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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 & facilitators that help make NECCHi such a special place!

STAFF:

Manager

Programs & Marketing Coordinator

Administration Assistant

Garden Coordinator

Brewlands & Administration

Housekeeper

Ellen Prior

Mitch Beatty

Toni Espiritu

Mei Sun

Olivia Nazario

Kelsey Van Der Pol



OFFICE VOLUNTEERS:

Yasmin Shamsil

Nektaria Ranfree

Clare McInerney

Lynn Waters

BOARD:

Chair

Deputy Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

General Member

General Member

General Member

General Member

General Member

Kate Bundrock

Margot Tong

Michelle Welsby

Jordi McInerney

Anna Hutchens

Laura Dreyfus

Georgie Lowe

Lucy Manne

Shaw Kudo



SPECIAL THANKYOU TO:

Annalisa - Maternal Child Health

Rosa Ryan - the great community connector

Rowan, Elise, Melava, Mona, Wisa - Newlands

Kindergarden

Andre & Aiden - Heartwood Building

& Construction

Ria & Vanessa- East Coburg

Artists-in-Residence



THE NECCHI TEAM

FACILITATORS:

Adriana Bernardo

Rose van Herk

Wai-Chun Lee

Jeanette Leigh

Veni May

Annasophia Larsen

Rebecca Zylberberg

Celia Torres-Villanueva

Rachael Millsom

Indiana Avent

Melissa Murphy

Rachael Comte

Aheda Amro

Anna Struth

Ella Dunn

River Arumets

Hannah Prior

Felicity Johns

Marisa Taylor

Katie Dunlop

Iaki Vallejo

Greta Miller

Erika Bencraig

Simone King

Lena Herrera

Rachael Wildman

Grace Kelly Oakley

David Rose

Simone King

Basil Byrne

Deanne Jones

Craig Burgess

Amne Merhi

Vanessa Chapple

Elly Scrine

Lizette Vieyra

GARDEN GROUP VOLUNTEERS:

Nora, Barbara, Mei, Arend, Jane, Mitch,
Milly, Em, Ed, Audre, Emily, Meghann,
Hannah, Emily, Cath, Isabelle, Amanda,
Elroy.



OUR YEAR AT A GLANCE



OUR YEAR AT A GLANCE



5,628 tickets sold!



CHAIR'S REPORT

Kate Bundrock (she/her)

It has been another productive and rewarding year at NECCHI and on behalf of the Board I want to express our thanks to all NECCHI staff, all NECCHI neighbours and to everyone who has attended a program, enjoyed the gardens or dropped by for a coffee or a chat.

In everything we do at NECCHI we strive to be aware that we work on the unceded lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. On behalf of the Board and NECCHI staff team I offer our thanks and respect to Wurundjeri elders, and extend that respect to all First Nations people who visit or interact with NECCHI. As part of our commitment to solidarity with First Nations people this year NECCHI made changes to how we 'pay the rent' to ensure our payments are reliable rather than variable across the year.



Over the course of the year we were grateful to receive a Facilities Improvement Grant from Merri-bek Council. This grant was used to build storage cupboards in the backroom at Newlands Neighbourhood House, and to purchase new chairs and tables. These improvements benefit the 445 people who use Newlands Neighbourhood House each week (Neighbourhood Houses Annual Survey Data 2023), and also NECCHI staff and volunteers who regularly move furniture and set up the space for community groups. The improved functionality and accessibility of the space has attracted new community groups and we have added a Rainbow Playgroup on a Friday afternoon. The space is safer to use as a result of the storage cupboard and the chairs have arms which provide additional support to anyone who might need assistance getting in and out of a seated position. Children are also catered for with age-appropriate, wipe clean seating now available.

It has been a year of significant change in the small but mighty NECCHI staff team. We farewelled Jenell, Kate and Hannah - on behalf of the Board I want to again thank all of them for their work and wish them well in their new adventures. Following these departures we have instituted a new staffing model and welcomed in three wonderful new team members in Mitch, Mei and Toni - we are so lucky to have all of you with us. NECCHI staff and Board also endorsed the new Collective Agreement for Neighbourhood Houses. On behalf of the Board I want to particularly thank Ellen Prior our wonderful manager who has overseen these transitions with the same level of care, insight, creativity and excellence that she brings to all of her work.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Kate Bundrock (she/her)

We have also made some changes to the NECCHI Board - we were lucky to welcome Laura Dreyfus, Lucy Manne and Shaw Kudo as new Board members over the course of the year. We also moved to a new working group structure for the Board, introducing a Finance and Risk working group, Policy working group and Staffing working group. This approach has enabled the Board to update important policies, support the transition of staff and staffing structure and deliver a strong end of financial year budget result. The Board also enjoyed many opportunities to contribute to NECCHI events - particularly the Garden Festival in December 2023. I want to thank all of my fellow Board members for the time, commitment and energy they put towards supporting NECCHI.

NECCHI has ended the year in a strong position financially, in terms of the strength of our programs, events and gardens, our staff team, our Board and importantly our connection to the wonderful community around us. We are looking forward to another year of contributing to a strong and vibrant community following our strategic pillars of people, place and possibility. Our strong financial position will enable us to support more community engagement and development projects and we are particularly looking to focus some more attention on the East Coburg house over the coming 12 months.

Kate Bundrock



TREASURER'S REPORT

Jordi McInerney (they/them)

I'm thrilled to present my first Treasurers Report for NECCHi for the 2023-24 Annual Report. In 2023-24 we had budgeted for a small deficit due to rising costs and the need for some minor works and equipment at both houses. Ellen and the team worked diligently all year to monitor our expenditure, identify costs savings and increase program participation.

I'm pleased to report that we achieved a healthy surplus of \$52,374 in 2023-24. This is attributed to higher than expected program and room rental income, interest on NECCHi's term deposit and cost savings across some of our operational areas.

Financial Overview

Revenue

- Total Cash Inflow: \$574,330
- Grants and Funding: \$428,379
- Programs Income: \$74,385
- Room Rental Income: \$28,749

Expenditure

- Total Cash Outflow: \$521,956
- Program Related Expenses: \$86,529
- Employee Expenses: \$366,238

Budget Achievement

I am thrilled to report that in 2023-24, we thoroughly exceeded our budget goals. Key budget achievements include:

- Budgeted Income: \$496,144
- Actual Income: \$574,330
- Budgeted Expenses: \$506,902
- Actual Expenses: \$521,956

It was incredibly exciting to see significantly higher-than-budgeted program income, exceeding the budget of \$48,000 by \$26,385. I would also like to note that Brewlands exceeded its budgeted income of \$20,000 by \$14,183 – an outstanding result and testament to how important Brewlands is to the NECCHi and Newlands community.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Jordi McInerney (they/them)

Acknowledgments

None of these successes would have been possible without the dedication, hard work, sacrifices and enthusiasm of the NECCHI staff, volunteers and members. The financial success of this year is credit to the entire NECCHI team and Ellen's pragmatic and conservative approach to financial management. I'd particularly like to thank Ellen for her calm and dedicated stewardship and support of the Board as we shepherded NECCHI into a strong financial position at end of financial year. I would also like to acknowledge Georgie Love, our outgoing Treasurer, for all her hard work and patience as she handed over the role.

Looking Ahead

As we move into 2024-25, we are well set up to continue NECCHI's invaluable work as we enter the final year of our Strategy. We will continue to manage finances responsibly, identify strategic opportunities to re-invest in NECCHI and seek to grow our offering to the community.

It has been a pleasure to serve my first year as Treasurer and see all the hard work and care that goes into the NECCHI community. I want to express my enormous gratitude to all those who contributed to our financial success in 2023-24 and look forward to another wonderful year.







MANAGER'S REPORT

Ellen Prior (she/her)

What an amazing and busy year we've had at NECCHi! Like our gardens, things are constantly growing and changing. We have introduced and piloted new programs, made new friends, managed a variety of projects, farewelled staff and welcomed new team members. It is a privilege to work for a not-for-profit organisation committed to First Nations Solidarity, Environmental Care & Sustainability, Community Connectedness and Nurture.

This year has seen our membership grow to 125 people. I am so grateful for our NECCHi Neighbours and for all they bring and share with our community. We continue to be guided and supported by a terrific Board, and I thank them for their time, expertise and good governance. I also wish to acknowledge our passionate and talented team of staff, facilitators and volunteers, who work tirelessly to bring NECCHi's values to life.



In my role as Manager, I spend a lot of time behind the scenes, working with the Board, coordinating staffing, liaising with and reporting to our funding bodies, and preparing and monitoring the budget. As Kate mentioned, as part of our commitment to First Nations Solidarity, NECCHi has budgeted this year to make regular monthly payments to Pay the Rent. This will be funded from our membership program. Importantly, we see this not as a charitable donation but rather as rent paid to operate on unceded Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country. Pay the Rent supports several Indigenous projects including:

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

MANAGER'S REPORT

Ellen Prior (she/her)



To complement our work in the environmental care and sustainability space, NECCHi was proud to design and coordinate the inaugural Coburg Community Garden Festival with our friends at Reynard Street Neighbourhood House. Held over 3 fantastic days in December, our Neighbourhood Houses partnered with 7 other community groups/organisations to provide the Merri-bek community with an amazing array of workshops and activities to share gardening skills and knowledge.

NECCHi facilitated 5 sold-out workshops (90 places) and held a wonderful celebration in the Wayi Community Garden at Newlands Neighbourhood House on the final day of the festival.

We are thankful to Merri-bek Council and the My Smart Garden program for partnering with us and to Council Officers Lee Tozzi and Lachlan Gregory for their support in delivering this event.

We were thrilled when the success of the festival was recognised, at this year's Merri-bek Community Awards, receiving the Community Event of the Year Award.

Offering a diverse and inclusive program and creating and maintaining spaces (and ways of interacting) that support community connectedness and nurture is a core part of our work at NECCHi.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Ellen Prior (she/her)

We were delighted to auspice 7 arts and community projects this year for the benefit of our community. NECCHI provided project planning, administrative & marketing support, room use, gallery space and bookkeeping services to support the delivery of these projects.

NECCHI is pleased to partner with Merri-bek Council to protect and promote human rights through the provision of inclusive and accessible programs and spaces. We thank Merri-bek Council for this year's Volunteer, Inclusion and Facility Improvement Grant funding to support NECCHI in this work.

NECCHI's Volunteer program has continued to grow this year and we are so thankful for our 35+ volunteers including Board Members (10), Garden Group (12-14), Program Facilitators (7), Let's Eat (2), Office Assistants (3) and Event Support (10) and for the ways they support our community. The combined total number of volunteer hours worked in an average week at NECCHI in 2023 was 41hrs (excluding Board members). We are proud to provide opportunities, ongoing support, training and equipment for our volunteers and to work alongside them to achieve shared goals. Training for volunteers this year has focussed on the following areas: Office admin & systems (Humanitix, SpacetoCo, Airtable, Excel), Indigenous Plants & Gardening, Wurundjeri Education Sessions and OH&S & Risk Management Procedures.



MANAGER'S REPORT

Ellen Prior (she/her)

NECCHi is committed to ensuring our programs and spaces are inclusive and accessible, and we continually look for ways to remove barriers to participation. This year, we have maintained existing and built new partnerships with a range of organisations and groups to achieve our inclusion goals including:

- Purple Carrots: providing an inclusive art fusion school holiday program led by a Speech pathologist and Drama teacher (6 participants/session).
- MS Support Group (25-32 participants monthly).
- Anxiety Disorders Association of Victoria (14 participants fortnightly)
- First Step Solutions: Facilitating a 12-week Date-Ability Program x 3 programs/yr – exclusively tailored for NDIS participants above the age of consent (6-8 participants weekly).
- Merri Health & YMCA to organise consultations and workshops for several of our community groups.
- Maternal Child Health & Newlands Preschool to identify needs, provide support, and make referrals both internally and externally.
- Northern Gardens Aged Care: Let's Eat Pilot (6 participants x 3 lunches)
- MIND Mental Health (6 participants weekly, Term 3 only).



MANAGER'S REPORT

Ellen Prior (she/her)

NECCHi also provides a Lounge space, for use by community members and carers, 5 days/week together with information, support and referrals throughout the year.

A 2023/2024 Facility Improvement Grant (smaller projects) of \$9,201.50 from Merri-bek City Council funded the construction of large furniture/equipment storage cupboards in the Backroom at Newlands and the purchase of new tables and chairs. NECCHi staff managed this project to achieve the goals of improved functionality, accessibility and safety in the space.

Other facilities improvements have included:

- Installation of a shade sail at East Coburg Neighbourhood House
- Energy efficiency upgrades for Newlands Neighbourhood House including switching from gas to electric reverse cycle heaters & air conditioners and energy efficient LED lighting and kitchen appliances. This has achieved an estimated 50% reduction in overall energy use.
- New carpets throughout Newlands Neighbourhood House

As we prepare for 2025, the NECCHi team are excited about continuing to work alongside our neighbours to identify and build on community strengths with the following priorities:

- Growing our capacity to be a good ally of First Nations peoples
- Deepening our understanding of Country and how to care for it (and sharing this knowledge with others)
- Maintaining attractive & inclusive spaces to support intergenerational connection and learning
- Developing programs and partnerships that support place-based, community-led organisation and action e.g. truth telling/treaty, climate action.
- Focussing our efforts/resources on people/relationship building rather than facilities/infrastructure.



MANAGER'S REPORT

Ellen Prior (she/her)

We are looking forward to welcoming Katrina Lee to the staff team in the new part-time role of Community Projects and Grants Coordinator to assist us in this work. Katrina's role will also support our wonderful volunteers.

I'd like to conclude by acknowledging the support of the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing through the Neighbourhood House Coordination Program, and Merri-bek Council. I would also like to thank the team at our peak body, Neighbourhood Houses Victoria, for their ongoing advocacy, resourcing, information sharing and delivery of professional learning seminars.





PROGRAMS & MARKETING REPORT

Mitchell Beatty (they/them)

Thank you to Hannah

This is my first year as the Programs and Marketing Coordinator with NECCHi, and this report the first opportunity I've had to write a reflection on my time in the position. I would like to begin by first acknowledging the incredible work that Hannah has done to bring so many people into the Neighbourhood house, and for all the work she's done to help set up so many well-loved programs in this space. After only a very short time here at NECCHi, I was able to see just how special Hannah's presence was, and what she meant to so many people.

My feelings when first stepping into the role were that Hannah had left some rather big shoes to fill. I'm fortunate enough, however, to enjoy the many relationships that Hannah established over her four years as the Programs & Marketing Coordinator, and I'm grateful to all the people who run programs with NECCHi. You have all been incredibly warm and welcoming to me as I've come to learn the role, offering guidance, friendship, and not to mention patience. It has been wonderful to work alongside you all, and I'm looking forward to the year ahead with you all!



PROGRAMS & MARKETING REPORT

Mitchell Beatty (they/them)

A Look at East Coburg

One of the key ambitions for Programs this year has been to increase attendance at our East Coburg Neighbourhood House. Unlike Newlands, which shares space with Brewlands Café, Newlands Preschool, the Maternal and Child Health Centre, and Cox Reserve, our East Coburg House seems to offer fewer opportunities for people to drop in, or to pass-by.

Our East Coburg House is not 'isolated,' however, as a number of the new programs and activities that have made their home here can attest to – showing EC's special connection to the Merri Creek as well as its homely and cozy character.

One of these new programs, Draw Plants Together, hosted by the very talented Craig Burgess, offers creative opportunities for people to connect with local plants and to explore diverse artistic practices and experimentation from our gorgeous East Coburg Sunroom. Draw Plants Together is now in its second term, and drawing a diverse crowd of artists, writers, and nature and wildlife enthusiasts to East Coburg to spend their Thursday morning learning about local ecosystems and connecting with the Merri Creek through various 'walk and draw' excursions. In these workshops, East Coburg's open, well-lit spaces, budding native gardens, and close proximity to the Merri Creek have combined to make these workshops feel right at home.



PROGRAMS & MARKETING REPORT

Mitchell Beatty (they/them)

Similarly, our newly established beginner's brass and horn big band, Blow Your Horn, hosted by the wonderful Basil Byrne, has found its home at our East Coburg House. Blow Your Horn takes an approach to learning music which prioritises sharing – both in terms of collaboration and learning alongside others and in terms of sharing your achievements. Our bandmembers have often remarked on how homely and inviting the East Coburg House is, and how appreciative they are for a music program that caters to beginners (never mind the acoustics).

Both of these new programs centre Wurundjeri, as well as Palestinian solidarity in their makeup – from centring a First Nations ethos of caring for Country, to ensuring that music and the arts are free from complicity in colonial violence.

Ensuring that these core values of NECCHi are reflected – and more importantly, practiced – in our programs makes all the difference for community-building across East Coburg and Newlands. For those who come along to engage in workshops like this, it's immediately clear that NECCHi is not simply a 'venue,' and that they're encouraged to view themselves as more than 'clients' or 'customers.'

It's been incredibly rewarding to see people become more involved with the Neighbourhood Houses through programs, and through the wonderful work of our facilitators. This involvement has also meant that we're able to support a number of groups and projects as part of our commitment for First Nations solidarity. The kids from Newlands Primary have been organising banner-painting workshops in support of Palestinian children in Gaza, using the Newlands space. And a collective of queer Māori folk have established a Waiata Māori singing group at our East Coburg House, with new members coming every week!



PROGRAMS & MARKETING REPORT

Mitchell Beatty (they/them)

When compared with the previous year's program, we have increased the overall number of workshops and events across both houses, from 70 programs in 2023 to 95 programs in 2024. A number of our newest additions have quickly become community favourites, such as Deanne's Wild Daisy Nature Playgroup, and Grace's Slow Flow Yoga classes.

NECChi also welcomed back some of our favourite one-off events, kicking off the year with the fourth iteration of Rita and Umberto's ever-popular Passata Party. Held at Newlands this year, Passata Party drew a smaller crowd than in previous years, but was a much more intimate day, serving as a farewell to our outgoing Programs and Marketing Coordinator, Hannah.

Annie Bolitho, who ran a very popular 'Eco Inking in the Garden' workshop during our Merri-Bek Garden Festival, returned to share her knowledge of plant harvesting for making dyes, paints, and inks.' And Chika, the very talented chef from Chika's Japanese Home Cooking, walked us through the delicate process of making traditional Okonomi Yaki -- from produce selection and preparation to the all-important flip.

It's been a delight working so closely with NECCHI's facilitators, and I'm looking forward to seeing our new programs grow in the year to come.







GARDEN COORDINATOR REPORT

Mei Sun (she/her)

Farewell to Kate

In June, Kate walked me through the gardens for an official handover. It's been more than two years of Kate and the group's work in transforming what was lawn to a vibrant habitat garden filled with grasslands species of the volcanic plains and raised beds of community food. As part of the garden practice, Kate also developed programs that deepen our understanding of this place through consultations with Wurundjeri Council and local ecology walks and activities with scientists and artists.



We had a moving farewell for Kate. Oli wrangled all the bits to make a tablecloth for Kate eco-dyed with plants from the garden. Garden group collaborated to reflect on our work together with Kate.



GARDEN COORDINATOR REPORT

Mei Sun (she/her)

Building climate resilient gardens

In the last year, Kate and the group had worked to build the resilience of the gardens to increasing summer heat.

We extended the Newlands native gardens with the help of volunteers from Reynard Street Neighbourhood House. It was great to connect with them. When we can we have also helped a little to care for the Woody Meadow project around the Cox Reserve perimeter by weeding and some volunteers have attended the researcher's coppicing workshop.



The Community Garden festival

The Coburg Community Garden Festival was a huge success. People turned up in the rain to walk with ecologist Michael Longmore as he talked about the grasses in the garden and on the creek. We learnt about making dyes from the garden with Annie Bolitho. Walked the creek in the early morning attuning to the local urban ecology with the Artists in Residence Unfurl Project and made traditional clay ollas. And also worked with Pascale Pitot to learn about the community revegetation project, Merri Murnong. Significantly, she talked about her ongoing commitment to learning to live (and garden) respectfully on unceded Wurundjeri Land – something for us to keep considering at NECCHi.

GARDEN COORDINATOR REPORT

Mei Sun (she/her)

Looking ahead

I started as the Garden Coordinator at the end of June. In the next phase of the gardens - we will focus on bringing people together, seeing the gardens as learning hubs to build our understanding of First Nations perspectives, creating habitat, growing community food and the local ecology particularly seeing the EC garden as a gateway to the merri merri.

We have considered how we can build on what we have learnt during past Wurundjeri consultations - the importance of intergenerational connections, how we can support their work in increasing understanding of the importance of Woi Wurrung language and native plantings.

We kicked off our first garden group without Kate with a Solstice fire, celebrating with the Rainbow playgroup, harvesting produce to give away at Brewlands. Cross-pollinating further with other groups who spend time in the garden will be something to look out for, let us know if you have an idea!



BREWLANDS REPORT

Olivia Nazario (they/she)

It has been a big year of changes! Amongst all the undulations of life within NECCHi and our wider community, Brewlands has continued steadily to establish itself as a place to come together.



We have seen several programs develop organically through conversation over a cuppa, dog walkers and passers-by who might not have otherwise noticed the neighbourhood house learning about what we do and how they can get involved; and of course our day-ones continuing to support us and take stewardship of the space.



BREWLANDS REPORT

Olivia Nazario (they/she)

This year we have been expanding our range of local suppliers, continuing to work with small businesses who align with our values. Jai from Better Now Bakes has been providing us with delicious vegan treats, our chai has been sourced from Chai Walli, a South-Asian owned company run by Uppma, and our honey has come from Rob at Bee Sustainable. We have been working on how to utilise the extra spaces in the cafe to support community members who are just doing what they love too – selling bird cards by our talented neighbours Arlo and Francis (who are saving up for an electric guitar), along with seasonal flowers from small urban farm Sun Patch, and upcycled rice bag totes from Ngoc's mum.



The relationship between the lovingly tended gardens and Brewlands is one that we are excited to keep cultivating. Garden group have been periodically growing and harvesting herbs for tea to be served in the cafe over the past year, and we have been working with Kate and more recently Mei to look at the possibilities that lie beyond this, focusing on Brewlands as a community resource.

It has been beautiful to witness what this place is for our community: somewhere welcoming to gather, make new connections & tend to old ones; a place for respite, play, ritual, social support, a caffeine hit and yummy treat....the amazing people who frequent our little window really make Brewlands special.





NEWLANDS & EAST COBURG COMMUNITY HUB INCORPORATED

ABN 54 794 801 039

**SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

NEWLANDS & EAST COBURG COMMUNITY HUB INCORPORATED
ABN 54 794 801 039

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NEWLANDS & EAST COBURG COMMUNITY HUB INCORPORATED
ABN 54 794 801 039
COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your committee members present the special purpose financial report on the entity for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

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	
Margot Tong	Deputy Chairperson	From 25 October 2023
Jill Young	Deputy Chairperson	Resigned 25 October 2023
Michelle Welsby	Secretary/ Ordinary Member	
Jordi McInerney	Treasurer/ Ordinary Member	From 25 October 2023
Georgie Lowe	Treasurer/ Ordinary Member	Until 25 October 2023
Anna Hutchens	Ordinary Member	
Margot Tong	Ordinary Member	Until 25 October 2023
Jordi McInerney	Ordinary Member	Until 25 October 2023
Lucy Manne	Ordinary Member	Appointed 27 July 2023
Georgie Lowe	Ordinary Member	From 25 October 2023
Laura Dreyfus	Ordinary Member	Appointed 31 January 2024
Shaw Kudo	Ordinary Member	Appointed 26 June 2024
Emilie Nachtigall	Ordinary Member	Resigned 25 October 2023

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 \$52,374 (2023: \$20,614 - surplus).

After Balance Date Events

No matter has evolved since 30 June 2024 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.

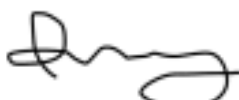
Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.

Chairperson



Kate Bundrock

Treasurer



Jordi McInerney

Dated this

18 day of September 2024

NEWLANDS & EAST COBURG COMMUNITY HUB INCORPORATED
ABN 54 794 801 039
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Grant Funding Income		
Department of Family, Fairness and Housing	271,289	262,409
State Government Local Living Grant	-	20,000
Merri-Bek City Council (MCC) Operation and Inclusion Grants	120,182	119,090
Merri-Bek City Council - Facility Improvement Grant	10,000	-
Merri-Bek City Council – Supporting Volunteer Grant	7,206	7,134
Merri-Bek City Council – Local Partnership Grant	-	10,000
Grants under Auspice Arrangements	19,702	42,844
	428,379	461,477
Operating Income		
Auspice Fees (includes NECCHi room booking fees for Auspice projects e.g. exhibitions, rehearsals.)	727	5,847
Coffee Cart Income	34,183	14,540
Program Income	74,385	38,202
Room Rental Income	28,749	22,553
Shared MCC Costs Income	2,880	-
	140,924	81,142
Other Income		
Interest Received	4,943	199
Donations and Fundraising Income	84	609
	5,027	808
TOTAL INCOME	574,330	543,427
EXPENDITURE		
Administrative & Other Expenses		
Audit and Bookkeeping Fees	11,701	13,093
Bad Debts	73	-
Bank Fees and Charges	782	775
Consultancy fees	737	3,250
Hospitality & Consumables	3,777	2,389
Insurance	177	338
Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	-	108
Membership Fees & Permits	3,301	2,643
Photocopier and Printing	1,739	3,603
	22,287	25,983

NEWLANDS & EAST COBURG COMMUNITY HUB INCORPORATED
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Employee Related Expenses		
Salaries & Wages	314,466	320,322
Superannuation	36,303	33,749
Staff Gifts and Amenities	908	394
Training and Development	622	842
Portable Long Service Benefits Scheme Levies	6,609	4,860
WorkCover	7,330	2,150
	<u>366,238</u>	<u>362,317</u>
Grants under Auspice Arrangements Expenses	18,113	37,610
Occupancy Costs		
Cleaning & Pest Control	571	6,243
Computer and IT Services	3,190	1,957
Depreciation	8,590	7,912
Furniture	2,808	1,201
Office Supplies	3,378	3,298
Repairs and Maintenance	753	3,060
Telephone & Internet	2,876	2,981
Utilities	6,623	3,539
	<u>28,789</u>	<u>30,191</u>
Program & Related Expenses		
Advertising and Promotion	3,549	7,621
Coffee Cart(Brewlands) Expenses	18,075	6,831
Garden Expenses	4,283	6,558
Program Facilitator and Materials'	60,622	45,702
	<u>86,529</u>	<u>66,712</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>521,956</u>	<u>522,813</u>
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	<u>52,374</u>	<u>20,614</u>

NEWLANDS & EAST COBURG COMMUNITY HUB INCORPORATED
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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	52,374	20,614
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year	-	-
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ASSOCIATION	<u>52,374</u>	<u>20,614</u>

NEWLANDS & EAST COBURG COMMUNITY HUB INCORPORATED

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

	2024 \$	2023 \$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank - Debit Card Account	1,340	1,309
Bank - Operating Account	130,040	376,770
Bank - Term Deposit	275,000	-
Accounts Receivable	1,584	231
Prepayments	271	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	408,235	378,310
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Computer Equipment	11,116	11,116
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(9,511)	(7,389)
	1,605	3,727
Coffee Cart	6,265	6,265
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(4,890)	(3,950)
	1,375	2,315
Office Equipment	5,963	5,963
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(5,072)	(4,461)
	891	1,502
Fixtures & Fittings	70,109	64,958
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(8,229)	(3,311)
	61,880	61,647
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	65,751	69,191
TOTAL ASSETS	473,986	447,501
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	2,116	2,086
Accrued Expenses	6,062	7,822
ATO GST Payable	10,238	9,486
ATO PAYGW Payable	3,802	4,968
Superannuation Payable	11,462	12,027
Income Received in Advance	3,325	10,000
Funds under Auspice Arrangements	6,942	19,812
Refundable Hire Deposits	-	1,360
Provision for Annual Leave	17,888	20,163
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	61,835	87,724
TOTAL LIABILITIES	61,835	87,724
NET ASSETS	412,151	359,777
EQUITY		
Accumulated Funds	412,151	359,777
	412,151	359,777

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 2024

	Accumulated Funds \$	Total \$
Balance as at 1 July 2022	339,163	339,163
Surplus/ (Deficit) attributable to the Association	20,614	20,614
Balance as at 30 June 2023	<u>359,777</u>	<u>359,777</u>
Surplus/ (Deficit) attributable to the Association	52,374	52,374
Balance as at 30 June 2024	<u>412,151</u>	<u>412,151</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 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers		548,489	564,665
Payments to suppliers and employees		(519,981)	(525,127)
Interest received		4,943	199
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	(i)	33,451	39,737
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(5,150)	(31,895)
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment		-	917
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		(5,150)	(30,978)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		28,301	8,759
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		378,079	369,320
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	(ii)	406,380	378,079

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NOTES TO THE STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Note (i). Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities		
Net surplus for the year	52,374	20,614
Non-cash flow item: depreciation	8,590	7,912
Non-cash flow item: loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	(108)
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(1,353)	36,674
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments	(271)	188
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	(4,069)	(7,161)
Increase/(decrease) in income received in advance	(6,675)	7,023
Increase/(decrease) in funds under Auspice arrangements	(12,870)	(22,260)
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	(2,275)	(3,145)
	33,451	39,737
Note (ii). Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year		
Cash on hand	1,340	1,309
Cash at bank	130,040	376,770
Cash on deposit	275,000	-
	406,380	378,079

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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.

b. Cash and Cash Equivalents

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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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 2024

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 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 2024 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 2024 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 2013.



Chairperson

Kate Bundrock

Treasurer

Jordi McInerney

Dated:

NEWLANDS & EAST COBURG COMMUNITY HUB INCORPORATED
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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 2024, 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 members of the Board.

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 2024 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 Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

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
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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 30 October 2024.
- (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