

ANNUAL REPORT

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Alphington Community Centre acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woiwurrung people as the traditional custodians of this land and pays respect to the culture, diversity and value of all First Nations people.

October 2022 sees Melbourne becoming re-activated and re-engaged.

Throughout 2021/22 Leanne and her team at ACC have kept our community buoyant and connected, surely our core purpose.

Through the lockdowns it has taken commitment and energy to deliver a constantly evolving program that maximises the latest communications technology. But here we are now latterly (finally) back to face to face engagement.

Over the last year our community has been strengthened by a range of activities at ACC, including events such as the Alphington Show along with the community arts initiatives, the ongoing garden improvements, and regular morning tea events on Fridays.

Throughout this year our community connections have also been strengthened through relationships with community partners such as:

- The Asylum Seeker Resource Centre
- Friends of Baucau
- Yarra and Darebin Councils
- Melbourne Farmers Markets
- State and Federal government
- The neighbourhood house networks across Yarra and Darebin, and
- Local businesses.

Our house is used by more that 500 of our local residents each week who participate in structured activities, events and workshops, drop off donations, utilise the mini opshop and our wonderful street libraries (seed and book!), enjoy fence art and the blossoming gardens - or grab an art activity from our art bins on their way past.

A hallmark of ACC is the responsiveness, the willingness to try out new ideas, to tirelessly pursue grants and possibilities, all of which foster and expand our interconnectedness. This takes determination and resilience and above all teamwork.

Thanks to Leanne and her team and to the Committee of Governance: Kate Thompson, Michelle Fidler, Jane Wilkinson, Anne Crehan, Wendy Pryor and Ina Leung for continuing to keep our community strong.

Heather Campbell, Chair

Throughout 2021/22 like all of metropolitan Melbourne, we were significantly impacted by Covid with a short lockdown in July, and then a longer one throughout August and into early September.

We kept engaged with the community though our online news and ran our programs online where possible. Like last year, we utilised the arts to build a sense of community in our neighbourhood through these tricky times. We featured local artists monthly on our fence in the Alphington Neighbourhood Gallery. We made Community Building blocks to keep the littlies amused whilst locals met up safely at the outdoor furniture on our corner. We invited families to Make Your Own Adventure in the Darebin Parklands. 100s of our black and white maps were collected by locals walking by.

And speaking of maps, we worked with the 3078 History Group to produce a series Heritage Walks around Alphington. The 4 walks proved very popular through the lockdowns, giving locals a reason to take a walk – and supporting our community to build local knowledge whilst promoting physical and mental health.

In late August we reconfigured our Eco-dyeing Workshop originally planned for Science Week, and local artist Rose Kulak created two different eco-dyeing kits for people to collect and do at home. They were amazing!

Onsite programming resumed in Term 4, and we ran a double session of Women in the Shed (to make up for the one we missed in Term 3) and engaged Katrina to run a formal Gardening Group on Fridays mornings. Clare has kept this running in 2022.

We held some super community events at the end of 2021, including the partnership with Alphington Open Studios that ran over the last week of November and the first week of December, the Christmas Makers Market on the last Saturday of November that supported local makers and then our lovely casual Christmas Lunch in the garden in mid December.

This year we continued to upgrade our spaces. The pergola in the front yard was completed (thanks to a Federal Government grant), we purchased new chairs and children's furniture inside, and also purchased new outdoor tables with a State Government grant.

Early in 2022 we partnered with other Yarra neighbourhood houses to run a series of sustainability workshops with Yarra City Council. And with fellow neighbourhood houses in Darebin and support from Jesuit Social Services we put significant energy into developing a shared Climate Action and Resilience Plan.

In early 2022 we also started a fabulous podcast series, Covid Roulette in a collaboration with Tony Wilson. If you haven't listened yet, it provides a fascinating insight into how our community has experienced Covid over the last 2.5 years.

So ... another amazing year that we couldn't do without a committed and talented team. Thanks to Kalimna who keeps things on track in the office, and takes amazing photos. Thanks to Lee for implementing our community arts program, to Suzanne for her fabulous grant writing and grant management skills and to Jill, Katrina, Clare and Maylei who ran our key programs so well this year! Also thanks to Peter and his team for overseeing our finances and computers.

Finally thankyou to our volunteers, including our committee, the workshop hosts who shared their skills ... and our neighbours and friends of course. We really could not do it (or have as much fun) without you all!

Leanne Coughlin, Executive Officer



Every year when we look back at what's been happening at Alphington Community Centre, it's always with incredibly warm feelings towards the brilliant organisations whose funding make our ideas come bursting into life!

This year we started with a couple of arty-gardening family workshops – a Science Week grant funded Eco-dyeing 101 in which we learned how to use the natural pigments, tannins and acids in neighbourhood leaves and flowers to dye natural materials, and a very sweet Worm Tower 101 workshop was funded via the Garden State Festival, a collaboration between the Plant Society and Yarra City Council.

A Children's Week grant brought to life our Pop-Up Playstations – play-based installations featuring aliens, frogs and fairies ... which popped up around the neighbourhood – initially for a few weeks but actually extended for a few months, much to the delight of neighbourhood kids.

Federal Government funding from the Volunteer Grants Program enabled us to purchase new indoor and garden equipment, including a new greenhouse. It also supported us to book our volunteers into First Aid Training (which will be delivered in the coming financial year).

The Victorian State Government came up trumps with their Local Community Access Grants program, funding one of our most ambitious and exciting projects yet – the Covid Roulette podcast series with Tony Wilson, documenting the lived experience of Covid in our neighbourhood and more broadly across Darebin and Yarra – and it was recorded in our very own podcasting studio, The Cupboard (thanks to the Community Bank on Queens Parade!). Speaking of whom, our friends at North Fitzroy and Clifton Hill Community Bank supported us at the end of the year with a grant towards our Access All Abilities Art program - tackling the impact of Covid isolation on our local friends living with a disability. This program will be delivered in the coming financial year, as will the outcome of the grant that we received from the Inner North Foundation – to create an online portal for our Toy Library.

This year we helped Friends of Baucau and our Japanese Kirin Yochien Playgroup to obtain funding from the State Government as part of the Multicultural Festivals and Events Program – to run local cultural events.

We were delighted to receive Covid support from the Victorian Government's Business Costs Assistance Program and the Covidsafe Voucher Program, with the latter we purchased two fabulous outdoor tables to go underneath the new pergola in our front garden. The pergola itself was built with a grant from the Federal Government.

And finally a big thanks to Yarra City Arts for supporting us to build the capacity of our indoor gallery space and also supporting us to features 11 artists in the Alphington Neighbourhood Gallery, the outdoor art experience on the fence that everyone in the neighbourhood could enjoy as they passed by.

All in all, another brilliant year of joyful, engaging community activities made possible by our network of fabulous funders. Thank you!

Suzanne Grant, Development Officer

partners











ACFE

Alphington and Fairfield Civic Association (AFCA)

Alphington Bowls Club (ABC)

Alphington CWA

Alphingtones Choir

Alphington Open Studios

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC)

Australian Men's Shed Association

Be Connected

Bowls Victoria

Burke and Beyond

Darebin City Council

Darebin Libraries

Darebin Neighbourhood House Network

Darebin Parklands Association

Department of Health and Human Services

Down Syndrome Victoria

Fairfield U3A

Fareshare

First Alphington Scouts

Friends of Baucau

Inner North Foundation

Jesuit Social Services

Kinfolk

Learn It Programs

Melbourne Farmers Markets

MyTime

Neighbourhood Houses Victoria (NHVic)

North East Neighbourhood House Network

Playgroups Victoria

Preston Garden Club

Richmond Community Learning Centre

Rotary Club of Ivanhoe

Secondbite

Tony Wilson

Victorian Men's Shed Association

Yarra Arts

Yarra City Council



AAA BOWLS

Despite enduring a rocky couple of years through Covid we've been able to deliver the AAA Bowls program as planned. The program engaged an average of 12 participants each week from a variety of organisations including Burke and Beyond, Villa Maria Catholic Homes Austin St, Arnica Lodge, Darebin Lodge, Arbias, NEXXT and MMIC. Milparinka and Sacred Heart Mission made contact with us after hearing about the program through their networks and several new participants and their support workers enthusiastically joined us in a range of bowls drills and skill activities followed by morning tea, socialising and generally having fun.

The program is generously supported by Alphington Bowls Club members who volunteer their time and skills to assist our participants to engage and enjoy bowling activities. Thank you John Grattidge, Mark Perry, Vicki Freeman and Alex Peden. We also welcomed 3 new volunteers this year – Dianne McKee, Diana Landsberg and Ken. Thanks for all your support, and the skill and care you bring to each session.

We continue to liaise with Bowls Victoria who have been working closely with Bowls Australia in developing bowling aids for people with disabilities. Frankie Hocking and Josh Thornton, Participation Coordinators at Bowls Victoria, continue to take a keen interest in what we do. This year they were particularly interested in looking to develop programs like ours across the State. Bowls Victoria volunteers Matt and Carol also came to a session to get a better understanding of how we run the program. We were able to share our knowledge and resources with them and they were most impressed. Of course the program wouldn't be a success without the enthusiasm that the participants bring each week – engaging with us, learning new skills and having fun.

A big thank you once again to the organisations who were involved in the AAA Bowls program including the support workers from the agencies, and to the Alphington Bowls Club volunteers for their dedication and hard work.

Jill Newton, CD Worker - AAA Bowls

OBSERVATIONAL DRAWING

Lovely local Louisa Bufaderci continued to support our community arts program in 2021/22 running weekly Observational Drawing classes. One of the highlights of a neighbourhood house is when locals put their hand up to share their skills and talents with the broader community. We are always delighted to facilitate such neighbourly interactions.

CULTURAL COOKING

Our friend Manu Baldock is a wonderful cook and she has been part of the ACC community for quite a few years now, helping out with preserves group, community lunches and other cooking activities. This year she decided to share her cultural cooking skills, and we worked with her to get some workshops up and running. She started with a Masala Chai workshop in 2021 and then ran an Indian Breads workshop in 2022. Her workshops were attended by a real cross-section of our community, and were very informative and generous (did you know that Masala Chai goes perfectly with a home cooked samosa? Yum).

This workshop series is just one example of our commitment to helping our community turn their ideas into reality, and to supporting them to gain the skills to build what we hope can become successful microbusinesses.

Also .. thanks to our friends Melbourne Farmers Markets just down the road for hosting one of Manu's workshops in their community kitchen this year. It's fabulous that we can engage in community building together.

COUNSELLING

This year we've added local Martina Stobart to our counselling fold, complementing the services provided by Anne Connell and Sue Lenzi. The need for good mental health support in and for our community has really been highlighted over the last few uncertain and unsettling years ... and we are very pleased to provide these services locally and also support local women to build their allied health practises.

ARTY GARDENING/ GARDENING GROUP

In 2021/22 we completed our front garden make-over, and decided it was time to re-invest in our gardening program which had been on hold for a few years. We engaged Katrina in 2021 to get the ball rolling. In 2022 she went back to study – but we then found fabulous Clare to run the program instead. We have a committed group of people who come along weekly to help us maintain our garden and grounds, to learn new gardening skills and spend time being creative outdoors with other like-minded people.

MORNING TEA ON THE CORNER

Every Friday we share morning tea. We love this opportunity to catch up with local friends. Sometimes we have toasties, sometimes it's cakes, we've had donated apples (thanks Bella) ... but the main thing is the great company ... and Brett's monthly poems of course.

LINE DANCING

Our line dancing on Wednesday mornings continued to meet in person when they could this year. We thank Shirley for all her amazing work running this program. She is a tireless community contributor. Thanks also to the First Alphington Scouts for supporting this program through sharing their hall with us.

BOOK CLUBS

Each year it seems we increase our book clubs – we now have 5 on the go here at ACC. At the start of each year Kalimna is kept on her toes with payments and settling new participants in ... and working with Jody at Darebin Libraries to ensure all the book loan dates line up with meeting dates ... and it all seems a bit crazy, until she calmly wrangles it into shape and it settles down again. This year we created WhatsApp connections for each group ... which has improved communications significantly. Thanks to our near on 50 book clubbers. It is great to have you as part of our community.

FLUKES

Our Ukulele group has grown this year. The Flukes had a good crack at continuing to meet online through lockdowns (the extra time at home also gave many a chance to play and improve). They meet on Monday evenings here at ACC and also get out and about occasionally for performances.

PLAYGROUPS

Our weekday mornings are filled with playgroups. In 2021/22 we had 3 Japanese playgroups that met at ACC – all coordinated by the lovey Maimi, along with our Peer Support Playgroup that is a partnership with MyTime and Down Syndrome Victoria. We thank Sue and Gianna for their ongoing leadership of this group – they have built a beautiful and welcoming community.

On Wednesdays this year we opened our garden for a very casual playgroup session – that we call Playtime in the Garden. We invited local families to bring their coffee and meet their friends out the front. It's very popular and we are pleased to see so many community connections being created at this critical (and often lonely) time for young families.

BE CONNECTED

Our computer/digital support program has been rocking in 2022. David our longstanding tutor has been absent due to family circumstances (we miss you David) but wonderful local Phil has stepped up. We're delighted to have Phil here on a Tuesday afternoon to support locals to manage their devices effectively. Covid has demonstrated now more than ever that we really need to bridge the digital divide.



In early 2022 local organisations were invited by the State Government to contribute to a campaign to encourage Victorians to get vaccinated. At ACC we had a sense that many in the community were not hearing the real and lived everyday stories from their neighbours of how Covid was impacting their lives socially, emotionally, economically and physically. Lockdowns and restrictions and people working at home were all contributing to less community sharing and knowledge. We decided to document a broad range of local stories from people who had been impacted by Covid - to both redress this situation and contribute to vaccination momentum.

Over 3 months Leanne worked with local author and podcaster Tony Wilson to interview 30 locals and put their stories together over 17 episodes of Covid Roulette.

The resulting podcast series really is a fascinating insight into how Covid has impacted the lives of our friends and neighbours across Darebin and Yarra ... and it is a fabulous oral history record of the pandemic. Thanks to everyone who so generously told their stories (some funny, some tragic). They're amazing.





SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOPS

In March 2022 we worked with Yarra Council to design and deliver a series of sustainability workshops that were replicated across neighbourhood houses in the City of Yarra. Utilising a grant from Sustainability Victoria, the workshops built skills and knowledge so that our community has the ongoing knowhow to keep items out of landfill. These workshops were run by talented local makers Serene Paul (textile repair) and Maylei Hunt (furniture repair).





ALPHINGTON OPEN STUDIOS

In late November and December 2021 we formally partnered with Alphington Open Studios for two fabulous weekends of local art. Studios across the neighbourhood were open, and artists also exhibited at ACC and at the Darebin Parklands. We hosted the opening night in our gallery space, and encouraged visitors by combining the event with our very popular Christmas Makers Market. The ACC salon exhibition was supported by Yarra City Arts who have been helping us create more opportunities for artists to exhibit locally.

FRIENDS OF BAUCAU COFFEE

This year we worked with local community group Friends of Baucau to help them rebrand their coffee, and then organised for Juliet at the Alphington Milkbar to sell it. With lots of sales in the neighbourhood it has been a win for all of us!

DNHN CLIMATE ACTION AND RESILIENCE PLAN

With additional project funding for the Darebin Neighbourhood House Network (DNHN) from Darebin Council, we worked with Jesuit Social Services, who in turn were funded by the State Government, to pilot a shared Climate Action and Resilience Plan. We are very pleased with the outcome, and encourage you to take a look at www.alphington.org.au/dnhn-climate -action-and-resilience-plan.

ALPHINGTON SHOW

In March 2022 we held our 3rd Alphington Show, in partnership with the Alphington CWA and with support from the Preston Garden Club and the Rotary Club of Ivanhoe. Bringing a little bit of country to the city, we invited locals to enter their cooking, craft, floral arrangements and home grown vegetables into our friendly competition. Amazing breads, beautiful knitting and impressive posies featured this year! And on Saturday morning we held a makers market, ran kids activities including pony rides, the CWA hosted a Devonshire tea, Rotary cooked the BBQ and we also ran the very chaotic, family friendly, inclusive and popular Alphington Dog Show (photos on the next page).



Despite the ongoing complications arising from Covid, Alphington Community Centre is maintaining well-balanced financials.

This year Alphington Community Centre made a small operating profit of \$9,036 compared to a loss in 2021 of \$11,145.

Overall, as a result of Federal and State government Covid support funding available to general business, Alphington Community Centre made a profit of \$54,546 in 2022 compared to a profit in 2021 of \$98,571.

These profits have bolstered our balance sheet to provide excellent long term financial viability for the centre.

In the coming years the committee will identify programs and projects that we are unable to obtain funding for, and will benefit the community, to ensure these profits deliver quality and meaningful outcomes locally.

This additional expenditure in future years will be reflected in our future financials.

For further information please refer to the detailed financial reports attached.

Michelle Fidler, Treasurer

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

In the opinion of the Members of the Committee of the Association,

- 1. The accompanying revenue statement is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the Association's income for the financial year ended 30 June 2022.
- 2. The accompanying balance sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs for the Association for the financial year ended 30 June 2022.
- 3. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association can meet its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with the resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

CHAIRPERSON

lm compbell

TREASURER

Dated this 17 October 2022.

	June 2022	June 2021
Assets		
Current Assets		
Bank & Cash Accounts	288,392	220,960
Accounts & Other Receivables	1,873	131
Current Assets Total	290,265	221,091
Fixed Assets		
Property, Plant & Equipment at Cost	134,738	122,281
Less Provision for Depreciation	-61,615	-48,407
Fixed Assets Total	73,123	73,874
Total Assets	363,388	294,965
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Trade Creditors & Other Payables	40,466	26,891
Provisions - Employee Entitlements	49,681	45,386
Revenue in Advance	12,385	20,085
GST Payable	2,368	-1,449
Current Liabilities Total	104,900	90,913
Total Liabilities	104,900	90,913
Net Assets	258,488	204,052
Equity		
Equity		
Opening Balance 1 July	204,052	105,481
Add Net Income for the Year	54,436	98,571
Equity Total	258,488	204,052
Total Equity	258,488	204,052

	June 2022	June 2021
Income		
Grants	265,315	274,431
Fees & Charges	14,948	14,566
Other Income	7,089	3,834
Room Hire	5,334	65
Total Income	292,686	292,896
Gross Profit	292,686	292,896
Expenses		
Audit Fees	1,800	1,800
Board & Governance Expenses	0	672
Community Program Expenses	37,311	27,800
Computer and Office Equipment	2,085	1,872
Depreciation	13,208	10,049
Donations and Gifts	0	0
Human Resources	221,269	255,231
Insurance	398	307
Marketing Expenses	1,248	300
Office Expenses	850	1,017
Subscriptions	971	695
Utilities	3,837	3,832
Volunteer Costs	673	466
Total Expenses	283,650	304,041
Net Ordinary Profit	9,036	-11,145
Other Income/Expense		
CoVid-19 Income Support	45,400	109,716
Total Other Income/Expense	45,400	109,716
Net Profit	54,436	98,571

	June 2022	June 2021
Total Expenditure	259,348	311,337
Net Cash Inflows From Operations	79,888	95,257
Net Cash Inflows from Investing Activities		
Purchases/Disposals of Fixed Assets	12,456	30,427
Total Net Cash Inflows from Investing Activities	12,456	30,427
Net Cash Inflows	67,432	64,830
Reconciliation of Operating Surplus with Cash Flow from Operations		
Operating Surplus/-Deficit for Year	54,436	98,571
Add Back Depreciation	13,208	10,049
Total Reconciliation of Operating Surplus with Cash Flow from Operations	67,644	108,620
Movement in Assets & Liabilities		
Decrease/Increase In Receivables - Operations	-1,743	20,175
Decrease/Increase In Creditors & Provisions - Operations	13,987	-33,538
Total Movement in Assets & Liabilities	12,244	-13,363
Net Cash Inflows From Operations	79,888	95,257
Cash at Bank 30 June		
Cash at Bank at Start of Year	220,960	156,130
Add Net Cash Inflows/-Outflows	67,432	64,830
Total Cash at Bank 30 June	288,392	220,960
Made Up as Follows		
Bendigo - Operating Account	263,118	196,205
Bendigo - Savings Account	1,663	1,512
Bendigo - Term Deposit	23,321	23,136
Cash Drawer	290	107
Total Made Up as Follows	288,392	220,960

Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial report preparation requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*. The committee have determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

Basis of Preparation

The report has been prepared in accordance with the following applicable Accounting Standards and Urgent Issues Group Interpretations:

AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements

AASB 107: Cash Flow Statements

AASB 108: Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors

AASB 110: Events after the Balance Sheet Date

AASB 1031: Materiality

AASB 1048: Interpretation and Application Standards

No other Australian Accounting Standards, International Accounting Standards Urgent Issues Group Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Board have been applied.

Reporting Basis and Conventions

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Association in the presentation of the financial reports. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

Accounting Policies

(a) Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the committee to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the asset's employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

Increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluations are credited to the revaluation reserve in equity. Decreases that offset previous increases of the same asset are charged against fair value reserves directly in equity; all other decreases are charged to the income statement. Each year the difference between depreciation based on the assets original cost is transferred from the revaluation reserve to retained earnings.

(b) Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, is depreciated on a prime cost value basis over their useful lives to the Association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated carrying amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are included in the income statement. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation reserve relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

(c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and Cash Equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks or financial institutions, other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short term borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

(d) Comparative Figures

Comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year where required by accounting standards or as a result of changes in accounting policy, or changes to the accounting period.

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