



ANNUAL REPORT 2022 - 2023



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Orwil Street Community House INC gratefully acknowledges financial support and our partnerships with the Victorian State Government, Frankston City Council and the Suburban Revitalisation Board to deliver programs in our community.

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Our Vision 2023 - 2025

Orwil Street Community House is a welcoming place that provides many opportunities for the community to come together, build confidence and learn new skills.

Our community house is:

- Inclusive
- Supportive
- Respectful
- Informative
- Safe and Welcoming for all.



Chinese Senior Citizens



Phyllis and Lynda



Pathways for Carers Walk

Our Team

Our Committee Members

Val Wooding - President
Gwen Cauchi - Treasurer
Laurence Anderson – Vice President
Padmini Thorakumbura – Secretary
(Joined in Nov 2022)
Lynda Gardner
Lesley Fernandez (Joined in Nov 2022)
Benjamin Watkins (Joined in Nov 2022)

Committee Members Outgoing

Jacqueline Busuttill
Sandra Wilson
Bernie Liversidge
Gloria Cumming
Runa Eilertsen

Our Counsellors

Lynne Alexandra
Sandra Garnier
Sandra Wilson

Our Facilitators

Bev Wilkinson – Creative Writing
Sherrie Neilson – Leggo Club
Erin Clifford – Cooking Groups
Jo Ridgeway – Women’s Wellbeing
Karl Two Eagles - Meditation
Kate Hart – Walking Group
Monica Dawes – Exercise Classes
Sandra Wilson – Steps to Wholeness
Susan Borg – Strength to Strength
Tina Strafford – Art Bites
Wendy Van Dort – Yoga Jam
Val Wooding – Cardmaking

Our Volunteers

Christine Di Palma - Sewing
Donna Blackwood - Marketing
James Haakman – Yard Maintenance
Joe Ferrarotto – Maintenance
John Darke – Women’s Shed
Joy Tilley - Reiki
Mariette Pasnin - Reiki
Mary Nickson - Admin
Padmini Thorakumbura -
Admin / Fundraising
Phyllis Neafsey - Free Library
Shekhar Kamat - Mindfulness
Sunshine Melody - Reiki
Susan Borg – Mandalas
Suzie Piggott - Reiki
Terence Phillips – Advertising and
Promotion

Our Staff

Birgit Ross – Cleaning
Kate Hart – Administration
Kim Mayor – Finance
Karen Vanderkaay – Manager

A HUGE thank you to each and every one of you for supporting OSCH as you do.

President's Report

With Covid-19 behind us but not forgotten Orwil Street Community House (OSCH) is thriving with many new groups, classes and facilitators putting our recent extensions and renovations to good use.

We said farewell to five members of our COM last financial year, who were Sandra, Runa, Bernie and JaXx. On behalf of the COM we thank them for their work on the COM and wish them all the best for the future in whatever direction their path takes them.

We also said goodbye to Gloria Cumming who retired after 25 years as a volunteer and committee member. Gloria spent many hours working for OSCH on reception, as bookkeeper and in whatever role needed to be completed, Gloria was never afraid to step up and help out. We will miss Gloria very much.

On a happy note, we welcomed Ben, Les and Padmini who have committed themselves to the Values and Mission of the organisation and bring with them lots of new knowledge and experience.

In the process of reviewing our Governance policies, procedures and systems, we welcomed Melanie from Community House Network Southern (CHNSth) to come and talk to us about what obligations governance committees have and the areas we need to turn our attention to going forward. This was very informative for all committee members and has given us a bit of work to do.

Lynda has taken up the charge to ensure our policies and procedures are checked and updated as necessary.

We also looked into the COM Induction for new members, sharpening up our recruitment and support of new committee members to ensure we get the right people with the skills we need and support them to grow and stay in their roles for an extended period.

This year it was timely for us to review and update our Strategic plan. After several of the committee members attended training provided by Frankston City Council, we subsequently had a day away from the House to concentrate on reviewing and creating our Strategic Plan for the next three years. With Kathy's skilful facilitation, she kept us all well on track. We had representation from our volunteers, facilitators, partners and staff to help us in our planning. Everyone who attended contributed and we came away with the following Strategic Goals:

1. Engage socially isolated community members.

The impact of COVID19 and the number of people living alone in our community is a concern. There are great opportunities to address this in our programs by actively reaching out to this group.

2. Develop a community engagement plan to keep in touch with the changing needs of our community.

We know our community changes over time and that there are groups that don't access our programs, specifically the more vulnerable in our community. We would like to understand their needs more and break down the barriers that may prevent them from participating.

3. Provide programs to improve the mental health & wellbeing of our community

We are concerned about the high number of people who are living with mental health conditions in our community. We would like to further develop our approach to supporting mental health and wellbeing.

4. Review and plan for our infrastructure needs.

The new renovations to our building have provided opportunities to expand our programs and we would like to translate this to our outside spaces. It is important that we have a clear plan in place that guides us with how to achieve this.

5. Actively promote the programs and services we offer to the community.

We would like to have a planned approach to promoting what we do to the wider community in a way that is effective and brings new participants.

President's Report (cont)

6. Develop strategic partnerships with other organisations to bring together resources for our community.

We are aware that we do not have all the resources and expertise to meet all our community's needs. We see ourselves as an organisation who is keen to work with other services and to bring their resources closer to the community we serve. We also see ourselves as being able to contribute by sharing our knowledge of the community and providing a space that is both functional and welcoming.

Karen has developed an operational plan to implement actions against each of these goals and the COM will monitor progress against this monthly to ensure we achieve outcomes in alignment with our plan.

The COM along with Kim and Karen have kept a close eye on the budget after Covid, monitoring our spending and income closely to see that we are on track with our forecast. Kim always keeps a watchful eye on our finances with Gwen our treasurer overseeing and keeping us on the straight and narrow.

We have also been working to update our Constitution with some changes being made to bring it into line with the Model Rules.

I would like to thank all COM members, staff and volunteers for supporting me during the year. I would like to thank Karen in her role as manager for committing to the House with vigour and enthusiasm, and her support in me as President.

In the coming year we look forward to providing new and exciting opportunities for the people we support through various projects, partnerships and activities.

Val Wooding - President.



Gloria and Val



Gwen and Val



Thanking our Admin Professionals

Manager's Report

Orwil Street Community House has often been described to me as the heart of the community, and at its centre this house has an amazing community of neighbours, supporters, volunteers, and friends that come together to make this place the welcoming, and safe resource it is for so many.

It's always humbling to look back over the year and reflect on everything we have done. The last 12 months have been an incredible journey supporting our community as we recover from the lingering effects of the COVID 19 lockdowns. I am once again in awe of the kindness and generosity of this wonderful community I have the privilege of working with.

Our Volunteers

I am incredibly grateful to all of our volunteers for the dedication and commitment they show their community. Our volunteers give generously of their time and skills each week, helping us provide the amazing array of programs and activities that we do! Thank you to each and every one of you for the individuality and speciality skills you bring to the house.

Our Committee of Management Volunteers have worked hard this year reviewing the Strategic Plan, Policies, Procedures and the Constitution to ensure we stay up to date with the changing environment, as well as keeping our finances in check.

John Darke has continued to provide an interesting selection of wood working workshops for our Women's Shed program. Some of the groups have created a Street Library for the House, Compost Bins for our Garden and Possum Boxes for a Wildlife Rescue.

Susan Borg has generously provided her facilitation skills throughout the year to run Mandala classes for the community, promoting mindfulness and resulting in some beautiful creations by participants.

Mary Nickson has started helping us in the office and around the House, as well as running a couple of programs later in the year.

Donna Blackwood of Manage my Marketing has been a wonderful help to us in updating our website and will also run some great IT classes for us later in 2023.

Thank you to our wonderful neighbour Peter who regularly mows the lawns for us, as well as many of the other Orwil Street neighbours' lawns! You are an absolute gem!

Many thanks to everyone who came along to our working bee and helped us spread the mulch (and love) across our gardens.

Many thanks to our Reiki volunteers Sunshine, Joy, Suzie and Mariette who continue to provide their beautiful energy each week to share with the community.

With funding from the Department of Social Services we are able to show our appreciation and provide support to our volunteers again this year.



John and Pauline



Joy, Sunshine and Mariette

Manager's Report (cont)

Our Student Placements - Occupational Therapy Students from Monash

As part of the networking we did for the Suburban Revitalisation Grant we were able to form a partnership with Monash University this year, supporting two OT students for a nine week placement. This was something different for OSCH, but a great experience for everyone involved. Through the support of their external supervisor Laura, students Jess and Nicole were able to help us review some of our programs, developing a survey using aspects of their Occupational Therapy assessment tools.

The feedback from these surveys have helped us apply for more funding for the Women's Wellbeing program, informed us about what participants got out of the Art Bites program and demonstrated a need for more Women's Shed Workshops.

The placement culminated in Jess and Nicole planning and facilitating a Jewellery and Dream Catcher making workshop, which was a lot of fun for all who attended.

We are now in discussions with Monash regarding future placements for OT students and possible project opportunities.



"Attending Orwil house, I feel like I have found my tribe and courses that I totally connect with and more importantly everyone can afford. It has filled my week when I was not in a good space last year with activities that I looked forward to and so a reason to get up + look forward to the day. It has provided a strong shift in my wellbeing."

~ Quote from participant in the Women's Wellbeing Program



Our Staff and Facilitators

We welcomed some fantastic new facilitators this year, people who have shared their passion for community with us, as well as their awesome skills and abilities.

Monica Dawes has everyone moving with her Seated Exercise and Zumba classes.

The Art Bites series of workshops definitely hit a cord with the community as Tina Strafford helped us get in touch with our creative sides and skills.

It has been lovely to watch the growth in participants of Jo Ridgeway's Women's Wellbeing program, as they connect and become more confident each week.

Thank you to all of our facilitators for continuing to provide a dynamic and supportive environment for our community to learn.

Our Special Events

Orwil Street Reserve Open Day

It was wonderful to see over 200 of our neighbours drop in to check out the new park facilities on December 10th. FCC have done a wonderful job updating the park with new equipment, nature play areas and free electric BBQs for the community to enjoy. Thank you to Crunchy, Judy and the Team at FCC for managing the redevelopment and incorporating much of the community feedback into the final design.

Wear it Purple Day

On August 26th, we wore it Purple to support rainbow young people and that they have the right to be proud of who they are. The team wanted to show LGBTIQ+ young people that they are seen and supported.

Taste of Harmony

Our Taste of Harmony lunch on the 20th of March was a great success, huge thanks to the Chinese Seniors group for making 100s of dumplings to share and for sharing your dumpling making skills with the Cooking on a Budget class.

We had amazing food from the Netherlands, Britain, Poland, Canada, India, South America, and Australia. It was a wonderful atmosphere, with everyone sharing stories, culture and traditions. Thank you to everyone who attended.



Taste of Harmony

Manager's Report (cont)

Law Week

Once again we joined forces with Mark and Joe from Peninsula Community Legal Centre for Law Week on the 18th of May to host the Street Legal Coffee Van for a breakfast BBQ in the park. Joe was able to assist community members with advice on a range of legal issues.

Men's Health Week – Supper with Russel Greene

A crowd of over 35 men and their families donned their winter woolies and joined us for an inspiring chat with Russell Greene for Men's Health Week in June! The feedback on the night was really positive from everyone who attended.



Men's Health Week. Laurence, Ben, Russel, Allan and Les

Our Impact and connections

The networking and partnerships we nurture play a key role in achieving outcomes for our community.

In the last financial year OSCH delivered 2997 hours of in person programs in between lockdowns, welcoming 11,442 visitors to the house. Staff provided 3290 hours of support to the community, providing information, referral, administration, financial management and coordination for the house.

Volunteers, including Committee of Management members have contributed more than 945 hours of their valuable skills and experience, to support the operations and governance of Orwil Street Community House during this time.

Our counsellors have provided more than 988 hours of support to community members in the last financial year, in person at the House, over the phone and on zoom.

We are grateful to Lynne Alexandra, Runa Eilertsen, Sandra Garnier and Sandra Wilson for their commitment to providing accessible and affordable counselling to our community members. A special thanks to Michael Woolsey for his ongoing support of our counsellors through professional group supervision.

Our Committee of Management, staff, volunteers and friends visited Willum Warrain Aboriginal Association on the 10th of May for a cultural immersion tour, to help increase awareness and understanding. There was a lot of interest in Voice and a desire to learn more about the upcoming referendum.

Suburban Revitalisation Grant

In 2022 we were successful in securing a grant through the Frankston Suburban Revitalisation Board to develop resilience in our community members through creative skill building. With the funding we were able to run some exciting new programs and achieve the following:

- Employed 6 facilitators.
- Connected with 124 participants.
- Completed 43 Workshops.
- Developed 3 new partnerships.
- Purchased 7 new laptops, 2 iPads and lockers for community use.



"I have developed confidence in being able to connect more with people without feeling anxious. The house is welcoming and supportive and it has helped me develop confidence in knowing that some of my existing knowledge and skills are valuable and of use to others. That I am still an asset to the community and am able to contribute without pressure or judgement."

~ Quote from a participant attending the house.



Disability Awareness Training

John and the team from FOCUS Life ran training for us in 2022 and it was a big hit, the feedback was very positive, and participants said it was great to hear from the facilitators about their lived experience.

This training is great for anyone in the community. We invited staff, facilitators, volunteers and other organisations to attend.

Our partners

It has been wonderful to welcome the Chinese Seniors and South American Seniors groups to the house this year. Chris from Peninsula Health has helped us with resources and policy development in the area of healthy eating. Family Life has supported us at the Orwil Reserve Open Day. The LGBTQIA+ Collaborative is an amazing network of organisations and individuals committed to creating an inclusive community across Frankston and the Mornington Peninsula, and we are learning a lot from being involved in this network.

Koni from Wintringham has continued to provide support to 26 community members aged 50+ on a Friday morning via the house this year. This support has included helping 7 community members find safe, affordable housing. Other assistance has included:

- Support to apply for Victorian Housing Register
- Centrelink applications and advocacy
- Referral and advocacy to legal services

Manager's Report (cont)

- Referral to Agencies for material Aid.
- NDIS applications and advocacy
- Accessing a Home Care Package
- Accessing CHSP services
- Contacting My Aged Care Services
- Assistance to apply for Private Rental
- Assistance to apply for utility grants.
- Assistance to access Housing Establish Funds and Bond
- Linking in with mental Health services
- Referral to Family Violence services

The Jobs Victoria Advocates continued to provide advice and support to job seekers at the house on various occasions throughout the year.

We continue to work with the Community Plate Action Group to provide information and access to healthy food for all.

Susan Morse has provided free Craniosacral treatments and discounted Shiatsu massage for our community members this year.

We tried many new programs this year, supporting suggestions from our community members about what they'd like to do at the house. Not all programs work out unfortunately, and this year the programs we tried that haven't continued include the Gardening group; Rainbow Choir; Lego Club; Positive Thinking; Creative Writing and Strength to Strength Workshops.

Our Existing Programs

We have continued to run Be Connected IT training for people 50+, Walking to Wellness, Soulful Creative Sewing, Cooking on a Budget, Women's Shed Workshops and the Women's Spiritual Circle.

We introduced another cooking program after Cooking on a Budget became so popular, we couldn't fit anyone else in the class! The Garden to Plate Program utilises the new garden beds in our front and backyard to teach participants how to grow their own food and cook with it.

This year there has been a noticeable increase in the number of participants choosing to utilise their NDIS funding to pay for programs. This has resulted in additional workload for our admin team and we continue to review our processes in relation to how we work within this space.

With the assistance of a grant from Yoga for Good, Jo will continue to run the Women's Wellbeing Program for a further 6 months.

"I have more skills and confidence to take on more maintenance in my house and also my extended family's homes too... I have felt uplifted by the class which helps with my resilience in dealing with unpleasant things going on outside of the class."

~ Quote from a participant in the Women's Shed Workshops

Our New Programs

New programs that have been popular this year included:

- Art Bites weekend workshops
- Mandala workshops
- Cooking on a Budget
- Garden to Plate Cooking Program
- Women's Wellbeing
- Yoga Jam
- Seated Exercise
- Zumba
- Sound Healing



Our support groups and community run programs

Included: Steps to Wholeness, Images of Manhood, Dads in Distress, Women's Group; Frankston Bipolar Support Group; Brain Injury Friends, Driver Education Program, and the Frankston City Council Supported Playgroup.

We have continued to support and share the house with many different groups and their contributions via room hire help us subsidise our house run programs. Many thanks to the following groups for choosing to use OSCH.

- ALANON – a twelve step program for family and friends of people with addictions.
- Tea Tree Community Housing Cooperative
- Oz Child Kinship Carers Support group
- St John of God – Disability Support Program
- Mirabel Foundation – assists children who have been orphaned or abandoned due to parental illicit drug use and are now in the care of extended family.
- Grow – Peer support for people with mental ill health.
- Joy of the Earth Community Garden
- Der Die Das Melbourne – German Language programs for children.
- Parent Carers Group – for parents of children with a disability.
- Peninsula Community Legal Centre
- Presbyterian Church
- Peninsula Community Health Service.

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- Dads in Distress – a support group for Dad's going through a separation.
- Bipolar Life Victoria – a support group for people living with bipolar disorder.
- Brain Injury Matters – Support for people with an acquired brain injury
- Wintringham – outreach and housing support for people 50+
- FOCUS Life – disability support services.
- Brotherhood of St Laurence - NDIS
- VALID – Advocacy services for people with a disability.
- Drink Driver Education
- Project Fresh Start – Community lunches
- Monash University

THANK YOU's

As always, we are grateful for the funding we receive throughout the year, from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing Victoria and Frankston City Council.

Once again, we thank Fiona Cann, Tim Bearup and the many council officers that have supported us throughout the year, and especially the maintenance team for your prompt response to all our requests.

Thank you to our networkers, Cath Darcy and Wendy Hiam, from the Community House Network Southern Region for your continued support, valuable information and training for all neighbourhood house staff and committees who are network members.

Thank you to the Neighbourhood Houses Victoria Team, our peak body who have provided support, information and training to the sector throughout the year.

Many, many thanks to the wonderful women I work with everyday in the office, Kate and Kim who do an outstanding job managing the administration, reception and finances of the house.

A special thank you to Birgit for her attention to detail with the cleaning, the house always looks great and we get lots of compliments from our community for this!

Thank you to the Committee of Management for all their care and support. I am grateful to Val, Gwen and Laurence in particular for being at the other end of the phone when needed. Thank you to all our committee members for always having the House and communities needs at the forefront of your decision making.

We look forward to continuing to build on the programs and activities offered at OSCH in the next financial year, drawing on the skills and expertise that is abundant throughout our community.

We look forward to seeing you all at OSCH.

Karen Vanderkaay - Manager

Our Strategic Priorities and Achievements

In 2022 Key Stakeholders met to review the organisations Business Plan and set Strategic Goals for at least the next two years ahead. The ways in which we have addressed these priorities in the last 12 months are outlined below each area.

1. Engage socially isolated community members.

- Offering information and referral 30 hours a week 46 weeks of the year.
- Work with FCC to organise Orwil Street Reserve Open Day (over 200 people attending)
- Providing a point of contact and organising for the Pathways for Carers Program.
- Helped community members access subsidies through the Power Saving Bonus program.
- The Suburban Revitalisation Grant helped us update our IT for use in the BeConnected Programs and facilitate creative skill building workshops.

2. Develop a community engagement plan to keep in touch with the changing needs of our community.

- OT Students revised questionnaire and surveyed program participants for feedback.
- OT students reviewed feedback forms for all programs.
- Consulted with groups in the house regarding the need for sound reduction in rooms.

3. Provide programs to improve the mental health & wellbeing of our community.

- Steps to wholeness program for people with anxiety and depression.
- Women's Wellbeing Program a trauma informed yoga program.
- Art Bites workshops run on a Saturday utilising art therapy.
- Subsidised and bulk billed counselling services available to the community.
- Organised Stroke Awareness Workshop with Pathways for Carers Group.
- Images of Manhood men's support group continued to meet.
- Supper and Chat event with Russel Greene for Men's Health Week.

4. Review and plan for our infrastructure needs

- Universal Design Grant for Acoustic Panelling.
- Worked closely with FCC in the Redevelopment of the Orwil Street Reserve.
- Lobbying for a purpose built shed for our community.
- Providing feedback on the Fairway Street Strip Shop Redevelopment.

5. Actively promote the programs and services we offer to the community.

- Participated in training to develop our marketing skills and how to use Canva.
- Continued to advertise in local paper each term.
- Terence our volunteer is now adding our events to the FCC website weekly.

6. Develop strategic partnerships with other organisations to bring together resources for our community.

- Work with Community Plate Action Group to develop workshop on growing food.
- Contributed to and supported LGBTQIA+ Collaborative of Frankston and MPSC.
- Participated in Family Life Listening Tour.
- Work with VALID to raise awareness of the VOICE and International Day of People with a disability.



My experience at OSCH - Padmini

In my life 2020/2021 Pandemic years were significant, which was filled with uncertainty, stresses isolation and anxiety. After having the vaccine, the side effects caused me to end up in hospital and physically weak. Losing my job added more stress. I was searching for where to start.

After the lockdown was over and life started to get back to normal, I wanted to get back to normal and improve my mental and physical health. Initially I joined Kate's walk for wellness group. Slowly I build up my energy. With walking group, I really enjoyed, made friends, and hardly missed a week.

My initial contacts with Karen and Kate were positive and they made me feel welcome in the House. As a result of that I joined the Sewing group, Women's shed (sometimes), Women's wellbeing group which I really enjoy and am looking forward to each week.



Workshops such as Art bites, Mandala and Dream catcher workshop were fantastic.

Eventually I became a volunteer at the House, and it helped me meet many people and make friends. I enjoyed helping at the house and contributed my time and energy to the community.

I am glad and pay my gratitude to the 3Ks (Karen, Kate, and Kim) for trusting me and giving me the chance to count on me in supporting their tasks at OSCH. I had a great opportunity to support the fundraising for Australia's biggest morning tea (For Cancer council). Also, other fundraising and working bee activities.

I got a great opportunity to apply for a secretary position on the OSCH committee. Working with the Committee is a great opportunity to improve my skills and give my skills to the community, which I am always happy to do. I have learned a lot from being part of the committee.

Overall, this is how OSCH has affected my wellbeing –

- Physically-Mentally- walking group and yoga and wellbeing groups, Spiritual group's activity is fantastic. I learn new ways of looking after myself. Body and mind wise. I feel grounded.
- Interacting with community I made friends with new people. More talks, sharing ideas and laughter.
- Creative and fun – Art bites, mandala, dream catcher, sewing classes were fun and opened me up to new ideas, new ways of finding hidden talents. It keeps me grounded.
- Volunteering as secretary and in reception has improved my computer /telephone skills, public relations, customer service and listening to others.

I am happy to be part of OSCH which is delivering the best for the community.

Thank you OSCH committee, Karen, Kate, and Kim.

Treasurer's Report

It is apparent that the return of community participation to pre-pandemic levels has been slow. To re-engage our community, we have strategically committed significant financial resources to our programs.

This strategy move has provided a successful result, with a diverse range of programs resonating well with our community. As a result, we have noted a significant increase in revenue from our classes, programs and courses. Additionally, the demand for venue hire has surged, as external groups move away from virtual platforms and return to in-person activities. Encouragingly, we have also welcomed a number of new groups to utilise our community space. While we continue this approach, we remain mindful that the journey to recovery is gradual, and we monitor the community's cautiousness as we endeavour to leave the COVID-19 pandemic behind.

Our fundraising efforts have achieved success as we took on our first ever Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. Our dedicated teams hard work made it a resounding success on the Grand Final public holiday and we aspire to continue this tradition in the years ahead.

Acknowledging the challenges and time commitment of fundraising, we have also been delighted with the success of our "Winter Woolies" hand made knits, generously contributed by a volunteer and the wheat bags created in our sewing class.

We extend our sincere gratitude to several generous community members and associations who have made significant donations, including;

\$200.00	Anonymous
\$200.00	Hall & Wilcox Lawyers – Nominated by Caroline Bowler
\$250.00	Hall & Wilcox Lawyers – Nominated by Caroline Bowler
\$500.00	TAL - Nominated by Caroline Bowler
\$750.00	Country Women's Association – Frankston (which was utilised for the purchase of tools for our Women's Shed program).

We were grateful to receive several \$50 donations throughout the year and also appreciated the many smaller donations from community members who have thoughtfully added \$5.00 to their class payments. To each and every person who has contributed helps make a difference in our community, we extend our sincere thanks for your support of Orwil St Community House.

With the success of several Grant opportunities, we have completed a much needed upgrade of computer resources for our IT classroom. We have also acquired soundproof panels for our meeting rooms and will continue to add soundproofing panels to other areas of the House.

Despite our best efforts, we have faced increasing overhead costs, which have offset much of our gains. We will continue with our diligent efforts to source other income streams to counteract these challenges. While we have been prudent in managing our expenses, the combination of rising overheads and our commitment to program investment has resulted in a loss for the 2022-2023 financial year. This trend appears consistent across the sector. However, we remain committed to providing the best possible program for our community.

We do understand the constraints on funding bodies, and we carefully monitor what funds are available to us so that we can provide the best programs, at an affordable price, that meet the needs of our community.

To achieve this, we have approached and consulted with the community and we continue to provide a venue that is welcoming and inclusive for all.

After 25 years we bid farewell to our Auditor, Glen McClelland, and wish him a happy retirement. We now welcome Richard Vergona as our new Auditor for 2023 and look forward to a long association with Vergona Randsmith Accountants.

Gwen Cauchi - Treasurer

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Richard Vergona
Chartered Accountant

A. B. N. 35 959 484 089

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ORWIL ST COMMUNITY HOUSE INC.

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, a special purpose financial report of Orwil St Community House Inc., which comprises the balance sheet and profit and loss statement for the financial year ended 30th June 2023.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein and has determined that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to the needs of the members. The committee's responsibilities also include establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the basis of accounting used is appropriate to the needs of the members. I conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.



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An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial reporting requirements. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that which it was prepared.

I believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, I have complied with the independence of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Auditor's Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report of Orwil St Community House Inc. presents a true and fair, in all material respects the financial position of Orwil St Community House Inc. as of 30th June 2023 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the committee's accounting policies. The financial reports are also in accordance with the relevant regulatory framework (Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic))

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RICHARD VERGONA
Chartered Accountant
10th October 2023



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Auditor's Report and Financials (cont)

Orwil St Community House Inc. Balance Sheet June 2023

Assets

Cheque Account	7,667
Investment Account	49,058
Trade Debtors	1,009
Petty Cash	100
Cash Float	100
Term Deposit #1	50,000
Term Deposit #2	75,000
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Total Income	\$182,934

Liabilities

Deposits Received	810
GST Liabilities	1,371
PAYG Withholding Payable	9,340
Superannuation Payable	1,488
Provision: Annual Leave	5,041
Provision: Long Service Leave	6,388
Provision: Personal Leave	8,159
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Total Liabilities	\$32,597

Net Assets **\$150,337**

Equity

Retained Earnings	175,976
Current Year Earning	(25,639)
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Total Equity **\$150,337**

Orwil St Community House Inc.
Profit & Loss Statement
July 2022 to June 2023

Income

Funding - DFFH	112,461
Funding - Frankston City Council	49,475
Classes	21,432
Donations	2,820
Fundraising	2,311
Interest	393
Venue Hire	21,952

Total Income	\$210,844
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Expenses

Advertising	1,148
Assets Purchased	20,262
Audit Fees	720
Bank Charges	70
Computer Expenses	3,147
Donations	300
Facilitator Fees	32,397
House Expenses	14,257
Insurance	857
Memberships Fees	3,865
Office Supplies	2,715
Salaries	188,557
Telephone/Internet	2,069
Training & Development	5,583
Travelling Expenses	123
Utilities	2,299
Workcover	1,869

Total Expenses	\$280,238
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Other Income

Grants	43,755
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Total Other Income	\$43,755
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Net Profit/Loss	(\$25,639)
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Partners and Donors

We could not do what we do without the wonderful support of many other people and organisations. The Committee would like to thank all of you for your generous donations and support through the last financial year.

Many thanks to Elsie Hopkins for her generous donation of hand knitted animals for our Children's Week event, they were so cute.

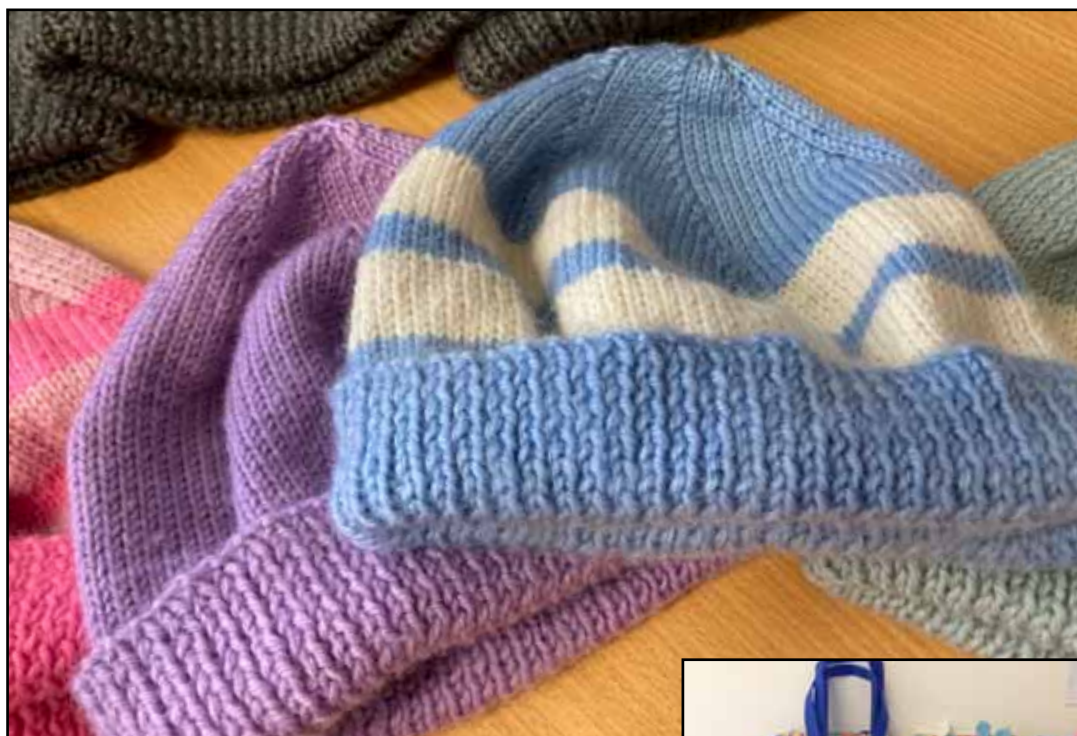
Thank you to the Country Women's Association Frankston South for your financial support that helped us buy much needed tools for the Women's Shed and for attending the opening of the Orwil Street Reserve.

Henry's Mercato and Kmart Frankston for your assistance with donations for our Cancer Council Fundraiser The Biggest Morning Tea.

Thank you, Veronica Baker, for knitting the beanies, bonnets and jumpers for our Winter Woolies fundraiser.

Thank you, Lyn and Bunnings, for supporting us with our BBQ Fundraiser and donating gift cards for our Biggest Morning Tea Fundraiser.

And to all of our neighbours, volunteers and friends from other organisations we are grateful for your support and assistance in raising much needed funds to support our activities at the house.





Our wonderful student Kim



Les & Runa



Sherrie and Padmini at Bunnings



