

Kensington Neighbourhood House EST 1975

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



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 respects 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

This year has been an important one for Kensington Neighbourhood House as we celebrated our 50th anniversary. It is a milestone that reflects what can be achieved when community members come together with a shared purpose.

Over the past 50 years the House has been sustained by the dedication of many people. Boards, Managers, staff and volunteers have all contributed their time, skills and energy to ensure KNH remains welcoming and supportive. Each group has built on the work of those before them, responding to changing community needs, introducing new programs and creating an environment where people feel valued and connected. It is thanks to their ongoing commitment that KNH has remained such an important part of local life for half a century.

The 50th anniversary celebration in November brought that history and vision to life. People from many different backgrounds came together to share stories, food, songs, and memories. Displays of photos, artwork, and historical artifacts were a highlight and showed how both Kensington and KNH have evolved over the years. The handmade doll display was a standout.

Local, State and Federal representatives also attended, recognising the important role the House plays in our community. The evening was a reminder that KNH is valued not only by those who use it directly but also by the wider community and decision-makers who understand the difference that it makes.

Throughout the year, KNH has continued to offer a wide range of programs that respond to local needs, from creative and learning opportunities to wellbeing initiatives and social connection groups. Each program reflects our commitment to creating an environment where people feel welcome, supported and connected.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank our Manager Rebecca Smith and the team of staff at the House for their professionalism, dedication, and care. Their work ensures the House remains responsive, inclusive and attentive to the needs of the community.

KNH is also supported by a dedicated group of volunteers whose generosity, time, and skills make an enormous difference. At the 50th celebration, many volunteers shared how much they value being part of the House. For them, volunteering provides a sense of connection, purpose, and belonging, just as it does for the people they support.

chairperson's report cont.

I also want to acknowledge my fellow Board members, who generously give their time and bring a wide range of skills in governance, finance, strategy, community development, and leadership. Their contributions help ensure the House is well managed and able to meet the needs of the community into the future.

Fifty years is an important milestone. It was achieved because of the vision of the women who founded the House and is sustained through the ongoing contributions of staff, volunteers, participants and Board members.

As we look ahead to 2026, Kensington Neighbourhood House continues to provide opportunities for people to connect, belong and contribute to their local community.

New participants and volunteers are always welcome.

If you would like to explore the history of our house in more detail, a fantastic collection of archival photographs, newsletters and reports can be found [here](#).

Warm regards,

LISA FRYE

Chairperson



manager's report

2025 was a very special year. It was the year we celebrated half a century of extraordinary community work.

As many know, Kensington Neighbourhood House was established in 1975 by a group of local women. While a lot of community organisations from the 70's have struggled to stay viable, our house has grown from strength to strength over five decades.

In 2025 we recorded over 1,300 enrolments in dozens of programs ranging from playgroups to adult education, from cooking to choir, and from social groups to code club. People of all ages from 53 different countries came through our doors to connect, learn and share.

In terms of standout achievements for 2025, our fantastic 50th Anniversary celebration was a major highlight. It was a terrific event attended by more than 220 people. I loved seeing so many community members enjoying themselves and learning more about our house. It was also great to have politicians from Local, State and Federal government in attendance. See page 7 for further details.

2025 was also the year we dragged our downstairs bathroom into the 21st century. It is always a big decision to undertake building renovations, however the extensive planning and procurement work done in 2024 made the actual construction process very smooth. It was a significant investment for the organisation, but we now have a fully accessible bathroom and back deck area that will carry us through the next 50 years! My thanks to Mary-Ann Jackson and Michelle Kelly from Visionary Design Development and Jane Rowan-Paul and Theresa Branc from Property Belle for their amazing work.

Some of my other favourite things from 2025:

- Commencing our 2025-2027 Strategic Plan.
- Establishing two brand new Homework Clubs. One at Flemington Primary and one at Debney Meadows Primary, supporting over 75 children per week;
- Introducing a new Yoga course and an additional Gentle Exercise session, bringing our total low-cost exercise offerings to 5 classes a week;

manager's report cont.

- Co-ordination of a monthly Help Hub where multiple different support agencies gather in the one place to offer assistance. This has made a big difference for many community members with complex needs.

There were many other highlights during the year. You can read about those on pages 9 to 12.

It is a tough environment for neighbourhood houses these days. Nearly half of all houses across the State are running at a loss. The fact that KNH continues to thrive is testament to our incredible staff. Each individual does their very best - writing grants, running projects, building partnerships, nurturing relationships, and always, always putting community first. I feel privileged to work with such a great team.

I am also very lucky to have a strong and supportive Board. KNH has maintained the tradition of local representation on its Board, and nearly all members are 3031 residents. They volunteer their time month after month to govern the organisation with great care and expertise. I greatly appreciate their support.

Here's to the next 50 years!

REBECCA SMITH
Manager



50 Years of Kensington Neighbourhood House

On Friday the 14th November 2025, Kensington Neighbourhood House celebrated half a century of continuous community support. Over 220 people of all ages gathered to share stories, eat great food, create art, dance, sing and celebrate the history of this very special place.

It is impossible to put into words the warmth, friendliness and joy of the night. There was a real sense of honouring our history while also looking forward to our future.

Ellen Sandell MP set the scene by acknowledging the original founders of the house and their extraordinary work and persistence ("We're standing on the shoulders of giants").

Councillor Gladys Liu spoke of the special contribution KNH has made to the City of Melbourne.

Rebecca Smith, Manager of KNH spoke about the house's unbroken history of community ownership and its steadfast focus on bringing people together – to share, learn and support one another:

"In a world that is increasingly fragmented and divisive; our beautiful, inclusive, welcoming, peaceful house continues to thrive. People of every age and every place; all of us just muddling along together and learning as we go. That brings me joy. And it deserves to be celebrated."

One of the highlights of the night was the entire crowd joining in a rousing chorus of Happy Birthday to Kensington Neighbourhood House! The handmade t-shirts worn by staff also deserve a mention – depicting the current KNH logo and the original Kensington Women's Group logo from 1975.

Over the course of the evening, people were able to view the famous KNH dolls (from 1993 and 2018); look for familiar names in a "Years & Years of Volunteers" display; and learn about KNH's contribution to community education. The upstairs floor of the house was transformed into the "History Room" with photos, newsletters, brochures and other artefacts from the 1970's through to the present day. Downstairs, a community art activity was in full swing. The evening concluded with a performance by the "Kensingers" community choir.

Throughout the evening children played, wonderful food was served and hundreds of memories were shared. It was a very special night.

Our thanks to everyone who attended and to all of the people who worked hard to make this celebration such a success.



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2025



2025 - A year to celebrate!

Lucy Cope and family



Kerrie Jones, Intisar Farah, Bec Smith



Lachlan Porter & Georgia



Zoe & Rob Stellermans



Leilani & Elodie Davies ; Marina Perkovic



Amina Abdulaziz



Kingston, Jamima Wu , Akira



Ridwan and Amira



Cathryn Murdoch



Esther and Ted



Kyoko & daughter



Liam & Indi Cochrane



programs, activities & highlights

PROGRAMS

- Enrolments totalled 1,338 for the 2025 year. Participants came from 53 different countries of birth.
- All ACFE-funded pre-accredited training courses ran as planned, meaning that we met our delivery hours for the year.
- Pre-accredited education included 2 x English & Work Skills classes, 3 x Sew & Grow courses, a Boost Your Micro-Business (Market Stall) course and a weekly Getting Started With Computers class.
- As a project for International Women's Day, our English language students wrote and performed a play about the origins of our house: "A house built by women: A home for all."
- In response to community consultation, we added an additional Gentle Exercise session to our program along with an evening Yoga class, taking our offerings up to 5 low cost physical movement classes per week.
- Social groups – Tuesday Movie Night, Wednesday Lunch & Bingo, Vietnamese Seniors and Stitching Time continued to thrive with new members joining all groups. These programs provide much needed social connection for participants.
- Study Support and Strong Foundations went from strength to strength in 2025 with 85 children attending regularly all year. A highlight in 2025 was an author talk by Abdi Aden.
- With assistance from a Victorian African Communities Action Plan Grant, we established 2 new homework clubs in Flemington. See page 13 for more details.
- We offered 30 weekend/evening workshops over the year, employing multiple specialist facilitators.
- Weekly arts programs including Painting & Drawing and the "Kensingers" Community Choir were fully booked all year, providing regular opportunities for creating and connecting.
- Healthy Living & Learning continued to provide a weekly meal and wellbeing activities for approximately 49 residents of the Kensington estate. 1073 sit down meals were cooked across the year with an additional 839 meals provided to take away.
- Strong engagement in after school activities for local children with 4 Creative Art For Kids classes and 2 Code Clubs running all year.
- Community playgroups continued in 2025 with parents/carers and pre-school children meeting at the house 3 mornings a week.
- Thanks to Stronger Communities grant via NH Vic, we were able to introduce Little Seeds - a nature-based playgroup at the Djerring Hub.
- Our community support program, headed by Catherine Hude, continued to provide essential care. 150 people were supported with individual case work.
- Our Form Help program was once again highly subscribed. Volunteers provided 343 hours of support for 139 people.



Lo An Tran, Kien Huan
Kim Lan Tran & friends



Zeray Mircha



Rayan Abdulkadir &
Lillian Hull

INNOVATION & EXCELLENCE

- Our Study Support Program was acknowledged in the Centre For Multicultural Youth publication: "Understanding Volunteers: the Crucial Role of Volunteers in Education Support."
- Education Manager, Freyja Dixon received a VET International Study Scholarship, enabling her to travel to Germany for the European Association for the Education of Adults Conference. She also connected with the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning. As a result of Freyja's research we are now exploring the idea of establishing a "UNESCO Learning City".
- Working in collaboration with multiple government agencies and community organisations, we established a monthly community Help Hub. This one-stop-shop enables community members to get assistance from several support services in the one place at the one time, resulting in great outcomes for individuals and efficiencies for organisations.
- Bec Smith represented KNH at the Melbourne 2050 Summit, where over 700 Melbournians focused on big ideas for the future of the city.
- Nicole Johnson became a founding member of the CMY Sector Advisory Group for Learning Support Programs and presented as part of a panel at the CMY Statewide Forum, Bridging The Gap.
- Bec Smith presented to the 2025 ACFE Family Learning Partnership Forum, highlighting the outcomes of our social work program in terms of adult education.
- The University of Melbourne awarded KNH a "Partner Work Integrated Learning Excellence Award" in recognition of our work with Masters of Education placement students.



The "Kensingers" Community Choir

- Catherine Hude and Freyja Dixon presented a workshop at the 2025 Regenerating Communities Conference focused on community responses to public housing relocations
- Nicole Johnson lead the Flemington Works Cultural Safety Working Group to develop a Cultural Safety Toolkit. The toolkit is an excellent resource for anyone beginning to work in diverse communities and it is being rolled out through schools and Moonee Valley Council.
- KNH participated in the launch of "Building Social Connections in Neighbourhood Houses", a toolkit developed out of research by RMIT and NH Vic. Our house and programs featured in the promotional video for the toolkit.

PARTNERSHIPS

- KNH continued to partner with Debney Meadows Primary School (DMPS) to deliver Year 3 of the Debney Meadows Community Hub project.
- We worked with DMPS, Flemington Primary, Ascot Vale West Primary and Mount Alexander College to host a "Combined Schools Iftar Dinner"
- KNH supported the Kensington Association to run an Insurance Information Evening for residents impacted by flooding.
- Nicole Johnson, Ayan Daher and Sarah Brownlow worked with the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing on an intergenerational quilt making project - celebrating the people of the Flemington Housing Estate.

KNH RECOGNISED FOR EXCELLENCE

- VET International Study Scholarship (Freyja)
- CMY Sector Advisory Group For Learning Support Programs (Nicole)
- ACFE Statewide Family Learning Partnership Forum (Bec)
- "Partner - Work Integrated Learning Excellence" Award from Melbourne Uni
- Featured in RMIT Building Social Connections in Neighbourhood Houses Toolkit

PARTNERSHIPS CONT.

- Partnerships were established with the University of Melbourne, Australian Catholic University, Victoria University, RMIT and LaTrobe to engage university students in our homework club programs and the Help Hub.
- We assisted the City of Melbourne Council with multiple community engagement activities over the year, including consultation on their Ageing Well Strategy, the opening of the Kensington Recreation Centre, Community Engagement Strategy and their Inclusive Communications Toolkit for extreme weather and climate change
- For the third year in a row, KNH worked with Council's Climate Change & City Resilience team to address heat safety and acted as a Cool Place during extreme heat events.
- KNH continued to engage with housing developers in the Macaulay Road precinct. Relationships have been established with Assemble and Local Residential and we hope to engage new community members in KNH activities.
- We worked with students from Kensington Community High School to deliver an intergenerational lunch at Healthy Living & Learning.
- KNH hosted social work students from NH Vic for an "introduction to neighbourhood houses" session.
- We partnered with Cultivating Communities to run nature play workshops at Little Seeds playgroup.
- Once again, KNH was part of the Victorian Power Saver Bonus scheme, assisting community members to apply for their rebate.
- Gardens For Wildlife Melbourne worked with KNH to provide a workshop on incorporating rare indigenous plant into garden settings.



Matthew Dunley, Councillor Gladys Liu, Lisa Frye, Capucine Hague



Lindsay & Oliver Burrows



Letberhan "Latina" Woldu



Karen Potts, Elizabeth Slatyer, Kathy Noonan

FACILITIES

- 2025 was the year our downstairs bathroom joined the 21st century! The bathroom and back deck area was completely redesigned for accessibility with building works completed in Term 2. The space is now clean, clear and suitable for people of all ages and abilities. Our thanks to Visionary Design Development and Property Belle for this work.
- An induction cooktop, electric oven and new range hood were installed in the downstairs kitchen.
- We switched off the gas! Our house is now fully electric.
- The congregation of Christ Church Kensington disbanded in 2025, moving responsibility for the site (the Hall and Church) to the Presbytery of Yarra Yarra. At this stage, KNH has been given approval to continue using the site throughout 2026.

AUSPICE & SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS

Kensington Women's Dinner	MelFoo Community Food Pantry
Kensington Reconciliation Action Group	Twins Mothers Group
Senior Vietnamese & IndoChinese Social Group	Kensington Food Growers Collective

RECONCILIATION ACTION

- Treaty Information event with KRAG, ANTaR and the First People's Assembly.
- Reconciliation week screening of "History Bites Back"
- NAIDOC Week - KNH staff supported The Venny's Morning Tea for Culture

ORGANISATION

- Our new 2025-2027 Strategic Plan commenced this year. The plan provides a roadmap for remaining responsive, relevant and viable.
- The Strategic Plan is underpinned by an annual Business Plan. Over the 2025 year we achieved 79% of planned priority actions and partially achieved a further 16%.
- In 2025, KNH employed 22 staff. 50% of our employees were local community members from migrant or refugee backgrounds – enabling 6 different languages to be spoken at our house. Half our staff live in Kensington or adjoining suburbs.
- With the help of a Local History Grant from the Public Records Office Victoria, historian Dr Jill Barnard completed cataloguing the KNH archives and materials were digitised for posterity. You can visit our archive collection here: <https://victoriancollections.net.au/organisations/kensington-neighbourhood-house>
- At the end of 2025, we conducted an IT Audit across all office devices and systems. A number of upgrades were recommended and we will undertake IT work in 2026.
- KNH continued to co-convene the Kensington Community Network (KCN), meeting regularly throughout the year.
- We were supported by 99 volunteers, contributing to a huge range of programs
- KNH hosted 2 high school work experience students over the course of the year, along with 1 Duke of Edinburgh participant and 30 university placement students.

ADVOCACY

- KNH was actively involved in the Neighbourhood Houses Victoria “Keep Our Doors Open” campaign. We are calling on the State Government to increase annual funding by \$11.7M or risk the closure of 200 neighbourhood houses across Victoria.



EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS

International Women’s Day – performance by English language students.

Harmony Day celebration at Healthy Living & Learning with shared desserts from many cultures.

Combined Schools Iftar Dinner

Reconciliation Week – Film screening.

NAIDOC Week – Treaty information session

Moon Festival – Lantern making at Healthy Living & Learning

Social Inclusion Week – KNH 50th Anniversary Celebration!

Children’s Week – Faces of Kensington art project



special projects

Debney Meadows Community Hub - Year 3- From Strength to Strength

The Community Hub on the ground floor of Debney Meadows Primary School is now well and truly established. Programs for children and parents ran throughout the year and the Hub has become a trusted and highly valued space within the Flemington community.

In 2025, the Hub maintained core programs, reintroduced community-prioritised activities and commenced new programming across early years, school-aged children, young people and adults, responding to housing instability, cost-of-living pressures and social isolation.

In early 2025, we conducted a whole-of-community strategic planning exercise. This helped with understanding what has worked well, what needs improvement and what is wanted in the future.

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



Hamida Abdi



Kate Stevanovic, Koreena Carlton,
Melinda Lagerwey



Jane Farrell & Amran Guleid

Flemington Homework Clubs

2025 saw the introduction of our Flemington Homework Clubs - one at Flemington Primary School and one at Debney Meadows Primary School.

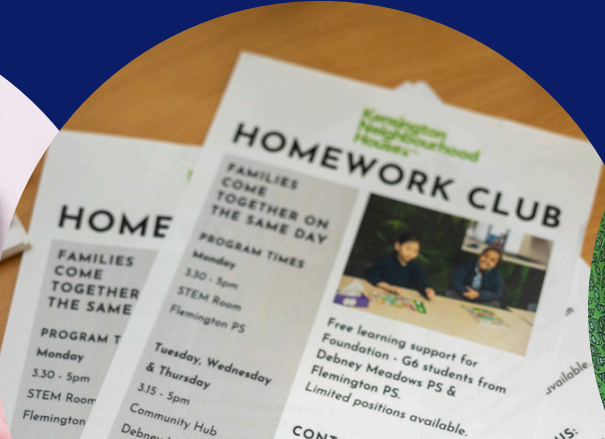
Building on the learnings from our Kensington program, the Flemington Clubs include a Team Leader, Community Liaison and experienced Literacy Teacher to ensure that children and parents feel supported. Approximately 75 children attended the Clubs regularly throughout the year.

Thanks to Fatma Mussa, Shirun Ahmud and Lucy Osborne for their work establishing this program.

The Homework Clubs are supported by a 3 year grant under the Victorian African Communities Action Plan administered by the Victorian Department of Education.



Fatma Mussa & Nour



treasurer's report

2025 was another testing year for the community sector. The challenges facing neighbourhood houses across Victoria were brought into sharp relief by the Keep Our Doors Open campaign, which highlighted just how many centres are struggling to remain viable. Rising costs, competitive grant rounds and ongoing cost of living pressures on the communities we serve made for a difficult operating environment across the board.

Against that backdrop, it is pleasing to report that Kensington Neighbourhood House finished the year in a sound financial position. As a not-for-profit, our goal is not to generate a surplus but to direct every dollar we receive toward the community we serve. The small net surplus of \$5,935 at year end is a reflection of the team's skill in securing grants and their careful stewardship of all funding that comes through the door.

The most significant capital investment of 2025 was the renovation of our downstairs bathroom and back deck, designed with accessibility front of mind. Funded from existing reserves, this work reflects our long-term commitment to ensuring the House is a welcoming and inclusive space for everyone in our community.

The organisation's Balance Sheet remains healthy. Net assets increased slightly to \$731,387 and our cash and investment position continues to provide a sound buffer for future needs. The Australian Ethical managed fund, in which KNH has invested since the pandemic, saw a small unrealised loss during 2025, though the fund's long-term performance continues to benefit the organisation.

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 31 December 2025.

KIMBERLEY SULLIVAN
Treasurer



income statement

For Year Ended 31 December 2025

	2025 \$	2024 \$
INCOME		
Grant Funding Income	849,613	893,351
Grants - Commonwealth	5,578	17,476
Grants - State	446,205	330,775
Grants - Local	149,541	246,049
Grants - Other	248,289	299,051
Other income	120,331	75,528
Fees	69,164	59,791
Other income	12,383	770
Interest received	15,090	11,693
Investment income	23,694	3,274
TOTAL INCOME	969,944	968,879
EXPENDITURE		
Administration costs	39,622	53,498
Employment costs	704,402	600,706
Depreciation	43,526	29,466
Financial expenses	9,124	8,481
Occupancy expenses	9,815	11,470
Program costs	151,236	289,430
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	957,725	993,051
Surplus/(deficit) attributable for the year	12,219	(24,172)

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

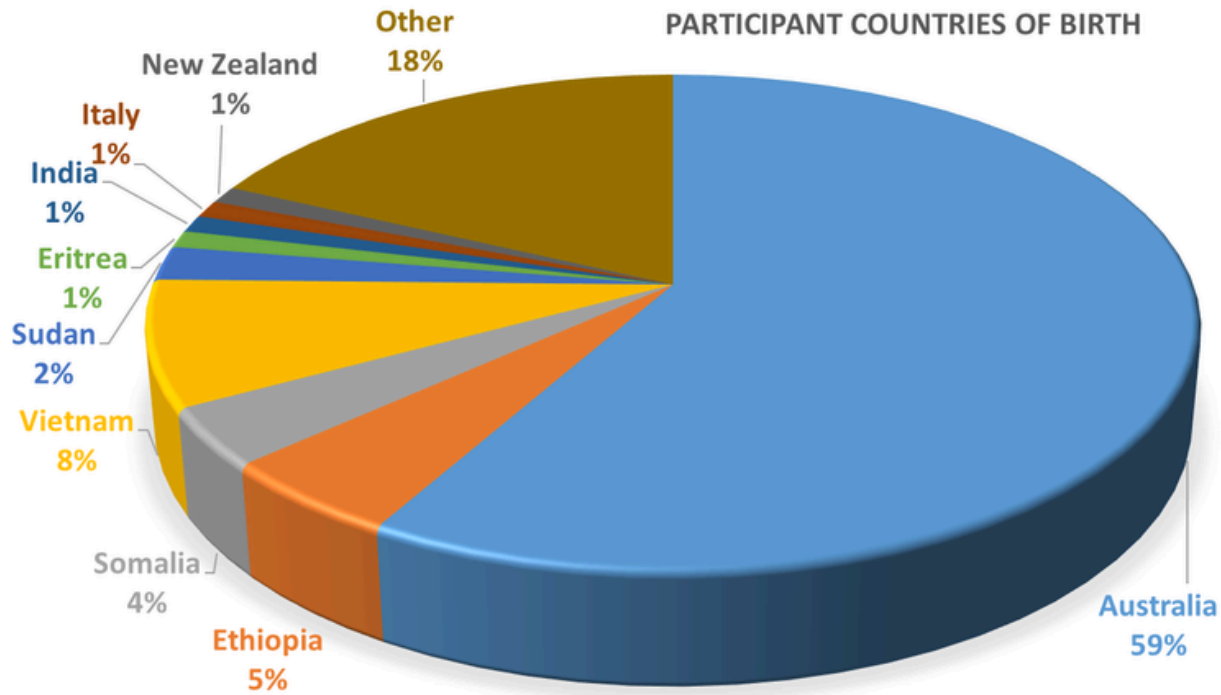
	2025 \$	2024 \$
Surplus/(deficit) attributable for the year	12,219	(24,172)
Total comprehensive income for the year:		
Unrealised gain/ (loss) on managed funds	(6,284)	24,246
Net surplus/(deficit) attributable to the Association	5,935	74

statement of financial position

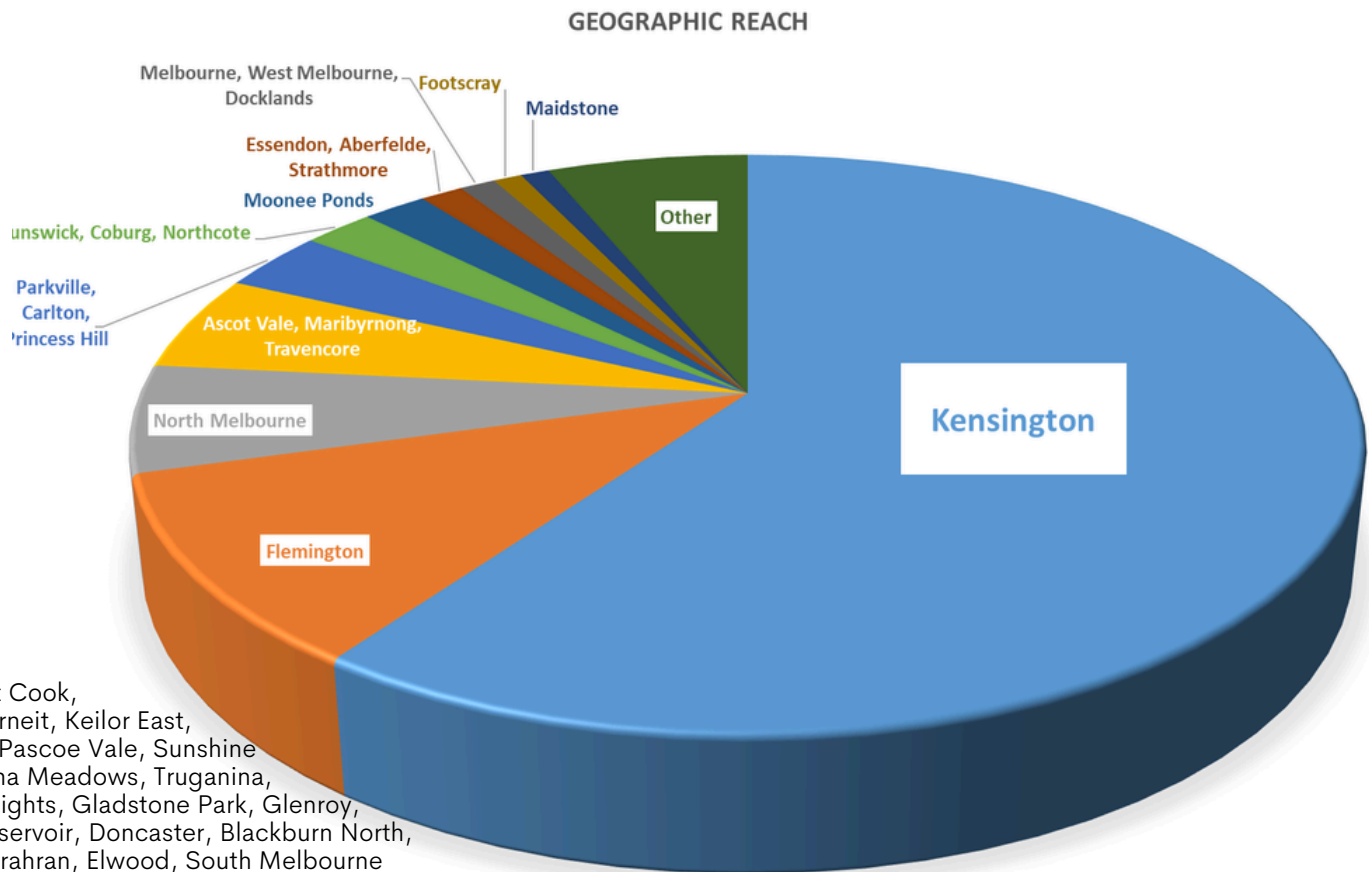
As at 31 December 2025

	2025 \$	2024 \$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	284,451	404,304
Trade and other receivables	14,785	615
Prepayments	3,477	5,207
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	302,713	410,126
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	340,978	224,213
Investment in Managed Fund	261,322	243,911
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	602,300	468,124
TOTAL ASSETS	905,013	878,250
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other creditors	33,969	34,415
Amounts received in advance	46,150	28,670
Provisions	73,862	64,639
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	153,981	127,724
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Provisions	19,645	25,074
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	19,645	25,074
TOTAL LIABILITIES	173,626	152,798
NET ASSETS	731,387	725,452
EQUITY		
Accumulated funds	407,756	395,537
Unrealised gain/ (loss) on managed funds	30,411	36,695
Property renovation funds	293,220	293,220
TOTAL EQUITY	731,387	725,452

participant stats 2025



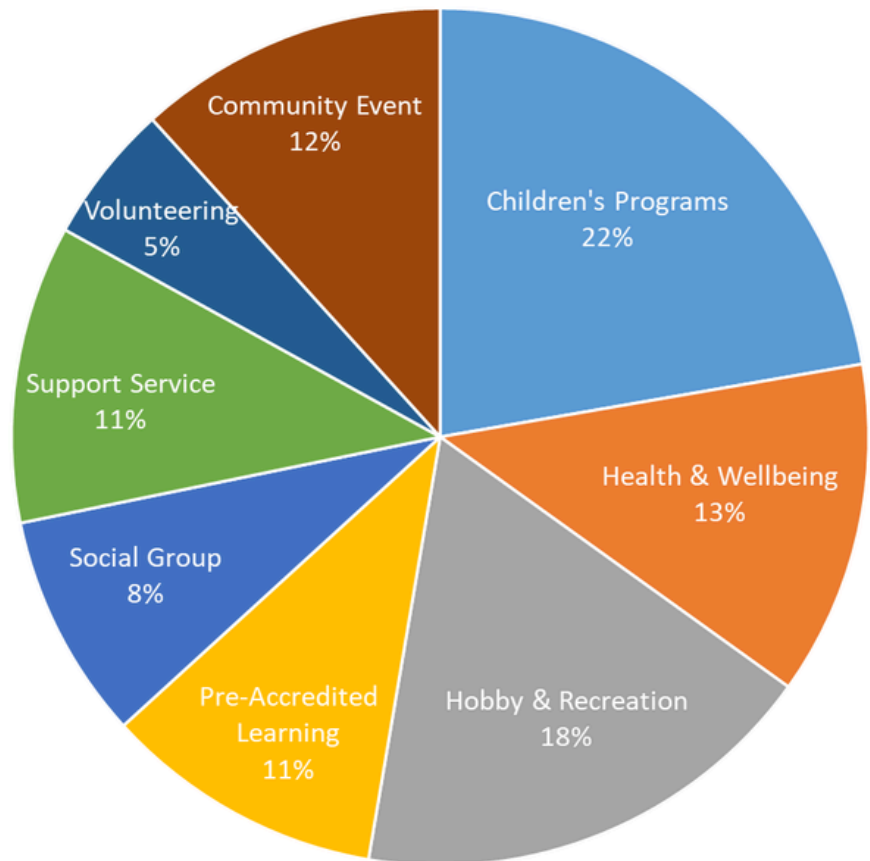
Other : Germany, Hong Kong, Indonesia, USA, China, Japan, Phillipines, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Egypt, El Salvador, England, Kenya, Korea, Lebanon, Malaysia, Netherlands, Scotland, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Turkey, Ukraine, Wales, Cyprus, Fiji, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Malta, Norway, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sweden, Thailand, Timor-Leste



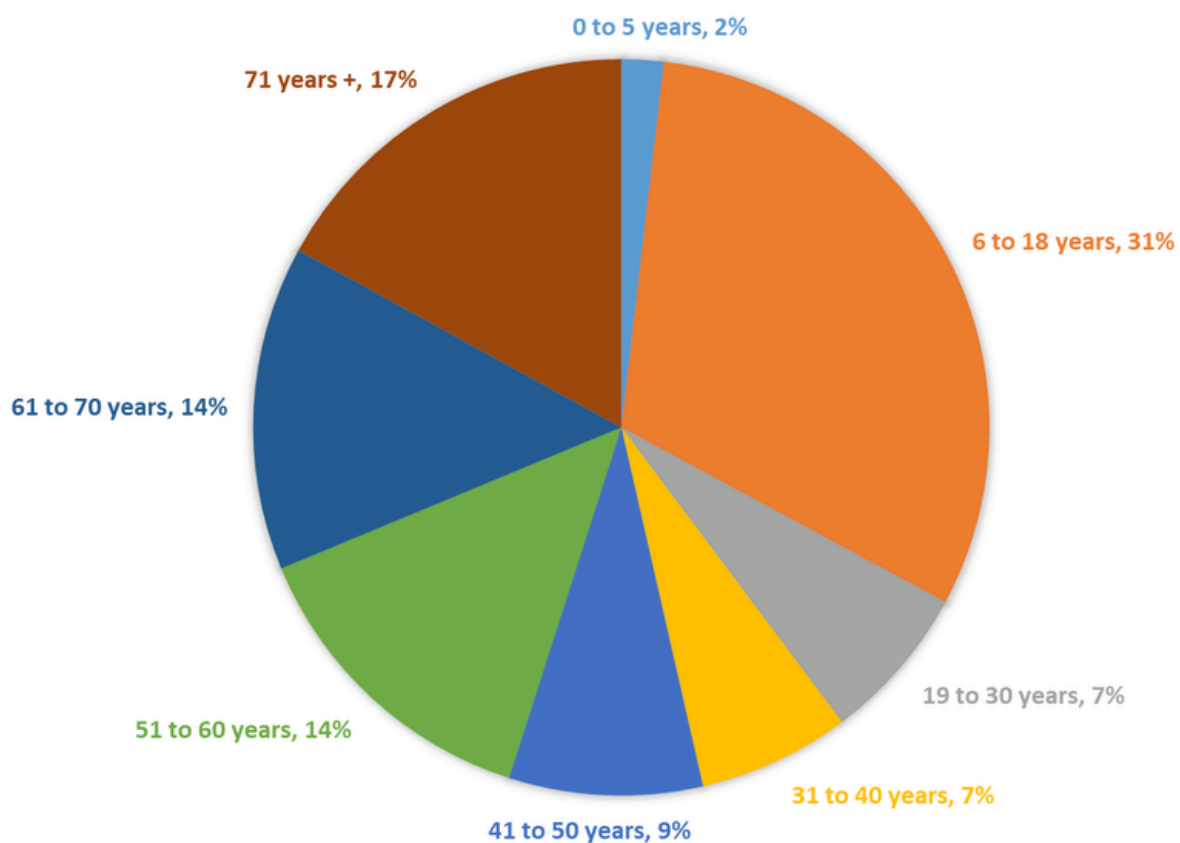
Other : Point Cook, Yarraville, Tarneit, Keilor East, Tullamarine, Pascoe Vale, Sunshine Ardeer, Altona Meadows, Truganina, Avondale Heights, Gladstone Park, Glenroy, Attwood, Reservoir, Doncaster, Blackburn North, Forest Hill, Prahran, Elwood, South Melbourne Deanside, Seymour

participant stats 2025

ENROLMENTS BY PROGRAM CATEGORY



PARTICIPANTS BY AGE



acknowledgements

FUNDING BODIES

Australian Communities
Foundation
ANHCA
ACFE Board
Bank Australia
Bank of Melbourne
Bill Shorten's/Jo Briskey's Office
City of Melbourne
City of Moonee Valley
coHealth
Collier Foundation
Community Bank Seddon
Department of Education &
Training
Department of Families, Fairness &
Housing
Department of Jobs, Skills,
Industry & Regions
Department of Premier & Cabinet
Hotham Mission
Jack Brockoff Foundation
Jemena
Kensington Chamber Players
Magistrate's Court Fund
Melbourne Airport
Nelson Alexander Fund
Unison
Vic Health
Victorian Women's Fund
William Angliss
William Buckland Foundation

IN-KIND SUPPORTERS

All Saints Anglican Church
Pets Of The Homeless
Knit One Give One
St Thomas' Church
Foodworks, Racecourse Rd
Woolworths Newmarket
Kensington Stockyard Food Garden
Kensington Community High School
Sparkways Early Learning
The Nappy Collective
Unison

PARTNERS

Australian Catholic University
Carlton Neighbourhood Learning
Centre
Christ Church Kensington
coHealth
Cultivating Community
Debney Meadows Primary School
Farnham St Neighbourhood Learning
Centre
Flemington Primary School
Gardens For Wildlife Melbourne
Hotham Mission
Kensington Association
North Melbourne Language &
Learning
RMIT
Service Stars - Community Jobs
Alliance
North & West Melbourne Community
Centre
The Community Grocer
The Venny
Unison
University of Melbourne
Wingate Avenue Community Centre

staff & contractors

Rebecca Smith, Manager

Esther Sadek, Community Development Specialist

Freyja Dixon, Community Education Manager/Project Manager

Nicole Johnson, Community Education Manager and Study Support Coordinator

Kerrie Jones, Administration Support

Catherine Hude, Community Support Worker

Amran Guleid, Study Support Coordinator

Anna Kolusniewski, Teacher, Art Workshops

Ayan Daher, Teacher, Sew & Grow at Djerring Hub

Bev Wyburn, Women Dance & Celebrate

Christine McPherson, English Language Teacher

Fatma Mussa, Homework Club Lead, Flemington Homework Clubs

Ilona Herreiner, Teacher, Clay Sculpture

Ingrid Moe, Childbirth Educator

Jane Farrell, Teacher, Getting Started With Computers, Canteen Course

John Howard, Choir Leader

Juanita Skrokov, Cooking Workshop Facilitator

Kate Ngo, Cooking Workshop Facilitator

Katie de Aruajo, Instructor, Gentle Exercise & Yoga

Lauren Speer, Numeracy and Literacy Workshops

Lucy Osborne, Literacy Specialist, Flemington Homework Clubs

Marcela Ferreira, Bonsai Workshop Facilitator

Maria Watt, Strong Foundations Literacy Specialist

Margaret Bergin, Teacher, Sew & Grow

Maryam Bid, Playgroup Leader

Melanie Leeson, Cooking Workshop Facilitator

Nahed Abdi, Playgroup Leader

Rawia Bid, Playgroup Leader

Rohan Schwartz, Teacher, Painting & Drawing

Sally Ford, Instructor, Gentle Movement

Samantha Flanagan, Instructor, Gentle Exercise

Saana Hamid, Playgroup Worker - Debney Hub

Sarah Brownlow, Art Teacher

Shafagh Ghooshchi, English Language Teacher

Shinjita Roy, Bollywood Dance Teacher

Shirun Ahmad, Community Liaison - Flemington Homework Clubs

Sonya Chukovska, Cooking Teacher & Healthy Living & Learning Chef

Siye Mohammed, Cleaning

Tina Ho, Strong Foundations Assistant

Valentina Serebrennikova, Art Workshop Teacher

volunteers 2025

CODE CLUB

Gabi Bower
Lachlan Porter
Matt Schembri
Zoe Stellamanns

HELP HUB

Margot Marks
Karina Howard
Adrian Ma
Lesley Ervin
Felicity Webster
Gary West
Izzy Caithness

FOOD SHARE PANTRY

Felicity Barr
Yvonne Armeni
Gillian Holley
Kerry Morrow
Peter Medica

SEW & GROW

Trish Crane
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