



ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

NECCHi
Newlands and East Coburg
Neighbourhood Houses

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LIVING, LEARNING, AND GROWING TOGETHER ON WOI-WURRUNG COUNTRY

NECCHI's two neighbourhood houses are located on the unceded lands of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people of the Kulin Nations. We acknowledge the Woi-wurrung as the traditional owners of the lands and waterways now known as Merri-bek, and offer our commitment to act in respect of this sovereignty.

The Woi-wurrung people have acted as custodians and carers for the lands, waters, skies, and creatures of this country for millennia.

...

Always was, always will be Aboriginal land.



THE NECCHI TEAM

NECCHi would like to say a big thank-you to all of the staff, volunteers, and facilitators that help make our houses such special places!

STAFF:

Manager	Ellen Prior Anna Hutchens
Community Development Coordinator	Dee Jones
Programs & Marketing Coordinator	Mitch Beatty
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THE NECCHI TEAM

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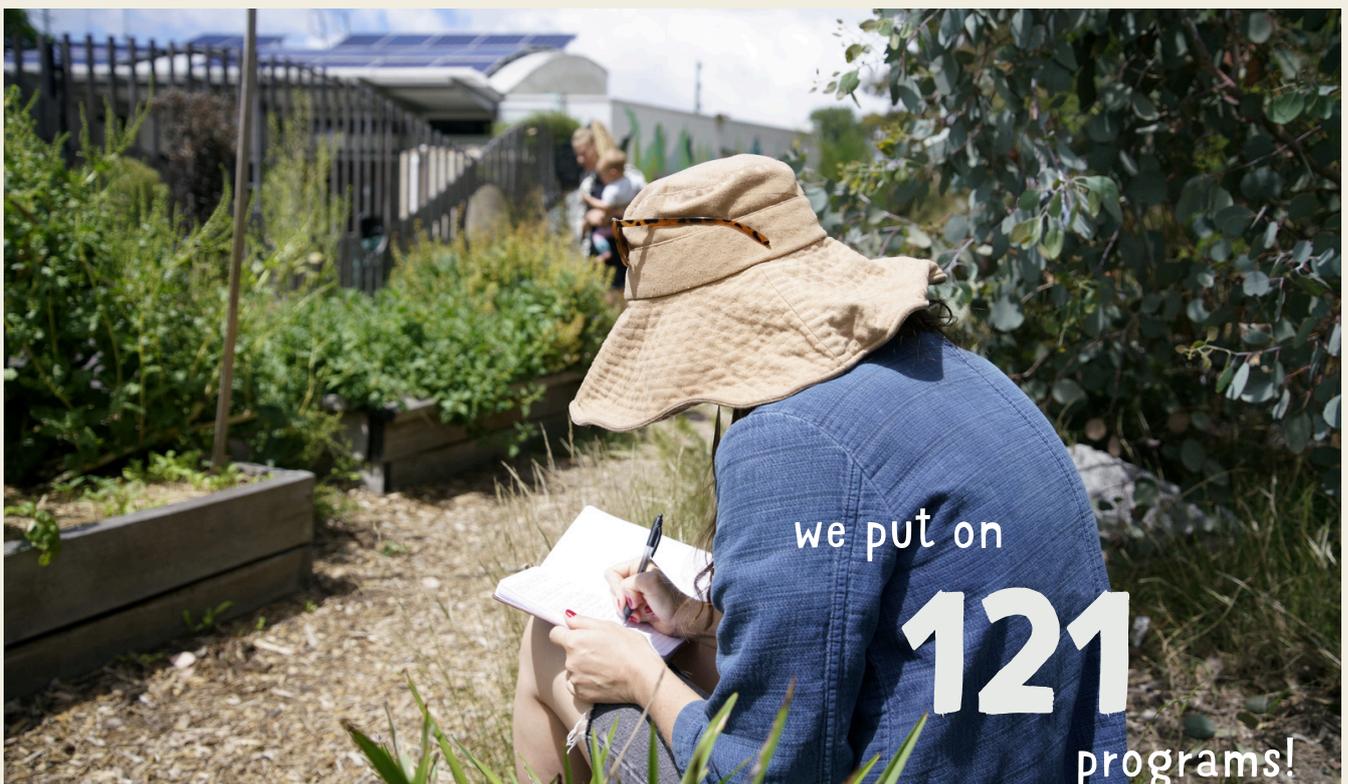
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OUR YEAR AT A GLANCE



OUR YEAR AT A GLANCE



Brewlands
served up

846

babycinos!



712

external room
bookings & parties!

CHAIR'S REPORT

Kate Bundrock (she/her)

This year has been a year of transition at NECCHI, as we come to the end of our current strategy and look forward to working with our wonderful community to craft our next strategy. Our strategic pillars of people, place and possibility have served to guide the organisation well over the life of our current strategy.

As I write this report Victoria is in the process of legislating our first Treaty. All that NECCHI does is done on the lands of the Wurundjeri people and on behalf of the whole NECCHI team I offer our respect and gratitude to Wurundjeri elders past, present and future. Over the past year we at NECCHI have sought to deepen our understanding of the treaty process. In line with NECCHI's values, we wholeheartedly support the treaty process and encourage our community to do the same.

During the course of the year NECCHI farewelled Ellen Prior and welcomed Anna Hutchens as our new manager. Ellen contributed so much in her time with NECCHI, most significantly embedding our commitment to strength based community development and ensuring our practice and operations are aligned with our values. On behalf of the Board I want to thank Ellen again for her contribution, dedication and vision.



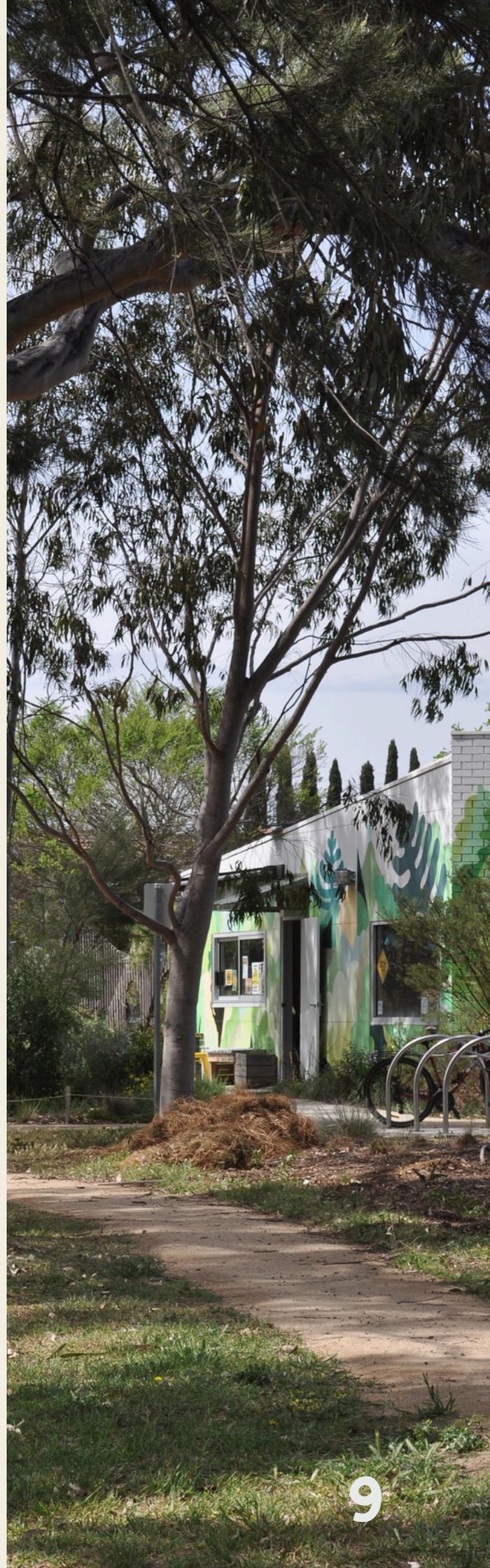
CHAIR'S REPORT

Kate Bundrock (she/her)

We were overwhelmed with interest in recruiting for our new manager, and following a competitive recruitment process it was exciting to be able to appoint our previous Board member Anna to the role. Anna has been involved with NECCHI as a volunteer, neighbour and participant for the past four years and we are lucky to have a manager with so much insight and experience with the organisation.

As always, NECCHI's biggest strengths are our staff and our community, and on behalf of the Board I want to thank the staff for their work and commitment this year. Change in staffing can have a big impact on such a small staff team, but throughout the transition Mitch, Mei, Toni, Ollie, Lucy and Dee have continued to focus on providing a fun and welcoming space for our community, delivering amazing programs and events, serving up fabulous coffees with welcoming smiles and chats, and supporting the organization to grow and develop.

Some of my personal highlights for the year include the hearing from Blow Your Horn at the end of year event last year, the Poorneet Garden Festival and the Learning on Country bookshelf & collection at Brewlands. It is also lovely to see the artists in residence program continue, and to be able to continue to auspice wonderful organisations such as RainMoth. But there is so much going on in the houses all the time, that I am sure everyone has their own highlights for the year ... what were yours?







TREASURER'S REPORT

Jordi McInerney (they/them)

I'm excited to present my second Treasurers Report for NECCHI for the 2024-25 Annual Report. In 2024-25 we had budgeted for a small surplus, expecting this to come primarily from interest on NECCHI's term deposit. Ellen and then Anna worked to monitor and manage expenses throughout the year, even through a period of growth for NECCHI's programs and changes to the team.

I'm pleased to report that we achieved a surplus of \$57,961 in 2024-25. This surplus is due to higher than expected program income and cost savings across some operational areas.

Financial Overview

Revenue

- Total Cash Inflow: \$596,548
- Grants and Funding: \$437,515
- Programs Income: \$86,596
- Room Rental Income: \$21,443

Expenditure

- Total Cash Outflow: \$538,587
- Program Related Expenses: \$108,673
- Employee Expenses: \$359,569



Budget Achievement

In 2024-25, we exceeded our budget goals for the second year in a row. Key budget achievements include:

- Budgeted Income: \$538,424
- Actual Income: \$596,548
- Budgeted Expenses: \$533,464
- Actual Expenses: \$538,587

It was incredibly exciting to see significantly higher-than-budgeted program income again this year, exceeding the budget of \$55,000 by \$31,596. Brewlands has also exceeded forecasted income in 2024-25 despite an increase of projected income from \$20,000 to \$30,000 from last financial year, with a total income of \$32,637.31 in 2024-25.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jordi McInerney (they/them)

Acknowledgments

This success is testament to the hard work, creativity and dedication of the NECCHI staff, volunteers, members and program participants. I would like to thank Ellen Prior, the former Manager, for her diligent financial stewardship which has set NECCHI up for success over the past couple of years and into the future. I would also like to acknowledge Anna Hutchens, who has done an incredible job of managing the many and various financial responsibilities of the Manager since she came on board.

Looking Ahead

As we move into 2025-26, we are well set up to continue NECCHI's invaluable work as we look to develop a new Strategy. We will continue to manage finances responsibly, identify strategic opportunities to re-invest in NECCHI and use the Strategy development process to identify ways to grow our offering to the community.

It has been a pleasure to serve my second year as Treasurer and contribute in a small way to the many wonderful things that NECCHI delivers for the community. I want to express my enormous gratitude to all those who contributed to our financial success in 2024-25, and I look forward to another successful year in 2025-26.







MANAGER'S REPORT

Anna Hutchens (she/her)

It's been another dynamic and rewarding year at NECCHi. As an ever-evolving organisation, we have continued to respond to the needs of our community through the development and delivery of new programs and initiatives. This year, we farewelled some valued team members—Ellen Prior (Manager) and Kat Lee (Community Projects Officer) and welcomed new faces, including Dee Jones (Community Development Coordinator) and myself, as the new Manager. It is a privilege to work at NECCHi, and I am continually inspired by our vibrant community, dedicated staff and passionate volunteers.

Over the past year, we have made some significant progress in advancing our strategic plan, mainly First Nations Solidarity, Environmental Care and Responsibility, Community as an Ecosystem and Community Connectedness.



Environmental Care and Responsibility

Environmental sustainability remains a cornerstone of NECCHi's work. Building on the success of last year's inaugural event, we delivered our second Garden Festival, this time celebrating Buarth Gurru, the Wurundjeri season of flowering which marks the transition from spring to summer. The festival offered a diverse program of workshops and activities aimed at sharing gardening knowledge and fostering environmental awareness across the Merri-bek community.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Anna Hutchens (she/her)

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Wurundjeri and other First Nations Elders and educators for generously sharing their wisdom. We also appreciate the tireless efforts of our garden volunteers and NECCHi staff, whose dedication made the event a resounding success. Special thanks to Merri-bek Council, the My Smart Garden program, and Council Officers Lee Tozzi and Lachlan Gregory for their ongoing support. We were honoured that the festival was nominated for a Merri-bek Community Award this year.

A key example of our commitment to sustainability is our auspicing of Rain Moth Community Nursery. This collaboration promotes the use of low-cost indigenous and edible plants, building community knowledge and skills in sustainable gardening practices. Rain Moth also facilitates regular working bees, creating hands-on learning opportunities for volunteers and community members alike.



MANAGER'S REPORT

Anna Hutchens (she/her)

First Nations Solidarity

NECCHi is deeply committed to First Nations justice and solidarity. We acknowledge that we operate on unceded Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country, and as part of this commitment, we make monthly contributions to the Pay the Rent initiative, funded through our membership program. These contributions are not considered charity but reparative rent, supporting Indigenous-led initiatives such as:

- The National Suicide Prevention and Trauma Recovery Project
- Koori Mail

We also offer free room hire to all First Nations groups and are actively seeking to build deeper connections with First Nations organisations to strengthen our role as a committed ally. Additionally, the Narrm Choir, which rehearses at NECCHi, has shown strong support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-led initiatives. In recognition of singing on unceded land, choir members contribute weekly donations to Indigenous-led collectives and crowdfunders. Contributions this year supported:

- VACCA (Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency)
- Disability Justice Network
- Dhadjowa Foundation



MANAGER'S REPORT

Anna Hutchens (she/her)

Community Connectedness

Our community continues to grow in strength and numbers, with membership reaching 111 this year. We are grateful for the contributions of our members and their ongoing support. Throughout the year, we have worked to integrate community voices more directly into our planning and program delivery, ensuring NECCHI remains relevant, responsive and inclusive.

I would also like to acknowledge our exceptional Board of Governance for their time, expertise, and commitment to strong governance, as well as our talented staff, facilitators and volunteers who embody NECCHI's values in their everyday work.

This year has been an exceptional one for NECCHI. With a strong and dedicated staffing team, we have fostered a dynamic and responsive environment. Our achievements have only been possible thanks to our experienced Board, skilled staff, passionate volunteers, and, most importantly, our supportive local community.

Thanks to a \$9,122 Facility Improvement Grant from Merri-bek City Council, we were able to enhance the Brewlands space through the installation of a shade awning, a water pump to increase water supply and wicking garden beds to reduce water consumption. This project, managed by NECCHI staff, has improved functionality, accessibility and environmental sustainability at Newlands Neighbourhood House.



MANAGER'S REPORT

Anna Hutchens (she/her)

Community as an Ecosystem

NECCHi proudly auspiced three community arts and cultural projects this year, offering project planning, administrative and marketing support, venue hire, gallery space and bookkeeping services. These partnerships help enrich community life and expand our collective impact. These groups were:

- Spanish Playgroup
- Arabic Women's Group
- Rain Moth Community Nursery

We are committed to creating inclusive and accessible programs and spaces. This year, we continued building partnerships to remove barriers to participation, including:

- Purple Carrots – an inclusive art fusion holiday program led by a speech pathologist and drama teacher (6 participants per session)
- MS Support Group – monthly meetings with 25–32 participants
- Anxiety Disorders Association of Victoria – fortnightly support for 14 participants
- First Step Solutions – a 12-week "Date-Ability" program tailored to NDIS participants above the age of consent (3 programs per year)
- Merri Health & YMCA – collaborative consultations and workshops with community groups
- Maternal Child Health & Newlands Preschool – joint efforts to identify needs, offer support, and facilitate referral

As we look toward the next year, NECCHi is preparing for our next strategic planning cycle in early 2026. Our aim is to meaningfully engage with our community to understand their hopes, strengths, and visions for NECCHi's role in supporting a thriving and inclusive neighbourhood.

I'd like to express our gratitude to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing for their continued support through the Neighbourhood House Coordination Program, and to Merri-bek City Council. Special thanks also to our peak body, Neighbourhood Houses Victoria, for their ongoing advocacy, professional development and resource sharing.

Thank you all for being part of this journey.





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Dee Jones (she/her)

East Coburg's Artists in Residence Program

I joined the NECCHI in June, 2025 and have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the organisation, the community, and my new role. My previous experience as Wild Daisy Nature Playgroup Facilitator at NECCHI has made the transition smoother, and it's been a pleasure to reconnect with many familiar faces in a different capacity.

Looking ahead, I'm excited to collaborate with community to create meaningful projects, develop a thriving volunteer program, support several of our auspiced groups, assist with grant writing and collaborate with the talented Artists in Residence.

For this year's Annual Report, I've chosen to highlight the inspiring work of Vanessa Chapple and Ria Soemardjo and the Artists in Residence program – a vibrant and valuable part of our community.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Dee Jones (she/her)

In 2024/25, Vanessa and Ria continued their work as Artists in Residence at NECCHi, deepening community connections and fostering artistic collaboration both within and beyond East Coburg. Through creative engagement and generous practice, they nurtured the role of arts as a powerful connector, building on the past three years of relationship seeding and community participation.

Throughout the year, Vanessa and Ria invited new collaborators into the space, including Live Particle (Angela Clark and Camilla Maling), and began working with River Arumets (who facilitates our Kids Art Club). As a result, the front Artist in Residence studio at East Coburg Neighbourhood House has evolved into a vibrant hub of creativity, mentoring, reflective practice, and dreaming across multiple art forms.

Although not all grant applications were successful, a wide range of art forms continued to thrive through the residency, including ceramics, painting, somatics and dance, sound, music, creative writing, and First Nations knowledge building.

The following are the activities Vanessa and Ria have offered to the community at NECCHi this year.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Dee Jones (she/her)

Activities at NECCHi and Beyond

- Plant Dye Workshop – Flag-making for the Poorneet Garden Festival
- Music Makers – For children aged 1–3 years
- Merri Merri Morning Movement – Somatic wellbeing sessions
- Bird Bath Making – Collaborative workshop with the garden group
- Sonic Field Sessions – Sound-based exploration of the Merri Merri Creek
- Learning on Country Bookshelf Launch – Celebrated at Poorneet Garden Festival
- Fluid Body, Fluid World (Live Particle) – Water-themed workshop for the Poorneet Festival
- Performances – End-of-Year Celebration (2024) and AGM
- Dance Classes – With the Arabic Women’s Group

Here are some of the connections they have made through their Artistic Practice

- Craig Burgess – Draw Plants Together (Unfurl Necchi)
- Samra Ram – Eco Arts Collective Dreaming
- Live Particle – Angela Clark & Camilla Maling
- Slow Art Collective
- Anna Paddick – Voice practice and pedagogy
- Ben Woods & Kate Hill – Necchi’s former gardener collaborators
- Victoria Winata – Mentoring (writer/performer)
- Annie Bolitho – Eco Arts initiatives



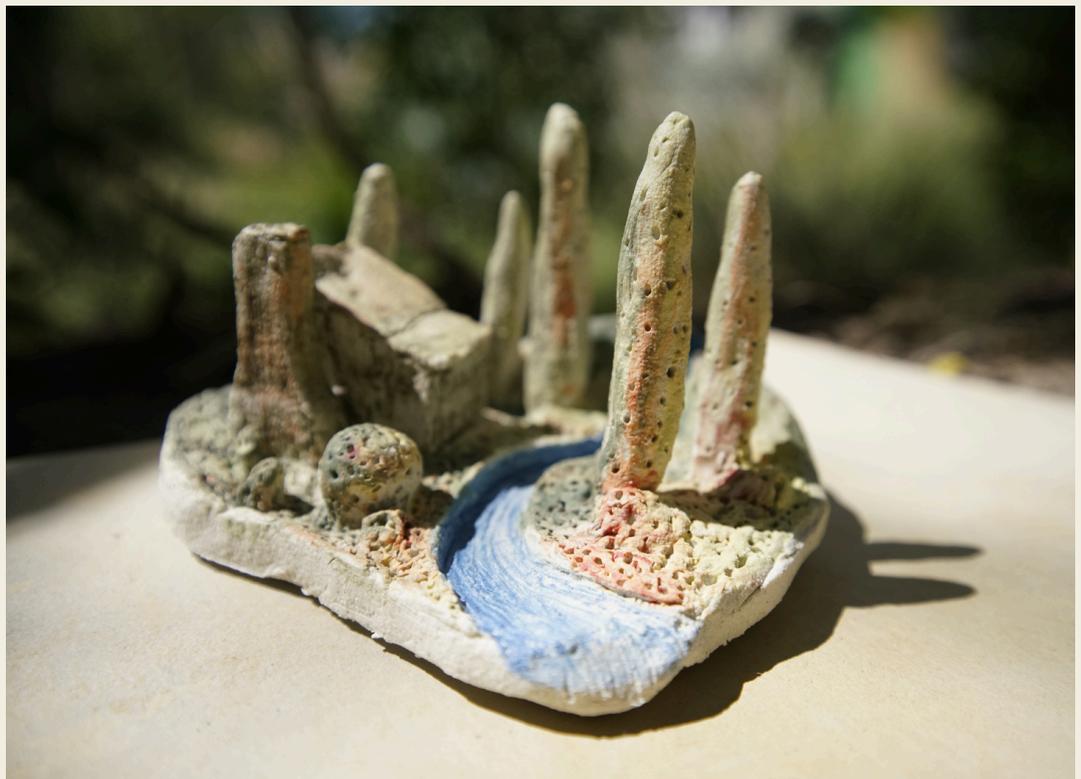
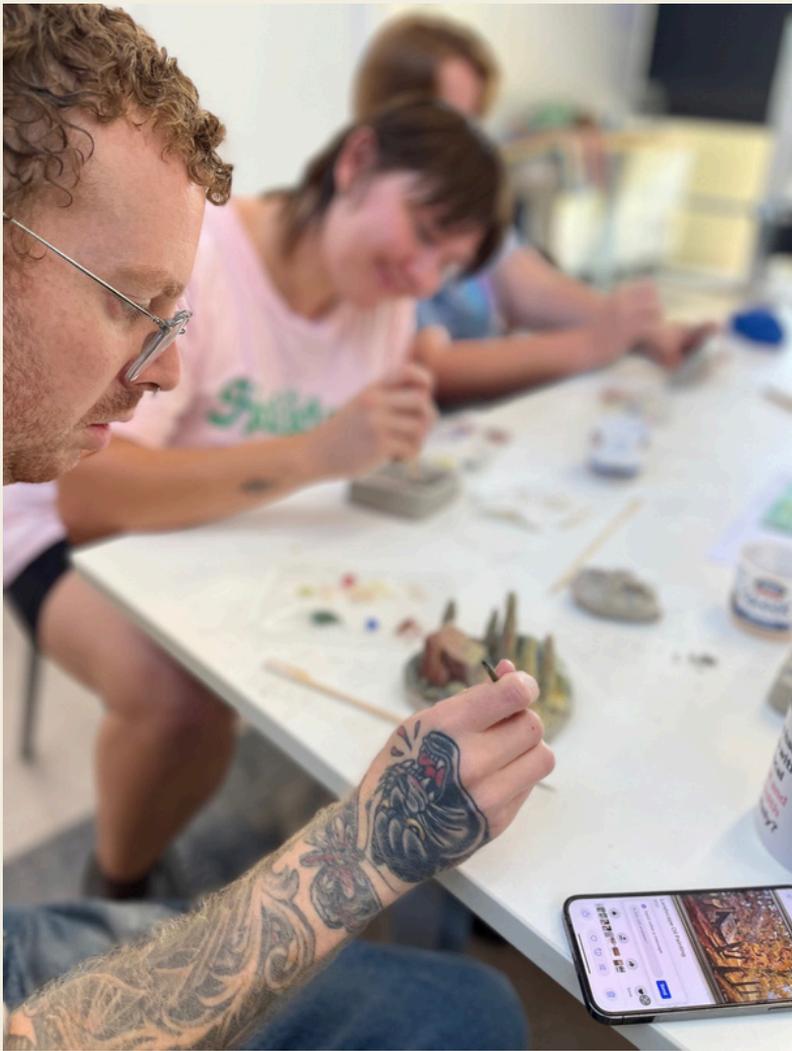
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Dee Jones (she/her)

And finally, Vanessa and Ria have also brought a wealth of knowledge to the program, underpinned by the rich community relationships they continue to nurture and grow. These include:

- Aster Association
- Multicultural Arts Victoria
- Community Music Victoria
- The Boite
- Gamelan Dananda
- Critical Forests Collaboratory
- RMIT School of Education – Creative Agency
- MIECAT (Melbourne Institute for Experiential and Creative Arts Therapy)
- Maribyrnong River and Waterways Association
- Merri Creek Primary School
- Takatāpui Waiata Rōpū – Māori LGBTQI+ Choir
- Melbourne Playback Theatre







PROGRAMS & MARKETING REPORT

Mitchell Beatty (they/them)

Go Slow

This was my first full year in the seat of the Programs and Marketing role at NECCHI, and I'm happy to say that I'm still learning a lot about working with the community here. I'm very fortunate to have worked so closely with our outgoing Manager, Ellen Prior, stepping into this role. Ellen always saw growth and community strengths as the real measure for successful community development, and this is something I've been able to appreciate more in my second year in the role.

Something that has characterised community programming in this past year at NECCHI is the slow, organic, and sometimes open-ended process through which many of the programs were shaped and took on life. It was incredibly rewarding to see programs change and realign themselves as they grew within the Neighbourhood House, incorporating connections with the seasons, with pressing political matters, and with a newfound sense of belonging and shared experiences between members.



PROGRAMS & MARKETING REPORT

Mitchell Beatty (they/them)

New Editions at NECCHI

I'm deeply appreciative of all of the program facilitators who I've had the chance to work alongside, and those who have come to the Neighbourhood House with curiosity, and a genuine desire to connect and share.

I also owe a great deal of thanks to Mei, our Garden Coordinator, who has an infectious vision for community programming, and a green thumb for collaboration. Much of the change I've observed and been able to enjoy in NECCHI programs is owing to Mei's dedication in the garden, and her careful and inviting approach to facilitation.

One example is our creative writing program, From Seeds to Streets. Hosted by local poet, Simone King, the idea for this program grew out of an existing writing program that looked at gardens as leitmotif in literature, and the act of writing with/in our surrounds, taking the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful Wayi Community Garden. From Seeds to Streets grew with curiosity into a desire to engage with urban interventions into spaces, and the Garden's attempts to unearth --both literally and introspectively -- the Hidden Creek that runs piped beneath the Cox Reserve, just beside our Newlands House. Writing with/in the Newlands carpark may not share the same appeal as a native garden, but you can't argue with results -- many of the participants have gone on to publish stirring poetry and reflective pieces that have helped genuinely transform the way the group see and relate to their neighbourhood.



PROGRAMS & MARKETING REPORT

Mitchell Beatty (they/them)

One of the NECCHI's strengths is its approach to community building through the concept of 'communities as ecosystems,' respecting and nurturing the interconnection and interdependence of people, spaces, relations, and hopes for the future. As Programs Coordinator, I have the very privileged opportunity to hear from people in our community about these hopes, and as well as to meet individuals who approach them with creativity and a desire to form connections between them. Rose is one community member I'd like to highlight in this respect, and their wonderful, much loved, and oftentimes very messy Not a Cupboard Project.

Part-installation, part-exhibition, part-cupboard, the Not a Cupboard project invited community members to create and share art over the course of each term, organise impromptu art dates, and to exhibit their works - all from the drawers of a not-so-inconspicuous cupboard situated in the Newlands hallway.

'Not A Cupboard' began from an idea to create a mobile art gallery in miniature capable of touring Neighbourhood Houses and Community Centres and offering people of all ages and abilities the opportunity to curate a tableau of works gathered together from passing creative sessions.



PROGRAMS & MARKETING REPORT

Mitchell Beatty (they/them)

The Not A Cupboard project has taken on wings, but it hasn't yet left its nest in the Newlands hallway – so strongly has it been embraced by the local NECCHi community. Rose has, in the meantime, begun facilitating monthly Community Art Parties that keep the drawers stocked with works of art, and keep new families flocking to the house on a Sunday morning for tea, biscuits, and the allure of an honest-to-goodness endless supply of art materials.

We're all very excited to see what the future holds for Not A Cupboard, and looking forward to our invitation to the next exhibition opening.



Meeting Places

Something I've come to appreciate across our Neighbourhood Houses is the growing feeling of homeliness that many groups – sometimes quietly – express in their daily or weekly interactions with the spaces. Groups such as the Takatāpui Waiata Rōpū, a queer Māori singing group who meet at our East Coburg House on Tuesday evenings, are such powerful examples of how community spaces can, and arguably should, orient themselves around care in order to 'show up,' as they say, for community members. This group continues to grow, with new members joining almost weekly, and sees the house transformed into a festive, inviting space where food, music, and the protocols of sharing and respect are practiced with a truly generous openness to our members.

PROGRAMS & MARKETING REPORT

Mitchell Beatty (they/them)

I had the very good fortune to be able to work alongside Kat Lee, in her time at NECCHI as the Community Projects, Grants, and Volunteer Coordinator. Kat has a real sixth sense for what brings people together in community spaces, and always had sharing at the forefront of community engagement. Whether it was sharing food or sharing stories, Kat always made people feel at home at NECCHI, and inspired me to try and incorporate food, and food-sharing above all, into programming where possible.



Kat was a big inspiration for the planning of NECCHI's fifth annual Passata Party, which placed a larger-than-usual focus on the end-of-day sit down lunch. The morning of preparing and cooking the tomatoes with Nonna Rita and Nonno Umberto was much quieter than in previous years, paired with a larger focus on sitting down together to share a meal.







GARDEN COORDINATOR REPORT

Mei Sun (she/her)

The main theme of the last Garden Annual Report was about the next phase of the gardens - focusing on the people and community: connecting people through learning and gardening together, building the gardens as hubs to grow our understanding of First Nations culture, caring for Country, gardening skills, climate resilience, plants, related arts, crafts. And beyond the garden, programs that connect us to the creek. These themes came from the values in the strategic plan of: First Nations, community connectedness, community as ecosystem, environmental care and responsibility. A lot has happened.

Garden Group

The Garden Group is as dedicated as ever. They are a wonderful, grounding, steady presence, who have turned bare lawn into a peaceful place filled with habitat for all. On the first and third Friday mornings, as locals stop in to say hello or have a warm drink, the group tends to the plants around them. Their acts of care make invisible work visible... And fun, we celebrate birthdays together and have taken the opportunity to observe and share rituals like solstice and more.



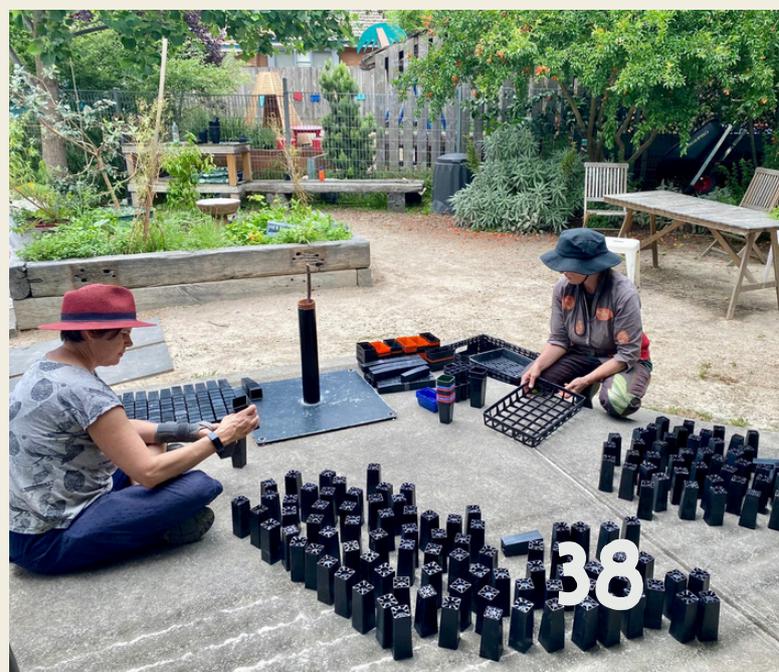
GARDEN COORDINATOR REPORT

Mei Sun (she/her)

Community Nursery

Earlier this year, the Community Nursery kicked off. From discussions between Pascale Pitot who initiated the idea, Emma Gee a fellow Gardens 4 Wildlife guide and myself. We spoke with other community nurseries including Brunswick Communities 4 Nature, then seeds were planted, call outs were made. Excellent volunteers emerged from the community after hearing via local gardens and neighbours. The nursery eventually landed on the name Rain Moth Community Nursery - named after the Rain Moths that pop up on the creek after the rains come. Lena and Linden from the Rainbow Playgroup had been reading up and sharing all they'd learnt with me about the Rain Moth during the season, helping make the Rain Moth come alive, despite it being rare to see one!

From experiments and tiny single side table sales, we eventually grew to selling hundreds and hundreds of plants in each pop up sale. We are grateful to have been successful in securing a grant from Merri-bek Council. The highlight though has been the energy of the volunteers powering it all, distributing a whole nursery in backyards dotted throughout Coburg and beyond. We see people come as strangers, working together to support the community to grow indigenous plants as an act for caring for Country and veggies for local climate resilience. With each working bee and sale, a solid crew builds, brought together by a curiosity for plants.



GARDEN COORDINATOR REPORT

Mei Sun (she/her)

Buath Gurru (Grass Flowering) & Community Food Growing Festival

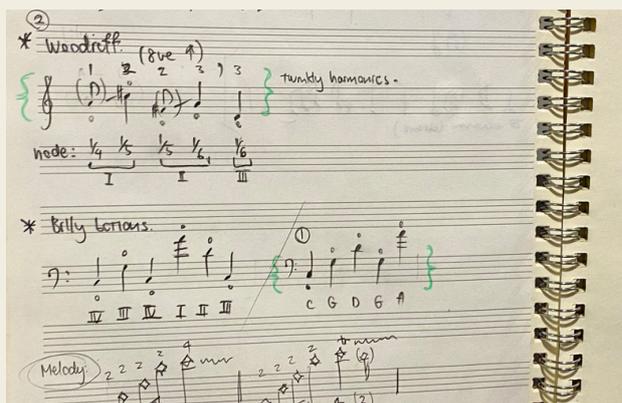
Garden Group secured a grant for the garden festival. A key session was a talk by Wurundjeri Council educator Lachlan Buxton-Green, they were so generous with their time and knowledge and personal stories, staying long afterward to field questions from the community who were so keen to learn more about Wurundjeri culture. Workshops included Native Wildflower Meadows with Katherine Horsfall, Indigenous Propagation with Nangak Tamboree Indigenous Nursery, Making Clay Birdbaths with Ria and Vanessa (artists in residence), Seed Exchange and the Art of Resilient Seed with Annie Bolitho, Bird Walk with Bruce & Ann McGregor, a silent walk on the creek by Ria and Vanessa, Gardens 4 Wildlife and Grasslands walk with Pascale Pitot, Stewarding Seeds & Reciprocity with Meg Kimber. The facilitators all went above and beyond, with great feedback about the workshops.



GARDEN COORDINATOR REPORT

Mei Sun (she/her)

During the planning of the festival, we learnt that someone was sleeping rough at NECCHI Newlands. Staff and community shared reflections about this over a number of days, and discussed how the cost of living crisis was affecting many locals. Artist in Residence Vanessa Chapple noted the idea of music where people could just come and be. We added low cost food and drink at Brewlands. And an onigiri workshop with Mifumi Obata - an ancient, low cost Japanese food that came from a time of low waste. Draw Plants Together with Craig Burgess brought their drawing workshop to the picnic. And Xiao Xiao with their cello and music written for native wildflowers and River Arumets on harp were invited to play. Cello and harp in the garden! And a community nursery pop up too!



Initially we had ticketed the picnic for 40 people, but the interest grew and grew till we had over 100 registrations. The picnic, which had come out of some sombering reflections on what was happening, drew on the skills and offerings of many wonderful contributors to bring people together at a difficult time to enjoy the music and the garden.

GARDEN COORDINATOR REPORT

Mei Sun (she/her)

Relatively large events for the small part-time team of NECCHi are only possible because of their dedication and skill:

Mitch was there with calmness and loads of creative thinking up their sleeve. Always ready with gentle encouragement to take things a bit further, and always up for fun. Without their solid skills to lean on, the programming and reach would have been daunting.

Toni is unstoppable with so much to give. Always two steps ahead, multi-tasking and giving 500%, making sure everyone has what they need and still always time for a laugh and a warm welcome for everyone.

Oli and Lucy in Brewlands took the theme of garden and ran with it. Making a beautiful, welcoming place with exciting concoctions from the garden and a peaceful atmosphere for the community.

Kat has a way of creating magic and fun from thin air. Always ready to buzz your taste buds with unexpected umami ingredients in her pockets. She was a powerhouse supporting Mifumi to offer zero waste food to the community. Kids always delight in her presence, taking her on as one of their own.

Ellen empowered us to follow our instincts to find the strengths of the community and help support wherever and however we could. She would look on from a distance, ready to run in, catch whatever was falling, prop it back up, never criticising, just calm and pragmatic, with a bit of direction when needed. She did a lot that was invisible but without which everything would fall over.



GARDEN COORDINATOR REPORT

Mei Sun (she/her)

Many Hands

We had a collective cooking session at East Coburg with some of the volunteer farmers from nearby social enterprise urban farm Farm Raiser.

Mifumi showed us how to cook udon noodles from scratch! Thank you Mifumi!

And we used leftover produce from the farm and herbs from the garden. It was wonderful to cook low-waste, no plastic food together. We ate nearby on the creek.

After hearing about it, Oli suggested 'Many Hands' as a name for these cooking sessions. This is something we hope to grow more of next year.

From people who have participated in 'Many Hands', we're also looking to develop sessions open to the wider community. A place where we can casually skillshare what we know and learn about our own and each other's cultures.



GARDEN COORDINATOR REPORT

Mei Sun (she/her)

And more...

The garden also welcomed many spontaneous encounters and collaborations:

- Meeting locals foraging weeds in the reserve, they generously shared family knowledge with us.
- The kids from Newlands Pre-School joined us to plant a wonga wonga vine and a hardenbergia at our shared entrance. The plants were like celebrities when it came time to put them in, the educators provided some crowd control just in time, tens of hands reaching out to do the job!
- The heirloom carrots were a hit with kids from the Rainbow Playgroup delighting in pulling out multi-coloured bunches, the twisting comical shapes also helping us bridge language barriers to have a good laugh together with a neighbour.
- Harvesting veggies and flowers for distribution via Brewlands.
- Drying weaving materials and teas for local groups.
- Exhibiting the Compost Quilt with artist Emily Simek - the quilt was selected for the Wangaratta Textile Prize. It was lovely to share the garden through a tea offering at the art gallery.
- Nest box installation with the seniors across the road.
- A really lovely winter solstice with Rainbow Playgroup.
- The wicking beds were successfully installed.
- Yoorrook Walk for Justice was a historic event that some of us were able to witness. We look forward to supporting Treaty.
- Bringing diversity into Garden Program with new facilitators has been a key focus
- We attempted the three sisters traditional Native American planting method - but despite signage, the maize was too popular, people probably presuming it was sweet corn, picked before it was ready. And so we didn't get to the stage of nixtamalising the heirloom maize for a community feast, maybe next year!



GARDEN COORDINATOR REPORT

Mei Sun (she/her)

Learning on the Creek

- We walked with Michael Longmore and heard about the fascinating history and the many layered approach to managing invasive plants on the creek.
- A great bird walk with Ann and Bruce McGregor. Charlotte Napper of Merri-bek Council sent us Gardens 4 Wildlife booklets beforehand. We were able to tie the health of the birds and garden plantings together, Bruce used the booklet to help participants understand the connection.
- A walk with a new facilitator Melvin Xu, exploring fungi on the creek - this was enormously popular and it was surprising how many fungi species were found in a short walk with keen eyes.

A lot can happen in a year!!







BREWLANDS REPORT

Lucy Snedden (they/them)

The rhythm of Brewlands has carried on this year; steady, welcoming and growing. Under the care of Oli, Lucy and Toni, the NECCHI café has become a familiar place in the neighbourhood where anyone can stop in for a cuppa, treat, a chat or to sit in the beautiful garden, lovingly tended by the Wayi Garden Group.

Whether you're a regular or just passing by, Brewlands opens up conversations. People discover what the neighbourhood house is all about, learn about our programs and festivals, and find ways to connect with the community.



Our commitment to working with local suppliers who share our values has deepened this year. While we've bid a fond farewell to Jai from Better Now Bakes, whose vegan baked goods have been a delicious staple for customers for the last few years, we're thrilled to welcome cakes from the wonderful Ellie from Big Elma, another local business, to fill that gap. Toni, our amazing admin officer here at NECCHI, continues to supply our honey, and we serve beautiful herbal and bush food teas, hot and iced, grown here at Newlands and East Coburg as well as being sourced from local First Nations growers and harvesters on Arrernte country and Gadigal land. We've also continued using the extra space in the cafe to showcase and sell work from local makers; Mifumi's hand-crocheted, upcycled wool gumnut beanies and Chris Ennis's stunning ceramics now have a home here.

BREWLANDS REPORT

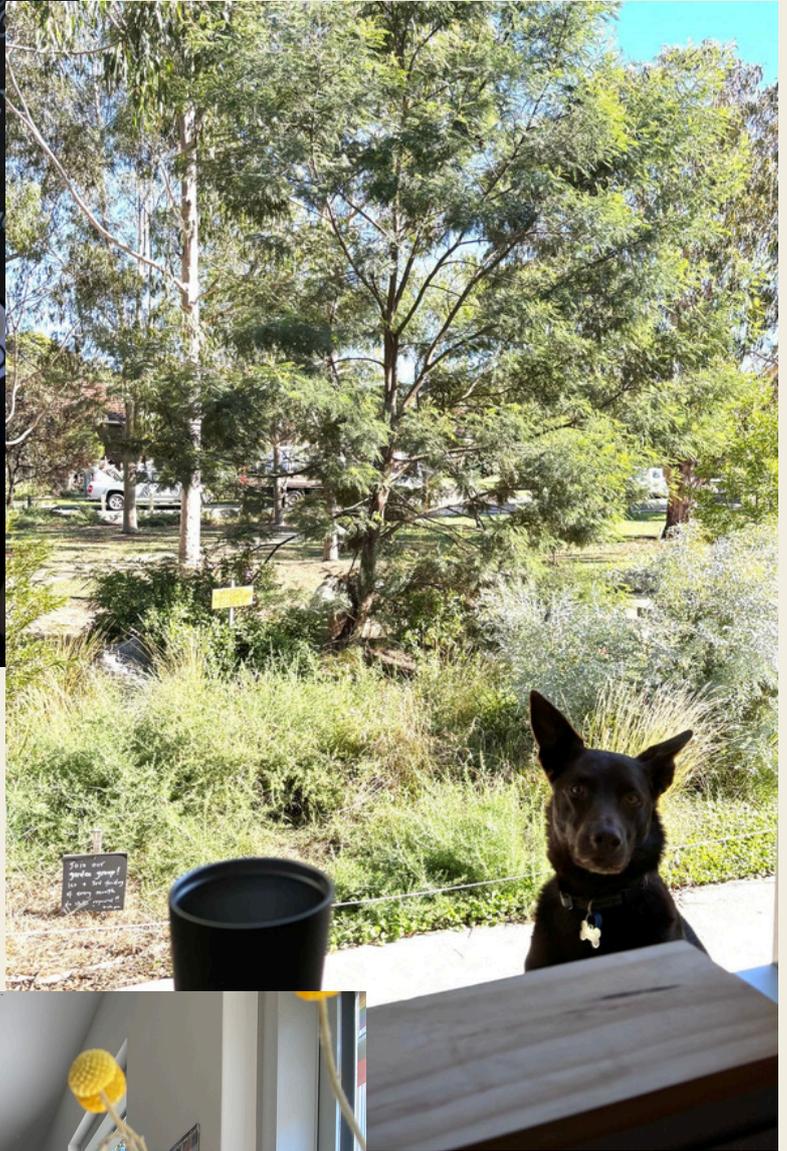
Lucy Snedden (they/them)

The connection between our gardens and Brewlands continues to grow. This year, we built our "Learning on Country" community bookshelf, stemming from a collaboration between former garden coordinator, Kate Hill and Oli. The bookshelf is a collection of donated and loaned books, zines, and multimedia exploring everything from identifying grasses in Southern Australia to plants as kin on Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Country, to poetry from people in the occupied Palestinian territories. The library is a work in progress, and we plan to engage a First Nations artist, via possible future grant funding, to paint signage for the library. Drop in to have a browse, read a book, or have a listen to a podcast from the library.



What stands out most is watching how people use this space. Some come for their regular coffee and end up chatting for an hour or so, others stop by between errands for a moment under the lemon-scented eucalypts or the new awning providing shelter at the Brewlands window, and many parents with their kids spend time together in the loungeroom to catch up. Friendships form, routines develop, support gets offered. The connections formed through incidental conversations, the creative contributions of the community, and the interconnectedness between passers-by and the Wayi garden group connecting via the plants growing in this beautiful space, make Brewlands more than a café. It's a true community hub where people belong.







NEWLANDS & EAST COBURG COMMUNITY HUB INCORPORATED

ABN 54 794 801 039

***SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025***

NEWLANDS & EAST COBURG COMMUNITY HUB INCORPORATED
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NEWLANDS & EAST COBURG COMMUNITY HUB INCORPORATED
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COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your committee members present the special purpose financial report on the entity for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.

Committee of Governance Members

The names of committee of governance members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Kate Bundrock	Chairperson	Deputy	
Margot Tong	Chairperson	Secretary/	
Michelle Welsby	Ordinary Member	Treasurer/	
Jordi McInerney	Ordinary Member	Ordinary	
Lucy Manne	Member	Ordinary Member	
Georgie Lowe	Ordinary Member	Ordinary	
Shaw Kudo	Member	Ordinary Member	
Anna Hutchens			Resigned 1 May 2025
Laura Dreyfus			Resigned 30 October 2024

Principle Activities

The principle activities of the entity during the financial year were:

NECCHI is committed to delivering bold initiatives to advance social justice and sustainability, and to make the East Coburg and Newlands Neighbourhood Houses the best they can be to support their communities.

Significant Changes

No significant changes in the nature of the entity's activity occurred during the financial year.

Operating Results

The surplus for the year attributable to the entity amounted to \$57,961 (2024: \$52,374 - surplus).

After Balance Date Events

No matter has evolved since 30 June 2025 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

- (a) the entity's operations in future financial years, or
- (b) the results of those operations in future financial years, or
- (c) the entity's state of affairs in future financial years.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.

Chairperson



Kate Bundrock

Treasurer



Jordi McInerney

Dated this 20 day of October 2025

NEWLANDS & EAST COBURG COMMUNITY HUB INCORPORATED
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	2025	2024
INCOME		
Grant Funding Income		
Department of Family, Fairness and Housing		
Merri-Bek City Council (MCC) Operation and Inclusion Grants	280,935	271,289
Merri-Bek City Council - Facility Improvement Grant	121,282	120,182
Merri-Bek City Council – Supporting Volunteer Grant	9,122	10,000
Grants under Auspice Arrangements	7,278	7,206
	18,898	19,702
	437,515	428,379
Operating Income		
Auspice Fees (includes NECCHi room booking fees for Auspice projects e.g. exhibitions, rehearsals.)	250	727
Coffee Cart Income	32,637	34,183
Program Income	86,596	74,385
Room Rental Income	21,443	28,749
Shared MCC Costs Income	5,040	2,880
	145,966	140,924
Other Income		
Interest Received	13,067	4,943
Donations and Fundraising Income		84
	13,067	5,027
TOTAL INCOME	596,548	574,330
EXPENDITURE		
Administrative & Other Expenses		
Audit and Bookkeeping Fees	11,494	11,701
Bad Debts	761	73
Bank Fees and Charges	3,186	782
Consultancy fees	366	737
Hospitality & Consumables	1,855	3,777
Insurance	1,934	177
Membership Fees & Permits	1,368	3,301
Photocopier and Printing	20,964	1,739
Sundry Expenses		22,287

The Income and Expenditure Statement is to be read in conjunction with the audit report and the notes to the financial statements.

NEWLANDS & EAST COBURG COMMUNITY HUB INCORPORATED
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	2025	2024
Employee Related Expenses		
Salaries & Wages	307,538	314,466
Superannuation	37,170	36,303
Staff Gifts and Amenities	408	908
Training and Development	2,170	622
Portable Long Service Benefits Scheme Levies	4,972	6,609
WorkCover	7,311	7,330
	359,569	366,238
	11,421	18,113
Grants under Auspice Arrangements Expenses		
Occupancy Costs		
Cleaning & Pest Control		
Computer and IT Services	5,152	571
Depreciation	5,415	3,190
Furniture	8,106	8,590
Office Supplies	4,830	2,808
Rent	1,559	3,378
Repairs and Maintenance	1,000	753
Telephone & Internet	1,603	2,876
Utilities	3,769	6,623
	6,526	28,789
	37,960	
Program & Related Expenses		
Advertising and Promotion	4,452	3,549
Coffee Cart (Brewlands) Expenses	18,209	18,075
Garden Expenses	7,068	4,283
Program Facilitator and Materials'	78,944	60,622
	108,673	86,529
	538,587	521,956
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	538,587	521,956
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	57,961	52,374

NEWLANDS & EAST COBURG COMMUNITY HUB INCORPORATED
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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	2025	2024
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	57,961	52,374
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year		
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ASSOCIATION	57,961	52,374

The Income and Expenditure Statement is to be read in conjunction with the audit report and the notes to the financial statements.

NEWLANDS & EAST COBURG COMMUNITY HUB INCORPORATED
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank - Debit Card Account	2,287	1,340
Bank - Operating Account	168,076	130,040
Bank - Term Deposit	288,036	275,000
Accounts Receivable	12,584	1,584
Other Receivables	18,240	-
Prepayments	186	408,235
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>489,409</u>	<u>408,235</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Computer Equipment	11,116	11,116
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(10,833)	(9,511)
	<u>283</u>	<u>1,605</u>
Coffee Cart	6,265	6,265
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(5,830)	(4,890)
	<u>435</u>	<u>1,375</u>
Office Equipment	5,963	5,963
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(5,682)	(5,072)
	<u>281</u>	<u>891</u>
Fixtures & Fittings	74,451	70,109
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(13,462)	(8,229)
	<u>60,989</u>	<u>61,880</u>
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	<u>61,988</u>	<u>65,751</u>
TOTAL ASSETS CURRENT	<u>551,397</u>	<u>473,986</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	8,674	2,116
Accrued Expenses	9,881	6,062
ATO GST Payable	10,010	10,238
ATO PAYGW Payable	4,820	3,802
Superannuation Payable	11,508	11,462
Grants Received in Advance	16,071	-
Income Received in Advance	-	3,325
Funds under Auspice Arrangements	2,119	6,942
Provision for Annual Leave	18,202	17,888
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>81,285</u>	<u>61,835</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES NET ASSETS	<u>81,285</u>	<u>61,835</u>
EQUITY		
Accumulated Funds	<u>470,112</u>	<u>412,151</u>
	<u>470,112</u>	<u>412,151</u>

The Statement of Financial Position is to be read in conjunction with the audit report
and the notes to the financial statements.

NEWLANDS & EAST COBURG COMMUNITY HUB INCORPORATED
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	<i>Accumulated Funds \$</i>	<i>Total \$</i>
Balance as at 1 July 2023	359,777	359,777
Surplus/ (Deficit) attributable to the Association	52,374	52,374
Balance as at 30 June 2024	<u>412,151</u>	<u>412,151</u>
Surplus/ (Deficit) attributable to the Association	57,961	57,961
Balance as at 30 June 2025	<u><u>470,112</u></u>	<u><u>470,112</u></u>

The Statement of Changes in Equity is to be read in conjunction with the audit report and the notes to the financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers		562,164	548,489
Payments to suppliers and employees		(518,869)	(519,981)
Interest received		13,067	4,943
		56,362	33,451
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	(i)	56,362	33,451
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(4,343)	(5,150)
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment			
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		(4,343)	(5,150)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		52,019	28,301
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		406,380	378,079
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	(ii)	458,399	406,380

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NOTES TO THE STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Note (i). Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities		
Net surplus for the year		
Non-cash flow item: depreciation	57,961	52,374
Non-cash flow item: loss on disposal of fixed assets		
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	8,106	8,590
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments		
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables		
Increase/(decrease) in income received in advance	(29,240)	(1,353)
Increase/(decrease) in funds under Auspice arrangements	85	(271)
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	11,213	(4,069)
	(3,325)	(6,675)
	(4,823)	(12,870)
	314	(2,275)
	56,362	33,451
Note (ii). Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year		
Cash on hand		
Cash at bank	2,287	1,340
Cash on deposit	168,076	130,040
	288,036	275,000
	458,399	406,380

The Statement of Cash Flows is to be read in conjunction with the audit report and the notes to the financial statements.

NEWLANDS & EAST COBURG COMMUNITY HUB INCORPORATED
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

Note 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report includes the financial statements and notes of Newlands & East Coburg Community Hub Incorporated, an incorporated association, which is incorporated in Victoria under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

Basis of preparation

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the **Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012** and the **Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012**. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and also a not-for-profit association.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the company in the preparation of the special purpose financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

Accounting Policies

a. Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Plant and Equipment Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses. The

carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors 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 assets' employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets are depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the Committee commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The asset's residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at each balance 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 recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the income statement.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

b.

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

Note 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

c. Revenue

Revenue comprises income from services provided, government grants and fundraising activities. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Revenue is recognised when the amount of income can be measured reliably, collection is probable, the costs incurred or to be incurred can be measured reliably, and when the criteria for each of the Association's different activities have been met. Details of the activity-specific recognition criteria are described below:

Grant Income

Grants are recognised at fair value where there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and all grant conditions will be met. Grants relating to expense items are recognised as income over the periods necessary to match the grant to the costs they are compensating.

Grants received for specific programs are recognised as income only to the extent of work completed on those projects when the terms of the grants stipulate that any unexpended funds are to be returned to the sponsor if the program is not completed. In those circumstances the funds attributable to work still to be completed are carried forward as grants income deferred.

Program Income

Fees charged for services provided to participants of the various programs are recognised when the service is provided.

Room Rental

Fees are charged to clients on provision of the use of Association's facilities and are recognised when the service is provided.

Interest Income

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

d. Income Tax

By virtue of its aims as set out in the constitution, the Association qualifies as an organisation specifically exempt from income tax under Section 50-45 of the **Income Tax Assessment Act 1997**.

e. Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of expense. Receivables and payables in the Balance Sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

f. Employment Entitlements & Benefits

Short-term benefits Short-term employee benefits are benefits, other than termination benefits, that are expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service. Examples of such benefits include wages and salaries.

Long-term benefits The Association's liabilities for annual leave is included in other long term benefits as they are not expected to be settled

wholly within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service.

The Association presents employee benefit obligations as current liabilities in the statement of financial position if the Association does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the reporting period, irrespective of when the actual settlement is expected to take place.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

Note 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

g. Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

h. Deferred Income

The liability for deferred income is the unutilised amounts of grants received on the condition that specified services are delivered or conditions are fulfilled. The services are usually provided or the conditions usually fulfilled within 12 months of receipt of the grant. Where the amount received is in respect of services to be provided over a period that exceeds 12 months after the reporting date or the conditions will only be satisfied more than 12 months after the reporting date, the liability is discounted and presented as non-current.

i. Lease As required by Australian Accounting Standards 1058 (AASB 1058), the Committee has elected to recognise the rent from Merri-Bek City Council at cost not fair value.

As required by the Standard in choosing this election the details of the licence with Merri-Bek City Council are provided as follows:-

- The organisation has a high dependence on the Lease arrangements with Merri-Bek City Council for both the premises

- at 32 Nicholson Street Coburg and 20 Murray Road Coburg

- Both Leases with Merri-Bek City Council are for a value of \$1 per financial year

- Both Leases commenced on the 2 January 2018 for a term of 5 years and expired in January 2023.

- Both Leases renewal are still in progress due to an "overholding period" and the expired leases remain in place.

j. Economic dependence

The Association is dependent upon the ongoing receipt of Government grants and use of Merri-Bek City Council Facilities to ensure the ongoing continuance of its programs.

At the date of this report, management has no reason to believe that this financial support will not continue.

Note 2. Related Party Transactions

The Committee Members act in an honorary capacity and are not paid for their services as Committee Members.

There were no transactions with related parties during the 2025 year.

NEWLANDS & EAST COBURG COMMUNITY HUB INCORPORATED
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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee, the financial report as set out on pages 2 to 9, satisfy the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and:

- 1 a. comply with Australian Accounting Standards applicable to the association; and
b. give a true and fair view of the financial position of Newlands & East Coburg Community Hub Incorporated as at 30 June 2025 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
- 2 At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Newlands & East Coburg Community Hub Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This declaration is signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2022.

Chairperson

Kate Bundrock

Treasurer

Jordi McInerney

Dated:

NEWLANDS & EAST COBURG COMMUNITY HUB INCORPORATED
ABN 54 794 801 039
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

Opinion I have audited the accompanying financial report of Newlands & East Coburg Community Hub Incorporated (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the statement by the

In my opinion, the financial report of the Association is in accordance with the **Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012** and the **Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012**, including:

- i. giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its performance for the year ended; and
- ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards as per Note 1, the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012 and the

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report** section of our report. I am independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution I draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Newlands & East Coburg Community Hub Incorporated to meet the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012 and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the applicable legislation and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report. As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also: Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 registered entity's internal control. Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the responsible entities. Conclude on the appropriateness of the responsible entities use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the registered entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the registered entity to cease to continue as a going concern. Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation. I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal controls that I identify during my audit.

Name of Auditor: Frederik R. L. Eksteen

Address: Collins & Co Audit Pty Ltd
127 Paisley Street
Footscray VIC 3011

Date:

NEWLANDS & EAST COBURG COMMUNITY HUB INCORPORATED
ABN 54 794 801 039
CERTIFICATE BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

I, **Kate Bundrock** and I, **Jordi McInerney** certify that:

- (a) We are members of the committee of governance of Newlands & East Coburg Community Hub Incorporated.
- (b) We attended the annual general meeting of the association held on 29 October 2025.
- (c) We are authorised by the attached resolution of the committee to sign this certificate.
- (d) This annual statement was submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting.

Chairperson

Kate Bundrock

Treasurer

Jordi McInerney

Dated this

day of