
Daylesford Neighbourhood Centre Inc.

Annual Report 2024



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Partnerships

The Laurels
Education and Training

The Daylesford
Foundation

Ballarat & Grampians
Legal Service

Department of Justice
& Community Safety:
Grampians Region

CORE
Communities of
Respect & Equality

ACFE
Adult, Community &
further education

Dept of Family, Fairness and Housing - HACC-PYP
Home & Community Care for Young People



Annual General Meeting 2023 (2024)

29th April 2024, 6 – 7 pm

In person

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Present
3. Apologies
4. Confirmation of Minutes 2022 (2023)
5. Chair's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Manager's Report
8. Financial Audit Report.
9. Election of Committee Members
10. AGM close



Minutes of 2022 Calendar Year Annual General Meeting Held Wednesday 26 April 2023

Meeting commenced in the DNC Paddock Room at 6.00 pm

- 1 **Welcome** Chair Hal Swerissen gave an Acknowledgement of Country, and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2 **Present** Arthur Papapostolou, Danny Liversidge, Dudley McArdle, Hal Swerissen, Linda Carroll, Frank Carroll, Wendy Berry, Lynda Poke, Darren Manning, Natasha Hall, Candy Broad, Don Harvey, Sue Dyson, David Hall, Raquel Stevens, Annie Duncan, Peter Duncan, Max Primmer, Irene Mooney.
- 3 **Apologies** Ethen Morrison, Gina Lyons, Jenny Beacham, Jim Foster, Dianne Sharpe, Vanessa Craven and Zdena Schwangmeier

- 4 **Minutes** Copies of the Minutes of the 2021 Calendar Year Annual General Meeting were provided to all AGM attendees in meeting papers as part of the Annual Report 2022 Calendar Year.

Motion

That the Minutes of the 2021 Calendar Year Annual General Meeting of the Daylesford Neighbourhood Centre held on 23 May 2022 be accepted.

Moved

Hal Swerissen
Seconded
Wendy Berry

Carried

- 5 **Chair's Report** Copies of the report were provided to all AGM attendees in the meeting papers as part of the Annual Report 2022 Calendar Year.

Motion

That the Chair's Report 2022 be accepted.

Moved

Dudley McArdle
Seconded
Lynda Poke

Carried

- 6 **Treasurer's Report** Copies of the report were provided to all AGM attendees in the meeting papers as part of the Annual Report 2022 Calendar Year (comprising 2022 Treasurer's Report; Profit and Loss Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows, Notes to the Financial Statements).

Motion

That the Financial Report 2022 be accepted.

Moved

Danny Liversidge
Seconded
Natasha Hall

Carried

- 7 Manager's Report** Copies of the report were provided to all AGM attendees in the meeting papers as part of the Annual Report 2022 Calendar Year.

Danny highlighted the lead role DNC played in establishing combined community efforts to help relieve homelessness in Hepburn Shire by facilitating meetings of all relevant community agencies. DNC took the lead in establishing a free shower and laundry facility which has attracted national attention and is already receiving lots of use by those in need.

Other highlights included a 62% increase in visitations to the Centre (a total of 3792), 128 graduates of our work-skills courses and the welcoming of the Daylesford U3A as a partner and tenant.

<p>Motion That the Manager's Report 2022 be accepted</p>	<p>Moved Hal Swerissen Seconded Darren Manning</p>	<p>Carried</p>
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- 8 Financial Audit Report** Hal spoke to the Independent Auditor's Report which gave DNC a clean bill of financial health and invited attendees to see the report if they wished.

- 9 Election of Committee of Management** Hal declared all Committee of Management positions vacant and asked that Danny Liversidge take the Chair of the meeting.
Danny reported that of the nine available positions, nine people nominated for the Committee of Management:

- Hal Swerisson - Chair
- Sue Dyson – Ordinary Committee Member
- Raquel Stevens – Ordinary Committee Member
- Dudley McArdle –Committee Secretary
- Jim Foster – Ordinary Committee Member
- Wendy Berry – Ordinary Committee Member
- Lynda Poke – Ordinary Committee Member
- Darren Manning – Ordinary Committee Member
- Natasha Hall – Ordinary Committee Member

Danny declared all persons nominated duly elected.

Hal re-took the Chair, welcomed the new Committee and thanked them for offering their services. He thanked Gina Lyons, Arthur Papapostolou and Paul Dowling for their years of sterling service for the DNC. Arthur spoke in response.

Hal thanked Danny, Linda and Ethen for their wonderful efforts during the difficult past year. All attendees noted and endorsed the sentiments expressed.

Danny responded on behalf of the staff and thanked the Committee and the volunteers for their support.

Hal thanked the Committee members for their cooperation and work over the past twelve months.

Hal declared the meeting closed and introduced Annie Duncan, a local identity, prominent scientist, and most recently Chair of the Daylesford U3A, who enthralled the audience with tales of her life-journey through the 'man's world' of science and her endeavours to support and encourage girls and young women in science careers.

Hal thanked Annie for her interesting and inspirational talk, and those present concurred with a hearty round of applause.



Photo by The Wombat Post

Meeting concluded at 7.00 pm.

Chair's Report 2023

2023 was a year of positive outcomes.

Hepburn Shire Council (HSC) via a tender process awarded a 3-year ARC management contract to Daylesford Neighbourhood Centre (DNC). Immediately a steering committee was set up to oversee the contract, it comprises representatives from HSC, Daylesford College and DNC. A detailed operating budget, submitted to the committee by DNC, has been accepted paving the way for our ARC activation plan.

During the year a strategic plan evolved that focuses on;

- 1 Lifelong learning.
- 2 Arts, recreation, and culture.
- 3 Organisation development and support

The shower and toilet facility continues to receive widespread acknowledgement, particularly the national coverage by the ABC.

DNC, among others, is continuing to fight for a more equitable funding arrangement for The Neighbourhood House Coordination Program. For the past decade the existing indexation formula has fallen well short of real costs and this is against a background of greatly increased need in the community.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Committee members who, giving freely of their time, provide a considerable depth of knowledge and expertise that ensures DNC is the best it can be.



A very special thanks to our administration team of Danny Liversidge, Linda Carroll and Ethan Morrison. A small but extremely effective team that always delivers for our community. Well done!

Jim Foster
Chair
Committee of Management

Treasurer's Report 2023

Calendar year 2023 was a solid financial outcome for the Daylesford Neighbourhood Centre with revenue and costs in line with budget. Nett result was a loss of \$3,237. The balance sheet remains strong with a slight increase in cash over the previous year.

CY2024 will see a budget deficit as we apply some of the reserves to upgrade areas within the complex.

Profit and Loss Summary

	2023 Actual	2023 Budget	2022
Total revenue	\$286,470	\$288,299	\$298,296
Total expenses	\$289,707	\$298,673	\$321,872
Profit (Loss)	(\$3,237)	(\$10,374)	(\$23,576)

Balance sheet

\$148,116

Cash and cash equivalents
at end Dember 2023

\$144,210

Cash and cash equivalents
at end Dember 2022

Jim Foster
Treasurer
Committee of Management

Manager's Report 2023

DNC continues to grow year on year with visitations up 21% on 2022. While all categories increased, the majority of growth came from the first full year of U3A making the Court room home.

Cost of living and affordable housing continue to impact the community with many requests for support and referral to relevant services and community organisations. Our own hygiene station has now been used 69 times since opening, with several people per day accessing it.

We were honored to receive the Reducing Inequalities award from Neighbourhood Houses Victoria for our hygiene station.

We have been reviewing our disability access, and with the generous support of Working Heritage (WH) we installed new automatic doors to improve access. WH have also completed a draft site plan to improve site access across the different buildings. Once the plan is complete, we will provide more detail on these major site works.

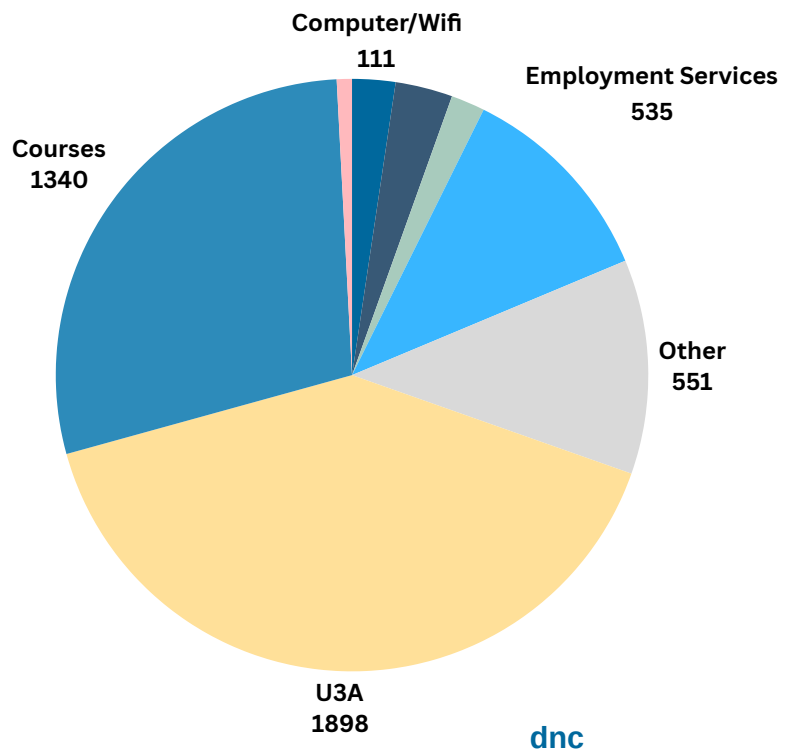
Finally, big thank you to Committee of Management, staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to support the centre. We look forward to 2024.



Number of unique enrollments courses.

First AID & CPR	13
RSA	17
Yoga	17
Intro to Aromatherapy	4
Intro to Art	14
All Abilities Group	9
Eight Silken Movements	6
Tai Chi	10
Computer & Phone Essentials	5

Total Visitations - 4702



ARTS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL CENTRE (ARC)

DNC was delighted to win a new three year ARC management contract, supporting the engagement, development and growth of indoor sport for Hepburn Shire.



Daylesford Volley Ball Association



Daylesford Tang Soo Tao Martial Arts



DNC and members of Council at the launch of the new contract



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