workshops, activities and events. Volunteer positions range from Connect group co-ordinators, office and reception assistants, digital mentors, event volunteers and corporate volunteers. We have over 50 volunteers work at the Centre during the year as well as our Committee of Management members. The sum of the individuals working together is incredibly inspiring and an important expression of community spirit.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time to be part of our Centre.

Office Volunteers

Fergus Boyd
Grace Gao
Yota Georgiadis
Rebecca Kierce
Cathy Van Der Zee
Rebecca Williams

Digital Mentors

Peter Aarons
Lynn Norman
Sandar Hla
Chris Wright

The Ashy Eco Hub

Barbara Kaye
Judy Shevlin

Connect Group Co-ordinators

Rachelle Better-Johnston
Barbara Boxhall
Milda Buxton
Caroline Carruthers
Leigh Carwood
Angie Cheah
Nick Constantino
Margaret Counihan
Kate Dawson
Jenny Dickson
Terri Dollman
Bill Ford
Wendy Frayne
Pat Griffith
Richenda Harrison

Margaret Havlik
Ben Howe
Janet King
Prema Krishnan
Betty Ladbury
Kathleen Madden
Catherine McNair
Marion Morrison
Joy Oldfield
Victoria Ostergaard
Yvonne Sher
Kristine See
Lyn Shiells
George Thomas
Angela Walker
Patricia Widayat

Grants & Donations

Thankyou to the following for their financial support this year through the provision of grants and donations:

Grants

- Cyber Security for Seniors Grant - Department of Home Affairs
- Ashburton Community Centre History Grant - Bendigo Bank / Inner East Finance Ltd
- Get Online Week 2024 - The Good Things Foundation

Significant Donors (over \$250)

- Barbara Kaye
- James Gorman & Fox Woods

Thank you to all our members and visitors who support the Centre through small donations throughout the year. Whether it's through our online Community Fundraiser, contributions to the Eco Hub, or giving at our events. Every small act of generosity adds up and helps us continue building a vibrant, connected community.

Activity Snapshot

Meeting our Community's Needs

Neighbourhood Houses bring people together to connect, learn and contribute in their local community through social, educational, recreational and support activities, using a unique community development approach.

Community development enables communities to identify and address their own needs. It starts from the assumption that communities have existing strengths and assets that make them part of the solution. As part of our community development practise our Centre delivers programs and events that are based on identified needs of the local community. Here are the classes, events, activities and groups that we had on offer during the year:

Courses *(run weekly during school terms)*

Acrylic Art for All Abilities
Advanced Watercolour Painting
Ageless Grace®
Art for All Abilities
Balance Back to Exercise
Connecting Safely Online
Get Connected (Beginners)
Stay Connected (Intermediate)
Botanical Watercolour Illustration
Chinese Brush Painting
Creative Photography
NEW Dungeons & Dragons (For Kids)
Dungeons & Dragons (Teens)
Exercise to Music (50+)
For the Love of Literature
French - Beginners and Travellers,
Intermediate & Advanced
Conversation
iPad Art using Procreate
Introduction to Watercolour
Italian Intermediate
Keep Fit (Strength & Conditioning)
Life Drawing
Line Art - Drawing Flowers
Mah-jong (Western) Lessons
Mat Pilates
NEW Mixed Media Illustration
Nordic Walking Beginners
NEW Outer Strength, Inner Calm -
Yoga for Men
Slow Flow Yoga
NEW Socialising Online
Tech Help Desk
Tai Chi
Watercolour, Gouache
and Mixed Media
Ukulele - Beginners, Intermediate
and Advanced
Yoga - Stretch & Strengthen

Yoga - Yin
Yoga and Pilates
Yoga for All
Yoga - Hatha Continuing
Your Healthy Spine
Your Life Stories - A Writers Group

Groups

Meeting Weekly

Ashy Writers Club
Chatty Cafe
Craft, Coffee and Chat
Cryptic Crosswords
Floral Art Group
Mah Jong (Western) - Wed & Fri
Nordic Walking Group
Patchwork and Handcraft Group
Table Tennis Group
Walking Group

Meeting Fortnightly

Acoustic Group
Blues Music Jamming Session
Dungeons & Dragons (4 groups)
Older Blokes, New Ideas
Rummikub
Scrabble Club
Spinners and Knitters Group

Meeting Monthly

The Ashy Bookworms
Chapter Chasers Bookclub
NEW Death Cafe
Drawing Flowers Connect Group
Global Film Discussion Group
Mind Readers Bookclub
Novels at Night Book Group
T3 Bookclub
Thursday Afternoon Book Group
NEW Wednesday Readers

Online Activities

Stay Active Online Pass
Yoga Online Pass

Workshops

Advanced Care Planning
Aphasia Information Session
Drawing Flowers
Pasta Making
Heaven Can Wait
Sort your Stuff (De-cluttering)
Women and Finances

Events

ACC Outings
Ashburton-a-Fair (Sep/Dec/Apr/Jun)
Baked Potato Lunch for Men's
Health Week (May)
Bookfest Ashburton (Jul)
Get Online Week - Trivia Quiz (Oct)
Halloween on High (Oct)
Musical Medley Afternoons
(May & Dec)

Also at our Centre

We have room hirers who run regular programs at our Centre including:

- **Super Speak** (public speaking & drama program for kids)
- **Maria Spanish School** (Spanish classes for children)
- **JAS Inclusive** - Whole Day Creative Arts Program for young adults with an intellectual disability
- **Wing Chun Kung Fu Classes** by Wing Chun Melbourne
- **Life Long Learning** (Hawthorn Community House)

Room Hire

The Ashburton Community Centre has various rooms to hire for community groups, not-for-profit organisations and for commercial use. The spaces are suitable for a variety of different functions, including meetings, classes, general interest gatherings and workshops.

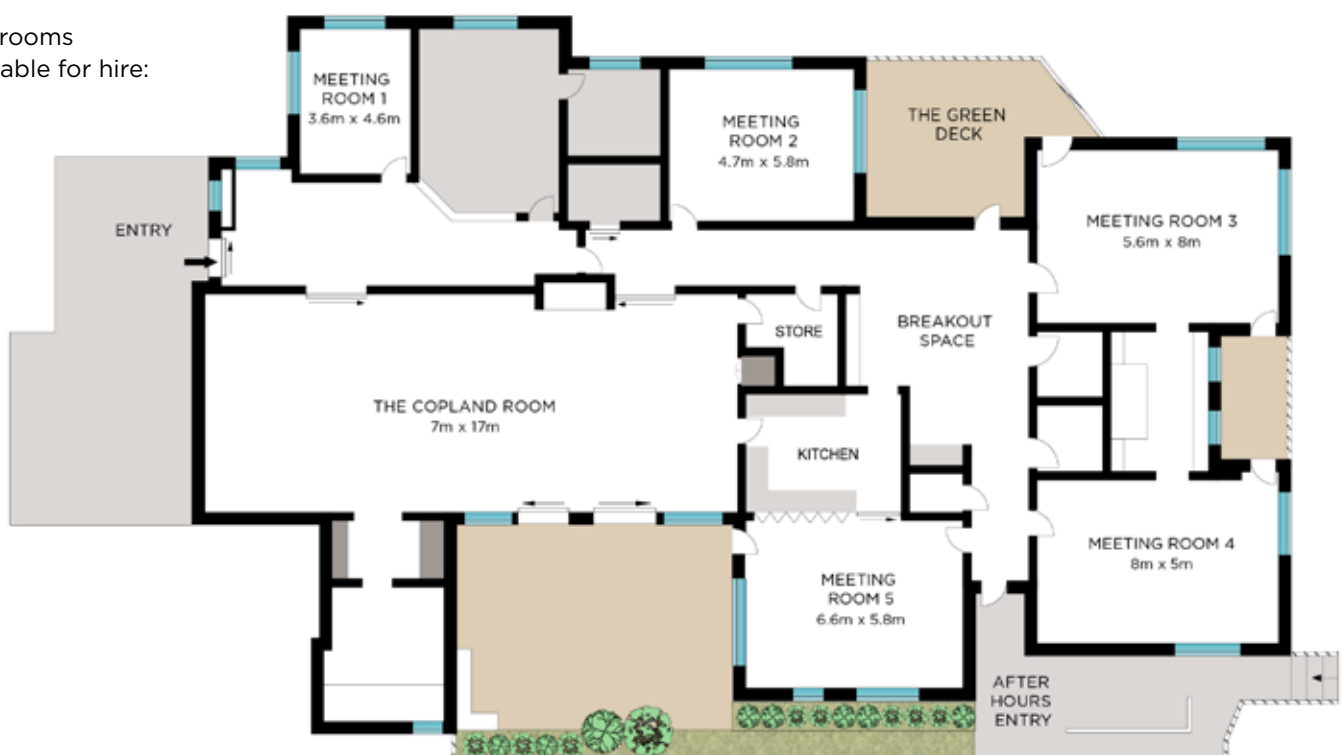
Our space is modern, accessible, flexible and welcoming and consists of the Copland Room which is our large hall space, four similar-sized activity spaces including an art and craft room with an adjoining wet room and one smaller meeting room. The Centre also has a registered kitchen. We are an accessible centre.

We partner with our room hirers to promote, when chosen, their activities and to support their success within the local community.

Room hirers provide a diverse range of activities and their use of the Centre not only supports our Centre's income, and activation of our space, but room hirers also support the delivery of additional activities to the community.



Our rooms
available for hire:



Events & Activities

Our Centre has a regular calendar of events including Ashburton-a-Fair (a quarterly event) and Bookfest Ashburton, both run in partnership with Rotary Chadstone East Malvern. Monies raised by events support local community projects and the event itself provides an inclusive range of activities to the community. Our Centre also runs an annual Get Online Week event supporting people gain the skills to “get online” as well as promoting our volunteer Digital Mentors. We ran Halloween on High again in partnership with the Ashburton Traders Association and this provides young children and their families with a fun way to celebrate and support the local traders. This year we also ran a free Men’s Yoga and Baked Potato Lunch for Men’s Health Week along with two Musical Medley performances.

Events provide not only an opportunity for volunteer engagement, fundraising and Centre promotion, but they also provide our Centre with the ability to provide activities to a demographic that we might otherwise not engage with in our regular daily activities. We would like to thank our event volunteers who continue to sign up for shifts and support our fundraising events throughout the year.



Bookfest Ashburton



Mens Health Week



Ashburton-a-Fair



Musical Medley



Get Online Week

President's Report

Hello everyone, and a special greeting to our members. Ashburton Community Centre (ACC) has been a friendly and welcoming place to be on the Committee of Management. My first report as President focuses on the role of the Committee in overseeing the management of (or 'governing') the Centre and thanking the many people who make this centre work so well.



I have been involved with ACC for 8 years, first as a yoga student and member, then

on the Committee for the past 3 years. I am an active volunteer at events, where you will see me in the kitchen serving Devonshire Teas at our Ashburton-a-Fair and Bookfest events. I also coordinate the sales of 'Cookies in Jars' for Christmas. This is the beginning of our 40th year of operation on this site and we have some big plans in store for the 40th birthday celebrations to be held during 2026. We have been grateful to secure funding from Bendigo Bank to have our history written by a local historian and I acknowledge the ongoing support of Bendigo Bank.

In preparation for our anniversary, some Committee members took part in working bees over the summer to sort through many boxes of archived historical materials in the storeroom. It was interesting to look into the past, and we saved quite a few items such as photos and annual reports. The mountains of printed meeting minutes and other documents were scanned and digitised so that everything is now stored electronically.

I am very lucky to be part of a wonderfully diverse group of talented people on the Committee, each with something unique to bring. We started the financial year with eight members but during the year Deepa Subramanian and Martin O'Dell resigned from our committee. Both had made invaluable contributions to our governance and I thank them very much for their service. We are lucky that Martin has agreed to stay on as a maintenance liaison volunteer; he also advises on ACC maintenance budgeting. Meanwhile, Deepa has become a mother and we congratulate her warmly.

To balance losing Martin and Deepa, two new members were recruited: William Lee and Georgie Henzell. William has a legal background and Georgie was previously an office volunteer, so knows a lot about how the Centre runs. She also has an accountancy background. We were very fortunate to have them both join us. So the committee at present still has 8 members: myself, our Secretary Ben Chesler, our Treasurer Natallia Smith, Bill Ford (who also runs the Men's 'Older Blokes, New Ideas' discussion group), Georgie Henzell (both Bill and Georgie contribute financial skills), Michael Murray, William Lee (as noted above) and Lynn Norman, our immediate past President. A special mention here goes to Lynn, who has kept us all up to scratch administratively. A huge thank you Lynn for your organisational support for the entire committee!

Lynn is our knowledgeable Policy Officer and a volunteer Digital Mentor. She will be our AGM speaker this year, on Cyber Safety. While all committee members contribute to the review and revision of various policies, Lynn makes sure the various policies we need to govern the Centre are kept up to date and comply with legal requirements – things like finances, values, volunteers, child safety and OH&S, plus a new one on 'Donors and Sponsorship', which aims to clarify the status of the various levels of support given to the Centre. Lynn also makes sure our Governance Policy and Rules of Association (or Constitution) are up to date. This year there are no amendments needed to our Rules.

Another area for extensive revision this year has been our Human Resources (HR) Policy, which includes employment conditions for our staff. Legislative changes move fast regarding workplace entitlements and pay rates, so it's a big job to keep up. To this end, late last year the ACC signed up to a new overarching employment agreement negotiated by our umbrella organisation Neighbourhood Houses Victoria (NHVIC). This agreement is the Neighbourhood Houses and Adult Community Education Centres (NHACE) Collective Agreement 2024. I have been part of a sub-committee re-shaping our HR Policy to align with, and cross-reference, the clauses in this very comprehensive new agreement. I'm very grateful to William Lee for his legal expertise here, and to Michael Murray for his advice on drafts. Michael also oversaw the recruitment of our new Committee members, again with the ubiquitous Lynn.

In this Annual Report you will also see the report from our Treasurer Natallia Smith, and it is good news. I'd like to thank Natallia for her stellar work this year and also record a huge thank you to our bookkeepers at Tall Books, who ensure the financial inputs and outputs are recorded accurately. The Committee much appreciates their efforts because one of our main duties of governance is ensuring financial solvency. Speaking of income, we have also increased our fundraising revenue at events, thanks mostly to our Executive Officer Rachel Morley, Natasha Kuperman our Marketing & Communications Coordinator and a small army of volunteers! These include members of the Committee who help set up, serve drinks and Devonshire Teas, wash dishes and pack up. Another mention here for Martin and Lynn, as well as our previous Minutes secretary Wendy Frayne, who is a real stalwart in the kitchen.

One more thing I'd like to mention is our Boroondara "Presidents Network". There are 11 community centres (or Neighbourhood Houses) in the City of Boroondara and we have a network of leaders who meet every three months to discuss what is happening around the area: to share ideas, solutions to problems and other policy related information. It is a beneficial group, as we often have similar issues and problems. It also allows us to gauge how we are doing in comparison to other centres – and I'm happy to say we are doing very well!

I also extend our sincere thanks to the City of Boroondara Council for their ongoing support and their valued contribution to the operational funding of our Centre. We are deeply grateful for the use of these excellent premises, which enable us to deliver meaningful programs and services to the community. In particular, I would like to acknowledge Katelyn Stayner, our dedicated Council liaison officer, for her role in coordinating training sessions for Committee members on topics such as governance, financial management, risk assessment and legal issues. We also thank the Council for their recent generosity in partially funding the installation of an intercom system at our front entrance.

Locally, we have enjoyed good, collaborative relationships with the Ashburton Traders Association, Bendigo Bank and the Rotary Chadstone East Malvern club. We thank them all and look forward to continuing our partnerships to promote community well-being and engagement.

Those who run the everyday activities within ACC are also very valuable. In providing a wide variety of classes and activities, I acknowledge our wonderful tutors, who contribute their expert skills to make ACC an interesting, inviting and successful community facility. I also value the volunteers who coordinate programs and social groups, as well as our loyal members, whose participation in classes and events helps us remain financially sustainable.

The biggest thank you must go to Rachel and her staff for the wonderful operation of our centre. Rachel is a very competent and creative manager and her hard work has managed to turn around our financial fortunes. Thank you Natasha, our Marketing & Communications Coordinator, who has developed a comprehensive marketing strategy. She updates the website and our social media presence, produces artistic advertising materials, posters, notices and this Annual Report. Last but certainly not least, thanks to the office staff, Jill, Jo and Catherine – plus our wonderful office volunteers – for the day-to-day running of the centre. Their diligence keeps all the daily activities running, as they assist tutors, members and visitors alike.

(Dr) Christine Milward President

Treasurer's Report

It is my pleasure to present the Treasurer's Report for the financial year 2024-2025. The Centre has continued to deliver programs and services to our community while maintaining a strong focus on financial stability and sustainability. This year, we are pleased to report a net surplus of \$9,404, marking an important milestone after several challenging years.



Financial Performance

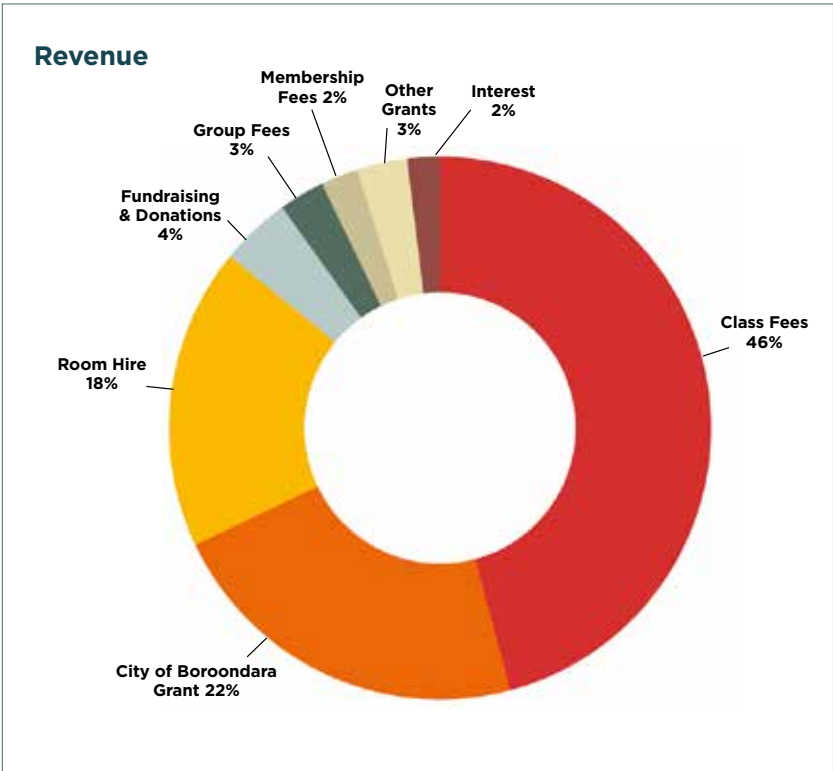
Total income for the year was \$494,973, an increase of 25.7% from FY24.

This growth was primarily driven by:

- Class fees increasing to \$207,930 (up from \$156,746 in FY24), reflecting strong demand for our programs.
- Room hire income rising significantly to \$89,812, with Room 5 performing particularly well at \$29,850.
- Fundraising and other community contributions, which continued to grow steadily.

Total expenditure was \$485,569, an increase from FY24 in line with higher activity levels. Staffing costs remain our largest expense, consistent with the delivery of a wide range of programs and services.

This careful balance of increased revenue and controlled expenditure has enabled us to return to surplus, which strengthens the Centre's financial position moving forward.



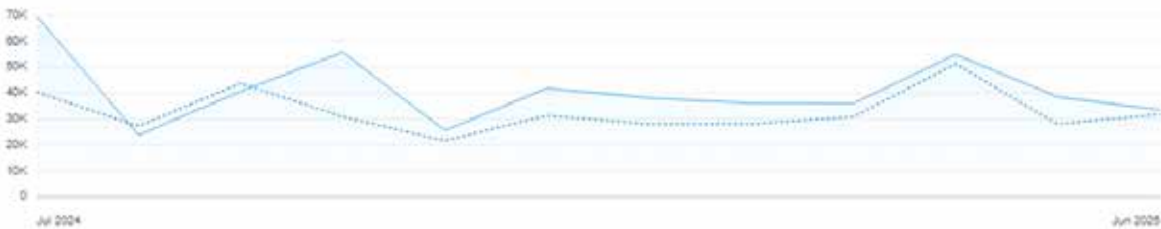
Income Comparison FY24 and FY25

494,973

Total Jul 2024 to Jun 2025
Up 25.7% ↑

393,680

Total Jul 2023 to Jun 2024



Cash Flow and Financial Resilience

Since 2019, the Centre's financial journey has been one of resilience and recovery.

Post-pandemic, we entered a gradual recovery phase. Income from classes and room hire has steadily grown year on year, reflecting the community's return to in-person activities and the effectiveness of our program delivery.

Importantly, in FY25 we recorded a net surplus of \$9,404, the first operating surplus since the pandemic.

The improvement in cash flow highlights three key developments:

- Sustained recovery of core revenue: Class fees have almost doubled since 2022.
- Growth in room hire and fundraising: These income streams have expanded strongly.
- Disciplined cost management: While expenses have grown with activity, they have been controlled relative to income.

In summary, after years of uncertainty and reliance on external support, the Centre is now on a much stronger financial footing, with positive cash flow and the ability to reinvest into services and community programs.

Balance Sheet

The Centre's Balance Sheet remains sound, with net assets of \$106,788 as at 30 June 2025. This provides a strong base to support future initiatives and community engagement.

Conclusion

The return to surplus is an important milestone and a credit to the collective efforts of our staff, volunteers, and committee.

While challenges remain, the Centre is now well-positioned to strengthen its programs, support our community, and plan for long-term sustainability.

I would like to thank the Committee of Management for their support and guidance, our dedicated staff for their commitment, and the community for continuing to engage with, and support the Centre.

Natallia Smith Treasurer

Executive Officer's Report

The last year has been one of connection and growth with our Centre beginning to approach capacity with a high level of class participation rates and rooms being booked at an unprecedented rate – a great challenge to have.

Some of our great new offerings at the Centre this year include Outer Strength Inner Calm (Men's Yoga), Dungeons & Dragons (for teens and kids), Art Therapy for Busy Women and our ClickSmart Cyber Security Sessions. We have also launched a number of new Connect groups including Karaoke, Sing-a-long Singers, Older Blokes New Ideas Discussion Group and held regular Death Café sessions.



Ongoing free community services held at the Centre include our weekly Chatty Café, Justice of the Peace services and the popular Ashy Eco Hub – which has expanded to include coffee cup recycling and a container deposit scheme which we run in partnership with Scouts Victoria.

Our event calendar is also become increasingly busy with highlights being Bookfest Ashburton held in July and our quarterly Ashburton-a-Fairs, Halloween-on-High, International Women's Day and being part of the Ashburton Community Festival. We have also had a number of “pop up” events which get great attendance. These include Advanced Care Planning and Heaven Can Wait workshops, Pasta Making and a Men's Health Week lunch. We also trialed running outings but it is challenging to provide activities off-site. We have been partnering with Ashburton One Voice Choir and the Centre's Ukulele players and have begun running Musical Medley's three times a year. This is a lovely event enjoyed by all. Events are lots of fun for the community and provide both promotional opportunities for the Centre and, in many cases, also act as important fundraisers for the Centre.

A new financial strategy was adopted for 2024-25 which has proved successful. This strategy has seen an increase in fundraising initiatives and donations, a small increase in class fees at the beginning of 2025, and some successful grants to increase our program delivery during holiday times. We try to keep class costs down and our Connect groups and casual exercise classes are still very accessible and popular. Our end of year financial results reflect the success of this strategy.

Partnerships are incredibly important to our Centre as they enable us to be part of initiatives that we don't have the capacity to run independently. Rotary Chadstone East Malvern support us to run Ashburton-a-Fair and Bookfest Ashburton, we run Halloween on High with the Ashburton Traders Association and we have been actively planning with the Library to create a suite of activities to run within the large foyer space between our Centre and the Library.

I would like to thank all the many people who contribute to our Centre including our tutors, who provide and support the huge range of activities our Centre offers. We also have a huge range of wonderful volunteers from administration volunteers, Connect Group Coordinators, and our Digital Mentors. I'd also like to thank our event and project-based volunteers who work on specific areas of interest or need within our Centre. We are truly a volunteer-based organisation, with over 50 individuals generously contributing their time and energy. Many of our volunteers are actively engaged throughout the year, playing a vital role in the ongoing activities and operations of our Centre.

Our Centre could not function without the fantastic ACC office team and I'd like to give a huge thank you for their work in keeping our Centre functioning smoothly. A big thank you to Natasha, our Marketing & Communications Coordinator, who ensures that the community is kept up to date with all of our Centre's offerings.

I am supported by an active Committee of Management, all of whom are volunteers. Christine Milward, our president, has presided over a diligent and skilled committee. All of our committee members bring different resources to the Centre and I thank them all.

I have received valuable support from a range of other networks. I am a member of the Neighbourhood Houses Boroondara Network, the Network of Inner East Community Houses (NIECH) and Neighbourhood Houses Victoria.

I would like to also acknowledge the support that the City of Boroondara provides to our Centre with our building, ongoing funding and professional development opportunities.

Last yet certainly not least, I would like to thank all our wonderful members who are involved within our Centre. At the end of the financial year we had 670 members which is the highest number in the last five years. Thank you to all our members who support and contribute to our Centre.

Rachel Morley, Executive Officer

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Ashburton Community Centre Annual General Meeting 2023

Meeting Minutes
Meeting held on August 28th, 2024, 3.00pm
Venue: 160 High Street Ashburton

MATTERS	
1. Lynn Norman (President) opened the meeting at 3.00pm	
2. Acknowledgement of Country The Committee of Management (CoM) agreed to work on a more specific Acknowledgement of Country, relating to the local area. After much research and in consultation with local First Nations People, a statement was drafted which changes with the 6 seasons as identified by local indigenous people. This is now on display in every meeting space. Acknowledgement of Country read by Michael Murray (CoM member) <i>We acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung of the Kulin Nation, custodians for countless generations of the land on which we are meeting. We pay our respect to their Elders, past and present and their connection to this land. We recognise the importance of the Murnong, which is an important food source found on this land and the Wurundjeri seasonal calendar, which is presently in Guling Orchid season. Plants such as Guling orchids are blooming and Mayan (Silver wattles) are starting to flower. The cool weather is coming to an end.</i>	
3. Welcome Lynn Norman, the current President, welcomed all those attending the meeting which was declared open at 3 pm – members, staff and volunteers and the following VIPs: Katelyn Stanyer (Boroondara Council) Lily Kovecevic NIECH Cr Garry Thompson City of Boroondara Dimi Papadakis – Alamein Neighborhood and Learning Centre Geoff Lawler – Camberwell Community Centre Julie Vine - Matt Freegon's Office Mark Lumley – Guest Speaker, Murnong First People's Gathering Place	
4. Attendance Present: Staff: Rachel Morley (Executive Officer), Natasha Kuperman (Marketing Manager), Ulla Jones (Tutor) Barbara Boxhall (Tutor), Jenny Biggin (Tutor), Sarah Craze (Tutor) CoM (Also members): Lynn Norman (ACC President), Michael Murray (Secretary), Wendy Frayne (Minutes Secretary), Natalia Smith (Treasurer), Bill Ford, Christine Millward, Martin O'Dell, Ben Chesler - Nominated CoM Member: William Lee Guests: Katelyn Stanyer, Lily Kovecevic, Alex Hume, Julie Vine, Katie Allen, Dimi Papadakis, Geoff Lawler, Garry Thompson, John Friend- Perera, Kate Bellamy, Barbara Boxhall, Petra Kahle, Sarah Craze, Les Rudd, Mark Lumley, Susan Vincent, John Craik, Margaret Lawrence, Doug Lawrence	

Members: Owain Jones, Stewart Taplin, Clemence Taplin, Ruthie Scharley, Barbara Loh, Hong Ling Tan, Michael Hills, Marg Carter, Jeff Simpson, Margaret Maxwell, Margaret Carter Apologies: Tricia Noonan, Blanche La Marchant, Daryl and Cheryl Driver, Benjamin Ng, Felicity Curtis, Vikki O'Neill, Kyoung Walker, Pat Beeson, Joy Oldfield, Kate Bond, Gwenda Flintoff, Engeline Siagan, Alex Threlfall, Warwick Padey, Sue Braint, Diane Baker, Ramnik Sood, William Tu Ngu Chau, Mary Liston, Louise Ippolito, Jill Hitchcock, Catherine Cooney, Jan Case, Ellen Wright, Caroline Carruthers, Isobel Barnard, Lyn Shiells, Deepa Subramanian, Georgie Henzell, Yiwei, Carmel Gould, Robyn Parson, Mary Thow, Marian Vodarlis, Patricia Osborne, Dina Theodoropoulos, Caddy Purdy, Nguyen Huynh, Bob Stensholt, Eve Ryder, Gabrielle Greig, Peter Shein, Jean Simpson, Alex Hume, Judy Pokonen, Toni Szancer, Geraldine Farrell, Isabelle Martin, Diane Redman-Heath, Ruth Thornton, Graeme Flatman, Case Family, Rosemary Fisher, David Zanotto, Jenny Lancaster, Rebecca James, Jane Creasey, Dr Michelle Ananada Rajah (Member for Higgins)	
5. Confirmation of Minutes MOTION <i>It is resolved that the Minutes of the 2023 AGM held on 6 September 2023 be confirmed as true and correct.</i> Moved: Lynn Norman Seconded: Christine Millward Carried unanimously	
6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes Nil	
7. President's Report made available to all members and visitors. (Prior to this meeting the Annual Report was distributed to members via email, available on ACC website and at the Office and distributed to attendees at this meeting.) Lynn Norman, the current President, spoke to her report. Lynn has completed 3 terms as President and, although renominating for the CoM, will step down from this role. She identified several major goals set for the team over her term and the processes used to achieve these: • Relevant and current documentation • Succession planning for roles on the CoM • Recruitment of CoM members to address needs/skills/knowledge • Shared responsibility for tasks and processes to achieve the goals Lynn acknowledged the work done by individuals on the Committee, thanking each of them for their diligence and support. Finally, she acknowledged the work done by the EO, Rachel Morley, admin, our volunteers and tutors, as well as the ACC members and our partners such as Rotary Club, Ash Traders, the Council Library and Boroondara Council in many endeavors. Together promoting the core values of our Centre.	
8. Treasurer's Report and Acceptance of Financial Statements made available to all members and visitors prior to this meeting, as part of the Annual Report Document. Natalia Smith the current Treasurer, spoke to her report. Natalia stated that the Ashburton Community Centre remains in a stable financial position, however there is an ongoing focus on developing financial strategies to meet anticipated shortfalls. Natalia acknowledged that we are fortunate to have enormous support from our volunteers and community members. MOTION <i>It is resolved that the Financial Statements for the financial year 2023/2024 be accepted.</i> Moved: Natalia Smith Seconded: Bill Ford Carried unanimously Lynn thanked Natalia Smith for her work over the last 12 months.	

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9. Executive Officer's Report made available to all members and visitors prior to this meeting, as part of the Annual Report Document. Rachel Morley, the current Centre Manager, spoke to her report and noted that the Centre is a warm, inclusive setting, with a large increase in our Connect Groups, helping communities grow and connect. Rachel acknowledged the volunteer Connect Group Coordinators. New services such as the Chatty Café and Justice of the Peace Services have recently been launched. The Centre is providing value to groups that our regular offerings often do not reach, such as Disability groups, Dungeons and Dragons is a great example, demonstrating that people in the community are keen to share interests with others. Young people with neuro divergent issues have joined, indicating the strong inclusive culture of the Centre. The Centre is willing to try new things, some working and others less successful. In promoting activities to encourage more men to the Centre a Men's Discussion Group and a Men's Yoga Group have both attracted new participants. Rachel thanked the Committee of Management, who support opportunities to explore new activities and events. Rachel thanked Lynn Norman, the outgoing President, who has promoted a culture of inclusivity on the Committee. Lynn thanked Rachel Morley, who she stated always thinks outside the box, and her team for their work over the last 12 months.	
10. Appointment of Auditor/Reviewer for year ending June 30,2025. MOTION <i>It is resolved that Connect National Audit be appointed as Financial Reviewer for the 2024/2025 financial year.</i> Moved: Natalia Smith Seconded: Martin O'Dell Carried unanimously	
11. Amendment to Ashburton Community Centre Incorporation Rules of Association The ACC Incorporation Rules of the Association sets out the basic principles and rules determining the powers and duties of the Committee of Management and certain rights of our members. Our Rules of Association were thoroughly reviewed in 2023, however in order ensure that certain items which are now a standard part of the Model Rules are included, further amendments were required this year. For these changes to take effect, there must be a special resolution passed at this meeting with at least 75% of members in attendance at this meeting voting in favor of the changes. Members were notified on July 26th, 2024, regarding the upcoming resolution to accept the changes to this document. They were provided with a document detailing all amendments, as well as a copy of the completed document incorporating all changes. MOTION <i>It is resolved that the amendments to the Ashburton Community Centre Incorporation Rules of the Association document, as circulated to Members prior to this meeting, be accepted in their entirety as presented.</i> Moved: Lynn Norman Seconded: Michael Murray For: 22 Against: 0 Abstained: 1 Motion Carried 19 members were present at the time the voting was carried out and 3 Proxy Votes supporting the adoption of this resolution were received prior to this meeting from the following members: Patricia Noonan, Gwenda Flintoff and Diane Baker. The amended ACC Incorporation Rules of the Association will be submitted to Consumer Affairs Victoria following the AGM.	

12. Appointment of Committee Members 2023 – 2024 Martin O'Dell is a retiring committee member. Lynn thanked Martin for his years of support and his contributions as past president, his guidance in work on the Strategic Plan, Risk Management and Asset Management. However, we are very pleased to note that he has indicated a willingness to continue in a volunteer capacity. We are also losing Deepa Subramanian who will not be renominating and will miss her great attention to detail contributing to a wide range of document reviews and strategic planning. Finally, we say farewell to Wendy Frayne, who after leaving the CoM last year continued in the role of Minute Secretary. Her dedication has been greatly appreciated. Fortunately, she is keen to continue in her role as facilitator of the very popular Chatty Café. All other current Committee Members are renominating, with the addition of Bill Ford who joined the CoM during the year and 2 new members being William Lee and Georgie Henzell. This will mean that the committee will remain at 8 members. The maximum numbers allowed are 13, hence no election is required. Lynn emphasized it is not about filling all the available seats on the Committee of Management but about having the people with the required skills to fill the roles.	
MOTION <i>That the following members re-standing for the Committee being Lynn Norman, Michael Murray, Christine Millward, Natalia Smith and Ben Chesler. Bill Ford, as well as William Lee and Georgie Henzell who are new, be accepted as members of the ACC Committee of Management for 2024 to 2025.</i> Moved: Lynn Norman Seconded: Martin O'Dell Carried unanimously Lynn encouraged anyone who is interested in the work of the Committee of Management to contact her for further information. Office bearers on the Committee of Management will be elected at the September Committee Meeting.	
13. Members were invited to ask questions regarding the reports presented. Question: No Questions Answer:	
14. Donation of Painting by Reverend Uncle Glenn Loughrey The ACC acknowledged the kind donation by a member, Barbara Loh, of a painting <i>Songlines – Study in Red</i> by Reverend Uncle Glenn Loughrey. Reverend Uncle Glenn Loughrey is an Anglican Priest in the Diocese of Melbourne, formally the Vicar of St Oswald's, Glen Iris and has recently been bestowed the title of Arch Deacon. Glenn identifies as a First Nations Person and is proud to be Wiradjuri. He is an artist, writer and speaker. Reverend Uncle Glenn was unable to attend but will be invited to the Centre along with Barbara Loh at a future date to further acknowledge his work which will be hung opposite the Office.	
15. Guest Speaker Mark Lumley <i>'The Role of the Murnong First People's Gathering Place in the Community'</i> Mark thanked the Committee of Management for the Acknowledgement, in particular Michael Murray who gave the Acknowledgement. Mark introduced himself as a proud Wiradjuri man from New South Wales. Mark talked about his heritage both from Durham County in the UK on his Father's side and NSW on his Mother's side. Mark acknowledged Uncle Glenn's great input into establishing the Murnong Gathering Place. The Murnong First People's Gathering Place (MFPGP) is situated next to St	

Oswald's Anglican Church in High Street, Glen Iris. Named after the Murnong Daisy, students from Swinburne helped establish the garden, where the old tennis courts once stood. The Gathering Place was registered in April 2024 and is now a fully functioning Gathering Place. The hope is to build a long-standing committee. Mark acknowledged St Oswald's for their support. There are Gathering Places in Hastings, Healesville, Thornbury, Mullum Mullum in Ringwood, but until now nothing for local aboriginal people. Significantly there are 400 Aboriginal families in the Boroondara area. This is a place of solace and is always open. The MFPGP is a place of healing and support for indigenous people, with events and activities for the wider community. The adjacent Murnong Aboriginal Art Gallery promotes local artists. The MFPGP relies on grants, donations and commissions for art sales. There are Mob only events like the Yarning Circle. Mark stated that as visitors we are subject to Bunjil lore (Bunjil being the aboriginal deity): Care for country, Care for elders and Care for children. Operating in a modern society with responsibility for 7 generations, every activity undertaken is linked by these ideals. 100 people visited the Keep the Fires Burning Day on the 6th of July during NAIDOC (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Observance Day) week. Illustrating a sad truth, Mark displayed the Exemption Certificate, which in 1951, promised Aboriginal people access to education, health services, housing and employment. In exchange, exempted individuals were required to relinquish their language, identity and ties to kin. Mark contrasted this with the current success stories and recognition of Ash Barty, Evonne Goolagong and Cathy Freeman photographed against a banner with the words Womenjeka Naarm -welcome to Melbourne. Michael Murray presented Mark with a gift of a selection of indigenous plants. Lynn Norman thanked Mark for his presentation and encouraged people to familiarize themselves with the Reconciliation Garden and the Murnong Art Gallery. 16. Winter Warmer Raffle Prize - a hamper including a handmade knitted rug (by our talented Patchwork and Handicraft group), \$100 ACC voucher, latte mugs, a Kenshi candle & diffuser, Pali bag and delicious gourmet goodies. Drawn by: Cr Gary Thompson Winner: Ida Huang	
Lynn invited all to stay on for Afternoon Tea.	
17. Meeting closed: 3:30 pm	Lynn Norman President

Ashburton Community Centre Inc Officers' report 30 June 2025 The officers present their report, together with the financial statements, on the incorporated association for the year ended 30 June 2025. Officers The following persons were officers of the incorporated association during the whole of the financial year and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated. Lynn Norman Resigned 21/06/2024 Martin O'Dell Appointed 31/06/2024 William Lee Christine Milward Cristina Kelly Nicola Smith Ben Chastler Bill Ford George Hensell Appointed 31/06/2024 Deepa Subramanian Resigned 17/07/2024 Principal activities The principal activities of the association during the financial year were: Providing services, training and courses to the local community. On behalf of the officers  Christine Milward 20 August 2025  Nicola Smith	
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General information

The financial statements cover Ashburton Community Centre Inc as an individual entity. The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is Ashburton Community Centre Inc's functional and presentation currency.

Ashburton Community Centre Inc is a not-for-profit incorporated association, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business is:

160 High Street,
Ashburton, Vic., 3147.

A description of the nature of the incorporated association's operations and its principal activities are included in the officers' report, which is not part of the financial statements.

The financial statements were authorised for issue on 20 August 2025.

Ashburton Community Centre Inc
Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income
For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Revenue	3	494,973	393,680
Expenses			
Administration expenses		(75,901)	(70,381)
Tutor payments		(134,157)	(95,513)
Employee benefits expense		(268,401)	(251,315)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(7,109)	(8,132)
Surplus/(deficit) before income tax expense		9,405	(31,661)
Income tax expense		-	-
Surplus/(deficit) after income tax expense for the year attributable to the members of Ashburton Community Centre Inc	13	9,405	(31,661)
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to the members of Ashburton Community Centre Inc		9,405	(31,661)

The above statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

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Ashburton Community Centre Inc Statement of financial position As at 30 June 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	90,460	54,097
Trade and other receivables	5	5,991	2,173
Other financial assets	6	140,000	140,000
Total current assets		236,451	196,270
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	7	22,747	21,585
Total non-current assets		22,747	21,585
Total assets		259,198	217,855
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	55,375	51,061
Employee benefits	9	21,247	21,363
Other	10	53,994	29,800
Total current liabilities		130,616	102,224
Non-current liabilities			
Employee benefits	11	21,795	18,249
Total non-current liabilities		21,795	18,249
Total liabilities		152,411	120,473
Net assets		106,787	97,382
Equity			
Reserves	12	90,000	90,000
Retained surpluses	13	16,787	7,382
Total equity		106,787	97,382

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Ashburton Community Centre Inc Statement of changes in equity For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Reserves \$	Retained profits \$	Total equity \$
Balance at 1 July 2023	90,000	39,043	129,043
Deficit after income tax expense for the year	-	(31,661)	(31,661)
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	(31,661)	(31,661)
Balance at 30 June 2024	90,000	7,382	97,382
Balance at 1 July 2024	90,000	7,382	97,382
Surplus after income tax expense for the year	-	9,405	9,405
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	9,405	9,405
Balance at 30 June 2025	90,000	16,787	106,787

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

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Ashburton Community Centre Inc Statement of cash flows For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers		505,739	392,013
Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)		(470,715)	(394,025)
Interest received		35,024	(2,012)
Net cash from operating activities	15	9,610	3,879
		44,634	1,867
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(8,271)	(3,310)
Proceeds from term deposits		-	10,000
Net cash from/(used in) investing activities		(8,271)	6,690
		-	-
Net cash from financing activities		-	-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		38,363	8,557
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		54,097	45,540
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	4	90,460	54,097

Ashburton Community Centre Inc Notes to the financial statements 30 June 2025

Note 1. Material accounting policy information

The accounting policies that are material to the incorporated association are set out below. The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year, unless otherwise stated.

New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted

The incorporated association has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

Basis of preparation

In the officers' opinion, the incorporated association is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements.

These are special purpose financial statements that have been prepared for the purposes of complying with the Australian Corporations Act 2001, the Corporations Regulations 2001, the Victorian Charitable Foundations Act 1993, the Victorian Fundraising Act 1998 and associated regulations. The officers have determined that the accounting policies adopted are appropriate to meet the needs of the members of Ashburton Community Centre Inc.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements specified by the Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 'Presentation of Financial Statements', AASB 107 'Statement of Cash Flows', AASB 108 'Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors', AASB 1048 'Interpretation of Standards' and AASB 1054 'Australian Additional Disclosures', as appropriate for not-for profit oriented entities.

Historical cost convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Critical accounting estimates

The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the incorporated association's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in note 2.

Revenue recognition

The incorporated association recognises revenue as follows:

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

The association has applied AASB 15: Revenue from Contracts with Customers (AASB 15) and AASB 1058: Income of Not-for-Profit Entities.

Contributed assets

The association receives assets from the government and other parties for nil or nominal consideration in order to further its objectives. These assets are recognised in accordance with the recognition requirements of other applicable accounting standards (eg. AASB 9; AASB 16; AASB 16 and AASB 136).

On initial recognition of an asset, the association recognises related amounts (being contributions by owners, lease liability, financial instruments, provisions, revenue or contract liability arising from a contract with a customer).

The association recognises income immediately in profit or loss as the difference between initial carrying amount of the asset and the related amount.

Operating grants, donations and bequests

When the association receives operating grant revenue, donations or bequests, it assesses whether the contract is enforceable and has sufficiently specific performance obligations in accordance with AASB 15.

The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

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Notes to the financial statements
30 June 2025

Note 1. Material accounting policy information (continued)

When both these conditions are satisfied, the association:

- identifies each performance obligation relating to the grant
- recognises a contract liability for its obligations under the agreement
- recognises revenue as it satisfies its performance obligations.

Where the contract is not enforceable or does not have sufficiently specific performance obligations, the association:

- recognises the asset received in accordance with the recognition requirements of other applicable accounting standards (eg. AASB 9, AASB 16, AASB 116 and AASB 138)
- recognises related amounts (being contributions by owners, lease liability, financial instruments, provisions, revenue or contract liability arising from a contract with a customer)
- recognises income immediately in profit or loss as the difference between the initial carrying amount of the asset and the related amount.

If a contract liability is recognised as a related amount above, the association recognises income in profit or loss when or as it satisfies its obligations under the contract.

Capital grants

When the association receives a capital grant, it recognises a liability for the excess of the initial carrying amount of the financial asset received over any related amounts (being contributions by owners, lease liability, financial instruments, provisions, revenue or contract liability arising from a contract with a customer) recognised under other Australian Accounting Standards.

The association recognises income in profit or loss when or as the association satisfies its obligations under the terms of the grant.

Interest

Interest revenue is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method.

Other revenue

Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

Income tax

As the incorporated association is a charitable institution in terms of subsection 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, as amended, it is exempt from paying income tax.

Current and non-current classification

Assets and liabilities are presented in the statement of financial position based on current and non-current classification.

An asset is classified as current when: it is either expected to be realised or intended to be sold or consumed in the incorporated association's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is expected to be realised within 12 months after the reporting period; or the asset is cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other assets are classified as non-current.

A liability is classified as current when: it is either expected to be settled in the incorporated association's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is due to be settled within 12 months after the reporting period; or there is no right at the end of the reporting period to defer the settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other liabilities are classified as non-current.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

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Note 1. Material accounting policy information (continued)

Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method; less any allowance for expected credit losses. Trade receivables are generally due for settlement within 30 days.

The incorporated association has applied the simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses, which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance. To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables have been grouped based on days overdue.

Other receivables are recognised at amortised cost, less any allowance for expected credit losses.

Property, plant and equipment

Plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis to write off the net cost of each item of property, plant and equipment (excluding land) over their expected useful lives as follows:

Plant and equipment 5 - 10 years

The residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when there is no future economic benefit to the incorporated association. Gains and losses between the carrying amount and the disposal proceeds are taken to profit or loss.

Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the incorporated association prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. Due to their short-term nature they are measured at amortised cost and are not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

Employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and long service leave expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

Other long-term employee benefits

The liability for annual leave and long service leave not expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

Goods and Services Tax (GST) and other similar taxes

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the tax authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of the acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority is included in other receivables or other payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to the tax authority, are presented as operating cash flows.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority.

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Note 1. Material accounting policy information (continued)

New Accounting Standards and Interpretations not yet mandatory or early adopted

Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have recently been issued or amended but are not yet mandatory, have not been early adopted by the incorporated association for the annual reporting period ended 30 June 2025. The incorporated association has not yet assessed the impact of these new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations.

Note 2. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events, management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting judgements and estimates will seldom equal the related actual results. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities (refer to the respective notes) within the next financial year are discussed below.

Estimation of useful lives of assets

The incorporated association determines the estimated useful lives and related depreciation and amortisation charges for its property, plant and equipment and finite life intangible assets. The useful lives could change significantly as a result of technical innovations or some other event. The depreciation and amortisation charge will increase where the useful lives are less than previously estimated lives, or technically obsolete or non-strategic assets that have been abandoned or sold will be written off or written down.

Note 3. Revenue

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Class fees	226,296	172,073
Fundraising and donations	20,725	15,943
Group fees	13,459	13,732
Grants - council	109,075	108,937
Grants - projects	14,841	12,115
Membership fees	10,891	8,810
Room hire	60,174	60,174
Subsidised revenue	98,150	88,879
Other revenue	1,323	2,067
Revenue	494,973	393,680

Note 4. Current assets - cash and cash equivalents

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Cash on hand	442	442
Cash at bank	90,018	53,655
	90,460	54,097

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30 June 2025

Note 5. Current assets - trade and other receivables

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Trade receivables	5,741	2,173
Other receivables	250	-
	5,991	2,173

Note 6. Current assets - other financial assets

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Term deposits with over 3 months to maturity	140,000	140,000

Note 7. Non-current assets - property, plant and equipment

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Plant and equipment - at cost	50,781	42,510
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(28,034)	(20,925)
	22,747	21,585

Note 8. Current liabilities - trade and other payables

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Trade payables	7,964	8,379
Other payables	47,411	42,692
	55,375	51,061

Note 9. Current liabilities - employee benefits

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Employee benefits	21,247	21,363

Note 10. Current liabilities - other

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Contract Liability (Grants & Income in Advance)	53,994	29,800

Note 11. Non-current liabilities - employee benefits

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Employee benefits	21,795	18,249

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Note 12. Equity - reserves

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Corpus funds	90,000	90,000

Note 13. Equity - retained surpluses

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Retained surpluses at the beginning of the financial year	7,382	39,043
Surplus/(deficit) after income tax expense for the year	9,405	(31,661)
Retained surpluses at the end of the financial year	16,787	7,382

Note 14. Events after the reporting period

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2025 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the incorporated association's operations, the results of those operations, or the incorporated association's state of affairs in future financial years.

Note 15. Reconciliation of surplus/(deficit) after income tax to net cash from operating activities

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Surplus/(deficit) after income tax expense for the year	9,405	(31,661)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation	7,109	8,132
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables	(3,818)	2,286
Increase in trade and other payables	4,314	22,456
Increase in employee benefits	3,430	728
Increase/(decrease) in other operating liabilities	24,194	(74)
Net cash from operating activities	44,634	1,867

Ashturton Community Centre Inc Officers' declaration 30 June 2025

In the officers' opinion:

- the incorporated association is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. Accordingly, as described in note 1 to the financial statements, the attached general purpose financial statements have been prepared for the purposes of complying with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and Victorian legislation the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012, the Fundraising Act 1998 and associated regulations;
- the attached financial statements and notes comply with the Accounting Standards as described in note 1 to the financial statements;
- the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the incorporated association's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the incorporated association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

On behalf of the officers

Christine Milward

Natalia Smith

20 August 2025



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