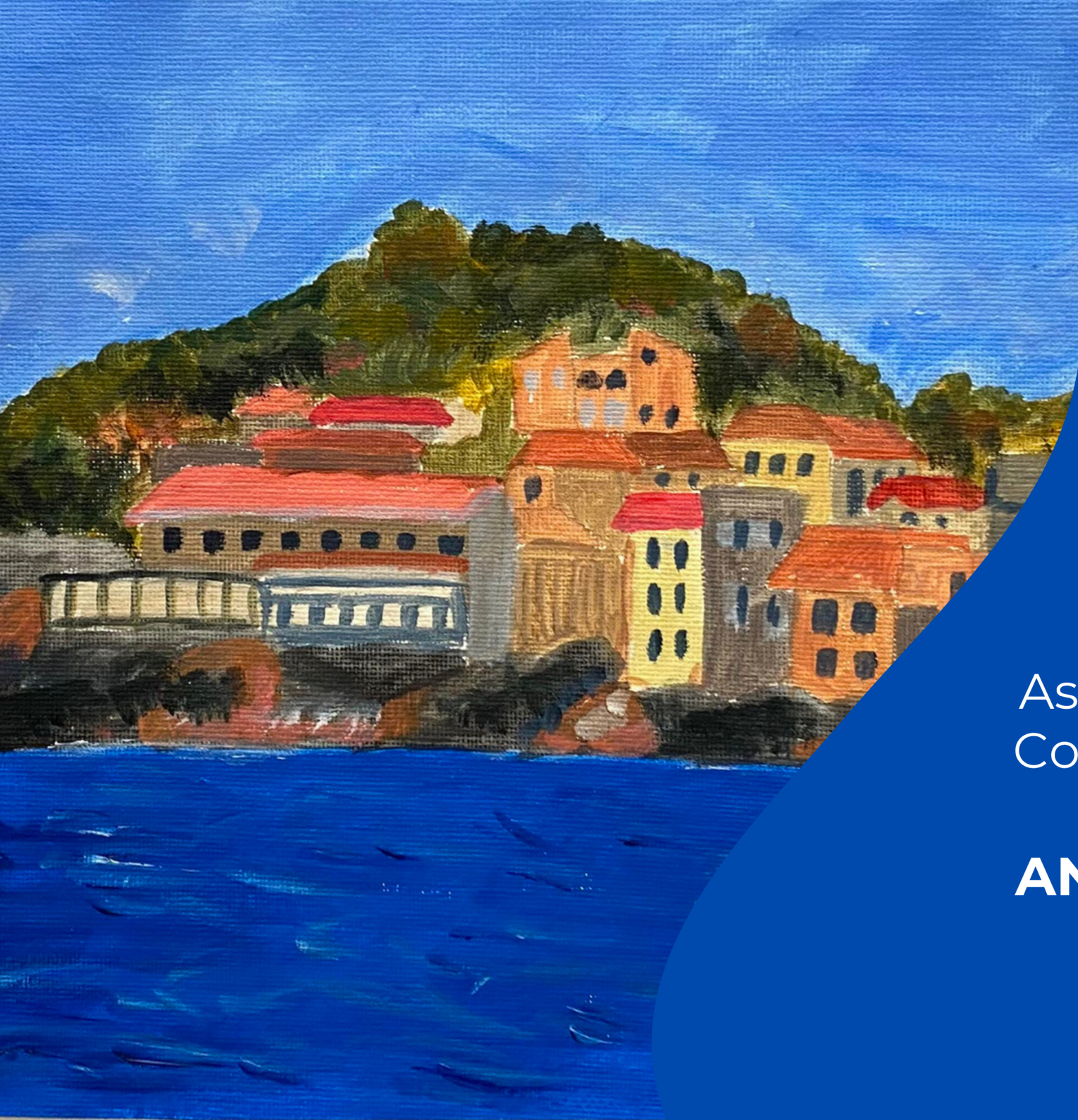


The background of the cover is a textured painting of a coastal town. The town is built on a hillside, with buildings in shades of orange, yellow, and grey, many with red-tiled roofs. A prominent building with a red roof and a balcony is on the left. The town is situated on a rocky shore next to a deep blue body of water. The sky is a clear, bright blue. The painting style is visible, with brushstrokes and a slightly grainy texture.

Aspendale Gardens
Community Service

ANNUAL REPORT

2024

Aspendale Gardens Community Service acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Bunurong people of the Kulin nation, on which the Centre stands, and pay respect to their Elders past and present. We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who use the Centre.

Front page artwork: credits to our adult art participants

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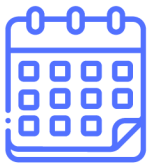


01 INTRODUCTION



1,231
**COMMUNITY
MEMBERS**

used our centre each
week.



2,695
SESSIONS

delivered across all
programs.



60+
PROGRAMS

delivered.

Aspendale Gardens Community Service (AGCS) is a not-for-profit organisation, part of a network of over 400 Neighbourhood Houses across Victoria. As a Neighbourhood House, we are committed to providing community development programs that create a space for gathering, deliver educational and capacity-building activities, and promote both physical and mental wellbeing. Through the dedication of our staff and volunteers, we aim to make a tangible impact on the lives of all our community members and embody the idea of Neighbourhood Houses as “the heart of the community”.

In 2024 AGCS delivered 2,695 sessions across 60 different programs. Our programs range from our sessional kindergarten, children’s activities, seniors’ events, basketball club, donation drives, recycling programs, and much more. The breadth of the programs we offer has allowed us to make a positive impact across many different sections of the community, from young children to seniors, to those interested in arts or

sports, to people seeking a social group or just a place to regularly drop off their recyclables—that’s why, in 2024, 1,231 people used our centre every week.

2024 was a milestone year for AGCS. We were successful in securing over \$100,000 in grant and sponsorship funding, allowing us to further diversify our programs. This funding includes a \$25,000 sponsorship from the Bendigo Bank Aspendale Gardens-Edithvale Branch for our basketball program, allowing us to install lowerable basketball rings for all-abilities access, and run free school holiday basketball activities. The funding also includes an \$80,000 Dads’ Group Grant from the Victorian State Government, which helped us to develop a set of free programs for dads and dad-like figures of young children. With this funding, we are able to increase the participation of dads and men at our centre, as well as leverage off our existing children’s activities and specialist knowledge in early childhood education. All our sponsorships and grants in 2024 have enabled us to provide free programs,



Fire truck visit for our kinder children.



Participants at our adult art classes.



Men's mental health event with Rodney Eade, part of Dads' Place.

including for children's week, senior's week, and regular programs such as our knitting and crocheting group. We are committed to providing affordable programs that remove the financial barriers affecting the most vulnerable members of our community, and to ensuring that everyone can participate in the rich community life of AGCS.

As we reflect on 2024, we are heartened by our achievements and the efforts of our community members. This report shares and celebrates those achievements and presents a detailed overview of our programs over the last twelve months. It also includes a report from our volunteer Board of Management, who oversee the strategic direction of AGCS, and a report on our financial outcomes.

02 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As another busy year ends for Aspendale Gardens Community Service, I congratulate all our staff and volunteers, including our volunteer Board of Management, for their work in 2024. As always, I am thrilled to reflect upon the programs that we offer, which continue to actively engage a range of community members.

I would like to thank our President of the Board, Sheridan Wilrath, who finished her term this year. Sheridan has been a member of the Board for the last 7 years and has been a pillar of the AGCS community. She has overseen the development of our basketball program, the expansion of our activities, and achievements such as the 'Exceeding' rating our kindergarten received last year from the Department of Education. I would also like to recognise our former kinder educator Catherine, who has worked at AGCS over the last 9 years and has made a lasting impact on the lives of so many children who have attended kinder, occasional care, and playgroup at our centre. This year our kinder team

welcomed a new educator, Laura, who brings a wealth of experience in the early childhood sector.

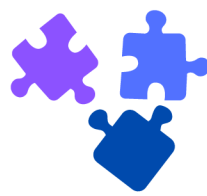
Towards the end of this year, the Board has been collaborating with staff to articulate and develop our organisational values. This will continue into 2025 through further professional learning and engagement through Communities of Practice. The Board congratulates staff for their commitment to continuous improvement and we look forward to developing our values together.

As we move to 2025, I am certain that AGCS will continue to run inclusive and affordable activities that are enjoyed by the whole community. The spirit of community and collaboration remains our greatest strength and something to take pride in. We have a strong foundation, dedicated Board of Management and staff, and the commitment to caring for our community.



Matt, Lili, Sheridan and Laura from the Board of Management.

03 CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

 **330**
FAMILIES
at Playgroup.

 **212**
CHILDREN
at Messy Play.



Native wildlife display for children's week.

In 2024 we continued delivering high quality programs for families, young children, and youth. AGCS is one of the few Neighbourhood Houses in Victoria that offers a kindergarten, which in 2023 was rated as 'Exceeding' by the Department of Education. We are lucky to have highly skilled early childhood teachers and educators who are keen to offer their expertise across all our children's programs, including our regular playgroup, messy play and one-off events.

This year we increased the frequency of our Messy Play program to once a week after the overwhelming demand at our previously monthly program. Facilitated by an early childhood educator, Messy Play involves multi-sensory activities including slime, sand, leaves, and more, which helps develop cognitive and creative skills in young children. As we quadrupled the number of sessions delivered, we were able to share the benefits of Messy Play with more children, engaging 212 participants across the year. As popular as ever, our long-standing bi-weekly playgroup sessions were attended

by over 330 families in 2024. For children, playgroup develops motor and language skills, as well as emotional confidence, and for parents, playgroup fosters community connections essential for wellbeing.

We also ran special children's events, including visits from native wildlife for National Science Week, and visits from native sea animals for Children's Week. Both these events were free, reflecting our commitment to removing financial barriers which may prevent children in our community from accessing stimulating and varied learning experiences.

04 DADS' PLACE



\$80k
FUNDING
over 4 years.



200+
DADS & DAD-LIKE FIGURES
engaged across 3 terms.



250+
CHILDREN
engaged in Dads' Place.

At the start of this year, we were successful for an \$80,000 Dads' Group Grant from the Victorian State Government. Awarded to only 18 community organisations and councils across Victoria, the grant provides funding for 4 years to deliver peer-to-peer dads groups encouraging dads and dad-like figures (including grandads, uncles and other carers) to connect, share experiences and receive support. AGCS has always had an emphasis on early intervention supports for new parents and carers—this has been a driving force in our playgroup and kinder programs. With 1 in 10 fathers experiencing perinatal anxiety and depression, the grant enables us to positively impact the wellbeing of dads, encourage healthy family relationships, and foster strong connections between dads and their children.

DADS' PLACE PROGRAMS

In April we launched 'Dads' Place', our hub for dads and dad-like figures of children under 6 years old. Our Dads' Place launch

was a Dads' and Kids Fun Day, which was met with huge community interest and support, with nearly 100 dads and 200 children attending. As part of Dads' Place we expanded our well-attended weekday playgroups to include a fortnightly Dads' Playgroup on Saturday mornings, a time which our research indicates is more accessible to working dads. While continuing our emphasis on play-based learning across all our children's activities, Dads' Playgroup is also an opportunity for Dads of young children to engage with our knowledgeable playgroup facilitator and establish lifelong connections and support networks with one another. In 2024 we ran 17 sessions of Dads' Playgroup, engaging 80 dads across the program. Our third major component for Dads' Place is a Dads' Casual Basketball group, which gives dads the opportunity to socialise and promotes their wellbeing through physical activity and non-competitive sports.

EDUCATION & COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Visit from Maternal and Child Health Nurse at Dads' Playgroup.

"I don't get time during the week to come to weekday playgroup. I always hear about it but never get to be there."

Dads' Playgroup is my daughter's favorite time of the week."

Participant response from Dads' Playgroup

Through Dads' Place we also aim to give dads the opportunity to better understand childhood health, explore parental challenges, and find time for self-care. To achieve this, we have leveraged our own specialist knowledge in early learning and childcare and broadened our connections with other community groups, not-for-profits, local councils, and the local primary school.

In September we ran a joint event with The Fathering Project, a not-for-profit that supports and connects Dads' Groups across Victoria. Led by former AFL player and coach Rodney Eade, the event provided information and discussion about fathering and men's mental health. We also connected with the City of Kingston's Maternal and Child Health (MCH) team, inviting an MCH sleep specialist to one of our Dads' Playgroup sessions to provide casual consultations. By developing our relationship with the MCH team we were able to secure a \$500 food sponsorship to hand out fresh fruit during Dads' Playgroup.



Petting Zoo at Dads & Kids Play Day Launch Event.

05 KINDERGARTEN



Learning about Indigenous and Torres Strait Island flags for NAIDOC week.



Kinder children during a walk on Country.

Offering 15 hours of free kindergarten for both 3- and 4-year-old kinder, we continued to thrive with full enrolments and a vibrant active kinder community.

Throughout 2024, the kindergarten team continued their work on building knowledge of Aboriginal ways of learning, through our regular walks on Country for our 4-year-old groups. In sessions, the children have learnt about our 3 Australian flags, read stories by First Nations authors, studied artworks and participated in activities for NAIDOC week.

Our road safety project continued to achieve success, with children, staff and families advocating for safer car parks and roads and a commitment from VicRoads to relocate the 40km speed sign on Kearney drive. This will improve safety for families who walk to kinder and the centre. The crossing from the AGCS carpark to the shopping centre is also getting a re-vamp as a result of this advocacy work.

Our connection with Aspendale Gardens Primary School continues to strengthen, with students from the school's SRC program visiting our kinder sessions regularly throughout the year. Kinder teachers work with the school to ensure a smooth transition to school, including a joint presentation to families and transition visits to the school classrooms and playground.

Child safety education continued thanks to our School Readiness Funding through DoE. Sessions were offered to children, staff and community around body safety and protective behaviours. Our commitment to reducing child abuse in our community extends from education programs, formal training for staff, strict reporting protocols and referral processes to support families in need. Along with child protection training, our teachers and educators completed professional development on engaging dads, improving curriculum planning, emotional regulation, key word signing and continued planning for the Best Start, Best Life reforms.

06 BASKETBALL



242
PLAYERS
across 31 teams.



2,226
HOURS
of basketball played.



Participants and our sponsor at our school holidays basketball program.

Starting in 2019 with 42 players across 6 teams, The Aspendale Gardens Giants Basketball Club has grown to include 242 players across 31 teams in 2024. The incredible growth of our basketball program has been possible thanks to our tremendous volunteer basketball committee, coaches, and team managers, who have worked tirelessly to keep the program running. The program promotes physical and mental wellbeing through regular fitness, as well as social connections through team-building and play. 2024 was no exception for our Giants basketballers, who have been unwavering in their efforts to develop their skills and support their teammates, and who played just over 2,200 (2,226) hours of basketball.

We aim to continually diversify our basketball program to engage different members of our community and to provide opportunities for play outside of the regular basketball season. Our Junior Giants program, which allows children too young for club-level basketball to play and develop their skills, was fully enrolled throughout the year.

BENDIGO BANK FUNDING

In July we received a \$25,000 sponsorship for our basketball program from the Community Bank Aspendale Gardens-Edithvale branch of Bendigo Bank. This was a major success of our basketball program; it enabled us to set up a free school holidays basketball program for children and youth in our area, removing financial barriers to participation in basketball. We ran open court basketball sessions so young people could use our indoor basketball stadium, and we ran basketball skills clinics for children to hone their playing skills. Over two school holiday breaks we engaged just over 300 children and ran almost 50 sessions.

The Bendigo Bank sponsorship also includes funding for modified basketball rings that can be lowered to meet the needs of younger players and players requiring all-abilities access. This is a major infrastructure upgrade that will greatly benefit our Junior Giants program, younger Giants basketball teams, and future activities we plan to run for all-abilities access.

07 ADULTS & SENIORS



Japanese Karate Association Aspendale Gardens members at their kyu gradings.



Our Knit One Give One participants.

AGCS has many regular programs for adults, including our art, karate, and zumba classes. This year we ran over 200 hours of these activities, encouraging over 120 participants to develop their creative and physical abilities, and make connections with other locals. We are also a low-cost venue for other community groups running activities for adults: we have a long-standing relationship with Edithvale Netball Club and new engagements this year with an all-abilities Yoga instructor and a Sound Bowls meditation provider.

We consistently engage senior citizens in our programs, for whom we seek to provide regular activities that foster mental wellbeing, forge community bonds, and decrease loneliness. This is exemplified by our Knit One Give One group, a weekly knitting and crocheting group that invites people of all skills, abilities, and ages to knit or crochet items that are distributed to disadvantaged families. While KOGO is open to all, we consistently engage seniors and the most vulnerable people in our community, who

find in KOGO a regular social activity and a sense of purpose through providing material aid for those in need. In 2024 AGCS raised \$4,000 in sponsorship funding to continue providing all materials at KOGO for free, removing financial barriers to the program. The success of KOGO, and the proof that programs like KOGO are needed, is evidenced by consistent requests from our participants to set up similar activities. Accordingly, we expanded KOGO to include Craft with Friends, a casual morning craft session for participants to work on their arts in a relaxed and friendly environment.

In October we continued our tradition of running free events for the Victorian Seniors Festival. This year, we promoted healthy ageing and all-abilities access to physical exercise by organising a Zumba Gold class, a free chair Yoga session, and an exercise class with Back in Motion, a physiotherapy clinic who regularly use our space. Our art teacher also ran a painting class involving a gentle walk through the local Edithvale Wetlands.

08 GIVING BACK & SUSTAINABILITY



3,128
DONATIONS
from our knit one give one group.



52,340
RECYCLED
items through the Container Deposit Scheme.



260k
LITRES
of plastics recycled.

AGCS is proud to support the work of other not-for-profits and charities, as well as advocate for social change that benefits our community, especially our most vulnerable members. In December AGCS staff attended our first Respect Victoria's Walk Against Family Violence. Because we engage so many families, women and vulnerable groups this event was deeply meaningful to us, and our participation reflects our commitment to fostering healthy families. Since 2012 we have donated our entire venue to the Miranda Foundation for their annual Biggest Playdate, which raises funds for the Monash Children's Cancer Centre. Our staff members also volunteer for this event, giving their time and expertise to support the fundraiser.

We are also proud to facilitate the generosity of our community members, who are keen to support each other and those in need. In 2024 we continued to host and source materials for our knitting and crocheting group, who donated over 3,128 items to the charity Knit One Give One, which distributes these items to

families in need. We had community donations for a non-perishable food drive for Mums Supporting Families in Need, a local charity that provides material aid to vulnerable families. Throughout the year we also collected nappies for families in stress on behalf of The Nappy Collective, as well as books for disadvantaged children on behalf of 123Read2Me.

SUSTAINABILITY

2024 was our first full year as a provider of the Victorian State Government Container Deposit Scheme. AGCS is excited to contribute to Victoria's target of diverting 80% of all material away from landfill by 2030. In 2024, 52,340 items were recycled through our centre as part of the scheme. The scheme also allows customers to donate their items to AGCS, which raised a total of \$1,570 for our centre. We are also a soft plastics collection site on behalf of the City of Kingston. This year we had 60 customers a week come to drop off soft plastics, recycling 260 cubic meters, or 260,000 litres, of plastics.

09 LOOKING FORWARD



Indigenous flag collage at playgroup and messy play for NAIDOC week.



Zumba Gold for Senior's Week.

Looking to 2025, we have many opportunities to broaden our work, build our programs, review our strategic direction, update our infrastructure, and continue developing AGCS as a vibrant and accessible space for our community. Some of our key upcoming projects include:

- Weekly fruit and vegetable relief to participants at our programs, ensuring access to fresh and nutritious food. This is thanks to a Victorian Government Community Food Relief grant which we received at the end of 2024.
- A new employment position for 2025 overseeing our Aspendale Gardens Giants Basketball program as well as Dads' Place. Our new employee, John, is a professional basketball player and dad to three young children and brings a wealth of knowledge to this position.
- The installation of our modified basketball rings as part of our sponsorship from Bendigo Bank.
- Major facilities upgrades including new automatic doors at the front of the centre allowing for all-abilities access, as well as more suitable child safe toilets in our kinder rooms.
- A communities of practice program involving our office and kinder staff, where we will continue to develop our AGCS values and vision and practically orient ourselves towards best practices.
- The continuation of our seniors programs with new venue hirers Equip4Life, who will brief seniors on health living, and U3A, who will be running a seniors art program.

10 PARTNERS, SPONSORS & NETWORKS

We thank and acknowledge all our funders, stakeholders and donors who enabled AGCS to operate with such success in 2024.

FUNDERS

Department of Families, Fairness and Housing
Department of Education
City of Kingston

SPONSORS

Bendigo Bank, Aspendale Gardens-Edithvale Branch
Victorian State Government
Royal Society of Victoria
Steve Turner of Buxton Real Estate
Morgan Conveyancing
PN Digital
Maro's Pizza
DNA Teamwear
Translucent IT Solutions
Modastique Hair & Beauty

SUPPORTERS

Community House Network Southern Region
City of Kingston
Neighbourhood Houses Victoria
Aspendale Gardens Residents Association

NETWORKS

Every year we welcome casual and permanent venue hirers into AGCS. This generates much needed income that then supports ongoing programs, as well as providing the community with a valuable existing civic facility, accessible to all.

Aspendale Social Netball League
Back in Motion
WISE Employment
Charlesworth Walsh Dance Centre
GymbaROO
O'Grady Drama
Playball
STEMBirds
Slow Flow Yoga with Di
Sound Bowls Meditation with Maria

11 TREASURER'S REPORT

I am pleased to present the audited financial statements for Aspendale Gardens Community Centre and Kindergarten for the 12 month period from 1st Jan 2024 – 31st December 2024 indicating that the organization is a going concern. Prepared and audited with the assistance of our appointed auditor, Mr Ian Hosking, Certified Practising Accountant.

The submitted Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporated Reform Act 2012, Australian Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Requirement.

In summary, we are reporting as expected year for AGCS with the Statement of Financial Performance showing a net profit of \$2,433.50. This was slightly lower than the expected budget result of \$17,512 profit for the year. The reduced result compared to budget was impacted by a change in how Basketball income is recognised. Previous years income was recognized at time of receipts, 2024

marked the first year where income is being recognized when the season starts. In addition City of Kingston have changed the methodology of how they distribute Council grants, instead of a yearly lump sum it is now being distributed in 2 * 6 monthly payments, resulting in less recognized council grant income in 2024.

The last 12 months saw a return to more normal operations post the COVID period with wage costs returning to a more normal level.

2024 saw the second year of Free Kinder for 4 & 3 Year old kinder groups. This continued to bring some reduction in expected income as a result of us not being able to recover costs for building maintenance nor excursions. There were some additional unrecovered wages costs which were borne due to lower than expected demand for the additional Friday session which was run during the year.

Total income for the year was \$1.231m + other income of \$10.1k, an increase of

\$2.2k over budget. We received interest income of \$10.1k and during the year have significantly increased our funds in financial vehicles which attract interest. The current climate of higher interest rates will continue to provide us with additional income on our available funds, helping to offset any continued reductions in hall hire revenue. We might start to see some reductions in interest income over the next 24 months as market conditions indicated reducing interest rates.

Our expenses for the period were \$1.239m, an increase of \$17.3k compared to budget, and included \$25.1k depreciation charges. A significant portion of our expenses were our staffing costs with an increase of oncosts over budget of \$29k. Other significant cost increases for the period in electricity expenses (\$14.7k), basketball expenses (\$95k). There were some savings seen in the areas of bookkeeping fees, cleaning and supplies, computer expenses, and general office expenses.

Our Statement of Financial Position

shows accumulated funds of \$743,304. An increase from the prior year of \$70k.

Liabilities have increased since the last reported financials (\$368k compared to \$303k in CY23). A large portion of this is in Prepaid income due to the as previously stated readjustment of Basketball income recognition. Employee Benefits make up an additional significant part of the outstanding liabilities, with Trade Creditors also showed a significant increase, this was mostly made up of the ATO liability for the quarter, and so is a timing variance.

All obligations for the year have been met on time and when they become due and payable.

AGCS INC Balance Sheet				
CY 2024 CY2023				
	Notes			Change
Inventories		-	-	0.00
Trade & Other Receivables		57,891	29,603	28,288
Cash		743,305	673,183	70,122
Other Current Assets		450	-	450
Total Current Assets		801,646	702,786	98,860
Property, Plant and Equipment				
- Building Improvements -		86,312	108,181	(21,869)
Right of Use Assets - Plant &		-	-	-
Equipment - Classroom		-	2 , 6 3 6 (2 , 6 3 6)	-
Equipment - Office Equipment		-	-	-
Other Non-Current Assets		885	1 , 4 9 8 (613)	-
		-	-	-
Total Non-Current Assets		87,197	112,315	(25,118)
Total Assets		888,842	815,101	73,742
Trade & Other Creditors		59,087	47,606	11,481
Lease Liability		-	-	-
Other Current Liabilities		267,257	211,166	56,091
Total Current Liabilities		326,344	258,772	67,572
Other Non-Current Liabilities		48,401	44,665	3,735
Total Non-current Liabilities		48,401	44,665	3,735
Total Liabilities		374,745	303,438	71,307
Net Assets		514,098	511,663	2,435
Retained Earnings		511,664	593,387	(81,723)
Current Year Earnings		2,434	(81,724)	84,158
Restatement for compatives		-	-	-
Total Equity		514,098	511,663	2,435
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Aspendale Gardens Community Service - Surplus & Defecit

Dec-24

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FULL YEAR

	ACT CY 2024	PY CY2023	VAR
Income			
- Department Funding	\$8 52,36 0.43	\$ 745 ,62 7.26	p 10 6,733.2
- 4Yr Kindergarten	\$0.00	\$37 ,25 0.00	q (37,250.0)
- Grants (Incl COVID Subsidies)	\$1 20,30 5.91	\$79 ,03 7.76	p 41 ,26
- 3Yr Kindergarten	\$5 0,650.00	\$12 ,50 0.00	p 8.2 38
- Basketball	\$8 3,344 .35	\$ 100 ,91 8.48	q (15,970.1)
- Hall Hire	\$7 3,937 .02	\$77 ,28 5.37	q (3,348.3)
- Other	\$4 1,352 .50	\$2 5,049 .40	p 16 ,30 3.1
- OC/PG/KG other Fees	\$0.00	\$10 ,11 7.75	q (10,117.8)
- Donations, Sponsorships & Fundraising	\$9 ,90 5.67	\$9 ,77 0.15	p 135.5
- Membership	\$0.00	\$1 ,10 8.86	q (1,108.9)
Total Income	\$1,231,855.88	\$1,098,665.03	p 13 3,190.9
Operating Expenses			
- Employee Expenditure	\$9 08,86 0.84	\$ 880 ,00 7.54	p 28 ,85 3.3
- Property Related Expenditure	\$6 7,643 .05	\$78 ,58 0.30	q (10,937.3)
- Client Support Consumables	\$4 4,667 .62	\$44 ,26 6.70	p 400.9
- Basketball	\$1 06,20 1.05	\$43 ,09 7.50	p 63 ,10 3.6
- Other	\$5 5,232 .18	\$81 ,45 3.23	q (26,221.1)
- Utilities	\$2 4,495 .53	\$23 ,14 3.85	p 1,35 1.7
- Insurance	\$4 ,29 0.86	\$2 ,84 0.70	p 1,45 0.2
- Client Support Services	\$3 ,02 2.54	\$2 ,25 2.72	p 769.8
Total OPEX	1,214,413.67	1,155,642.54	p 58 ,77 1.1
EBITDA	1 7,442.21	(56,977.51)	p 74 ,41 9.7
Depreciation and Amortisation			
- Depreciation	\$2 5,118 .32	\$3 1,643 .48	q (6,525.2)
Total Depreciation and Amortisation	2 5,118.32	3 1,643.48	q (6,525.2)
EBIT	(7,676.11)	(88,620.99)	p 80 ,94 4.9
Net Finance Income/ (Costs)	\$1 0,109 .61	\$6 ,89 7.29	p 3,21
Surplus/(Defecit) Before EI	1 0,109.61	6 ,897.29	p 2.3
Extraordinary Items			
Surplus/(Defecit) after EI	2 ,433.50	(81,723.70)	p 84 ,15 7.2

11 2023 AGM MINUTES



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Board of Management AGM 2024 Meeting

Date and Time:	Tuesday 14 May 2024, 12:00pm (AGM)
Facilitator:	Sheridan Willrath (President)
Minute taker:	Laura (Vice President/Approved Provider)
Members:	Laura Kojdo (Secretary), Matthew Corey (Treasurer), David Young (Basketball), Schy Prewett (Vice President/Approved Provider)
In attendance:	Anna Curran (Centre Manager) Kim Ives (Nominated Supervisor)
Apologies:	Schy Prewett
Venue:	Aspendale Gardens Community Service

Please remember that all matters are to be treated as confidential and must not be discussed outside the Board of Management forum.

Acknowledgement of Country

We would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, the Bunurong people.
We pay respects to their elders, past and present and acknowledge their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the local community and surroundings.

Open Time: Minutes

Motion	To pass the minutes from the 2022 AGM Minutes
First: Laura	Second: Matt

Sheridan acknowledges people who have attended, BoM, Tom (CoK), staff at the centre.

Lili declares that she is part of KOGO as well as on the Board of Management.

Sheridan advises the financial difficulties that have been challenging over the years however through grants and covid payments the financial status has changed, and we are better off than years' past. Thanks to David for starting up the AG giants basketball club and now we have AG's first sporting club.

Anna talks to Neighbourhood House Week (this week) and explains the diversity and inclusivity of NH's. Kinder forms a large part of our centre, focusing on young people. Anna acknowledges the office staff, the board and amazing contribution made by all.

Matt talks to financials. Ian has completed the audit. Shows a loss of \$81K which was expected. Main drivers have been higher employment costs and payroll tax. Higher casual rates and some long-term hall hirers are responsible for the loss. Basketball has had an exceptional year, bringing in much of the income. See financials for P&L / financial statement. Some of our cash, we have invested into term deposits. Matt suggests we need to increase.



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Board of Management AGM 2024 Meeting

Discussion had on \$0 membership fee per annum. Beverley (KOGO member) recommends charging some fee eg. \$5 so that people are using the service are contributing a small amount to use the service.

Lili talks to community slide and asks for feedback and ideas for things we can run, ideas can be discussed with office staff.

Raffle draw.

Thank you to all for coming and ongoing support.

Meeting closed 12:42pm

