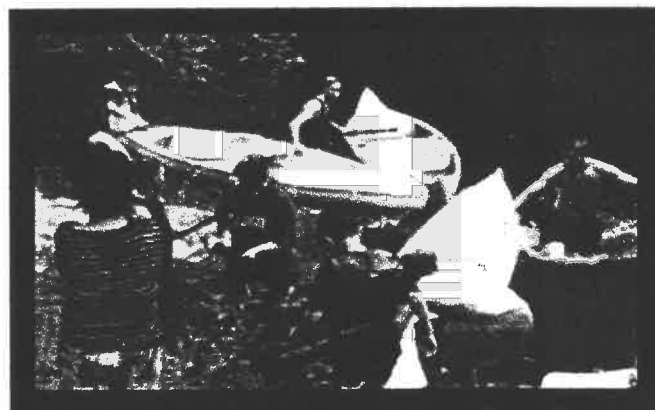


*Kensington Neighbourhood
House
Annual Report 2000*



KENSINGTON WOMEN'S GROUP CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION INC.

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2000 COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEMBERS

Chairperson:	Sue Millett
Assistant Chairperson:	Maureen Fagan
Secretary:	Ruth Harrison
Treasurer:	Joy Fraser
Members:	Elle Valdebenito
	Francisco Toro
	Jose Martinez













2000 WORKERS, VOLUNTEERS AND COMMITTEE

Lyn Healy
Michelle Alchin
Samantha McGuffie
Wendy Toohey
Carmello Mifsud
Nafisa Amini
Amando Torres
Maureen Fagan
Mary Anne Misfud
Kenny Reardon
Daniel (childcare)
Albie Kennedy
Sandro Onofrio
Kim Lan Hua
Chris Hooper
Maria Martinez
Kathleen Zeimer
Morki Kamil
Sue Millett
Helen Rollinson
Sagal Kamal
Sheila Byard
Christine Madden
Mary Rainsbury
Elle Valdebenito
Francisco Toro
Daniel (the physio)

Brian Scanlon
Jasmine Dawson
Ruby Guy
Chu Tran
Helen Frawley
Joy Fraser
Silvia Tolitt
Michelle Turner
Sen Nguyen
Ruth Harrison
Marta Elliott
Vicky Cockburn
Chi Tran
Colleen Reardon
Wendy Lampert
Maureen Flannery
Fran Pruckner
Jose Martinez
Terry Lawless
Denise Henderson
Genivieve Nhill
Paul Mayfield
Margret Bergen
Kylie Mahoney
Catherine Fitzgerald
Lesley Hoatson
Tracey Overstead

**KENSINGTON WOMEN'S GROUP CHILDCARE ASSOCIATION
INC.**

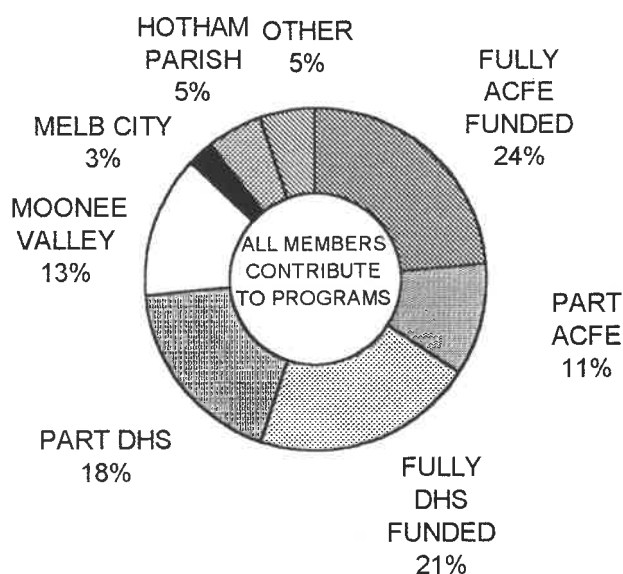
Statement of Purpose

-  To work within the principals of Community Development and Social Justice.
-  To provide quality Adult Community and Further Education as a Registered ACE Organisation.
-  To provide a welcoming environment which is **universally** accessible and free of discrimination, to foster growth and development.
-  To alleviate social isolation particularly the **aged, frail and persons with disabilities** by encouraging self-help support group development.
-  To encourage the enhancement of skills and knowledge, particularly those from **lower-socio economic and non-English speaking backgrounds.**
-  To provide an environment, which encourages self-determination by which individuals may seek choice and take control of decisions affecting lives.
-  To provide culturally appropriate access to information, advocacy, linkages and resources, **particularly for the unemployed, homeless and victims of domestic violence and others living in circumstances where they are unable to adequately provide for themselves and their family.**
-  To provide quality **Occasional Child Care.**
-  To provide services to alleviate poverty by accepting donations of clothing, toys and food to be redistributed to those in need, **particularly children.**
-  To assist in the development of each individual's potential as members of the broader community.
-  To provide an environment where people may develop community networks and supportive relationships.
-  To provide opportunities for individual self-expression, social interaction, and personal achievement.

HISTORY OF KENSINGTON WOMEN'S GROUP CHILD CARE ASS. INC.

Kensington Neighbourhood House was one of the first Neighbourhood Houses in Victoria. Our first year was 1974. Kensington Women's Group (our Neighbourhood House) was started as a support group for women. Because there was no government policy about neighbourhood houses, there was no set pattern for growth or development, or for funding. Volunteers worked tirelessly to promote the growth of our Neighbourhood House. We have grown from a volunteer run organisation focused on the support needs of women in Kensington, to a large and well established Association which offers occasional child care, accredited educational and vocational classes as well as support groups, recreational activities, self help and community education and organisational activities. Our House has a lively community spirit and our members share they lives, cultures and knowledge with one another. We have over 120 people participate in our programs and activities each week. We hope this will continue for many years to come. Thanks to the hard work of many of our members, Kensington Women's Group Child Care Association Inc. now receives funding from a range of government and non-government bodies as well as through fundraising and donations for various classes and activities. The following diagram gives you an indication of our funding sources.

Program Funding Sources



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2000

Welcome everyone to our Annual General Meeting for the year 2000. This is my first year as Chairperson of the Neighbourhood House so as you can imagine it has been a steep learning curve for me. Helen Frawley's hard work and dedication as the previous Chairperson has made my job much easier and the House is indebted to Helen for her tireless contribution. Unfortunately, due to work commitments I have not had the opportunity to meet a lot of you personally, however I feel the feedback from other Committee members and staff keeps me involved and I am familiar with many of you if in name only. I am hoping that this year I have the opportunity to spend more time at the House meeting participants and volunteers.

The year 2000 seems to have been a year of change for the Kensington community and the Neighbourhood House. These changes include relocation of people living in Holland Park, increase in population in Kensington Banks and emerging social issues facing the younger and older residence. As a result the Committee aims to incorporate these changes and for this to be reflected in the programs. The target groups in 2001 will be the older and younger people in the community. It is hoped we will be able to identify and be responsive to these emerging social and educational needs and further increase the participation in the House.

As with everything, programs and classes are always hampered by the constraints of budgets, and there is always a large gap between what we would like to offer and what the funding bodies will provide for. As a result at times difficult decisions are sometimes necessary such as to cease running a group. An example of this was the Walking Group last year. We ask for your understanding at these times and trust that the Committee and Staff always consider issues carefully and make decisions, which they feel, to be in the best interest of all participants of the House.

Of course the House would not run so smoothly and well without the dedication of the wonderful Co-ordinators, Michelle Alchin and Michelle Turner, the sessional teachers, the volunteers and the Committee of Management. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Michelle Turner back to full-time work and thank her for her consistent hard work through a difficult year due to her back injury. Thankyou to Michelle Alchin for engineering and supporting the very successful further education programs which continue to meet the needs of our changing community. On behalf of all here I would like to express to you both how much your commitment and skills are valued and your dedication to a job which at times is very difficult and thankless is appreciated. Thankyou!

I would also like to thank the many sessional teachers and staff, and the childcare staff for their dedication, flexibility and commitment to the House. Finally, a huge thankyou to the volunteers and Committee. Thankyou for your time so freely given to ensure the House runs smoothly and is reflective of participants and community needs. The House would not be able to function so successfully without your support. And to all the other people who contributed to the House in large or small ways. Your care and contribution is truly appreciated and valued.

I feel privileged to be part of this wonderful service and look forward to being involved in the Kensington Neighbourhood House in the coming year. I hope through consultation and evaluation we can work together to continue to provide programs and groups which meet the needs of the community whatever they maybe.

SUE MILLETT

TREASURER'S REPORT 2000.

THIS YEAR WE HAVE HAD THE EXTRA BURDEN OF THE G.S.T. COMING IN. THOUGH THIS HAS BEEN VERY FRUSTRATING AT TIMES, I KNOW WITH ALL THE WORK EVERYONE HAS PUT IN, ESPECIALLY DENISE HENDERSIN AND MICHELLE TURNER WE CAME THROUGH FINE.

DENISE, MICHELLE AND MYSELF RECONSTRUCTED OUR FINANCES AS FOLLOWS:

WE HAVE PUT \$10,000 IN A PROVISION ACCOUNT IN CASE WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TO COVER MICHELLE ALCHIN'S ANNUAL WAGE.

WE HAVE PUT \$4,000 AWAY FOR COMPUTERS/EQUIPMENT, AS WELL WE HAVE A WORKING ACCOUNT AND MONEY IN A CASH MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT, WHICH HAS BEEN INVESTED.

WE HAVE HAD ANOTHER TOUGH YEAR, MONEY WISE, BUT WE FINISHED UP WITH A SMALL SURPLUS. (See Auditor's Report) WHICH ISN'T TOO BAD.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK STAFF, DENISE HENDERSON AND ANYONE ELSE WHO HAS MADE MY JOB EASIER.

ABOVE ALL I WOULD THENK THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT FOR ALL THE SUPPORT AND HELP THEY HAVE GAVE ME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

THANKS,

**JOY FRASER.
TREASURER.**

NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE REPORT

TRIBUTE:

The workers, committee and all the participants of Kensington Neighbourhood House would like to pay tribute the one of our bus drivers, who passed away just prior this report being written March 11th 2001. Brian Scanlon drove for our programs for over 10 years; he was a happy and generous man who loved a joke. He contributed many things to our programs. He was always ready to lend a hand especially at our "Camp Program". We will miss him.

2000 saw the Kensington Neighbourhood House enrol 537 people from over 19 different cultural backgrounds with varying abilities. Of the 537 enrolments, 485 were women, a more than a third of whom were over sixty.

The main cultural groups attending the House were those from Anglo-Saxon, Vietnamese, Chinese, Somalian and other Horn of Africa States as well as those from South American and Spanish speaking countries.

We ran 20 different classes/programs in 2000. The average attendance for each program works out at 26. Because we ran 3 programs (Camp- which has been running for 24 years, the Vietnamese Group – which has been running for 8 years, the average attendance figures for all other classes/programs is actually 12. We believe this figure is very encouraging as there was substantial restructuring to the Kensington Housing Estate over this period and population and demographics of Kensington have been changing. We cater for the aged and those with disabilities in all our activities but we also run ethno-specific groups.

This year the programs, courses and activities included –

Pre & Postnatal exercises (in conjunction with Doula Galla Community Health Service, in the hall of Christ Church Kensington). Craft, Gentle Exercise (at Kensington Primary School), Walking, Swimming (At Footscray Leisure Centre), trips to Victoria Market, a Young Women's group, Massage Classes, and Lunches on Wednesday, and special Somalian women's classes.

This year our Elderly Indo-Chinese and Vietnamese group continued with its usual enrolment of between 110-130 and the enjoyed special luncheons and a regular sewing class.

Our camp program this year was as successful as ever. This year we went to Camp Howqua near Mansfield for 5 days, taking people 113 from multicultural backgrounds, with diverse abilities and ages. Our outings and activities at camp included going gold panning, canoeing, and visiting an Alpaca farm. We went to Glenrowan where Ned Kelly stood and fought the Police for the last time. The children organized their own cricket match and the adults watched in glee.

Our "camp" program promotes multicultural tolerance and binds our community in spirit. As I have said before. It encourages people to come to the House the whole year through and reaches the disadvantaged in our community. Some of the people who come to our "camp" wouldn't otherwise get any holiday. With the generosity of Hotham Parish Mission, Isis Primary Care and Carer's Link West we were able to take one of our regular participants who has multiple disabilities to "camp".

This year also saw the development of a “Community Computer Access Program”. With donations of computers from Adult Community and Further Education and the “People Together Project” we were able to set up a computer room and deliver basic computer classes. The computers were also available for the community to access on their own time, similarly to how a library works.

A special thank you to:

Kensington Joint Congregation for the use of their hall to run activities and classes and their support in allowing participants with disabilities to attend our “Camp Program.”

Kensington Primary School for the use of their gymnasium and classrooms

Douta Galla Community Health Service for working with us on some of our programs

Committee of Management members for their hard and continual work throughout the year.

Kensington Legal Service for their advice and support

All the Volunteers without whom the House couldn’t run smoothly

Melbourne Community Care for their transport services (a big Thankyou to Lyn, the bus driver)

Melbourne Aged Care Services (esp. Anna Poulentzas) for allowing Chu to come and translate for us at the Vietnamese group and supporting us with transport.

Rockleigh Tours who supply the transport for our Vietnamese Group

Michelle Turner
Neighbourhood House Coordinator

FURTHER EDUCATION REPORT

The Vocational Education and Further Education programs last year remained fairly stable and focused in providing education within a holistic model of delivery. The House continued its commitment to providing training in childcare to local women whose first language is not English whilst providing competent, trained and bilingual workers to the Childcare Industry. Last year we had an unprecedented 100% employment take-up of our students from the **Certificate III in Children's Services**. Employers were predominantly childcare centers within the Cities of Melbourne and Moonee Valley, as well as Moonee Valley Council. Students last year were from a mixed cultural background: Spanish, El Salvadorian, Chilean, Egyptian, Anglo-European, Somali, and Anglo-Australian. It is a tribute to the communicative skill, imaginative teaching and dedication of the Childcare Course teachers – Kathy Zeimer and Maureen Flannery as well as to the hard work and commitment of the students themselves that we had such a successful outcome.

There were many things to be proud of, as there are every year, one of biggest being that the course is still community owned and community driven. We hope that we continue to have the support and increasing understanding of the community paradigm through Adult Community and Further Education in funding a VET course, which provides opportunities to local women who remain disadvantaged within the mainstream educational system.

Thanks are also extended to our local network of childcare centers that accept our students every year as part of the “field work” component of the Certificate III course, as well as welcoming a few newcomers: Kensington Community Childcare Cooperative

- Hopetoun Childcare Centre, Nth Melbourne
- Flemington Primary School After School Care Program
- Wingate Avenue Community Childcare Centre, Ascot Vale
- Shuter Street Occasional Care, Moonee Ponds
- Mini Minors Childcare Centre, Keilor
- Hotham Hub Childcare Centre, Nth Melbourne

I also appreciate the hospitality of Kensington Primary School, where the course is held, for the use of an excellent room and shared facilities.

English as a Second Language classes are one of the mainstays of Neighbourhood Houses. Both ESL courses continued to run on a part time basis over 2000. These classes offer stability, enjoyment and a safe learning environment for the students who come. A few students felt ready to commit to the challenge of full time classes at RMIT and AMES – it's always good to see people ready to move forward and I extend my thanks to the 2 ESL teachers – Wendy Lampert and Chris Hooper for providing a nurturing and strengthening environment for our students. But it's always very heartening when you see people move on because their needs have changed!

The House moved forward too last year with our computer training. Over the second half of the year we offered **Introduction to Computers** to three targeted groups in our community. Classes were for “Over 50's”, “Students whose first language is not English” and a “General” class. Thanks to teachers, Bonnie Simons and Brigitte Bogart. There is consistent demand for IT training in our community and the Neighbourhood House, which we hope to harness support for and build on over the coming years. Students want to continue to develop their computer skills and literacy and have more focused training needs: specific software programs, internet training for specific use, ethno-specific teaching in a language other than English, chat rooms. We continue to encourage access and learning to the most marginalised in our community who are at risk of becoming society's new “information poor”. However, there will always be a need for an introductory course, we hope that funding opportunities allows us to deliver specifically to community needs.

The African Women's Group focused around sewing and English and lunch meetings. Dialogue with the Somali women in our community is always renewing, an invaluable link being provided by Segal Kamil our cultural support worker with the House. Work with this community also extended to a workshop with teachers on “*Inclusive teaching strategies for Somali Adult Learners*” funded under the Professional Development Program of the Central Western Metropolitan of ACFE. The session originated

partly from the results of a research/needs analysis “*Somali Women Speak Their Needs*” (conducted by us in 1999 and released during 2000) combined with an expressed interest by teachers to share and discuss teaching experience. The House was fortunate to enlist the expertise of Gayle Morris, Program Manager, and Faculty of Further Education at Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE to conduct the workshop.

Formation of the **Moonee Valley ACE (Adult Community Education) Network** in May was a significant and positive step last year, made possible by the successful funding proposal totalling approximately \$90,000 over 18 months to fund the network, our planning and activities until December 2001. The Network has an education focus and comprises:

- Flemington Reading and Writing Program
- North Melbourne Language and Literacy
- E-Net – Essendon Network for Employment and Training
- Flemington Neighbourhood House
- Wingate Avenue Community Centre
- Kensington Neighbourhood House
- North and West Melbourne Neighbourhood Centre

The primary objective of the network is to operate as a collaborative partnership to enable strategic planning in key areas and to develop a support base for workers who it must be acknowledged operate to maximum capacity, mostly within part time hours, with minimal resources! The key areas, which we work to, are:

- Marketing activities and raising the profile of *community* education as a viable educational alternative
- Administrative support with mandatory statistical collection (NRolls)
- Education & Training Needs analysis of our various communities
- Information and Technology support
- Pathways
- Policy and Project Development

All of these project activities are examples of how critical mass will enhance the education and training opportunities in the Moonee Valley and North Melbourne areas. Since June 2000, Network funding has contributed to the installation of our computers in the Computer room and has ensured the *completely* completed annual statistical collection – Nrolls (a huge load off my shoulders!). 2000 also saw the Neighbourhood House being involved in local community activities at the invitation of local resident, Sheila Byard. “**The local History project/ Kensington Walk**” held on the long weekend in June was a great opportunity for the House to be open to the community on the Sunday of the Walk, being the last port of call for rest and relaxation for the walkers, runners, bike riders, skate boarders, dog walkers, pram pushers and wanderers enjoying the stroll around Ken. It was a wonderful day with a memorable visit by past inhabitants and relatives of the original owner of 89 McCracken St prior to the Women’s Group purchase.

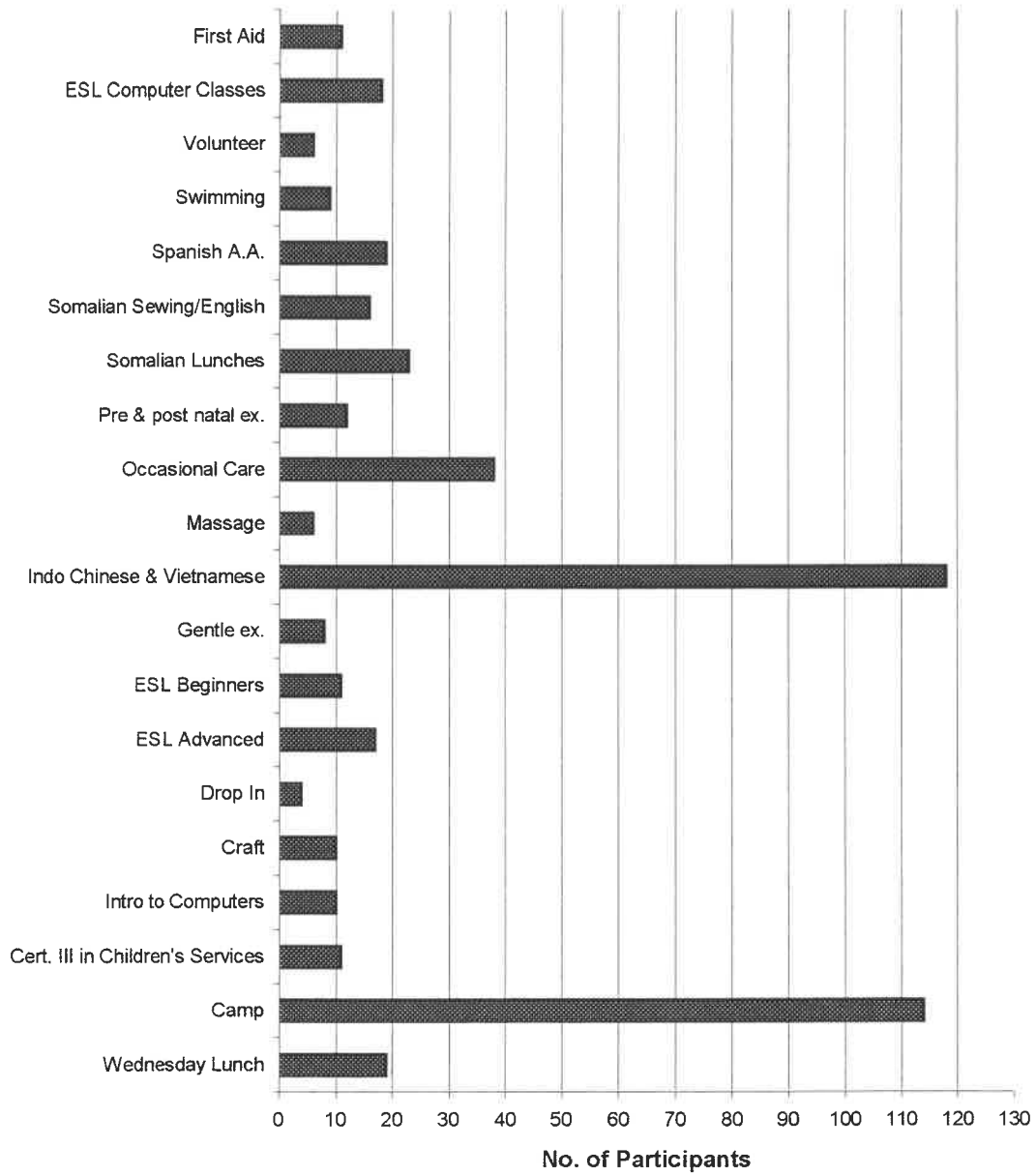
The “**Peace Garden**” picnic in October held in celebration of the **World March of Women – to alleviate poverty and domestic violence** was another activity initiated by Sheila, which we were happy to be included in. The Picnic was held in the Peace Garden, Epsom Road and was an afternoon of dancing, picnicking and socializing by women and agencies from the local area and beyond.

2000 was a full, enjoyable and enormously satisfying year for me as Coordinator of these programs. There were many relationships forged, successes to be part of and celebrated, mobilization of ideas to fruition and sharing. There was expansion and challenge. It’s important to acknowledge that none of these things happen in isolation – the reality of the years events is due to teamwork and collaboration by teachers, students, participants, other workers and residents, everyone who finds it worthwhile to invest in the Neighbourhood House, to invest in community, to keep it buoyant, alive and happening. It also wouldn’t be possible without the financial support of the Central Western Metropolitan Region of Adult Community and Further Education who is a substantial financial contributor.

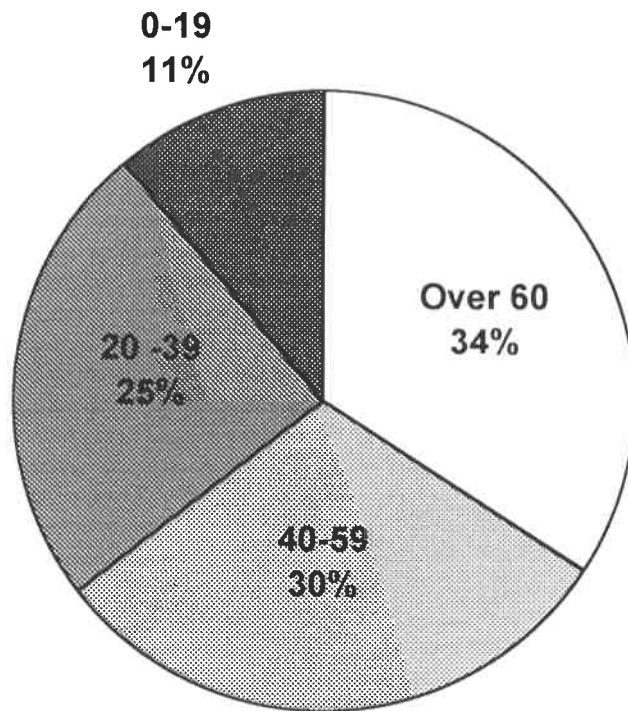
Michelle Alchin

Further Education Coordinator

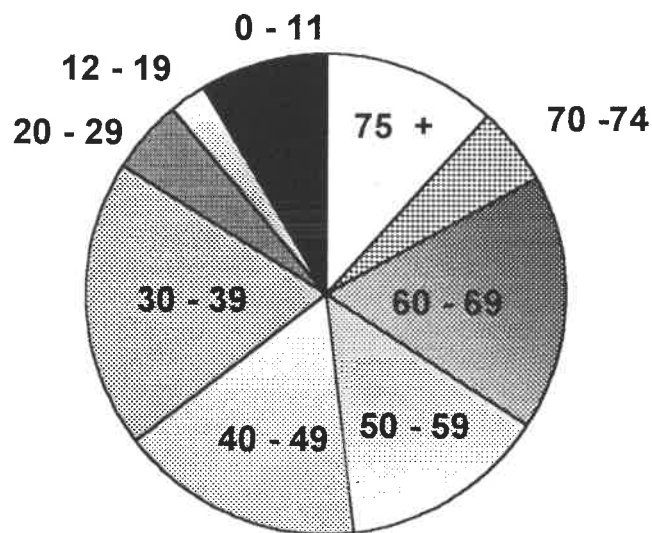
Kensington Neighbourhood House Enrolments 2000



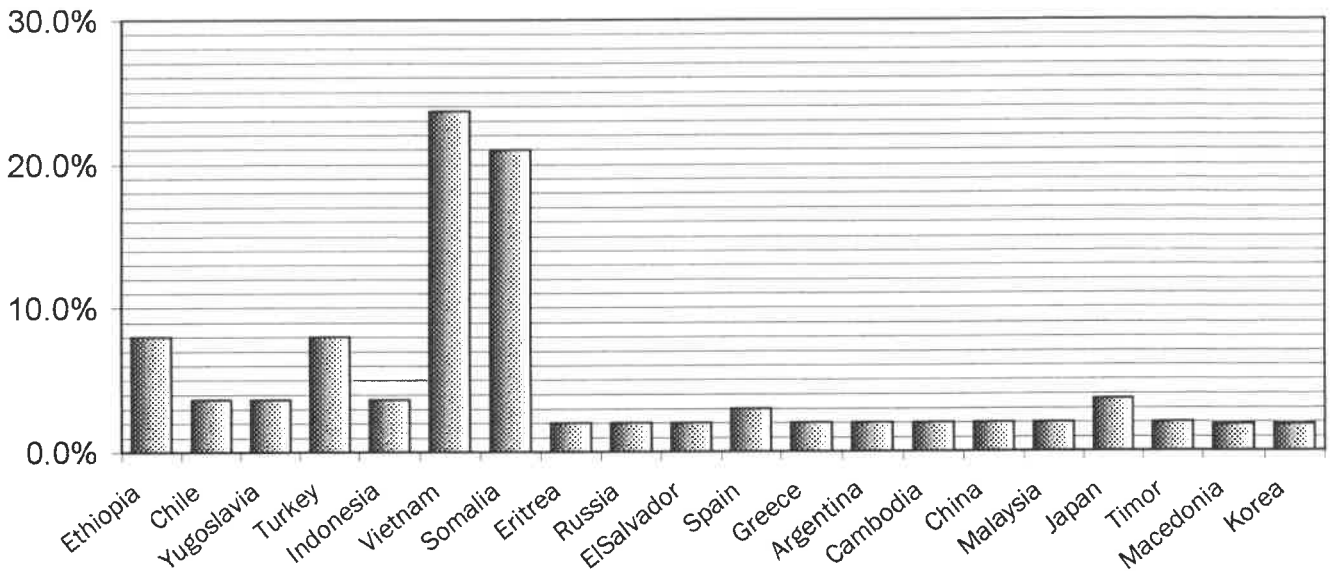
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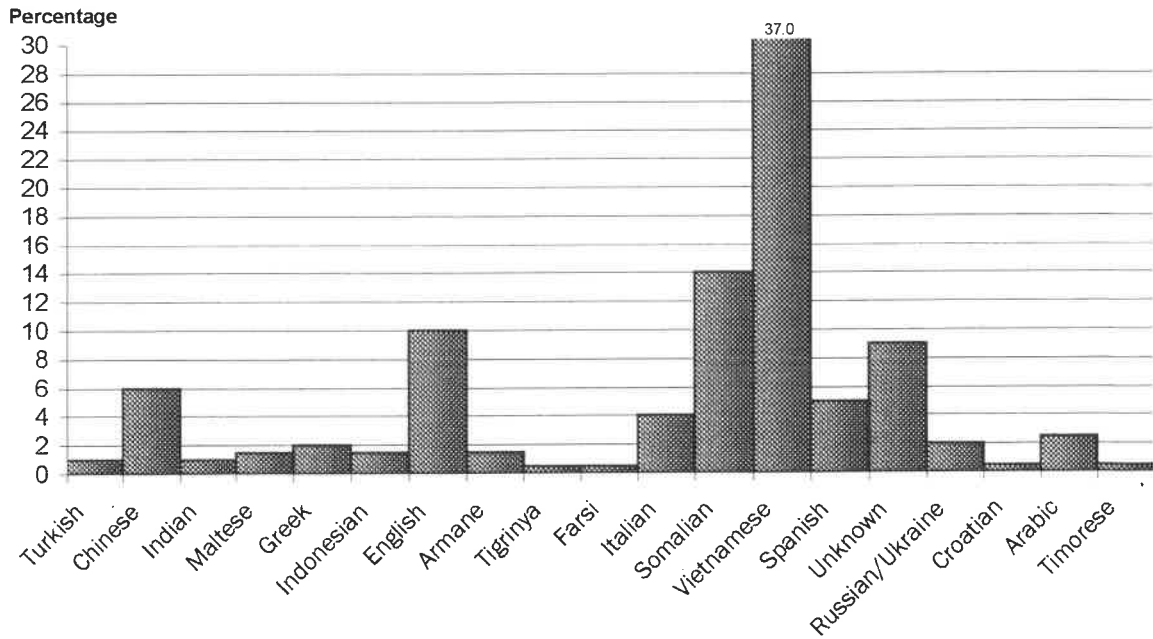
Participant Age Groups



ESL Students Enrolments



Languages Spoken at Home by Participants of Kensington Neighbourhood House



KENSINGTON WOMEN'S GROUP CHILD CARE
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REG. NO: A0031462P

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2000

KENSINGTON WOMEN'S GROUP CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

REG. NO: A0031462P

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2000

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Grants - Carers Links	1,434	-
" - ISIS Primary Care	1,952	-
" -Dept Human Services		
- Neighbourhood House	51,065	45,716
" - Capital	-	1,695
" - Occasional Care	6,428	6,345
" - H.A.C.C.	-	6,285
" City of Melbourne	2,700	-
" Dept. of Education - A.C.F.E./O.T.F.E.	59,960	63,904
" Dept. of Premier & Cabinet	1,100	12,450
" City of Moonee Valley	<u>14,235</u>	<u>18,437</u>
	138,874	154,832
Rental Income	995	1,445
Donations – Neighbourhood House	15,621	13,884
Fundraising	307	786
Interest Received	913	831
Workcover Reimbursement	<u>8,898</u>	<u>11,379</u>
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	165,608	183,157
<u>LESS EXPENDITURE</u>		
(as per statement attached)	<u>164,362</u>	<u>183,202</u>
<u>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</u>		
	1,246	(45)
Less IndoChinese/Vietnamese Surplus	(1,337)	-
<u>ADD ACCUMULATED SURPLUS 1.1.2000</u>	<u>5,642</u>	<u>5,687</u>
<u>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS AS AT 31/12/2000</u>	<u>\$ 5,551</u>	<u>\$ 5,642</u>

KENSINGTON WOMEN'S GROUP CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

REG. NO: A00314620

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2000

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
Administration Expenses	2,167	3,317
<u>Employment Expenses</u>		
Professional Development	220	-
Wages & Salaries	43,282	37,564
Superannuation	2,140	2,543
Workcover	4,083	2,154
Medical Expenses	-	427
Other Employment Expenses	918	615
Leave Provision	1,050	5,890
Travel Allowances	<u>520</u>	<u>535</u>
	52,213	49,728
<u>Finance Expenses</u>		
Bank Charges	258	611
Legal & Accounting	<u>3,524</u>	<u>3,431</u>
	3,782	4,042
<u>House Utilities & Maintenance</u>		
Electricity	981	1,090
Gas	565	421
Water	457	458
Insurance	1,615	-
Maintenance	932	1,037
Cleaning	1,599	1,888
Less Recoup	<u>(5,004)</u>	<u>-</u>
	1,145	4,894
<u>Cost of Programs</u>		
Transport Hire	11,526	8,981
Petrol/Parking	904	435
Materials	823	1,290
Venue Hire	13,604	12,636
Equipment Rental	-	31
Consumables	3,005	3,505
Repairs & Maintenance	183	310
Equipment	76	680
Miscellaneous Administration	543	333
Wages & Associated Expenses	58,384	75,269
Program Administration Fee	10,760	12,350
House Rent Fee	5,004	-
Sundry Program Expenses	<u>243</u>	<u>5,401</u>
	105,055	121,221
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>\$ 164,362</u>	<u>\$ 183,202</u>

KENSINGTON WOMEN'S GROUP CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2000

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>		
Capital Reserve & Grants	139,832	139,832
Add Accumulated funds/(Deficiency):	<u>5,551</u>	<u>5,642</u>
<u>TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS</u>	<u>\$ 145,383</u>	<u>\$ 145,474</u>
Represented by:		
<u>CURRENT ASSETS:</u>		
Cash on Hand	891	-
Debtors	463	398
Cash on Deposit – Macaulay Community Credit Co-Operative	<u>100,914</u>	<u>69,634</u>
	102,268	70,032
<u>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES:</u>		
Creditors & Accruals	18,208	1,537
Grants Received in Advance	7,628	6,358
Provision for - Computer Maintenance	4,000	4,000
- Audit Fees	980	910
- Building Maintenance	31,120	31,120
- Staff Entitlements	6,940	5,890
- IndoChinese/Vietnamese Project	<u>11,316</u>	<u>49,815</u>
<u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u>	<u>22,076</u>	<u>20,217</u>
<u>ADD FIXED ASSETS:</u>		
Buildings (at cost)	147,224	147,224
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>30,660</u>	<u>30,160</u>
	<u>116,564</u>	<u>117,064</u>
Fixtures, Fittings & Furn. (at cost)	24,678	24,078
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>17,935</u>	<u>15,885</u>
	<u>6,743</u>	<u>8,193</u>
	<u>123,307</u>	<u>125,257</u>
<u>NET ASSETS</u>	<u>\$ 145,383</u>	<u>\$ 145,474</u>

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE SPECIAL PURPOSE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2000

NOTE 1 - STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements are special purpose financial reports prepared for use by the Committee and members of Kensington Women's Group Child Care Association Inc. The Committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and there is no requirement to apply Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) in the preparation and presentation of these statements.

These statements are prepared on an accrual basis from the records of the Association. They are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money value or except where stated, current valuations of non current assets. Accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

KENSINGTON WOMEN'S GROUP CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION INC.
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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the Members of Kensington Women's Group Child Care Association Inc.

Scope

I have audited the attached financial statements, being a special purpose financial report, of Kensington Women's Group Child Care Association Inc. for the year ended 31st December, 2000. The Committee of Management is responsible for the financial statements and have determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 and the needs of the members. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of Kensington Women's Group Child Care Association Inc. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial statements have been prepared for distribution to the members for the purpose of meeting the requirements of the constitution. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial statements to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than for which it was prepared.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements. (These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and UIG Consensus Views).

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion the financial statements present fairly, in accordance with the accounting policies described in the Notes to the financial statements and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981, the financial position of Kensington Women's Group Child Care Association Inc. as at 31st December, 2000, and the results from operations for the year then ended.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2001

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