

# **DINGLEY VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC**



## **ANNUAL REPORT 2023 – 2024**

**Annual General Meeting  
Tuesday 24th September 2024**

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Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre acknowledges  
the support of the Victorian Government and the City of Kingston



## ***Acknowledgements***

***Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre Inc.,  
appreciates the support of the following.***

City of Kingston: Partnership Grant

Department of Families, Fairness, & Housing:  
Neighbourhood House Co-Ordination Grant

City of Kingston Building, Hubs, and Partnerships team

Our Peak Bodies who advocate and represent us  
NHVic & Jobs Australia

Community House Network: Southern Region

Bendigo Bank – Community Bank Dingley Village: Community Grant

The residents who support our programs and services and other  
community & user groups that utilise the Neighbourhood Centre.



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Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre is a not-for-profit, community owned organisation that is governed by a voluntary Board of Governance. It offers a wide range of social, educational, and recreational activities for its community in a welcoming supportive environment.

Offering accessible and affordable opportunities for learning, personal development, and support, it is open to all members of the community. The range of activities and services provided reflects the individual needs of the local community.

## Our Purpose

To establish, maintain, develop, promote, encourage and co-ordinate the provision of facilities, activities or services that provide residents of Dingley Village with the opportunity to participate in education programs, community engagement, community development and community strengthening.

We will achieve this through:

A balanced range of services and activities based upon social, educational, skills development, support, leisure, and other related community building activities.

The management and development of the Neighbourhood Centre, for the benefit of the community which it serves.

Our Values:

We will demonstrate our commitment to our purpose through being:  
Professional, accessible, responsive, supportive, respectful, empowering, legally responsible and through sound financial management.

# Board of Governance & Staff 2023 - 2024

**President:** Rob Guerra

**Vice-President:** Carol Widmann

**Secretary:**

**Treasurer:** Harsiddhi Moddy

**Board Members:** Lynne Burgess Natan Raykhtin-Breitenfeld

**Office Staff:** Centre Manager Trudy Pritchard  
Administrative Assistant Annette Kourtis  
Finance Officer Leeanne O'Connor  
Volunteer Admin Sue Doherty

**Childcare Staff** Childcare Manager Carly O'Neill  
Childcare Educators Lorraine Sayers  
Maria Lazaridis  
Nicole Edwards  
Tina Douras

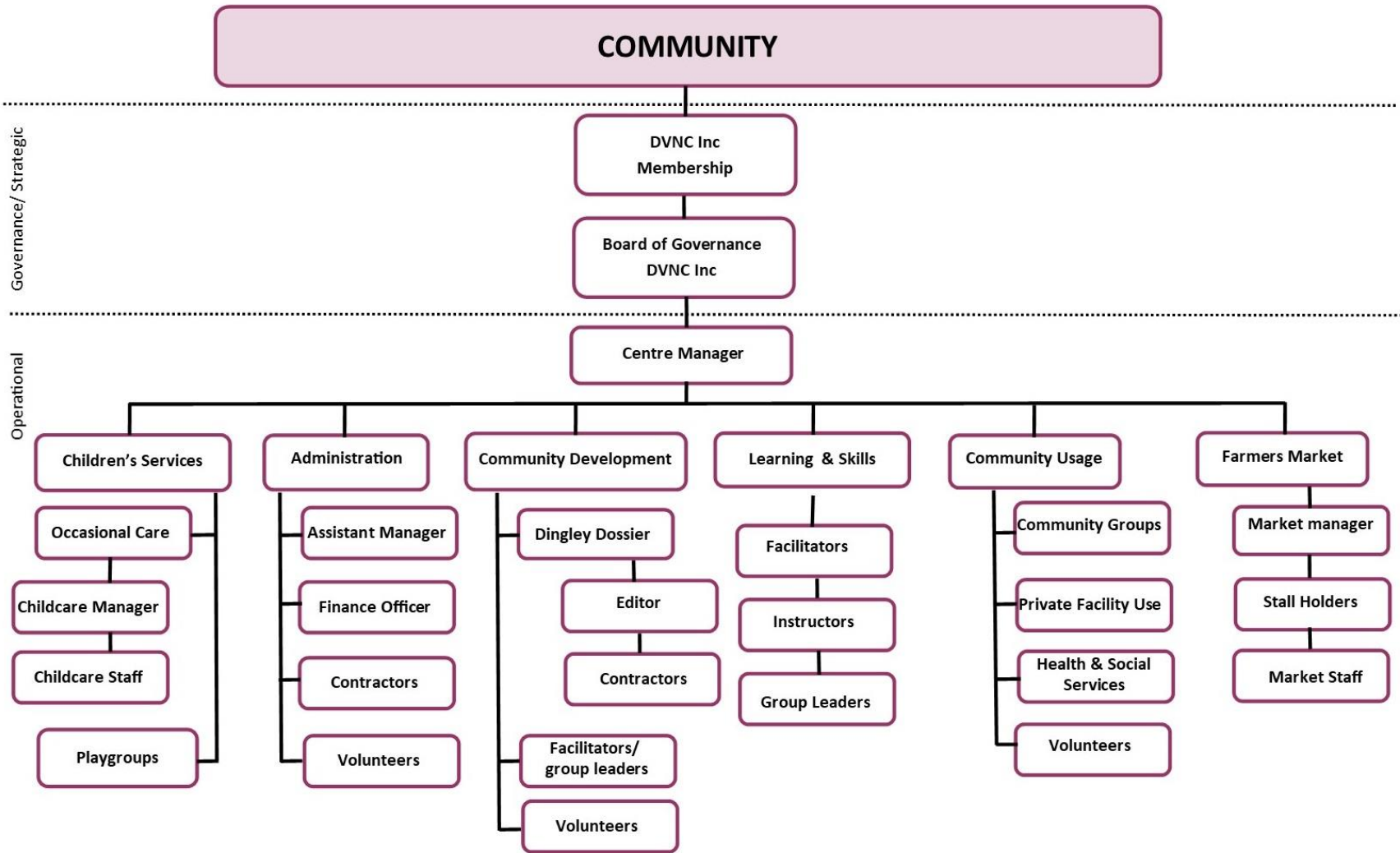
**Farmers Market** Liz Thomas

**Instructors** Norma Gibson

**Volunteers** Pam Gates (Dingley Dossier)  
Sue Doherty (Chatty Café)  
Jo Mason (Chatty Café)  
John Booth (Table Tennis)  
Marlene Gale (Knit, Craft and Natter)  
Sam Davies (Youth Games Group)  
Dave Sims (Youth Games Group)  
Warren Duncan (Writing for Pleasure)  
Carla Hawley (Artbeat evening art class)

The staff of Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of our board of governance and all our volunteers for their hours of work and support for the programs and services of Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre.

# Operational chart



## Presidents Report

FY24 is what I am deeming the 'transition year'. As everyone would have noticed, the Stage 2 works of the new DVNC and early childhood building are well underway, and while we're still displaced, we're working hard to maintain our high level of service.

The management team and some of the board, have had several walkthroughs of the new building and we are so very excited for what the finished product will look like!

In other building related news, the DVNC was officially informed that we would run and manage the three new meeting rooms at the back of the library, they have been commissioned, are in full use, and available for community bookings.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at the City of Kingston who has been part of the current building works and supported us in moving people, furniture and programs until the new build is complete.

We have also been able to secure a Bendigo Bank community grant to upgrade our audio-visual equipment and set up in the Harold Box Hall, once complete, the hall will be the perfect place for those big events!

We would like to thank both Bendigo Bank, and the DVCA for their input into our application.

The Centre has been flushed with amazing programs and initiatives for the community. Whether it be catching up with friends for a cuppa at the Chatty Cafe, or having a hit with the Table Tennis crew, to even doing some speed cleaning with the availability of our industrial dishwasher, there are so many programs for all walks of life, and we really encourage everyone to enquire about what's going on or read about it in the Dossier!

Little Villagers continues to be run out of the Westall Community centre whilst the building works are being completed. It's so bright and fresh there and both the kids and the educators are loving the upgrade from the old building!

In exciting news out of Little Villagers, we have just been approved to increase our hours of operation, going from 09:00am to 2:00pm, to 9:00 am and finishing at 3:00pm. This allows better connection with kinder and primary aged kids so parents and carers can better manage their days.

Most in Dingley would know by now that the best day of the month is the third Saturday of the month, Dingley Farmers Market Day! Our Market Manager, Liz, has driven such a growth of the market in her time, the Board and the wider community are so very appreciative. Market days are so fun, filled with fun activities for kids and delicious treats and produce for the whole family, including pets!

For all the Dingley related news, you can't go past the Dingley Dossier, Pam Gates continues to be an amazing editor in chief pulling together the unique to Dingley, one of a kind, Dossier.

The Board would like to thank Pam and all the contributors and of course all who choose to support the DVNC by advertising in the Dossier, without your support we simply would not be able to continue to produce this wonderful publication.

Moving on to more business-related news, being the transition year that it is, our financial performance has been marginally impacted. Whilst we continue to be in a steady position, we must continue to take a conservative and sensible approach leading into FY25. We have been diligent in our planning and are tracking towards full capacity as the new building gets finished around January 2025.

On behalf of the board and I, we would like to give our deepest thanks to the superstar Centre Manager, Trudy. Her work and tireless efforts to run everything is just amazing, and we cannot thank her enough.

Also, many thanks to our Little Villagers Manager, Carly, and the Farmers Market Manager, Liz. Again, without your dedication and love for the kids and community respectfully, we would not have the incredible operations that you both run.

To Annette and Leeanne who both support Trudy and the Board in their roles, we also give our huge thanks. We couldn't run the programs we do and the DVNC without your efforts!

I'd like to finally thank all the volunteers and supporters of the DVNC, the board and the community greatly appreciate your time and efforts.

In closing, the board, management, and I are looking forward to continuing to support the community this upcoming year and cannot wait to open our new building to the community.

The board is always open and looking for new members who care about the community and looking to help shape the future of the DVNC. If anyone has any interest, please feel free to reach out.

Thanks,  
Rob Guerra  
President of the DVNC





## Balance Sheet

DINGLEY VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC

As at 30 June 2024

30-Jun-23	Account	30-Jun-24
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Bank</b>		
\$ 38,645.00	Cash Holding Account	\$ 51,764.87
\$ 29,024.51	Cash Management Account- operating account	\$ 35,794.25
\$ -	Credit Card	\$ -
\$ 45,480.83	Employee Entitlements	\$ 47,004.10
\$ 158,428.19	Operational Reserve	\$ 126,982.20
\$ 231.55	PAYPAL	\$ 239.10
<b><u>\$ 271,810.08</u></b>	<b>Total Bank</b>	<b><u>\$ 261,784.52</u></b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
\$ 3,873.00	Other Debtors	0
\$ 5,721.73	Trade Debtors	\$ 7,204.60
<b><u>\$ 9,594.73</u></b>	<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 7,204.60</u></b>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>		
\$ -	Deposits Plant and Equip	6532.95
-\$ 29,725.40	Acc Depn - F/F	-\$ 9,529.16
-\$ 6,052.08	Accum Depn - Plant & Equip	-\$ 7,360.65
\$ 450.00	D.V. Financial Serv. (Bendigo)	\$ 450.00
\$ 200.00	DVNC Petty Cash	\$ -
\$ 37,856.00	Furniture & Fitt @ Cost	\$ 21,986.49
\$ 29,521.24	Plant & Equip @ Cost	\$ 9,300.00
<b><u>\$ 32,249.76</u></b>	<b>Total Non-current Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 21,379.63</u></b>
<b><u>\$ 313,654.57</u></b>	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 290,368.75</u></b>

## Balance Sheet

DINGLEY VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC

As at 30th June 2024

30 Jun 2023	Account	30-Jun-24
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
\$ 31.00	Credit Card	\$ 80.87
\$ 6,573.09	Trade Creditors	\$ 1,352.52
\$ 88.11	GST	\$ 418.48
\$ 3,153.00	ATO Intergrated Account	\$ 3,317.00
\$ -	Superannuation Payable	\$ 2,623.92
\$ 22,774.35	Grants in Advance	\$ 27,728.00
\$ 23.86	Rounding	-\$ 18.69
<b>\$ 32,419.47</b>	<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 35,502.10</b>
<b>Non-current Liabilities</b>		
\$ 1,600.00	Deposits & Bonds Collected	\$ 5,850.00
\$ 38,842.27	Prov. for LSL	\$ 32,378.19
\$ 14,047.08	Provision for Stage 2	\$ 14,047.08
<b>\$ 54,489.35</b>	<b>Total Non-current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 52,275.27</b>
<b>\$ 86,908.82</b>	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 87,777.37</b>
<b>\$ 226,745.75</b>	<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 202,591.38</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
\$ 285,361.31	Retained Earnings	\$ 239,663.85
\$ 12,918.10	C/care emp entitlement pre2018	-\$ 12,918.10
\$ 45,697.46	Current Year earning	-\$ 24,154.37
<b>\$ 226,745.75</b>	<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ 202,591.38</b>

Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre Inc.

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**Profit and Loss Statement**

Year ending 30th June 2024

<b>2022-2023</b>		<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>
\$ 98,311.17	<b>General</b>	NHCP Grant (3)	\$ 106,577.90
\$ 70,996.10		Partnership COK (3)	\$ 77,390.65
\$ 367.81		Grant Farmers Market	\$ 6,000.00
\$ 411.89		One Off Grant	\$ -
\$ 4,304.89		Bank Interest	\$ 8,854.77
\$ 367.81		Other Income	\$ -
\$ 216.00		Donations	\$ 1,342.65
\$ 315.20		Merchant Fees Reimb	\$ 81.95
<b><u>\$174,511.17</u></b>			<b><u>\$ 200,247.92</u></b>
	<b>Child Care</b>		
\$ 99,399.93		Commonwealth Childcare Subsidy	\$ 82,317.11
\$ 93,198.09		Fees & other income	\$ 100,138.28
<b><u>\$ 192,598.02</u></b>			<b><u>\$ 182,455.39</u></b>
<b><u>\$ 45,719.33</u></b>	<b>Community Usage</b>		<b><u>\$ 41,020.44</u></b>
<b><u>\$ 30.00</u></b>	<b>Dividend Received</b>		<b><u>\$ 40.00</u></b>
\$ 61,415.80	<b>Dingley Dossier</b>		<b><u>\$ 54,021.00</u></b>
<b><u>\$ 13,506.99</u></b>	<b>Farmers' Market</b>		<b><u>\$ 22,015.40</u></b>
	<b>Programs</b>		
<b><u>\$ 11,989.45</u></b>		Other Income	
		Course Fees	<b><u>\$ 15,512.35</u></b>
<b><u>\$499,770.76</u></b>		<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$515,312.50</u></b>

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**Profit and Loss Statement**

Year ending 30 June 2024

2022-2023	General	EXPENSES	2023-2024
\$158.18		Accounting Costs	\$ 180.00
\$4,138.82		Legal, Financial & Statutory	\$ 4,043.46
\$35,790.68		Operating Costs	\$ 52,804.08
\$182,855.70		Wages Costs: Admin	\$ 187,231.08
<u>\$222,943.38</u>			<u>\$ 244,258.62</u>
	<b>Depreciation</b>		
<u>\$7,391.15</u>			<u>\$3,961.60</u>
	<b>Facility Usage</b>		
\$7,350.78		Utilities & Services	\$ 3,504.79
\$35,470.83		Operating Costs	\$ 27,938.12
<u>\$42,821.61</u>			<u>\$ 31,442.91</u>
	<b>Child Care</b>		
\$5,441.65		Operating Costs	\$ 6,439.73
\$190,794.83		Wages Costs	\$ 189,349.82
<u>\$196,236.48</u>		Total Child Care	<u>\$ 195,789.55</u>
<u>\$48,883.45</u>	<b>Dingley Dossier</b>		<u>\$ 41,021.70</u>
<u>\$14,995.87</u>	<b>Farmers' Market</b>		<u>\$ 16,551.63</u>
	<b>Education</b>		
\$94.87		Operating Costs	\$ 509.56
\$6,827.27		Facilitators/Instructors	\$ 4,297.27
<u>\$6,922.14</u>			<u>\$ 4,806.83</u>
	<b>Provisions</b>		
<u>\$5,274.14</u>		LSL	<u>\$ 1,634.03</u>
<u>\$545,468.22</u>	<b>Total Expenses</b>		<u>\$ 539,466.87</u>
<u>-\$45,697.46</u>		<b>Net profit/ Loss</b>	<u>-\$ 24,154.37</u>

**DINGLEY VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC.**

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS for YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024**

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
<b>CASHFLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Grants received	194,921	174,932
Childcare fees	181,684	187,931
Dingley Dossier advertising and Market	74,733	74,923
Community Useage	56,532	59,528
Other income	2,195	2,367
	<b>510,065</b>	<b>499,681</b>
Payments to suppliers and employees	521,996	545,329
	<b>-11,931</b>	<b>-45,648</b>
<b>CASHFLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Deposit on equipment	-6,533	0
Interest and dividend	8,895	3,243
	<b>2,362</b>	<b>3,243</b>
Net cash received/used in investment activities	<b>2,362</b>	<b>3,243</b>
Net Increase/decrease in cashflow for year	<b>-9,569</b>	<b>-42,405</b>
Cash at beginning of year	271,354	313,759
Cash on hand at end of year	<b>261,785</b>	<b>271,354</b>
Represented by:		
Cash at bank and on hand	87,798	67,446
Term deposits	173,987	203,908
	<b>261,785</b>	<b>271,354</b>

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF  
DINGLEY VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC**

I have audited the attached financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre Inc which comprises the balance sheet at 30/6/2024 and income and expenditure statement and statement of cash flows.

**Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report**

The association's committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the financial statements are appropriate to meet the needs of the members and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. I have conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These auditing standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from misstatement.


I have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the association. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, are appropriate to the needs of the members.

My procedures included examination on a test basis of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the Association's financial position, the results of its operations and its cash flows.

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

**Opinion**

In my opinion, the financial report presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre Inc under the requirements of the Associations Incorporations Reform Act 2012 as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.



BRUCE T. HYDON

22/08/2024

Practice Certificate No: 11972

**Annual statements give true and fair view of financial position of  
incorporated association**

We, Roberto Guerra and Harsiddhi Mody being members of the Board of Governance of the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre Inc., certify that—

The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre Inc., during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

Signed: 

Dated: 18-09-24

Signed: 

Dated: 20-09-2024

## Centre Managers Report

The start of the new financial year saw us all getting prepared to move out of our current home, of which the Neighbourhood Centre stood for nearly 50 years, to make way for the bulldozers to start on the stage 2 rebuild.

The move was big. Neighbourhood Centre staff and groups were moving over to the library meeting rooms and HBH foyer. Little Villagers Childcare (LVCC) were on the move to Westall Hub. Trying to pack up a business of 50 years into boxes and shipping containers was very confrontational. It was a great time to have a big cull and clean out, while it was hard to let some things go, it was amazing to see the things that were kept and asking the question “why”. We finally moved in September 2023 trying to accommodate all our groups into a smaller area and smaller meeting rooms meant that we did lose some long-standing groups, and with the hope they will return once the new meeting rooms are completed.

Little Villagers settled into the new home, for the time being, and it was business as usual. Some families decided not to follow us to the new premisses but then we did gain some new families whilst being at Westall, we are sure that numbers will increase once we are all back together under one roof in early 2025.

We have had some new programs starting in 2023. Our youth games group, while starting off very small has now grown into a hub of activity for teenagers to come and play games like Dungeons and Dragons and other role-playing game. I would like to thank Sam Davis and Dave Sims for volunteering their time in looking after this group.

Our Country Women’s Association returned to the centre upon hearing the news that we were successful in our expression of interest put forward to Council for the new meeting rooms that were built. So great to have them back.

Our function hires have been booking out at an alarming rate, all with excellent reviews of the Centre.

Stage 2 build should be ready for us to move into at the beginning of 2025. While the DVNC and LVCC have been extremely disjointed, it will be amazing to all be under one roof and can bring new and exciting programs to the centre and welcome families back to our new home.

I would like to thank Tim Moran and Trent Carpenter, from City of Kingston Council for their help with not only the redevelopment but everything Community Centre related. Wendy Haim and Cath Darcy from Community House Network Southern Region, so nice to know they are on the other end of a telephone line if we ever needed them. A big thank you to Community Bank Dingley Village, for their amazing work in supporting community groups with grants, which we were lucky enough to have received for the upgrade of our Audio-Visual equipment in the Harold Box Hall.

The centre could not run without the dedication and support of some amazing work colleagues. I’d like to thank Leeanne O’Connor, Finance Officer, for her continued support and being a great sounding board for me, her work ethic is undeniable as is her friendship. Annette Kourtis, Admin Assistant, for keeping a smile on her face and greeting everyone with such joy as they come into the Centre, she has a heart of gold.

A big thank you to Carly O’Neill, Childcare Manager, for continually having my back, unwavering support and love, Carly lives and breathes everything for Little Villagers and her educators, she is



the biggest asset to Little Villagers, and I would be lost without her. To all the amazing educators, Maria Lazaridis, Lorraine Sayers, Nicole Edwards and Tina Douras, you ladies are worth your weight in gold. Your passion for your job is amazing and it shows with how the children love you all.

Big thank you to Liz Thomas, Market Manager, for putting her heart and soul into the Dingley Village Farmers Market. Her enthusiasm is extremely catchy, and it shows with how the market is going from strength to strength. The market has thrived because of her.

Shout out to all our volunteers, Pam Gates – Dingley Dossier, Sue Doherty & Jo Mason – Chatty Café, Marlene Gale – Knit, Craft and Natter group, Sam Davies and Dave Sims – Youth Games Group, Warren Duncan – Writing for Pleasure group, John Booth – Table Tennis, Carla Hawley – Artbeat art class, without the support of you all volunteering your time, we couldn't run these groups which are extremely important to the community, so a big thank you.

Finally, thank you to the Board of Governance, Rob Guerra – President, Carol Widman – Vice-President, Harsiddhi Moddy – Treasurer, Lyne Burgess and Natan Raykhtin-Breitenfeld, thank you for your support and dedication to the DVNC.

I am excited for what the future holds for the Neighbourhood Centre and what we can achieve once our family is back together under one roof. The door is always open to everyone, so come on in and have a look around.

Trudy Pritchard  
Manager  
Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre



# Childcare Manager's Report



The time has come around quickly to recall the year that has been. This one in particular, has been packed with change, challenges, growth, and lots of emotion!

By July 2023, the planning for Stage 2 was well underway and regular meetings with Kingston Council were in full swing. We visited some existing community hubs to get some insight into what the future of DVNC might look like. It was at Westall Hub that we found a vacant early year's room as a potential relocation option for Little Villagers. This was confirmed as our temporary new home and our community were informed in August that we would be moving to Westall Hub in September, ready for sessions to commence at the beginning of October.

We shut our doors for a week in the September school holidays to pack and dispose of almost 40 years of resources, files, and equipment. Our educators worked tirelessly to make the move as easy as possible and I commend them for their physical and mental efforts. It was quite bittersweet for Lorraine and me as we have been with Little Villagers for so long. I found it to be an emotional time, reminiscing over 2 decades of life at DVNC. So many fond memories and so much growth.

We regretfully lost a few families, but many followed and continued their care with us at Westall. Traffic and carparking have proved to be the biggest hurdle for families and staff. Competing with kindergarten, primary school, secondary school, and hub users has been frustrating at times and impacted families to the point of being too disruptive so they have unfortunately had to find alternative care.

Enrolments slightly increased at the end of 2023 but not as much as we had hoped for. This has been the case for majority of this year thus far. The start of 2024 started off well with the usual anticipated number of bookings. Unfortunately, as quick as new enrolments are locked in, circumstances for existing families change requiring them to withdraw, leaving numbers consistently around the 50 - 60 sessions a week mark. This is mainly due to families needing longer hours of care and the extra commute to and from Westall. These regular changes as well as feedback from a recent survey put to families has informed us that the demand is there for longer sessions. We have applied to extend our hours until 3pm, Monday to Friday. This will mean we can offer families longer, 6-hour sessions from 9am – 3pm. Any longer hours than this, will require employment of an Early Childhood Teacher and take away our unique form of occasional care which we wish to continue to cherish. We hope to offer the extra hour of care as soon as possible.

The Westall Community has been very welcoming and excited to have us. We have had several new families enrol and they speak highly of Little Villagers! We have enjoyed the new space, and it has helped us iron out any potential issues that we may face returning to a similar environment back at DVNC. We are super excited to return to our familiar, refreshed home alongside our gang, Trudy, Leeanne, and Annette!

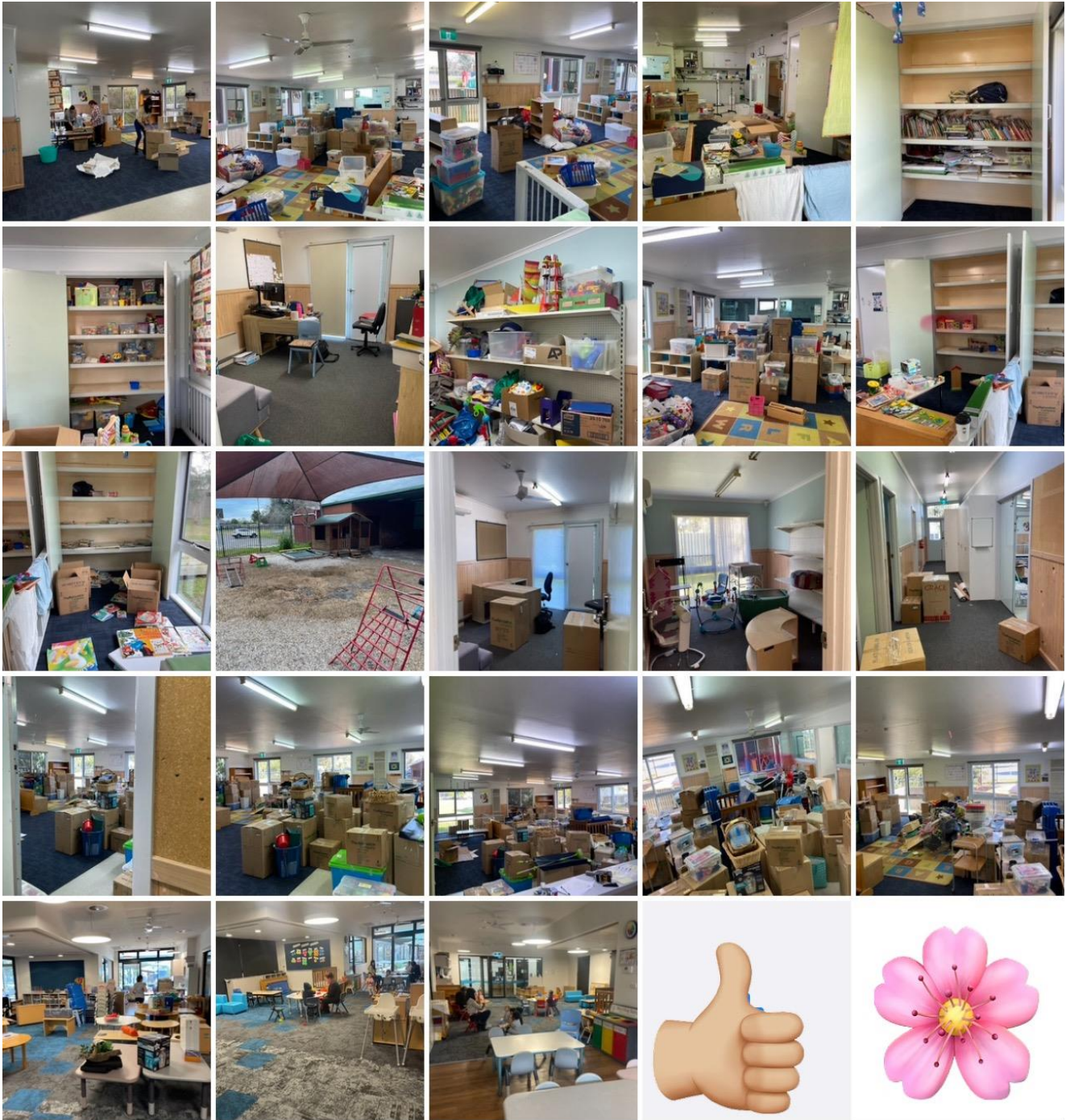
Our program has continued to provide endless hours of direct and indirect learning, social development, and fun for our little villagers! With limited resources, we have gone back to basics using simple materials and our imaginations to ensure activities are educational and inviting, always striving to keep children stimulated. I am very fortunate to have a dedicated team of educators that deliver such high-quality care to each and every child and family member that we have the pleasure of using our service. Endless thanks and appreciation to Maria, Lorraine, Tina and Nicole for their devotion, patience, empathy and care they show and provide each day.



Thank you to Leeanne and Annette who brighten my day when I visit DVNC. Thank you to the board, especially Rob, who give their full support and trust in our staff and acknowledge our hard work. To Trudy, my steadfast leader, my pillar of support and my happy pill, thank you for being you and showing me the way to being a staunch, confident leader.

Bring on 2025, Stage 2 completion and the beginning of a new and refreshed DVNC!

Carly O'Neill  
Childcare Manager



# Farmers Market Manager Report



May I take this opportunity to thank the DVNC Board for all the positive encouragement and visibility at the market. Thank you to Trudy Pritchard, Leeanne O'Connor and Annette Kourtis, who have been so instrumental to the success of the Dingley Farmers Market. Without them the market would not be the success it is, Trudy always makes time to listen to my requests and concerns, for that I am so grateful. Thank you to Bendigo Bank for the grant that has helped to build the market. 2023/2024 has been a challenging year.

Firstly, the building site, we have worked around the issues successfully, ensuring one constantly works on the ambiance so that no one notices the building site. Secondly, markets are popping up at every corner, which creates a piece of the pie getting smaller and smaller, therefore we must ensure we are constantly one step ahead to entice stall holders and customers. The financial climate has impacted all families, hence choosing stall holders with correct pricing. Before I allow a new stall holder to join, I ask a list of what they sell at what price. This helps to keep prices in line with what is affordable. It also means that the stall holder is able to do well. Win, win for all.

We constantly have people visiting our market trying to entice our stall holders to join their markets.

My vision is to ensure our Farmers Market, has a point of difference, where we showcase a variety of stall holders, excellent food that caters for all, with great entertainment. A community market, where customers feel safe and wanted, where the lonely and isolated, feel they belong, and able to spend a morning enjoying the ambiance and entertainment.

We have grown to 40 regular paying stallholders and 3 community stalls. In total 43, I am proud of this achievement as I started with 14 disgruntled stall holders in Oct 22. Thrilled with our growth considering we have a limited budget.

The success of the market has been the constant communication, social media, promotions, enticing marketing ideas, display ideas, finding complementing stall holders, and always being available when needed, ensuring one thanks, and makes everyone feel part of the Dingley Farmers Market Family.

Our booking site, Sitetrak, has been a steady work in progress as stall holders adapted to paying online. August all stall holders paid online. I will be changing the site plan once the building is complete which will make the booking stall site number process easier.

I look forward to the building completion and have the extra space to grow the market.

Thank you.

Liz Thomas  
Market Manager





# Save the Date!

**Saturday 18th May 8:30-1pm**  
Animal Farm - 40+ stalls - Winter eats - Kids colouring

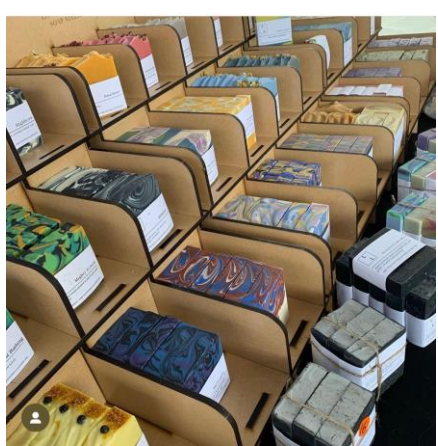


**Dingley Village Farmer's Market**

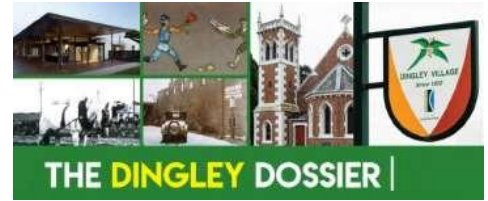
**Dingley Village Farmer's Market**  
20th of April 2024  
8:30am - 1pm



**Dingley Village Farmer's Market** Thank You



## The Dingley Dossier



It seems like only yesterday that the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre took over publishing The Dingley Dossier, but it has been 6 years.

During that time much has happened in our community, Dingley Village has become more diverse, yet the community overall is inclusive, supportive and pro-active.

The Dingley Dossier will continue to support our community and assist residents, local groups, City of Kingston and other key stakeholders to network, interact and advocate for the benefit of Dingley Village.

The old Kingswood Golf Club site is an ongoing issue for residents and the Dingley Dossier will continue to provide information to residents from all interested parties. The Our Council article continues to provide information on City of Kingston projects, services and activities relevant to Dingley Village residents.

We have lost several longtime advertisers and article contributors yet gained others ensuring all costs are covered in providing this service to Dingley Village. We were able avoid increasing advertising rates, through cost cutting measure including reducing distribution to 4,500 to only cover Dingley Village area.

The Dingley Dossier would all not be possible without the support of the Board of Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre, our advertisers, contributors, distributors and our printing and graphics design team, thank you for your ongoing support.

Thank you also to Centre Manager, Trudy Pritchard, who took on editor duties whilst I was on leave, much appreciated.

Pam Gates  
Editor



**AGM meeting held Tuesday 26 September 2023, 6pm DVNC Meeting Room**

1. Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country	Rob Guerra
2. Present / Apologises	<p>Present: Neil Blythman (board member) Melanie Goffin (board member), Carol Widmann (member) Trudy Pritchard (DVNC- staff), Leeanne O'Connor (DVNC - staff), Rob Guerra (President), Carly O'Neill (Childcare Manager), Harsiddhi Mody</p> <p>From DVCA – Shirley De Wever, Natan Raykhtin-Breitenfeld, Julie &amp; Des Williams, David Madill</p> <p>Apologies: Jack Sunter, Major Hadi Saab, Ken Brown, and Lorraine Waters</p>
3. Minutes	<p>Confirmation of the minutes of AGM held 6 September 2022</p> <p>Approved: Moved Rob Guerra, Second Neil Blythman</p>
4. President's Report	<p>Rob summarised the report that has been circulated.</p> <p>Main focus at the moment is the Stage 2 development. The move was finalised today.</p> <p>16 October the builders will take ownership of the building.</p> <p>January 2025 is the estimated move back in date.</p> <p>3 new rooms in the current development will be ready early 2024. Hopefully through the EOI process DVNC will be successful to start/progress new programs.</p> <p>Carly will be operating from Westall until Stage 2 is completed.</p> <p>New market manager is growing the market, and it is going very well.</p> <p>Thank you and special mention to Trudy, Annette, Leeanne, and Carly who are on the ground every day.</p> <p>Thank you to Pam Gates continues to do the Dingley Dossier.</p> <p>Thank you to the DVNC board. Farewell and special thanks to Neil who has served o the board for 3 years. Also, Vanessa Jones and Melanie Goffin will step down from the DVNC. Thank you to all who support the DVNC.</p>
5. Treasurer's report	<p>Neil Blythman presented.</p> <p>Thank you to the management, finance, market, and childcare teams for keeping the programs going throughout this interrupted year.</p> <p>Thank you to Leanne, Trudy, and Suzette for their help.</p> <p>Finances have been audited and financial statements have been found to be true and correct.</p> <p>Cash Holding Account    <b>\$38,000</b></p> <p>Cash Management Account    <b>\$29,000</b></p> <p>Operational Reserve    <b>\$158,000</b></p> <p>Employee entitlements    <b>\$45,373</b></p> <p>Reserve for 23/24 aside for unexpected items</p>

6. Questions to board	Nil question
7. Acceptance of financial statements	Accepted: Moved: Neil Blythman, Seconded: Rob Guerra
8. Re- appointment of the auditor Bruce: Hydon	Agreed: Moved: Neil Blythman, Seconded: Rob Guerra
9. Manager's Report	<p>Trudy presented to the Manager's Report.</p> <p>Trudy and the team have been using the facilities right up until the move for Stage 2 happened.</p> <p>There has been successful programs and hall hires have been busy.</p> <p>Farmer's market is growing and is running successfully.</p> <p>Thank you to the City of Kingston, the board, Farewell to Neil, Vanessa, and Mel.</p> <p>Thank you to Annette Kourtis, Leanne &amp; childhood educators &amp; Carly.</p> <p>Looking forward to the new centre opening and moving forward with new programs.</p>
Acceptance of annual report	Report Accepted Moved: Rob Guerra, Seconded: Carol Widmann
Election of board	<p>Natan declared all positions vacant and open.</p> <p>New positions declared.</p> <p>President: Rob Guerra</p> <p>Vice President: Carol Widmann</p> <p>Treasurer: Harsiddhi Mody</p> <p>Secretary:</p> <p>General Member: Lynne Burgess</p>
	Rob thanked everyone for all at the AGM. Welcome Harsiddhi.
Meeting close	6:24pm