

Yarraville
COMMUNITY
CENTRE

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



Acknowledgment of Country



Yarraville Community Centre (YCC) acknowledges the traditional owners of the land, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Boon Wurrung peoples of the Kulin Nation and lands on which Yarraville Community Centre is located and where we deliver our programs and services. We acknowledge all elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people today.

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About YCC

Yarraville Community Centre (YCC) is a central hub of community life offering a diverse array of programs and services that have become important to the City of Maribyrnong.

At the core of YCC's mission is a commitment to serving the diverse needs of the residents and community. Providing services such as education, childcare, rooms for community groups or for private functions, short courses, education, computer literacy and vocational training. YCC's services provide support to more than 3000 people each week.

The community services also extend to carer support programs, food relief programs, support for newly arrived parents, refugee families and more.



Our Core Values



Our Vision

To build a stronger community through connection, engagement, diversity and opportunity.

Our Mission

YCC will be responsive to community needs and provide opportunities that build resilience, and community connections.

Our Objectives

We deliver on our Vision and Mission through our Objectives

- We will strengthen community, capacity, cohesion, social connection and foster wellbeing.
- We will maintain and grow a robust and sustainable organisation.
- We will provide families with access to quality childcare and children services.
- We will provide access, opportunity and support for people to develop their education and training goals.

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Chair Person Report

Tom O'Brien

Continuing on from the previous year, 2023 was another successful year for YCC, which saw a high quality service delivered to the community. YCC exists to serve the community and seeks to deliver programs which there is the greatest demand for. The YCC management and staff are passionate about their work and ensuring the programs are of value and meeting the needs of the community.

The YCC Board would like to thank the CEO, Chris McCall, and all her staff, sessional tutors, childcare workers and volunteers for their exceptional work throughout 2023.

YCC continues to maintain a strong financial position with sufficient cash reserves and assets.

Chris and her team have continued to be active writing submissions to secure funding for both existing and new programs. This ensures the needs of students and the wider community will be met in 2024.

The YCC Board members are volunteers who live and work in the local community. They come with a variety of skills and interests, with a united passion to YCC and the wider community. It is this united passion from the Board, CEO, staff, volunteers, and all other stakeholders who support and have association with YCC, that will ensure YCC continues to deliver services to the community for many years to come.

I'd like to express my appreciation to all the committee members at YCC.

I look forward to 2024 being another successful year.

Tom O'Brien, Chairperson



Chief Executive Officer Report

Christine McCall

I'm pleased to present the CEO report for the year 2023, highlighting the significant achievements and milestones of Yarraville Community Centre (YCC).

Throughout the year, our core programs and services, that include education, childcare, and community short courses, experienced notable growth. Enrolments across all educational programs increased, and our Carers Project employment program delivered another successful year. Additionally, our family learning program at Western English Language School continued to thrive.

We also organised a number of community events and celebrations, such as the Winter Festival, Science Week, Children's Week, Carer's Expo, and more, which were well-received by the community. Our food relief program expanded significantly, with four pop-up markets at Francis St in partnership with Duke St Neighbourhood House and Maidstone/Braybrook Neighbourhood House. Our efforts in food relief even garnered attention from ABC TV's 7.30 report.

Our partnerships and stakeholders play a crucial role in our success. Our well established partnership continued with Learning for Employment partners, Nourish partners, U3A Maribyrnong, Skilling Employment & Aid Enterprises Australia Inc., along with the many other collaborations and partners contributed significantly to the delivery of high-quality programs and services.

It was pleasing that financially, YCC finished the year with a surplus, enabling us to sustain and enhance our offerings to the community.

Looking ahead to 2024, we are focused on completing the goals outlined in our operational and strategic plans while initiating work on a new three-year plan. Our commitment remains to meet the evolving needs of our community through innovative programs and services.

I extend my gratitude to our dedicated staff and volunteers for their hard work and commitment to our mission. Special thanks to Melissa Giffard, Education Manager, Patricia Saca, Operations Manager and Bhavna Joshi, Finance Manager for their support and leadership. I also acknowledge the Committee of Management, particularly Tom O'Brien, Chairperson, who spend many hours in their Governance role each year and for their unwavering support and guidance throughout the year.

Here's to another successful year in 2024.



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Treasurer's Report

Suzette Sherazee

I am delighted to report that YCC experienced a successful year in terms of financial performance. Our total income for the year amounted to 2.96m, representing 13% increase compared to the previous year. This increase can be attributed to higher income from educational programs.

Our expenses for the year were diligently managed to ensure efficient use of resources while fulfilling our mission. Expenses were 12k above last year (0.4% increase). Noteworthy is our continuing commitment to community based programs.

After accounting for all expenses, I am pleased to announce that we achieved a net surplus of 54k for the fiscal year. This surplus will be reinvested ensuring the sustainability and growth of our organization.

Our organization remains in a stable financial position with total assets valued at 3.6m and liabilities of 650k. We have also maintained healthy reserves to mitigate unforeseen challenges and support future initiatives. Our actual financial results aligned with the budgetary projections set at the beginning of the year. Despite facing inflationary challenges, we successfully managed to adapt and maintain financial stability.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our donors, volunteers, Committee of Management members, and staff for their unwavering dedication and support throughout the year. It is through your collective efforts that we have been able to achieve our financial goals and further our mission.

In conclusion, I am proud of the achievements we have made this year and remain committed to upholding transparency and accountability in all our financial endeavours. I encourage all stakeholders to review the accompanying financial statements and reach out with any questions or feedback. Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Suzette Sherazee
Treasurer



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Our Impact



21,275

Kilograms
Kilograms of food
saved from landfill

10,400

Meals
Meals provided through
food relief

4,606

Hours
Hours offered by
volunteers

507

Students
Learning foundation English
skills through the Skills First,
AMEP and SEE programs

43,585

Hours
Hours of Learn Local pre-
accredited programs delivered.
A 25% increase from 2022

25

Placements
Student who undertook
placement at YCC

80%

Employment
80% of students who
completed vocational courses
gained employment

171,500

People
The number of people who
benefited from YCC through its
various services

5,597

Hours
Hours of room hire provided to
community groups and
organisations



Education Report

YCC continues to meet community expectations through the delivery of a wide range of programs and courses in education and training. Student participation rates returned to pre-pandemic numbers in 2023. All program areas showed increased levels of student interest and engagement.

Melissa Giffard
Education Manager

There is no magic to achievement. It's really about hard work, choices and persistence', Michelle Obama.



Federation Square
Excursion



NGV Excursion



CALDplay Gala
Sports Day

English Language Programs

In 2023 our English language courses continued to attract significant numbers of students from the western suburbs and beyond. Students enrolled in courses that reflected their starting level of English whether that be Course in Initial EAL, Course in EAL, Certificates I, II or III in EAL. As their language developed, students moved to the next level throughout the year.

Our English Language courses are delivered via state and federal funding arrangements. The Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) attracts the largest cohort of students and is federally funded. The Skills for Education and Employment (SEE) program is also federally funded, and we experienced continued growth throughout 2023. The state funded English Language programs come via Skills First, and we experienced moderate growth in this cohort in 2023.

Our English Language programs are lucky enough to have a number of education volunteers who work with our teachers to support our students. We are very appreciative of the work that the following volunteers provide us: Anh Nguyen, Freda Erlich, Nathan Hennequin, Phuong Nguyen, Kaliopi Alvarez and Tess Zanforlin. Without their time and boundless enthusiasm, we could not deliver the quality programs we deliver year after year.

Community engagement remains an integral part of our English Language programs as many of our students are recently arrived in Australia. Below are listed some of the groups our students interacted with throughout the year.

- CALDplay Sports Program - students participated in a program developed by the Western Bulldogs Community Foundation. The Foundation engage the students in sports activities, and provide employment sessions (which includes CV writing, industry checks and interview techniques).
- LiverWELL - provided health workshops to our students on viral hepatitis and liver health. In recognition of the level of engagement of our students, YCC received an award in recognition of our contribution to enhancing understanding of liver health in the community.
- Multicultural Centre for Women's Health speaker who presented a seminar on women's health during Women's Health Week.
- Life Saving Victoria presented a 'Meet a Lifesaver' water safety sessions. They also presented a program on 'Resuscitate a Mate' which included an introduction to CPR and first aid.
- Services Australia visited our students regularly to provide information and updates on government services.
- WEstjustice presented sessions on family violence, the law and your rights.

Vocational Education and Training Program

Our vocational courses continued to attract good numbers of students wanting to train for specific jobs in the health and education service sectors. Students trained to become Personal Care Attendants in aged care and disability services and Education Support Workers. Seventy percent of students who commenced their Certificate III or IV with us, successfully completed their course. Of those, 80% gained employment in the field they trained in.

When students enrol in our vocational courses, their main goal is to gain employment. The fact that 80% successfully achieve this goal is a fantastic result.

YCC would also like to thank the organisations that supported our vocational training programs by allowing students to undertake their Practical Placement requirements.

They include:

- Wembley Primary School
- Yarraville Special Development School
- Western English Language School
- St Margaret Mary's Primary School
- Garrang Wilam Primary School, Truganina
- Spotswood Primary School
- Duke St Community House
- West Welcome Wagon
- Sacred Heart Mission
- Uniting AgeWell Services
- Launch Housing
- Life with Choice Care
- TLC Healthcare – Marina Aged Care
- Gateways Support Services



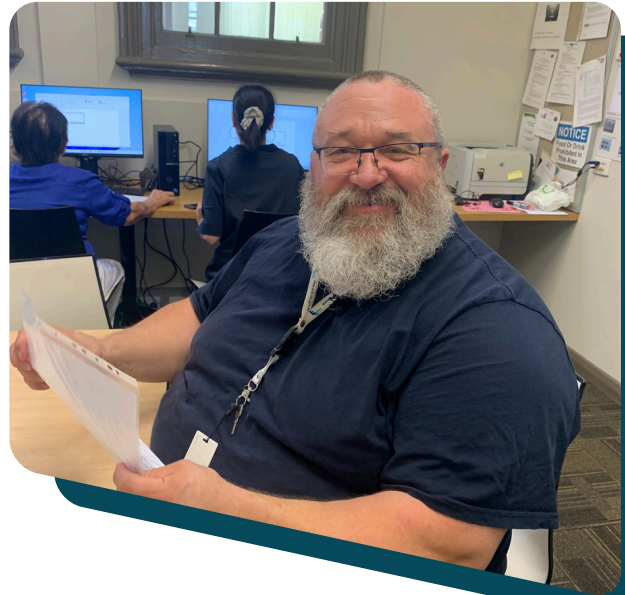
Certificate III in School Based Education Support Graduate - Sarah L. Baker



Certificate III in Individual Support (Disability) Graduate - Susana Strehl Ferreira

Learn Local

Our pre-accredited programs continue to attract large student numbers. In 2023, 649 people enrolled in variety of classes delivered throughout the year. Our programs have a focus on language, literacy and numeracy, digital literacy and job seeker skills. Each program has a pathway element to it, for which outcomes are either community engagement, volunteering, further education and training or employment.



YCC partners with several other Community Centres and like organisations to deliver our Learn Local programs, including Braybrook Community Centre, Maribyrnong Community Centre, Maidstone Community Centre, McAuley Women's Services, Penrose Promenade Community Centre and the Australian Light Foundation.

We continued to deliver the Volunteer Tutor Scheme in 2023. Volunteer tutors spent one, two or three hours a week, working one-on-one with students who needed support in developing their literacy and numeracy skills. The program provided the opportunity for intense one-to-one work, to develop the students skills and confidence. Thanks to Bridget Horton, Barbara Holland and Paul McSherry for their efforts in continuing with the program and making a difference!

Student and Staff Activities

We had a busy year with lots of fun events and activities including:

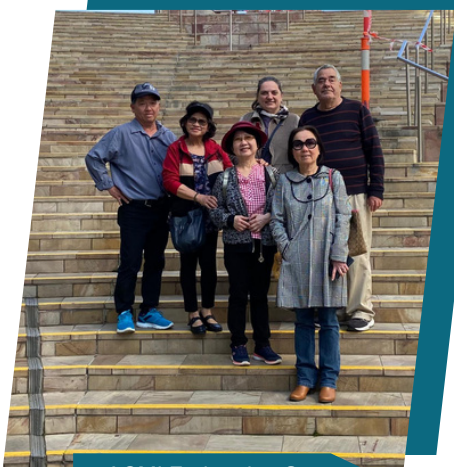
- Biggest Morning Tea – this year we raised \$885. The money goes towards cancer research.

Thank you to everyone who contributed.

- Power Saving Bonus – we supported many students to access their Power Saving Bonus.
- Adult Learners Week – we celebrated with a morning tea and students presented collages on the theme of 'It's never too late'.
- Careers and Employment Expo
- Tour of the MCG
- Visit to the Narana Aboriginal Cultural Centre in Geelong
- Melbourne City Tour and scavenger hunt
- Visit to CERES
- Visit to city and Botanical Gardens
- Visit to Victoria State Library
- Visit to Melbourne Museum
- Visit to NGV Ian Potter Gallery
- Visit to NGV International
- Visit to Shrine of Remembrance
- Visit to Sir Zelman Cowan Centre
- Visit to State Parliament
- Visit to Woodend
- End of year staff and student picnic at Newport Lakes



CALDplay MCG
Excursion



ACMI Federation Square
Excursion



Botanical Gardens
Excursion

Student Stories

Natalija Sever

Natalija came to YCC to improve her English language skills in early 2023. After completing six months of language skills, she felt confident enough to enrol in the Certificate III in School Based Education Support. She loved the small class sizes and thought this environment was the right one for her.

“I learned invaluable lessons about empathy, acceptance and positivity, and the importance of passing on these qualities to the children I support”.

During her course, Natalija gained work experience through Practical Placement at Footscray North Primary School. It was here that she found more than just a job; she found fulfilment and purpose. Natalija loves her current role as an Education Support Worker, and she embraces each day with enthusiasm.



Ekhtyarullah Saeedi

Ekhtyarullah, originally from Afghanistan, arrived in Melbourne in September 2021. A single father with three children, Ekhtyarullah enrolled himself and his family in the AMEP program and within a year, he secured employment at a food processing factory whilst continuing his English studies in evening classes at YCC.

Despite the challenges of settling in a new country, Ekhtyarullah found support and connections within the community of West Footscray. He is positive about the progress he and his children have made in establishing a stable life in their new home.



Programs and Events

YCC delivers a diverse range of projects, events and celebrations to support, collaborate and engage our community.

Amongst the many programs celebrated in 2023 were Volunteer Week, Children's Week, Law Week, Adult Learners Week, Science Week, Neighbourhood Houses Week, 4 pop up food markets, Biggest Morning Tea, AMEP 75th birthday, National Youth Week, Women's Health Week, Get Online Week and VU volunteer Day. YCC attended the Yarraville Festival, as well as delivering our very own Winter Festival, additionally we participated in Active Maribyrnong.

Our projects included, Out and About, Jump Start, Carers Employment, Carers walking group, Be Connected digital literacy programs and our Family Learning program in partnership with Western English Language school. We also supported our community with the Safe Seats program, Power Saving Bonus, No Interest Loan and Sick Leave Guarantee, in partnership with Neighbourhood Houses Victoria.



Victoria University
Volunteer Day



Life Saving Victoria



Science Week
Fermentation Class



Women's Health
Week

Programs and Events

AMEP 75th Celebration

Location: 9 Victoria Street

The Adult Migrant Education Program celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2023, marking a milestone in its enduring commitment to empowering migrants through language education. Established in the aftermath of World War II, AMEP emerged as a cornerstone of Australia's multicultural identity, providing essential language skills to newcomers and fostering social integration.

YCC is proud to be a provider of the AMEP program.



Adult Learners Week

Location: 59 Francis Street

Adult Learners Week is celebrated annually with hundreds of events and activities designed to promote the benefits of life-long learning across Australia and highlights the many options available at home, work or in the community. YCC celebrated Adult Learners Week with free workshops that included, Kokedama, Brush Calligraphy and Collages made by our students.



Get Online Week

Location: 59 Francis Street

During Get Online Week, YCC ran a free workshop where community members were supported by a digital mentor to get online. A great opportunity to learn essential skills such as online banking, web browsing, using social media and cyber safety. YCC was fortunate to have SBS news cover and broadcast the event.



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Programs and Events

Harmony Day

Location: 9 Victoria Street



21st March is observed around the world as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (IDERD). Beginning in 1979, the UN encouraged a week of solidarity by member states with those peoples suffering from the horrors of racism. The date served as a stark reminder of the atrocities that could be perpetrated against racial minorities.

In this light, students, teachers and staff joined in this celebration of all things multicultural which was held at the Footscray campus of the Yarraville Community Centre on 15th March. It was a wonderful day with food from many countries being shared with people wearing their traditional clothes. After all the eating we had a fashion show displaying the wonderful clothing especially from Tibet, Vietnam, Iran and many other countries.

End-of-Year Picnic

Location: Newport Lakes, Newport

In December 2023, the students and staff attended the annual picnic to celebrate the end of the school year. This year, we went to Newport Lakes. Newport Lakes is a bushland oasis created from a former bluestone quarry and rubbish tip site in the middle of busy Newport.

The lakes area of the 33-hectare park has been extensively revegetated using native plants, with over 200 species of plants and 165 species of birds recorded here and is a wonderful place to picnic, walk, look for wildlife and birds, and socialise.

Everyone gathered together to share food brought to the park by their classmates and YCC. After the shared lunch everyone went for a walk to view the lakes and to explore the area.



Children's Week

Location: 59 Francis Street

In celebration of the annual Children's Week in October, YCC hosted a free arts and crafts session which utilised textiles and titbits, enabling children to learn the importance of repurposing and inspiring creativity through resourcefulness. YCC's unwavering commitment to embracing sustainability not only promotes ecological practices, but community resilience.



Programs and Events



Winter Festival

Location: Beaton Reserve, Yarraville

YCC hosted the very successful Winter Festival in June with over 2000 community members attending and enjoying music, food, drinks, a petting zoo, entertainment and stalls from local traders. The festival promoted connection, participation and it was a wonderful way to enjoy a sunny day.

Carers Expo

Location: 59 Francis Street

In recognition of Carers Week, YCC hosted a Carers Expo in October. This free event was for unpaid carers to come along for an informal information session with service providers and support groups. Carers enjoyed a morning to connect with others facing similar experiences, share their stories over lunch, and access resources and services available to them.



LiverWELL Award

Location: 9 Victoria Street

YCC won the 2023 LiverWELL Organisational Collaboration Award in recognition of our excellent collaboration with LiverWELL to enhance understanding of liver health in the community.

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The Nourish Project

We are proud to highlight the continued work of the Nourish Project in supporting members of our community.

In partnership with Duke St Community House and Braybrook/Maidstone House, the project has delivered over 10,000 meals to those in need in 2023. This achievement underscores Yarraville Community Centre's belief in concerted effort and the impact of our partnerships in serving our community.



I've been volunteering at Nourish for almost a year. It's wonderful to see how our chef, Chris, turns whatever we have into a range of tasty meals. Whether it's chopping veggies or packing up meals there's always something to do. I've learnt a lot about turning cooking for 4 into cooking for 50. At the end of our Monday sessions it's very satisfying to see a clean bench, lots of food saved from being discarded and a freezer stacked with meals to help those experiencing food insecurity,

Nourish Volunteer
Annette Dulfer



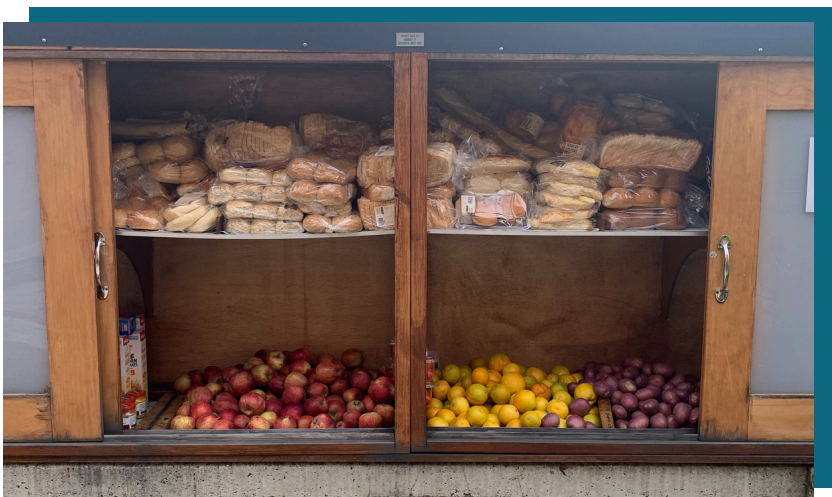
Programs and Events

Food Pantry

In addition to the Nourish program YCC has a food pantry at the front of the building in Francis St. The pantry is open 7 days a week and provides our community with an accessible, no-questions-asked access to essential food such as fruit and vegetables, pantry items, bread, etc.

The success of both Nourish and the food pantry is made possible by the generosity of Foodbank Victoria, local supermarkets, and community donors who consistently supply essential meats, vegetables, and fruits to support our operations and replenish our pantry shelves. We extend our deepest gratitude to CVTG and ExxonMobil for their much needed financial support, which has been instrumental in ensuring the continuity of our food relief programs. Their contributions have significantly enhanced our capacity to deliver this much-needed service to the community.

Our volunteers are the key to the success of food relief at YCC, we thank them from the bottom of our heart for their dedication and commitment to supporting their local community.



Community Report

Family Learning Program at the Western English Language School (WELS).

The YCC Family Learning Program at the Western English Language School (WELS) in Braybrook aims to support parent/carers in improving their English skills, connecting with their child's school, and accessing employment/further training pathways.



In 2023, our Family Learning Facilitator, Lil Fahey, engaged twice weekly with parent/carers. The program covered various topics, including improving English skills, starting life in Australia, connecting with their child's school, and accessing employment/further training pathways.

As a result, we achieved the following outcomes: Parents and Carers established friendships and support systems with each other through information sharing, skill building, and food. The program provided opportunities for parents and carers to share their culture and connect with each other, promoting social inclusion.

This program is funded by ACFE.

Out and About



This project supported community connectedness and wellbeing for adults aged 50+ through participation in a diverse range of indoor and outdoor group activities. YCC worked closely with U3A Maribyrnong to develop activities that were identified by the community as areas of interest. Keeping in mind the focus on building new friendships and promoting health and wellbeing, the project offered activities that included tours to the State Library, Incinerator Gallery, Fitzroy Gardens and a lovely coastal walk. Pickleball sessions were a highlight for many, as was the Watercolour and Mosaic workshop and Forest Therapy Walk. This project was supported through funding from the Maribyrnong Community Grant program.

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Jumpstart Program

YCC provided 20 children and their families experiencing disadvantage an opportunity to participate in sporting activities. Families benefited through building stronger community connections to other families and also to local community recreation and sporting centres. Working with local clubs the children learnt soccer skills, basketball, Australian rules football and first aid. They celebrated their success and friendships at the local bowling club and lunch. This project was supported through funding from VicHealth.



Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme

YCC has been an over-the-counter refund point for the Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) since it came into effect. The commitment and contribution from Victorians in participating in this circular economy initiative has been incredible with over 28,000 containers being deposited at YCC from the 1st November to 31st December 2023 alone. All of these containers were hand-counted, checked and sorted by our wonderful staff.



Power Saving Bonus



Launched by the State Government, the \$250 Power Saving Bonus (PSB) is a financial package designed to assist energy consumers in Victoria ease cost-of-living pressures and encourage Victorians to compare their household energy prices and save money. Coordinated by Neighbourhood Houses Victoria, the program aims to raise awareness about the \$250 bonus and encourage community members to compare their household energy prices and, where possible, change to a better energy deal. In 2023, YCC once again supported our community with their online applications ensuring that all community members were able to access this essential service.

Childcare Report

The stability of our staff ensured consistent care for the children. Despite starting the year with lower enrolments, we experienced a gradual rise throughout the year, driven by word-of-mouth referrals and social media promotion. Our daily age demographics primarily comprised children under 3 years old, requiring a ratio of 1 educator to 4 children.



Throughout the year, children actively participated in various activities aligned with the Early Years Learning Framework. Notably, they continued to engage with our sustainability initiatives, such as maintaining the worm farm and composting food scraps.



The introduction of compost bins allowed us to expand our sustainability efforts for the Centre. Additionally, the children took pride in tending to our vegetable garden, enjoying the harvest of tomatoes and other produce.



Childcare Report

We initiated the process of registering for the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) in 2023, aiming to provide families with the opportunity to claim rebates for childcare fees. Our target is to complete the registration by the second semester of 2024, further easing the financial burden for our families.



Looking ahead to 2024, the YCC Occasional Care team is enthusiastic about reintroducing family activity days, which were paused during the COVID-19 pandemic. Proposed activities include Grandparents Day, Book Club, and Discos, aiming to strengthen the bond between families and the Centre while offering meaningful experiences for children and their loved ones.

My twins are now 4 years old and have been attending YCC occasional care since they were 2 years old. They love the staff and always look forward to attending the Centre. As a first time mum and the first experience of care for my twins, it was such a relief to meet such dedicated, friendly and kind Educators and we are so grateful for all the support from YCC. I highly recommend giving your little ones an opportunity to have some fun, do some crafts and connect with other kids through the caring facilitation of YCC's occasional care program.

Childcare Parent -
Jardi

Short Course Report

In 2023, following the pandemic, our operations stabilised and we offered 255 classes with a 37% increase in enrolments over the previous year. This growth is attributed to a more diverse range of programs and positive word-of-mouth referrals from our community. Our programs foster a strong sense of community, offering opportunities for socialisation and enhancing YCC's connections within the local community.

From consistently in high-demand health and wellbeing classes, art and style classes, a diverse range of cooking classes and financial literacy to the new offerings for parents with bubs, children and youth, our programs have become more inclusive and appealing to a broader audience.



Introduction to
clay sculpture



Indian cooking class
with Seema

”

Definitely met my expectations. Michelle focused on technique to ensure we got the best benefit from her sessions. Great class and I appreciate Michelle pushed us all and gave people exercises to work on outside the class. She was extremely thoughtful and supportive.

Participant of
Pilates with Michelle.

Moving forward, we remain committed to prioritising quality and innovation ensuring that our short courses and workshops continue to be engaging and valuable service for our community.

We thank our tutors for crafting and delivering enriching and enjoyable learning experiences for our community.

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Short Course Report

Tutors

Amanda Neville

Amelia Leach

Andrew Bonnici

Angela Mamalis

Anna Kolusniewski

Ariel De Ramos Molina

Berne Stanley Fleming

Carly Brown

Carrie Bennet

Chetan Wadhwa

Dimitri Midas

Doris Lin Wang

Donna Sparx

Genevieve D'Rozario

Gina Robertson

Giuseppe Rubino

Hazel Kay

Ilona Herreiner

Ivano Abram

Jackson Moore

Jade McKentish

Jason Spear

Kim Hoa Tram

Kosta Loe

Laura Sabini

Lauren Mueller

Leanne Martin

Lety Palmeros

Linda Condon

Liza Rose

Lyn Richardson

Marco Duys

Maria Pena

Marion Arditti

Michael Slee

Michelle Luehman

Miyoko Wheeler

Olivia Staffieri

Rachel Pitts

Phoungun Vantho

Reveka Hurtado

Rob Nansen

Robert Pace

Robyn McIntyre

Ruth Weinekoetter

Seema Choubey

Shalaka Ekbote

Simone Thorpe

Sue Taylor Pearce

Susan Stojanova

Suzanne Giacometti-Kingston

Tamara Higgins

Therese Slee

Yianni Giovanoglou

Zaneta Mok

Zoe Squire



Christmas wreath
florals



Kangatraining for
mums and bubs



Venezuelan Arepas
cooking class



Chair upholstery
with the chair doctor

Financial Reports

YARRAVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE INC.
A.B.N 69 827 568 560

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
REVENUE		
Educational funding income	2,236,722	1,926,516
Other income	700,312	688,116
COVID-19 related assistance	-	-
Interest received	23,443	1,991
TOTAL REVENUE	2,960,477	2,616,623
EXPENDITURE		
Accounting fees	-	49,740
Advertising expenses	9,875	10,112
Audit fees	5,500	5,100
Class expenses	157	14,803
Depreciation expense	44,395	66,404
Employment expenses	2,358,117	2,256,423
Right of use asset expenses	162,627	188,062
Program expenses	50,840	50,097
Other expenses	274,785	254,166
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2,906,296	2,894,907
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ASSOCIATION	54,181	(278,284)

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ASSOCIATION	54,181	(278,284)
Other comprehensive income for the year		
Unrealised gain/ (loss) on managed funds	112,611	(77,800)
Total comprehensive income for the year	166,792	(356,084)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ASSOCIATION	166,792	(356,084)

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	491,751	168,024
Financial assets	3	1,165,943	1,373,725
Trade and other receivables	4	221,378	106,887
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		1,879,072	1,648,636
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	5	184,726	211,038
Intangible assets	8	-	157,400
Investment in managed funds at market value	3	1,541,103	1,454,849
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		1,725,829	1,823,287
TOTAL ASSETS		3,604,901	3,471,923
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	7	141,783	99,413
Income received in advance	8	206,722	138,353
Provisions	9	257,069	210,847
Lease Liability	10	-	172,796
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		605,574	621,409
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	9	45,076	63,055
Lease Liability	10	-	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		45,076	63,055
TOTAL LIABILITIES		650,650	684,464
NET ASSETS		2,954,251	2,787,459
EQUITY			
Accumulated funds		2,954,251	2,787,459
TOTAL EQUITY		2,954,251	2,787,459

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A.B.N 69 827 568 560
STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE


In the opinion of the committee, the financial report as set out on pages 2 to 15, satisfy the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and:

- 1
- a. comply with Australian Accounting Standards applicable to the association; and

b. give a true and fair view of the financial position of Yarraville Community Centre Inc. as at 31 December 2023 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
- 2
- At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Yarraville Community Centre Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

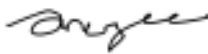
This declaration is signed in accordance with subsection 80.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

Chairperson



Mr Thomas (Tom) O'Brien

Treasurer



Ms Suzette Sherazee

Dated this

12th day of April 2024

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**YARRAVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE INC.
ABN 69 827 568 560
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS**

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial report of Yarraville Community Centre Inc. (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, and the statement of financial performance, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the statement by the members of the Board.

In my opinion, the financial report of the Association is in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012 and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012, including:

- i. giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and of its performance for the year ended; and
- ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards as per Note 1, the *Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012* and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*.

Basis of 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 our report. I am independent of the Association 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 our 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.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the applicable legislation and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Corporation's financial reporting process.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with 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 the 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 my 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 those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal controls that I identify during my audit.

Frederik Ryk Ludolf Eksteen CA
ASIC Auditor Registration Number 421448

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Dated this 12th day of April 2024

Marketing Insights

Community



1,534 Impressions
1,173 Post Reach
445 Engagement



55

Food Relief



1,125 Impressions
985 Post Reach
258 Engagement



43

Education



1,240 Impressions
1,131 Post Reach
171 Engagement



41

13, 438 visitors to our
Facebook site

1360 new followers to
Facebook site.

62,500 people reached
through its Facebook site

3,460 visitors to our
Instagram handle

1,301 new followers to
Instagram handle

8,500 people reached on
the Instagram handle

+207.9% increase in
people visiting both sites
compared to 2022

+17.19% increase
compared to 2022

+30% in people reached
across both platforms
compared to 2022

The increase in individual following, page visits and interactions has been consistent across both platforms with prominent growth. The information being posted by YCC via these digital mediums, is providing value to the community, prompting them to acknowledge and interact.

Who was here

Angliss Neighbourhood House
Ausdance Victoria
Australian Greens Victoria
Baptcare Nikara's Journey Foster Care
Carers Victoria
Choir of Opportunity
Children Australia Inc (Oz Child)
Cohealth
Cygnet Group
Dandelion Art Social Group
Diabetes Victoria
D.O.T.S. Occupational Therapy for Children
Early Intervention Support Services
EPA Victoria
Extinction Rebellion
Fantale Films Pty Ltd
Financial Superwoman
Footscray Skyline Toastmasters
Footscray Narcotics Anonymous – Meeting
For the Love of Film
Friends of Stony Creek
Green Fox Training Studio
Haywood Solicitors
Harmeet Bajwa
Heads together for ABI Limited
Imperfect Painter
Inner Education Centre
Inner West Community Foundation
Kuhn Farm Machinery Pty Ltd
Love Church Fellowship Inc
Mackillop Family Services
Maribyrnong City Council
Maribyrnong City Greens

Maribyrnong Truck action Group
Mauritius Cultural Organisation
Mental Health Professionals Network
Mid West Area Mental Health Services-
Women's PARC
MTAG
Mountain of Fire & Miracles Ministries
Melbourne 2
Music Therapy Connect
Narcotics Anonymous Yarraville Mystery
Meeting
Nationwide Body Corporate
Neighbourhood Houses Victoria
Persian Narcotics Anonymous – Meeting
Safe Seats, Safe Kids
Schamozzle
Singapore Australia Association
Slovenian Playgroup PIKA POKA
Soccajoeys Caroline Springs
TFC Podiatry
The Inner West Community Playgroup
The Future of Work Lab
Tibetan Community Victoria
U3A Maribyrnong Inc
Very Special Kids
Yarraville Life Activities Club
Maribyrnong Toy Library
Major Transport Infrastructure Authority
Westhope Rule 62 (AA)
Westjustice
Whitelion Youth Agency
Wonder Kidz
Workforce Australia

And the many community members who used the YCC space
for parties and gatherings.

Committee Members

Mr Thomas (Tom) O'Brien Chairperson
Ms Greta Hayward Secretary
Ms Suzette Sherazee Treasurer
Ms Teresa (Terri) Soumilas Committee Member
Mr Andrew Ellis Committee Member
Mr Gregory Ure Committee Member
Mr Christine Dixon Committee Member Appointed August 2023
Ms Inge Grunig Committee Member Appointed August 2023
Ms Jean Dart Committee Member Resigned August 2023

Staff

CEO
Education Manager
Short courses Coordinator
Foundation Coordinator
SEE Team Leader/Assessor/Teacher
AMEP Team Leader/Assessor/Teacher
Assessor
Operations Manager
Pre Accredited Coordinator
SEE Administration/Pre-accredited Data Entry
Skills First Data Entry/Compliance Officer
AMEP Pathway Counsellor/Administration
AMEP Student Administration
Administration Officer
Administration Officer
Finance Manager
Projects Coordinator
Marketing and Communications Coordinator

Christine McCall
Melissa Giffard
Christine Maule/Miyoko Wheeler
Heather Naylor
Ana Ibanez
Dora Serpanos
Julie-Anne Tolj
Patricia Saca
Linno Rhodes
Cam Truong
Evangeline Pineda
Uyen Nguyen
Angela Barbosa
Susan Stojanova
Miyoko Wheeler/ Sam Morrison
Bhavna Joshi
Bettina Twyman / Tania Jorquera
Christabel Borlin/Mary Blaquiere

Childcare Staff

Childcare Coordinator	Sarah Haxby
Childcare Educator	Shyamale Arachchige
Childcare Educator	Hanae Hurray
Childcare Educator	Deb Formosa
Childcare Educator	Gemila Esmail
Childcare Educator	Irene Vallack



Teachers

Dora Serpanos

Ana Ibanez

Bron Ritchie

Geoff Marshall

Peter McMillan

Fabian Barraza

Stephen Pollard

Despina Davatzis

Nicki Howell

Andrew Robertson

Christina Leslie

Stephen Pollard

Tamara Ramljak

Julie-Anne Tolj

Jeremy O'Connor

Rachel Chitsungo

Christine Griffiths

Jason Spear

Melissa Britten

Liza Grace

Fiona Walsh

Ross Beale

Lil Fahey

Hope Martin

Susan Charambalous

Tanya Enright

Anna Kolusniewski

Phil Taylor

Ravneet Kaur

Deb Magnusson

Clare Watts



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Thank you to all our volunteers

Amanda McKernan
Ana Ines Diago De La Rosa
Anette Dulfer
Aradhana Nagar
Baileigh Skinner
Barbara Coco
Barbara Holland
Bridget Horton
Caterina (Cathy) Romano
Christabel Borlin
Ciaran Cassidy
David Barnett
David Macleod
Fang Fan (Virginia)
Faten Osman
Fatma Hussiene
Freda Erlich
Gabrielle Fanning
Gavin McCall
Hayley Hornitszky
Heather Hanines
Holly R Herchenroder
Jacqueline (Jackie) Wood
Joanna Hanna-Vickers
Juliet Wong
Kaliopi Alvarez
Kanagalakshmi Harshavardhan
Karina Sheller
Kevin Gray
Kidest Belet
Lisa Patton
Ljupco (Louie) Stojanov
Lucinda Cupido
Lucy (Lulu) Herchenroder
Mary Olanda
Michael Kelly
Michelle Buck
Mirella DiOrio
Nathan Hennequin
Nick Szecsenyi
Paul McSherry
Paul Wain
Pu Li
Renato Glodo
Selina McPherson
Sonali Rosa
Sue Riley
Theresa (Tess) Zanforlin
Thi (Kimmy) Kim Hang Nguyen
Thi Loan Anh Nguyen
Thi Thanh Phuong Nguyen



FUNDERS, SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS

Australian Light Foundation	McAuley Community Services for Women
Annecto	Maribyrnong Community Centre
Angliss Neighbourhood House	Maribyrnong City Council
Adult Learning Australia	Maribyrnong & Moonee Valley Local
Adult, Community and Further Education	Learning Employment Network (MMVLLEN)
ACEVIC	Matchworks Footscray
ALDI Whyndham	Max Employment
AMES Australia Employment	MEGT
APM- Parents Next	The Hon. Melissa Horne, Member for Williamstown
Asylum Seeker Resource Centre	The Hon. Tim Watts MP, Member for Gellibrand
Braybrook Community Centre	Neighbourhood Houses Victoria
Bendigo Bank Seddon	Network West
Bunnings West Footscray	Project Respect.
Cultivate	Pets of the Homeless
Carers Victoria	RecWest
City of Maribyrnong	Sarina Russo
CoHealth	Skilling Employment and Aid Enterprises Australia Inc.
commUnity+	Sourdough Kitchen
Dept. of Education & Training (Federal)	The Australian Taxation Office: Tax Help
Dept. of Education & Training (Victoria)	The Hon. Melissa Horne, Williamstown
Department of Family, Fairness and Housing	The Good Things Foundation- Be Connected
Department of Home Affairs	The Brotherhood of St Laurence
Department of Premier and Cabinet	The Westsider
Djerriwarrh Community and	Wesley Employment Services
Education Services	VU Polytechnic Event and Hospitality Dpts
Duke St Community House	U3A Maribyrnong
ExxonMobil	West Footscray Neighbourhood House
Farnham St Neighbourhood House	Westgate Basketball Association
Workforce Australia	West Welcome Wagon
FareShare	Western Bulldogs Community Engagement Program
Footscray Library	Williamstown Community and Education Centre
Foundation House	Williamstown Bakery
Footscray Police	Wyndham Community and Education Centre
Good and Fugly	Western English Language School
Inner West Community Enterprises	Wise Employment
Jess McDonald	YouthNow
Job Prospects	Yarraville Library
Jobs and Skills Centre Footscray.	Yarraville Glory Soccer Club
Laverton Community Education Centre	Yarraville Rotary
Learning for Employment	WCIG
Maidstone Community Centre	Foodbank Victoria
Maribyrnong Council Maintenance	The Salvation Army
staff	Services Australia
Mackillop Family Services	Coles Yarraville
Melbourne City Mission	VicHealth
	Westgate Tunnel Project



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Yarraville Community Centre is a not-for-profit organisation that has been providing educational, recreational and social activities to the Yarraville community for over 49 years.



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