

DINGLEY VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC



ANNUAL REPORT 2024 – 2025

**Annual General Meeting
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City of Kingston Building, Hubs, and Partnerships team

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

Community House Network: Southern Region

Community Bank Dingley Village: Community Grant

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



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 2024 - 2025

President: Rob Guerra

Vice-President: Carol Widmann

Secretary:

Treasurer: Suzette Dawson

Board Members: Lynne Burgess
Natan Raykhtin-Breitenfeld
Eric Lee

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
		Sukhi Kaur (new)

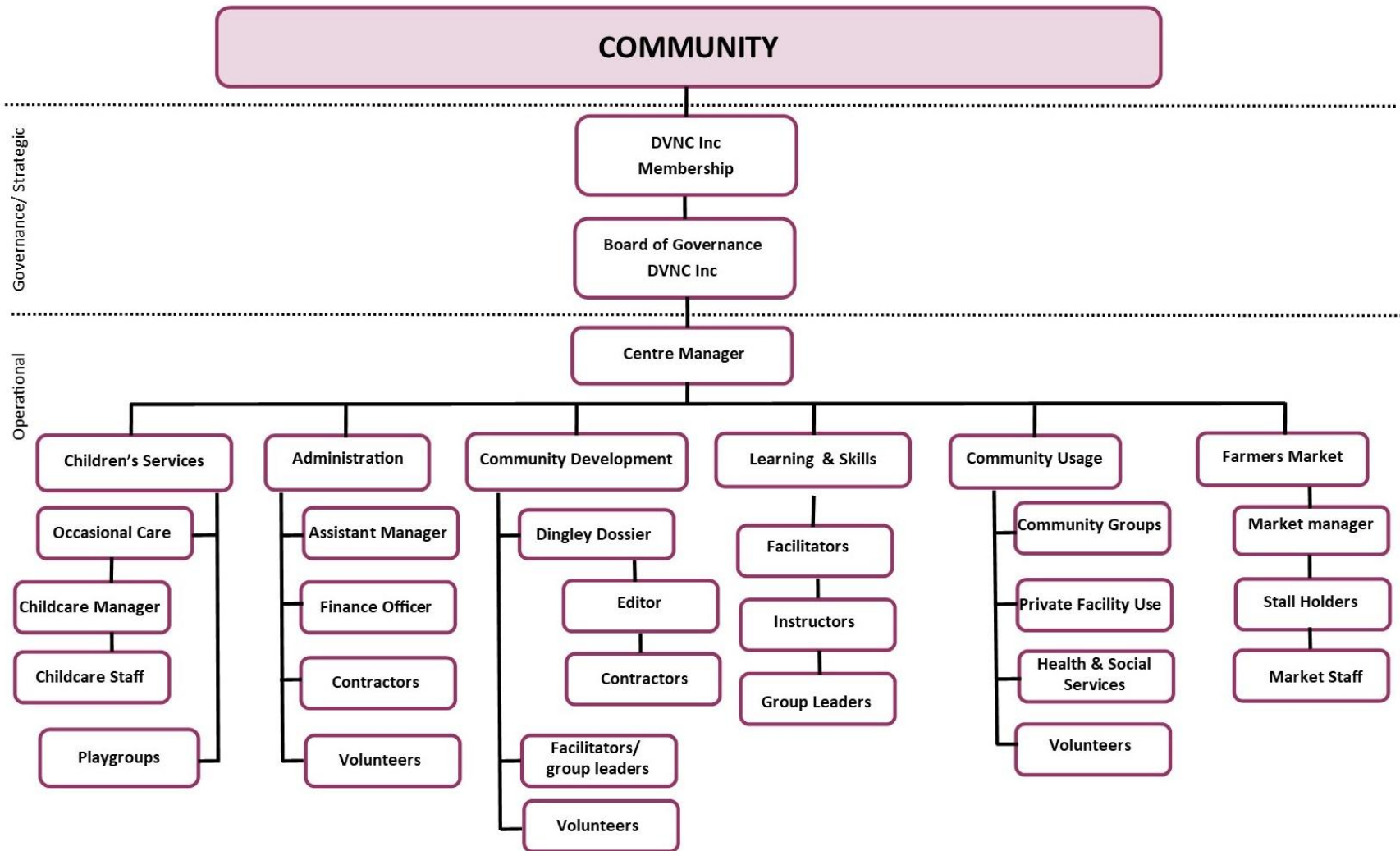
Farmers Market Liz Thomas

Instructors Norma Gibson (Zumba, Body and Balance)
Chelsea Coleborne (Mums and Bubs Pilates, Mat Pilates)

Volunteers Pam Gates (Dingley Dossier)
Sue Doherty (Chatty Café)
Jo Mason (Chatty Café)
John Booth (Table Tennis)
Marlene Gale (Knit, Craft and Natter)
Sam Davis (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

FY25 will be remembered as the year of “coming home.” After years of planning, construction, and anticipation, we have successfully moved into our brand-new community building, and what a wonderful moment it has been. The feedback from our community groups and visitors has been overwhelmingly positive. The official opening on 30 April, conducted by the City of Kingston and accompanied by a beautiful and engaging Welcome to Country, was a fitting celebration for this milestone.

It has been equally exciting to bring *Little Villages* back into the new space. With revised hours now better aligned to primary school schedules, and a fantastic working arrangement with the kindergarten for smooth handovers, we’re making it even easier for parents and carers to manage their days.

The energy in the new building is palpable. Groups have been running at near full capacity, and the centre is bustling most days and nights. We’ve also had the pleasure of absorbing the wonderful work of *Mindful Makings* into our regular offerings, special thanks to Simone for all of her hard work, passion and dedication in building up the program, and assisting in the handover to keep these sessions thriving.

Our beloved Farmers Market continues to go from strength to strength. Our Market Manager, Liz and her social-media-savvy granddaughter have been doing a stellar job in promotion and community engagement. The market remains a true highlight of the month, as everyone in Dingley can attest, full of fresh produce, delicious treats, and activities for all ages (including our four-legged friends).

The board has also seen some fresh faces this year, bringing renewed energy, ideas, and enthusiasm. I’d like to sincerely thank all incoming members for their contributions, and to acknowledge and wish our outgoing members all the very best for the future.

From a financial perspective, performance has improved as we’ve moved closer to full capacity. While we’re still working towards being more self-funded, this year has been an encouraging step forward.

On a personal note, this will be my final year as Chair and as a member of the Board. Due to personal circumstances, I will be moving away from the suburb. It has been an absolute privilege to serve this community, and I’m deeply grateful for the support, collaboration, and friendship I’ve experienced in this role.

On behalf of the board and myself, I’d like to extend heartfelt thanks to our amazing superstar Centre Manager, Trudy, for her tireless work in keeping everything running so smoothly. Thanks also to our incredible Childcare Manager, Carly, Market Manager, Liz, office staff, Annette and LeeAnne, and every volunteer who gives their time, energy, and care to the centre. The DVNC is what it is because of you - Thank You!

As we look ahead, I’m confident the centre will continue to thrive in its beautiful new home, providing programs, activities, and connections for all who walk through its doors.

Rob Guerra

President Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre



Balance Sheet

Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre
Inc

As at 30 June 2025

30-Jun-24	Account	30-Jun-25
Assets		
	Bank	
\$51,764.87	Cash Holding Account	\$72,674.08
\$35,794.25	Cash Management	
\$47,004.10	Account- operating account	\$51,417.85
\$126,982.20	Employee Entitlements	\$49,361.81
\$239.10	Operational Reserve	\$93,014.17
	PAYPAL	\$128.28
\$261,784.52	Total Bank	\$266,596.19
Current Assets		
\$7,204.60	Trade Debtors	\$4,408.85
\$7,204.60	Total Current Assets	\$4,408.85
Non-current Assets		
\$6,532.95	Deposits Plant and Equip	0
-\$9,529.16	Acc Depn - F/F	-\$10,866.60
-\$7,360.65	Accum Depn - Plant & Equip	-\$9,624.28
\$450.00	D.V. Financial Serv. (Bendigo	\$450.00
\$21,986.49	Furniture & Fitt @ Cost	\$24,168.49
\$9,300.00	Plant & Equip @ Cost	\$22,365.90
\$21,379.63	Total Non-current Assets	\$26,493.51
\$290,368.75	Total Assets	\$297,498.55

Balance Sheet

Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre Inc
As at 30th June 2025

30-Jun-24	Account	30-Jun-25
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
\$80.87	Credit Card	\$0.00
\$1,352.52	Current Liabilities original	\$1,606.47
\$0.00	Trade Creditors	\$4,839.14
\$418.48	GST	-\$40.07
\$3,317.00	ATO Intergrated Account	\$800.00
\$2,623.92	Superannuation Payable	\$0.00
\$0.00	Program Support mindful making	\$27,687.90
\$27,728.00	Grants in Advance	\$13,859.48
-\$18.69	Rounding	-\$17.34
\$35,502.10	Total Current Liabilities	\$48,735.58
Non-current Liabilities		
\$5,850.00	Deposits & Bonds Collected	\$3,400.00
\$32,378.19	Prov. for LSL	\$45,593.73
\$14,047.08	Provision for Stage 2	\$0.00
\$52,275.27	Total Non-current Liabilities	\$48,993.73
\$87,777.37	Total Liabilities	\$97,729.31
\$202,591.38	Net Assets	\$199,769.24
Equity		
\$239,663.85	Retained Earnings	\$215,509.48
-\$12,918.10	C/care emp entitlement pre2018	-\$12,918.10
-\$24,154.37	Current Year earning	-\$2,822.14
\$202,591.38	Total Equity	\$199,769.24

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Profit and Loss Statement

Year ending 30th June 2025

2023-2024		INCOME	2024-2025
\$106,577.90	General	NHCP Grant (3)	\$110,367.39
\$77,390.65		Partnership COK (3)	\$69,854.43
		Other Income	\$30.00
\$6,000.00		Grant Farmers Market	\$-
\$-		One Off Grant	\$19,205.00
\$8,854.77		Bank Interest	\$8,638.51
\$-		Printing and photocopying	\$8.40
\$1,342.65		Donations	\$1,434.30
\$81.95		Merchant Fees Reimb	\$174.76
		Reimbursements received DVNC	\$3,082.43
\$200,247.92			\$212,795.22
	Child Care		
\$82,317.11		Commonwealth Childcare Subsidy	\$128,613.47
\$100,138.28		Fees & other income	\$132,147.25
\$182,455.39			\$260,760.72
\$41,020.44	Community Usage		\$45,366.01
\$40.00	Dividend Received		\$30.00
\$54,021.00	Dingley Dossier		\$52,720.50
\$22,015.40	Farmers' Market		\$17,773.69
	Programs		
\$15,512.35		Other Income	\$1,795.27
		Course Fees	\$20,782.00
			\$22,577.27
\$515,312.50		Total Income	\$612,023.41

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Year ending 30 June 2025

2023-2024		EXPENSES	2024-2025
\$180.00	General	Accounting Costs	\$731.85
\$4,043.46		Legal, Fin & Statutory	\$4,446.32
\$52,804.08		Operating Costs	\$53,506.54
\$187,231.08		Wages Costs: Admin	\$195,470.92
\$244,258.62		Total costs	\$254,155.63
	Depreciation		
\$3,961.60			\$3,601.07
	Facility Usage		
\$3,504.79		Utilities & Services	\$0.00
\$27,938.12		Operating Costs	\$47,284.24
\$31,442.91		Total Costs	\$47,284.24
	Child Care		
\$6,439.73		Operating Costs	\$6,341.43
\$189,349.82		Wages Costs	\$220,328.35
\$195,789.55		Total Child Care	\$226,669.78
\$41,021.70	Dingley Dossier		\$46,816.04
\$16,551.63	Farmers' Market		\$13,651.36
	Education		
\$509.56		Operating Costs	\$1,389.39
\$4,297.27		Facilitators/Instructors	\$6,711.70
\$4,806.83			\$8,101.09
	Provisions		
\$1,634.03		LSL	\$13,966.34
\$539,466.87	Total Expenses		\$614,245.55
-\$24,154.37		Net profit/ Loss	-\$2,222.14

DINGLEY VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS for YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	2025	20224
	\$	\$
CASHFLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Grants received	209,646	194,921
Childcare fees	260,760	181,684
Dingley Dossier advertising and Market	73,036	74,733
Community useage & course fees	66,148	56,532
Other income	6,524	2,195
	616,114	510,065
Payments to suppliers and employees	611,257	521,996
	4,857	-11,931
CASHFLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Equipment & carpets	-8,715	-6,533
Interest and dividend	8,669	8,895
Net cash received/used in investment activities	-46	2,362
Net increase/decrease in cashflow for year	4,811	-9,569
Cash at beginning of year	261,785	271,354
Cash on hand at end of year	266,596	261,785
Represented by:		
Cash at bank and on hand	124,220	87,798
Term deposits	142,376	173,987
	266,596	261,785

**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 30/6/2025 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 30th June 2025 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.



BRUCE T. HYDON

22/07/2025

Practice Certificate No: 11972

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

We, Roberto Guerra and Suzette Dawson 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 30th June 2025.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Guerra', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dated: 17/9/2025

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Suzette', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dated: 17/9/2025

Centre Managers Report

It is with great pleasure that I present the Centre Manager's report for the 2024–2025 financial year.

This year has marked a significant turning point for the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre. After more than 16 months without a permanent home, we were thrilled to finally move into our new building — a space that truly reflects the heart and purpose of our organisation. The return to a dedicated centre has not only revitalised our programs and services but also strengthened our connection with the community.

It took a lot of hard work to then unpack storage containers and boxes to get the new building set up, all the while still trying to operate the Centre and make sure all our programs ran smoothly. I would like to sincerely thank all our programs and facilitators who helped me along the way and were so understanding when things needed to be moved around or when works had to be carried out in their space.

One of the most exciting outcomes has been the growth of our playgroup. From February onwards, we expanded from one day to two sessions per week, both of which have been fully booked with 15 families attending each. The demand speaks volumes about the need for these programs, and the trust local families place in our Centre.

I would also like to acknowledge our wonderful Zumba and Body Balance instructor, Norma Gibson. Her classes continue to run at full capacity, with participants consistently praising her energy and enthusiasm. Norma's passion and dedication are the key reasons so many people love attending her classes.

Little Villagers Childcare also returned home to Dingley in January, after operating out of Westall Community Hub. Since then, we've seen sessions grow from 45–50 per week to an incredible 100–105, now running at near full capacity. The move has clearly had a significant and positive impact on enrolments and accessibility for families in the area.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Carly O'Neill, Manager of Little Villagers Childcare. Her love for our little villagers and genuine care for our educators is truly remarkable. It's this passion and commitment that keeps families returning to our Centre year after year. Carly's hard work and dedication do not go unnoticed, and I'm especially grateful for her support as my go-to person—always honest, reliable, and thoughtful. Thank you so much, Carly.

To all our educators—Lorraine Sayers, Maria Lazaridis, Nicole Edwards, Tina Douras, and our newest team member, Sukhi Kaur—you women are worth your weight in gold. Thank you for the incredible care you provide to our little people and for making their experience at the Centre full of fun, warmth, and laughter. Your dedication is truly appreciated.

Our Farmer's Market was another program that had to operate alongside the challenges of an active building site. I cannot thank Liz Thomas, our Dingley Village Farmers Market Manager, enough for her determination and enthusiasm in ensuring the market continued to thrive. Despite the disruption, Liz worked tirelessly to bring in new stallholders and maintain the community's connection to this much-loved event. She has helped make the market a vibrant and enjoyable place for people to shop, connect, and enjoy a coffee. Thank you so much, Liz.

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To Annette Kourtis, our wonderful Admin Assistant—thank you for greeting everyone with your warm smile and kind nature. You go above and beyond to help others, and your genuine care ensures that everyone who walks through our doors feels welcome and valued. We are so grateful for all that you do.

Where would we be without the wonderful knowledge and guidance of our Finance Officer, Leeanne O'Connor. Leeanne, you truly don't give yourself enough credit for the incredible work you do. Thank you for always being there to listen, support, and guide me through another financial year. Your patience, wisdom—and the occasional necessary push—mean more than you know. On a personal note, with your retirement planned for April 2026, I already know how deeply you'll be missed by me and the entire DVNC team.

I would also like to thank our wonderful volunteers, without you a lot of our programs could not run, 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, Helen Lawes - Boomerang Bags, I say a big thank you.

Thank you to Tim Moran – Community Partnerships Office/Inclusive Communities at the City of Kingston, for his ongoing support throughout the Stage 2 build and your continued advocacy for Neighbourhood/Community Centres and a big thank you to Community Bank Dingley Village for their incredible support of local community groups through their grants program. We were fortunate to receive funding for climbing equipment for our Little Villagers Childcare Centre.

To the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre Board of Governance, thank you for your continued support throughout the year. A special acknowledgment goes to Rob Guerra—this being your last AGM as President and as a member of the Board. It has been a pleasure working alongside you. Your commitment to the growth and success of the Neighbourhood Centre has been clear to see, particularly through your tireless work on Stage 2, all while balancing the demands of full-time work and a young family. I sincerely appreciate everything you've contributed—your passion, leadership, and dedication will be greatly missed.

I'm excited to see what the next 12 months will bring. The Centre has not had a full uninterrupted year since 2018 —between building redevelopments (we have been through two of them), COVID, and reduced spaces. Here's to 2025–2026 being a full year of exciting opportunities, growth, and stability.

Trudy Pritchard
DVNC Centre Manager



Childcare Manager's Report



It feels like a lifetime ago that we once again packed up our childcare room and headed back home to our new space in Dingley! It was a big change moving into an early year's hub over at Westall Community Hub, but we were welcomed with open arms by the Westall staff, and they were quite saddened when our time was up. I'm very appreciative of the space we were able to relocate to during construction and felt myself and educators adapted seamlessly and confidently to a different shared environment.

Going back to July 2024, our numbers were consistently low with an average of 12 children per day. It wasn't until we increased our hours from 5 hours to 6 hours in late August/Early September that our weekly sessions grew to around 70. We thoroughly enjoyed the outdoor area at Westall. It was also beneficial networking with the City of Kingston Playgroup and Westall kindergarten to expand and share our program ideas and resources. This allowed for new play experiences that our children enjoyed and thrived on. Some of these activities included water/mud play in the sand pit, digging for treasure, water painting and sensory play. Our final childcare session at Westall was on Wednesday 18th December 2024 and then the dreaded packing began for the next few days!

The 2025 year began with a few delays and the mammoth task of unpacking and setting up our new environment began in mid-January. Our educators worked tirelessly and set our room up in time for our little villagers to come and explore. We faced quite a few hiccups, more so in terms of building compliance and worked with the City of Kingston to keep our doors open with minimal disruptions. Despite a few setbacks, we continued to make our new space a safe, inclusive and exciting environment for all ages to enjoy. Our outdoor area is inspired by the beautiful big gum trees that surround the neighbourhood centre and is made up of all natural materials which creates such a tranquil and inviting atmosphere.

The year started off with a first week record of 62 booked sessions which rapidly grew to almost 80 sessions per week in a matter of weeks! Most of our enrolments are word of mouth and recommended by our current and past families so our growing attendance figures are a testament to our high-quality service. Our enrolments were consistent and still are with several new enquiries each week. In March, we employed a new educator, Sukhi who has been a wonderful addition to our centre bringing spirit, high energy, kindness and devotion to our village!

Having Marcus Road Kindergarten next door has sparked interest in Little Villagers and opened a new option for families to use Little Villagers as a transfer service. We have several families who utilise this option.

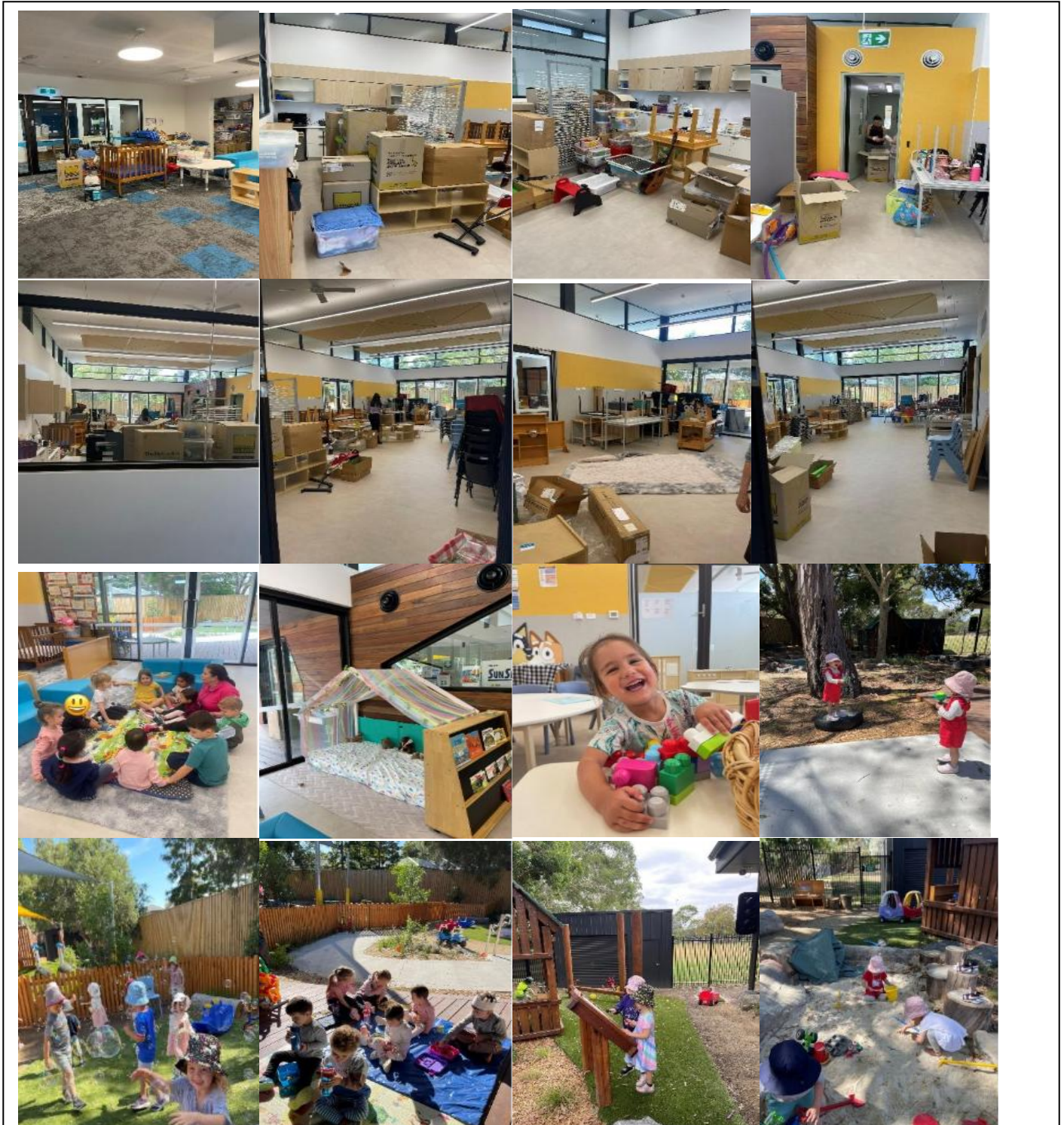
Our decision to implement 6-hour sessions has delivered great results for DVNC and families have voiced how much of a difference it makes for them. As we speak, we are on the hunt for an additional Diploma qualified educator to join our team as numbers are constantly climbing! We are licensed to accommodate 24 children per day and are almost there, we just need the extra staff to adhere to ratios! School Holidays proved to be a hit with extra casual bookings from kinder children who were on holidays. The feedback from new families was incredible and they were thankful that their children felt so happy and settled in our care from the get-go. We are now at 100 sessions plus booked weekly which is not too far away from being at capacity that being 120 sessions per week!

I can't thank my team of dedicated, passionate and nurturing educators enough for their unwavering, exceptional care to our little villagers, their families and myself. Driven by patience,

creativity, and empathy, they are deeply committed to creating a safe, engaging, and inclusive learning environment where young children can explore, grow, and thrive. Thank you to Lorraine, Maria, Tina, Nicole and Sukhi, I see you and I appreciate you enormously!

It's been so lovely being back with all the gang, Leeanne and Annette who continue to make our workplace a pleasant and humorous environment! And Trudy, our multifaceted leader, one to share a laugh with and always making sure everyone on her team and beyond are cared for in order to be the best version of themselves and make DVNC the place to be! Thank you for making our workplace such an inviting and enjoyable space.

Carly O'Neill



Farmers Market Manager Report



May I take this opportunity to thank the DVNC Board for all the positive encouragement and pop ins to the market ensuring the success, always offering help.

Thank you to Trudy Pritchard, LEEANNE O'Connor and Annette Kourtis who are all part of the success of the market. Trudy, who ensures that each request is met, makes time to visit the market each month, encouraging me all the way.

Thank you to Community Bank Dingley Village, morale support, market participation and ensuring the community are heard.

Thrilled we were able to operate the market as "normal" from February /March 2025. As all are aware, operating a market on a building site, constantly trying to keep stall holders and visitors positive, enticing them to stay, takes communication to the next level. We succeeded at that. The current economy is filled with family violence, mental health, isolation, children unable to cope at school, little communication, financial difficulties. At Dingley Farmers Market we will endeavour to make a difference in people's lives.

My vision for the market:

1. Where all feel safe, valued, welcomed, ensuring young and old have opportunity to partake in activities, great music and entertainment. I make a point of watching out for the isolated and lonely, which are now regular visitors to the market, encouraging them to sit down and chat to others. Watching all the smiles and laughter, dogs wagging tails, kids having fun, makes all the hard work worthwhile.
2. In these difficult financial times, there are so many markets, one needs to offer a point of difference to encourage stall holders and consumers. The variety and quality of product, ambience at the market are all part of the market success. It's a never-ending work in progress. Constantly scoping other markets hoping to entice products we don't have.
3. Community groups to participate at the market e.g. Men's Shed band, Uniting Choir, Historical Society, Lions club selling Xmas cakes.
4. Encourage private groups to showcase e.g. Sole Yoga, Petting Zoo, buskers (we have a special needs busker, who has played for an hour at the start of many of our market days). He now has enough confidence to play at a shopping centre.

Men's Shed band, some of their members said the market has given them a "feeling of being noticed, needed" the market is their highlight.

Social Media. Absolutely thrilled, our Instagram has 7257 followers, each month we grow by 25%. Each post has approximately 3000 followers. Jess, a talented passionate Uni student, posts weekly, ensures she schedules posts to entice consumers. Stall holders are thrilled. Jess changed the colour and overall aesthetics to ensure success.

Stall Holders. We have 50 registered stall holders; on average we have 46 stall holders showcasing their product. We have been communicating with Hawthorne Football Club, and they would like to participate in our market. They may start in September.

Plans for 2025/2026: Have community engagement activities, art competition for children, A twilight market, Xmas promotion, where all will feel part of the event, a morning tea and scones for the lonely at Easter time and to achieve 60 regular stall holders.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to make a difference in the community. I look forward to the year ahead where ongoing dedication to stall holders and community will ensure a market not to be missed, where stall holders earn a living, consumers get value for money, feel wanted and safe.

Thank you.

Liz Thomas
Market Manager



The Dingley Dossier



It has been another successful year with the Dingley Dossier seen as a valuable community asset.

We have been able to add a Parenting, Gardening and Education article to our regular list of articles and we regularly republish articles from The Conversation under a Common Licence. The Conversation is an independent channel of information, analysis and opinion – sourced from the rich expertise of the university and research sector. Professionally edited by journalists, The Conversation offers news, views and analysis on the big issues of the day, as well as the latest research and breakthroughs.

The old Kingswood Golf Club site remains an ongoing issue for residents and the Dingley Dossier will continue to provide information to residents from all interested parties.

Once again, we were able to remain cost effective and avoid increasing advertising rates through ongoing support from John Lewis, Project Print and Francesca Gorman, Graphic Designer

The Dingley Dossier would all not be possible without the support of the Board of Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre, our advertisers, contributors and distributors, thank you for your ongoing support. Thank you also to Centre Manager, Trudy Pritchard, Finance Officer LEEANNE O'CONNOR and Admin Assistant Annette Kourtis who provide valuable administration and ongoing support, much appreciated.

Pam Gates
Editor



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AGM meeting held Tuesday 24 September 2024, 6:30pm DVNC Meeting Room

1. Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country	Rob Guerra
2. Present / Apologises	<p>Present: Rob Guerra (President - DVNC), Carol Widmann (Vice-President - DVNC), Trudy Pritchard (Centre Manager - DVNC), Lynne Burgess (Board member - DVNC), Natan Raykhtin-Breitenfeld (Board member - DVNC), Eric Lee (Resident), Jim Irving (Resident), Satendra Kumar (Kingston Indian Services), Vinod Chand (Kingston Indian Services), Shirley De Wever (DVCA), Tony Coyle (The Writers' Club), Carly O'Neill (Little Villages Manager - DVNC), Leeanne O'Connor (Finance - DVNC), Jon Garrard (DVCA), Mayor Jenna Davey-Burns (KCC)</p> <p>Apologies: Harsiddhi Mody (Treasurer - DVNC)</p>
3. Minutes	<p>Confirmation of the minutes of AGM held 26 September 2023</p> <p>Approved on the condition of amending the attendee list to include Lynne Burgess: Moved Natan Raykhtin-Brieditenfeld, Second Carol Widmann</p>
4. President's Report	<p>Rob summarised the report that has been circulated.</p> <p>Stage 2 Jan 25 is the original completion date; however, indications are that the build is ahead of schedule and may be completed before Christmas. Logistically, the local kinder will have two rooms in the front half of the new centre – the back half DVNC have two rooms for early children's programs. The meeting room the AGM is conducted in was also part of phase 2; this was the first part of the works. We applied for them and were successful in acquiring them under our lease. Thanks to the City of Kingston and Tim especially for his help.</p> <p>Community grant from Bendigo bank – used to upgrade the audio-visual facilities in Harold Box Hall. This has increased the functionality for bigger events. Thanks to Bendigo Bank for their contribution.</p> <p>Group activities. Thanks to Trudy for organising these, all has been going well. Things are building back up since we had to close for phase 2.</p> <p>Little Villages – Thanks to Carly and team for moving Little Villages to Westall and looking forward to having them back in the new building. We have recently extended our Little Villages hours, which better align to primary school hours and hopefully will support parents.</p> <p>Farmers Market – It is very successful. Thanks to Liz, regularly 40+ vendors and great feedback, working a lot behind the scenes to make it easier for vendors to book and pay ahead. Working on making sure there are no no-shows on the day. Every month getting bigger and better.</p> <p>Dossier – please read and give feedback. Encourage everyone to read Dossier. Thanks to Pam who edits it voluntarily.</p>

	<p>Financials – It has been a lean year as we haven't had the rooms available for use that we used to with others still under development. Our Treasurer and Leeanne in the office have worked on aligning the budget with our activities, and hoping once phase 2 is completed, we can increase income. Despite this, we're doing well financially.</p> <p>Rob announced this will be his last year on the board. He is moving away from Dingley in approximately a year. Rob thanks everyone for coming. Thanks to Trudy and Leeanne, the community appreciates it.</p>
5. Treasurer's report	<p>Unfortunately, the Treasurer is absent due to covid.</p> <p>Rob confirmed that the DVNC financials have been audited by Bruce Haydon (auditor). These have been signed off by both Treasurer and President.</p> <p>A question was received from an attendee: Q: GST – since we are Non-Profit, aren't we exempt? Centre Manager responded that we believe we are not exempt, however will follow this up.</p> <p>Rob referred to the financial reports for the balances of the Neighbourhood Centre Account.</p>
6. Questions to board	Nil question
7. Acceptance of financial statements	Accepted: Moved: Rob Guerra, seconded: Harsiddhi Mody - as per signing of the auditor's report, presented in the annual report.
8. Re- appointment of the auditor Bruce: Hydon	Agreed: Moved: Rob Guerra, Seconded: Natan Raykhtin-Breitenfeld
9. Manager's Report	<p>Trudy presented to Manager's Report.</p> <p>It's been a big year Little Villages has moved to Westall in the interim – it's all quite disjointed as they've been further away. Can't wait for LV to come back to Dingley. We lost a few of our groups because we lost so much space. DVNC was left with a hall and one meeting room. Some groups came back when we got the room in this building. Hall hire has been great. Thanks to Tim (council) who has supported and helped with phase 2 etc. Thanks to Leeanne who has worked so well, she is fantastic. We couldn't cope without her. Thanks to Carly O'Neil who runs LV. She is amazing, has a heart of gold, children love her, staff love her. Liz marketing manager – thank you for making our market from 10-15 stalls to 40+. All volunteers – board, dossier, chatty café run by Sue and Jo, art group run by Carla, knit group run by Marlene. Games night has taken off – Friday evenings – about 9 teens who come along and play board games. Their social behaviour has improved, they were very shy children, and this has helped a lot with their social skills. Big thank you to the board. Big support, much appreciated. If anyone wants to come and talk, suggest things, see what we have in the facility, please come along and have a look. Rob thanked Trudy for being a great manager, and for all her hard work.</p>

Acceptance of annual report	Report Accepted Moved: Carol Widmann, Seconded: Rob Guerra
Election of board	Shirley De Wever declared all positions vacant and open. New positions declared. President: Rob Guerra Vice President: Carol Widmann Treasurer: Harsiddhi Mody Secretary: General Member: Lynne Burgess, Natan Raykhtin-Breitenfeld Rob thanked everyone for renominating for the Board.
Meeting close	Rob thanked all for attending the AGM. End - 6:53pm