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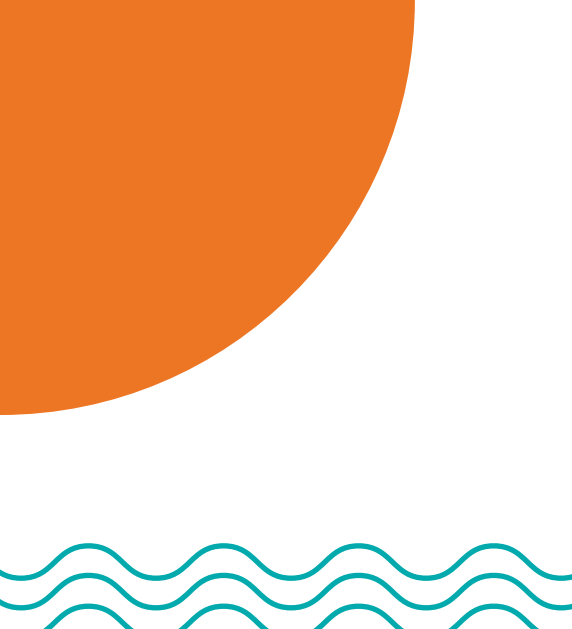
ANNUAL REPORT



Neighbourhood
Houses
Barwon

50
YEARS





Acknowledgement of Country

Neighbourhood Houses Barwon acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which 24 Neighbourhood Houses connect with their communities- the land of the Wadawurrung, Eastern Maar, Gulidjan and Gadubanud people-and pay respects to Elders, past present and emerging.

Neighbourhood Houses Barwon acknowledges and pays respect to the First nation's people and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and education practices.

Vision

Community development principles and practice delivered with a sense of unity and a collective voice.

Mission

Enabling the delivery of quality community development through high level representation, advice, guidance and support.

Purpose

Neighbourhood Houses Barwon Inc will provide "a collective voice and a sense of unity" for its members.

Priorities

- Sharing resources, information and knowledge
- Linking members with each other and our community partners
- Community development
- Conversations - positive and productive
- Advocacy

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Where Our Members Are



EASTERN MAAR

Colac NH

COLAC
OTWAY
SHIRE

Gellibrand CH

Forrest &
District NH

Winch House

Deans Marsh CC

Lorne CH

Great Otway
National Park

Marrar Woon NH
(Apollo Bay)

Vines Road CC (Ha





NH Barwon

Chairperson and Network Coordinator **Joint Report**

On behalf of Neighbourhood Houses Barwon, it is with great pleasure that we present this Joint Report as Chairperson and Network Coordinator for the 2024–2025 financial year.

Together, as a newly appointed Chairperson and Network Coordinator, and in close collaboration with our dedicated Committee of Management, we have worked on a wide range of initiatives, challenges, and opportunities that have kept us both energised and deeply engaged throughout the year.

This year has been particularly challenging, requiring difficult decisions to ensure the long-term sustainability of the organisation. Most notably, we undertook a staff restructure, a necessary step in response to financial constraints. This restructure has been carefully aligned with our new Strategic Plan 2025–2027, positioning the organisation to remain financially viable and more agile in meeting the needs of our members and stakeholders.

We have experienced the closure of two Neighbourhood Houses this year—the former Lara Community Centre and Bellarine Training and Community House—each of which required significant time, consultation, and support.

Our advocacy with Local Government partners has resulted in some significant wins:

- ✓ Increased funding for our Surf Coast Network, improving the capacity of local houses to deliver programs.
- ✓ Transitioning both Geelong and Surf Coast Networks to partnership funding agreements, removing some of the complexity associated with grant-based funding and offering greater autonomy to house managers.

- In Lara, we led a community engagement project—funded by the City of Greater Geelong and Bendigo Bank Lara—to gather critical data and community voices to inform DFFH in future funding decisions for a new Neighbourhood House. This work will ensure the community's needs are understood and prioritised.
- In Ocean Grove, we have continued to support stakeholders and community members following the closure of Bellarine Training and Community House. We remain committed to working with key partners to see this space revived as a vital community asset.

We also collaborated with the Colac Otway Network to support Colac Otway Shire in a successful VicHealth Food Systems grant for the Farm My School project—an initiative with the potential to deliver systemic change and support vulnerable communities through local food security solutions.

This year saw the successful rebrand of our monthly newsletter, now titled Barwon Exchange. With a fresh design and improved format, it provides a more effective channel for sharing sector updates, events, and resources across the network.

We also launched a refreshed Barwon Neighbourhood House Network website, improving access for house staff, volunteers, and community members. These digital updates reflect our ongoing efforts to increase communication accessibility.

Notably, our Governance Manual has now become a statewide resource, showcasing our leadership in best practice governance for Neighbourhood Houses across Victoria. We have also updated and refreshed this resource for our members.

Our RAP Working Group has been instrumental in the development of our new Gathering Principles—a values-aligned, culturally respectful framework that guides our work and decision-making. This beautiful document underscores our commitment to reconciliation and inclusive practice.

Throughout the year, NH Barwon has continued to provide training, advice, and responsive support to our member Houses. It has been a joy to witness the creativity, resilience, and innovation of our members through the diverse programs they deliver for their communities.

The achievements of the past year would not have been possible without the dedication and collaboration of many individuals and partners:

- ✓ DFFH and Local Government representatives for your ongoing support and partnership.
- ✓ The RAP Working Group for your wisdom and leadership in the development of the Gathering Principles.
- ✓ Kate Blackett, our incredible volunteer, for your marketing and communications expertise, particularly in supporting our rebranding and online presence.
- ✓ The Mentors Working Group, whose knowledge and support have been invaluable to house managers and Committees of Management.
- ✓ Nicky Albert our bookkeeper for knowledge and expertise in finance across the community house sector.

We extend our sincere thanks to the Neighbourhood Houses Barwon Committee of Management, whose commitment, insight, and tireless efforts have strengthened the Network and guided it through a year of transformation and challenge.

A very special thank you to Fran Fogarty, our Network Coordinator, for her exceptional leadership and dedication. Her professionalism and depth of experience in community development have been critical to supporting the committee, guiding member houses, and strengthening stakeholder relationships.

Neighbourhood Houses Barwon has emerged from a complex and demanding year with renewed clarity, strengthened partnerships, and a clear strategic direction. We are confident that with the continued support of our members, stakeholders, and community, we will continue to grow and thrive in service of the region.

We thank everyone who has played a part in the Network's journey this year and look to working closely with each of you in the coming year.

Jodii Anderson
Chairperson

Fran Fogarty
Barwon Network Coordinator



City of Greater Geelong

Authors: Nateesha Thomassen, Senior Community Development Project and Rob Menzies, Team Leader Community Inclusion Officer

The City of Greater Geelong is proud to continue its strong partnership with Neighbourhood Houses Barwon and the 14 Neighbourhood Houses across Greater Geelong. The City recognises the vital role they play in fostering inclusion, connection and opportunity across our communities.

Over the past year, we worked closely with Neighbourhood Houses to undertake a comprehensive review of the City's Neighbourhood House Funding and Support Model. This collaborative process focused on enhancing the long-term sustainability and community impact of these vital organisations.

This review will inform the development of a more responsive and equitable support framework that reflects the diverse and evolving needs of our communities.

A key step in this transition is the move from a grants-based funding approach to formal partnership agreements, commencing in the 2025–2026 financial year.

We sincerely thank everyone who contributed to this important review. Your insights, dedication and advocacy are invaluable in shaping a model that truly reflects the values and aspirations of our community.

We look forward to continuing positive dialogue as we progress key elements of this review.

We also extend our gratitude to our Neighbourhood Houses for their unwavering commitment to building a more connected, resilient, and inclusive Greater Geelong.



Department of Families, Fairness and Housing

Authors: Amanda Miggins and Lisa Charleson, Barwon Area Community Partnerships Team, Department of Families Fairness and Housing



Families,
Fairness
and Housing

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of excellent working
relationships with Council,
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Network and other key
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through.**

We, the Barwon Department of Families Fairness and Housing Community Partnerships Team, continue to be inspired by the staff and volunteers of the 24 houses across the Barwon Area, each working to meet their community needs with a wide range of partnerships, programs and supports.

This year's AGM theme, Connection and Community Development is a fitting one. The strong foundation of excellent working relationships with Council, the Neighbourhood House Network and other key stakeholders has shone through. We thank all involved for their unwavering commitment to the best outcomes for Barwon communities.

We look forward to continuing to work alongside the Network and Neighbourhood Houses to provide support to DFFH clients and the wider community.



Neighbourhood Houses
The Heart of Our Community



2024.
Real Impact.
Real Value.

Neighbourhood Houses in Barwon



This **COMMUNITY VALUE** equates to:

- \$5.90 for every \$1 of income
- \$15.88 for every \$1 of Neighbourhood House Coordination Program funding
- Over \$638.67 each for every hour the neighbourhood houses were in use on average

This **EMPLOYMENT VALUE** equates to:

- 64.5 FTE jobs including 46.4 direct and 18.1 indirect Full Time Equivalent positions

These values are produced by Neighbourhood Houses Victoria based on data provided by Neighbourhood Houses in Barwon in the 2024 Neighbourhood Houses Survey. Only a limited range of activities where a determinable valuation method exists are included.

\$37.9M NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSES BARWON VALUE breakdown:

\$13.4m

Adult Community Education



\$13.2m

Improved quality of life via social connection



\$5.8m

Volunteer contributions



\$2.7m

Services provided



\$2.2m

Emergency Relief provided



\$0.3m

Early childhood education and care



\$0.2m

Social enterprise goods & services



\$2.2M EMERGENCY RELIEF breakdown:



\$2,162,171

Food and groceries



\$7,800

Food vouchers



\$120

Fuel Vouchers



\$13,200

Clothing



\$7,200

Personal care & hygiene items

\$2.7M SERVICES breakdown:



\$10,440

Resume assistance



\$12,000

Tax Help



\$56,289

Auspicing other organisations



\$16,056

Computer/ internet usage



\$1,638,012

Facilities use or hire



\$205,560

Community lunch, frozen or others



\$715,935

Fee for service activities

Barwon Survey Outcomes

In November 2024, people attending Neighbourhood Houses across Victoria were invited to complete a survey.

Respondents identified an average of **33** benefits from attending the Neighbourhood House.

These are the benefits the Barwon respondents shared with us:

✓ Spend time with other people	66%
✓ Meet new people/make friends	55%
✓ Improve my personal wellbeing/confidence	43%
✓ Develop a new interest or activity	41%
✓ Help my community	35%
✓ Improve my health	29%
✓ Use a service	21%
✓ Improve my independence	12%
✓ Feel safer or more secure	8%
✓ Improve my job skills	7%
✓ Get practical support (e.g. food, clothing)	6%

Barwon Survey

1,556 people responded to the survey.

Participating in an activity at NH had positive effects for most respondents:

✓ Improved emotional wellbeing	96%
✓ Improved social connections	95%
✓ Improved physical wellbeing	94%
✓ Improved overall wellbeing outside the NH	84%
✓ Stronger support networks	72%

Respondents went on to do other things as a result of participating in their Neighbourhood House:

✓ Made a friend	58%
✓ Learned a new skill	33%
✓ Volunteering	28%
✓ Other	8%
✓ Got a job	3%
✓ New career pathway	3%



58% made a friend

Gathering Principles

Gathering principles are simple, shared guidelines that help everyone feel welcome, safe, and respected at our Neighbourhood House. They support kindness, inclusion and working together as a community.



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Our Members

**Anakie
Community
House**



**DEANS MARSH
COMMUNITY
COTTAGE**



2024/2025 Highlights

Anakie Community House

Anakie & District Community Group has provided a year of interesting activities and classes, as well as the opportunity for residents to call in at any time.

The playgroup mums asked for a paint and wine evening. This was held on a Saturday evening and was well supported with sixteen ladies – and two brave men – showing off their painting prowess.

Our liaison with Anakie Primary School continued. The interaction between students and adult participants is amazing and they all gain generational knowledge through these hands-on workshops.

Another highlight was a Saturday evening pizza, Whist and cheesecake gathering at the local hall. This fun, social event attracted over fifty locals.

As mentioned initially, Anakie Community House believes very much in people first. You don't necessarily have to be taking part in a class or activity; the House provides a venue for those who may just crave a little company.

Finally, a very special welcome to our new coordinator, Kate, who you will all meet in due course.

**Anakie
Community
House**



A local florist offered a Saturday afternoon session, where attendees made beautiful wreaths, using fresh native flowers.



2024/2025 Highlights



Anglesea Community House

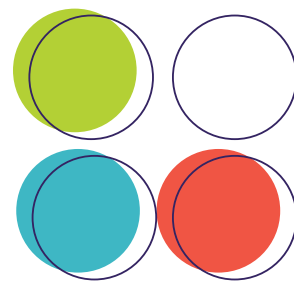
This year has been a wonderful one for Anglesea Community House, with plenty of highlights to celebrate.

Our Twilight Market was a huge success once again, bringing locals and visitors together on warm summer evenings to enjoy live music, food trucks, local produce and handmade goods. The market continues to grow in popularity, not only supporting small businesses and artists but also raising important funds to keep our programs running.

The Resale Shed also had another fantastic year, saving tonnes of goods from landfill and raising much-needed funds that go straight back into our community. We are fortunate to have 22 local groups volunteering their time to keep the Shed running, with ongoing support from Leisure Networks during the week. Best of all, those same 22 groups share in the funds raised, creating a wonderful cycle of giving back to so many across the Surf Coast Shire.

More broadly, it's been inspiring to see the House alive with activity — from workshops and classes to social catchups and community projects. The strong sense of connection and support that people find here is at the heart of what we do, and it's something we're incredibly proud of.





Cloverdale Community Centre



2024/2025 Highlights



Deans Marsh Community Cottage



The Cottage, Deans Marsh has continued to thrive as a hub where meaningful connections are created in welcoming spaces. In 2024–25, we launched our new website deansmarshcottage.org.au to improve communication and reflect our warm, inclusive nature.

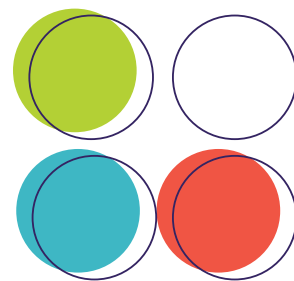
A highlight remains our monthly Community Dinners, which attract an average of 97 attendees and involve approx. 40 dedicated volunteers. Following these dinners, we also distribute up to 40 meals to those in need. This year, support from the Victorian Government has enabled us to deepen and strengthen partnerships across the region, train volunteers, improve food security, and embed kindness and care through the distribution of frozen meals.



Another notable achievement was our PowerMaD project with Geelong Sustainability, which provided households with professional energy audits and equipped us with a Self-Testing Kit for residents.

Through these initiatives, The Cottage continues to strengthen connections and enhance the overall well-being of Deans Marsh.





Gellibrand Community House

Over the past year, The Gellibrand Community House has loved connecting more with our community, with events and programs gaining wonderful support from our small town.

We've put lots of energy into fundraising—both for upgrading our hall and for causes like the Biggest Morning Tea.

These activities have been a fantastic way to bring people together, keep our volunteers engaged, and give everyone a shared sense of purpose.

One of the highlights is The Golden Gumboot, held during the September school holidays. It offers families free outdoor activities that get everyone moving while sparking creativity and fun for kids of all ages.



2024/2025 Highlights



Grovedale Neighbourhood House



In response to our 2024 community consultation, Grovedale Neighbourhood House launched new programs to reduce social isolation and foster community connection. Highlights include the opening of our Community Pantry and the introduction of several 2025 initiatives such as a free walking group, Tao Te Ching discussion group, Ukulele for Beginners, and popular craft workshops like mini quilt block sessions (pictured). A new Community Kitchen program is also set to launch soon.

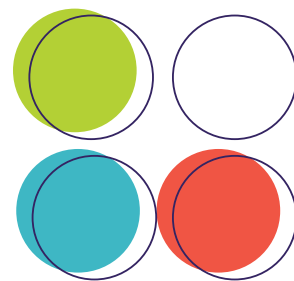
We also welcomed Lou (pictured alongside some of our regular participants) to our team this year, who has quickly become a valued member of the Grovedale Neighbourhood House.

Our partnerships have continued to strengthen our impact. In 2025, we collaborated with Friends for Good to deliver the Bloom and Connect program for expectant mums, and with Transition South Barwon to run sustainability-focused workshops on climate resilience, sustainable agriculture, and reducing economic hardship.

Additionally, we're developing a grant-funded children's book swap area to support local families (pictured).

We remain deeply grateful for the community's continued support, which allows us to evolve and respond to local needs and we look forward to the year ahead in 2026.





Leopold Community & Learning Centre

Leopold Community & Learning Centre

The highlight of the year was our community Christmas lunch which was enjoyed by all who attended. The laughter that emanated and the warmth of the lunch was something truly worth savouring and it provided an opportunity for people from all walks of life to gather and celebrate.

We also celebrated Neighbourhood House Week with a Mad Hatter's Tea Party which fostered a sense of fun and connection within the community.



2024/2025 Highlights



MARRAR WOORN
Neighbourhood House

Marrar Woorn Neighbourhood House

We had three wonderful community dinners.

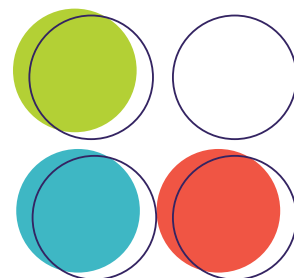
In the past 12 months we have distributed more than 31,000kg of food via the Food Pantry, which equates to more than 55,000 meals for our community. We obtain food from various sources including Foodbank Victoria, Geelong Foodshare, community donations, and donations from the Apollo Bay Bakery. We often hear from community members about how appreciative they are to have access to have free food when they need it most. The Food Share Pantry also supports other initiatives such as Community Dinners which create a social opportunity for people to gather and enjoy a meal.

We now have a free acoustic music group for young people - they play together under the guidance of Wayne Simmonds every week. Here they are performing for the residents of The Laura Pengilly Aged Care Wing of our local hospital.

We now have a piano in our house! Our local copper came to show off his skills at the first piano concert we had. People can book the piano or just walk in and play.

And of course, our free all-day brekkie is a winner. We have many people pop in.





Portarlington Neighbourhood House



There have been many highlights at PNH this year, across our program of events, activities, and workshops.

New workshops have included Sea Glass Art and Sculpture which were extremely popular.

Community events have included the twice yearly Sunday Destash Market and evening events such as the Blue Moon Winter Dance.

A key highlight has been celebrating the Seniors Festival with free activities for a week in October, with fantastic attendance from members and non-members alike.

The Port Jammers activity had over 50 people singing and playing in the Hall on a Monday afternoon, capturing the spirit of PNH and the Portarlington community!



2024/2025 Highlights



Rosewall Community Centre



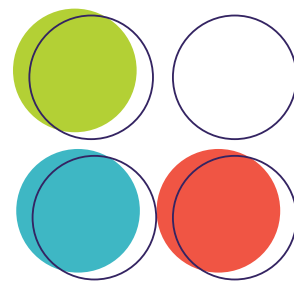
Rosewall Community Centre is proud to celebrate its ongoing partnership with the City of Greater Geelong (CoGG), working together to deliver meaningful opportunities for local youth and the broader community. Through this valued collaboration, CoGG has generously supported Rosewall's youth programs by providing free entry vouchers to the Arena Recreation Centre (ARC) pool—encouraging healthy, active lifestyles and community connection.

In turn, Rosewall has shared its resources to support youth development by offering vital training in first aid, safe food handling, and Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA). These skills not only build confidence but also open doors to employment opportunities for young people in our community.

Additionally, we have partnered with creative programs such as pottery classes that have fostered expression, wellbeing, and social connection - further strengthening our community fabric.

This partnership is built on mutual respect and a shared commitment to community benefit. We value the trust and cooperation we've developed with CoGG and look forward to continuing this impactful work together.





Springdale Neighbourhood Centre

Our highlights have been many and varied, with most things happening at attack pace, and us trying to look as if we are all calming and coping.

The Drysdale Primary School 150 year celebration has been an ongoing project, gathering copies of photos for display, remembering names and stories and preparing a book for the celebration. Thousands of volunteer hours have been willingly given to this major Drysdale event. I was lucky enough to get a photo of my mother aged 5 in 1938.

Other activities have included very popular Air Fryer classes, our always popular art classes and our Art and Felting exhibitions, which all bring more people through the door. Our Repair Café started and we have repaired many things and given joy to many people.

We have been called on to help many people with web-based and phone based applications, uploads, and building their confidence. This has become a key role in the community, especially for people who may not have other family supports nearby.

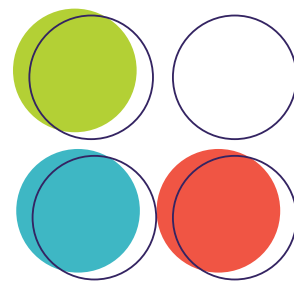


2024/2025 Highlights



Vines Road Community Centre





Whittington Neighbourhood House

Foodbank Program

Here in Whittington, our Foodbank program now supports 150–180 individuals and families every week, directly through Foodbank and via referrals from support organisations in the region, making it one of our most vital services. In response to this growing demand, we have extended our program hours and introduced Community Day initiatives, which bring additional services on-site — from financial counselling and health providers to housing and employment pathways — ensuring that people not only receive food but also access the support they need to move towards stability.

We are deeply grateful to Geelong Foodshare, State Government of Victoria, Foodbank Victoria, Give Where You Live Foundation, Benefit Geelong, and our community gardeners, whose contributions ensure our shelves remain stocked with essential supplies and fresh produce. Their support allows us to meet immediate needs while creating a welcoming space for connection, dignity, and hope.



2024/2025 Highlights



Winchelsea Neighbourhood House

Our highlight for the 2024/2025 financial year has been the successful running of two beloved markets at Winchelsea.

The first was in October 24 and the second in March 25. Both markets were sold out and a third event is being scheduled for the current year.

The community love having something on in town on a Sunday morning to be able to come and wander around and grab a coffee and snack as well.

The feedback was amazing and the stall holders very happy with the financial results of the markets.



Treasurer's Report

In the 2024/2025 financial year, the committee and staff have worked hard to ensure the network remains financially sustainable and in a strong position for the future. We are pleased to report a surplus of \$14,696.61, however it is important to note that this result is largely due to the write-back of prior year grants rather than increased or ongoing income.



2025 Surplus of \$14,696

During the year, the Committee made the very difficult decision to make the Community Development Coordinator role redundant. At the higher rate, the role was not financially viable to maintain long term, and while this decision was not easy, it was necessary to protect the overall financial health of the network.

At the end of the financial year, the network held just over \$125,000 in retained funds, with over \$152,000 in bank accounts, providing a strong reserve to meet our operational policy of holding six months of forward funding and ensuring we can continue to support our member houses.

Our core funding from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) continues to underpin the wages of our Networker, and we remain grateful for the ongoing support of the City of Greater Geelong, Surf Coast Shire and Colac Otway Shire Councils. This year we also managed a range of project grants on behalf of member houses, reflecting the important role NH Barwon plays in supporting the sector.

This year we also saw some changes in our financial management support.

We thank Summer McDermott from Fern Accounts for her service as our bookkeeper and warmly welcome Nicky Albert from XBH Bookkeeping Services, who commenced with us at the end of 2024. Nicky has done an excellent job in realigning our accounts and clearly identifying individual grants, which has provided greater transparency and clarity for the committee.

Importantly, our bookkeeping costs have also reduced since Nicky took over, and the improved systems she has put in place give us a much stronger foundation for long-term financial planning.

We also welcomed Warren Pollock from WGP Audit as our new auditor, and his approach has made the audit process swifter and far less time-consuming.

Julie Martin
Treasurer

As we move into 2025/2026, we remain in a healthy financial position, with reserves set aside for future projects and to ensure the continued financial viability of the network.





Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Neighbourhood Houses Barwon Inc, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2025, and the profit and loss statement for the year ending 30 June 2025.

In our opinion, the financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of Neighbourhood Houses Barwon Inc as of 30 June 2025, and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent 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 our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for the Neighbourhood Houses Barwon Inc to maintain an effective system of internal control over monies received until its initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit in relation to cash receipts was limited to amounts recorded.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

The financial report has been prepared to assist the association to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of the Committee for the Financial Report

The committee of the Neighbourhood Houses Barwon Inc are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and for such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our 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 the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We 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 our 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 association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the committee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the committee's 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 association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the association 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.

We communicate with the committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



Warren Pollock
Registered Company Auditor 224497
WGP Audit

10 September 2025

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Balance Sheet

Neighbourhood Houses Barwon Inc

As at 30 June 2025

Cash Basis

	30 JUNE 2025	30 JUNE 2024
Assets		
Bank		
NHB Debit Card	1,000.00	173.45
NHB Savings	71,898.63	70,904.20
NHB Statement Account	79,539.54	102,897.67
Total Bank	152,438.17	173,975.32
Current Assets		
Accounts Receivable	-	(110.00)
Load & Go Card	-	1.00
Total Current Assets	-	(109.00)
Fixed Assets		
Office Equipment	1,068.18	1,068.18
Office Equipment Accumulated Depreciation	(1,068.18)	-
Total Fixed Assets	-	1,068.18
Total Assets	152,438.17	174,934.50
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Grant In Advance - BBL - Lara Project	13,972.72	-
GST	3,182.51	0.41
PAYG Withholdings Payable	3,232.00	-
Provisions - Annual Leave	3,167.06	-
Provisions - Long Service Leave	6,466.44	-
Provisions - Long Service Leave (PLSA)	(4,588.82)	-
Provisions - Personal Leave	1,056.55	-
Provisions - TIL	259.29	-
Superannuation Payable	-	4,752.90
Suspense	-	0.01
Total Current Liabilities	26,747.75	4,753.32
Non-current Liabilities		
ATO Integrated Client Account	-	7,873.00
Grants Received in Advance	-	34,723.58
Provision for Leave Entitlements	-	9,154.83
Total Non-current Liabilities	-	51,751.41
Total Liabilities	26,747.75	56,504.73
Net Assets	125,690.42	118,429.77
Equity		
Current Year Earnings	7,260.65	(4,619.09)

Balance Sheet

	30 JUNE 2025	30 JUNE 2024
Retained Earnings	118,429.77	123,048.86
Total Equity	125,690.42	118,429.77

Profit and Loss

Neighbourhood Houses Barwon Inc For the year ended 30 June 2025

	2025	2024
Trading Income		
Grant Funding	-	200,458.10
Grants - BBL - Lara Project	1,027.28	-
Grants - COGG - Lara Project	15,945.00	-
Grants - COGG - One Off Grant	3,333.00	-
Grants - COGG - Training Funding	7,500.00	-
Grants - COS - NH Funding	3,181.82	-
Grants - DFFH - Neighbourhood Houses	120,400.80	-
Grants - SCS - Carer's Week	3,000.00	-
Grants - SCS - NH Funding	1,500.00	-
Interest Income	994.43	1,018.83
Membership Income	2,400.00	2,400.00
Other Income	-	2,326.55
Total Trading Income	159,282.33	206,203.48
Cost of Sales		
DHS Support NH	-	(908.70)
Total Cost of Sales	-	(908.70)
Gross Profit	159,282.33	207,112.18
Other Income		
Write Back/Off Prior Year's Transactions	39,473.58	-
Total Other Income	39,473.58	-
Operating Expenses		
Accounting & Bookkeeping	6,100.90	8,785.00
Advertising	215.00	2,416.57
ATO Interest	274.88	-
Bank Fees	18.70	24.33
Catering & Event Expenses	3,167.57	5,282.64
Consultants & Contractors	5,545.45	44,433.11
Depreciation	1,068.18	-
Entertainment	-	2,500.00
Equipment <\$1000	1,978.19	-
Grant Exp - COGG - Training Funding	7,500.00	-
Grant Exp - Lara Project	16,925.00	-
HR Expenses	4,229.01	2,948.64
Industry Memberships	465.00	1,840.45
Office Expenses	1,270.00	26.36
Payroll - Staff Entitlements	(804.86)	1,653.70
Payroll - Superannuation	11,700.09	12,849.26
Payroll - Wages and Salaries	109,942.56	116,183.42

	2025	2024
Postage & Freight	84.65	84.61
Printing & Stationery	2,204.21	4,975.34
Professional Development	1,838.68	4,969.10
Rent	3,198.06	3,279.10
Staff Amenties	77.27	130.39
Subscriptions	2,745.90	1,561.43
Telephone & Internet	468.74	432.32
Travel - National	39.24	10.13
Travel Expenses	3,806.88	4,936.83
Total Operating Expenses	184,059.30	219,322.73
Net Profit	14,696.61	(12,210.55)



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