

Kensington Neighbourhood House

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ANNUAL REPORT 2023



In the spirit of reconciliation, Kensington Neighbourhood House acknowledges the Traditional Owners, the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation, on whose land we meet, share and work.

We pay our respect to Elders past and present and acknowledge that we benefit from the rich teaching and learning that has been taking place on this land for thousands of years.

our commitment to child safety

We want children to be SAFE, HAPPY and EMPOWERED.

We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers.

We are committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children.

We are committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children, the cultural safety of children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and to providing a safe environment for children with a disability.

We have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures.

We have legal and moral obligations to contact authorities when we are worried about a child's safety, which we follow rigorously.

Kensington Neighbourhood House is committed to preventing child abuse and identifying risks early, and removing and reducing these risks.

We have robust human resources and recruitment practices to reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing board members, staff and volunteers.

We are committed to regularly training and educating our board members, staff and volunteers on child abuse risks.

We have specific policies and procedures in place that support our board members, staff and volunteers to achieve these commitments.

It is EVERYBODY's responsibility to keep children safe.

KNH prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and young people and strives to create a culture where the safety of children is promoted, child abuse is prevented, and allegations of child abuse are taken seriously and acted upon.



chairperson's report

As I reflect on my journey since moving to Kensington in 2008, it fills me with immense pride to witness the extraordinary growth and impact of the Kensington Neighbourhood House (KNH). What began as a move to a charming suburb has transformed into a deep appreciation for the phenomenal community we have, with KNH at its heart.

Firstly, I must extend my heartfelt gratitude to Bec for her outstanding leadership. Her dedication, guidance and compassion have been instrumental in steering our organisation to innovate and continue to adapt to the needs of community.

The past year has been marked by phenomenal achievements, a testament to the passion and hard work of our team. Some highlights include:

- **Debney Meadows Primary School Hub Program:** Led by the exceptional Freyja Dixon and Amran Guleid, this program was awarded the "Highly Commended" prize at the 2023 Multicultural Excellence Awards. This innovative initiative, supported by the William Buckland Foundation's Enabling Education grant and our valued partners, is making significant strides in transforming the lives of families and the wider community around DMPS by providing accessible, place-based, high quality education and wrap-around services.
- **Learn Local Awards with Sew & Grow:** We proudly took home the Pre-Accredited Program category at the 2023 Learn Local Awards, with Ayan Daher winning in the Pre-Accredited Learner category. These achievements reflect our commitment to providing accessible and high-quality education opportunities to all members of our community.
- **Kensington Reconciliation Group:** Under the leadership of our marvellous Community Development Coordinator Esther Sadek, in partnership with Kensington Community Childcare Cooperative, Unison Housing, and The Venny, our reconciliation action plan is making meaningful progress. We are actively fostering reconciliation and building stronger connections within our community.

chairperson's report cont.

I am incredibly proud that our Board steadfastly supported the KNH statement in support of the Voice. While our desired outcome was not achieved, I remain hopeful for the future and our continued advocacy efforts.

The launch of our "From The HeART" installation of 366 cog wheels on our front fence, spearheaded by the talented Jennifer Tran, has been a resounding success. This engaging project has captivated community members of all ages and serves as a beautiful symbol of our collective spirit.

Looking ahead, I am filled with excitement for the future of KNH as we continue to evolve and respond to the evolving needs of our vibrant community. As my tenure on the board comes to an end, I am deeply grateful for the enriching experiences and opportunities that KNH has afforded me, from involvement in Code Club, the Study Support Program, to serving on the Board.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the entire Board for their unwavering energy and commitment. I also extend heartfelt farewells to those concluding their terms this year - Michelle Welsh, Michael Robinson, and Emily Brennan. Your contributions have been invaluable, and you will be greatly missed.

PIA ROBSON-GARTH
Chairperson



manager's report

2023 was the year things returned to normal. Or the “new normal” at least. People were keen to connect and re-join community activities and our participant numbers finally returned to pre-pandemic levels. Pleasingly, 380 brand new people visited KNH last year. Hopefully we will see many of them back engaging in activities in 2024.

Pages 7-11 of this report detail the huge array of initiatives undertaken during the year. I’m always surprised by how much this small organisation manages to achieve.

- Seeing our intergenerational art project - “From The HeART” – unfold was a personal highlight. The conversations between young and not-so-young participants were priceless (and I love watching all the people stopping to play with the cog wheels on our front fence).
- The establishment of the Debney Meadows Community Hub was a major achievement in 2023. Hats off to Freyja Dixon and Amran Guleid for their work on this one. It is a beautiful example of collaborative community work.
- Kudos also to Esther Sadek and the Kensington Reconciliation Action Group for their dedicated focus this year. From smoking ceremonies to information sessions and film screenings, they worked hard to bring reconciliation to the fore. We were all devastated by the outcome of the 2023 Referendum but will continue to work towards meaningful reconciliation in our neighbourhood.
- Last but not least, congratulations to Marg Bergin and the Sew & Grow volunteers for their magnificent win at the 2023 Learn Local Awards. It was a pleasure to also see student, Ayan Daher, recognised for her outstanding achievements.

As always, none of this work would be possible without the incredible staff, volunteers and contractors who bring their best selves to our house week after week. In the 2023 KNH Participant Survey, the words “welcoming”, “friendly” and “community” were by far the most frequently used. This is testament to the quality of every person working here. It’s an absolute pleasure to be part of such a great team.

manager's report cont.

Special thanks also to Chairperson, Pia Robson-Garth, who is stepping down from the KNH Board having completed her maximum 6 year term. Pia began volunteering with KNH way back in 2015 when she signed up as a Study Support tutor. After another couple of years volunteering in Code Club, we enticed her onto the Board in 2018. Pia's guidance and input will be greatly missed. I am particularly grateful to her for convening the KNH Policy Working Group – helping us to improve the quality and efficiency of our policy review process. Thanks Pia – it was a tough job but someone had to do it!

In 2023 we also said farewell to Michelle Welsh after 6 years of service to KNH. Michelle's management experience was invaluable. She provided unfailing guidance through significant organisational change in 2021, all whilst retaining good humour and calm.

At this AGM, our Treasurer, Mike Robinson and Board member Emily Brennan are stepping down due to life circumstances. I am grateful for their contributions during the past few years.

I extend my thanks to ongoing KNH Board members – Capucine Hague, Molly O'Shaugnessy, Claire Romaszko (on leave), Sara Newton and Lisa Frye – and look forward to working with new members joining at this AGM.

It has been a great year. Let's see what 2024 brings.

REBECCA SMITH
Manager



year at a glance

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Learn Local Awards won!

60

nationalities represented
across our programs

6,200

food & household items
donated to the McCracken St
Food Share Pantry

122

people aged 3 to 80 created
an amazing community art
installation

2

new compost hubs installed

902

individuals participating in
education, recreation, health &
wellbeing programs (up by
15%)

380

brand new participants
attended KNH for the first time

6,221

unique visitors to the KNH
website

26

successful grant applications

10,144

hours of pre-accredited
training delivered (up by 26%)

programs, activities & highlights

PROGRAMS

- 902 individual people enrolled in KNH programs. An increase of 15% on last year. This is back in line with pre-pandemic house activity. 380 of these participants were new visitors to KNH.
- There were 1,775 program enrolments across the year.
- English & Workskills and Beginners Computer classes continued steadily throughout 2023.
- A brand new Community Canteen course was introduced at the Debney Meadows Hub – providing work readiness skills in the context of planning a school canteen.
- All ACFE-funded pre-accredited training courses ran as planned, meaning that we exceeded our delivery hours for the first time since 2019.
- Sew & Grow, introduced in 2022, was expanded to include an additional project based learning course.
- Social groups for seniors – Tuesday Movie Night, Wednesday Lunch & Bingo, Vietnamese Seniors and Threading Stories – ran all year with great attendance levels and many new members.
- Study Support and Strong Foundations reached new highs with up to 60 children attending over the year. With assistance from Community Bank Seddon, the Strong Foundations children went on an amazing school holiday excursion to the Museum of Play & Art.
- We offered 30 weekend/evening workshops over the year, employing multiple specialist facilitators.
- The "Kensingers" community choir gained multiple new members and finished the year with a great performance at the Kensington Chamber Players Benefit Concert.
- Healthy Living & Learning continued to provide a weekly sit-down meal for up to 50 residents of the Kensington estate. In addition to a meal, approximately 70kg of fresh produce was distributed each week. Gentle exercise, info sessions, and tech help were also provided as part of the program.
- A Women's Stretch & Strength class was added to our exercise timetable. We now offer low cost, accessible exercise classes three mornings a week.
- The Creative Art For Kids participants organised a great Art Show at the end of the year and also provided work for display at Kensington Station.
- The McCracken Street Food Share Pantry continued to thrive. Approximately 4,650kg of food was procured from Foodbank and a further 6,200 items were donated by residents. 17 local businesses are now supporting the pantry
- Our Form Help program was once again highly subscribed. Volunteers provided almost 300 individual support sessions across the year.
- Working with Kensington Community Children's Cooperative (KCCC) allowed us to run a number of intergenerational activities – including children participating in a board games morning, attending Wednesday Lunch & Bingo and a Gentle Exercise session.
- Freyja Dixon and Jane Farrell participated in the ACFE PQF Plus pilot program – helping to review new course framework and tools for the Learn Local sector.
- KNH secured funding to continue the Kensington Community Fresh Food Market – delivering 12 markets across the year, increasing access to locally grown fresh produce.



INNOVATION & EXCELLENCE

- KNH released a strong and meaningful statement of support for a Yes vote in the 2023 Referendum. This statement was adopted by others in the sector.
- Our early years literacy program – Strong Foundations – was featured as a best practice case study in the CMY publication, "Ages & Stages – Differentiation in Out Of School Hours Learning Support Programs"
- Strong Foundations also reached the finals of the 2023 MY Education Awards. Students, Zayd (Year 11) and Ezra (Grade 6) were finalists in their age categories and Ezra delivered an excellent speech at the awards ceremony.
- The Kensington Community Fresh Food Market featured in "A Community-Led Approach To Climate Justice", published by the City of Melbourne.
- The KNH Board developed and endorsed a Procurement Policy based on the Victorian Government Purchasing Board (VGPB) guidelines. This policy will greatly assist with assessment of tenders for building work in 2024.
- Education Manager, Freyja Dixon, presented at the 2023 Learn Local Marketplace. She focused on the Debney Meadows Community Hub as an extension of our family-learning approach to adult education.
- The Debney Meadows Community Hub was recognised with a Highly Commended certificate at the 2023 Victorian Multicultural Excellence Awards.
- Green Time Not Screen Time was shortlisted in the Community Wellbeing category of the 2024 NH Vic Awards.
- We ended the year on a high note with Sew & Grow winning the 2023 Victorian Learn Local Pre-accredited Program Award (for small providers). Student, Ayan Daher, took home the Ro Allen Award, recognising her outstanding learning achievements.

PARTNERSHIPS

- KNH and Debney Meadows Primary School entered into a formal partnership for the delivery of the Debney Meadows Community Hub project.
- A partnership with Cultivating Community and William Angliss Institute allowed 12 Community Canteen participants to complete their Food Handling Certificates.
- We partnered with Melbourne University to place Masters of Education Students as tutors within Study Support. These placement students also developed learning resources for the program.
- A "Waste Wisdoms" project at the Kensington estate was run in partnership with Unison, The Venny, Transition Town Kensington, and the Kensington Repair Hub. This work was supported by Sustainability Victoria.
- A new partnership with the Centre For Italian Studies was established to offer Italian language classes locally.
- We also hosted St Mary's Coptic Church regularly throughout 2023 while their new building was under construction.
- Rotary International ran Mental Health First Aid from KNH for multiple community members working with young people.
- Inner Melbourne Community Legal Centre assisted us with an excellent PD session for volunteers focused on citizenship applications.
- It was wonderful to partner with Holy Rosary Primary School to deliver sessions on child safety to their Grade 3 and 4 students. Over 60 children visited KNH to talk about keeping kids safe in community settings.
- We are working with researchers from RMIT and NH Victoria on a study of how neighbourhood houses combat social isolation.



PARTNERSHIPS CONT.

- We were very pleased to continue our successful Reconnect Consortium with Wingate Avenue Community Centre and North Melbourne Language & Learning. Reconnect is a vital service for supporting disadvantaged learners.
- KNH partnered with the Moonee Valley LLEN to provide a 10 week work placement for a young person.
- Over the 2023 year, KNH hosted visits from NH Vic interns and Network West members.
- KNH lead the review of the Kensington Community Network Action Plan, facilitating identification of ongoing and new community priorities
- KNH assisted the City of Melbourne with multiple community consultations including the Chemsford Street redevelopment.

FACILITIES

- Painting of foyer doors, trims and stairwell was completed with help from a grant from DJSIR.
- The same grant allowed the purchase of 14 new laptops for digital literacy programs.
- Our ancient gas hot water unit died mid-year and was replaced with an electric heat pump system. We are now very close to switching off gas completely.
- Planning commenced for a much-needed renovation of the downstairs kitchen and bathroom areas. Many thanks to Visionary Design Developments for this work. We hope to complete the renovation in 2024.

ORGANISATION

- KNH was lucky enough to be one of 24 neighbourhood houses selected to receive a \$40K election pledge following the State Election. This enabled the continuation of multiple un-funded programs.
- A Local History Grant was secured from the Public Records Office Victoria. This will allow us to catalogue and digitise the KNH historic archives during 2024.
- We participated in the second year of CMY's "Seat At The Table" program, hosting two young women of colour as Board Observers for 12 months.
- KNH introduced a new Child Safety & Wellbeing Policy along with a new Child Protection Policy – firmly committing to child safety across all programs.
- Multiple staff and volunteers completed Child Safe Training with the Centre For Multicultural Youth
- Education Manager, Freyja Dixon, attended the World Community Development Conference in Darwin – bringing back many ideas for family-centred learning.
- Our Tuesday Morning Playgroup thrived in 2023, growing to encompass children, parents and grandparents. It also supported mothers attending Sew & Grow, providing child minding while they studied.
- KNH continued to co-convene the Kensington Community Network (KCN) and the Inner West Children & Youth Network – meeting regularly throughout the year.
- We were supported by over 60 volunteers, contributing to a huge range of programs
- The results of the 2023 participant survey emphasised the important role KNH plays in the neighbourhood and that we continue to meet community needs.

ROOM HIRE PARTNERS

GROW Australia (mental health support)
Kensington Al-Anon Family Group
Kensington Spanish Speaking AA Group
North Melbourne Toastmasters



ADVOCACY

- KNH wrote a submission to the Select Committee on Cost of Living Enquiry. We focused on digital inclusion and the cost of telecommunications for marginalised residents.
- We assisted with student submissions to the Parliamentary Inquiry Into the 2022 Victorian Flood Events.
- Community Agencies For Digital Inclusion (CADI) continued to operate in 2023 with KNH as an active member.
- KNH worked in partnership with the Kensington Reconciliation Group to advocate for the temporary removal of, and ongoing discussion about, problematic honour boards at the Kensington Town Hall.

EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS

Ramadan
Iftar Community Dinner
(for 100 people at Debney Meadows PS)

Reconciliation Week
(Film Screening and Community Morning Tea)

NAIDOC Week
(social media campaign and info session at DMPS)

Social Inclusion Week
(Debney Hub Open Day; From The HeART launch; activities with KCCC)

AUSPICE & SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS

Kensington Women's Dinner

Kensington Compost Care

Kensington Repair Hub

Kensington Seed Savers

RECONCILIATION ACTION

- KNH issued a clear "Statement In Support Of The Yes Vote" early in 2023
- We ran information sessions on the Voice to Parliament in KNH programs.
- We "Changed It Ourselves" - choosing to work on 26th Jan and observe an Australia Day holiday on a different date.
- KNH facilitated the Kensington Reconciliation Action Group (KRAG), with monthly meetings at KNH.
- We supported the KRAG to get a City of Melbourne \$2k small neighbourhoods grant for event work.
- In collaboration with the KRAG we ran the following events;
 - A Friends of the Yes campaign for the Voice to Parliament Morning tea during Reconciliation Week
 - A screening of "Still We Rise", followed by a Q&A session with the director, attended by over 30 people
 - A series of community discussions sessions on the Voice to Parliament referendum using the Together Yes resources
 - A Voice to Parliament reflection and debrief session



special projects

Debney Meadows Community Hub - Year 1 - Laying the foundations

The Debney Meadows Community Hub (the Hub) is an exciting four-year initiative focused on whole-of-family learning. In collaboration with Debney Meadows Primary School (DMPS) and multiple other community organisations, we have established a community hub at the school. The Hub connects parents and their young children with each other and their school through a variety of activities and programs. The Hub strengthens intercultural capability and celebrates diversity by creating opportunities for people to learn, share and celebrate together. It supports settlement outcomes by providing culturally appropriate case work in a safe, trusted environment – connecting school community members with the help they need, including maternal & child health, housing, NDIS and mental health services. This year we focused on establishing The Hub – making capital improvements, introducing a tri-lingual Hub Coordinator, and developing a suite of programs to support parents and children. (You can read more on the KNH website).

The Hub has been made possible through the William Buckland Foundation's Enabling Education Grant.



From The HeART

Over 120 people aged from 3 to 80 joined together to create an amazing community art work. Community artist, Jennifer Tran, facilitated groups of up to 20 people at a time who designed and painted multiple cog wheels – each cog representing either their present, their past or their future. This intergenerational project generated some wonderful discussion, lots of laughter and new connections. It was just the antidote we needed after the isolation of the pandemic.

Our thanks to the City of Melbourne for supporting this project with a Connected Communities Grant.



volunteers of the year

"Just do it online." Easier said than done! With core services increasingly moving to remote delivery, many community members are digitally excluded from participation in daily life.

For years, we have seen an increasing need for "life support". People needing help to manage their online access to housing, health, education, employment, immigration and more.

The KNH Form Help Program is our response to this need. Form Help began as a small service where volunteers would assist people to fill out paperwork such as passport applications and Centrelink forms. It was designed for people with limited English. When the program began in 2014, we had 1 volunteer and provided 26 appointments annually. In 2023 we provided almost 300 appointments! Each booking is one hour. Participants are no longer only from migrant communities. Increasingly we see Australian-born community members who do not have the digital literacy to perform essential tasks.

Every week, our amazing Form Help Volunteers turn up for their regular shifts. For two hours each, they sit with people and support them to complete whatever it is that needs doing. A form is never just a form - there is always a story behind it. Our Form Help team are willing to listen to that story. They are incredibly patient and they are experts at problem solving. They will often making multiple appointments with the same person to ensure that a task gets completed properly.

Over the year, these volunteers helped enrol children in schools, submitted dozens of citizenship applications, completed passport applications for entire families, helped people claim Power Saver Bonuses, apply for jobs, police checks and working with children checks. They have also spent HOURS on the phone to Centrelink, the Immigration Department and Births Deaths & Marriages - advocating on behalf of community members.

In a perfect world, we would not need a program like Form Help, but in our imperfect world, we are very grateful for this beautiful bunch of humans. Each one of them makes a difference - one person at a time.

Congratulations on being our Volunteers Of The Year!



Adrian Ma



Amira Seneque



Ann Kinnear



Karina Howard



Lesley Ervin



Margot Marks



Matthew Khoo

THE FORM HELP TEAM

treasurer's report

The Kensington Neighbourhood House has achieved a positive financial result in 2023, while also expanding the range of programs it provides.

At the end of the year, the House generated a better than forecast surplus of \$15,489. This is attributable to higher than expected grant income and strong take-up of our activities –documented in detail elsewhere in the annual report – offset by increased expenditure on staffing to support the diverse programs on offer.

Overall, the Neighbourhood House is in a strong financial position, readily able to cover costs, while also having sufficient reserves for future eventualities. In the foreseeable future – thanks to these reserves – it is possible to fund planned building renovations in 2024 without any adverse financial effect on operational activities being anticipated.

The accounts have been audited by Collins and Co. Audit Pty. Ltd., who have concluded that the KNH finances comply with the appropriate accounting standards, and the financial report is a true and fair representation of the House's financial position as at the end of 2023.

Regrettably, this will be my final year as both Treasurer and a Board Member of the Kensington Neighbourhood House. I want to express my thanks to past and current Chairpersons, the Board, and to Rebecca and the KNH team for the opportunity to play a part in its progress.

MIKE ROBINSON

Treasurer



income statement

For Year Ended 31 December 2023

KENSINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE INC
ABN 74 489 791 023
INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
INCOME		
Grant Funding Income	848,088	629,534
Grants - State	404,782	359,838
Grants - Local	146,641	143,978
Grants - Other	296,665	125,718
Other income	92,269	62,966
Fees	55,656	46,991
Other income	20,475	13,233
Interest received	12,195	2,742
Investment income	3,943	-
TOTAL INCOME	940,357	692,500
EXPENDITURE		
Administration costs	41,735	47,706
Employment costs	555,709	416,958
Depreciation	16,634	27,344
Financial expenses	7,489	7,042
Occupancy expenses	21,085	13,008
Program costs	282,216	130,280
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	924,868	642,338
Surplus/(deficit) attributable for the year	15,489	50,162

KENSINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE INC
ABN 74 489 791 023
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Surplus/(deficit) attributable for the year	15,489	50,162
Total comprehensive income for the year:		
Unrealised gain/ (loss) on managed funds	11,562	887
Net surplus/(deficit) attributable to the Association	27,051	51,049

statement of financial position

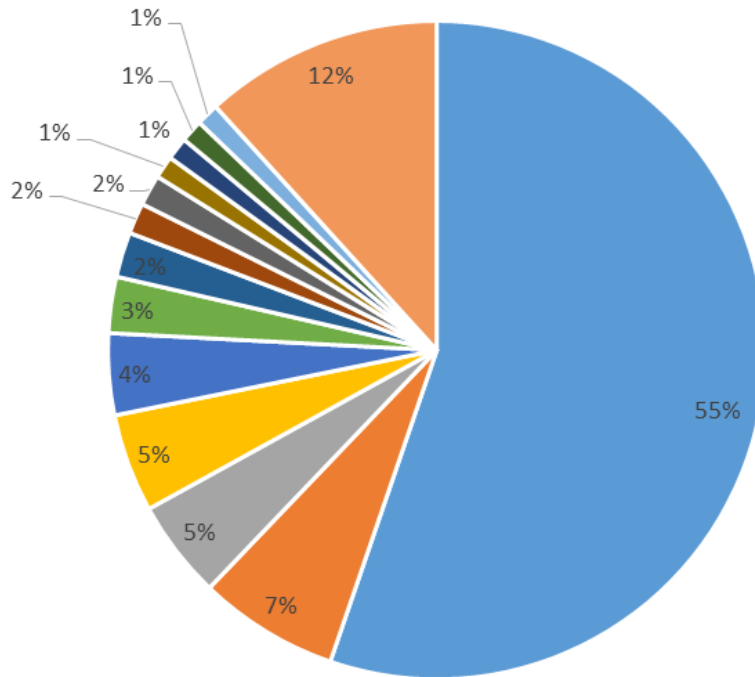
As at 31 December 2023

KENSINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE INC
ABN 74 489 791 023
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	465,401	486,044
Trade and other receivables	3	24,353	10,793
Prepayments		9,712	6,678
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		499,466	503,515
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	4	238,779	255,413
Investment in Managed Fund		216,392	100,886
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		455,171	356,299
TOTAL ASSETS		954,637	859,814
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other creditors	5	37,346	17,222
Amounts received in advance	6	118,074	75,993
Provisions	7	59,413	59,659
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		214,833	152,874
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	7	14,472	8,659
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		14,472	8,659
TOTAL LIABILITIES		229,305	161,533
NET ASSETS		725,332	698,281
EQUITY			
Accumulated funds		419,663	404,174
Unrealised gain/ (loss) on managed funds		12,449	887
Property renovation funds		293,220	293,220
TOTAL EQUITY		725,332	698,281

participant stats 2023

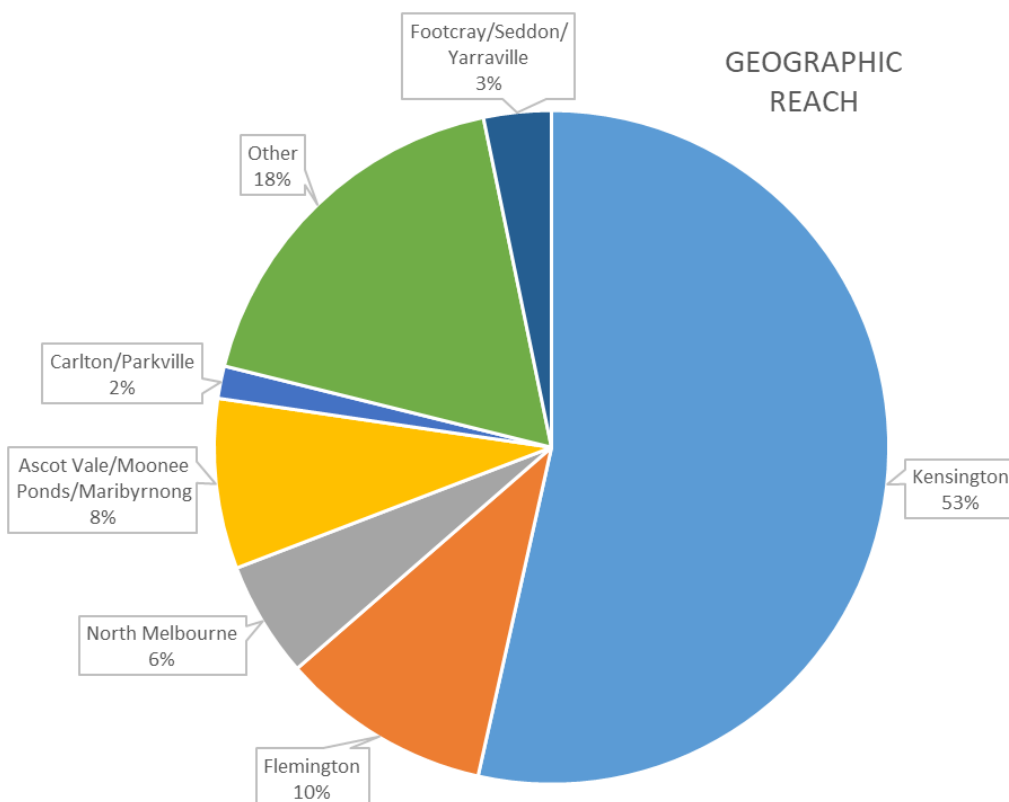
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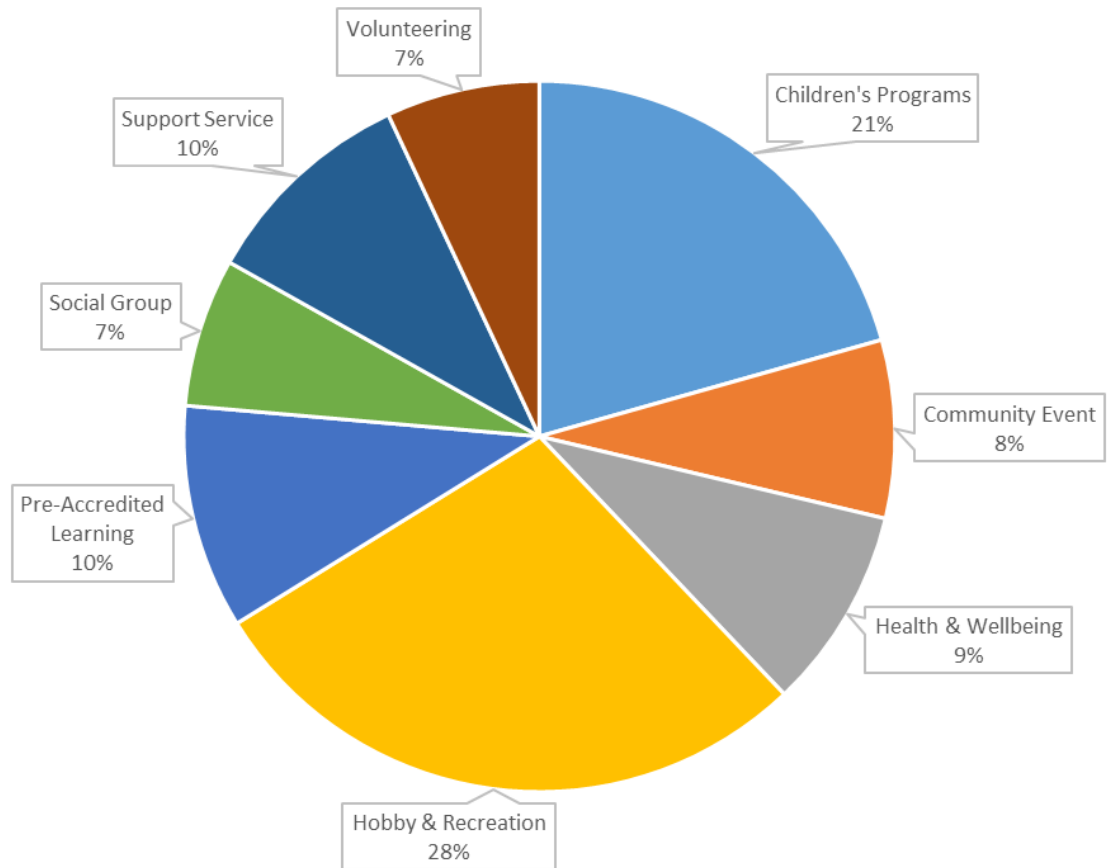
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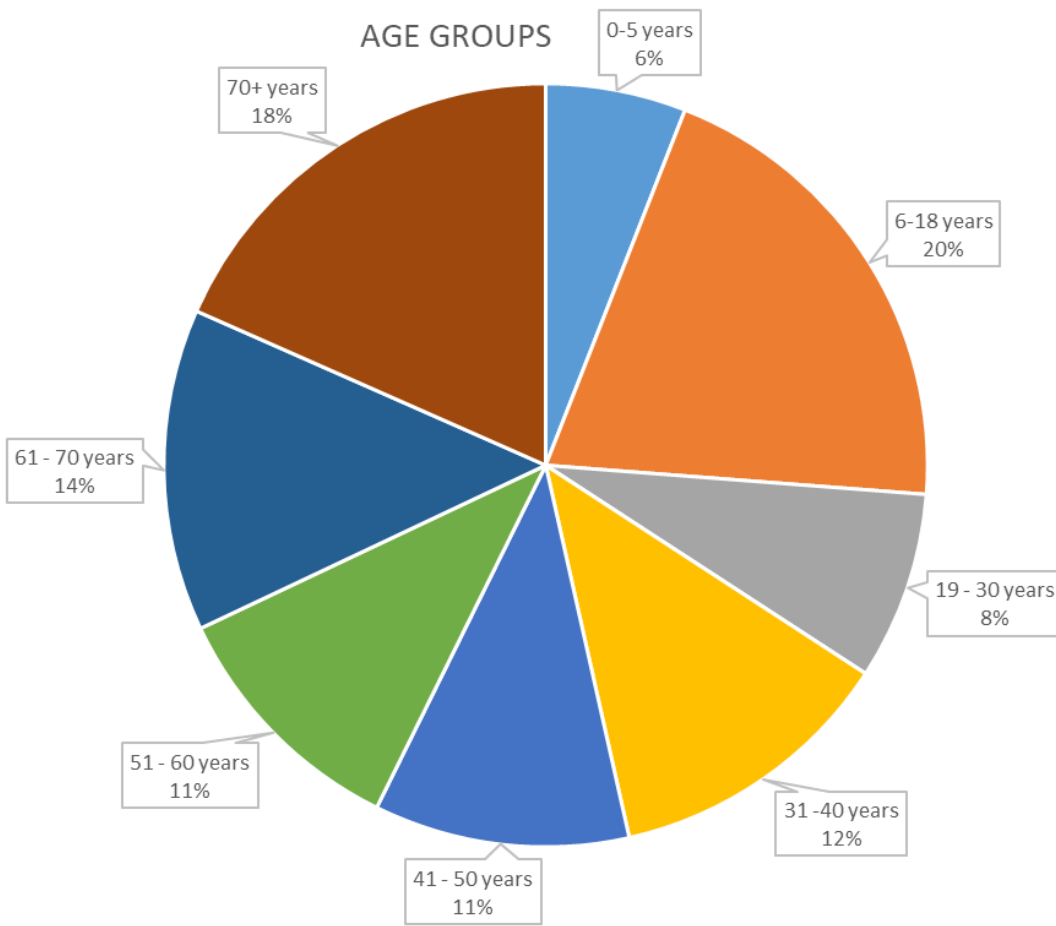


participant stats 2023

PROGRAM ENROLMENTS



AGE GROUPS



acknowledgements

FUNDING BODIES

Australian Neighbourhood Houses & Centres Association
Adult Community & Further Education Board
Bank Australia
Bennelong Foundation
City of Melbourne
City of Moonee Valley
coHealth
Collier Foundation
Department of Families, Fairness & Housing
Department of Jobs Precincts & Regions
Department of Premier & Cabinet
Enterprise Charitable Fund
Hotham Mission
Inger Rice Foundation
Kensington Chamber Players
Melbourne Airport
Public Records Office Victoria
Sustainability Victoria
Vic Health
Victorian Multicultural Commission
Victorian Women's Trust
William Buckland Foundation

BOARD

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CONTRACTORS

Collins & Co.
NH Vic Assist
Bev's Books
Inner City
Garden Maintenance
Titanium Electrical

IN-KIND SUPPORTERS

Pinchapoo
Tooth Heaven Dental Clinic
Pets Of The Homeless
Knit One Give One
St Thomas' Church
Foodworks, Racecourse Rd
Woolworths Newmarket
Kensington Stockyard Food Garden
Second Bite

PARTNERS

78 Seniors Club
Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre
Christ Church Kensington
coHealth
Cultivating Community
Debney Meadows Primary School
Edmund Rice Community Services
Farnham St Neighbourhood Learning Centre
Gardens for Wildlife Melbourne
Hotham Mission
Kensington Community Childcare Co-op
Kensington Chinese Friendship Group
North Melbourne Language & Learning
Service Stars – Community Jobs Alliance
The Centre
The Venny
Transition Town Kensington
Unison
Wingate Avenue Community Centre

staff & contractors

Rebecca Smith, Manager
Esther Sadek, Community Development Specialist
Freyja Dixon, Community Education Manager
Kerrie Jones, Administration Support
Nicole Johnson, Study Support Coordinator
Amran Guleid, Study Support Coordinator, Debney Hub Coordinator

Anna Kolusniewski, Teacher, Art Workshops
Anna Peduto, Replacement English Teacher
Anne Douglas, Teacher, Healthy Living & Learning, various workshops
Arzu Yilmaz, Teacher, Cooking workshops
Bev Wyburn, Women Dance & Celebrate
Ayden A. Carter, Teacher, Creative Writing
Caroline Hawkins, Teacher, Basket Weaving
Christine McPherson, Teacher, English As An Additional Language
Iddah Gebremedhin, Cleaning
Irma Revera, Teacher, Latin American Art Workshops
Jane Farrell, Teacher, Getting Started With Computers, Canteen Course
Jennifer Tran, Community Art Facilitator (From The HeART project)
John Howard, Choir Leader
Katherine Taborda, Teacher, Latin American Art Workshops
Lily O'Connell, Teacher, Creative Art For Kids
Liam Jarret-Jenkins, Contractor, Graphic Design
Maria Watt, Strong Foundations Literacy Specialist
Margaret Bergin, Teacher, Sew & Grow
Maryam Bid, Playgroup Leader
Michael Slee, Teacher, Cooking Workshops
Patrick Petein, Lecturer, Art & Design
Parul Sen, Teacher, Digital Art Workshops
Phillip Gao, Photographer
Ralph Pabelico, Reconnect Worker
Rawia Bid, Playgroup Leader
Rhonda Weatherby, Instructor, Gentle Movement
Robyn Allen, Facilitator, Jewelry Repair Workshop
Rohan Schwartz, Teacher, Painting & Drawing, Suminagashi
Sally Ford, Instructor, Gentle Movement
Samantha Flanagan, Instructor, Gentle Exercise
Shoko Mafuno, Teacher, Japanese Pottery
Summayyah Sadiq-Ojibara, Facilitator, Kensington Sister Circle
Therese Slee, Teacher, Cooking Workshops
Verena Puello, Teacher, Cooking Workshops
Zafu Engda, Cleaning

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