



Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge the Woi-Wurrung people of the Kulin nation who are the traditional custodians of the land on which the North Carlton Railway Neighbourhood House stands.

We would also like to pay respect to the Wurundjeri elders, past and present, and extend this respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait people from other communities who are here today.



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Chairperson's Report

Welcome to the North Carlton Railway Neighbourhood House Annual Report for 2022. I wish to acknowledge that the Railway House stands on the unceded traditional lands of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people of the Kulin nation, and I pay my respects to elders, past, present, and emerging.

As I reflect on the past year, I think of the challenges we all have faced individually and together. As we emerge from the isolation of the pandemic, the importance of organisations such as ours in fostering connectivity, learning, shared interests, and socialising comes into sharp focus. It can be hard to articulate the critical role of neighbourhood houses as part of the fabric of our communities, yet the impact of the pandemic revealed to us the richness of community spaces and the value they bring to our lives.

I want to acknowledge the unstinting energy, ingenuity and effort of our staff and volunteers, members and visitors during the pandemic who continued to find ways to reach out and engage and serve our community. Activities such as the food bank and visiting people in their homes were so critical in recent times. As the Railway House enters its 39th year, it is these characteristics of adaptability and resilience that continue to define our organisation and give us optimism in the future. I want to acknowledge all volunteers as their contribution is immeasurable.

Our garden goes from strength to strength and has had added so much richness to our community. I want to highlight the work of the volunteers and garden guardians in what they have and continue to achieve. We have met nearly all our funder's goals, with attention now turning to future possibilities.

Unfortunately, this year we were unable to hold the Literary festival. However, we were blessed that Tony Birch and Bec Kavanagh donated their time for a fundraising event in June. This incredible evening raised funds raised supported the Children's program to provide extra-curricular activities for young people in our community who cannot easily access after school classes or events. Tony was inspiring and talked about growing up in our area and his personal connections to the Railway House.

I wish to thank the staff who have navigated the past year with the humour, positivity, care and sense of service that to me represent the best of the Railway House, and for always going above and beyond. In particular Alison Beck, our tireless Manager, for her energy and commitment; Lisa Giufre, for her warmth and connectedness with our community; Lisa Claiborne, for her dedication and efforts to keep us all updated on the activities and people who form part of our world; and Jeff Coley, for navigating our finances and overseeing the hire of the House.

I appreciate the opportunity I have had to serve as the Chair of the Committee of Management and to work with a group of dedicated and inspiring colleagues who have worked tirelessly to achieve our goals of:

1. Increasing proactive engagement to ensure the voice of our neighbourhood is heard.
2. Developing and delivering services that promote participation and meet the needs of a range of people across the community, with a focus on priority groups.
3. Maintaining North Carlton Railway Neighbourhood House for future generations through best practice governance.

I would like to thank our Treasurers Sharon Khoo and Tony Dalton, and our Secretary Sarah Tutton for the roles they have played. Pam Tuffield, Patricia Sexton, Hannah McVean, Peter Deutschmann, Jeremy Dixon and Dianna Walpole have given their time, experience and energy, and each member has had a unique impact on the work we have achieved.

Much of our focus was devoted to ensuring our policies, procedures and responsibilities were reviewed and refreshed, our staff were supported, and we provided a safe, nourishing environment for all.

The Railway House and Garden have burst back to life, and we are starting to think about what is next. Looking forward, the Railway House is facing some fiscal challenges in the coming year, as many of our community members will be also. I encourage you to support our fundraising efforts as part of our commitment to meeting the expectations of our community and ensuring the sustainability of this incredible organisation for future generations.

Finally, I thank all of you who, through your interest and engagement, make the Railway House and Garden such a special place.

Rachel Tuffield
Chairperson, Railway House Committee of Management



2021-2022 Committee of Management
Back row L – R: Peter Deutschmann, Tony Dalton, Jeremy Dixon, Patricia Sexton, Sarah Tutton, Pam Tuffield
Seated L – R: Dianna Walpole, Sharon Khoo, Rachel Tuffield, Hannah McVean



Manager's Report

It is with great pleasure that I look back on the last twelve months and prepare my report on the important work that has taken place at Railway House. Whilst not without its challenges, this year has once again demonstrated the importance of Railway House as an organization that brings people together, embraces diversity, values all people, and provides a sense of belonging to all who visit.

The new financial year began with an extended period of lockdown during which all our lives were turned upside down once more. In a repeat of the previous year's winter, programs and events were cancelled and staff found themselves working solo in the office or at home. Once more, we did our best to support our community during this difficult period, moving what programs we could online, visiting vulnerable community members, reintroducing our community newsletters, and continuing with our food relief program, which proved to be an excellent vehicle for staying connected.

October saw restrictions eased and the House back to doing what it does best – supporting and enriching the wellbeing of our community. We offered a range of low-cost and accessible programs and activities, with some 25 regular weekly programs running during school terms, activities during the school holidays, and special events most months. There have been several new initiatives and partnerships this year too, such as a summer BBQ series initiated and led by community member Donald on Monday evenings in February and March, and a new children's program - the Passion Project - which was piloted in Term One and which now supports around 20 children and young people. More information on this program can be found later in this Annual Report. Additionally, new partnerships developed this year saw us run several community Maker's Markets with Yarra Libraries, and we took part in the Power Saving Bonus and the Safe Seats, Safe Kids programs in partnership with Neighbourhood Houses Victoria. This year we also had two students join us for student placements.



Passion Project Participant Cianna



September 2022 Makers' Market

These programs and activities are only part of the picture, however, and it is this work that sets us apart from other community organizations. On any given day, with programs running in the background, staff are involved in deep community engagement work with individual community members who visit us for support and connection. We might support with housing complaints and transfers or job applications, or we might support people by simply listening and providing a safe space for them to talk about issues affecting their lives. This is important work that cements Railway House's reputation as being a place that people trust and value. Lisa G expands on this aspect of our work later in this Report.

None of this work would have happened if it were not for the many people who care about Railway House, its place in our community, and each other, and I would like to thank everyone for their contributions. Firstly, I would like to sincerely thank the staff team – Jeff Coley, Lisa Claiborne, Lisa Giufre and Tamika Paterson – for their unwavering dedication and support. Thanks also to our team of committed tutors, expertly going about delivering high quality programs each week, as well as our team of approximately 50 volunteers whose contributions are invaluable. Thank you to all of them, including the members of our committee of management, particularly Chair Rachel Tuffield for her support and guidance this year. Finally, I would like to thank all those who visit the House to participate in programs and activities and make use of our services. They also play a part in creating the special place that is Railway House. The “Participant Snapshots” section of this Annual Report provides a glimpse of some of these wonderful community members.

We are very fortunate also to have the ongoing support of Julie Johnston (Manager of the Northeast Neighbourhood House Network), and Yarra Council Officers Kathy Vrettas (Community Development Officer, Neighbourhood Programs) and Kieran Dickson (former Urban Agriculture Project Officer) at Yarra City Council, who are always available to provide guidance and advice to our staff and committee.

Railway House is a robust, grass-roots community organisation that I am privileged to have called my workplace for close to ten years. I have seen people come and go and many changes in my time, but what remains the same is the joy the House brings to so many people. Below is Therese’s story, which warms my heart and is a little reminder of why I love my work.

“My first encounter with the choir was in 2016 when I came to enquire about hiring the space for a party for my grandson. I noticed a small group of people sitting in the main room, alternating between singing and laughter. They looked like they were enjoying themselves and I thought how nice it would be to join them if I wasn’t working. A year later, after my husband passed away, I decided the time was right. I rearranged my work hours to free up Wednesday mornings and joined the group. It has been a truly wonderful experience. I don’t have the musical background of many of the other choir members, but I was made to feel completely at home and under Flip’s expert guidance, we produce beautiful harmonies. Being in the choir has been a wonderful experience, particularly during COVID lockdown when we sang on zoom each week and kept each other’s spirits up. It is one of many groups that flourish in the inclusive, happy atmosphere of Railway House, thanks to Alison, the Lisa’s and all the office staff. Alison even makes time in her busy day to join us for a song whenever she can. I’m looking forward to retiring properly so I can join in some of the other activities on offer.”

Alison Beck
Manager



Our Staff

OFFICE STAFF

Alison Beck
Lisa Claiborne
Jeff Coley
Lisa Giufre
Jesse Kalic
Tamika Paterson

Manager
Communications and Administration
Financial Administrator
Community Engagement
Garden Coordinator
Cleaner

TUTORS

Kate Borland
Flip Case
Damian Curtain
Barry Dickins
Catalina Gonzalez
Simone Litchfield
Jen Mounir
Shede Olukhale
Zaidan Paterson
Helen Rout
Madeline Tolson

Kids' Cooking
Choir
Art
Creative Writing
Zumba
Inclusive Yoga
Women's Exercise and Tai Chi
Kids' Soccer
Kids' Soccer
Kids' Karate
Cooking



Jeff Coley and Kate Borland



Tamika Paterson

Our Volunteers

Volunteers are an integral part of our operations and are instrumental in strengthening the capacity of our organisation. We have a strong cohort of volunteers who give their time to support our work, helping with fundraising, policy development, events, governance and programs. Our sincere thanks go to the following people – we could not do what we do without their support!

Committee of Management

Rachel Tuffield	Chairperson
Sarah Tutton	Secretary
Sharon Khoo	Treasurer (until September 2022)
Tony Dalton	Ordinary Member
Peter Deutschmann	Ordinary Member
Jeremy Dixon	Ordinary Member
Hannah McVean	Ordinary Member
Trish Sexton	Ordinary Member (until March 2022)
Pam Tuffield	Ordinary Member
Dianna Walpole	Ordinary Member

Program and Events

Warsame Ali	General Help
Grace Apa	General Help
Natasha Barnes	General Help
Alison Beck	Passion Project
Olga Betros	Garden Guardian
Martyn Brogan	Bus Driver
Genevieve Campbell	Program Facilitator (French Gouter)
Lisa Claiborne	Passion Project
Lynn Corcoran	Garden Guardian
Mary Egan	Tutor (Learning Club)
Sue Egan	General Help
Judy Frazer-Jans	Tutor (Learning Club)
Jenny Gardner	Garden Guardian
Helen Gill	Passion Project
Elizabeth Grgacic	Garden Guardian
John Gunter	Community Lunch and General Help
Maci Hamdorf	Passion Project
Peter Hollier	Food Relief Stall
David James	Bus Driver
Craig King	Garden Guardian
Richard Lasek	General Help
Fiona McIntosh	Tutor (Learning Club)
Jane Miller	Garden Guardian
Di Maloney	Community Lunch
Tilly Murray-White	Passion Project
Arthur Nicolaou	General Help
Hannah Phillips	Program Facilitator (Kids' Cooking)
Pat Rustad	Tutor (Learning Club)
Megan Scannell	Program Facilitator (Book Club)
Lottie Seligman	Tutor (Learning Club)
Eileen Sheridan	Garden Guardian
Julian Stickland	Garden Guardian
Beata Szinyi	Garden Guardian
Catherine Taylor	Garden Guardian
Pam Tuffield	Program Facilitator (Bus Trip)
Ragini Wheatcroft	Tutor (Learning Club)
Elizabeth Wielga	Community Lunch



We would also like to acknowledge and thank the following people who have worked in our garden:

Lara Bending, Stephen Betros, Marie Bolduc, Benita Bowles, Mark Brickel, Robert Brown, Raewyn Buchanan, Ceci Cairns, Eugenie Chung, Michael D'Arcy, Steve Danko, Jane Deegan, Barbara Deutschmann, Mish Edstein, Eren Erdogan, Sumbai Gardezi, Jenny Gardner, Sionghoe Goh, Alexandra Tyrell Graham, John Gunter, Lina Hadiz, Veronica Harrison, Monia Haverkamp, Em Heley, Ellen Holmes-Preston, Freya Keam, Maggie Krivanek, Jenny Leversha, Jayde Lovell, Warrick McGrath, Gosia Mikolajczak, Jessica Mills, Sarah Perry, Syed Muhammad Qasim, Rosemary Rainbow, Ben Sasse, Jen Shields, Marcus Strang, Miette Lane Welsh, Zoe Taylor-Winzar, Khim Yeo.



Steve and Olga Betros



Arthur Nicolaou



Sue Egan



Lottie Seligman

Our Programs & Activities

“Classes with Barry Dickins are a bit different to most classes you will find in a community centre. With the wealth of experience and knowledge of the grand master, Barry is a well-known Aussie icon, teacher, and author, who brings a unique set of tools and inspiration to all writers who attend. Unlike previous experience, I have left every class to come up with new and exciting ideas that improve my creative writing. This has also been a terrific class for encouraging me towards the completion of my little poetry book, now self-published.”

Gabby, Creative Writing Group

Our programs, services and activities promote broad participation and meet the varying needs of different people across the community. Our range of programs and activities is therefore very varied, and a reflection of our diverse community. From structured programs run by our wonderful tutors to social groups run by participants themselves, from gardening to food relief, we are responsive to our community and strive to not only improve the quality of community life but to enhance social connection and cohesion.

The following regular programs took place this year and were facilitated by tutors or volunteers or were self-run:

Art Class

Book Club

Bus Trips

Community Choir

Community Lunch

Community Garden

Cooking Class

Creative Writing

Cycling Group

French Conversation



Bike riders at coffee stop



Barry Dickins' writing group

Inclusive Yoga

Introduction to Sustainable Gardening

Kids' Cooking

Kids' Gardening and Craft Club

Kids' Karate

Kids' Soccer

Knitting and Crochet Circle

Learning Club

Mahjong

Passion Project

School Holiday programs

Table Tennis

Tai Chi

Women's Exercise

Women's Table Tennis

Zumba



Women's table tennis



Zumba

Cooking class

The scope of our work goes far beyond the wonderful array of programs listed above. We also offer a range of other services, helping us to engage and support a broader range of community members and extending our reach. The following services were offered this year:

Book Swap

Community support and advocacy

Free food market

Food collection for the Asylum Seeker Support Service

Internet access and drop-in

Power Saving Bonus program *(in partnership with Neighbourhood Houses Victoria)*

Recycling drop-off

Safe Seats, Safe Kids program *(in partnership with Kidsafe Victoria and Neighbourhood Houses Victoria)*

Railway House also serves as a low cost or free venue for community groups and individuals running programs and activities. This year, these included:

Awkward Giraffe (Arts Support Group)

Bella Mummas (Women's Choir)

Friends of Public Housing Advocacy Group

Havana Palava Street Band

Highway One Theatre Group

Homebrew Veranda Singers (Men's Choir)

Italian for Kids

Pacific Women's Weaving Circle

Our partnership with Princes Hill Secondary College continued this year, and we welcomed VCAL Coordinator Sue Tyrrie and her students each Monday and Friday morning in 2022.

Students helped with a variety of tasks such as office and cleaning jobs, delivering flyers, and dropping off the food donations and soft plastics collected at the House.

Not only is this helpful to staff, but the students benefit from time away from the classroom, engaged in hands-on community service. Additionally, older members of the Railway House community have reported enjoying the presence of young people and the incidental interactions they have with them.



Jack and Herran painting signs

Community Engagement - Railway Heart

Many of you are familiar with the interesting array of weekly programs and activities that Railway House hosts, involving increasing numbers of a diversity of people. These programs are run by talented and committed facilitators and are enriching in multiple ways. Community programs are, however, just the tip of the iceberg in terms of the community reach of the House. A beautiful mixture of music, movement, language, social and other skills-based sessions, our programs are vehicles for creative expression and social connection but are by no means the only 'indicator' of the scope and depth of our 'community engagement', or 'measure' of our 'success'.

In a way, our community programs are the colourful foundations of our Neighbourhood House. Lisa C's wonderfully presented term timetable (which takes a prominent position on our walls and fridges!) is the scaffolding, giving us a visual reminder of what we do day to day, week to week, term to term and year to year. However, it only shows part of the story of what our combined efforts and long-standing community relationships are. The spaces in between the squares, or the walls holding up the House, are made up of interlinking webs between program participants, visitors, volunteers, and staff, and are also vital measures of how we contribute to our 'vision' and 'mission', namely, social connection, inclusion and change within in our community.

Take Tuesdays for example. In the morning, the House holds the social circle of knitters and crocheters- friendships among some extend 30 years - within its walls. The House provides a welcoming space and the group a welcoming face for new and old members alike. Some choose to focus on their hand craft whilst sitting in the company of others- and others prefer to chat as they work, but if we were to paint (or embroider!) a picture of what else occurs in and around Railway House in that two-hour time slot, it is gold.

The Railway House coffee cart is running simultaneously (operated by valuable volunteers) with an accumulating queue of keen drinkers. Knitters can have a warm drink as they work away and chat, or 'pay one forward' for someone else who may need a free one that day. Group participants intermingle with other visitors to the House, who may not be attending a program but gain value from this interaction, as well as other friendly support provided by Railway House staff.



Tash on the coffee cart

The coffee cart itself, is beneficial in a multi-faceted way. Skilled volunteers such as social work student Tash, utilize the cart to build vital relationships with people who may need company and support over a coffee. Sometimes, the coffee cart enables the only chat people will have in a day. Tash has also made some crucial service referrals together with and in support of members of the community, including family violence support, housing rights advocacy and entry into higher education, to name a few. Along with Wednesday's free community food stall, the coffee cart is also useful for disseminating important information such as the Power Saving Bonus program or other neighbourhood resources. Lastly, the cart provides opportunities for other volunteers and students to gain new skills, including customer relations, and the art of making a good coffee, of course!

As the Tuesday knitters prepare to leave/perhaps mill around for another coffee, Fiona Ross, long term neighbour and public Housing Advocate with Friends of Public Housing, gathers with friends for an informal lunch on the picnic tables, where upcoming housing rights advocacy tactics are hashed out over a barbie. This warm and passionate group of people are also community connectors, who, time and time again, welcome other visitors to the House, for food and friendship.

There are many such community connectors around the House, intercepting and participating in many ways, who further extend the inclusion, networking, and support that the staff carry out on a daily basis. Pam Tuffield for one, continues her life's vocation, social work, by listening to and holding space for people and/or gently bringing them to programs they may enjoy. Actively volunteering on the Committee of Management, Community Lunch and Cooking programs and the Bus Trip, and participating in several others, she has the mandate of the house at heart, and is truly integrated in the layers of the Railway House community. Other examples are countless.



Impromptu barbecue lunch

So, there are many ways that Railway House carries out our community development work; INQUIRING and LISTENING to voices in our community about issues that matter to them and the passions or skills they may like to contribute to RH- and responding- CONNECTING and giving a SAFE and SOCIAL SPACE to people. Such a large part of our approach involves operating in the spaces between our programs (the walls in between the foundations and scaffolding) and in collaboration with these incredible people that surround us.

Lisa Giufre
Community Engagement Worker



Children and Young People

Railway House has been supporting local children for many years, providing a range of programs for our youngest community members, predominantly those residing at the Princes Hill Public Housing Estate.

This year our after-school Learning Club has seen a regular group of 8-10 children attend each Monday afternoon. We are very lucky to have had seven volunteers assisting with this program this year, enabling one-on-one support or small group work. This has been very beneficial for the children, who have built close relationships with our volunteers and each other. Long standing programs soccer and karate have continued this year, and local nutritionist Hannah Phillips ran weekly after school cooking sessions with a small group of older children, who learnt about healthier food choices and how to make delicious and nutritious food.



Kids cooking with Hannah



Judy and Simale at Learning Club

Funding from a City of Yarra community grant allowed us to provide school holiday activities in the both the April and July school holidays. These included a trip to the zoo and a visit to an indoor rock climbing and play centre. It was the first time visiting these places for several of the children and it was wonderful to be able to offer them these experiences.



School holiday outing to Latitude



School holiday outing to the zoo

In response to some of the children’s changing needs and interests, Trish Sexton and myself had the idea to extend our children’s programs to include activities off-site, of the kind enjoyed by more privileged children in the neighbourhood. Piloted in Term 1, our ‘Passion Project’ scholarship program now funds over 20 children and young people who take part in a variety of activities of their choice - such as dance lessons, gymnastics, and sport - and a dedicated group of volunteers who support them in getting to and from activities. We are delighted to be able to support children to take part in activities from which they might otherwise be excluded, and which contribute to an increased sense of social inclusion, a widening of their social connections, and improved health, wellbeing, and confidence. This program is funded with grants from the Inner North Community Foundation, Vic Health and Nelson Alexander, and through money raised at a Literary Fundraiser held in June this year.



Dagi at her dance class



Chase, Lemar and Cianna at circus class

With thanks to Yarra City Council, Nelson Alexander, the Inner North Community Foundation and Vic Health for supporting our children’s activities.

Alison Beck
Manager



Community Garden – A Blossoming Space in Princes Hill

Our community garden is thriving and has gone from strength to strength this year, a hive of activity that is not only a place for growing food but a place where learning takes place and community connections are made.

We have a group of about 30 regular gardeners, allocated to one of four groups, who gather on different days of the week to grow food, share skills and knowledge, and socialise. Unfenced and accessible to the public 24 hours a day, the garden is a unique space with beds managed collectively and the produce grown freely available to anyone. This year saw the final development stage of the garden take place, with the installation of six raised, accessible wicking beds.

Each of our garden groups is led by one or two volunteer 'Garden Guardians' and each group decides together what to grow in their allocated beds, in line with a planting plan developed by Jesse Kalic, who did a fabulous job as our Garden Coordinator during 2021/2022. In April, we bid farewell to Jesse, whose twelve-month contract ended. Jesse left the garden on a firm footing, and it is now successfully managed by the gardeners with support from House staff. This has strengthened the garden's integration as a House program, with beautiful fresh produce harvested for our adult and children's cooking programs, community lunch, and our food relief market.



In addition to groups working in the garden four days a week, there have been lots of other garden-related activities this year. Working bees, workshops and educational courses took place, well attended by the wider community and our gardeners. In February, Yarra City Council organized a composting workshop, which was invaluable to our gardeners who have since been able to produce some excellent quality compost. In June, local resident John Blackstock ran a tree-pruning workshop, and at the end of the year we ran an Introduction to Sustainable Gardening course, funded by ACFE.

We also hosted several events in the garden. Importantly, at last, we were able to have an official opening of the garden in March, a joyful event where we thanked all those involved

in the establishment of the garden and which saw the Mayor of the City of Yarra, Cr Sophie Wade, open the garden and presented with a large, sweet potato which had been dug up that morning! In April we held an open day as part of the Garden State Festival, with Bocce games and an Italian-inspired afternoon tea, and we hosted a group of staff from the North-East Neighbourhood House Network, who were touring community gardens at Neighbourhood Houses. Our gardeners also enjoyed excursions to places of interest this year, one of their highlights being a guided tour of the Burnley gardens.

The gardeners also ran several successful plant stalls at the Railway House Makers' Markets this year. These events not only raised money for the garden but were an ideal opportunity for gardeners from the different weekly groups to meet each other, and for the wider community to learn more about becoming involved.

With thanks to the major sponsors of the garden - Clifton Hill/North Fitzroy Community Bank and Yarra City Council – and of course our wonderful Garden Guardians and garden volunteers.

Alison Beck
Manager



The gardening group was saddened by the death of Thursday gardener, Charles Strebtor, this year. Charles had many talents, including being a gifted photographer, and was a classic 'Community Gardener,' putting equal emphasis on community and gardening. Our Thursday group will miss his signature extra chocolatey brownies, and his adventurous range of preserved fruits and vegetables. He introduced us to 'tisane' (herb tea) and his legacy continues in the Thursday group wicking bed, where exotic tea herbs are being grown including Vanilla Grass, Hyssop, Anise and more. He was in the initial stages of working on a recipe book with Lisa Giufre, and he is a great loss to the garden and Railway House staff. Charles was a total one-off and we will not forget his kooky beanies, his outrageous summer cloth hats, his love of octopuses and his rhubarb obsession."

Jane Miller
Thursday Garden Guardian



Friends of Public Housing

Friends of Public Housing Victoria (FOPHV) is a grassroots advocacy group made up of public tenants and supporters of Public Housing. One of our important aims is to inform the public that Public Housing is being privatized by stealth and the impact this is having on vulnerable people, as well as its effect on the current housing crisis. FOPHV opposes the transferring of public housing properties and/or the management of Public Housing to businesses known as 'Social Housing' or 'Community Housing'.



We meet regularly at the Neighbourhood House once a week for an informal get-together and barbeque to support one another and to discuss housing issues. This weekly event also serves to strengthen community as many people who have experienced homelessness and are worried about their housing situation join us now on a regular basis.

We also support the Neighbourhood House's initiative in bringing the food-bank stalls regularly onto the Princes Hill Public Housing estate which is situated across the road from the House. This means that tenants and others can pick up bread donated by a local bakery, as well as fresh produce from the community garden.

The Neighbourhood House supports public tenants with maintenance and other issues by liaising with the Dept of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) on their behalf. This is an essential service for those who might not have the resources to do this on their own.

The public tenant community feels a real sense of ownership and inclusion in the day-to-day activities of the Railway House, thanks to the friendliness and support of Alison and all the staff. As long-time FOPHV member Harold says "This is the best Neighbourhood House I have ever been to. Everyone is friendly here and it is a non-judgmental place to learn new things and connect with others. Even though the staff are busy, and we understand that, they still have time for people and that's very important. Other Neighbourhood Houses I have been to have adopted the corporate culture and lingo too much and are in danger of losing sight of what a Neighbourhood House actually means."

The Railway House is fulfilling its mission statement. It is a model of compassionate and democratic inclusiveness, bringing together a very diverse local community.

Congratulations to Alison, Jeff, Lisa G, Lisa C and all the volunteers. Many thanks from Friends of Public Housing Victoria.

Fiona Ross
FOPHV



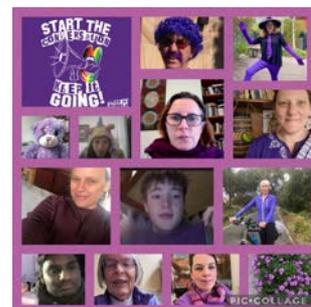
Special Occasions & One-Off Events

Special occasions and one-off events are an important part of our calendar when we mark significant days or host a one-off event of interest to the community. COVID-19 restrictions impacted on what we were able to do between July and October 2021, however, by November, life was back to (almost) normal, and we were delighted to be able to run several events over the remainder of the year, as well as hold three community Makers' Markets in December, February, and May. As well as supporting local makers, these markets brought the community together and raised vital funds for the House and garden.

AUGUST 2021

Wear-it-Purple Day

Wear-it-Purple is an annual LGBTIQA+ awareness day especially for young people, when supporters wear purple to celebrate diversity and the LGBTIQA+ community. Occurring during lockdown in August, we invited community members to wear purple for the day and send in a photo, which we published in our lockdown community newsletter, the Railway Express.



NOVEMBER 2021

Annual General Meeting

With our AGM planned to take place shortly after restrictions were eased, we were very lucky to be able to hold our event in person. Approximately 30 members and friends gathered on our beautiful veranda to hear about our work for the year and elect our new committee of management.

DECEMBER 2021

End-of-Year Party

It was wonderful to be able to come together after an unsettled year to enjoy a relaxed end-of-year party. Whilst the adults enjoyed a Christmas sing-along with the Railway House choir, children enjoyed a movie and a chat with Santa. We also took the opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate our volunteers as we were unable to hold a volunteer celebration earlier in the year.



FEBRUARY 2022

Visible Mending Workshop

We kicked off the year with a Visible Mending Workshop, as part of our sustainability and recycling efforts. Local textile artist Serene taught participants a range of techniques to repair and renew their clothes and other textiles.



MARCH 2022

Harmony Day and Gardening Opening

We had fabulous weather and a fabulous day celebrating both Harmony Day and the official opening of the Railway Garden (some two years after its establishment!). The sun shone, the choir sang, and a very tasty multicultural lunch was enjoyed by all. It was great to have representatives of the garden's two major sponsors - Yarra Council and the Clifton Hill-North Fitzroy Community Bank - in attendance, including Mayor Sophie Wade who officially opened the garden.

Plastic Fish Workshop

We partnered with community organization "Awareaway" to deliver a "School of Fish" workshop in which the VCAL students attending the House created works of art (quirky fish) out of soft plastic waste. The workshop's aim was to highlight the devastating effects of soft plastics on the environment and the finished products were installed in an exhibition at Fitzroy Learning Network.



APRIL 2022

Uluru Statement from the Heart Information Session

Dr. Heather Wearne and former Railway House Manager Mary Dykes facilitated a follow-up discussion around The Uluru Statement from the Heart and why a First Nations Voice to Parliament is crucial. This well-attended session explored the issues for Constitutional Enshrinement, the coming referendum and what we can do to support First Nations people to achieve it.

Garden State Festival

As part of the Garden State Festival, and thanks to a small grant from Yarra Council, we held an open day in the garden, with Bocce games and an Italian-inspired afternoon tea. A collaboration between the Plant Society and Council, the festival celebrates the intersection between plants, art, architecture, craft, design, food, ideas, music, and performance, elevating what it means to be a modern gardener.



MAY 2022

Volunteer Week Celebration

After being unable to hold an event to celebrate our wonderful volunteers for the last two years, we were incredibly happy to be able to get together with some of them to celebrate their contributions to the work of the House. We had a very enjoyable dinner at a local pub! This event was also a great opportunity for our volunteers to meet one another.

National Reconciliation Week

The theme of National Reconciliation Week this year was “Be Brave. Make Change” – a challenge to all Australians to tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation for the benefit of all Australians. We marked this week by displaying the Aboriginal flag in the garden every day of the week.



Mobile Vaccination Clinic

This month we also partnered with Merri Health, who held a mobile vaccination clinic at Railway House. Attendees got their COVID and flu vaccinations ahead of winter and were also treated to free snacks and goodies.

JUNE 2022

Literary Fundraising Event

This special fundraiser event, organized by committee of management members Rachel and Pam Tuffield, and supported by the University of Queensland Press, was attended by some 80 people who came along to Bargoonga Nganjin (North Fitzroy library) to hear renowned local Indigenous author Tony Birch talk about his prize-winning books, his inspiration for fiction, and about the writing life. The event, moderated by writer and literary critic Bec Kavanagh, was very enjoyable and a successful fundraiser, with more than \$4400 raised for our children’s “Passion Project”.

A poster for a fundraising event. The text reads: "Railway House presents a very special fundraiser", "An evening with TONY BIRCH", "Join us to hear renowned local Indigenous author Tony Birch talk about his prize-winning books, his inspiration for fiction, and about the writing life.", "Moderated by Bec Kavanagh - writer, literary critic and academic.", "Plus book signings and sales.", "Wednesday, June 8th 6:00 - 7:30", "Bagung Magali Community Room", "Bargoonga Nganjin, North Fitzroy Library 182 St Georges Road North Fitzroy". It includes a QR code and a photo of Tony Birch. At the bottom, it says "Tickets: \$40 (includes raffle ticket and welcome drink)" and "Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/8ZHHQ> or scan QR code".

Participant Snapshots

The Railway House community is made up of people from all walks of life, backgrounds, and life stages. We strive to create a place where everyone, regardless of their background or situation, feels valued and included.

Here is a small snapshot of some of the wonderful people who make up our community.



Warsame

Warsame visits the House most mornings and makes good use of our 'leisure room', enjoying a morning cuppa whilst browsing the internet, and from time to time he makes use of our piano which he is teaching himself to play. He also helps around the House with whatever he can see we need help with, such as sweeping the veranda and unpacking boxes for our food relief market. Warsame is a talented performer and, with other local community members, took part in a community theatre production developed by local actor, director, and playwright David Woods.

Roshni

First visiting Railway House three years ago in her capacity as a support worker for another participant, Roshni has enjoyed being a part of our Wednesday Food in Common program and remarks 'I just love the community spirit'. She is always lending a hand where needed and makes an exceptional trifle! Here is a picture of Roshni at our Christmas in July celebrations earlier this year.



Jeremy



Jeremy has been connected to the House in one way or another since moving to the area some 20 years ago. His children Ridi and Johnny used to take part in a variety of activities at the House - such as Homework Club and school activities - and Jeremy himself, back in the day, regularly came to community lunch and was a founding member of a board games group. He has been involved in several community groups that use Railway House as a meeting space, including 'Defend and Extend Public Housing' and 'Awkward Giraffe' which was established to support developing comedians. More recently, Jeremy has been on our committee of management and attends every Tuesday to enjoy a BBQ with the 'Friends of Public Housing' group.

Leanne

A local who enjoys dropping into the House regularly, Leanne is a ray of sunshine. She loves the Neighbourhood House and shows this by looking after our staff with cups of tea and the occasional quick shoulder massage! Leanne was thrilled this year to receive a gift of a scarf and beanie in Aboriginal colours, knitted by a member of our knitting circle who had noticed that Leanne drops in every Tuesday.

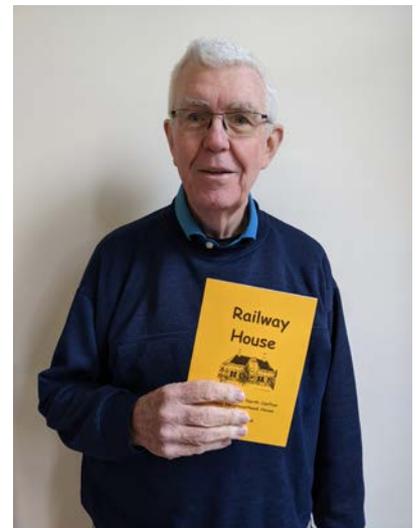


Chase

Chase is a delightful young person who has been enjoying the programs at Railway House for about 5 years. He came to Learning Club when he was younger and was also an excellent student in our karate program for several years. He was also a participant in various art and craft programs run at the House. More recently, Chase has been involved in our Passion Project. He is funded to attend circus classes on Saturday mornings, with Railway House Manager Alison as his volunteer, and he has also been enjoying coming to our new Kids' Cooking program where he learns about healthy eating and how to cook healthy meals.

Jeff

A local resident and historian, Jeff (always referred to as 'Jeff A' by office staff) has a long history with Railway House that goes back many years. He has written two books about the history of Railway House and the Inner Circle Railway Line. Jeff A was on the Railway House Committee of Management from 2010 to 2018, including as Chair, and is now a member of the Railway House Wednesday morning choir and the Men's choir that meets in the evening on the same day!





Genevieve

An active participant in our Art and Tai Chi programs for the last few years, Genevieve this year offered to start a French class as a volunteer! She has been doing an excellent job facilitating 'French Gouter', teaching French language and sharing French afternoon tea with a small of group Railway House community members. Merci beaucoup Genevieve!

Sumaya

Sumaya, together with her sisters, began engaging with the House when she joined our Learning Club last year. Sumaya is also a participant in our Passion Project - she does soccer at the House and netball at Brunswick Netball Club. Sumaya has several classmates who play netball, something she had been wanting to do for a long time. She has been honing her skills in the 'Net, Set, Go' program and is looking forward to joining a team next year. Sumaya says: "I have made new friends and enjoy the snacks that my volunteer brings for me to eat on the way to training". We are sure Sumaya will be an excellent addition to the netball team next year!



Brett

Brett joined our Folks on Spokes cycling group in 2018 after retiring from his primary teaching work in Mornington and moving to the area. This year he also joined our French Conversation and Tai Chi groups. During one of Melbourne's long lockdowns, Brett made a large wooden puzzle of the Language/Nation groups of Aboriginal Australia, which he donated to the House and was displayed at our Harmony Day celebration this year. We plan to bring out this puzzle at all our events, and hope that it develops an interest and knowledge about First Nations people.



Mary

An ex primary school teacher living just across the road from the House, Mary has been volunteering in our Learning Club for over 12 years. It has been so long that none of us can remember exactly! Mary has seen children and volunteers come and go over the years but she is steadfast in her dedication to supporting local children with their literacy and numeracy skill development. We are very lucky to have her.

Andy

Andy's support worker told him about Railway House, and he visited us for the first time in December 2020. Having just left hospital, and recently diagnosed with PTSD, he was terrified of going out and remembers sitting outside Railway House for an hour, worried about going in. However, he eventually did and has since become a regular visitor to the House. Andy says: "Since going to Railway House and getting to know everyone there my confidence is back and better than ever. Thanks to you guys I now feel happy when I do public performance, and I am back doing stand-up comedy. I am no longer afraid to go out. You are part of the ingredients to the perfect cake where every single part is important. It wouldn't be the same without you."



Treasurer's Report

Railway House recorded a deficit of \$45,271 for the financial year 2021-2022. This result was mostly attributed to the ongoing effects of the Covid – 19 pandemic which reduced our Venue Hire and Program Fees income for some months of the financial year. This year also saw the end of Federal Government (JobKeeper and ATO Cash Flow Boost) and VIC State Government (Business Support Fund) payments which protected the organisation from potentially large losses in the prior two financial years. This year also saw the final major infrastructure costs associated with the development of the Community Garden site. The return to more normal operating conditions has seen the house income increase back close to pre pandemic levels from July 2022 onwards. A continuation of this situation will mean improved income levels into the future.

The Community Garden space has been fully developed. Our two major sponsors in this project were Clifton Hill/North Fitzroy Community Bank – Branch of Bendigo Bank - and the City of Yarra. This project was funded by our sponsors in equal shares, and the Railway House. Our thanks to our sponsors for their generous contributions towards the project.

The ability of the organisation to provide innovative programs is very much dependent on attracting small grants & philanthropic donations each year. We have again been successful this year in attracting these grants. This requires a good deal of time and effort in forming relationships with funders, designing programs and applying for this funding. Our thanks go to our funding partners in 2021-22: Clifton Hill/North Fitzroy Community Bank – Branch of Bendigo Bank, Inner North Community Foundation, Courts Services Victoria, Rotary Club of Carlton, Sustain – The Australian Food Network, Department of Jobs, Precincts & Regions, Department of Premier & Cabinet, Department of Social Services, Nelson Alexander Charitable Foundation, Victorian Health Promotion Foundation & City of Yarra (auspice program)

My thanks go to the members of our community who supported the organisation during the year by donating funds and supporting fundraising events. Special thanks to Tony Birch for his “star turn” at our successful Children’s Fundraising event. Our Market Day fundraisers also greatly assisted our programs to continue and develop throughout the year.

I would like to thank our core funders for their ongoing support of the house and our programs. Funding was provided by The City of Yarra (\$67,994) Department of Health & Human Services (\$89,596) and Department of Education & Early Childhood Development - ACFE (\$4,368).

The audited financial statement for 2021-22 provides a full picture of the organisation's financial performance and position for the year ended 30th June 2022.

The budget for the upcoming financial year projects a break-even result. This would consolidate the Railway House's already sound financial position.

I would like to thank the staff of the house for their efforts this year in securing new sources of funding for our programs, facilitating fundraising events and in containing costs.

Finally, a thank you to the committee of management for assisting me in my role as Treasurer.

Thank you

Tony Dalton
Treasurer

NORTH CARLTON RAILWAY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE INC
ABN 26 424 383 517
COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your committee members present the special purpose financial report on the entity for the financial year ended 30 June 2022.

Committee of Governance Members

The names of committee of governance members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Rachel Tuffield	Chairperson	From 9 November 2021
Megan Scannell	Past Chairperson	Resigned 9 November 2021
Sarah Tutton	Secretary	Appointed 9 November 2021
Rachel Tuffield	Past Secretary	Until 9 November 2021
Tony Dalton	Treasurer	From 10 October 2022
Sharon Khoo	Past Treasurer	Appointed 9 November 2021/ Resigned 8 September 2022
Kenneth Gardner	Past Treasurer	Resigned 9 November 2021
Tony Dalton	General Member	Until 10 October 2022
Patricia Sexton	General Member	
Pamela Tuffield	General Member	
Dianna Walpole	General Member	
Hannah McVean	General Member	
Peter Deutschmann	General Member	Appointed 9 November 2021
Jeremy Dixon	General Member	Appointed 9 November 2021
Esther Stewart	General Member	Resigned 9 November 2021

Principle Activities

The principle activities of the entity during the financial year were:

The Association values the diversity in our local community and aim to strengthen community connections by bringing people together from all walks of life to learn and socialise. We offer a range of learning programs and health and well-being activities which provide opportunities for recreation, the learning of new skills and interaction with others. These programs are provided at low or no cost where possible so as to ensure they are accessible to all.

Significant Changes

No significant changes in the nature of the entity's activity occurred during the financial year.

Operating Results

The deficit for the year attributable to the entity amounted to \$45,271 (2021: \$50,930 - surplus).

After Balance Date Events

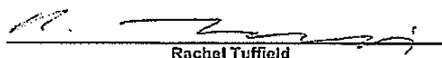
A matter has continued to evolve since 30 June 2022 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

- (a) the entity's operations in future financial years, or
- (b) the results of those operations in future financial years, or
- (c) the entity's state of affairs in future financial years.

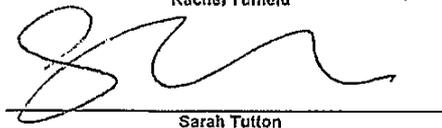
The COVID19 pandemic may induce some changes in the state of affairs of the association during the financial period ended 30 June 2023. The committee members will take all necessary measures to preserve capital and shepherd the association through this uncertain period.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.

Chairperson


Rachel Tuffield

Secretary


Sarah Tutton

Dated this

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day of Oct 2022

NORTH CARLTON RAILWAY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE INC
 ABN 26 424 383 517
 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
INCOME			
Grant Funding Income			
Local Government Grants	2	67,994	67,320
State Government Grants - NHCP	2	89,596	86,910
State Government Grants - DSS	2	968	1,427
State Government Grants - ACFE	2	4,368	9,934
Community Garden Grant	2	3,289	22,544
Other Grants	2	17,170	4,425
	2	<u>183,385</u>	<u>192,560</u>
Operating Income			
Program/ Course Fees Income		15,999	15,353
House Hire Income		22,189	13,395
		<u>38,188</u>	<u>28,748</u>
Other Income			
Interest Received		235	778
COVID-19 Government Assistance Payments: Business Support Fund		-	20,000
COVID-19 Government Assistance Payments: Cash Flow Boost		-	17,448
COVID-19 Government Assistance Payments: JobKeeper		-	123,150
Donations		1,243	3,510
Fundraising Income		3,993	5,057
Other Income		2,428	1,961
		<u>7,899</u>	<u>171,904</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u><u>229,472</u></u>	<u><u>393,212</u></u>

The Income and Expenditure Statement is to be read in conjunction with the audit report
 and the notes to the financial statements.

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NORTH CARLTON RAILWAY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE INC
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
EXPENDITURE			
Administrative & Operating Expenses			
Advertising and Promotion		-	-
AGM Meeting Expenses		196	-
Audit and Bookkeeping Fees		1,500	1,633
Bank Fees and Charges		2,392	2,606
Catering and Events		3,262	1,946
Cleaning and Pest Control		996	1,403
Computer and IT Services		2,069	1,722
Depreciation		792	185
Fundraising & Donations Expenses		945	1,164
Furniture and Equipment		886	4,433
Insurance		885	870
Membership Fees & Permits		1,395	1,302
Office Supplies		701	1,490
Photocopier and Printing		1,072	1,795
Rent		416	416
Repairs and Maintenance		1,850	786
Telephone, Internet and Website		3,388	2,395
Utilities - Electricity, Gas and Water		3,063	2,900
		<u>25,808</u>	<u>27,046</u>
Employee Related Expenses			
Salaries & Wages		183,222	239,763
Superannuation		18,342	17,308
Payroll Expenses		70	403
Portable Long Service Benefits Scheme Levies		-	-
Training and Development		3	-
WorkCover		2,809	2,107
		<u>204,446</u>	<u>259,581</u>
Program & Grant Related Expenses			
Community Grant Expenses		900	-
Community Garden Costs		14,457	29,755
Holiday Program Expenses		1,118	2,548
House Program Expenses		6,555	3,464
Tutor Fees		21,459	19,888
		<u>44,489</u>	<u>55,655</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>274,743</u>	<u>342,282</u>
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE PERIOD		<u>(45,271)</u>	<u>50,930</u>

NORTH CARLTON RAILWAY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE INC
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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	(45,271)	50,930
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year	-	-
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ASSOCIATION	<u>(45,271)</u>	<u>50,930</u>

The Income and Expenditure Statement is to be read in conjunction with the audit report
and the notes to the financial statements.

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NORTH CARLTON RAILWAY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE INC
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at Bank	144,388	178,717
Cash on Hand	828	254
Cash at Term Deposits	82,550	82,481
Other Receivables	1	9,841
Prepayments	1,759	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	229,526	271,293
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Leasehold Improvements	6,006	6,006
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(6,006)	(6,006)
	-	-
Computer Equipment	9,376	9,376
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(8,624)	(8,228)
	752	1,148
Office Furniture Equipment	7,384	7,384
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(5,936)	(5,540)
	1,448	1,844
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	2,200	2,992
TOTAL ASSETS	231,726	274,285
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	-	480
Sundry Payables & Accruals	2,713	27,879
ATO GST & PAYGW Payable	8,848	8,868
Grants Received in Advance	32,385	23,710
Income Received in Advance	19,895	-
Provision for Annual Leave	14,052	19,160
Provision for Long Service Leave	28,480	25,302
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	106,373	105,399
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Provision for Long Service Leave	4,586	2,848
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	4,586	2,848
TOTAL LIABILITIES	110,959	108,247
NET ASSETS	120,767	166,038
EQUITY		
Accumulated Funds	120,767	166,038
	120,767	166,038

The Statement of Financial Position is to be read in conjunction with the audit report
and the notes to the financial statements.

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NORTH CARLTON RAILWAY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE INC
ABN 26 424 383 517
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

Note 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report includes the financial statements and notes of North Carlton Railway Neighbourhood House Inc., an incorporated association, which is incorporated in Victoria under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

Basis of preparation

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012* and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and is also a not-for-profit association

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Association in the preparation of the special purpose financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

Accounting Policies

a. Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets' employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Association and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets are depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the Committee commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The asset's residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at each balance date

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the income statement.

b. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

NORTH CARLTON RAILWAY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE INC
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

Note 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

c. Revenue

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers and AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities

The Association applies Australian Accounting Standards AASB 15 and AASB 1058.

AASB 15 involves the use of a five-step recognition model for recognising revenue, the steps are:

- Step 1 – Identify the contract with the customer
- Step 2 – Identify the sufficiently specific performance obligations to be satisfied
- Step 3 – Measure the expected consideration
- Step 4 – Allocate that consideration to each of the performance obligations in the contract
- Step 5 – Recognise revenue

AASB 1058 measures income by reference to the fair value of the asset received. The asset received, which could be a financial or non-financial asset, is initially measured at fair value when the consideration paid for the asset is significantly less than fair value, and that difference is principally to enable the entity to further its objectives. Otherwise, assets acquired are recognised at cost.

Where the asset has been measured at fair value, AASB 1058 requires that elements of other Accounting Standards are identified before accounting for the residual component. These standards are:

- AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers
- AASB 16 Leases
- AASB 137 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities & Contingent Assets
- AASB 9 Financial Instruments

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

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

d. Income Tax

By virtue of its aims as set out in the constitution, the Association qualifies as an organisation specifically exempt from income tax under Section 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

e. Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of expense. Receivables and payables in the Balance Sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

f. Employment Entitlements

Provision is made for the Association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amount expected to be paid when the liability is settled. Contributions are made by the association to employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.

g. Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

NORTH CARLTON RAILWAY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE INC
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

Note 2. Revenue Recognised versus Revenue Received

Income	Description	Carried Forward 01.07.2021	Actual Revenue Received	Carried Forward 30.06.2022	Revenue Recognised 2022 Year
<u>Local Government Grants</u>					
City of Yarra	Operating Grant	-	67,994	-	67,994
		<u>-</u>	<u>67,994</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,994</u>
<u>State Government Grants - NHCP</u>					
Department of Health	Neighbourhood House Co-ordination Program	-	89,596	-	89,596
		<u>-</u>	<u>89,596</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89,596</u>
<u>State Government Grants - DSS</u>					
Department of Social Services	Funding for Volunteer Expenses.	1,347	-	(379)	968
		<u>1,347</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(379)</u>	<u>968</u>
<u>State Government Grants - ACFE</u>					
Department of Education - ACFE Grants	Relates to programs that could not be delivered due to COVID Lockdown.	4,368	-	-	4,368
		<u>4,368</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,368</u>
<u>Community Garden Grant</u>					
The City of Yarra and Clifton Hill North Fitzroy Community Bank Branch (Bendigo Bank) each contributed \$30,000 towards the cost of the Garden.	The balance of funds received to fund a Community Gardener position to be spent by the end of June 2022.	3,289	500	(500)	3,289
		<u>3,289</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>(500)</u>	<u>3,289</u>

NORTH CARLTON RAILWAY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE INC
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 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

Other Grants

Victorian Health Promotion Foundation	Grants for Kids Programs for 2022-2023 Year	-	10,240	(10,240)	-
Bendigo Bank	Sponsorship for production of Information document about the Neighbourhood House	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
City of Yarra Grant	Welcome Sign Project 2020-2021 Funding	2,600	-		2,600
Inner North Community Foundation	Covid-19 Rapid Response Grant	-	1,500	-	1,500
Inner North Community Foundation	Kid's Programs for 2022-2023 Funding	-	7,900	(7,900)	-
City of Yarra Grant	Balance of Grant carried over to run school holiday programs over the next few years	1,882	-	(763)	1,119
Department of Premier & Cabinet	Grant for Harmony Day Event – Event cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic	1,505	-		1,505
Friends of Public Housing – a small Group that we administer the finances for.	They originally received a Grant from City of Yarra and they get the odd donation which is what has been carried over.	300	2,000	(2,260)	40
Clifton Hill/ North Fitzroy Community Bank Branch (Bendigo Bank) Grant – Around the Table Food Program.	The Balance of two Grants received for this ongoing program. Suspended due to COVID.	3,643	-	(2,011)	1,630
Rotary	Kids Program for 2021-2022	1,000	-		1,000
Dept of Jobs, Precincts & Regions	Grant for Karate Equipment - unspent due to COVID	1,000	-		1,000
East Web	Kids Program for 2021-2022	2,277	-		2,277
Court's Services VIC	Kids Program for 2021-2022	500	1,500		2,000
Nelson Alexander Charitable Foundation	Kid's Multi Sports Program/ Kids Program for 2021-2022	-	4,340		4,340
Sustain: The Australian Food Network	Cooking Program 2021-2022	-	1,000		1,000
Tony Birch Fundraiser	Kids Program for 2021-2022	-	4,492	(4,492)	-
General Fundraising	Kids Program for 2021-2022	-		(2,840)	(2,840)
		<u>14,706</u>	<u>33,972</u>	<u>(31,506)</u>	<u>17,170</u>
Total Grant Funding Income		<u>23,710</u>	<u>192,062</u>	<u>(32,385)</u>	<u>183,385</u>

NORTH CARLTON RAILWAY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE INC
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

Income	Description	Carried Forward 01.07.2020	Actual Revenue Received	Carried Forward 30.06.2021	Revenue Recognised 2021 Year
<u>Local Government Grants</u>					
City of Yarra	Operating Grant	-	67,320	-	67,320
		<u>-</u>	<u>67,320</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,320</u>
<u>State Government Grants - NHCP</u>					
Department of Health	Neighbourhood House Co-ordination Program	-	86,910	-	86,910
		<u>-</u>	<u>86,910</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,910</u>
<u>State Government Grants - ACFE</u>					
Department of Education - ACFE Grants	Relates to programs that could not be delivered due to COVID Lockdown.	4,434	9,868	(4,368)	9,934
		<u>4,434</u>	<u>9,868</u>	<u>(4,368)</u>	<u>9,934</u>
<u>Community Garden Grant</u>					
The City of Yarra and Clifton Hill/ North Fitzroy Community Bank Branch (Bendigo Bank) each contributed \$30,000 towards the cost of the Garden.	The balance of funds received to fund a Community Gardener position to be spent by the end of June 2022.	20,833	5,000	(3,289)	22,544
		<u>20,833</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>(3,289)</u>	<u>22,544</u>
<u>Other Grants</u>					
City of Yarra Grant	Welcome Sign Project 2020- 2021 Funding	-	2,600	(2,600)	-
Inner North Community Foundation	Covid-19 Rapid Response Grant	-	1,500	-	1,500
City of Yarra Grant	Balance of Grant carried over to run school holiday programs over the next few years	4,488		(1,882)	2,607
Department of Premier & Cabinet	Grant for Harmony Day Event – Event cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic	1,823		(1,505)	318
Friends of Public Housing – a small Group that we administer the finances for.	They originally received a Grant from City of Yarra and they get the odd donation which is what has been carried over.	300	-	(300)	-
Department of Social Services	Balance of a Grant we received two years ago for Volunteer related expenses. Underspent due to COVID	2,774	-	(1,347)	1,427
Clifton Hill/ North Fitzroy Community Bank Branch (Bendigo Bank) Grant – Around the Table Food Program.	The Balance of two Grants received for this ongoing program. Suspended due to COVID.	3,643		(3,643)	-
Rotary	Kids Program for 2021-2022	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
Dept of Jobs, Precincts & Regions	Grant for Karate Equipment - unspent due to COVID	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
East Web	Kids Program for 2021-2022	-	2,277	(2,277)	-
Court's Services VIC	Kids Program for 2021-2022	-	500	(500)	-
		<u>13,028</u>	<u>8,877</u>	<u>(16,053)</u>	<u>5,851</u>
Total Grant Funding Income		<u>38,294</u>	<u>177,976</u>	<u>(23,710)</u>	<u>192,558</u>

NORTH CARLTON RAILWAY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE INC
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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

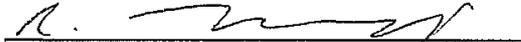
The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee, the financial report as set out on pages 2 to 11, satisfy the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and:

- 1 a. comply with Australian Accounting Standards applicable to the association; and
b. give a true and fair view of the financial position of North Carlton Railway Neighbourhood House Inc as at 30 June 2022 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
- 2 At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that North Carlton Railway Neighbourhood House Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This declaration is signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

Chairperson


Rachel Tuffield

Secretary


Sarah Tutton

Dated:

19/10/22.

NORTH CARLTON RAILWAY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE INC
A.B.N. 26 424 383 517
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial report of North Carlton Railway Neighbourhood House Inc (the Association), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2022, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the statement by the members of the Board.

In my opinion, the financial report of the Association is in accordance with *the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012* and *the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*, including:

- i. giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its performance for the year ended; and
- ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards as per Note 1, *the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012* and *the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. I am independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

I draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist North Carlton Railway Neighbourhood House Inc to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012* and *the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the applicable legislation and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.



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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the registered entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the responsible entities.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the responsible entities use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the registered entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the registered entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal controls that I identify during my audit.

Auditor: Frederik Ryk Ludolf Eksteen ASIC Registration Number: 421448

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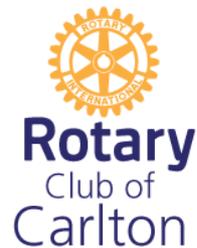
Signature:

Date: 19 October 2022

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Inner North Community Foundation
Courts Services Victoria
Rotary Club of Carlton
Sustain – The Australian Food Network
Department of Jobs, Precincts & Regions
Department of Premier & Cabinet
Department of Social Services
Nelson Alexander Charitable Foundation
VicHealth
City of Yarra



Australian Government
Department of Social Services



Supporters and Partners

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FareShare
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Second Bite
Sugardough Bakery
Thornbury Church of Christ
Yarra Libraries

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Alphington Community Centre
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Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre
Collingwood Neighbourhood House
Finbar Neighbourhood House
Fitzroy Arms Hotel
Fitzroy Learning Network
Holden Street Neighbourhood House
North-East Neighbourhood House Network
Princes Hill Secondary College
Richmond Community Learning Centre
The Footpath Library

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