

# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2024



### YCC's Triad Of Locations In The Inner West



**9 Victoria Street  
Footscray**



**59 Francis Street  
Yarraville**



**114 Blackwood Street  
Yarraville**



# Acknowledgement 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 range 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, vocational training, short courses, computer literacy and subsidised rooms for community groups and venues for private functions. 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

*We are 100% focused on the community in all we do.*

*We do things the right way, acting honestly and ethically at all times.*

*We work hard, strive for excellence and celebrate our successes.*

*We are committed to a more sustainable future for our inner west community and our planet.*

*We know that working together as a team, means we get better results for our community.*

*We respond to the needs of our community and find better ways to provide relevant and inspired services.*



## Vision

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

## Mission

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

## 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.

# Chair's Report

Andrew Ellis

It gives me great pleasure to report as the Chair on behalf of the Yarraville Community Centre Committee of Management.

It has been a big year for the YCC, after more than 30 years of service Christine McCall left us to enjoy her retirement. Filling her shoes, we welcomed Jessie Deane as the new CEO of YCC. Jessie came to us from Local Government having worked across managers and coordinator roles and has previous experience as a CEO.

The YCC board would also like to acknowledge the exceptional work done by the YCC team of staff and volunteers including all permanent and casual staff, sessional tutors, childcare workers and the teams of volunteers who give their time, for free, to the dedication of our mission. It is their hard work that makes YCC the wonderful organisation that it is. It is this united passion that will ensure YCC continues to deliver services to the community through a wide range of programs for many years to come.

I look forward to another successful year for the Yarraville Community Centre. We wish Jessie and all the team, all the best and look forward to them shaping the future of YCC.





# Chief Executive Officer's Report

Jessie Deane

It is with honour that I present the CEO Report for 2024. Since stepping into the role in mid-October, I've quickly come to appreciate YCC's deep roots and strong community impact. It has been a privilege to join such a dedicated team and to continue the legacy of Christine McCall, whose leadership has shaped YCC over many years.

This year, YCC continued to deliver a broad range of vital programs across education, childcare, community development and food security, reflecting our mission to empower, support and connect.

Key highlights from 2024 include:

- Digital Sisters: Over 75 women from migrant and refugee backgrounds trained in digital literacy.
- Nourish Program: More than 12,500 frozen meals delivered to the community.
- YCC Food Pantry: Free access to fresh food and staples for hundreds of households.
- Education & Training: 750+ students supported, with nearly 35,000 hours of learning delivered.
- Volunteering: Over 2,800 hours contributed by our incredible volunteers.

YCC also hosted and participated in a range of community events and celebrations, reinforcing the strength of local connection.

Our work is made possible through the commitment of our partners, funders, and stakeholders — thank you for your ongoing support. As we look to 2025, we are focused on meeting our current strategic goals and developing the next phase of planning through to 2028.

To our dedicated staff, volunteers and the Committee of Management: thank you for your energy, passion and care. YCC is more than a community organisation — it is a place of belonging, learning and hope. I am proud to lead this remarkable centre into the future.



# Treasurer's Report

Christine Dixon - CPA MBA

I am pleased to present the Treasurer's Report for the Yarraville Community Centre (YCC) for the year ending 31 December 2024. In the face of significant changes at the senior leadership level, this year has been a period of strong operational delivery and prudent financial management, ensuring YCC remained focused on the mission while strengthening financial stability.

For the year, YCC reported a total income of \$3,314,681, generated through a combination of education funding, government grants, fee for service income and interest income. This result reflects an increase on the prior year of \$354,204 or 12%. The total expenses for the year amounted to \$3,123,824 which is an increase of \$217,528 or 7%. Material areas of additional expenditure include employment and IT expenses, both of which were anticipated and board approved ahead of actual expenditure, creating a net surplus result of \$190,857. The strategy and ethos of YCC is to reinvest in programs and services to maximise community impact and contribution, in line with YCC's not-for-profit purpose.

Key highlights of capital expenditure during the period include upgrades to the information technology assets, kitchen facilities and building security as well as healthy returns of invested reserves, netting \$184,057 growth over the financial year equating to a return rate of 12%. Going forward, the organisation is in a sound financial position.

The Treasurer, Board and YCC staff will continue to monitor the cost structures carefully and seek diversified funding sources to ensure viability and sustainability. I would like to thank the leadership team, the Committee of Management Board, YCC's funders and supporters for their continued commitment and collaboration throughout the year.





YARRAVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE INC.  
A.B.N 69 827 568 560  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

|  | 2024<br>\$       | 2023<br>\$       |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| <b>REVENUE</b>   |                  |                  |
| Educational funding income                                   | 2,430,445        | 2,236,722        |
| Other income   | 850,433          | 700,312          |
| Interest received  | 33,803           | 23,443           |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>   | <u>3,314,681</u> | <u>2,960,477</u> |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>   |                  |                  |
| Advertising expenses   | 10,910           | 9,875            |
| Audit fees   | 6,550            | 5,500            |
| Class expenses   | -                | 157              |
| Depreciation expense   | 45,873           | 44,395           |
| Employment expenses  | 2,423,024        | 2,358,117        |
| Right of use asset expenses                                  | -                | 162,627          |
| Program expenses   | 47,757           | 50,840           |
| Other expenses   | 589,710          | 274,785          |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>                                     | <u>3,123,824</u> | <u>2,906,296</u> |
| <b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ASSOCIATION</b> | <u>190,857</u>   | <u>54,181</u>    |

YARRAVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE INC.  
A.B.N 69 827 568 560  
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

|   | 2024<br>\$     | 2023<br>\$     |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| <b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ASSOCIATION</b>      | 190,857        | 54,181         |
| <b>Other comprehensive income for the year</b>                    |                |                |
| Unrealised gain/ (loss) on managed funds                          | 128,144        | 112,611        |
| <b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>                    | <u>319,001</u> | <u>166,792</u> |
| <b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ASSOCIATION</b> | <u>319,001</u> | <u>166,792</u> |

# Financial Reports

**YARRAVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE INC.**  
**A.B.N 69 827 568 560**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

|   | Note | 2024<br>\$       | 2023<br>\$       |
|---|------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                               |      |                  |                  |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                       |      |                  |                  |
| Cash and cash equivalents                   | 3    | 303,032          | 491,751          |
| Financial assets                            | 3    | 1,203,420        | 1,165,943        |
| Trade and other receivables                 | 4    | 184,669          | 221,378          |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>                 |      | <b>1,691,121</b> | <b>1,879,072</b> |
| <b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>                   |      |                  |                  |
| Property, plant and equipment               | 5    | 373,084          | 184,726          |
| Intangible assets                           | 8    | -                | -                |
| Investment in managed funds at market value | 3    | 1,725,160        | 1,541,103        |
| <b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>             |      | <b>2,098,244</b> | <b>1,725,829</b> |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                         |      | <b>3,789,365</b> | <b>3,604,901</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                          |      |                  |                  |
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>                  |      |                  |                  |
| Trade and other payables                    | 7    | 174,008          | 141,783          |
| Income received in advance                  | 8    | 127,460          | 206,722          |
| Provisions                                  | 9    | 176,073          | 257,069          |
| Lease Liability                             | 10   | -                | -                |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>            |      | <b>477,541</b>   | <b>605,574</b>   |
| <b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>              |      |                  |                  |
| Provisions                                  | 9    | 38,572           | 45,076           |
| Lease Liability                             | 10   | -                | -                |
| <b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>        |      | <b>38,572</b>    | <b>45,076</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                    |      | <b>516,113</b>   | <b>650,650</b>   |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                           |      | <b>3,273,252</b> | <b>2,954,251</b> |
| <b>EQUITY</b>                               |      |                  |                  |
| Accumulated funds                           |      | 3,273,252        | 2,954,251        |
| <b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>                         |      | <b>3,273,252</b> | <b>2,954,251</b> |



# Financial Reports

**YARRAVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE INC.  
A.B.N 69 827 568 560  
STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**


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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 2024 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 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

Chairperson



Mr Andrew Ellis

Treasurer



Ms Christine Dixon

Dated this

14

day of

MAY

2025

# Financial Reports

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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 2024, 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 2024 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 15th day of May 2025**

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# Our Impact



23,765

**Kilograms**

Kilograms of food saved from landfill

10,463

**Meals**

Meals provided through food relief

2,817

**Hours**

Hours offered by volunteers

760

**Students**

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

34,980

**Hours**

Hours of Learn Local pre-accredited programs delivered. A 25% increase from 2023

22

**Placements**

Student who undertook placement at YCC

80%

**Employment**

80% of students who completed vocational courses gained employment

174,350

**People**

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

5,151

**Hours**

Hours of room hire provided to community groups and organisations



# Marketing Insights



YCC has made significant efforts to leverage its digital platforms to enhance its marketing efforts and expand its reach within the community. With engaging content and newsletters that resonate with the online community, people are not only engaged but genuinely interested in the initiatives the center promotes. YCC’s commitment to delivering quality programs and communicating those efforts via social media has been rewarding to see the positive metrics over the past 12 months.



2,835 Post Reach  
3,106 Impressions



1,704 Post Reach  
1,704 Impressions



1,704 Post Reach  
1,704 Impressions

**27,317**

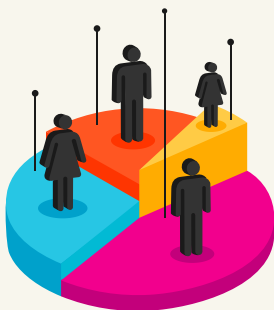
People visited the YCC website in 2024.  
+37% from 2023

**500**

New subscribers to the YCC newsletter in 2024  
+12% from 2023

**3,500**

People visited the YCC Instagram handle in 2024  
+6.5% increase from 2023



114,000 was the amount of times people actually returned to the YCC website to view different content.



19,000 people visited the YCC Facebook page in 2024.  
+48.5% increase from 2023



# Education Report

YCC offers courses that meet community expectations. We offer a wide range of programs in education and training. Student participation rates increased throughout 2024 and all program areas showed increased levels of student interest and engagement.

## Accredited Programs

### English Language

Our English language courses attracted significant numbers of students from the western suburbs and beyond. Students enrolled in courses that ranged from beginners Course in Initial EAL (English as an Additional Language) right up to Certificate III in EAL. As their language developed, students were able to move to the next level throughout the year.

These 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 2024. The state funded English Language programs come via Skills First, and we experienced moderate growth in this cohort in 2024.

Our English Language programs were lucky enough to have a number of education volunteers who worked closely with our teachers to support our students. We were very appreciative of the work that the following volunteers provided us: Carlo Marasea, Freda Erlich, Anh Nguyen, Thy Vuong, Van Truong, Virginia Fan, Gabrielle Fanning, Mim (Meryl) Forrest, Phuong Nguyen, and Tess Zanforlin. Without their time and boundless enthusiasm, we could not have delivered the quality programs we deliver each year.



# English Language Programs

At YCC we support student placements throughout the year, in 2024 we supported over a dozen students. We would like to showcase 3 students who were completing their Masters of TESOL at Melbourne university.

Fantian Xia, Zhuozheng Fu (Frankie) and Renae King (L to R) worked with our teachers to demonstrate their teaching skills in our classrooms with our students, as part of their Masters.

Their future plans are varied with Frankie planning to return to China to teach English while Renae is a local who teaches in secondary schools in Victoria. All of them enjoyed their time at YCC and valued the support and feedback from our teaching staff.

“It was so great to meet you today, and I appreciated your kindness and patience in helping me with all the things. I felt a professional, relaxing and enjoyable working vibe here. I'm looking forward to my learning experience in YCC,” Yating Yao (another teacher).



Emily Kaji  
Master of Social Work  
Melbourne University



Renae King  
Master of Teaching (TESOL)  
Melbourne University



Frankie & Fantin  
Master of Teaching (TESOL)  
Melbourne University

# Vocational Education and Training Program

In 2024 we delivered the following vocational courses:

- CHC32015 Certificate III in Community Services
- CHC30221 Certificate III in School Based Education Support
- CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing & Disability)
- CHC43121 Certificate IV in Disability Support

All of these courses included a Practical Placement component which required the students undertake placement at either aged care, home and/or disability service facilities, community service facilities or primary and secondary schools. Depending on the course, students completed 100 to 120 hours of Placement, where they applied the skills and knowledge they learnt in their course.

Notably up to 80% of students gained employment in the industry after they finished their training.

YCC would like to thank the following organisations that supported our vocational training programs.

They include:

- Royal Freemasons Aged Care Services
- TLC Healthcare – Marina Aged Care
- Flemington Primary School
- Wembley Primary School
- Spotswood Primary School
- Newport Gardens Primary School
- Western English Language School
- Ascot Vale Primary School
- St Kilda Primary School
- St Mary's Primary School
- Niddrie Autistic School
- Jennings St School
- St Michael's North Melbourne Primary School



CHC30221 Certificate III in  
School Based  
Education Support



# Pre-Accredited Programs

This year, YCC introduced a new program called 'Civil Construction Labourer'. The program was delivered at our Yarraville site, with excursions to the Bradmill construction site as part of the program. Over three weeks, participants gained the insight needed for the essential skills required to become a civil construction labourer.



Participants also met with Bradmill and Frasers construction company representatives, who gave them valuable advice on how to access the civil construction industry.

Bradmill & Frasers  
Site Visit

We continued our valued partnerships delivering pre-accredited programs at Braybrook Community Centre, Maribyrnong Community Centre, Maidstone Community Centre, McAuley Womens Services, Tarneit Education Learning Centre. The types of programs delivered at these external sites included computers, English conversation, language and literacy for job-seekers, tablets and devices, digital essentials levels 1 and 2, participation in community programs, literacy and numeracy for aged care and sewing as a pathway to learning English.

Our pre-accredited programs continue to attract large student numbers. In 2024, 527 people enrolled in our 58 courses delivered throughout the year. Our programs have a focus on language, literacy and numeracy, digital literacy and job seeker skills. All our programs have a pathway to community engagement, further education and training or employment.

# Community Engagement

Community Engagement remained an integral part of our English Language programs as many of our students had recently arrived in Australia. We worked closely with the CALDplay Sports Program – AMEP students participated in a program developed by the Western Bulldogs Community Foundation.

The Foundation engages the students in sports activities which included volleyball and walking soccer, and students were able to obtain 70 free tickets to attend a Bulldogs vs North Melbourne game on Sunday 18th August. All tickets were utilised and students returned to class with football scarves and photos of themselves and their families at the game. We had a busy year with many events and activities culminating in an end of year staff and student picnic at Newport Lakes.



CALDplay Walking Soccer



Newport Lakes Picnic



CALDplay Netball Session

## EMPLOYMENT

The Multicultural Services Officers from Footscray Centrelink attended fortnightly to present on topics covering scams and online safety, financial advice in relation to Centrelink payments, pensions, navigating government apps, family tax benefit, retirement and filling in income related reports among other topics.

These sessions are incredibly useful for our clients and the officer is able to answer individual questions after presentations.

- West Justice presented on workplace rights, scam awareness and understanding tenancy rights & responsibilities.
- The Western Bulldogs Football Community Foundation ran two Employment sessions with Volunteer West, on volunteering.

# Community Engagement

## SAFETY

- Fire Rescue Victoria provided presentations to all classes both pre-Winter (about home fire safety) and pre-Summer (about bush fire safety).
- Lifesaving Victoria taught CPR to many of our clients and we had a lifesaver attend (in uniform) to teach about beach and water safety.
- Metro Rail Safety ran both presentations and excursions to teach myki and safe public transport use.

## HEALTH

- The Western Bulldogs Football Community Foundation also delivered Sons of the West (Vietnamese) and Daughters of the West (Vietnamese) programs which were attended by many of our clients.
- Our students and staff raised nearly \$1000 for the Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser for cancer research.
- We also had a speaker from the Stroke Foundation presenting on recognising and preventing strokes
- The Multicultural Centre for Women's Health presented on routine testing options for women and we had a speaker at the same time presenting on men's health topics.



Women's Health  
Week



Stroke Foundation  
Australia

## Other Highlights:

YCC was happy to host three social work placement students who were able to deliver social work support for our clients. We were also successful in obtaining funding to enable digital skills teaching on a one-to-one basis for CALD women experiencing disadvantage, in a program called Digital Sisters. This program will continue into 2025.



# Student Stories

In May, AMEP student Do Thi THAI went to Sydney to compete in a Tai Chi competition. The competition lasted for 7 to 8 hours. Do won two gold medals and one silver medal.



Do Thi Thai  
Thai Chi Gold Medalist



## Blackwood Street Garden

EAL teacher Nicki Bowel runs a gardening project with her students where they use YCC's Blackwood Street premises to plant, grow, harvest and cook their own vegetables. The group enjoy looking after their plants; improving the soil, watering, weeding and finally harvesting them.

Nicki presented a webinar for teachers from other organisations through VicTESOL and YCC received a gift of \$200 towards the project. Some of this has been spent on plants, some on an excursion to see other gardens. The class has been able to use the project to enhance their numeracy, conversation, knowledge and friendships.



# Programs and Events

## Digital Sisters

In 2024 alone, we trained over 75 women from migrant and refugee backgrounds through two digital literacy programs. AI for Good introduced key concepts in artificial intelligence, while General Digital Skills covered everyday tech use and online safety. Both programs support our mission to reduce digital exclusion and build confidence in a digital world.

This program was funded by Good Things Foundation Australia.



## Composting at YCC

To mark the National Sustainable Living Festival, we launched our new composting system at YCC. The celebration included a pickling workshop, a barbeque and presentation, Composting Conversations, highlighting the environmental and community benefits of composting.

This initiative was supported by Maribyrnong Council.

## Nutrition Education and Skills Training (NEST) In Partnership with OzHarvest

YCC delivered the six-week NEST program to teach adults about healthy eating and affordable cooking. The program featured interactive nutrition education, hands-on cooking classes, and shared meals—making learning fun, practical, and community-focused.

This program was supported by OzHarvest.



## Reverse Vending Machine Launch

In November, we launched a Reverse Vending Machine as part of the Victorian Container Deposit Scheme. The machine allows the community to recycle eligible beverage containers — including cans, bottles, and cartons — helping reduce litter and support sustainability efforts. This initiative reflects our commitment to environmental responsibility and promoting a circular economy.





# Programs and Events

## Law Week

During Law Week we delivered four public lectures focused on employment equality, tenancy rights, scam awareness, and family violence. Each session aimed to demystify the law by presenting legal concepts in everyday language. Our goal was to educate and empower the community by increasing legal literacy in areas that impact daily life.



## Children's Week

In celebration of Children's Week, we delivered Bike-wise—a two-hour bike safety program for children aged 5 to 10. Held on a purpose-built track, the session included helmet and bike checks, road safety awareness, and practical riding skills in a fun, traffic school-style environment.

This program was funded by Maribyrnong Council.



## Stony Creek Music Festival

YCC participated in the Stony Creek Music Festival at McNish Reserve, Yarraville, to promote our Centre and services. It was a wonderful day celebrating local musical talent, and community togetherness.



## Volunteer Expo

Organised by Australian Multicultural Community Services and Volunteer West, the event provided an opportunity to promote volunteering pathways. YCC showcased the many ways the community can get involved.



## Get Online Week

YCC hosted a one-day workshop during Get Online Week, which was directed at older adults to explore AI and word processing tools. Participants learned how to use technology to create and share their own life stories, building digital confidence in a supportive environment.

# Programs and Events

## Community Wellbeing Programs

In partnership with Maribyrnong City Council, YCC free programs under Get Active with MCC, including This Girl Can: Self Defence, Spring into Summer: Zumba, and Kangatraining—a fun, low-impact workout designed for mums and babies. These sessions gave community members the chance to try something new and support their wellbeing.



## Neighbourhood House Week

YCC offered a series of free community workshops to celebrate Neighbourhood House Week. Sessions included a Yoga & Pilates taster, Painting with Pastels, and an introduction to using AI in daily life—each designed to bring people together and inspire new skills.

## Science Week

Children aged 6 to 11 explored plant biology, gravity and circuits through fun experiential workshops. While adults took part in a hands-on class learning sustainable mushroom cultivation techniques.



## Adult Learners Week

YCC celebrated Adult Learners' Week by hosting informative sessions focused on gender-specific health issues. Separate workshops for men and women created safe spaces to discuss the importance of routine health checks and early detection. The sessions encouraged open conversations around well-being, promoting awareness of health-care and treatment options, and concluding with a relaxed morning tea.





# Programs and Events

## Venue Hire and Community Use

In 2024, we proudly welcomed over 15,500 people to our venues. With 22 regular community hirers and two local playgroups, our spaces hosted a wide range of gatherings - from peer support and recovery groups, to faith, cultural, and social groups. We continue to be a hub for connection, learning, and support.



## Victoria University - V4U Day

Students volunteers from Victoria University lent their time and energy on V4U Day to clean and organise our kitchen storage, directly supporting the Nourish Project. We are grateful for their strong commitment and hands-on support.



## Jumpstart

The Jumpstart program brought together over 20 families to engage in a range of activities that focus on health and wellbeing. Sport and recreational activities such as basketball, soccer, circus workshops, hip hop and first aid. The sessions promoted inclusion, confidence building and strengthening community connections. The program was supported by the Westgate Neighborhood Fund.



## Christmas Hampers

We acknowledge and thank the team from Sugar Australia for their generous support of our hamper drive during the holiday season. Their volunteers gave their time to help pack hampers filled with essential items, which were then distributed to individuals and families accessing our food relief services.



# Community Report

## The Nourish Project

The Nourish program continues to meet an ever-growing need for food security, providing nutritious meals in a warm, community-minded environment. Each week, meals are cooked in our kitchen, frozen, and distributed to those in need. In 2024, we delivered 10,463 main meals and 2,464 desserts—each one prepared with care and compassion.

A team of 14 volunteers powers the program—collecting food donations, sorting, washing, chopping, cooking, packaging, and freezing meals for distribution. We are grateful to our tireless volunteers, whose efforts ensure we offer wholesome meals to the community and provide more than just food—offering comfort, care, and connection.

We are grateful to ExxonMobil for their ongoing financial support.



“For the past three years, I’ve been volunteering to collect meals for my elderly neighbour through the Yarraville Community Centre’s Nourish program. These regular nourishing meals have made a real difference – supporting her health, easing financial stress, and providing a valuable sense of connection and care. We’re both truly grateful to the Yarraville Community Centre and the Nourish program for their ongoing support” - Laura

## Food Pantry

Our Community Pantry, located at the front of our Francis Street site, is open 24/7 and provides free access to essentials like fresh produce, pantry staples, and bread. It’s a simple, welcoming way for people to get what they need, when they need it. Thanks to the generosity of Foodbank, local supermarkets, and our wonderful community donors, the pantry is well stocked.





# Short Course Report

In 2024, our short courses continued to thrive, with enrolments growing by 28% and 1,165 participants joining us for 163 engaging classes. From balcony gardening to bread making, Middle Eastern to Asian cooking, Pilates to Zumba, and watercolours to sculpture—there has truly been something for everyone.



It always surpasses ” my expectations. Kim, thank you for your generosity in sharing your knowledge; also, for your patience and humour. I really appreciate what you offer at YCC.

Participant of  
Chinese Watercolour  
with Kim Hoa Tram



Chair Upholstery  
Course

We welcomed new tutors and introduced exciting workshops like Group Art Therapy, Canva for Work & Life, and Social Media Skills using AI. Our partnership with OzHarvest also brought the NEST program to life, helping our community build healthier habits.

Our short courses celebrate the fun, creativity and connection that lifelong learning brings to our everyday lives.

Love the course. Thank ” you Michael & Therese for your generosity.

Participant of  
Sourdough Bread Making



Nasi Lemak  
Class



# Short Course Report

## Tutors

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Suzanne Giacometti-Kingston  
Tamara Higgins  
Therese Slee  
Yianni Giovanoglou  
Yoonjung Kim  
Zaneta Mok  
Zoe Squire

Abstract  
Painting Class



Native Floristry  
Bouquet Making



Char Kway  
Teow Class



Trio of Asian  
Delights Class



# Childcare Report

Throughout the year, we saw a steady increase in both permanent and casual childcare places. Term 1 began with 54 permanent and 19 casual places and by Term 4, we had expanded to 63 permanent and 35 casual places.

The number of families utilizing our services also grew, with 28 families holding permanent spots in Term 1, increasing to 35 families by Term 3, before settling at 30 families in Term 4. This growth reflects our commitment to providing quality childcare and the trust families place in our services.

Our main demographic continues to be children under the age of three, and word of mouth remains our primary referral source, underscoring the positive reputation we have built within the community.

The application to the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) is on track to be completed in 2025. Additionally, we implemented the OWINA system at the end of 2024, transitioning to electronic sign-ins, enrolments, and child details. This move towards a paperless system not only supports sustainability but also streamlines access for educators and simplifies administrative tasks, including payments. This setup will facilitate easy backdating for CCS once approved.





# Childcare Staff

Sarah Haxby – Childcare Coordinator  
Shymalie Arachchige - Educator  
Gemilia Esmail - Educator  
Hannah Feore - Educator  
Deb Formosa – Educator  
Hanae Hurrui - Educator  
Sue Taylor- Pearce - Educator





# Staff

CEO

Education Manager

Finance Manager

Operations Manager

Short courses Coordinator

Marketing and Communications Coordinator

Projects Coordinator

Projects Coordinator

Foundation Coordinator

Pre Accredited Coordinator

SEE Team Leader/Assessor/Teacher

AMEP Team Leader/Assessor/Teacher

Assessor

SEE Administration/Pre-accredited Data Entry

Skills First Data Entry/Compliance Officer

AMEP Pathway Counsellor/Administration

AMEP Student Administration

Administration Officer

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