



COBRAM COMMUNITY HOUSE
EDUCATING & SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY



Registered Training Organisation 3708

COBRAM COMMUNITY HOUSE INC.

2023-2024 Annual Report



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AGM AGENDA

**COBRAM COMMUNITY HOUSE INC.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 26th November 2024
6.00pm**

1. Opening of Meeting and welcome from the President.
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
4. Business Arising from Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting
5. President's Report and presentation of the Annual Report
6. Treasurer's Report and presentation of Audited Financial Statements
7. Manager's Report
8. Election of Office Bearers
 - a. President
 - b. Vice-President
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. Ordinary Members
9. General Business
 - a. Determination of Fees
 - b. Nomination of Auditor
10. Close of Meeting

Cobram Community House Inc
Annual General Meeting
Minutes AGM
1/11/2023 @ 5.30pm

Present:

Carolyn Brunskill, Kate Hay, Amanda Mayoh, Julia Cornwell McKean, Liz Baldwin, Christine Osborne, Liz Diamond, Rebecca Wood, Paula Hansen, Cherene Stokes, Elaine Cartwright, Sybil Retallack, Ruth Ritchie, Marg Andrew, Ann Fagan

In Attendance

Sonya Tedesco, Katie Jarratt, Linda Downing, Cheryl Wallis, Kath Remmerswaal, Pam Ewert

Apologies

Carly-Lee Perkins

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2022

Accepted as read

Moved: Amanda Mayoh

Seconded: Kate Hay

Business Arising from 2022 AGM

Nil

Presentation of Annual Report

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Carolyn Brunskill

Moved: Carolyn Brunskill

Seconded: Julia Cornwell McKean

Reports

TREASURER'S REPORT and Audited Financial Statements

Presented by Carolyn Brunskill

Moved: Amanda Mayoh

Seconded: Liz Baldwin

MANAGER'S REPORT

Christine Osborne

Moved: Christine Osborne

Seconded: Julia Cornwell McKean

Guest Speaker

N/A

Elections and Positions

Linda Downing declared all positions open

President Nomination: Carolyn Brunskill

Moved: Christine Osborne

Seconded: Kate Hay

No further nominations Carolyn Brunskill declared President

SECRETARY Nomination: Kate Hay

Moved: Christine Osborne

Seconded: Julia Cornwell McKean

No further nominations Kate Hay declared Secretary

TREASURER Nomination: Carly-Lee Perkins

Moved: Carolyn Brunskill

Seconded: Amanda Mayoh

No further nominations Carly-Lee Garlick declared Treasurer

Ordinary Members

Amanda Mayoh

Moved: Julia Cornwell McKean

Seconded: Kate Hay

Julia Cornwell McKean

Moved: Christine Osborne

Seconded: Kate Hay

Elizabeth Baldwin

Moved: Christine Osborne

Seconded: Julia Cornwell McKean

- **No further nominations, all declared Committee Members**

ELECTION of AUDITOR

Auditor: Goulburn Murray Audit Services

Moved: Amanda Mayoh

Seconded: Christine Osborne

Other Business

Determination of Fees set at \$5

Moved: Amanda Mayoh

Seconded: Julia Cornwell McKean

Close of Meeting

Meeting closed @ 5.55pm

REPORTS

President's Report

I am pleased to present this report on behalf of Cobram Community House's Committee of Management. Our collective efforts over the past year have made a meaningful impact, and as we continue to face new challenges, it is important to reflect on our successes.

First, I would like to thank my fellow committee members—Amanda Mayoh, Kate Hay, Julia Cornwell McKean, Carly Garlick, and Liz Baldwin—for their support and ongoing commitment to Cobram Community House and the Cobram community over the past year.

Christine and her team have worked diligently, focusing on social engagement through marketing materials, enhancing our online presence, and promoting upgrades to the entrance, including the installation of a mounted noticeboard.

This year, we have had ongoing successes with:

- Education Opportunities: Continued offering accredited, pre-accredited, and fee-for-service training. Ongoing investments in technology to support training and further improvements and upgrades to the training rooms
- Christmas Gift Appeal: Again, provided gifts to approximately 150 children and saw increased attendance at 'Doug's Christmas Lunch'. We are grateful to the local businesses for their donations and for serving as collection points.

A highlight of the year was the second Women's Wellbeing Day, supported by grant applications. Held at the Cobram Civic Centre, this sell out event featured guest speakers, and garnered support from various service providers and community members.

Our regular programs have continued to thrive, with some expanding:

- Shower Program
- Chatty Café: An important space for community interaction.
- Monthly Community Lunches
- Art Classes
- Social and Walking Groups
- First Aid Training
- CobCAB
- Share Table
- Book Swap

It has been my honour to chair the Committee over the past twelve months. This role has been made easier thanks to Christine Osborne's leadership. I also want to acknowledge the dedicated staff, volunteers, members, and Committee of Management for their exceptional service and support. As we enter the new year, we remain committed to enhancing the well-being of all members of our community.

Carolyn Brunskill
President



Cobram Community House Treasurer's Finance Report

Overview

It is my pleasure to present the financial report for Cobram Community House for the year ending 30 June 2024. This year has been marked by strong financial results, with significant growth in income, an steady profit position, and stability in expenses. Additionally, we have been able to undertake some substantial projects during the year as well as contributing to our asset base, ensuring the long-term sustainability of the organization.

Income

The total income for the year was \$642,732, representing a significant increase of \$112,323 compared to the prior year's income of \$530,409. This growth reflects our success in securing additional funding and expanding revenue streams through effective community engagement and partnerships. We have also pivoted our investment strategy, this has proven to be successful with a major increase in interest income.

Profit

Our end-of-year profit stood at \$57,796, compared to the prior year's profit of \$63,477. While this represents a slight decrease, the result reflects stable financial performance, particularly as we maintained expenses and grew our income base. This year's profit demonstrates the continued strength and resilience of our financial management practices.

Expenses**

Expenses for the year remained stable compared to the previous year, demonstrating our careful control over costs despite the growth in income and operational activity. This stability has allowed us to maximize the benefits of our increased income.

Asset Position

We have successfully grown our asset position during the year, further strengthening our financial resilience. This improvement supports our capacity to continue delivering valuable services to the community and positions us well for future opportunities.

Personal Note from the Treasurer

After seven wonderful years as Treasurer of Cobram Community House, it is with a heavy heart that I announce my decision to step down from this role due to some significant life changes. This position has been an incredibly rewarding experience, and I am proud of all that we have achieved together as an organization.

Although I am stepping away for now, this is a role I would love to return to or be involved with again when the time is right. The House, its staff, and the committee hold a very special place in my heart, and I wish you all the very best as you continue the vital work of supporting our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this role. I am deeply grateful for the support and collaboration of the team over these past seven years.

Carly-Lee Perkins

Treasurer

Cobram Community House

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Cobram Community House Inc

ABN: 44 233 569 937

Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2024

Cobram Community House Inc

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Committees' Report

For the year ended 30 June 2024

The Committee present their report, together with the financial statements, on Cobram Community House Inc for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

Committee Members

The names of each person who has been a committee member during the year and up to the date of this report are;

Committee Member	Appointment / Resignation	
	Appointed	Resigned
Carolyn Hargreaves - Chair		
Katherine Hay - Secretary		
Carly Garlick - Treasurer		
Amandah Mayoh		
Julia Cornwell McKean		
Elizabeth Baldwin	6/09/2023	

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the year was to provide training, learning opportunities and community support services to the community of Cobram and district. The association is a Registered Training Organisation.

There has been no significant changes in the nature of these activities during the year.

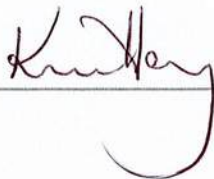
Operating Results

The surplus/(deficit) of the association for the financial year after provision for income tax was \$57,769.

Events Subsequent to the End of the Reporting Period

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year that significantly impact or may significantly impact the operations of the association, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the association, in future financial years.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Committee at Cobram, VIC.



Dated this 31st the day of October, 2024

Cobram Community House Inc
Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income
For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Revenue and Other Income			
Revenue from contracts with customers	2	565,769	463,788
Other income	2	76,963	66,621
		642,732	530,409
Expenses			
Employee benefits expense	3	(415,391)	(344,509)
Depreciation and amortisation	3	(14,909)	(13,034)
Finance costs Utilities expense	3	-	-
Audit, legal and consultancy fees		(7,378)	(5,060)
Marketing expenses Course costs Project expenses Sundry expenses		(8,987)	(9,305)
		(424)	(2,572)
		(47,448)	(30,408)
		(45,627)	(12,668)
		(44,799)	(45,592)
		(584,963)	(463,148)
Current year surplus/(deficit) before income tax		57,769	67,261
Income tax expense/(benefit)	1(k)	-	-
Net current year surplus/(deficit)		57,769	67,261
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total other comprehensive income/(loss) for the year		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		57,769	67,261
Total comprehensive income attributable to owners of the entity		57,769	67,261

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Cobram Community House Inc
Statement of Financial Position
For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	978,750	899,473
Trade and other receivables	5	31,898	33,478
Total current assets		1,010,648	932,951
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	6	128,609	121,516
Total non-current assets		128,609	121,516
Total assets		1,139,257	1,054,467
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	7	37,193	51,518
Employee benefits	8	155,065	113,719
Total current liabilities		192,258	165,237
Non-current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	7	-	-
Employee benefits	8	-	-
Total non-current liabilities		-	-
Total liabilities		192,258	165,237
Net assets		946,999	889,230
Equity			
Retained earnings	9	946,999	889,230
Total equity		946,999	889,230

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Cobram Community House Inc
Statement of Changes in Equity
For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	Retained Earnings \$	Total Equity \$
Balance at 1 July 2022		821,969	821,969
Comprehensive income for the year			
Profit for the year		67,261	67,261
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners			
Balance at 30 June 2023		<u>889,230</u>	<u>889,230</u>
Balance at 1 July 2023		889,230	889,230
Comprehensive income for the year			
Profit for the year		57,769	57,769
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners			
Balance at 30 June 2024		<u>946,999</u>	<u>946,999</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Cobram Community House Inc
Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers		632,718	522,010
Payments to suppliers and employees		(543,033)	(424,356)
Interest paid		-	-
Interest received		11,594	1,083
Net cash flows provided by operating activities	10b	101,279	98,737
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(22,002)	(9,387)
Net cash flows used in investing activities		(22,002)	(9,387)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from borrowings		-	-
Repayment of borrowings		-	-
Net cash flows provided by financing activities		-	-
Net increase in cash held		79,277	89,350
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		899,473	810,123
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	10a	978,750	899,473

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Note 1. Summary of Material Accounting Policies

These financial statements and notes represent those of Cobram Community House Inc (the entity) as an individual entity. Cobram Community House Inc is a incorporated association, incorporated and domiciled in Victoria.

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. The entity is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements, except for cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

The financial report is presented in Australian dollars and all values are rounded to the nearest dollar, unless otherwise stated.

Accounting Policies

The entity has consistently applied the following accounting policies to all periods presented in these financial statements, except if mentioned otherwise.

(a) Revenue

Revenue Recognition

Contributed Assets

When entity receives assets from the government and other parties for nil or nominal consideration in order to further its objectives. These assets are recognised in accordance with the recognition requirements of other applicable accounting standards (eg AASB 9, AASB 16, AASB 116 and AASB 138).

On initial recognition of an asset, the entity recognises related amounts (being contributions by owners, lease liability, financial instruments, provisions, revenue or contract liability arising from a contract with a customer).

The entity recognises income immediately in profit or loss as the difference between the initial carrying amount of the asset and the related amount.

Fee for Service, Operating Grants, Membership and Donations

When the entity receives fee's for service, operating grants, memberships and donations, it assesses whether a contract is enforceable and has sufficiently specific performance obligations in accordance with AASB 15.

Note 1. Summary of Material Accounting Policies (*continued*)

When both of these conditions are satisfied, the co-operative:

- identifies each performance obligation relating to the source of funds;
- recognises a contract liability for its obligations under the agreement; and
- recognises revenue as it satisfies its performance obligations.

Where the contract is not enforceable or does not have sufficiently specific performance obligations, the co-

- recognises the asset received in accordance with the recognition requirements of other applicable accounting standards (eg AASB 9, AASB 16, AASB 116 and AASB 138);
- recognises related amounts (being contributions by owners, lease liability, financial instruments, provisions); and
- recognises income immediately in profit or loss as the difference between the initial carrying amount of the asset and the related amount.

Revenue From Contracts With Customers

Course Revenue

Revenue from the enrolment of students in training courses is recognised at a point in time when the student enrolls in the course.

Sales and Room Hire

Revenue from sale of goods and room hire is recognised at a point in time when the control of the goods passes to the customer.

Note 1. Summary of Material Accounting Policies (*continued*)

Capital Grant

When the entity receives a capital grant, it recognises a liability for the excess of the initial carrying amount of the financial asset received over any related amounts (being contributions by owners, lease liability, financial instruments, provisions) recognised under other Australian Accounting Standards.

The entity recognises income in the profit or loss when or as the entity satisfies its obligations under the terms of the grant.

Other Revenue

Interest Income

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method.

Other Income

All other funds received that did not contain contracts with customers are recognised as income as goods and services are provided.

(b) Inventory

Inventories held for sale are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(c) Property, Plant & Equipment

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

Any gain or loss on disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised in profit or loss.

Leasehold Improvements

Leasehold Improvements are measured on a cost basis and is therefore carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. In the event the carrying amount of leasehold improvements is greater than the estimated recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to the estimated recoverable amount and impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. A formal assessment of recoverable amount is made when impairment indicators are present (refer to Note 1(f) for details of impairment).

Office Equipment, Fixtures and Fittings, Computer Equipment (Plant and Equipment)

Plant and equipment is measured on a cost basis and is therefore carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. In the event the carrying amount of plant and equipment is greater than the estimated recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to the estimated recoverable amount and impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. A formal assessment of recoverable amount is made when impairment indicators are present (refer to Note 1(f) for details of impairment).

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, including office equipment, fixtures and fittings and computer equipment, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the assets useful life to the entity commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

Note 1. Summary of Material Accounting Policies (*continued*)

The useful life and method used for each class of depreciable asset are:

Asset Class	Method	Useful Life
Leasehold Improvements	Straight line	40 years
Office Equipment	Diminishing value	1-5 years
Fixtures and Fittings	Straight line & Diminishing	1-5 years
Computer Equipment	Diminishing value	1-5 years

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period. Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise. Gains are not classified as revenue. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation surplus relating to the asset are transferred to retained surplus.

(d) Leases

The entity has not been a party in an arrangement where it is a lessee under a non-concessionary lease, in the event that this changes the entity will apply AASB 16.

Concessionary Leases

For leases that have significantly below-market terms and conditions principally to enable the co-operative to further its objectives (commonly known as peppercorn/concessionary leases), the entity has adopted the temporary relief under AASB 2019-8 and measures right of use assets at cost on initial recognition.

Short-term Leases & Leases of Low-value Assets

The entity will not recognise right of use assets and lease liabilities for leases of short-term leases and low-value assets, including IT equipment. The entity recognises the lease payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straightline basis over the lease term.

A short-term lease is a lease that, at commencement date, has a lease term of 12 months or less.

A low-value asset is valued at \$10,000 AUD

As Lessor

The entity has not been a party in an arrangement where it is a lessor.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (*continued*)

(e) Financial Instruments

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. For financial assets, this is the date that the entity commits itself to either the purchase or sale of the asset.

Financial instruments (except for trade receivables) are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs, except where the instrument is classified as "at fair value through profit or loss", in which case transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately. Where available, quoted prices in an active market are used to determine fair value. In other circumstances, valuation techniques are adopted.

Trade receivables are initially measured at the transaction price if the trade receivables do not contain significant financing component or if the practical expedient was applied as specified in AASB 15: Revenue with Contracts with Customers.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial Liabilities

Financial liabilities are subsequently measured at:

- amortised cost; or
- fair value through profit or loss

A financial liability is measured at fair value through profit or loss if the financial liability is:

- a contingent consideration of an acquirer in a business combination to which AASB3: Business Combinations applies;
- held for trading; or
- initially designated as at fair value through profit or loss.

All other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The

effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a debt instrument and of allocating interest expense over in profit or loss over the relevant period.

The effective interest rate is the internal rate of return of the financial asset or liability. That is, it is the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash flows through the expected life of the instrument to the net carrying amount at initial recognition.

A financial liability is held for trading if it is:

- incurred for the purpose of repurchasing or repaying in the near term;
- part of a portfolio where there is an actual pattern of short-term profit-taking; or
- a derivative financial instrument (except for a derivative that is in a financial guarantee contract or a derivative that is in effective hedging relationships).

Any gains or losses arising on changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss to the extent that they are not part of a designated hedging relationship.

The change in fair value of the financial liability attributable to changes in the issuer's credit risk is taken to other comprehensive income and is not subsequently reclassified to profit or loss. Instead, it is transferred to retained earnings upon derecognition of the financial liability.

If taking the change in credit risk in other comprehensive income enlarges or creates an accounting mismatch, then these gains or losses should be taken to profit or loss rather than other comprehensive income.

A financial liability cannot be reclassified.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (*continued*)

Financial Assets

Financial assets are subsequently measured at:

- amortised cost;
- fair value through other comprehensive income; or
- fair value through profit or loss.

Measurement is on the basis of two primary criteria:

- the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset; and
- the business model for managing the financial assets

A financial asset that meets the following conditions is subsequently measured at amortised cost:

- the financial asset is managed solely to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms within the financial asset give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding on specified dates; and

A financial asset that meets the following conditions is subsequently measured at fair value through other comprehensive income:

- the contractual terms within the financial asset give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding at specified dates; and
- the business model for managing the financial asset comprises both contractual cash flows collection and the selling of a financial asset.

By default, all other financial assets that do not meet the measurement conditions of amortised cost and fair value through other comprehensive income are subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Equity Instruments

At initial recognition, as long as the equity instrument is not held for trading or is not a contingent consideration recognised by the acquirer in a business combination to which AASB 3 applies, the entity can make an irrevocable election to measure any subsequent changes in fair value of the equity instruments in other comprehensive income, while the dividend income received on the underlying equity investment will still be recognised in profit or loss.

Derecognition

Derecognition refers to the removal of a previously recognised financial asset or financial liability from the

Derecognition of financial liabilities

A liability is derecognised when it is extinguished. An exchange of an existing financial liability for a new one with substantially modified terms, or a substantial modification to the terms of a financial liability, is treated as an extinguishment of the existing liability and recognition of a new financial liability.

The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognised and the consideration paid and payable, including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

Derecognition of financial assets

A financial asset is derecognised when the holder's contractual rights to its cash flows expires, or the asset is transferred in such a way that all the risks and rewards of ownership are substantially transferred.

On derecognition of a financial asset measured at amortised cost, the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received and receivable is recognised in profit or loss.

On derecognition of an investment in equity which the entity elected to classify under fair value through other comprehensive income, the cumulative gain or loss previously accumulated in the investments revaluation surplus is not reclassified to profit or loss, but is transferred to retained earnings.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Impairment

The entity recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses on:

- financial assets that are measured at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive

Loss allowance is not recognised for:

- financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss; or
- equity instruments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income.

Simplified Approach

The simplified approach does not require tracking of changes in credit risk at every reporting period, but instead requires the recognition of lifetime expected credit losses at all times.

This approach is applicable to:

- trade receivables

Recognition of expected credit losses in financial statements

At each reporting date, the entity recognises the movement in the loss allowance as an impairment gain or loss in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

(f) Impairment

At the end of each reporting period, the entity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in profit or loss.

Where assets are not held primarily for their ability to generate net cash inflows - that is, they are specialised assets held for continuing use of their service capacity - the recoverable amounts are expected to be materially the same as fair value.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the entity estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Where an impairment loss on a revalued individual asset is identified, this is recognised against the revaluation surplus in respect of the same class of asset to the extent that the impairment loss does not exceed the amount in the revaluation surplus of that class of asset.

(g) Employee Benefits

Short-term employee benefits

Provision is made for the entity's obligation for short-term employee benefits. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service, including wages, salaries and sick leave. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled.

The entity's obligations for short-term employee benefits such as wages, salaries and sick leave are recognised as part of current trade and other payables in the statement of financial position.

Other Long-term employee benefits

The entity classifies employees' long service leave and annual leave entitlements as other long-term employee benefits as they are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. Provision is made for the entity's obligation for other long-term employee benefits, which are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wages and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures, and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on high quality government bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the terms of the obligations. Upon remeasurement of obligations for other long-term employee benefits, the net change in the obligation is recognised in profit or loss classified under employee benefits expense.

That benefit is discounted to determine its present value. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels plus related oncosts, experience of employee departures, and years of service achieved. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on high quality corporate bonds with terms to maturity and currencies that match, as closely as possible, the estimate future cash outflows.

The entity's obligations for long-term employee benefits are presented as non-current liabilities in its statement of financial position, except where the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period, in which case the obligations are presented as current liabilities.

Portable long service leave

The entity makes contributions to eligible employees under the Long Service Leave Benefits Portability Act 2018. The contributions are recognised as an expense when they become payable.

Retirement benefit obligations

Defined contribution superannuation benefits

All employees of the entity receive defined superannuation entitlements, for which the entity pays the fixed superannuation guarantee contribution to the employee's superannuation fund of choice. All contributions in respect of the employees' defined contribution entitlements are recognised as an expense when they become payable. The entity's obligation with respect to employees' defined contribution entitlements is limited to its obligation for any unpaid superannuation contributions at the end of the reporting period. All obligations for unpaid superannuation guarantee contributions are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled and are presented as current liabilities in the entity's statement of financial position.

(h) Cash & Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

(i) Trade and Other Debtors

Trade and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from customers for Accounts receivable are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less any provision for impairment. Refer to Note 1(e) for further information on the determination of impairment losses.

(j) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. Receivables and payables are presented inclusive of the amount of GST. Cash flows are presented on a gross basis.

(k) Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the association is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (*continued*)

(l) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the entity has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

(m) Comparative Figures

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

(n) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements

Key estimates

- Useful lives of property, plant and equipment - as described in note 1 (c) the entity reviews the estimated useful lives of property, plant and equipment at the end of each reporting period.
- Employee benefits - for the purpose of measurement, AASB 119 requires measurement of long-term employee benefits using a number of estimated inputs. These include the probable length of service by employees, rates of wage inflation and future interest rates used for discounting the liability to present value. The inputs used represent the best estimate of the probable liability.
- Receivables - The receivables at reporting date have been reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence that the receivables are impaired.

Key judgements

- Performance obligations under AASB 15 - To identify a performance obligation under AASB 15, the promise must be sufficiently specific to be able to determine when the obligation is satisfied. Management exercises judgement to determine whether the promise is sufficiently specific by taking into account any conditions specified in the arrangement, explicit or implicit, regarding the promised goods or services. In making this assessment, management includes the nature, type, cost, value, quantity and the period of transfer of the goods or services promised.

(o) Economic Dependence

The entity is dependent on government departments for the majority of its revenue used to operate the business. At the date of the report, the directors have no reason to believe the departments will not continue to support the entity.

Cobram Community House Inc

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 2024

Note 2. Revenue From Contracts With Customers

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Revenue		
- Revenue from contracts with customers	565,769	463,788
	565,769	463,788
Disaggregation of Revenue From Contracts With Customers		
- Grants - Skills Vic	160,064	130,094
- Grants - Neighbourhood House	96,889	93,718
- Grants - Non-Recurrent	37,921	48,318
- Grants - Moira Shire	21,200	21,200
- Grants - ACFE	86,011	41,542
- Courses	86,106	43,895
- Sales and room hire	44,520	33,604
- Programs	33,058	51,417
	565,769	463,788

Note 2. Other Income

The entity generates other sources of income as outlined below.

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Other Income		
- Donations	4,650	5,895
- Interest	11,594	1,083
- Agency income	58,967	58,317
- Membership income	400	156
- Sundry income	1,352	1,170
	76,963	66,621

Note 3. Expenses

Profit before income tax from continuing operations includes the following specific expenses:

(a) Employee Benefits Expense

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Employee Benefits Expense		
- Wages & salaries	329,370	295,806
- Superannuation costs	36,176	31,060
- Other expenses related to employees	49,845	17,643
	415,391	344,509

Note 3. Expenses (*continued*)

(b) Depreciation & Amortisation Expense

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Depreciation of Non-current Assets		
- leasehold improvements	3,404	3,404
- office equipment	2,273	1,274
- fixtures and fittings	2,948	4,822
- computer equipment	6,284	3,534
	14,909	13,034
Total depreciation & amortisation expense	14,909	13,034

(c) Finance Costs

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Finance Costs			
- Interest paid		-	-
		-	-

Finance costs are recognised as expenses when incurred using the effective interest rate.

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
(d) Auditors' Remuneration			
Audit & Review Services			
Audit and review of financial statements			
Non-Audit Services		3,600	3,850
Preparation of the financial statements and other accounting services		1,500	1,500

Note 4. Cash & Cash Equivalents

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Cash at bank and on hand	978,750	899,473
	978,750	899,473

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits available on demand with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. Any bank overdrafts are reported within short-term borrowings in current liabilities in the statement of financial position.

Note 5. Trade & Other Receivables

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Current		
Trade receivables	31,898	33,478
Less impairment	-	-
	31,898	33,478

Note 6. Property, Plant & Equipment

(a) Carrying Amounts

	2024 \$			2023 \$		
	At Cost / Valuation	Accumulated Depreciation	Written Down Value	At Cost / Valuation	Accumulated Depreciation	Written Down Value
Leasehold improvements	126,355	(34,449)	91,906	126,355	(31,045)	95,310
Office equipment	42,916	(34,501)	8,415	38,569	(32,228)	6,341
Fixtures and fittings	81,280	(77,044)	4,236	80,951	(74,097)	6,854
Computer equipment	99,303	(75,251)	24,052	110,434	(97,423)	13,011
	349,854	(221,245)	128,609	356,309	(234,793)	121,516

(b) Movements in Carrying Amounts

2024	Leasehold Imp \$	Office Equipment \$	Fixtures and Fittings \$	Computer Equipment \$	Total \$
Opening carrying value	95,310	6,341	6,854	13,011	121,516
Additions	-	4,347	330	17,325	22,002
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation expense	(3,404)	(2,273)	(2,948)	(6,284)	(14,909)
Closing carrying value	91,906	8,415	4,236	24,052	128,609

2023	Leasehold Imp \$	Office Equipment \$	Fixtures and Fittings \$	Computer Equipment \$	Total \$
Opening carrying value	98,714	3,954	11,676	10,819	125,163
Additions	-	3,661	-	5,726	9,387
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation expense	(3,404)	(1,274)	(4,822)	(3,534)	(13,034)
Closing carrying value	95,310	6,341	6,854	13,011	121,516

(c) Capital Expenditure Commitments

The entity does not have any capital expenditure commitments as at 30 June 2024 (2023: None).

(d) Changes in Estimates

During the financial year, the entity assessed estimates used for property, plant and equipment including useful lives, residual values, and depreciation methods.

There were no changes in estimates for the current reporting period.

Note 7. Trade & Other Payables

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Current		
Trade creditors	5,290	955
Other creditors and accruals	16,903	20,313
Contract liabilities	15,000	30,250
	37,193	51,518

Trade and other payables represent the liabilities for goods and services received by the entity that remain unpaid at the end of the reporting period. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

Trade and other payables are initially measured at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Note 8. Employee Benefits

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Current		
Provision for annual leave	74,415	49,723
Provision for long service leave	80,650	63,996
	155,065	113,719
Non-Current		
Provision for long service leave	-	-
	-	-

Provision for employee benefits represents amounts accrued for annual leave and long service leave.

Note 9. Retained Earnings

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period		889,230	821,969
Net current year surplus/(deficit)		57,769	67,261
Balance at the end of the reporting period		946,999	889,230

Note 10. Cash Flow Information

(a) Cash and cash equivalents balances as shown in the Statement of Financial Position can be reconciled to that shown in the Statement of Cash Flows as follows:

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Cash and cash equivalents	11	978,750	899,473
As per the Statement of Cash Flows		978,750	899,473

(b) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with profit/loss after income tax

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Net current year surplus/(deficit)	57,769	67,261
Non-cash flows in profit		
- Depreciation	14,909	13,034
Changes in assets and liabilities		
- (Increase) / Decrease in trade and other receivables	1,580	(7,316)
- Increase / (decrease) in trade and other payables	(14,325)	-
- Increase / (decrease) in employee entitlements	41,346	-
Net cash flows from operating activities	101,279	72,979

Note 11. Financial Instruments

The following shows the carrying amounts for all financial instruments at amortised costs. It does not include fair value information for financial assets and financial liabilities not measured at fair value if the carrying amount is a reasonable approximation of fair value.

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Financial Assets			
Trade and other receivables	5	31,898	33,478
Cash and cash equivalents	4	978,750	899,473
		1,010,648	932,951
Financial Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	7	37,193	51,518
		37,193	51,518

Note 12. Related Parties

(a) Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel includes any person having authority or responsibility for planning, directing or controlling the activities of the entity, directly or indirectly including any committee member (whether executive or otherwise) of that association.

(b) Key Management Personnel Compensation

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Short-term employee benefits	124,661	117,311
Total key management personnel compensation	124,661	117,311

No Committee member of the association receives compensation - the roles are voluntary.

(c) Other Related Parties

Other related parties include close family members of key management personnel and entities that are controlled or jointly controlled by those key management personnel, individually or collectively with their close family members.

(d) Transactions With Key Management Personnel & Related Parties

During the year there were no transactions with related parties.

Note 13. Events After the Reporting Period

There have been no significant events after the end of the financial year that would have a material impact on the financial statements or the associations's state of affairs.

Note 14. Commitments & Contingencies

The association has no capital commitments requiring disclosure.

There were no contingent liabilities or assets at the date of this report that would have an impact on the financial statements.

Note 15. Association Details

The principal place of business of the association is:

Cobram Community House Inc	43-45 Punt Rd Cobram VIC 3644
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Cobram Community House Inc

Responsible Persons' Declaration

For the year ended 30 June 2024

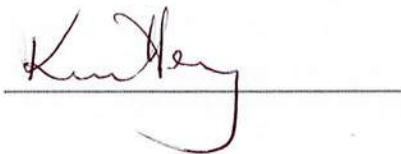
Per section 60.15 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*

The responsible persons declare that in the responsible persons' opinion:

- (a) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and

- (b) The financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profit*



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Healy', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and extends below the line.

Dated this ~~31st~~ the day of October, 2024



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Cobram Community House Inc
Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

I have audited the financial report of Cobram Community House Inc, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the income statement, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the responsible entities' declaration.

In my opinion the financial report of Cobram Community House Inc has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

(a) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and

(b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Basis for Opinion

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

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

Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

The responsible entities are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the registered entity's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024, but does not include the financial report and my auditor's report thereon.

My opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with my audit of the financial report, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

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If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Responsible Entities for the Financial Report

The responsible entities of the registered entity are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the ACNC Act, and for such internal control as the responsible entities determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, responsible entities are responsible for assessing the registered entity'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 responsible entities either intends to liquidate the registered entity or to cease operations or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The responsible entities are responsible for overseeing the registered entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report⁵ as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my 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, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

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

I communicate with the responsible entities regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Milne', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael Milne CA
Date: 31 October 2024
375 Wyndham Street Shepparton, VIC 3630

Manager's Report

26th November 2024

It is with pleasure that I present my report for the 2023/24 financial year. I am pleased to report that the continued hard work and commitment of our staff and volunteers has allowed us to continue to offer a broad range of services to the community. The year has been a busy one as we strive to offer a variety of opportunities to connect and engage the community.

Quantifying our impact on the community is challenging, but Neighbourhood Houses Victoria strives to capture it through data from our annual survey. I'm proud to share that survey results show Cobram Community House contributed an impressive \$2,112,037 in community value over the past year, underscoring the significant positive impact we have.

This community value equates to:

- \$4.63 for every \$1 of income
- \$23.27 for every \$1 of Neighbourhood House Coordination Program funding
- Over \$1,056.02 for every hour the neighbourhood house is in use.

This year Cobram Community House celebrates the significant milestone of 40 years of service to the community. Cobram Community House was founded by a group of dedicated and civic minded community members who saw the need for a supportive and inclusive space for residents of Cobram and surrounds. Rooted in the belief that a strong community is built through connection, education and empowerment, our founding members worked tirelessly to establish a 'house' where people come together to learn, share and grow. I am proud to be part of this vibrant centre and continue the amazing legacy of our founders. Congratulations to everyone who has been a part of the journey.

To celebrate 40 years of operation, Cobram Community House is launching a new logo to give a fresh look as we head into the next decade. Our new logo modernises Cobram Community House's identity, while maintaining the connection with our values and our goal of connecting, educating and supporting the community.



The story behind the logo - the two arcs symbolize the "Cs" in Cobram Community House and represent the two key areas of our organisation: community services and education. The colours reflect our local fruit-growing region and the surrounding Murray bushland. The window is a simple depiction of a house, and the circular shape represents the wrap around support we provide to our community.

Nationally recognised training continued, delivering training in Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care, Certificates in General Education for Adults as well as foundation skills courses for learners with a cognitive impairment (Certificate I in Transition Education and Certificate I in Initial Adult Literacy and Numeracy).

We have delivered a range of interesting and engaging pre-accredited programs. The programs offer interesting and relevant ways to develop literacy, numeracy, digital and employability skills. The courses have been well received and participants report positive feedback, however it is unlikely that we will deliver all our allocated hours for the year. We have lodged our 2025 funding application with new offerings and look forward to continuing to provide high quality training to the community.

We continue to provide a valuable service through our Services Australia Agency and a range of support and referral service to the community. Our Centrelink hours have been increased by 2.5 hours per week allowing us to extend our opening hours.

As part of our desire to connect and engage the community, we have facilitated a range of programs and events – our Chatty Café continues to be popular every Thursday morning and our monthly community lunches are well attended. We have held events to celebrate Cultural Diversity Week, Neighbourhood House Week, Seniors Week, Law Week, Adult Learners' week and Get online week. We held carers events to support unpaid carers and have secure additional funding to continue to deliver programs to support carers. We offer digital support through our Be Connected program, which continues to be popular.

We were proud to be able to provide some Christmas cheer to the community. We facilitated a Community Christmas Appeal which saw hundreds of gifts and cash donated to support over 150 children in the community. We were overwhelmed by the community support and grateful to the Bendigo Bank, Barooga Aquatic and Recreation Centre and Haven Legal who provided collection points for gifts. Doug's Christmas was celebrated on Christmas Day to many happy attendees who would otherwise be alone in Christmas Day.

Our family history sessions, soft pastel art classes and meditation classes continued to provide an opportunity for connection and mindfulness. We added to our creative offerings with the introduction of ukulele lessons. Our walking group has a committed and regular following who enjoy the social and health benefits of the weekly walks. We hosted another Women's Wellbeing Day in September with over 150 people in attendance. Our guests were engaged and educated by inspiring speakers, they had the opportunity to connect with local service providers, they were pampered with shoulder massages, entertained by craft and mindfulness activities and treated to a delicious lunch.

We continue to support the community through our Share Table and food bags and the provision of free showers through our shower program at Killara House. We continue to host monthly Service Providers meetings and provide space to a number of community and support organisations.

We have continued our partnerships with a range of organisations to deliver projects and support locals – Moira Shire, Women with Disabilities Victoria, NCN Health and Cobram Lions.

I would like to acknowledge the amazing work done by the CCH staff and volunteers. They work to build community by creating and strengthening partnerships, expanding services available and providing opportunities to connect, engage and learn. Every person in our small organisation is a valuable contributor and is integral to our success. Thank you to you all.

I also extend my thanks to our auspice groups, partners, students and supporters in the community - together we make great things happen for our community.

I would also like to recognise the work of the Committee of Management without whom we would be unable to operate. Your preparedness to voluntarily give your time to our organisation and share your knowledge and skills is valued and I have greatly appreciated your support and good counsel.

I look forward to being involved in more programs to support our community and see Cobram Community House continue to grow and flourish.

Thank you.

Christine Osborne
Manager



Real Impact. Real Value.

INCOME \$530,409

VALUE \$4,033,260

This figure includes the value of:

Improved quality of life through social connection: **\$239,769**

Volunteer contributions: **\$148,236**

Emergency relief provided: **\$65,018**

Services provided: **\$348,641**

Adult Community Education: **\$3,128,799**

Emergency relief value includes:

- Food and groceries: **\$65,018**

Services value includes:

- Computer/internet usage: **\$1,008**
- Facilities use or hire: **\$219,432**
 - Résumé assistance: **\$360**
 - Tax Help: **\$2,000**
- Auspicing other organisations: **\$2,530**
- Community lunch, frozen or other meals: **\$4,200**
- Fee for service activities: **\$33,111**
- Power Saving Bonus: **\$86,000**

This community value equates to:

\$7.60 for every \$1 of income

\$42.32 for every \$1 of Neighbourhood House Coordination Program funding

Over **\$2,016.63** for every hour the neighbourhood house is in use

Employment value

5.7 FTE jobs

including 4.1 direct and 1.6 indirect Full Time Equivalent positions



These values are produced by Neighbourhood Houses Victoria based on data provided by Cobram Community House Inc. in the 2023 Neighbourhood Houses Survey. Only a limited range of activities where a determinable valuation method exists are included.



Community Garden Report 2024

In 2024 the community garden has thrived. Much credit and thanks must go to Cobram U3A who have initiated a weekly garden working group. As a result the garden looks loved and bountiful. Garden beds are fully planted and the vegetables and herbs produced have been utilised by our cooking classes, in our community lunches and distributed on our share table.



This year we have seen an increase in users of the garden. The Cobram and District Specialist School and Trikki Kids daycare make regular visits and we were delighted to be a venue for the community reading day as part of book week. It was a joy to watch our Early Childhood Education and Care

student's reading to the children in our lovely garden setting. Students from Cobram Anglican Grammar's "Project Ready" program have actively contributed to the garden this year with activities such as cleaning up the garden shed, widening the footpaths and creating a new mural for the wall. Spring was blooming spectacular, showcasing a beautiful display of roses and flowers, and was a wonderful venue for our iPhone photography students to practise their new skills.

Projects in the pipeline for 2025 include a new shade sail, the continued renovation of garden beds, and finding new ways to attract more users to the garden.

Paula Hansen, Community Garden Co-ordinator 2024



Cobram Quilters Club Report 2023

The Quilters Club members who meet at CCH would like to thank the Cobram Community House for their hospitality to us. We are always made to feel welcome. We meet on the 2nd Friday of each month, except January and enjoy the company of likeminded friends while learning new ideas from each other as we sit and sew over a cuppa and lunch together.

Trish Anders



Boomerang Bags Report

The last 12 months of Boomerang bag making have been quite slow.

Volunteer numbers and their availability have declined. On the other hand, we have lots of donated fabrics!

Nonetheless, a small number of us continue to plod along at home when we get the chance. We have only managed to get together for a working bee at Community House once this year.

We continue to supply four outlets.

Thanks Community House for your ongoing support

Sonya Tedesco



Doug's Christmas Day Lunch 2023



The Cobram Bowling Club was again the venue for the annual Doug's Christmas Day lunch (DXL). With Christmas Day being on a Monday we were fortunate to have the weekend for preparations. Most of the preparations and cooking were done by our volunteers at Cobram Community House during the weekend. Volunteers Lorraine and Dale were a valuable addition to our kitchen team. We cooked 60 meals and served them out to the 49 DXL participants and the volunteers.

DXL is primarily a Christmas Day lunch for older people who may otherwise be alone on Christmas Day. It is a non-alcohol event and includes a traditional hot Christmas feast and cold and hot drinks. We ask for a small participation fee from those who can contribute as we believe that, to make the event sustainable, those who can afford to contribute should. Some people in need are invited to participate for free.

The 2023 DXL event was supported with generous donations from M Watson, B Willis and Hot & Sweet Cakes So Sweet. We also successfully applied for a small grant from Moira Shire. We are most thankful for the support given by our donor and also our volunteers.

In 2023 our attendees were again visited by "Santa" who handed out good cheer and lollies. Santa's visit was arranged by Trevor Hocking.

We are looking for volunteers for the 2024 Christmas Day lunch so please if you have time on December 23rd, 24th or 25th to help (especially if you would otherwise be loonely on Christmas Day) please consider volunteering at this event. Give us a call on 03 5872 2224. on 03 5872 2224.

The support DXL receives from the Cobram Bowling Club and Cobram Community House is greatly appreciated by Doug's Christmas Lunch Committee.

To both organisations - Thank you!

Liz Diamond
Committee member DXL



U3A Cobram and District

Annual report 2023-2024

Our first accomplishment of the year was to become incorporated, and our thanks go to Sybil Retallack for managing the large task of completing all the appropriate paperwork.

U3A Cobram & District membership has remained stable at 45 members. During the year Ruth Ritchie has obtained excellent guest speakers who proved to be entertaining and informative.

Our classes have been well attended with members enjoying playing cards, history, needles and natters, book club and a new class pottery and mosaics that we had for a short while.

Our one trip away for the year was to Beechworth to visit the Old Jail and Honey Shop.

We started the year with a cinema group but owing to lack of suitable movies at our local cinema we have been unable to be active in this area.

I would like to thank Cobram Community House for all their support and our own committee for all their valuable work.

Fred Pinnuck

President
Cobram and District U3A Inc.



