

DINGLEY VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC



ANNUAL REPORT 2022 – 2023

**Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 26th September 2023**

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Acknowledgements

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

City of Kingston: Partnership Grant

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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.



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:

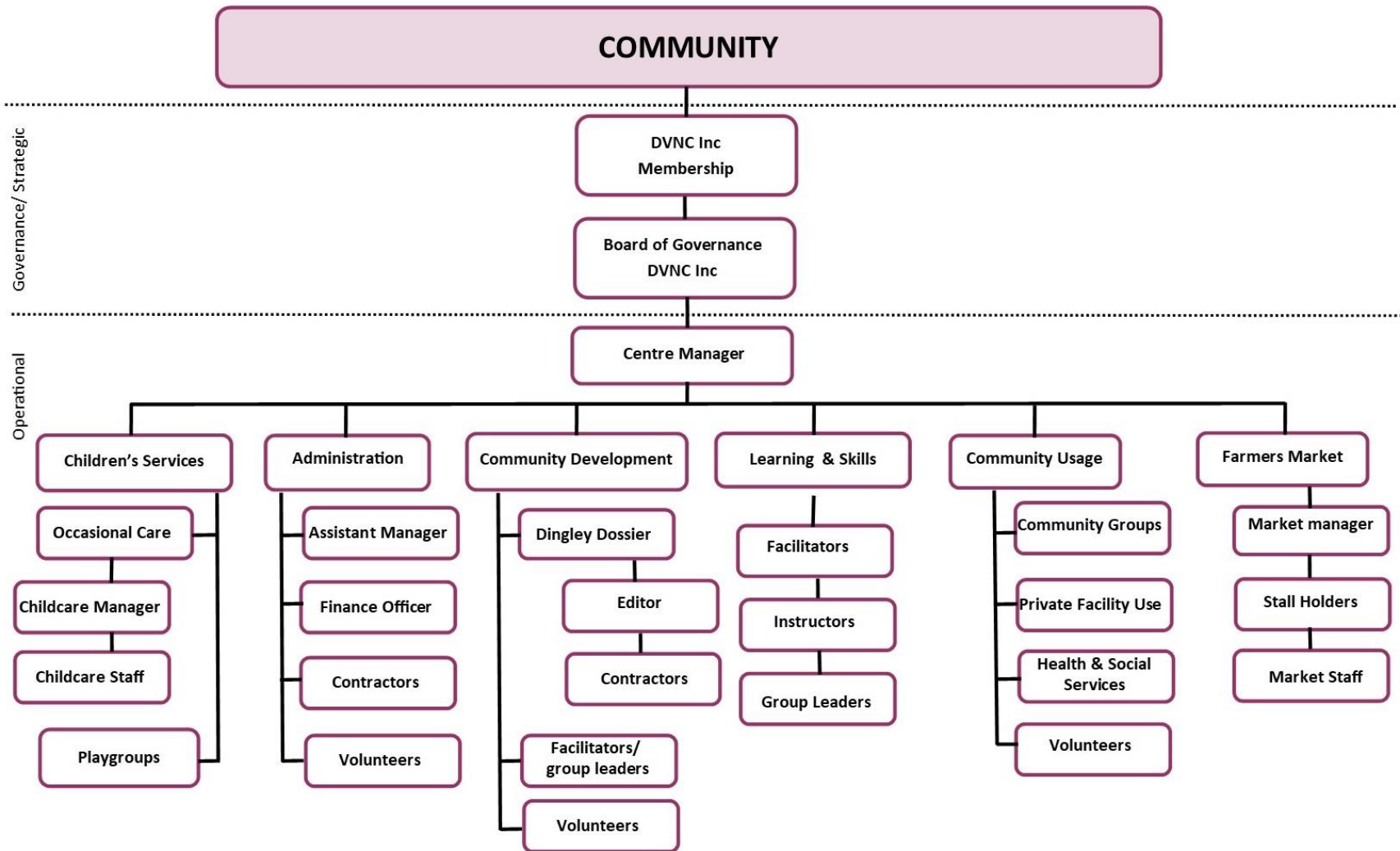
We will demonstrate our commitment to our purpose through being:
Professional, accessible, responsive, supportive,
respectful, empowering, legally responsible and
through sound financial management.

Board of Governance & Staff 2022 - 2023

President:	Rob Guerra	
Secretary	Melanie Goffin	
Treasurer	Suzette Dawson (retired) Neil Blythman	
Board	Lynne Burgess Vanessa Jones	Carol Widmann
Office Staff	Centre Manager Administrative Assistant Finance Officer Volunteer	Trudy Pritchard Annette Kourtis Leeanne O'Connor Sue Doherty
Childcare Staff	Childcare Manager Childcare Educators	Carly O'Neill Lorraine Sayers Maria Lazaridis Nicole Edwards Tina Douras Angie Savelio (casual)
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)	

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

This past year marks my first year as President of the DVNC board. It has been an absolute pleasure to represent the community and help guide the DVNC along with the other board members.

The biggest and most exciting news of the year is that the Stage 2 works which includes a full rebuild of the DVNC has been approved and is commencing imminently. I know all the staff and board have been looking forward to this long before I became involved. There have been many consultations and meetings with the City of Kingston teams to settle on a design that we as a board feel will support the community and their needs for both now and the future.

A very big thank you to the City of Kingston and the Labor Government for their contributions. Special mentions to former Mayor Cr Steve Staikos and current Mayor Cr Hadi Saab for their continued support for Stage 2.

We are all aware the hit that COVID-19 had across the state and country, and the DVNC was no different. Coming out of lockdowns and back to full capacity, however with the looming demolition and relocation of the current DVNC and its services for Stage 2 works, we had to act conservatively in our push for new services and activities for the community. As such this has marginally impacted our financial performance. Whilst we continue to be in a strong position due to the amazing and diligent work of board and staff past, we are taking a sensible approach leading into FY24.

We fully intend to hit our straps once Stage 2 is complete and continue to add new offerings where possible and feasible in the meantime.

Having said that, our centre Manager, Trudy Pritchard has been an absolute rockstar in running the DVNC. I and the board cannot thank her and her team enough. The work Trudy puts in to manage day to day operations, support Little Villages, the Farmers Market, all the groups, as well as managing a relocation of all our services is just incredible. A special mention to LeeAnne O'Connor who manages the day-to-day finances and reporting to the board which is greatly appreciated.

Similarly, Carly O'Neil's management of Little Villages has and continues to be first class. Supporting the children and parents who attend and keeping them informed of all the changes is no mean feat.

We have had some great success stories this past year, including the successful launch of Chatty Café which continues to be a welcoming place for anybody to enjoy a cuppa and have a chat. We welcomed a new Farmers Market Manager Liz Thomas this year. Liz has been able to revitalise the market and made it the place to be on the 3rd Saturday of the month! Booming with fresh farm to table produce, delicious food vans and brilliant music, the vibe - rain, hail or shine is second to none.

I'd like to also thank all the volunteers and supporters of the DVNC, the board and the community greatly appreciate your time and efforts. Special thanks to Pam Gates who continues to be involved in the DVNC as the editor in chief of the beloved Dingley Dossier.

Turning to the board, it is with a heavy heart that we bid farewell and give our many thanks to three exiting board members. Suzette Dawson, who was the DVNC Treasurer for 6 years providing enormous support and expertise, and no doubt helped put the DVNC in the strong position we're currently in. Neil Blythman, similarly, has been on the board for 3 years, and has always been there to support the team, including taking on the interim Treasury position. Finally, Vanessa Jones, who was instrumental in the engagement of the new marketing manager and has helped support the growth of the farmer's market.

In closing, saying we are excited for the stage two works is an understatement, however, we have a lot of work to do before day 1. In the meantime, the board, management, and I are looking forward to continuing to support the community this upcoming year. 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.

Thanks,

Rob Guerra

President of the DVNC



Balance Sheet

DINGLEY VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC

As at 30 June 2023

30-Jun-22	Account	30 Jun 2023
Assets		
Bank		
93,909.65	Cash Holding Account	38,188.56
17,934.53	Cash Management Account- operating account	29,024.51
219.05	Credit Card	176.42
45,373.82	Employee Entitlements	45,480.83
155,321.75	Operational Reserve	158,428.19
800.21	PayPal	231.55
313,559.01	Total Bank	271,530.06
Current Assets		
3,238.00	Other Debtors	3,873.00
(3,592.20)	Provision for doubtful debts	0.00
7,816.40	Trade Debtors [11210]	5,721.73
7,462.20	Total Current Assets	9,594.73
Non-current Assets		
(27,287.72)	Acc Depn - F/F	(29,725.40)
(11,107.69)	Accum Depn - Plant & Equip	(6,052.08)
450.00	D.V. Financial Serv. (Bendigo	450.00
200.00	DVNC Petty Cash	200.00
37,856.00	Furniture & Fitt @ Cost	37,856.00
39,530.32	Plant & Equip @ Cost	29,521.24
39,640.91	Total Non-current Assets	32,249.76
360,662.12	Total Assets	313,374.55

Balance Sheet

DINGLEY VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC

As at 30th June 2023

30-Jun-22	Account	30 Jun 2023
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
5,530.00	ATO Intergrated Account	3,153.00
17,149.77	Grants in Advance	16,774.35
45.99	GST	(73.00)
(15.58)	Rounding	(23.86)
2,906.12	Superannuation Payable	0.00
5,216.50	Trade Creditors	6,524.09
30,832.80	Total Current Liabilities	26,354.58
Non-current Liabilities		
4,300.00	Deposits & Bonds Collected	1,600.00
38,842.27	Prov. for LSL	38,842.27
5,935.28	Provision for Stage 2	14,047.08
8,111.80	Provision Technical Upgrade	0.00
57,189.35	Total Non-current Liabilities	54,489.35
88,022.15	Total Liabilities	80,843.93
272,639.97	Net Assets	232,530.62
Equity		
(12,918.10)	C/care emp entitlement pre2018	(12,918.10)
(21,249.31)	Current Year Earnings	(40,109.35)
306,807.38	Retained Earnings	285,558.07
272,639.97	Total Equity	232,530.62

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Profit and Loss Statement

Year ending 30th June 2023

2021-2022		INCOME	2022-2023
\$89,593.01	General	NHCP Grant (3)	\$98,311.17
\$69,521.93		Partnership COK (3)	\$70,996.10
\$34,253.79		One Off Grants	\$6,000.00
\$722.09		Bank Interest	\$3,848.45
\$2,100.00		DVNC Equipment	\$0.00
\$1,107.96		Other Income	\$367.81
\$0.00		Donations	\$216.00
\$0.00		Merchant Fees Reimb	\$315.20
\$197,298.78			\$180,054.73
\$242.00	Services	Printing & Photocopying	\$0.00
	Child Care		
\$82,699.63		Commonwealth Childcare Subsidy	\$ 99,399.93
\$77,512.21		Fees & other income	\$ 93,198.09
\$160,211.84			\$ 192,598.02
\$16,738.54	Community Usage		\$ 45,719.33
\$30.00	Dividend Received		\$ 30.00
\$49,962.30	Dingley Dossier		\$ 61,415.80
\$11,996.95	Farmers' Market		\$ 13,506.99
	Programs		
\$5,684.60		Other Income	
		Course Fees	\$ 11,989.45
\$442,165.01		Total Income	\$505,314.32

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Year ending 30 June 2023

2021-2022	General	EXPENSES	2022-2023
791.84		Accounting Costs	\$158.18
\$3,795.70		Legal, Financial & Statutory	\$4,126.82
\$27,061.95		Operating Costs	\$35,746.13
<u>\$165,254.54</u>		Wages Costs: Admin	<u>\$182,855.70</u>
<u>\$196,904.03</u>			<u>\$222,886.83</u>
	Depreciation		
<u>\$786.15</u>			<u>\$7,391.15</u>
	Facility Usage		
\$6,788.60		Utilities & Services	\$7,350.78
<u>\$21,684.83</u>		Operating Costs	<u>\$35,470.83</u>
<u>\$28,473.43</u>			<u>\$42,821.61</u>
	Child Care		
\$4,559.00		Operating Costs	\$5,453.65
<u>\$145,111.64</u>		Wages Costs	<u>\$190,794.83</u>
<u>\$149,670.64</u>		Total Child Care	<u>\$196,248.48</u>
<u>\$56,739.68</u>	Dingley Dossier		<u>\$48,883.45</u>
<u>\$10,760.77</u>	Farmers' Market		<u>\$14,995.87</u>
	Education		
\$76.79		Operating Costs	\$94.87
<u>\$3,595.91</u>		Facilitators/Instructors	<u>\$6,827.27</u>
<u>\$3,672.70</u>			<u>\$6,922.14</u>
	Provisions		
<u>\$16,406.92</u>		LSL	<u>\$5,274.14</u>
<u>\$463,414.32</u>	Total Expenses		<u>\$545,423.67</u>
-\$21,249.31		Net profit/ Loss	-\$40,109.35

DINGLEY VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS for YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
CASHFLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Grants received	174,932	157,721
Childcare fees	191,522	160,212
Dingley Dossier advertising and Market	74,923	61,767
Community Useage	59,528	26,273
Other income	2,367	242
	499,681	406,215
Payments to suppliers and employees	545,329	-440,500
	-45,648	-34,285
CASHFLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Plant & Equipment and Furniture & Fittings	0	-11,800
Interest and dividend	3,243	752
Net cash received/used in investment activities	3,243	-11,048
Net increase/decrease in cashflow for year	-42,405	-45,333
Cash at beginning of year	313,759	359,092
Cash on hand at end of year	271,354	313,759
Represented by:		
Cash at bank and on hand	67,446	113,064
Term deposits	203,908	200,695
	271,354	313,759

**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 30/6/2023 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 2023 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.



BRUCE T. HYDON

17/08/2023

Practice Certificate No: 11972

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GENERAL NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE 2023

Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Reform Act 2012 (Vic). The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuation of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in preparation of this financial report.

a. Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

b. Income Tax

The Association is exempt from paying Income Tax by virtue of Section 50-45 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. Accordingly, tax effective accounting has not been adopted

c. Fixed Assets

Fixtures, fittings, plant and equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

Assets costing less than \$500 are expensed in the year of acquisition.

d. Depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all fixtures, fittings, plant and equipment are depreciated over the effective lives of the assets to the Association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The Assets residual values and effective lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each Statement of Financial Position.

e. Employee Entitlements

Provision is made for the Association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Provision is made for the Association's liability for long service leave from the 5-year employment period normally accrued as industry practice.

f. 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. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

g. Revenue

Revenue is brought to account when received and to the extent that it relates to the subsequent period it is disclosed as a liability.

Grant Income

Grant income received, other than for specific purposes, is brought to account over the period to which the grant relates.

Deferred Income

Unspent grant income received in relation to specific projects and events is not brought to account as revenue in the current year but deferred as a liability in the financial statement until spent for the purpose received.

Interest Revenue

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Donations

Donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

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

h. Goods and services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses, and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the GST amount incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO)

At the time the report or financial statements are provided, Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre Inc. is able to pay all debts as and when they fall due and have sufficient resources to discharge all debts at the end of the current financial year'.


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

We, Roberto Guerra and Neil Blythman 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 2022.

Signed: 

Dated: 22/09/2023

Signed: 

Dated: 21/9/2023

Centre Managers Report

Wow, what a busy 12 months it has been, with news that the Stage 2 redevelopment will be going ahead at full steam, the planning and process that has gone into it has been hectic.

We did have to put a hold on any new programs that we wanted to start up as we were unsure of the space and resources we would have, but that didn't last long as it's not in our nature.

Our focus was to get people out of isolation and engaging with their community. So, this is how the following groups arrived.

We have had a great response to our Chatty Café program, and I cannot thank Sue Doherty and Jo Mason for volunteering their time in getting this off the ground. We have a lovely group of people that turn up each week for a cuppa, cake, and chat, every Wednesday at 10am.

Also starting was our Knit, Craft and Natter group, such an amazing group of ladies getting together to do unfinished craft and knitting. We have had amazing feedback from them saying it's just what they needed, friendship, laughter and not to feel isolated. Thank you to the lovely Marlene Gale for also volunteering her time for this group.

As always, our function and room hires are going still going strong. People still having birthday parties from 1 year old to 90 years old.

Our Farmer's Market has just gotten stronger, the vibe of the market is amazing. Our wonderful Market Manager, Liz Thomas, took the reins on September 2022 and has done the most amazing job, the feedback from the stall holders and visitors has been wonderful. Liz is so motivated to make this market bigger and better each month and we love her for that. Thank you so much for your enthusiasm and commitment to our Market Liz, we would be lost without you.

Our Little Villagers Childcare has been moving along nicely. Carly O'Neil has put her heart and soul in to making sure that everything is running smoothly, and that the children and educators are all happy. We are going to miss all the crew at Little Villagers when they move over to Westall Hub while the Stage 2 redevelopment happens.

There are few thank-yous I'd like to make.

I would like to thank the City of Kingston, Neighbourhood Houses Victoria and Community House Network Southern region, Wendy, and Cath, for keeping us update with all information relating to Neighbourhood Houses.

Thank you to the DVNC Board of Governance for all their support and encouragement to me and my team. A big thank-you to the President of the Board, Rob Guerra, it's been so great working with you in your first 12 months of being in the role, it's wonderful knowing I can call at any time, and you don't judge any of the questions I ask. I would also like to thank a couple of Board members who will be stepping off the board, Vanessa Jones, thank you all your help with the Farmers Market and being part of us employing Liz. Neil Blythman, thank you for being another set of eyes over the finances, Leeanne and I will miss you popping over to go through the spread

sheets, and finally Suzette Dawson. What can I say, you have been an amazing asset to the board and to myself and Leeanne, you have help in more ways than you know with so many things and I feel that a thank-you just isn't enough. You will be greatly missed. Good luck to you all.

Thank you, my wonderful Administrative Assistant, Annette Kourtis. You always make sure that I'm ok and that I'm drinking my water, not to mention your help with the workload.

To our Little Villagers team, Lorraine Sayers, Maria Lazaridis, Nicole Edwards, and Tina Douras. Your commitment to the little ones that attend is amazing and you can see they love you all very much. I can't thank you enough for your dedication and hard work.

We cannot forget their fearless leader, Carly O'Neill. You were born to be in this role, you have made Little Villagers stronger than ever, your work ethic and passion is unwavering. Thank you for being my sounding board, for having my back, and just being there, for everything. I'm so honoured I get to work with you.

To my finance officer, Leeanne O'Connor. There are not enough thank-yous that I can say to you. You have kept me going when I thought I couldn't. Thank you for your dedication to the Centre and to me, I would really be lost without you.

With all that being said, I am so excited to see how the Stage 2 redevelopment moves along, what challenges and new beginnings it will bring.

Here's to a great 23/24.

Kind regards,

Trudy Pritchard
Centre Manager for DVNC



Childcare Manager's Report



Another year done and dusted and what a year it has been!

With Stage 2 redevelopment put on hold, we were able to end the year with relatively high numbers. Our weekly sessions rose from around 70 sessions in July to 80+ sessions in August and ended the year with 90+ sessions per week.

We requested an Amendment to our service approval for children to be able to attend unlimited hours during the week. Previously, children could only attend a maximum of 15 hrs - 3 days per week. Our request was granted in November 2022, and we currently have several families who use our service 3 + days a week.

In November, Tina completed her Certificate 3 in Early Childhood Education and Care and Cassy regrettably resigned from her traineeship in October. We have 5 dedicated staff members willing to help out when staff are ill or on a much-needed break! Angie has come out of retirement to assist us when we need her. With Stage 2 redevelopment back on the cards, we made the decision to hold off employing an additional educator until we have the demand for childcare at Westall Community Hub. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my team for their strong work ethic and trusted commitment to their roles at our service. They are highly valued and appreciated also by the children and families who use our care.

History repeated itself from the get go in January 2023, with high numbers of children under 36 months old enrolling. It has proved a little difficult to manage enrolments due to lowered ratios at times, but the demand has meant we have had a consistent flow of bookings and occasionally a short wait list.

Management have been busy with regular meetings for the Stage 2 redevelopment. Having input to what our community needs are is extremely important to DVNC and we hope all our hard work pays off once construction is complete! It has been a long time coming and we look forward to the new, different, exciting time ahead.

Our fortnightly programs based on the VEYLDF (Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework), continue to be very popular and stimulating for our Little Villagers! We have familiar, regular activities such the cars and car ramp, trainset, construction, and playdough that the children are comforted and confident playing with and revolving play stations such as tea parties, shopping centres, vet clinics and dress ups that the children can use their imaginations with. Outside is always a popular time and we try to get out in the fresh air as often as possible.

We look forward to what lies ahead, particularly the new changes and relocation Stage 2 works bring and will continue to provide quality education and care to our Little Villagers community and wider network.

Lastly, thank you to my sounding board, mentor and biggest supporter, Trudy, for always having my back and giving me the confidence to manage a very special service I hold dearly.

Carly O'Neill
Childcare Manager



FUN AT LITTLE VILLAGERS



Farmers Market Manager Report



May I take this opportunity to thank the DVNC Board for all the encouragement and visibility at the market. Thank you to Trudy Pritchard, Leeanne O'Connor and Annette Kourtis who have been instrumental to the success of the Dingley Village Farmers' Market, without their help, encouragement and work the market would not be the success it is. Thank you to Bendigo Bank that has given us a welcoming grant to help build our market.

We are working hard to entice the Dingley community, to support the amazing stall holders. Our farmers are dependent on the community purchasing their produce to survive.

Having stepped into the market manager's role after the Sept 22 market, I realized the market footprint needed to change if the market was to survive. There were disgruntled stall holders, only 14 exhibiting, ready to move on to other locations with Summer starting and new markets emerging. Customers voicing their concern there was no variety. Stall holders voicing a waste of time. The average person spent 10 minutes and left.

After extensive research, visiting all farmers markets in surrounding areas, talking to the community at the Dingley shopping Centre, finding out what the Dingley consumer was wanting, I realized we needed to have a point of difference to survive in the Farmers market sector.

The how and why we exist was my driver to succeed, with a limited budget, to make it work. We have increased our farmers' stalls to 26, offering excellent food, variety and stability. We have encouraged community stalls. We have a public address system to welcome all and keep them updated of promotions throughout the market day.

We have excellent music, a place for people to sit and enjoy the ambiance and stay.

One of our stallholders is a 95-year-old who has become the star of the market. Everybody makes a point of saying hello to dear Sylvia.

A great much needed community initiative, this is what the consumer wants to see, the elderly not forgotten. That's what our market offers, inclusion for all.

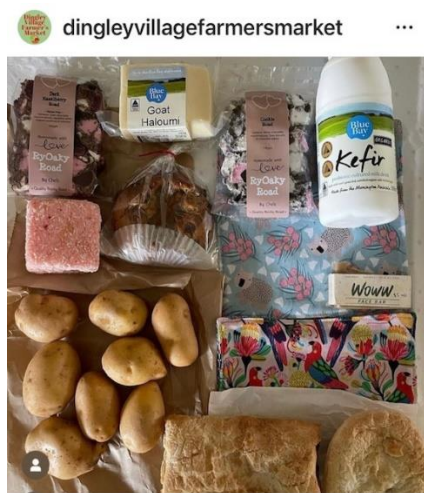
We introduced our new booking system in May 2023, Sitetrak, which, as with all new systems, has taken a while for the farmers to embrace but is starting to take off now that the market is growing, and farmers see the benefit of confirming the booking.

The market is a great family affair where families and stallholders feel safe, valued, and thanked for visiting and exhibiting. A place where each stall holder knows we are doing our utmost to help them survive in the tough financial world where consumers and stall holders are taking financial strain.

2022/2023 market grew 14 to 36 stall holders. We will soon be able to measure our customer count, but most of all we grew a happy market, where all are welcome.

Dingley Farmers market is becoming a destination.
Looking forward to 2023/2024.

Thank you to all.
Liz Thomas



The Dingley Dossier



The last 12 months has been very successful for the Dingley Dossier.

The Front Page continues to highlight public health awareness, social justice issues, current and local events as well as acknowledging significant achievements and awards by local residents.

The regular Police Update promotes current Victoria Police campaigns and information.

We commenced a regular monthly article The Voice, leading up to the Referendum later this year. These are written by leading academics well known in their field and originally published in the Conversation and republished under Common Licence in the Dingley Dossier.

The Our Council article continues to provide information on City of Kingston projects and activities relevant to Dingley Village residents. We continue to encourage residents to think locally when shopping or doing business and the local shopping centre owners now run a full-page advert providing information about local shop and business owners in the shopping centre.

The Dossier will continue to support local, residents, clubs, schools, and organisations to promote their activities including fundraising efforts. Thank you to the local businesses who write regular articles providing information and advice and to our permanent advertisers for their ongoing support.

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The Dingley Dossier will continue to reflect our diverse local community.

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AGM minutes, meeting held Tuesday 6 September 2022 @6pm

1. Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country	Simone Hardham								
2. Present / Apologises	<p>Present: Ali Street (City of Kingston), Sue Doherty (member), Suzette Dawson (member), Simone Hardham (Outgoing President), Neil Blythman (board member) Melanie Goffin (board member), Carol Widmann (member) Trudy Pritchard (DVNC- staff), Leeanne O'Connor (DVNC - staff), Amy Hasse (DVNC- Market Manager via teams), Rob Guerra (board member), Lorraine Waters (member), Carly (Childcare Manager), Vanessa Jones (board member), Caroline White (running as an Independent member)</p> <p>Apologies: Steve Staikos, Gail MacDonald, Carmel Mullen, Sue Anderson, Andrew Holmes, Lynne Burgess</p>								
3. Minutes	<p>Confirmation of the minutes of AGM held 24 August 2021</p> <p>Approved: Moved Neil Blythman, Second Melanie Goffin</p>								
4. President's Report	<p>Simone presented the President's Report.</p> <p>Simone discussed and highlighted that Covid still had impacts, however there are positive signs with restrictions easing.</p> <p>Simone is confident that she is handing over to a very competent board.</p> <p>Thank you to Trudy and Carly for their dedicated work during the Covid restrictions.</p> <p>Thank you to Amy for her work over the past 5 years of managing the market.</p> <p>We are looking forward to the Stage 2 development that is on radar.</p>								
5. Treasurer's report	<p>Suzette 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 and Trudy for transitioning through Covid and after Pam. Finances have been audited and financial statements have been found to be true and correct.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Cash Holding Account</td><td>\$93,909</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cash Management Account</td><td>\$17,934</td></tr> <tr> <td>Operational Reserve</td><td>\$155,321</td></tr> <tr> <td>Employee entitlements</td><td>\$45,373</td></tr> </table>	Cash Holding Account	\$93,909	Cash Management Account	\$17,934	Operational Reserve	\$155,321	Employee entitlements	\$45,373
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6. Questions to board	<p>Nil question</p> <p>Thank you to Simone for her leadership through the years, especially during</p>								

	Covid.
7. Acceptance of financial statements	Accepted: Moved: Suzette, Seconded: Neil
8. Re- appointment of the auditor Bruce: Hydon	Agreed: Moved: Pam Gate, Seconded: Neil Blythman
9. Manager's Report	Trudy presented to the Manager's Report. Thank you to all members and board members. Particularly thank you to Carly and Leanne and Suzette. Everyone's support has been very appreciated. Trudy is looking forward to developing community engagement.
Acceptance of annual report	Report Accepted Moved: Rob Guerra, Seconded: Suzette Dawson
Election of board	Ali thanked the outgoing board. Ali is looking forward to working alongside the new board. Ali Street declared all positions vacant and open. New positions declared. President: Rob Guerra Vice President: Carol Widmann Treasurer: Suzette Dawson Secretary: Melanie Goffin General Member: Neil Blythman, Lynne Burgess, Vanessa Jones
	Rob thanked outgoing president Simone and Tudy has she comes on as centre manager. Rob is looking forward to development and growing community engagement.
Meeting close	6:46pm