



ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

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ABOUT PORT FAIRY COMMUNITY HOUSE

The Port Fairy Community House (PFCH) is in its 34th year of operation. PFCH is a member of Neighbourhood Houses Victoria, the peak body for the Neighbourhood House sector, representing close to 400 independent, community-based organisations across Victoria.

PFCH receives funding from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) and applies for various grants as available. Additional funding is raised by the Community Market, in-house courses and venue hire. A voluntary Committee of Management sets the strategic direction of the PFCH and is accountable for its operations. A team of part-time employees is responsible for program development and implementation.

Mission

Our mission is to provide inclusive social, cultural, environmental and educational experiences for our community.

The Neighbourhood House Community Development Model

In order to meet our local community needs and organisational goals we aim to:

1. Involve the community and encourage participation and inclusion, valuing diversity and difference at all levels of Neighbourhood House operation.
2. Identify community needs and aspirations.
3. Determine appropriate programs, activities and services in response to community needs, ensuring that diversity and difference are valued.
4. Partner with community organisations, businesses, government and philanthropic organisations to secure appropriate funding and support.
5. Deliver quality programs, activities and services.
6. Evaluate the effectiveness of all aspects of Neighbourhood House operations, including programs, practice and governance.



COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the Gunditjmara country on which we operate and pay our respects to elders past and present.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

JULIENNE CLIFFORD

And, just like that...another year has passed and it is time to reach out to you through our annual report. It has been wonderful to have a year uninterrupted by the COVID lockdowns and to be able to hold our first Women's Weekend for some years. I was lucky enough to be a participant in August 2022 and I was just blown away by the amazing workshops on offer, the incredibly generous support of our sponsors and the sense of fun and sisterhood displayed by the participants. We work very hard to keep the costs of these activities down to ensure they are accessible to all and it is a credit to our staff and volunteers what they are able to achieve under the leadership of Pam McGoldrick.

This year more than ever we are acutely aware of the impact of cost-of-living pressures on individuals and families and have thought carefully about how we can respond as a Community House. We have capped the fees for our school holiday program, subsidised tutor costs to keep course fees down and looked at different offerings which are affordable, like our Chatty Café sessions which are free of charge and open to all. We continue to offer not-for-profit community groups an opportunity for free space at the Community Market for their awareness raising and fundraising activities. In tough times our Community Garden, Share Shed and Book Exchange are great ways to help community members to cut costs in an environmentally friendly way, as was our first Whole of Town Garage Sale held in October 2022. We are proud of our work with Food Share and appreciate the donations of non-perishable food items from those who have a little to spare.

The continued increase in online service delivery from business and from government has led to a growing role for Port Fairy Community House in helping to bridge the digital divide. Through our Be Connected program we are able to help older members of our community gain greater skills, confidence and online security. There is a great sense of satisfaction in helping those who are less technically literate to connect with the services they need and manage their day-to-day personal technology challenges. Once more we helped many local people to access their entitlements under the Power Saving Bonus and are now able to support eligible casual workers to sign up for the Sick Pay Guarantee.

There is always something new happening at Port Fairy Community House and I thank our staff and volunteers for their hard work, commitment and ability to embrace growth and change. To our Committee of Management Members, I thank you for your wise counsel, your diversity of thinking and your care for your community. Community and connection are at the heart of everything we do and so it was pleasing once again to be nominated in two categories of the Moyne Love Local Awards; Customer Service and Community Focus.

To all our members, our Auspice Groups, our tutors, our course participants, playgroup families, market stall holders and customers and to all users of the community house, thank you for another great year and for bringing your kindness, creativity, knowledge, energy and enthusiasm to our community hub.



TREASURER'S REPORT

ADI TAYLOR

The 2022/2023 financial year has offered a period of more stability from the previous couple of years.

Pam McGoldrick's managerial skills allowed her to continue to efficiently stay abreast of the changes and fluctuations of the year, with the resultant positive financial stability and outcome, as reflected in the financial reports.

As shown in our financial statements, there has been a small increase in revenue when compared to last financial year. However if we consider the Victorian Business Support Grant our actual revenue growth has been substantial.

Income from the Markets, the primary income for PFCH was above the budget estimate, despite some wet winter days.

The other main income stream course fees was also very positive. A generally renewed energy throughout the House.

The Repair Cafe gold coin contributions and Power Savings Bonus also provided positive financial input. The Women's Weekend is self-sustaining and is offering great exposure for the PFCH.

There were updates of some of the office computers and in the garden area.

Once again, a successful year of changes and positive outcomes for which a big thank you needs to be extended to our manager, Pam McGoldrick, our fantastic staff, Committee of Management and the Volunteers.

We look forward to another year ahead of growth in Port Fairy Community House's contribution to and with our Community.

HOUSE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

PAM MCGOLDRICK
HOUSE COORDINATOR

We have been very pleased to have our Community House back to “normal” after the trials of the last couple of years. Our staff and volunteers have been very busy ensuring that the Community House remains a vibrant and welcoming place for everyone to participate in and enjoy. We have continued to offer a range of courses which have been well supported by our members. Participation numbers in classes exceeded our expectations and credit goes to our Community Engagement Coordinator Bronagh Lucardie who has brought together our varied term and school holiday programs.

Our markets have operated successfully again this year throughout the challenges a wetter than average year provides. Our January markets were well supported, running over 5 weekends with a large selection of market stalls offering everything from fresh produce to homewares. We operated a two-day Folk Festival market as part of the Moyne Shire Street Fair including offering a local producers pop-up bar, and an Easter Saturday market in conjunction with the Belfast Lions Club. Our markets continue to focus on offering a large variety of local products to the community and visitors to our town while also supporting local groups with a presence at the markets.

Our Community Garden has flourished with many of hours of input from our dedicated group of volunteer gardeners. The garden is overflowing with seasonal fresh produce for consumption by our local community. Any excess produce from our garden and other local gardens is placed in our Share Shed at the front of the Community House - the variety and volumes of produce that are both donated and taken from this shed is amazing.

At the Repair Café, our generous volunteer Fixers encouraged people to repair rather than replace items. We held 10 Repair Cafes over the year with a total of 169 items fixed and 700kg of materials repaired. In February the Repair Café was in Koroit which was very well supported by the locals. We acknowledge the wonderful volunteer fixers and the continuing efforts of Natasha Mills who coordinates the Repair Café.

The Port Fairy Playgroup at Community House has been well supported utilising our existing play equipment at the House. This playgroup is run each week during term by our volunteer mums, providing stimulating and fun sessions for the group which has increased in size over the year.

We have hosted three Chatty Café mornings where members of the community drop in for a conversation with our friendly staff and committee members over a coffee and delicious cake and two Safe Seats days where a qualified car seat fitter checks the correct installation of car restraints at no cost to our community members. We were also part of the Biggest Morning Tea raising funds for Cancer Council with a delicious spread of cakes and slices.

PORT FAIRY COMMUNITY HOUSE

It was fantastic to be able to run our Women's Weekend in late August after a two-year break. A wonderful group of 35 women from local and as far as Melbourne joined us for a weekend of activities, conversation, and great food.

A new initiative – the Whole Town Garage Sale was run in October, involving 32 households running a garage sale with 20 car-boot sites running at Community House. The success of this day in enabling many to declutter and resell items to be reused by others will see it becoming an annual event.

We assisted many through the Victorian State Government Power Saving Bonus scheme by offering free lodgement of the required paperwork to those who were not able or comfortable in lodging it themselves. The need for digital assistance has resulted in us being very busy in this service throughout the year, highlighting a growing need in our community. We continue to offer free assistance in this area – whether it be assistance with setting up a new device, completing online documentation or downloading photos. A big thank you to our Administration Support Officer Fiona Hampson for her assistance to the public on all things technology based.

Our Auspice Groups continue to offer a selection of activities for their respective members. An update on their activities for the year can be found later in this report. We welcomed the Koroit Krafters as a new auspice group this year.

Our variety of room spaces available for hire has attracted a strong number of venue hire hours, giving community and business groups a comfortable space to run their sessions while contributing financially to the Community House.

Our Committee of Management has once again volunteered their time and expertise to lead the Community House through another year. Without this dedicated group of community minded individuals, our Community House would not exist, and, on behalf of the staff, volunteers, and members, I thank them for their continued support. A special thanks to Carole Howlett who has decided not to re-elect on the committee of management after 8 years of wonderful commitment to our community house.

We could not continue our offerings to the community without the ongoing support of our wonderful volunteers. We have a fantastic group of volunteers who assist us in many areas of the House – reception tasks, delivering food share parcels, running sessions, fixing items and gardening. I thank everyone who has given up their time to assist us and acknowledge the important role our volunteers play.

I am once again immensely proud to be part of the team of staff – Jo, Fiona and Bronagh, volunteers and Committee of Management who have contributed to another successful year at Port Fairy Community House. We are focused on providing our best support to our local community and look forward to another successful year at Community House.

PORT FAIRY COMMUNITY MARKET

PAM MCGOLDRICK
MARKET COORDINATOR



Our markets remain focused on showcasing local, fresh produce and handmade items from around our region while providing a vital source of income to the Community House. The running of our markets supports many local small businesses and provide an important social meeting place for many patrons on market days.

A total of thirty-one markets were held over the 2022- 23 financial year at Railway Place with a total of 1630 stallholders attending over the 12 months, a strong result given the six months of wet weather we endured.

In December we again ran our Christmas Twilight Friday Market which was well attended and involved the always popular Santa available at Community House for free photos with children which kept him very busy. A big thank you to our local Santa for the giving of his time for this event.

Our January Holiday markets were once again very successful - compared to January 2022 markets, our stallholder numbers slightly increased by 40 sites over these summer markets. We had strong patron numbers at all five January markets and perfect weather for market days. We ran our fourth Folk Festival markets at Railway Place over Saturday and Sunday of the March long weekend with wonderful support from our regular stallholders, most reported an excellent weekend of sales. This year we introduced the Community House Bar which ran over the Saturday and Sunday of the Folkie Festival and allowed patrons to drop in, eat some food, enjoy some music and sample drinks from 5 of our local wineries and distilleries. Both days had sunshine and full tables into early evening making it a successful addition to our Folkie markets.

Our Annual Easter Fair in conjunction with the Belfast Lions Club was run in beautiful sunshine with similar numbers of stalls as we had last year and again with the lovely Devonshire teas being offered at Community House by Belfast Lions Club.

As always, we are very thankful to the support our stallholders have shown us through this past year with another record attendance at our ongoing regular markets. We continue to have interest from a varied array of new stallholders to join our markets and after consideration of our selection criteria we were able to approve 59 new stallholders over the year, which helps to keep our market varied and worth revisiting. Through our complimentary community sites, our markets continue to support many groups with the involvement throughout the year from Belfast Lions Club, Rotary, Port Fairy RSL, Red Cross, U3A, Port Fairy Consolidated School, Port Fairy Surf Lifesaving Club, Bandari Project, and St Brigid's Crossley who run our market BBQ.

We look forward to another year of many successful markets in sunny conditions.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT

BRONAGH LUCARDIE
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Classes and Workshops

The Community House offered 97 courses with 539 enrolments throughout the 2022-2023 financial year. The term program of 2022-2023 year brought opportunities for a range of new workshops including a variety of creative arts classes, cooking workshops and technology workshops for adults as well as sustainability focused workshops and drama courses for children. The ever-popular Friday morning playgroup has flourished throughout the year and back by popular demand were classes such as Sourdough Baking, Soft Pastels, Italian and Harp which continue to grow in numbers.

School Holiday Programs

The September school holiday program was popular among local children focusing on sustainability, including a Children's Permaculture workshop by one of our regular contributors to the term time program and Nature Ninjas, the nature-inspired concept and passion project from another regular community house presenter.



Children's Week

An award from the Department of Education and Training contributed to the running of a very successful Children's Week event. This enabled us to facilitate an activity free of charge to pre-school aged children, enabling families to participate in a fun and engaging educational experience together that "celebrates children and highlights the importance of every child's right to a standard of living that supports their wellbeing and healthy development". A previous contributor to the community engagement program, Tania Moloney from the Nature Bus hosted this event for the playgroup families.



CHATTY CAFE

Chatty Café

The Chatty Café is a regular feature of the community engagement program as a valuable connection for new and existing Port Fairy residents who are keen to meet up for a chat, a cuppa, and a slice of cake!



REPAIR CAFE

Repair Café

With events held each month except for Dec and January, the Repair Cafe have had 155 visitors come with items to fix. They fixed a total of 169 items, on average able to repair 80% of items that totaled 700kg of material during our events.

The Repair Cafe also had it's first event out of PF, at the Koroit Theatre in Feb 2023. This was a huge success.

Visitors travelled mainly from Port Fairy, Warrnambool and Koroit but also has drawn people from as far away as Horsham and Frankston, as well as Purnim, Macarthur, Portland, Codrington, Yambuk and Tarrone.

Huge thanks to our wonderfully skilled volunteers who bring so much enthusiasm, patience and energy to these events.

Social Responsibility

One of the year's highlights is always the Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser for the Cancer Council which drew in a large crowd of local supporters and donations. Support for the Share the Dignity campaign is ongoing throughout the year in which we collect women's sanitary products through a drop box at Port Fairy Community House.

We have also continued our work with Warrnambool and District Foodshare, collecting items in our Foodshare bin located at the house and have continued to organise weekly trips to Warrnambool for donation drop offs and food supply collections to distribute to Port Fairy residents in need.

Women's Weekend 2022

Thirty-five participants attended the weekend, a great mixture of women who were local, regional or from Melbourne, with a lovely spread across age groups. There was a wide range of workshops available including creative arts, movement & physical activity or challenging mindsets through history, books and psychology. Our presenters were both regular contributors to the community house term time program or women who offer classes through their own small businesses.

Of the twenty sessions available, participants could choose to upskill in classes such as Gelli Printing and Blending Chai or to challenge themselves by Unmasking Your Inner Superhero or creating Personal Totem Animals in Watercolour. One of the favourites of the weekend, and the workshop with the highest number of enrolments, was for Mosaics, in which women were provided with resources and skills needed to create a small art project or their choice.

Funding for the 2022 Women's Weekend was awarded by the Moyne Shire Community Event Funding and the Port Fairy & District Community Bank. Sponsorship was also provided by other community-based businesses and groups such as St John of God Hospital, Taylor Bobcat Services, Women on Farms Port Fairy Gathering, Rebecca's Café, Langley's Accommodation, Shearwater Medical Clinic and Salt Hair Port Fairy.



AUSPICE & ACTIVITY GROUPS

Port Fairy Community House has a strong focus on supporting local community groups to pursue their areas of interest, share their expertise and provide learning and social activities for the residents of Port Fairy and surrounding district. Auspice groups come under the umbrella of Port Fairy Community House.

Their members are financial members of PFCH which then covers the group for insurance and assists with risk management and grant applications without the need of that group to incorporate. Auspice groups deliver a wide variety of activities throughout the year. They are always happy to welcome new members.

PORT FAIRY BICYCLE USER GROUP

TONY BISHOP

Our objectives are to improve safety for all cyclists and encourage more people of all ages and abilities to participate and to advocate to improve cycling infrastructure in Port Fairy.

In February we held our Bike Expo at the February Community Market which brought together all cycling groups within Port Fairy to promote cycling and encourage participation. We also had two representatives from the Council to answer questions about the Port Fairy Bicycle Strategy Plan which we helped develop last year. The expo was a success and our thanks go to both Pam and Fiona for their help and support.

Bicycle User Group had several meetings with the Moyne Shire this year and presented to the Council Budget Committee. We were successful in convincing the Council to fund the first stage of the Bicycle Strategy Plan, that being bicycle lanes in Bank and Sackville Streets. In August we are again due to meet with the Council to present our preferences for the next stage of the Bicycle Strategy. We are extremely happy that the Council continues the bicycle dialogue with us and that our group is advancing safe cycling and cycling infrastructure in Port Fairy.

The Bicycle User Group values the Community House support to our group.

TEXTILE ART GROUP

SUE KNUDSEN

The Textile Art Group meets on a fortnightly basis in the Cottage Room under the auspice of the Port Fairy Community House. Originally established in 2010 by a small number of people with varied skills and interests in the Fine Arts and Textiles, it provides an opportunity for creative expression in a wide range of areas. These areas include - Felting, Nuno felting, Eco-Dyeing, Embroidery, Free Stitching, Embellishment, Fabric Dyeing, Silk work, Ceramic Artwork, Wood Turning, Repurposing fashion items, Spinning and Weaving, and Creative Book Making. Members demonstrate the skills involved in producing works and share materials and ideas.

On some occasions individual members facilitate workshops in their area of expertise for the group to participate in. The group provides a welcoming, social, and inclusive environment. Currently there are 22 members, three of whom are new to the group this year.

Throughout the year there are bi-monthly themes decided by members as well as an annual theme. This year's annual theme is 'South America - an interpretation'. Other themes have included 'Pearl', 'Cuff' and 'Heart', all being interpreted individually, depending on areas of expertise and expression. Completed pieces of work are shared with the public in exhibitions.



PORT FAIRY PLAYGROUP

ASHLEIGH PRUYS, SHAE SMITH, MEG SONEGO & AMELIA RIDOUT

Port Fairy Playgroup 2022- 2023 was run by Ashleigh Pruyts at the Port Fairy Community House. Shae Smith, Meg Sonego and Amelia Ridout are now running the Playgroup who had previously run the Playgroup 2017- 2020.

The Port Fairy Playgroup was held on a Friday morning at Port Fairy Community House 9.30am-11. Averaging 20 people attending per wk. The Playgroup has now changed days to suit Playgroup facilitator's work schedules.it is now run on a Tuesday at 9.30am - 11am.

We are continuing to run the Playgroup with gold coin donation to make it accessible for every family to attend. With a focus in social engagement, linking families into appropriate services when required. Creating a supportive environment where all families feel welcome to attend. Playgroup is an important group to support young families and we are incredibly grateful to be able to run the group at Port Fairy Community House. Which has the perfect set up for our little ones to play & learn through play. Since taking over the facilitation of PF Playgroup music has been brought back to engage children of all ages 0-5.

Whilst general play outside and inside with play dough, painting, art and crafts are set up for children to engage in if they wish during 9.30- 10.40. Singing, kids yoga and stories are run from 10.40am. Our goals for playgroup going forward is to have more music, singing, dancing, learning through play and interaction. Creating a supportive environment so that families feel welcome. The numbers so far have been consistent 20 people attending. With babies 0-preschool.

We hope to create a family run playgroup so that other families can continue to run this important group with our help from 2024. Creating a model of community development so that the program can continue to be run smoothly by families in the future. We have developed a welcome pack for new families which is a nice addition for new families.

TAI CHI

NETTA HILL
TAI CHI GROUP LEADER

Thank you to Port Fairy Community House for the auspice of the Tai Group. This group has continued to flourish. Many members are those who have been attending for many years, with some new members. Our regular number of participants has increased this year with an average of 15 a session.

We meet every Wednesday at 10am (apart from the summer holidays) at the St John's church hall. People can join the group at any time.

We are mainly a female group but men are most welcome, and we have regular visitors to Port fairy who often join us.

All of us enjoy the health benefits of the ancient art of Tai chi and Qigong. We all feel the benefits of gently moving and strengthening all our joints, and the relaxation from good breathing. Members comment how they have experienced an improvement in their balance and mobility, and how they feel energized and relaxed at the end of a session. A cup of coffee and a chat at The Mill ends our Wednesday morning.

My thanks go to Jackie Favelle, Wendy Smyrk, and Joan Moloney, all who take the class in my absence.



BELFAST BOOKERS

WENDY DU GUESCLIN

Our group of Belfast Bookers met once a month, on the second Tuesday, at 7.30pm at the Community House. We are few in number, but have welcomed a new member recently taking our group to five members. New members are welcome and can have a trial period of two months before joining the CAE book club.

Our group meets eleven times a year from February to December. We choose books from the CAE catalogue. We hope our choices will be delivered, but that is not guaranteed.

Our literary discussions are always interesting and thought provoking. We enjoy the social interaction and friendship with our fellow readers.

PORT FAIRY UKULELE GROUP

TONY BISHOP

The UKE group has had a similar year to last year. Numbers haven't really bounce back as hoped however we are averaging seven a week on our Thursday night sessions. We decided to have July and August off, as the winter exodus happens amongst our demographic.

The group hasn't performed our usual regular concerts at Belfast House and the Senior Citizens due mainly to Covid concerns, hopefully we can resume these next year.

Our regular Thursday night session provides lots of laughs and sense of community for those who attend. We are entering our 11th year and we wouldn't exist without the good work of the Community House Committee. The Port Fairy Ukulele Group sincerely thanks the Community House Committee for the continued support and for all your work with other groups that make the Community House such a dynamic part of Port Fairy

GARDEN GROUP

SANDRA DUNN PROGRAM- COORDINATOR AND COMMUNICATIONS
JANE RYAN- PROGRAM COORDINATOR
MARJORIE RAETZ- SUBSCRIPTIONS AND FINANCES

Garden group resumed in February this year with members excited to be back together with like minded individuals and to visit gardens. We continued to welcome new members again this year.

Garden Group meets fortnightly on a Wednesday morning during school term. This year we had a winter break over July, when gardens tend to be difficult to source. We usually visit a garden and then share morning tea and a chat.

Thank you to all our garden owners who generously share their gardens and knowledge with us. Also thank you to our enthusiastic members who make our group so successful.

We continue to maintain the Railway Place native gardens with help from residents and Moyne Shire Council.

Thank you to Port Fairy Community House for their continued support and guidance.



PORT FAIRY WOMEN IN FARMS GATHERING 2021

THE COMMITTEE: JODI FRY (CHAIRPERSON), SUSAN ROWBOTTOM (SECRETARY), ALECIA DOBSON (TREASURER), LORRAINE ERMACORA, MEG BARRY, CATHERINE HALDANE, KATE THOMAS, BARBARA ELDRIDGE

The PFWOFG21 committee have:

Since the staging of the Gathering back in March 2021, we have used some of our funds to defray the costs of the WOFG21 proceedings which were published and distributed in late 2021, donated artwork to Port Fairy Community House & received the Moyne Shire Council's Australia Day 2022 award for Community Event of the Year. We have donated funds annually to support Port Fairy Community House's Port Fairy Women's Weekend and we attended the 2022 Inglewood Women on Farms Gathering held in Inglewood. More recently, we have also attended the 2023 Women on Farms Gathering in Gippsland and provided financial support for their event, supported the Inglewood rural community with some financial assistance following the devastating floods within their region, and we have organised & sponsored a Farm Security Information Night for the local rural community. Our plans to further advance opportunities for rural women and other women involved in agriculture continue, as we value our ongoing contribution to rural communities across the region and the importance of connection and collaboration.

The Women on Farms Gathering Port Fairy 2021 committee greatly value the connection & support of Port Fairy Community House and the wider community.



HEART FOUNDATION WALKING GROUP

PETER AULD, MARY KERR, ANNA HOLTER
WALK ORGANISERS

We've had another great year and our keen walkers have been able to enjoy many walks over the past 12 months. Although on the odd occasion that the weather hasn't been too kind, the loyal group have still soldiered on. The Port Fairy Heart Foundation Friday Morning Walking Group now has 58 registered members and we are averaging between 8-16 walkers attending each week. We've now completed a combined total of 4918 walks since the group first started.

Our meeting point is outside the Information Centre at 9.30am each Friday, whether it's sunshine, gusty winds or rain. The weekly walks cater for all levels of ability and the group is made up of people of varying ages and fitness levels. Walking routes are decided upon on the day eg. East or South Beach, Botanical Gardens, Rail Trail, Griffiths Island, Southcombe Park. The distance covered is between 4-6 km and average time is one hour, and walkers are free to complete a long route or take a shorter one. Because of restrictions along some routes, unfortunately dogs are not permitted.

At the end of each walk, we reward ourselves with a coffee at one of the local cafes. The group not only enjoys the exercise, but it's a great opportunity for a social get-together, coffee and a chat. We also organise to have a Christmas lunch at a local venue.

Regular communications from The Australian Heart Foundation are sent to registered walkers who choose to receive these. Certificates and vouchers for milestone achievements are also awarded to walkers who have registered for these options. Significant awards were achieved by several members this year with 300, 200, 150, 100 and 50 walks being recognised. Congratulations to all recipients who reached milestones.

We were given the opportunity earlier this year to nominate a Walk Organiser for the "Golden Shoe Awards 2023". Peter Auld was nominated by our group in recognition of the amazing efforts he puts in every week. We are extremely pleased to announce that Peter was one of the four finalists for the state of Victoria. Although Peter wasn't declared as the winner, he is a "winner" for us.

Please feel free to come along and join in with a great bunch of people who enjoy some light exercise and good company. Walking Group membership is open to all and we welcome new members at any time.

PORT FAIRY BEACHCOMBERS

JOHN MILLER
BEACHCOMBERS GROUP LEADER



South Beach continues to throw up some weird and wonderful ocean organisms for our regular Thursday morning Beachcombing rambles.

We have been doing the walks for six years now and there is always something new to see, ponder and delight the senses. From sea urchins to Hoodies to seaweed of all kinds – it's the beach that just keeps on giving.

We keep an eye on the Hooded Plovers (Hoodies) on the beach and are sometimes rewarded with a glimpse of their eggs.

You are most welcome to join us on South Beach on Thursday mornings at 8am every week throughout the year – rain, hail or shine. You will love it.



2022-2023 AT A GLANCE

475

**Financial
Members**

583

**Sessions
Delivered**

1630

**Market
Stallholders**

10k

**Social
Media
Followers**

249

**Power Saving
Bonus
Applications**

52

**Garage
Sales**

90

**Hours of
Playgroup**

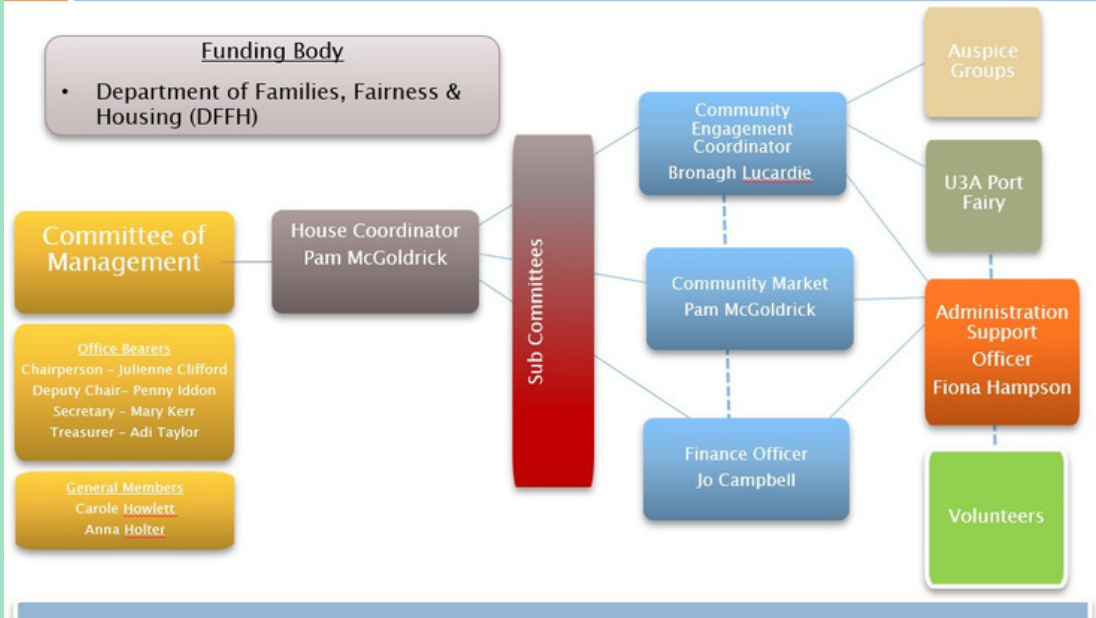
104

**Emergency
Food Boxes
Delivered**

169

**Items fixed at
Repair Cafe**

PFCH Organisational Chart – 2023



STRATEGIC REVIEW 2020-2024

**PFCH STRATEGIC PLAN
2020 - 2024**

Our Vision
To provide inclusive social, cultural and educational experience for our community

We measure our effectiveness using the following domains:

- COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT
- LEADERSHIP AND CULTURE
- BEST PRACTICE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

PORT FAIRY COMMUNITY GROUP INC.
A.B.N. 84 487 973 686
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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PORT FAIRY COMMUNITY GROUP INC.

A.B.N. 84 487 973 686

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
INCOME			
Revenue	12	222,013	218,095
		<u>222,013</u>	<u>218,095</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Depreciation	12	809	1,186
Employee benefits expense	12	135,652	126,701
Other expenses	12	57,934	44,822
		<u>194,395</u>	<u>172,709</u>
Result for the year		<u>27,618</u>	<u>45,386</u>
Total Comprehensive income for the year		<u><u>27,618</u></u>	<u><u>45,386</u></u>

The accompanying notes forms part of the financial statements

PORT FAIRY COMMUNITY HOUSE

PORT FAIRY COMMUNITY GROUP INC.
A.B.N. 84 487 973 686
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2	328,715	298,480
Trade and other receivables	3	7,553	2,109
Shares		500	500
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		336,768	301,089
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant & equipment	4	1,764	2,573
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		1,764	2,573
TOTAL ASSETS		338,532	303,662
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and Other Payables	5	13,730	15,903
Short Term Employee Provisions	6	33,100	25,207
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		46,830	41,110
Non-Current Liabilities			
Long Term Employee Provisions	6	1,916	385
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,916	385
TOTAL LIABILITIES		48,746	41,495
NET ASSETS		289,786	262,167
MEMBERS FUNDS			
Retained surplus		289,786	262,167
TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS		289,786	262,167

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PORT FAIRY COMMUNITY HOUSE

PORT FAIRY COMMUNITY GROUP INC.

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 30 June 2021	216,780	216,780
Comprehensive Result	45,386	45,386
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Balance at 30 June 2022	262,167	262,167
Comprehensive Result	27,618	27,618
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Balance at 30 June 2023	289,786	289,786
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PORT FAIRY COMMUNITY GROUP INC.
A.B.N. 84 487 973 686
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Cash Flow From Operating Activities			
Receipts from operating activities		215,999	216,253
Interest received		570	563
Payments to suppliers and employees		(186,334)	(171,301)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	11	<u>30,235</u>	<u>45,515</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		30,235	45,515
Cash at the beginning of the year		298,480	252,965
Cash at the end of the year	2	<u><u>328,715</u></u>	<u><u>298,480</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements

PORT FAIRY COMMUNITY GROUP INC.
A.B.N. 84 487 973 686
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2012 (Vic). The Committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

(a) Income Tax

The Association is exempt from income tax under Section 50-10 of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

(b) Property, 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 management to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. Depreciation - The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

(c) Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the entity reviews the carrying value of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets may be impaired.

(d) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the balance sheet. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on costs. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits.

(e) 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.

(f) Superannuation

As per 'Neighbourhood Houses & Adult Community Education Centres Agreement 2018, Section 18.3; All employees covered by the agreement will receive the Superannuation Guarantee rate for all amounts earned. To avoid doubt no minimum threshold applies. (the current Superannuation Guarantee rate is 10.5% and will increase in line with the Superannuation Guarantee Act Entitlement.

PORT FAIRY COMMUNITY GROUP INC.
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont.)

(g) 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.

(h) Revenue

Revenue from the provision of service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the client. Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rate applicable to the financial asset. All revenue is stated net of the amount of GST. Government grants are recognised as revenue when the organisation gains control of the underlying assets. Where grants are reciprocal, revenue is recognised as performance occurs under the grants. Non-reciprocal grants are recognised as revenue when the grant is received or is receivable.

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Note 2. Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash At Bank	97,056	147,351
Bendigo Term Deposit 1	231,659	151,129
	328,715	298,480

Reconciliation of cash

Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the cash flow statement is reconciled to items in the balance sheet as follows:

Cash and cash equivalents	328,715	298,480
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Note 3. Receivables

Trade receivables	615	2,109
Provision for impairment	-	-
Portable Long Service Leave receivable	6,938	-
	7,553	2,109

Note 4. Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment at cost	18,118	18,118
less accumulated depreciation	(16,354)	(15,545)
	1,764	2,573

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Note 5. Trade and other payables		
Trade creditors	-	4,120
Accrued expenses	2,421	-
Superannuation payable	2,154	1,964
GST payable	3,315	1,485
PAYG payable	5,840	8,334
	<u>13,730</u>	<u>15,903</u>
Note 6. Employee provisions		
Current		
Provision for annual leave	15,260	15,043
Provision for long service leave	17,840	10,164
	<u>33,100</u>	<u>25,207</u>
Non-current		
Provision for long service leave	<u>1,916</u>	<u>385</u>
	<u>35,016</u>	<u>25,592</u>

Note 7. Events after the balance sheet date

The Committee is not aware of any events which have occurred subsequent to the balance date which would materially effect the financial statement at 30 June 2023.

Note 8. Contingent liabilities

The Association is not aware of any contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2023, nor have any liens, guarantees or security been provided by the Association to third parties.

PORT FAIRY COMMUNITY GROUP INC.
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Note 9. Capital & leasing commitments

The Association is not aware of any capital or leasing commitments as at 30 June 2023.

Note 10. Related party transactions

The Association did not enter into any contracts with any member of the Committee.

Note 11. Cash flow information

Operations with surplus from ordinary activities

Net result for year	27,618	45,386
Non-cash flows in profit from ordinary activities:		
Depreciation	809	1,186
Changes in assets & liabilities		
(Increase)/decrease in receivables	(5,444)	(1,279)
Increase/(decrease) in payables	(2,173)	3,705
Increase/(decrease) in employee provisions	9,424	(3,484)
	<u>30,235</u>	<u>45,515</u>

PORT FAIRY COMMUNITY GROUP INC.
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Note 12. Detailed Income Statement for the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Income		
Adult education fees	37,533	26,981
Donations	4,856	2,473
Government funding	93,718	89,596
Grants	2,540	3,955
House hire	11,623	8,090
Interest received	570	563
Market stall rents	61,612	53,353
Membership	6,096	3,614
Sales	3,465	670
Victorian Business Support grant	-	28,800
Total income	<u>222,013</u>	<u>218,095</u>
Expenses		
Other Expenses		
Advertising	280	1,995
Accounting & consultancy fees	2,404	3,281
Catering	3,896	1,306
Computer software	716	140
Contract labour	23,005	16,169
Cleaning	774	239
Electricity	2,428	1,313
Gardening	2,313	2,088
Gifts	384	185
Groceries	441	294
Insurance	855	759
Office equipment	6,433	3,497
Office expenses	1,825	1,315
Repairs & maintenance	1,765	3,314
Security	902	528
Subscriptions & levies	1,564	1,344
Sundry expenses	4,534	2,725
Telephone	2,223	3,426
Workcover	1,192	904
Total Other Expenses	<u>57,934</u>	<u>44,822</u>

PORT FAIRY COMMUNITY GROUP INC.
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Note 12. Detailed Income Statement for the year ended 30 June 2023 (cont.)

	2023	2022
Employee Benefits Expense		
Wages	119,312	117,040
Superannuation	12,274	11,704
Leave provision movement	2,485	(3,483)
Portable long service leave	1,581	1,440
Total Employee Benefits Expense	<u>135,652</u>	<u>126,701</u>
Depreciation Expense		
Depreciation - property, plant & equipment	809	1,186
Total Depreciation Expense	<u>809</u>	<u>1,186</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>194,395</u>	<u>172,709</u>
Current year surplus/(loss)	<u>27,618</u>	<u>45,386</u>

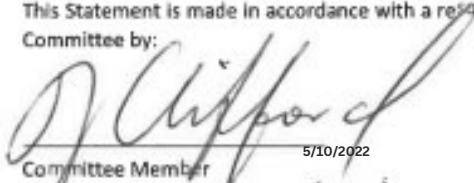
PORT FAIRY COMMUNITY GROUP INC.
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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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 prescribed in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Port Fairy Community Group Inc. as at 30 June 2023 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Port Fairy Community Group Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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


Committee Member

5/10/2022

Dated in Port Fairy on:

17/10/23



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PORT FAIRY COMMUNITY GROUP INC.

Report on the financial report

We have reviewed the accompanying special purpose financial statements, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2023, the statement of comprehensive income and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and statement by members of committee for Port Fairy Community Group Inc.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of management are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (VIC)* and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial statements that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements *ASRE 2410 Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements are not presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (VIC)*.

A review of a financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our review, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Conclusion

Based on our review, which is not an audit, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements of Port Fairy Community Group Inc. does not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the association as at 30 June 2023, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (VIC)*.

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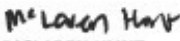
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Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our conclusion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Port Fairy Community Group Inc. to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (VIC)*. As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose.


MCLAREN HUNT
AUDIT & ASSURANCE


N.L. MCLEAN
PARTNER

Dated at Warrnambool, 17 October 2023

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