

ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026

Inclusion, Connection, Belonging.



Erwil Street Community House Inc.

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Acknowledgement

Orwil Street Community House INC stands on the lands of the Boon Wurrung and Bunurong people. Our members, Committee and Staff respectfully acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands and pay our respects to the first nations people, their elders and all elders that access our community house.

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Our Vision

Orwil Street Community House is a safe and welcoming place that provides many opportunities for everyone to come together, build confidence, support health and well-being and learn new skills.

Our community house is:

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



Our Committee Members



Val Wooding
President



Leslie Fernandez
Vice President



Gwen Cauchi
Treasurer



Bev Wilkinson
Secretary



Padmini Thorakumbura
General Member



Benjamin Watkins
General Member

Presidents report

As we approach our 50th year of operations, and I my 18th year as president of Orwil Street Community House INC, it's important to remember our why. OSCH was conceived of a need from the community. The Women's Action Group fought for the house to be used to support women and children in need, and later for funding to support its activities. OSCH Committee of Management continue to advocate to this day for increased funding and better resources for our community.

Securing the future of Neighbourhood House funding

Standing together with other community houses OSCH actively participated in the Neighbourhood Houses Victoria funding campaign, collecting postcards, writing letters, calling and meeting with state and local MPs.

Alongside Karen and Kim, Bev and I met with representatives from Paul Edbrooke's office to deliver postcards from our community members, and those from Belvedere Community Centre. Messages included concerns around increasing community demand and the vital role neighbourhood houses play in promoting social connection, wellbeing and preventative health.

The campaign highlighted the uncertainty around future funding, with current funding from the state government not keeping up with inflation, it is likely that neighbourhood houses would have to reduce hours or close their doors completely if sustainable funding is not secured.

Financial sustainability and operating within constraints

Despite the pressures, OSCH reported a 16% increase in attendance, alongside growing demand for programs such as Tai Chi.

Financial sustainability remained a key priority, with the Committee exploring grant opportunities and alternative income streams, monitoring expenditure and carefully considering staffing requirements. The importance of ensuring that programs and projects are financially and operationally sustainable was a consistent focus.

The Committee considered the priorities and operational adjustments that may be necessary if additional funding is not secured, recognising the need to align strategic planning, service delivery and staff workloads with available resources.



Presidents report continued...

Strategic Planning – establishing a clear direction

A major achievement this year was the Strategic Planning Day, attended by 17 participants, including Frankston Mayor Cr Sue Baker. The day identified three key strategic priorities:

1. Mental health, wellbeing and social connection - Reducing loneliness and isolation; improving safety and support for older and vulnerable community members.
2. Service sustainability and information - Strengthening funding advocacy, improving access to information and developing referral pathways.
3. Lifelong learning and skill sharing - Encouraging volunteer participation, providing training and exploring funding for a volunteer coordinator.

These priorities will inform our planning for the next three years and translate into practical initiatives. Mental health, wellbeing and social connection remain central to service delivery.

Turning strategic priorities into practical action

Mental health, wellbeing and connection

Increased referrals have resulted in Tai Chi expanding to three groups, while further initiatives have included developing an LGBTQIA+ Social Group, increasing support to carers, establishing a Dementia-Friendly Action group and exploring partnerships with organisations such as Family Life.

Accessibility and inclusion

Frankston City Council upgraded the front garden, installed new fencing and constructed an accessible pathway and ramp to the House entrance. Planning continued to secure the Women's Shed, with accessibility a key consideration. Monash University students also contributed to exploring ways to improve the shed's usability and accessibility.

Community education and sustainability

In partnership with Neighbourhood Houses Victoria, we delivered a community information session on the transition to sustainable energy. We explored the benefits of our solar panels, reducing our electricity costs, and the possibility of future battery storage for the House.

Building and maintaining partnerships remained important to the House's work. Relationships were strengthened with Frankston City Council and local councillors, Neighbourhood Houses Victoria, local MPs, Family Life, Peninsula Carers Council, the Social Inclusion Action Group, Monash University, community volunteers and program facilitators.

Governance and committee succession

The Committee commenced actively recruiting new members and welcomed Bev as Secretary. Ben indicated his intention to transition off the Committee due to other commitments, while Andrew expressed interest in joining.

Overall, the year has demonstrated the Committee's commitment to advocating for sustainable funding, strengthening the House's financial position, planning for future service delivery and responding to the growing needs of the community.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank all staff, particularly Karen, Kate and Kim, and the Committee members for their support and commitment throughout the year. Their contribution ensures the House continues to operate effectively, providing valuable services to the community.

Val Wooding
PRESIDENT

Treasurers Report

The 2025–2026 financial year concluded with an operating surplus of $5,621. While this represents a positive financial result, the ongoing financial sustainability of Orwil Street Community House remains a significant challenge.

As a not-for-profit association and registered charity, the House relies heavily on government funding, grants, fundraising activities and donations to support its programs and services. Securing sufficient and sustainable funding continues to be an ongoing concern, as we strive to meet the needs of our community while managing the increasing costs associated with operating the House.

During the year, a significant advocacy campaign was undertaken across the community sector, led by our sector's peak bodies, calling on the State Government to provide additional funding to support Community Centres and Neighbourhood Houses. Unfortunately, these efforts were unsuccessful, leaving organisations such as ours continuing to operate within tight financial constraints.

Despite these challenges, the House has maintained a positive financial position through careful financial management and the continued support of our funding bodies, donors, volunteers, members and the wider community. We remain committed to ensuring that available resources are used responsibly and effectively to sustain our programs and services.

Looking ahead, securing adequate funding and maintaining financial stability will remain key priorities as we continue our work in supporting and strengthening our local community.
The accompanying financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2026, together with the auditor's report, are presented to members as part of the financial reporting requirements of the Annual General Meeting.

We sincerely thank our funding bodies, donors, volunteers, members and the wider community for their continued support and commitment to Orwil Street Community House. Their contributions are greatly valued and play an important role in enabling us to continue delivering services and programs that benefit our local community.

Gwen Cauchi
TREASURER



Orwil St Community House Inc.
Balance Sheet
June 2026

Assets	
Cheque Account	44,717
Investment Account	9,141
Petty Cash	200
Cash Float	200
Trade Debtors	2,880
Term Deposit #1	50,000
Term Deposit #2	75,000
Total Income	$182,138
Liabilities	
Deposits Received	2,227
GST Liabilities	6,093
PAYG Withholding Payable	2,777
Provision: Annual Leave	14,465
Provision: Long Service Leave	8,785
Provision: Personal Leave	21,423
Total Liabilities	$55,770
Net Assets	$126,368
Equity	
Retained Earnings	120,747
Current Year Earnings	5,621
Total Equity	$126,368

Orwil St Community House Inc.
Profit & Loss Statement
July 2025 to June 2026

Income	
Funding - DFFH	124,441
Funding - Frankston City Council	52,397
Grants	33,751
Association Membership	96
Classes	25,356
Donations	8,342
Fundraising	3,871
Interest	5,380
Venue Hire	24,937
Total Income	$278,571
Expenses	
Assets Purchased	344
Audit Fees	800
Bank Charges	135
Facilitator Fees	17,231
General Expenses	5,365
Insurance	1,072
Memberships & Subscriptions	4,564
Office Supplies	2,709
Program Expenses	14,890
Salaries	218,300
Telephone/Internet	1,851
Training & Development	627
Utilities	2,337
Workcover	2,725
Total Expenses	$272,950
Net Profit/Loss	$5,621

Vergona Randsmith
Accountants
A. B. N. 42 919 908 941

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 2026

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.

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 2026 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
16th October 2026

Manager's Report

This year has been another exciting mix of projects, partnerships and continuing connection. In the blink of an eye, we are hurtling towards 2027 wondering where the time has gone, but we know too well, we can feel it. The exhausting satisfaction of knowing we've had more than **16,000** visits to our little house this year.

We know we're doing something right when our community continues returning week after week, day after day. In the words of Dennis Denuto, *"it's the vibe," ... [of the place],* something we hear from our visitors almost every day.

We attribute this "vibe" to the inclusive atmosphere that's created at Orwil Street Community House (OSCH), by our office team, the wonderful Kate on Reception and Kim in Finance, their authentic kindness welcoming everyone who walks through our doors. Our team of generous and caring volunteers and facilitators who give so much of themselves to support our programs; our incredible Committee of Management, who work behind the scenes to ensure the values and vision of the organisation are upheld. And last but never least, our fabulous community, our neighbours, venue hirers and participants, you all contribute to the successful events, great programs and "good vibes" at OSCH.

This year we've had three key areas of focus:
-Maintaining a positive financial position;
-Our Strategic Direction; and
-Ensuring our programs, services and activities meet the needs of the community we serve.

In addressing these areas of focus we have:
-Supported the NH Vic campaign to keep our doors open and increase our funding.
-Reviewed our Strategic Plan with the help of key stakeholders.
-Consulted with the community, program participants and partners.

The information gathered from our Strategic Planning Day and consultations with key stakeholders has guided the development of our new Strategic Plan for the next 3 years.



What makes OSCH special to you?
QUOTE: The kindness and realness of staff.
A bastion for the community.
A glue of the community. ~ Brian

2025 Neighbourhood House Survey results - Real **Impact**. Real **Value**.

Once again, we have proudly delivered nearly four times the level of service we receive funding for, and once again this is only possible through the strong partnerships, connections, and relationships we continue to foster with our neighbours, community services, volunteers, and local businesses. Together, we're creating meaningful change and strengthening the fabric of our community.

The Orwil Street Community House INC provided in excess of $872,735 of value to the community for 2025. This is based on data provided through the Neighbourhood House Survey 2025.

INCOME $257,387

VALUE $872,735

This figure includes the value of:

Improved quality of life through social connection: **$485,454**

Volunteer contributions: **$92,467**

Emergency relief provided: **$48,480**

Services provided: **$243,334**

This community value equates to:

$3.39for every $1of income

$7.13 for every **$1** of Neighbourhood House Coordination Program funding

Over **$327.11** for every hour the neighbourhood house is in use









Manager's Report continued

Our Student Placements - Occupational Therapy Students from Monash

The partnership with Monash University Occupational Therapy program, established in 2023, has continued to grow and support our community for another year. This year we have supported 14 students from Bachelor to Masters placements, providing 1:1 OT support to the community, a Project Placement which has supported the Women's Shed program, and assistance to develop the Leadership Training for our Peer Action Group Project.

Thank you to Monash OT supervisors Anna, Brianna and Pam for supporting students at the house to ensure these placements are successful and of benefit to our community members.

Front Yard Facelift

We were so excited to receive an upgrade to our front yard this year with Frankston City Council spending over $50,000 on the improvements. These included a second ramp for access to the front door, new fencing, a new gate to the side of the house, new letterbox, landscaping, plants, and a special place for our little library. Community members love the new look, with lots of positive comments about the increased access, and how open and fresh the front yard now looks.



From this



To this!



Our Volunteers

Volunteers are the backbone of local communities, providing essential services, social connection, and support that governments and paid staff cannot fully cover alone.

Volunteers strengthen social cohesion, bringing together people from diverse ages, cultures, and backgrounds, reducing loneliness and social isolation while building trust and empathy.

Volunteers at neighbourhood houses save government millions of dollars, allowing not for profits like OSCH and community groups to operate programs we otherwise could not afford.

Volunteering promotes wellbeing; actively contributing to a community through volunteering fosters a sense of purpose, belonging and inclusion for the individuals involved.

This year we have welcomed several new volunteers like Glenn, whose idea it was to create the Socialise with Pride group, which has been a great success. Through the establishment of this group, we have recruited another three new volunteers who help with the group organising, set up and facilitation, Donna, Rachel and Stella.

When we asked one of our volunteers what their favorite things about volunteering at OSCH was, they said, ***..."The people! Everyone is gorgeous - volunteers, attendees and especially administration and management. Everyone is helpful, happy and welcoming. A great bunch of people."***
We are incredibly grateful to all our volunteers who support the house in many ways, including looking after our gardens, helping us fundraise, supporting us in reception, doing odd jobs around the house, facilitating groups, governing the organisation, and so much more.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Alex Slade-Baker - BBQ
Andrew Heggie - Carers Group
Ann Urch - Basic Computers
Catherine Cleary - Reiki
Claire Houston - Women's Shed
Eva Malloy - Women's Shed
James Haakman – Yard Maintenance
Gill Aykurt - Walking Group
Joe Ferrarotto – Maintenance
John Darke – Women's Shed
Joy Tilley - Reiki
Mariette Pasnin - Reiki
Mary Nickson - Admin
Padmini Thorakumbura - Admin
Peggy Pearce - BBQ
Phyllis Neafsey - Free Library
Sandra Beggs - Garden
Shekhar Kamat - Mindfulness
Sunshine Melody - Reiki
Terence Phillips – Advertising



Our Impact and Connections

In the last financial year, Orwil Street Community House delivered 2,467 hours of programs and activities for the local community, welcoming 16,080 visitors through our doors. Our staff dedicated over 4000 hours to supporting the community—through program facilitation, information and referral services, administration, financial management, and overall coordination of the House's operations.

Our volunteers, including members of the Committee of Management, have generously contributed approximately 3578 hours of their time, skills, and experience to support both the governance and daily operations of Orwil Street Community House. Their commitment and enthusiasm continue to be the foundation of our success.

During this period, our counsellors provided 343 hours of support to community members—offering services in person at the House, over the phone, and via Zoom. We are deeply grateful to all members of our counselling team who give generously of their time to support those in need. Thank you to our team of counsellors who continue to provide free and subsidised counselling for our community. Our counselling team this year included Sandra Garnier, Rachel Austin, Wei Lai and James Rankin.

We also welcomed Stavroula Gerakaris and Rachel Marshall to the team.

A special thank you goes to Michael Woolsey for his ongoing support of our counselling team through professional group supervision—ensuring our counsellors are well supported in the important work they do.

OUR COUNSELLORS

Denise White
James Rankin
Lynne Alexandra
Rachel Marshall
Sandra Garnier
Stavroula Gerakaris
Wei Lai

What does community mean to you?

QUOTE: Bringing lonely people together to interact with other people. Getting the community involved, young and old and find out what they need.
It's *Precious!*



Our Special Events

Every year OSCH partners with our community members, local organisations and businesses to deliver key events. The following are a snapshot of the events we have been involved with this year.

Bunnings BBQ FUNDRAISER - 25th September 2025
Thank you to our amazing team of volunteers who helped with the BBQ again this year on the Grand Final Public Holiday.

CHILDREN'S WEEK – 20th October 2025
Delivered in partnership with Shanny from Family Life and Kate from Frankston City Council's Supported Playgroup.



CARERS WEEK EVENT – 15th October 2025
This year, working with the other community houses in Frankston, and with the help of a grant from Carers Victoria, we organised a bus tour for carers with an activity and a treat at each community centre. A huge thank you to Karen McMahon from FCC and Annette White from The Pathways for Carers Group, who worked with OSCH and the other community centres in Frankston to create an enjoyable and informative outing for the carers.



MULTICULTURAL SENIORS EVENT – SENIORS WEEK – 19th October 2025
Thank you to the Positive Aging Team at FCC for supporting this event again with funding for catering on the day.



GARAGE SALE TRAIL – 8th November 2025
This year's garage sale was a quieter affair due to the weather, but we managed to make a nice little profit and stallholders were happy to have all sold some items throughout the day.







Our Special Events

International Women's Day Morning Tea - 2nd March 2026 (Family LIfe)





Harmony Day Morning Tea - 21st March 2026



DEMENTIA Friendly COMMUNITIES INFO SESSION – 26TH March 2026



Electrifying Communities Presentation – Funded by Neighbourhood Houses Victoria 14th May 2026





VOLUNTEERS WEEK – 22nd May 2026





Our Special Events

One of the highlights this year has been our **International Day of People with a Disability Event at Belvedere Community Centre 2nd December 2025.**

Early in 2025 we were successful for a grant of $20,000 over two years from the Social inclusion Action Group (SIAG). Building on an idea from our volunteer Mary, and the work we had done with VALID and the Brotherhood of St Laurence to create inclusive events for people with a disability, OSCH partnered with Belvedere Community Centre (BCC) and community members with a disability. Our plan was to undertake a Peer Leadership Project that would include training people with a disability to organise and run events. This first International Day of People with a Disability event was held at BCC and was a great success, bringing together organisations like St Kilda Football Club, Shannon and Jasper from Saints Play, the CFA, various disability services and individuals from Frankston and the Mornington Peninsula to celebrate inclusion and leaders with a disability.

A wonderful day was had by all who attended, participating in various games, enjoying a dance and some lunch before a visit from Santa on the CFA fire truck. Thank you to Mia, Lauren and Lisa from BCC, our Steering group members, Mary, Mithrani, Trudy and Andrew, and Paul for capturing the day on film.

We are excited for the next part of this journey, developing leadership and events training for people with a disability, and our event in 2026, which will be held at Cube 37.







Our Partners

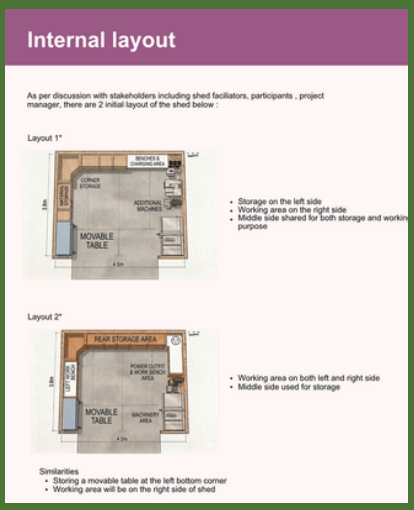
One of the highlights of working in Frankston, and especially working in a neighbourhood house is the networking that happens between services, organisations and businesses. Partnerships continue to grow with key stakeholders and organisations that share our vision and support us in achieving positive outcomes for our community.

This year we had the pleasure of working with the Community Plate again on another project. With funding from FCC our Women's Shed group worked together to build a Grow Free Cart for the community house. It was a wonderful project with past Women's Shed participants coming in to lend a hand to get the cart finished. The OSCH Grow Free Cart is now available out the front of the house on Mondays for people to share plants, produce and seeds. Share what you can and take what you need.

- Brain Injury Friends
- Family Life
- Clothes For Good
- Project Fresh Start
- Women's Shed's Victoria Peak Body
- The Community Plate
- CHN Southern Region INC Board of Governance
- Monash University OT Department
- Pathways for Carers Program
- Mental Health & Wellbeing Local
- LGBTQIA+ Collaborative

Women's Shed Build

With generous funding from the Mental Health & Wellbeing Local in 2025 we began the process of building a shed for our Women's Shed Workshops Program. A place where the women who wanted to 'get on the tools' could gather and work. Monash University OT Students Luna and Matthew assisted us to design and plan the interior layout of the shed, as part of their Project Placement. This has been an exciting process including the group in deciding what they would like to do in the space.



With the assistance of grant funding from Rotary Sunrise and FCC, we are now in the process of completing the fit out of the shed, including ramped access, electricity, plumbing and internal shelving and benches.







Our Programs

With the support of our new facilitator Karen Caldwell and sponsorship from our wonderful supporters at Ceylon Girls Café, the Cooking on a Budget program has continued.
Tai Chi has become one of our most popular programs, with all three classes booked out each term. Seated exercise coming in a close second, with class numbers growing every week.

While Ann continues to offer Basic Computer classes in small groups and on a one-to-one basis, we have partnered with Langwarrin Community Centre to trial a Digital Essentials Class at OSCH. If successful we will look at supporting the delivery of more ACFE funded classes at the House.

OUR GROUPS AND PROGRAMS

- Art Bites with Tina
- Basic Computers
- Card making
- Cooking on a Budget
- Dance class for women 50+
- Declutter course with Hayley
- Drumming
- French Language Classes
- Mindfullness
- Reiki
- Seated Exercise
- Socialise with Pride
- Sound Healing
- Tai Chi
- Qigong
- Walking Group
- Women's Shed Workshops
- Yoga

OUR FACILITATORS

Annette Evans – Women's Dance 50+
Erin Clifford – Children's Week/ Gardens
Hayley Gravener - Declutter Workshops
John Darke - Women's Shed Workshops
Jinli Niu & Ming Lamm - Tai Chi and Qigong
Karen Caldwell – Cooking on a Budget
Karl Two Eagles - Drumming
Mariette Pasnin - Sound Healing
Monica Dawes – Exercise Classes
Shekhar Kamar – Mindfulness
Tina Strafford – Art Bites
Val Wooding– Card making
Wendy Van Dort - Yoga

OUR PAID STAFF

Erin Clifford – Cleaning
Kate Hart – Administration
Kim Mayor – Finance
Karen Vanderkaay – Manager







Our Support Groups & Community Run Programs

OSCH continues to host a diverse range of support groups and community-run programs including:

- Dads in Distress
- Frankston Bipolar Support Group
- Brain Injury Friends
- Driver Education Programs
- Frankston City Council Supported Playgroup
- Amity Circle

This year partnering with Amity Care to provide a free support group for people with mental illness at the house. The Amity Circle – Mental Health and Wellbeing Support Group runs every Friday afternoon during school terms.

OSCH is home to many groups and organisations that choose to hire rooms at the House, sometimes as a once off, but with many we have long standing relationships. The income from room hire helps support our programs and manage the ongoing operational costs of managing the House. Thank you to the many groups that trust us as their venue of choice and contribute positively to the life of our community.

- Action your Ability
- Australian Catholic University
- ALANON – a twelve step program for family & friends
- of people with addictions.
- Art Atak
- Be Healed – The Declutter Queen
- Belvedere Community Centre
- Bipolar Life Victoria – a support group for people
- living with bipolar disorder.
- Brain Injury Matters – Support for people with an
- acquired brain injury
- Chinese Senior Citizens Association
- Community House Network Southern Region
- Dads in Distress – a support group for Dad's going
- through a separation.
- Der Die Das Melbourne – German Language
- programs for children.
- DFFH
- Drink Driver Education
- EACH – Care Finder Program
- Elemental Wisdom
- Embodied Being
- Family Life
- Frankston City Council
- French at Work
- Hakea Ridge Shiatsu
- Headspace – Over the Rainbow youth group
- Jamica Photography
- Keystone Strata
- Liberty Disability
- Monash University
- Nepean School
- Our Wave Amplify
- Oz Child - Kinship Carers Support group
- Parent Carers Group
- Peninsula Carers Council
- Peninsula Community Health Service
- Peninsula Community Legal Centre
- Project Fresh Start
- Redress Scheme
- Relationships Australia
- Solutions Together
- South American Senior Citizens Association
- Ti Tree Community Housing Cooperative
- WitWave



Donations

We are grateful to the many individuals and organisation that provide support throughout the year by way of donations, both in goods and money.

Anonymous - $50
Bev Ryan – Winter Woolies Fundraising
Carers Support Group - $50 (Lani Peach PCHS wind up of group)
Ceylon Girls – Funding our Cooking on a Budget Program, Fundraising (cans & bottles)
CFA Frankston - IDPWD
Denise White - $40
Grill'd - $100
Jamica Photography – Photography for the house
Lynda, Gwen and Kim – Baked goods for Garage Sale
Mary Nickson – Cans and bottles for Fundraising
Peninsula Carers Council - $5000 (from wind up of NFP)
Pinch a Poo – Pamper Packs for, Mums, Dads, Carers and Volunteers
Phyllis – Books for Library
Project Fresh Start – Meals Twice Weekly and Community Lunch twice monthly
SIAG – PAG Leadership Project (IDPWD)
Share the Dignity – It's in the Bag, bags for women
The Brekky Club – Bread and fresh produce
Total of donations of under $25 - $137
Veronica Baker – Winter Woolies Fundraising
Watkins Therapy Group - $300





Acknowledgements and Thanks

Many thanks to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing Victoria and Frankston City Council (FCC) for continuing to fund our community house.

It's been a pleasure working with the professional team of FCC officers again this year. In particular we are grateful for Fiona Cann for advocacy to council on our behalf and her support of all the neighbourhood houses in Frankston. Thank you to Judy and her team for the wonderful work on our front yard, and to the maintenance team JP, and Laura for your prompt responses to our calls.

Many thanks to the team at Community House Network Southern Region. It has been a pleasure to continue to serve on the Board with inspiring leaders from our sector, who are committed to supporting our member houses and networkers.

We appreciate the work of our peak body Neighbourhood Houses Victoria, in advocating for increased funding for the sector, to keep our doors open, and for providing project opportunities, funding, information, training, and guidance to the sector throughout the year. Thank you to our incredible team for another fabulous year of creating, connection, and inclusion.

Thank you to our Committee of Management for their supportive governance and trust in my leadership of the organisation. Your continued commitment to the values, goals and growth of the organisation are inspiring.

Our focus for the year ahead will be on consolidating our project work, finishing the fit out of our Women's Shed, building on what we have created this year with our Peer Action Group Leadership, and Socialise with Pride projects, and celebrating our successes – over the last 50 years.

Karen Vanderkaay
MANAGER




VICTORIA
State Government


Frankston City


mental health &
wellbeing local
Free support in your community


family life


Belvedere
Community
Centre


Ceylon Girl's
CAFE & BAR
TAKE AWAY • CATERING • DINE IN


Women's Sheds
Victoria


SHARE THE Dignity


Social
Inclusion
Action
Group
FRANKSTON


Pinchapoo
A cheeky way to help


BUNNINGS
warehouse



Neighbourhood Houses
The Heart of Our Community