ASHBURTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Annual Report 25/26

Celebrating 40 Years | 1986 - 2026

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Strategic Plan Summary
2024 - 2026

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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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.

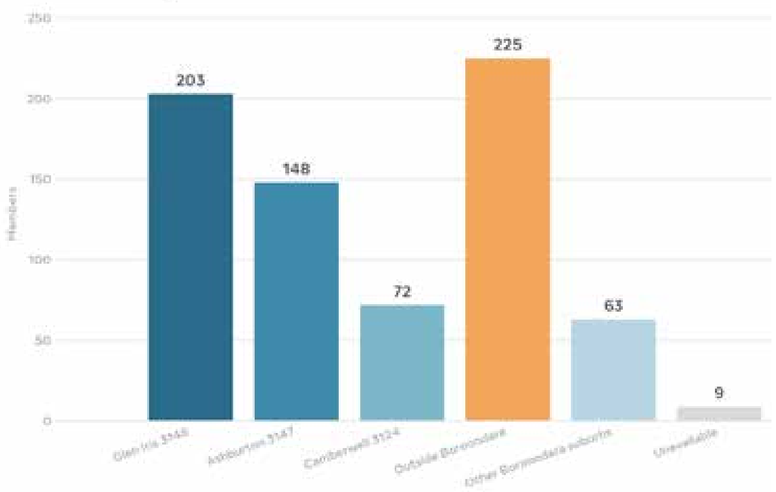
COUNCIL AREA NETWORK

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.

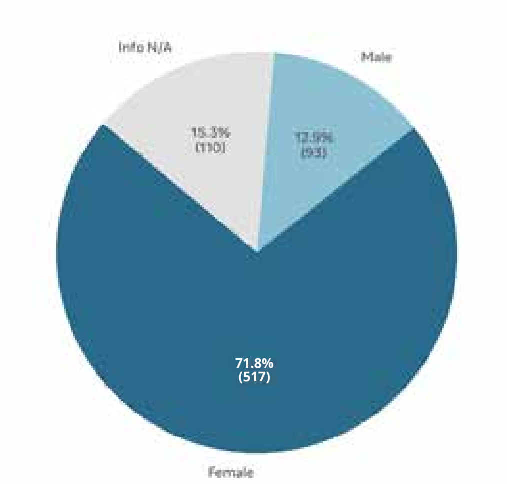
Our Community & Our Members

Our Centre finished the year with over 720 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 school holiday program and Room Hirers' activities.

Where are our members located?



Membership by Gender



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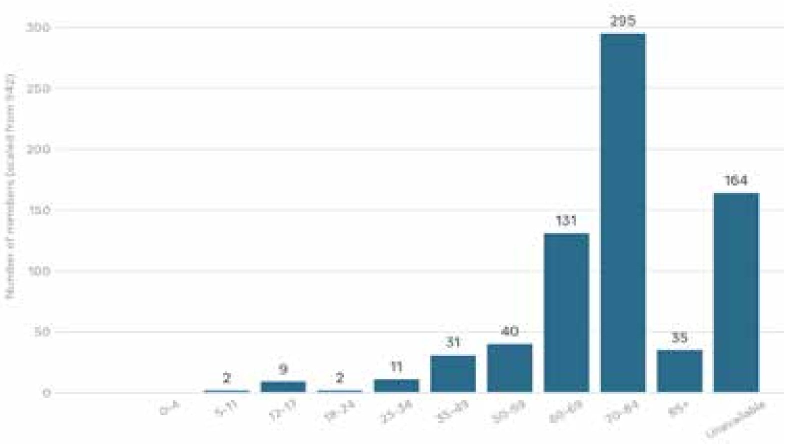

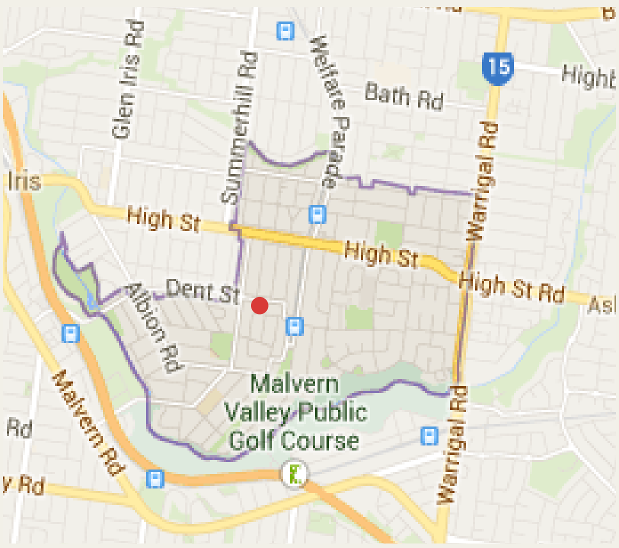

Map of Ashburton

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 dynamic and caring community managed not-for-profit organisation, offering classes, activities, groups, 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)

Cathy Van der Zee - Administration Assistant (Wednesdays & Thursdays)

Committee of Management

Official Office Bearers

President - Christine Millward
Vice President - Lynn Norman
Secretary - Ben Chesler
Treasurer - Natallia Smith

General Committee Members

Bill Ford

Georgie Henzell (until November 2025)

William Lee

Michael Murray

Geetanjali (Geeta) Menon (joined September 2025)

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 2025/2026:

New Tutors
Zoe Kelly
Jake Prager

1 year +
David Barton
Liz Bednall
Megan Edwards
Margaret Havlik
Sam Au
Sim Birrell
Sarah Craze
Catherine Loria
Marie Pietersz

5 years +
Jane Creasey
Laura Goldstraw
Lisa Gribbin
Lorraine Kelly
Isabelle Martin
Dina Theodoropolous

10 years +
Martine Bourbon
Barbara Boxhall
Margaret Crichton
Robin Kenrick
Echo Wu

20 years +
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30 years +
Alan Rawady
Jenny Biggin
Ulla Jones
Mary Thow

Celebrating Jenny & Ulla

This year marked the retirement of two of our much-loved long-term exercise tutors, Jenny Biggin and Ulla Jones.

In April, the Centre held farewell celebrations to honour these remarkable women, who had each been an integral part of our community for more than 30 years. The events provided a wonderful opportunity for members and staff to come together and express their gratitude for the enormous contribution both women made to the life of the Centre

While Jenny and Ulla were outstanding tutors, their impact extended far beyond the classes they taught. Their warmth, encouragement and genuine care for others helped foster friendships and social connections that remains at the heart of the Centre today.

Sadly, Ulla passed away in June. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.




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 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
Nicole Lane
Araluen Rapson
Rebecca Williams

Digital Mentors

Peter Aarons
Sandar Hla
Geetanjali (Geeta) Menon
Lynn Norman *(Lead Digital Mentor & Click Smart Program Coordinator)*
Joella Stadtler
Chris Wright

Connect Group Co-ordinators

Barbara Boxhall
Milda Buxton
Caroline Carruthers
Leigh Carwood
Angie Cheah
Nick Constantino
Margaret Counihan
Kate Dawson
Laura Devenish
Jenny Dickson
Bill Ford
Wendy Frayne
Pat Griffith
Norrene Hill
Ben Howe
Barbara Kaye
Janet King
Prema Krishnan
Betty Ladbury
Catherine McNair
Marion Morrison
Joy Oldfield
Victoria Ostergaad
Kristine See
Yvonne Sher
Lyn Shiells
George Thomas
Angela Trinca
Jarrod Vanderzee
Angela Walker
Patricia Widayat

Project Volunteers

Barbara Kaye (*The Ashy Eco Hub, 'Advanced Care Planning' and 'Heaven Can Wait' Workshops*)
Charlotte Jowett *(Bookfest Ashburton Professional Storyteller)*
Robyn MacKay *(Speaker)*
Martin O'Dell *(Maintenance & Planning)*
Judy Shevlin *(The Ashy Eco Hub)*

Event Volunteers

Margaret Havlik & Christine Millward
(Devonshire Tea & Cookies-in-a Jar Coordinators)

Our major events and fundraising activities, such as Ashburton-a-Fair, Bookfest Ashburton and Cookies-in-a-Jar project rely on the generous support of our event volunteers. We would like to thank our event volunteers who continue to sign up for shifts and support our fundraising events throughout the year.

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
Get Connected (Beginners)
Stay Connected (Intermediate)
Botanical Watercolour Illustration
Chinese Brush Painting
Dungeons & Dragons (For Kids)
Dungeons & Dragons (Teens)
Exercise to Music (50+)
NEW Feel Good Fitness
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)
Line Dancing
Life Drawing
Mah-jong (Western) Lessons
Mat Pilates
Nordic Walking Beginners
Outer Strength, Inner Calm - Yoga for Men
NEW Sing It & Strum It
Tech Help Desk
Tai Chi
Watercolour, Gouache and Mixed Media
NEW Watercolour: Beyond the Basics
Ukulele - Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced
Yoga - Stretch & Strengthen
Yoga - Yin
Yoga Pilates
Yoga for All
Yoga - Hatha Continuing
Your Healthy Spine
Your Life Stories - A Writers Group

Groups

Meeting Weekly

Ashy Writers Club
Chatty Café
Craft, Coffee and Chat
Cryptic Crosswords
Floral Art Group
NEW Karaoke
Mah Jong (Western) (2 groups)
Nordic Walking Group
Patchwork and Handcraft Group
Scrabble Club
Table Tennis Group
Walking Group

Meeting Fortnightly

Acoustic Group
Blues Music Jamming Session
Dungeons & Dragons (4 groups)
Older Blokes, New Ideas
Rummikub
NEW Sing-a-Long Singers
Spinners and Knitters Group

Meeting Monthly

Chapter Chasers Bookclub
Death Café
Drawing Flowers Connect Group
Global Film Discussion Group
Mind Readers Bookclub
Novels at Night Book Group
Thursday Afternoon Book Group
Wednesday Readers Book Group

Online Activities

Stay Active Online Pass
Yoga Online Pass

School Holiday Program

Chill'n'Fill (Marker Art)
Dungeons & Dragons (for Kids)
Dungeons & Dragons (for Teens)
Video Game Tournament for Tweens

Workshops

Delivered by ACC. For workshops and activities provided in partnership, please see the Our Supporters section.

Advanced Care Planning
Heaven Can Wait
Drawing Flowers
Click Smart (Cyber Security for Seniors)
Click Smart (Your Digital Keys: Passwords and Passphrases)
International Day of People with Disability Presentation

Events

Ashburton-a-Fair (Sep/Dec/Apr/Jun)
Bookfest Ashburton (Jul)
Get Online Week - Trivia Quiz (Oct)
How the Tide Has Turned: A History of Women in the Victorian Parliament - International Women's Day (Mar)
Halloween on High (Oct)
Men's Spud Lunch & Speaker - Men's Health Week (Sep)
Musical Medley Afternoons (May, Sep & Dec)

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

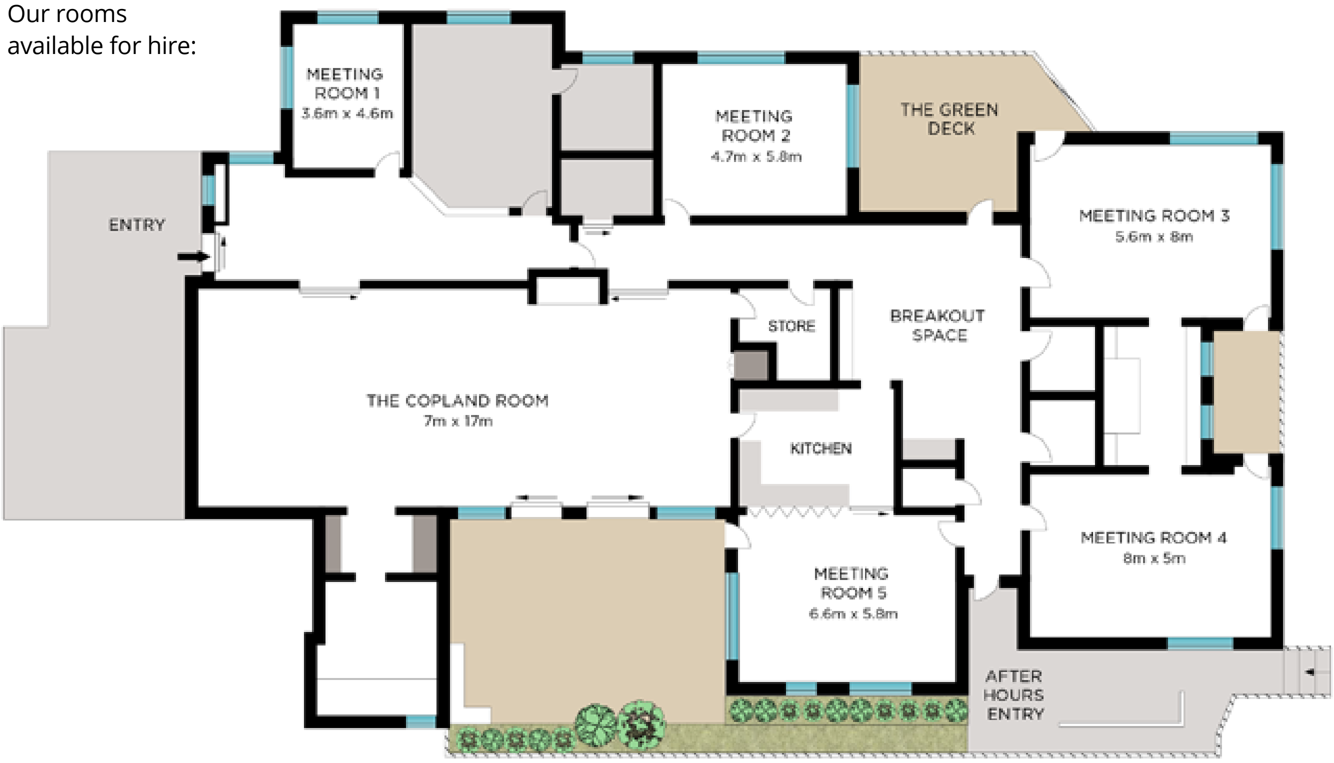
We partner with our room hirers to promote, when chosen, their activities and to support their success within the local community. Room hirers provide a diverse range of activities and their use of the Centre not only supports our Centre's income, and activation of our space, but room hirers also support the delivery of additional activities to the community.

Regular Room Hirers

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
- ***Wing Chun Kung Fu Classes*** by Wing Chun Melbourne
- ***Life Long Learning*** program by Hawthorn Community House
- ***Move Together Create Together*** - creative arts and movement classes for young adults with an intellectual disability.

Our rooms available for hire:



Our Supporters

Ashburton Community Centre is proud to be supported by a range of valued partners, including government, community organisations, and local businesses. Their contributions enable us to provide inclusive programs, welcoming spaces, and services that respond to the needs of our community. While no single source meets all of the Centre's needs, together with the generous support of our partners, we are able to continue delivering essential services and work towards long-term financial sustainability. We would like to thank the following organisations for their support this year.

Major Supporters

City of Boroondara
We gratefully acknowledge the support of the City of Boroondara, who provide triennial funding on a long-term basis, the beautiful building from which ACC operates, and additional project support through a submission process.

Bendigo Bank, Inner East Community Finance Ltd
In 2025, Ashburton Community Centre was deeply grateful to receive $19,088 through the Inner East Community Investment Program as part of the Neighbourhood Centres Pilot Program. This funding has enabled our Centre to increase its administration support by 20% which is vital for our vibrant growing Centre.

Workshops & Activity Sponsors

The organisations who have sponsored workshops, presentations and activities at our Centre this year:

- **Alpha Hearing** - World Hearing Day Session
- **Bendigo Bank - Inner East Community Bank** - Click With Confidence Workshop
- **Downsizing Connections Group** - Downsizing Information Sessions
- **Latrobe Community Heath Service** - My Aged Care Workshop
- **Iris Aged Care** - Understanding your Aged Care Choices Workshop
- **Paisley Park Early Learning Centre (Ashburton)** - Creative Hub Sponsor for Ashburton-a-Fair (Apr & Jun)
- **Umbrella Dementia** - Dementia Support within your Local Community Event

Project Grants

- **Inner East Community Bank – Bendigo Bank** – Operational funding and 40th Anniversary History Booklet
- **City of Boroondara** – Community Strengthening Grant – Interpretive Wall Panels
- **The Good Things Foundation** – Get Online Week 2025
- **Australian Neighbourhood Houses and Centres Association** – Stronger Communities Round 9 – Holiday Programs for diverse young people
- **Department of Home Affairs** – Cyber Security (Click Smart) Program

Donations

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 Ashy Eco Hub, or giving at our events. Every small act of generosity adds up and helps us continue building a vibrant, connected community.

President's Report

I have just completed my second year as the President of ACC, a position shared with our Vice President Lynn Norman. Our biggest event in 2026 is our 40th birthday, so I will start with a little background.

Our 40th Anniversary year

ACC opened in 1986, occupying a former medical surgery next door to the Library, which had opened in 1980. At that time, Ashburton fell within the City of Camberwell, which purchased the property to house a new Community Centre. In 2011, the larger Boroondara Council approved funds and plans for a new building with dedicated parking (which would be shared with the Library) so the new Centre was built on the same site. During construction, the Centre's Office was run out of Glen Iris Uniting Church. They continued running some popular classes at the Eric Raven Reserve in Glen Iris, as well as Lynden Park in Camberwell.

The Office and activities moved into the splendid new building which was officially opened on 15 April 2014. Our current Executive Officer (EO), Rachel Morley, has been at the helm since 2018 and has steered the Centre through some troubled times – the internal flooding and relocation of activities and classes in 2019, followed by 2 years of COVID lockdowns during 2020-21, then a gradual re-opening and recovery during 2022-23.

Rachel and her team quickly adapted to the lockdowns and put in place internet-based classes which are still available today for those who prefer to partake at home. This was a wonderful success story, and although we (along with all the other Neighbourhood Houses) lost members and income during the COVID affected years, this ensured that we retained many members. Our numbers and activities have continued to build since.

Our AGM speaker, local historian Sarah Craze, has written a commemorative 40th history book in collaboration with Rachel. This was sponsored by a grant from our local Bendigo Bank's "Community Investment Program". We thank them for their ongoing support. We also thank Boroondara Council for sponsoring our 40th birthday history storyboards which will also be launched at our AGM, then displayed in various rooms around the Centre. The layout and artwork on these is by our own Natasha Kuperman.

Committee of Management

As always, your Committee of Management (CoM) has been busy with overarching governance policy. In particular, an updated Strategic Plan has been prepared by Lynn Norman, Martin O'Dell and Natasha Kuperman.

Over the last year there have been 8 CoM members, with the appointment of Geeta Menon in September 2025, and departure of Georgie Henzell in November 2025. We thank Georgie for her service. We have been fortunate that Geeta has shared some Treasurer duties and has agreed to take over that Office from our outgoing Treasurer, Natallia Smith, who is stepping down from the CoM. Many thanks to Natallia for her 3 years of service as ACC Treasurer.

Our Secretary of the last 3 years, Ben Chesler, is also leaving, as he re-locates for work. We wish him the very best in his new endeavours. In addition, 2027 will be the last year for myself and Lynn to be Office bearers, as well as Lynn's last year on the committee – we have a limit of 6 years each. So, as you can see, constant recruitment of new CoM members is crucial, as is succession planning for office bearers. I urge anyone reading this to consider a stint on the CoM. General members are very welcome, so if you'd like to enquire about joining our committee please contact our Office.

Balancing growth and costs

One of the core duties of the CoM is to ensure the financial health of the Centre. Our classes, activities and events are growing all the time (see Rachel's EO Report). This is good news, but our costs grow all the time too. A large part of this is staff wages - both admin and tutors - due to the mandated Fair Work Commission wage increases of nearly 5% each year. We now pay superannuation to both employees and contract tutors too, so balancing income and expenses is always a challenge (see Natallia's Treasurer's Report).

Because of this, we have recently been involved in campaigns to lobby the State Government for some State Government funding, which has not been forthcoming: most Neighbourhood Houses receive this, while ACC receives none. Luckily, in 2025, we received our first Operational Funding grant from Bendigo Bank which has helped cover the office workload generated by the growth of our extensive offerings (see Rachel's EO Report). Again, we thank Bendigo Bank President, Bob Stensholt, and his Board for their generous ongoing support.

Boroondara Council and the High Street

Boroondara Council provides our splendid building and recently renewed our 3-year triennial funding which covers around 22% of our income (see Treasurer's report). I wish to thank Georgia Lukacs-Rotow and Caddy Purdy who attended our June meeting and briefed us on this new agreement. Thanks also to Katelyn Stayner, who has been our dedicated Council Liaison Officer and coordinates training sessions for our CoM.

I also acknowledge our Solway Ward Councillor John Friend-Perera and State MP Matt Fregon for their ongoing engagement with our Centre. The Ashburton Traders have also provided support, in particular Brumby's Bakery which sponsors our Devonshire Teas by providing those lovely big scones at cost. Also just down the road at 100 High St, Glen Iris is the Murnong First Peoples' Gathering Place with whom we maintain links. Several of us attended the opening of the "Truth 'n Treaty" art exhibition in May at the Murnong Gallery, which focussed on the recent Victorian Treaty and the members of the First People's Assembly.

ACC Staff and Volunteers

As always, our office administration staff have done a sterling job running the Centre – thanks to Jill, Jo, Catherine and Cathy! This year has been a particularly challenging one with our EO Rachel having to take extended sick leave. Our Marketing Manager Natasha Kuperman (Tash) has stepped up and in part acted as EO for nearly half a year. Her talent, dedication and superhuman efforts are very much appreciated by our CoM.

My final thanks are to our talented Tutors and Group Leaders, our hard-working band of volunteers (this includes the CoM of course) and our loyal members, who populate and support the Centre every day.

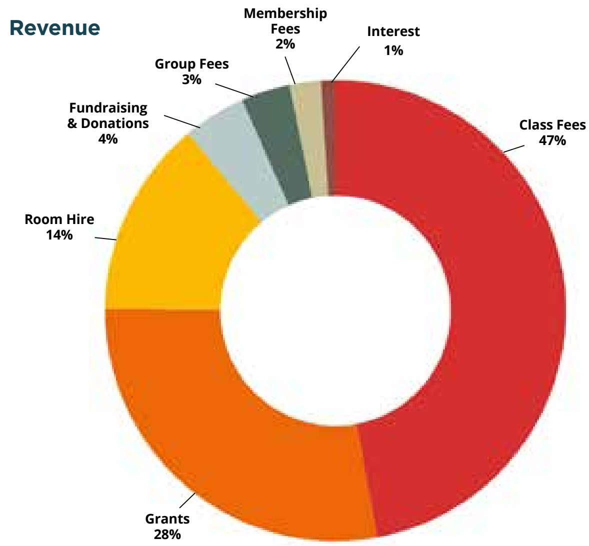
(Dr) Christine Milward President

Treasurer's Report

It is my pleasure to present the Treasurer's Report for the 2025-26 financial year. Ashburton Community Centre continued to deliver a broad range of classes, groups, room hire and community services while maintaining a disciplined approach to its finances.

The Centre recorded total revenue of $518,463, up $23,490 or 4.7% on FY25. After total expenses of $519,200, the year closed with a small deficit of $737. This is a broadly break-even result and follows the $9,405 surplus achieved in FY25.

The result shows that the Centre funded a higher level of activity and employment costs while keeping the overall financial outcome close to balance. Our FY26 budget forecast a deficit of approximately $23,690. Finishing the year with a significantly lower deficit was an excellent achievement and demonstrates the Centre's sound financial management and resilience.



Revenue Performance

Class fees remained the strongest component of the Centre's revenue base, accounting for 47% of total trading income. Revenue from class fees increased to $242,961, representing growth of $16,665 (7.4%) compared with the previous year. Group fees also performed strongly, rising 28.8% to $17,339, while fundraising income increased to $22,809. The Centre continues to benefit from the ongoing support of Boroondara Council, whose funding contributes approximately 20% of our total trading income. We also received $19,089 through the Neighbourhood Community Development Program (NCDP), while project grant income remained relatively stable at $14,479. We are particularly grateful for the continued support of Inner East Community Bank (Bendigo Bank), a valued community partner. During the year, the Centre received funding through Bendigo Bank's Neighbourhood Centre Pilot Program, including a grant to engage a historian to document and preserve the history of the Community Centre. The DHA Cyber Security Awareness Support Program was also very well received and provided valuable benefits to our members and the broader community. Room hire income totalled $71,187, down from $88,753 in the previous year. This reduction reflects the loss of several long-standing room hire users. Despite this decline, room hire remains an important source of revenue and community engagement for the Centre. Overall, the Centre maintained a diverse and resilient income base, supported by strong class participation, successful fundraising efforts, valuable grant funding and the ongoing commitment of our community partners.

Expenses

Total expenses increased by $33,632, or 6.9%, to $519,200. Employee benefits were the main contributor, increasing to $301,673 from $268,401. This reflects higher staff wages and superannuation as well as movements in annual leave and long service leave provisions. Tutor payments decreased to $128,555 from $134,157, noting that FY25 included $9,327 of tutor backpay. Administration expenses increased to $80,316 from $75,901, while depreciation was $8,659.

Cash and financial position

The Centre generated positive net cash from operating activities of $8,706. Cash at bank and on hand therefore increased to $99,166 at 30 June 2026. In addition, the Centre held $140,000 in term deposits with more than three months to maturity. Total assets were $280,389 and total liabilities were $174,339, leaving net assets of $106,050. This was only $737 lower than the prior year, consistent with the small operating deficit.

The balance sheet continues to provide a sound base, although employee benefit obligations and income received in advance remain important commitments to monitor.

Outlook

The FY26 result demonstrates resilience. Revenue continued to grow and operating cash flow remained positive, despite higher employment-related costs and softer room hire income. The Centre's challenge for FY27 is to preserve this balance while continuing to meet the changing needs of the community.

Financial Year 26/27 Priorities

	FY27 PRIORITY	FOCUS
1	Strengthen core income	Maintain class and group participation, support fundraising and membership, respond to the reduction in room hire income.
2	Manage employment costs	Continue careful workforce planning, monitor leave provisions so that future obligations are well understood and funded.
3	Protect Liquidity	Maintain appropriate cash reserves, continue investing in term deposits while allowing for grants and fees received in advance.
4	Plan for Sustainability	Use regular reporting and budget monitoring to identify pressures early and support decisions by the committee.

Summary

Overall, the Centre finished the year in a sound financial position, with a small deficit of $737 compared with a budgeted deficit of $23,690. While we continue to face pressure from rising operating costs and changing funding arrangements, the centre has appropriate financial controls and sufficient resources to support its planned activities. The committee will continue to balance careful financial management with our commitment to keeping programs accessible and responsive to the needs of our community.

Thank you

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Rachel Morley, our Executive Officer, and Natasha Kuperman, our Marketing and Communications Coordinator, as well as our bookkeepers, staff, volunteers, fellow committee members and funding bodies for their outstanding contributions throughout the year. Their dedication, hard work and commitment have enabled the Centre to continue to thrive and provide invaluable support, connection and opportunities for our community. For many of our members, the Centre is far more than a place to attend activities; it is a second home, a place of belonging, friendship and support. We are deeply grateful to everyone who plays a part in making this possible.

As I conclude my time as Treasurer, I would also like to thank the Committee for the trust and support they have shown me in this role. It has been a privilege to contribute to the Centre's ongoing success. I am pleased to be handing the role over to a highly capable and skilled successor, and I do so with great confidence that the Centre's strong financial stewardship will continue into the future. I wish the Committee, staff, volunteers and members every success for the years ahead.

Natallia Smith Treasurer

Executive Officer's Report

The last year has been one of both celebration and preparation as we head towards our 40th Anniversary.

Some of our great new offerings this year include our expanded inclusive school holiday programs funded through Supporting Stronger Communities grant program. Other new activities have included pasta-making and sponsored decluttering workshops, as well as new Dungeons and Dragons classes for kids, teens and more adults D&D groups. We have also been working to make our program more dementia-friendly, with a modified art class and a new Memory and Movement to Music class being developed by our Brain Health Fitness tutor. Our ClickSmart cyber security sessions, led by Lynn Normann (with huge thanks!) and funded via the federal Department of Home Affairs, delivered 43 sessions and reached over 260 people. We run almost 50 regular weekly term-based classes and 30 regular groups so we are an incredibly busy centre. Our Centre also hires space for many businesses to offer activities to the community.

Ongoing services include our Chatty Café, Justice of the Peace service and the very popular Ashy Eco Hub and Container Deposit Scheme, which is going from strength to strength with more containers donated than ever before. Thanks to all our volunteers who have run these throughout the year.

Our event calendar continues to be a highlight and a wonderful way to connect with the wider community. In March, our International Women's Day afternoon tea raised funds for Impact for Women, followed by a Dementia Support information session in April run in partnership with Umbrella Café. Our quarterly Ashburton-a-Fairs and three Musical Medleys continued to be popular, while Bookfest Ashburton in July raised more than $6,000. In October, our Get Online Week Trivia Afternoon was a great success despite the terrible weather. Halloween on High and our free foyer colouring-in were also very well attended. Events are joyful but labour-intensive, and I am incredibly grateful to all the volunteers who make them possible - many hands really do make light work!

This year we have said some heartfelt farewells. Jenny Biggin, who ran four exercise classes a week for almost 40 years, and Ulla Jones, our much-loved Your Healthy Spine tutor and walking group coordinator for 36 years, have both retired during the year. We held beautiful celebrations to honour their extraordinary contributions to the community. We also hosted a beautiful memorial service for Ulla in June after she sadly passed away. She will be very missed by our Centre and the community.

We have also welcomed new tutors for our inclusive holiday programs and for Dungeons and Dragons classes.

Fundraising has been strong, with Bookfest Ashburton, increased container returns, our early 2026 donation drive, and our annual Cookies in a Jar Christmas fundraiser. Sponsorship has also emerged as extremely popular and has very quickly established regular sponsors that support our Centre.

Partnerships remain incredibly important. Our work with the Library on the Ashy Foyer continues, with new keypads and intercom installed and furniture being jointly purchased – we look forward to activating this space in the next year. We work closely with Rotary Chadstone East Malvern for Ashburton-a-Fairs, with Ashburton Traders for Halloween on High. We are also incredibly grateful to Inner East Community Bank (Bendigo Bank Ashburton) for their deepening partnership and supporting operational funding for our Centre.

Behind the scenes, there have been important upgrades. Our five office desktops were no longer Windows 11 compatible and were replaced with refurbished models and phone handsets and headsets have been upgraded, internal and external painting completed.

I would like to thank all the many people who contribute to our Centre including our 25 tutors – who provide the huge range of activities we offer and support all our members in learning, moving creating and connecting. We look forward to awarding tutors who have been with us for longer than 10 years after the AGM – but I want to recognize all tutors, regardless of time at our Centre. I also want to thank all our wonderful volunteers – from our much-valued administration volunteers, Connect Group Coordinators, Digital Mentors and Event Volunteers. We have around 50 regular volunteers and they enable our Centre to reach so many people in the community.

Our Centre could not function without the fantastic ACC office team. This year I have had to take extended leave to manage a health issue, and I cannot thank enough our amazing office team for keeping everything running smoothly. Thank you to Natasha, our Marketing Coordinator, who has stepped up enormously to cover additional hours during my leave from February, not only keeping on top of the huge amount of marketing our busy Centre requires but also keeping day-day operations running well. I would also like to thank our magnificent administration staff, Jo, Jill, Catherine and Cathy, for their dedication, hard work and the care they bring to everything they do. They are the friendly and welcoming face of the Centre, and their contribution to keeping everything running smoothly is truly invaluable.

I am supported by an active Committee of Management, all of whom are volunteers. I would like to thank our President Christine Milward and Vice President, Lynn Norman and the entire Committee for their diligence, skill and care throughout the year and for supporting me whilst on leave. Your different perspectives and resources make us stronger.

I have received valuable support from a range of other networks. I continue as a member of the Neighbourhood Houses Boroondara Network and I have joined the Committee of Governance of the Network of Inner East Community Houses (NIECH). Our Centre has been part of a state-wide pre-election campaign and, whilst it doesn’t look likely, we are hopeful that one day the State Government will fund our Centre like it does for most other Neighbourhood Houses in Victoria.

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

Looking ahead, we have so much to celebrate. Our 40th Anniversary, which will be celebrated after this AGM, will include Story Boards funded by the Council and our 40-year History publication funded by the Inner East Community Bank (Bendigo Bank) and written by Sarah Craze, our local historian and ACC tutor. It has been fascinating for me to realise the depth of impact that our Centre has had in the local community.

Last and certainly not least, thank you to all our wonderful members who support and contribute to our Centre. You are the reason we are here, and I look forward to celebrating 40 years with you all.

Rachel Morley, Executive Officer

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ASHBURTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

ASHBURTON COMMUNITY CENTRE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES - Wednesday 10 September 2025 at 2pm

Item	Person
Open Meeting Meeting opened 2.00pm Wednesday 10 September 202	Christine Millward
Acknowledgement of Country Michael Murray read the Acknowledgement of Country.	Michael Murray
Welcome **Special guests:** Councillor John Friend-Pereira (Solway Ward Councillor), Katelyn Stayner (Boroondara City Council), Sarah Craze (local historian) **Attendees:** Di Baker, Wendy Frayne, Jill Murray, Susan Vincent, Margaret Platts, Christine Millward, Lynn Norman, Benjamin Chesler, Michael Murray, Natalia Smith, Alan Rawady, Helen Rawady, Hong Lin Tan, Alan Case, Mary Thow, Michael Cain, Jenny Biggin, Margaret Havlik, Wendy Graham, Margaret Dunlacher, Bill Ford, William Lee, Rachel Murray, Natasha Kuperman, Geeta Menon, Paul Rake, Domi Shag, Barb Kaye. **Apologies:** Matt Fregon (Ashwood State MLA), Bob Stensholt (Bendigo Bank), Carina Garland (Chisholm Federal MP), Jane Creasy, Vikki O'Neil, David Zanotto, Thomas O'Hanlon, Felicity Curtis, Ivy Chen, Jill Dooley, Lily Kovacevic, Tahmini Choudry, Melinda Mindum, Andy Chappell.	Christine Millward
Confirmation of Minutes of 2024 AGM *MOTION 1 That the Minutes of the 2024 AGM held on 28 August 2024 be confirmed as true and correct.* *Mover: Christine Millward* *Seconder: Michael Murray* *Motion 1 was carried.*	Christine Millward
Business arising from 2024 AGM Following the acceptance of minor changes to ACC's Rules of Association, the amended Rules of the Association were submitted to Consumer Affairs Victoria in September 2024. No further changes to the Rules of Association are needed this year.	Christine Millward
President's Report Christine Millward, President of the ACC Committee of Management, presented the President's Report as outlined in the Annual Report 2024/2025. She also provided an overview of the Committee of Management's work. Christine thanked former members of the Committee of Management who resigned over the past year for their service: Deepa Subramanian and Martin (Larry) O'Dell.	Christine Millward

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Christine also thanked and acknowledged the contributions of: • Boroondara Council • Bendigo Bank • Ashburton Traders Association • East Malvern/Chadstone Rotary • Brumby's Bakery • All of ACC's tutors and volunteers • Rachel Morley (Executive Officer) and all ACC staff	
Treasurer's Report & Acceptance of Financial Statements Natallia Smith, Treasurer of the ACC Committee of Management, presented the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements as outlined in the Annual Report 2024/2025. *MOTION 2 That the Financial Statements for the financial year 2024/2025 be accepted.* *Mover: Natallia Smith* *Seconder: Bill Ford* *Motion 2 was carried.*	Natallia Smith
Executive Officer's Report Rachel Morley, Executive Officer of ACC, presented the Executive Officer's Report as outlined in the Annual Report 2024/2025.	Rachel Morley
Appointment of Auditor/Reviewer for year ending 30 June 2026 *MOTION 3 That Connect National Audit be appointed as financial reviewer for the 2025/2026 financial year.* *Mover: Christine Millward* *Seconder: William Lee* *Motion 3 was carried.*	Christine Millward
Committee of Management Member Confirmation As per Motion 4, the Committee of Management is proposed to comprise 9 members. The maximum number of members allowed under the Rules of Association 13. As such, no election is required. Anyone who is interested in the work of the Committee can find details on the website or contact a Committee of Management member. Office bearers for the Committee will be elected at the September Committee Meeting. *MOTION 4 That the following members re-standing for the ACC Committee of Management, being Christine Millward, Lynn Norman, Michael Murray, Natallia Smith, Benjamin Chesler, Bill Ford, William Lee and Georgie Henzell, and new member Geetanjali (Geeta) Menon, be accepted as members of the ACC Committee of Management for the 2025/2026 financial year.* *Mover: Christine Millward* *Seconder: Lynn Norman* *Motion 4 was carried.*	Christine Millward

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Questions from the floor No questions were received.	Christine Millward
Presentation by Lynn Norman Lynn Norman, member of the ACC Committee of Management, delivered a presentation on the ACC programs *Tech Savvy for Seniors* and *Click Smart Cyber Security Support for Seniors*.	Lynn Norman
Acknowledgement Christine Millward and Cr. John Friend-Pereira acknowledged tutors who have contributed to supporting the community at Ashburton Community Centre for 30 years or more. • Alan Rawady • Jenny Biggin • Ulla Jones • Mary Thow	Rachel Morley
Meeting Close - Afternoon Tea & 40th Anniversary activity Meeting closed 3:04pm **Minutes signed by Dr Christine Millward, President**	

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Ashburton Community Centre Inc

ABN 55 622 841 337

Annual Report - 30 June 2026

Ashburton Community Centre Inc
Officers' report
30 June 2026

The officers present their report, together with the financial statements, on the incorporated association for the year ended 30 June 2026.

Officers
The following persons were officers of the incorporated association during the financial year and up to the date of this draft, unless otherwise stated.

Lynn Norman
William Lee
Christine Millward
Michael Murray
Natallia Smith
Ben Chesler
Bill Ford
Geetanjali (Geeta) Menon - Joined September 2025

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 Millward
4 August 2026

Natallia Smith
4 August 2026

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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 4 August 2026

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Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012

As lead auditor for the review of The Ashburton Community Centre Inc. I declare that, in relation to our review of the financial report of The Ashburton Community Centre Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2026, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in respect of the audit.

This declaration is in respect of The Ashburton Community Centre Inc.

ROBIN KING HENG LI CA RCA
Stannards Audit Pty Ltd
Authorised Audit Company No. 571846
DIRECTOR
8 August 2026

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Ashburton Community Centre Inc
Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income
For the year ended 30 June 2026

	Note	2026 $	2025 $
Revenue	3	518,463	494,973
Expenses			
Administration expenses		(80,316)	(75,901)
Tutor payments		(128,555)	(134,157)
Employee benefits expense		(301,673)	(268,401)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(8,659)	(7,109)
Surplus/(deficit) before income tax expense		(737)	9,405
Income tax expense		-	-
Surplus/(deficit) after income tax expense for the year attributable to the members of Ashburton Community Centre Inc	13	(737)	9,405
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to the members of Ashburton Community Centre Inc		(737)	9,405

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

Ashburton Community Centre Inc
Statement of financial position
As at 30 June 2026

	Note	2026 $	2025 $
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	99,166	90,460
Trade and other receivables	5	24,731	5,991
Other financial assets	6	140,000	140,000
Total current assets		263,897	236,451
Non-current assets			
Other receivables	5	2,403	20,422
Property, plant and equipment	7	14,089	22,747
Total non-current assets		16,492	43,169
Total assets		280,389	279,620
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	49,719	55,375
Employee benefits	9	79,031	21,247
Other	10	41,248	53,994
Total current liabilities		169,998	130,616
Non-current liabilities			
Employee benefits	11	4,341	42,217
Total non-current liabilities		4,341	42,217
Total liabilities		174,339	172,833
Net assets		106,050	106,787
Equity			
Reserves	12	90,000	90,000
Retained surpluses	13	16,050	16,787
Total equity		106,050	106,787

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 2026

	Reserves $	Retained surpluses $	Total equity $
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

	Reserves $	Retained profits $	Total equity $
Balance at 1 July 2025	90,000	16,787	106,787
Deficit after income tax expense for the year	-	(737)	(737)
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	(737)	(737)
Balance at 30 June 2026	90,000	16,050	106,050

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

Ashburton Community Centre Inc
Statement of cash flows
For the year ended 30 June 2026

	Note	2026 $	2025 $
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers		504,101	505,739
Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)		(500,715)	(470,715)
		3,386	35,024
Interest received		5,320	9,610
Net cash from operating activities	15	8,706	44,634
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		-	(8,271)
Proceeds from term deposits		-	-
Net cash from/(used in) investing activities		-	(8,271)
Net cash from financing activities		-	-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		8,706	36,363
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		90,460	54,097
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	4	99,166	90,460

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

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Ashburton Community Centre Inc
Notes to the financial statements
30 June 2026

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 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 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 116 and AASB 138).

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.

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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 sufficient 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.

The entity is required to make contributions to the relevant Portable Long Service Leave (PLSL) Authority in respect of eligible employees. These contributions give rise to a receivable from the PLSL Authority, which is recognised as an asset to the extent that the entity expects to recover the amounts through future reimbursements or offsets against eligible long service leave payments.

During the year ended 30 June 2026, the presentation of the PLSL receivable was reviewed. In the prior year, the PLSL receivable was offset against the long service leave provision and presented as a net liability. In the current year, the PLSL receivable has been presented separately as a current asset, with the long service leave provision presented as a liability, to provide more relevant information about the nature of these balances. This change in presentation has no impact on the entity's reported profit or net assets.

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Note 1. Material accounting policy information (continued)

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.

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 2026. The incorporated association has not yet assessed the impact of these new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations.

Lease of Premises

The Association occupies premises at 154–160 High Street, Ashburton, Victoria under a lease agreement with Boroondara City Council. The lease commenced on 1 July 2023 and expires on 30 June 2028. There are no options to renew the lease.

Under the agreement, the Association pays a peppercorn rental of $1 per annum (inclusive of GST).

At the commencement of the lease, the lease agreement specified a market rental value of $43,440 per annum plus GST. This amount was determined by the Council at the commencement date of the lease.

The Association is responsible for operating costs associated with the premises, including utilities, routine maintenance, cleaning and public liability insurance, while the Council remains responsible for structural maintenance and other obligations specified in the lease.

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.

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Note 3. Revenue

	2026 $	2025 $
Class fees	242,961	226,296
Fundraising and donations	22,809	20,725
Group fees	17,339	13,459
Grants - council	111,257	109,075
Grants Other - NCPP	19,088	
Grants - projects	14,479	14,841
Membership fees	11,540	10,891
Room hire	71,187	88,753
Interest revenue	5,320	9,610
Other revenue	2,483	1,323
Revenue	518,463	494,973

Note 4. Current assets - cash and cash equivalents

	2026 $	2025 $
Cash on hand	442	442
Cash at bank	98,724	90,018
	99,166	90,460

Note 5. Current assets - trade and other receivables

	2026 $	2025 $
Current		
Trade receivables	2,262	5,741
Other receivables		250
Portable long service leave receivable	22,469	-
Total current trade and other receivables	24,731	5,991
Non-current		
Portable long service leave receivable	2,403	20,422
Total non-current other receivables	2,403	20,422

Note 6. Current assets - other financial assets

	2026 $	2025 $
Term deposits with over 3 months to maturity	140,000	140,000

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

	2026 $	2025 $
Plant and equipment - at cost	50,781	50,781
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(36,692)	(28,034)
	14,089	22,747

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30 June 2026

Note 8. Current liabilities - trade and other payables

	2026 $	2025 $
Trade payables	4,694	7,964
Other payables	45,025	47,411
	49,719	55,375

Note 9. Current liabilities - employee benefits

	2026 $	2025 $
Employee benefits	79,031	21,247

Note 10. Current liabilities - other

	2026 $	2025 $
Contract Liability (Grants & Income in Advance)	41,248	53,994

Note 11. Non-current liabilities - employee benefits

	2026 $	2025 $
Employee benefits	4,341	42,217

Note 12. Equity - reserves

	2026 $	2025 $
Corpus funds	90,000	90,000

Note 13. Equity - retained surpluses

	2026 $	2025 $
Retained surpluses at the beginning of the financial year	16,787	7,382
Surplus/(deficit) after income tax expense for the year	(737)	9,405
Retained surpluses at the end of the financial year	16,050	16,787

Note 14. Events after the reporting period

The officers have assessed events occurring after 30 June 2026 up to the date of authorisation of these financial statements and determined that there are no matters requiring adjustment or disclosure.

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

	2026 $	2025 $
Surplus/(deficit) after income tax expense for the year	(737)	9,405
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation	8,659	7,109
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables	(496)	(3,818)
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	(5,881)	4,314
Increase in employee benefits	19,908	3,430
Increase/(decrease) in other operating liabilities	(12,747)	24,194
Net cash from operating activities	8,706	44,634

Ashburton Community Centre Inc
Officers' declaration
30 June 2026

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 special 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 2026 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 Millward
4 August 2026

Natallia Smith
4 August 2026

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INDEPENDENT REVIEW REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF ASHBURTON COMMUNITY CENTRE INC

Report on the Financial Report
We have reviewed the accompanying financial report for the year ended 30 June 2026 of The Ashburton Community Centre Inc, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2026 and a Statement of Profit and Loss for the year ended 30 June 2026.

The committee members' Responsibility for the 30 June 2026 Financial Report
The committee members of Ashburton Community Centre Inc are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 30 June 2026 Financial Reports in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and Victorian legislation the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the 30 June 2026 Financial Reports that is free from misstatement, whether due to fraud or errors; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility
Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the 30 June 2026 financial report based on our review. we conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2415, *Review of a Financial Report: Entity Reporting under the ACNC Act or Other Applicable Legislation or Regulation*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial report is not presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and Victorian legislation the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. As the auditor of The Ashburton Community Centre Inc, ASRE 2415 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial report.

A review of the 30 June 2026 Financial Reports consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for the financial and accounting matters and apply analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Independence
In conducting our review, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. We confirm that we are independent of the Association as required by the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our Financial Report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.
We believe that the review evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our conclusion.

Conclusion
Based on our review, which is not an audit, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the 30 June 2026 financial reports of The Ashburton Community Centre Inc does not present fairly, in all material respects the financial position of the association as at 30 June 2026 and of their financial performance for the year ended on that date, in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and Victorian legislation the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

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Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting
Without modifying our conclusion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of assisting Ashburton Community Centre Inc. to comply with the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic). As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our conclusion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Yours faithfully.

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8 August 2026

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