



2021/2022 Annual Report

North East Neighbourhood House Network



Vision

Strong, capable, resilient neighbourhood houses that are well resourced and responding to the needs of the community.

Purpose

To support, connect and resource neighbourhood houses to achieve their potential.

Values

- Respect
- Trust
- Relationships
- Collaboration
- Quality



NENHN acknowledges the traditional owners of the land on which we live and work. We pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging.



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Committee of Governance

Chairperson	Chris Lombardo	Bridge Darebin
Deputy Chairperson	Jane Tonkin	Fitzroy Learning Network
Treasurer	Lynne Harris	Mill Park Community House
Secretary	Lucie Holden	Watsonia Neighbourhood House
Ordinary Members	Meredith Budge Cobie Vermeulen	Lalor Living and Learning Centre Living & Learning Nillumbik

Photos by Sue Kent, Kalimna Mohamed, Stephanie Dallas and Julie Johnston

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are advised that this report contains the name and image of an Aboriginal person who has died.

Our Network

NENHN spans five local government areas:
Banyule, Darebin, Nilumbik, Whittlesea and Yarra



Chairperson's Report

The North East Neighbourhood House Network (NENHN) has continued to be a pillar of strength for the 35 neighbourhood houses of the north east as the pandemic continued to test our resilience.

Julie Johnston leads this fantastic Network, ably assisted by Sally O'Meara in her role as Project Officer. Julie leads with compassion, knowledge and wisdom as she provides countless opportunities for our organisations, staff and volunteers to connect, learn and feel supported.

We commenced this financial year still in lockdown; we moved on to vaccination mandates and then our first face-to-face meetings and events by the end of 2021. With the new year came an opportunity to support the Committee of Allwood Neighbourhood House after the retirement of their manager. The NENHN Committee agreed to second Julie to the Acting Manager role at Allwood Neighbourhood House, while Sally backfilled Julie's role of Network Manager from March to September. The strength of our robust network was on display during this period, evident through the uninterrupted services to our members. Sally continued to provide opportunities for us all to come together virtually and physically to learn, share and advocate for ourselves and our communities. I congratulate Sally on how she managed the transition to Acting Network Manager during a crucial political time when advocacy for better funding and funding guidelines was at the forefront of all our minds. I also congratulate Julie on her incredible job in ensuring Allwood had a firm foundation from which to engage a new manager and



enable the community of Hurstbridge to re-engage with their neighbourhood house after the interruptions of lockdowns previously. Julie's experience, sector knowledge and compassion helped this critical work to succeed. Such an excellent example of the Networks' value to our sector.

Lastly, I'd like to thank my fellow Committee members. Jeff Percy, Sue Kent and Gina Wittingslow, retired this year; we appreciate your years of service to the Network. The new members who joined; were Jane Tonkin and Meredith Budge, and the stayers - our secretary Lucie Holden, Treasurer Lynne Harris and Cobie Vermeulen.

As we all work together, focusing on advocacy for our sector, we look forward to working together to fulfil our 2021 – 2025 NENHN Strategic Plan goals.

I love our sector!

Chris Lombardo — Chairperson



Acting Manager's Report

How would you describe 2021/22?

For many around our network it's been a confusing year – you might have felt cautiously optimistic at times, or perhaps a tad exhausted at others. There was certainly a heavy dose of uncertainty as we emerged from an even more difficult year in 2021. 104 days in lockdown! In late 2021, we optimistically planned (then cancelled) in-person activities. Add to this a tough political environment, and some difficult conversations about vaccine mandates. Our Queenscliff retreat in February was just what the doctor ordered, and it was clear how much everyone had missed gathering together in-person to share stories, debrief and unwind.

In March, I had the opportunity to step into the Network Manager role for six months so that Julie Johnston could provide intensive support to Allwood Neighbourhood House. It was a great opportunity for me to work more closely with our members, and Julie was able to achieve some amazing outcomes during her time in Hurstbridge.

I've certainly learned a lot about funding advocacy this year! Our Network collaborated with others across Victoria, and provided in-depth support to those of our members who were affected by a threat to the Neighbourhood House Coordination Program funding. We played a key role in advocating for our members during this time, and we were relieved that the campaign was ultimately successful.

This year we were saddened by the passing of Aunty Cindy Bux from Gurwidj Koori Neighbourhood House. We also said goodbye to Gina Wittingslow (Jika Jika Community Centre), Jeff Percy (Olympic Adult Education), Vicki Kaye (Allwood Neighbourhood House), Max Sargent (Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre) and Veronica Kioria (Diamond Valley Learning Centre). We welcomed the following people: Natasha Ellis-Corrigan, Susan Rennie, Karen Fitzsimons and Mark Favetta. We also welcomed back Erin Elderhurst.

The NENHN Committee of Governance farewelled three long-term members this year. We thank Gina Wittingslow, Jeff Percy and Sue Kent for their incredible contribution. Jane Tonkin and Meredith Budge joined the team this year. Julie and I are both very grateful to the committee for their support, wisdom and encouragement!



Finally to all of the NENHN members, thank you for the important and very meaningful work that you do with your communities, and the way that you generously share ideas and resources with each other. Wishing everyone a calm and positive 2023!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sally O'Meara". The signature is enclosed in a simple oval shape.

Sally O'Meara — Acting NENHN Manager

Manager's Report

Each year of the pandemic has brought with it a new set of challenges. By the end of 2021 we had mastered working from home, online delivery and managing teams remotely. Our members continued to find innovative ways to keep communities connected and provide support through the long lockdown. Neighbourhood houses played an important role in the vaccine rollout in getting the information out about vaccinations, supporting community members to locate vaccination centres and navigate the booking process. A number of our neighbourhood houses even hosted pop-up vaccination services helping to reduce the barriers to getting vaccinated.

In 2022 some centres had to say goodbye to valuable staff due to the vaccine mandate. It was a sad time for many. The return to face-to-face delivery was made difficult by the number of staff and students getting COVID, resulting in multiple cancelling and rescheduling of events and programs. Everyone has become adept at hybrid meetings, enabling people to participate while in isolation. Financial management was particularly tough in the last year with enrolments still low and the end of government COVID business support grants. However, neighbourhood houses were appreciative of the provision of free masks, gloves, sanitiser and Rapid Antigen Tests through the Department of Health.

Despite all the above challenges, neighbourhood houses across our network continue to be driven by their passion to serve the community. As the focus on the pandemic receded, neighbourhood houses ramped up their efforts to work with their communities on issues such as climate change resilience, mental health and reducing social isolation. The Darebin Neighbourhood House Network have just completed a Climate Action and Resilience Plan for Neighbourhood Houses.

This year I was grateful for the opportunity to work at Allwood Neighbourhood House as the Acting Manager for 6 months to work on rebuilding the committee and then supporting them to recruit and induct a new manager. I'm so pleased that Stephanie Dallas is in the role now and doing a fantastic job. I could not have worked at Allwood if it were not for Sally O'Meara being able to step into my role. Sally is extremely capable and I've received so much positive feedback about what a great job she did. Members appreciated



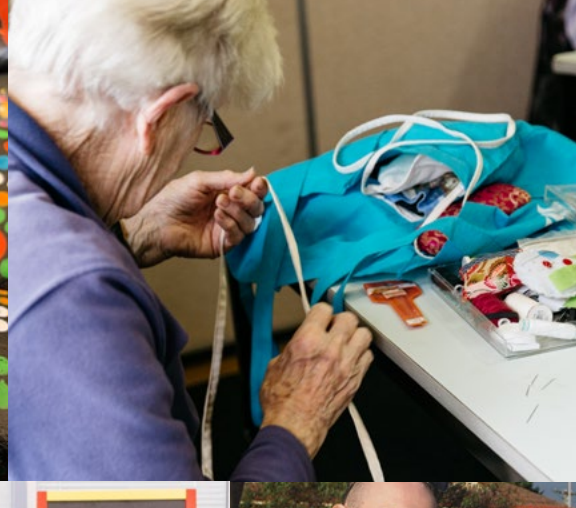
the community garden tour, new managers' lunch, community development workers professional development day and committee of governance training sessions that Sally organised in addition to the individual member support and funding campaign work. Sally will go back to her project work developing the InfoHub resources for our members.

Every year we say goodbye to many people, each one has made a special contribution to our network and will be missed. Sally has listed them in her report. I would like to make special mention of Aunty Cindy from Gurwidj Koori Neighbourhood House. She touched the hearts of many with her warmth, generosity, kindness and beautiful laugh. We miss you.

In closing, I'd like to acknowledge the wonderful work of the NENHN Committee. Thank you for your never ending support and encouragement.

Julie Johnston — NENHN Manager









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Annual Financial Statement

Treasurer's Report

- The North East Neighbourhood House Network Inc completed the 2021-2022 year in a positive position.
- All provisions have been allocated and our overall financial picture is very strong.
- Annual budgets were prepared for the period. All areas remain under or at budget projection.
- All Statutory employee provisions continue to be accrued and allocated.
- The ageing NENHN vehicle was replaced during this financial period.
- Extra staffing hours were allocated due to outsourcing to support a local agency

My thanks go to Julie and Sally for their ongoing commitment to the Network and to Peter for the provision of quality financial statements.

We believe that this is an accurate financial summary of the transactions undertaken in the 2021-2022 period by the North East Neighbourhood House Network Inc.



Lynne Harris — Treasurer

Balance Sheet

AS AT 30 JUNE 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Assets		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bendigo — Operating	51,973	91,989
Bendigo — Term Deposits	107,774	106,892
Accounts Receivable	19,514	0
Accrued Income	0	136
Prepaid Expenses	0	750
Current Assets Total	179,261	199,767
FIXED ASSETS		
Motor Vehicle: At cost	12,718	5,918
Motor Vehicle: Less accumulated depreciation	-1,415	-5,918
Property, Plant & Equipment at Cost	15,227	15,227
Less Provision for Depreciation	-15,227	-14,737
Fixed Assets Total	11,303	490
TOTAL ASSETS	190,564	200,257
Liabilities		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade Creditors & Other Payables	12,996	11,771
Provisions — Employee Entitlements	24,131	17,198
Provisions — Other	0	37,500
GST Payable	5,840	1,911
Revenue in Advance	0	0
Current Liabilities Total	42,967	68,380
TOTAL LIABILITIES	42,967	68,380
NET ASSETS	147,597	131,877
Equity		
EQUITY		
Opening Balance 1 July	131,877	93,690
Add Net Income for the Year	15,720	38,187
Equity Total	147,597	131,877
TOTAL EQUITY	147,597	131,877

Income Statement

FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Grants	106,619	124,327
Membership Levies Received	3,911	3,586
Consultation Fees Received	35,480	769
Interest Received	756	763
Sundry Income	3,400	1,538
TOTAL INCOME	150,166	130,983
GROSS PROFIT	150,166	130,983
EXPENSES		
Advertising & Promotion	0	0
Bank Charges	139	156
Board & Governance Expenses	2,163	459
Bookkeeping	5,800	4,125
Computer Expenses	841	1,388
Consultant & Contractor Fees	0	0
Depreciation	1,905	7,955
Insurance	0	229
Membership Fees Paid	1,210	1,036
Motor Vehicle Expenses	2,661	2,327
Payroll Expenses	108,863	137,730
Printing & Stationery	0	0
Program Service	3,063	8,367
Rent	1,000	1,000
Sundry Expenses	2,796	1,137
Telephone & Internet	1,245	2,551
Training & Development (Staff)	807	385
Travel & Accommodation	1,003	614
Volunteer Costs	950	323
TOTAL EXPENSES	134,446	169,782
NET ORDINARY PROFIT	15,720	-38,799
OTHER INCOME/EXPENSE		
COVID-19 Income Support	0	76,986
TOTAL OTHER INCOME/EXPENSE	0	76,986
NET PROFIT	15,720	38,187

Cash Flow Statement

FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
INCOME		
Grants Received	118,081	116,014
COVID Support	0	82,986
Interest Income	892	1,110
Other Income	25,957	5,606
TOTAL INCOME	144,930	205,716
EXPENDITURE		
Payments to Suppliers & Employees	171,345	179,244
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	171,345	179,244
NET CASH INFLOWS FROM OPERATIONS	-26,415	26,472
NET CASH INFLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchases of Fixed Assets	12,719	0
TOTAL NET CASH INFLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	12,719	0
NET CASH INFLOWS	-39,134	26,472
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING SURPLUS WITH CASH FLOW FROM OPERATIONS		
Operating Surplus/-Deficit for Year	15,721	38,187
Add Back Depreciation	1,905	7,955
TOTAL RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING SURPLUS WITH CASH FLOW FROM OPERATIONS	17,626	46,142
MOVEMENT IN ASSETS & LIABILITIES		
Decrease/Increase In Receivables — Operations	-18,628	7,708
Decrease/Increase In Creditors & Provisions — Operations	-25,413	-27,378
TOTAL MOVEMENT IN ASSETS & LIABILITIES	-44,041	-19,670
NET CASH INFLOWS FROM OPERATIONS	-26,415	26,472
CASH AT BANK 30 JUNE		
Cash at Bank at Start of Year	198,881	172,409
Add Net Cash Inflows/-Outflows	-39,134	26,472
Total Cash at Bank 30 June	159,747	198,881
MADE UP AS FOLLOWS		
Bendigo — Operating Account	51,973	91,989
Bendigo — Term Deposit	107,774	106,892
TOTAL MADE UP AS FOLLOWS	159,747	198,881

Notes To The Financial Statements

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2022

Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial report preparation requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. The committee have determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

Basis of Preparation

The report has been prepared in accordance with the following applicable Accounting Standards and Urgent Issues Group Interpretations:

AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements

AASB 107: Cash Flow Statements

AASB 108: Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors

AASB 110: Events after the Balance Sheet Date

AASB 1031: Materiality

AASB 1048: Interpretation and Application Standards

AASB 1058: Income of Not-for-Profit Entities

No other Australian Accounting Standards, International Accounting Standards Urgent Issues Group Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Board have been applied.

Reporting Basis and Conventions

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs.

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

Accounting Policies

(a) Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis.

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 asset's employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

Increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluations are credited to the revaluation reserve in equity. Decreases that offset previous increases of the same asset are charged against fair value reserves directly in equity; all other decreases are charged to the income statement. Each year the difference between depreciation based on the assets original cost is transferred from the revaluation reserve to retained earnings.

(b) Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, is depreciated on a diminishing value basis over their useful lives to the Association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet 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 carrying amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are included in the income statement. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation reserve relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

(c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

(d) Comparative Figures

Comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year where required by accounting standards or as a result of changes in accounting policy, or changes to the accounting period.

(e) Change in accounting policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies for the financial period.

Statement By Committee



FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2022

In the opinion of the Members of the Committee of the Association,

1. The accompanying revenue statement is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the Association's income for the financial year ended 30 June 2022.
2. The accompanying balance sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs for the Association for the financial year ended 30 June 2022.
3. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association can meet its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with the resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

CHAIRPERSON
Chris Lombardo

TREASURER
Lynne Harris

Dated this 13th day of October 2022



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The Heart of Our Community

NENHN acknowledges
the support of the
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