

2025 Annual Report Summary





Chair's Report

This year we celebrated Wingate Avenue Community Centre's 40th anniversary. That's 40 years of providing community activities, childcare, community development, training and social support. While the service offerings may have changed over those years, what endures is the purpose – to be responsive to the needs and aspirations of residents.

Our General Manager, Angie, and the wonderful team of staff and volunteers stepped up every day to provide a range of programs and activities that serve the community:

- Barney, Julie, Margaret and Steve provided over 18,400 kilograms of food and 5,209 ready-made meals to hundreds of families and also took the time to have a chat and a cup of tea when people needed a friendly ear.
- Kellie, Faduma, Naciimo, Nyankiir, Remah, Rosa, Sema, Vijaya and Wafa provided early childhood development for 111 children, supporting them to learn, explore and develop.
- Maya, Hala, Lauren, Lin, and Ziwan helped countless people with direct support, and connections into our partner organisations when they needed it.
- Wendy, Cate, Craig, Dorothy, Emma, Eveline, Libby, Lou, Mahsan, Natalie, Neil, Raveen, Rose, and Xi delivered thousands of hours of training, helping community members participate in other training, employment, or simply in the broader community.
- Cat and Bronwyn provided individual support to 85 community members who are looking for work or study.

We recently kicked off a weekly homework club and after-school soccer group, and the response from the community has been fabulous. I have loved hearing about how enthusiastically kids and parents have participated in both activities, and I'm excited to see the growth in the kids as these activities continue. Who knows, maybe we will meet a future soccer star!

The Committee of Management and I send our thanks and gratitude to Angie and the whole team for the dedication and commitment they continue to show.

The backdrop to all these wonderful experiences has, however, been increasingly challenging. Neighbourhood Houses Victoria, the peak body, recently launched a campaign highlighting the difficulties faced by the sector – unsustainable funding levels, declining grant programs, increasing costs, all while demand for support across the State continues to grow.

We see that at Wingate Ave CC too – demand for food relief, for example, has increased dramatically in recent years, to the point where we see people from up to 30 kms away visiting our Centre for help. While we always seek to help, we – and all Centres – need greater levels of support and certainty about future funding to continue to provide these essential services.

We had a positive financial year, ending the year with a small surplus thanks to very close management of our budget and grant funding. This allows us to reinvest in the Centre and the services we provide, ensuring we will continue being here for the community. It also gives our partners confidence in planning for the future, knowing we can continue to work with them.

Pleasingly, at Wingate Ave CC, we have strong relationships with federal, state, and local governments, and we continue to be grateful for their financial and practical support. We have recently completed our new Strategic Plan (2025-2029) which clearly articulates our purpose, values, strategic goals, and what we will deliver over the coming years. The plan focuses on strengthening the Centre's long-term impact and sustainability in a challenging operating environment and provides a clear, practical roadmap for the future.

We will shortly make the plan available on our website, and we look forward to sharing it with the community, including local, state, and federal government representatives.

Let me close by reflecting on the pleasure and a privilege of participating in the 40th anniversary celebration in February this year. From the generous Welcome to Country offered by Colin to the smiles on the faces of our littlest community members, it was clear how important the Centre is to the local community. As I said on the day, the Centre isn't just a building, it has been a place of connection, engagement and support for so many over decades. Our commitment is that it will continue to be a hub for as long as the community needs it.

Suman Joshi, Chair

Year in Review

Childcare

12

Average hours a child attends early learning centre each week

111

Individual children enrolled

4,561

Total early learning sessions attended in the year

Community

14

Volunteers

42

Volunteer hours worked in an average week

71

Partner orgs

191

Activities provided in the year

300

People who attended 2024 End of Year Festival

Education

14

Pre-accredited courses delivered

215

Students enrolled in accredited English courses

332

Students enrolled in one or more pre-accredited course

3,690

Hours of learning delivered for English accredited courses

18,560

Hours of learning delivered for pre-accredited courses

Employment

40

Participants supported into employment, training or education

85

Participants in Reconnect program this year

Food Relief

3

Farms to Families Markets

44

Monday Markets

221

Share the Dignity bags given out

650+

Families accessed food relief

900

Attendees at Farms to Families Markets

2,269

Parcels collected at Monday Markets

5,209

Meals with Impact meals

5,877

Individuals feed through food relief program

Social Support

9

Work Development Permit scheme participants

40

Referrals to other agencies in month

184

People supported in Form Support Clinic

250

People attended Centrelink appointments at WingCC

370

Single session case work support

346

People attended Energy Assistance Pop Ups

626

Casework support

Operations

8

Social work student placements

8

Committee Meetings

10

Committee Members

33

Staff

622

People use the centre on an average week

Financial Report

1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

The 2024–25 financial year marked a welcome return to surplus for Wingate Avenue Community Centre, with a positive result of \$16,691 following a difficult prior year. Our financial position remains stable, with cash reserves strengthening to \$756,000 and total equity of \$782,000. This improvement is a testament to the careful management and dedication of our staff and volunteers.

Like many in the neighbourhood house sector, we continue to face rising costs and uncertain funding. Our focus remains on long-term sustainability and ensuring that every dollar entrusted to us supports our mission to remove barriers to participation and deliver lasting community impact.

I extend my thanks to the Committee, management, and the entire Wingate team for their commitment and stewardship through the year. Their work ensures the Centre continues to be not just a service provider, but a place of belonging for all.

Clara Yates, Treasurer

Balance Sheet

Assets

Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$756,474
Trade and Other Receivables	\$103,278
Non-Current Assets	
Property Plant and Equipment	\$162,393
Total Assets	\$1,022,145

Liabilities

Current Liabilities	\$92,908
Provisions	\$134,418

Non-Current Liabilities

Provisions	\$12,978
Total Liabilities	\$240,304

Nett Assets FY 2025	\$781,841
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Statement of Equity

Balance as at 30 June 2024	\$765,620
Less: Prior period adjustments	(\$470)
Surplus attributable to members	\$16,691
Balance at 30 June 2025	\$781,841

Statement of Profit and Loss

Income

Grants and fees received	\$1,651,872
Interest received	\$7,023
Sundry income	\$2,447
Hire	\$76,009
Fees and donations received	\$296,094
Total Income	\$2,033,445

Expenditure

Advertising	\$1,730
Audit fees	\$8,375
Bank charges	\$637
Cleaning	\$20,472
Consultancy fees	\$134,173
Depreciation	\$23,712
General expenses	\$78,880
Photocopier expenses	\$13,540
Education resources and activities	\$70,511
Insurance	\$7,743
Light, gas and power	\$18,429
Long service leave and annual leave	\$10,445
Printing and stationery	\$5,364
Rates and taxes	\$2,856
Rent	\$24,005
Repairs and maintenance	\$14,366
Security costs	\$1,248
Staff recruitment	\$2,606
Subscriptions	\$11,056
Superannuation contributions	\$154,693
Telephone and internet	\$7,756
Equipment purchase	\$1,306
Wages	\$1,381,887
Workcover	\$20,964
Total expenditure	\$2,016,754

Surplus/(Deficit)	\$16,691
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Retained earnings as at 30 Jun 2024	\$765,620
Less prior year adjustment	(\$470)

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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this country and their connection to the land, sea and sky.

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as custodians of the land on which we meet. We acknowledge that Wurundjeri land is a place of age-old ceremony, celebration, initiation, and renewal – and that the Kulin peoples' living culture has a unique role in the life of this region.

We pay our respects to First Nation elders past, present and emerging, and extend our respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

About this Report

This report provides a summary of the Associations activities and finances for the 2025 financial year (1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025).

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