



ST DAVID'S NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

ANNUAL REPORT

2021 - 2022



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MISSION STATEMENT

St David's Neighbourhood Centre is a place where people find the opportunity to meet their community, family and personal needs in a friendly and supportive environment.

The Centre is committed to empowering people to reach their full potential through friendship, education, social action and community building.



CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

In looking back over the past year our Neighbourhood Centre has continued to grow. In some ways it has been a challenging year again, with Covid-19 continuing to appear. Programs have had to be readapted, and mask wearing has continued. I would like to acknowledge Manager, Kellie Griffiths and the staff team who have worked so hard to adapt changes whilst continuing to support our clients.

A huge change this year was the relocation of the Thrift Shop to the Neighbourhood Centre building. It is much cleaner, brighter & safer for volunteers. My sincere Thanks to volunteers who have continued working at the Neighbourhood Centre with, Harmony Club, Stay N Play, Thrift Shop, music, gardening and cooking for free meals. Thanks to the Rotary Club of Salisbury members who assist with our monthly Men's luncheon.

A special mention of Pam Weymouth and the many hours she volunteered to coordinate & manage the tradesman who were building the new area for the Thrift Shop. Peter Weymouth also assisted with painting, fittings and support to Pam. Thank you Pam & Peter.

Our Centre provides information and assistance to many people in the community. The work and need of Neighbourhood Centre's in our communities have been recognised by the Queensland Government and they have provided additional funding. It may be assisting homeless people with information and referrals, a go card with money on it to assist a person who had an appointment in another suburb. The Thrift Shop provides a special place for many people, just a friendly face to listen, a smile or some assistance with selecting a book or an item. They may not purchase anything but the visit fills a need.

I would recognise Board members, Lenore Gibson, (Secretary), Bruce Moffatt (Treasurer), Andrew Demack (Deputy Chair) Robyn Solomon, Pam Weymouth.

Our Board members continue to be committed to the Vision and Plan developed by the Uniting Church which is:

Together enriching community, Acting with Love, Uniting in Christ, Living with Hope,

Witnessing in faith and Working for Justice.

Anne Brand OAM

Board Chair

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

2021/2022 BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Chairperson	Anne Brand
Deputy Chairperson	Andrew Demack
Treasurer.....	Bruce Moffat
Secretary.....	Lenore Gibson
Board Member.....	Robyn Solomon
Board Member.....	Pamela Weymouth



Anne and Robyn



Lenore



Bruce



Andrew



Pam

CENTRE STAFF

2021—2022 Staff

Centre Manager	Kellie Griffiths
Neighbourhood Centre Coordinator	Karen Shapcott
Stay n Play Coordinator.....	Melanie Bobeszko
Harmony Club Coordinator	Sue Raven
Support Worker	Yvette Curl
Support Worker	Kerry Hayes
Support Worker	Gina May
Food Services Supervisor	Katrina Marschke
Administration/Activities Coordinator	Dawn Claes
Administration Officer.....	Sam Murdoch
Community Project Officer.....	Lynda Stephens

Staff Farewelled in 2022

Harmony Club Coordinator	Max Draper
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Kellie



Karen



Melanie



Sue



Dawn



Max



Katrina



Yvette



Kerry and Gina

CENTRE MANAGERS REPORT

It is with pleasure that I present St David's Neighbourhood Centre Annual Report for 2021-2022. What a year it has been, our community has faced challenges with COVID-19, floods in our local neighbourhoods, the rising cost of living and individual trials to test their resilience. Now more than ever I am reminded of the importance of Neighbourhood Centres and the role we play in supporting our communities.

Our report aims to present the outcomes we have achieved, the activities that have taken place and a collection of statistics summarising the data we collect. But what can be difficult to capture, and share is the true meaning of our purpose and impact in mere words and photos. It is the individual stories of people and their experiences, the looks of understanding and appreciation and the journey we take that shows us the impact we are having.

It is what gives each staff member at St David's Neighbourhood Centre purpose to their day. What we do does makes a difference to people. We may not be able to solve their problems and all we can offer is a place of welcome, an opportunity to share their burdens and a listening ear. But for some this is enough; they know they are not on their journey alone and feel like they have someone in their corner.

The saying it takes many hands to make light work is so true. The organisation is blessed, grateful and appreciative of our amazing staff. Each day our staff bring their own skills, ideas, creativity, and care to support our community. They have shown they are resilient and innovative in responding to the challenges we have faced, and we would not have achieved what we have done with out them. So, thank you Karen, Melanie, Dawn, Sue, Yvette, Kerry, Gina, Katrina, Sam, Max, and Lynda.

Volunteers are the backbone of many organisations, and ours are no different. Volunteering gives the person a sense of purpose, they feel like they are contributing and making a difference. Our volunteers are no different and we are blessed and grateful to have such dedicated people chose St David's Neighbourhood Centre to give their time to.

I am also grateful for the guidance and support provided by the St David's Neighbourhood Centre Board. Each board member volunteers their time not only to serve on the board but are involved in our activities, events, and programs. They are supportive, willing to ask the difficult questions and share their expertise to ensure the organisation remains relevant, viable and true to its purpose as the mission of St David's Uniting Church.

We ended the financial year with an announcement by the Palaszczuk Government in the June State budget of significant investment into Queensland Neighbourhood Centres. This is a great outcome and will result in more funding for each neighbourhood centre including St David's Neighbourhood Centre. It is a long recognised the importance of neighbourhood centres and the role they play in their communities. Neighbourhood Centre Queensland through their annual survey help to demonstrate our impact. With this investment and through the dedicated hard work of our staff, volunteers, and board we look forward to the next 12 months and once again being able to share the amazing stories, impact and difference we make to our community.

Kellie Griffiths

Centre Manager



Neighbourhood Centre

Provided \$508,178 in community value in 2021

This includes the value of:

Improved quality of life through social connection **\$244,657**

Volunteer contributions **\$232,409**

Services provided: **\$30,812**

Employment: In 2021 St David's Neighbourhood Centre provided 9.0 full time equivalent positions including 6.5 direct and 2.5 indirect positions.

Emergency relief value includes:

- o Public transport cards: **\$300**

Services value includes:

- o Computer/internet usage: **\$48**
- o Facilities use or hire: **\$2,340**
- o Résumé assistance: **\$360**
- o Social enterprise goods and services: **\$25,664**
- o Community lunch, frozen or other meals: **\$2,400**

This community value equates to:

\$4.08 for every **\$1** of Queensland Government Neighbourhood Centre funding
or **\$236.36** for every **1 hour** the neighbourhood centre was in use.

HIGHLIGHTS

July 2021

Salisbury Rotary President's Handover Dinner - Kellie and Karen represented St David's Neighbourhood Centre at the Salisbury Rotary Club's Presidents Handover Dinner. We were excited to welcome Doug Kelly as the incoming President and continuing our partnership with Salisbury Rotary Club.



Sisters Uniting NAIDOC Week event – The Sisters Uniting women's group gathered in July to explore the theme of Indigenous Women's Perspectives to acknowledge Black History Month and NAIDOC week. We welcomed Aunty Theresa Creed as our guest speaker, who shared her life story and some of her poems.

August 2021

Brisbane Festival Community Choir - We were very excited to be chosen as a Brisbane Festival partner for the "Street Serenades - At Our Place" community project. Facilitated by Brisbane performer, Emma Dean, a community choir was formed by bringing together members of the Sing to Beat Aphasia choir with people from the general community, staff, students, congregation members from St David's Uniting Church, and the Absolutely Everybody choir. We began hosting the community choir workshops during August via Zoom and in person. It was an amazing, inclusive experience.



September 2021

Brisbane Festival Street Serenades Concert – To celebrate the end of our community choir workshops, a concert was held in the Keeling St carpark, along with a special performance by Emma Dean and the Camerata String Quartet. The St David's Community Choir had so much fun performing, and it was a very heart-warming experience. With the help of our wonderful volunteers, staff, students and Board members we were able to hold a sausage sizzle, children's activities and open the Thrift Shop. It was a great success with lots of locals joining us for a lovely afternoon of entertainment!



Parliamentary Inquiry into Loneliness and Social Isolation - In response to the Queensland Government's Parliamentary Inquiry into Loneliness and Social Isolation, St David's Neighbourhood Centre made a submission. It was a great opportunity to demonstrate the work we do along with many other similar organisations in addressing and responding to social isolation and loneliness in our community. Kellie was then invited to attend a public hearing along with representatives from other neighbourhood centres and Queensland Families Communities Association (QFCA). The committee asked questions to further understand the challenges many in our community face.



HIGHLIGHTS

Cec's Retirement— In September we said a sad farewell to someone who has been a part of our Harmony Club program and general community for many years. Cec Lawson has provided pastoral care to the centre and been a friend to many over the years, but decided it is time to retire. We still enjoy catching up with Cec when he visits for events and activities. Thank you Cec for your kindness, words of wisdom, friendship and support.



Chrome Street Fiesta - We hosted an information stall and children's activities at the Chrome Street Festival. Kellie, Karen and Katrina had lots of fun chatting to locals and crafting lanterns with the kids! Due to local Covid exposure sites numbers were a little lower this year, but it is still a great opportunity to connect with community members and organisations.

October 2021

Sunnybank Hills Rotary Breakfast— Kellie and Anne (Chair of Board) were invited as a special guest to the Sunnybank Hills Rotary Club breakfast meeting where they presented us with a generous donation of \$500.00 towards the Neighbourhood Centre's Free Food Program. This was the equivalent of 200 meals and we were very grateful for the amazing support.



Painting for Pleasure Exhibition - The Painting for Pleasure exhibition was a success once again, proving that even with the threat of Covid-19, people still want to attend local events and support community activities. The exhibition ran from the Opening on Saturday 6th October until Friday 12th October. Peter Russo MP attended to officially open the event. During the week the group held a tutorial on the Wednesday, and many people from other Neighbourhood Centre activities were able to visit the exhibition. The exhibition raised \$1289.80 for the Neighbourhood Centre.



Public Meeting - Our Annual Community Celebration was held on Tuesday 26th October. It was a small but positive gathering, and we were very happy to welcome volunteers Sue and Leah, and Geoff and Heather from the Church Council. The annual report has been shared with the Congregation, Thrift Shop volunteers, social group participants and on our website.



December

Community Christmas Party - The Community Christmas Celebration was a relaxed and festive event with 31 volunteers and social group members in attendance. It was lovely to see everyone having a chance to meet new people and catch up with those they haven't seen for a while. We received some very positive feedback about how appreciated our efforts were and how much people enjoyed the lunch. A highlight was the lucky door prize which included a gift hamper donated by Peter Russo MP.



Thrift Shop Celebration - A special morning tea was organised to bring together past and present volunteers to celebrate and reflect on 30+ years of the Thrift Shop in its current location. 24 people attended the event, and lots of stories and memories were shared. Volunteers enjoyed looking back on photos from various gatherings over the last 20 years.

HIGHLIGHTS

March

Coopers Plains Clean Up Australia Day - Volunteer Simon Cole facilitated a clean-up on Middle Street in Coopers Plains for Clean Up Australia Day. QEII Hospital Corporate Services was very helpful, providing wheelie and skip bins for rubbish. We were joined by neighbours on Mandarin St, Hammersmith St and Breton St. We look forward to next year's Clean Up Australia Day!



Thrift Shop Garage Sale – Loyal customers were excited when we opened the Thrift Shop for a one-off clearance sale. We were run off our feet and received so many lovely comments that showed just how much the community has missed the Thrift Shop, and our wonderful volunteers! Our community enjoyed not only the bargain hunting, but also the chance to sit down and catch up over coffee. Thanks to our wonderful volunteers we raised a remarkable \$1500 on the day.

Max's Farewell — It was with sadness we said goodbye to Max, our Harmony Club Coordinator. Staff, volunteers and Harmony Club clients held a farewell gathering to wish him all the best on his new adventure.

Housing Community Forum - The Community Forum was held as part of the It Takes a Village Project. We invited service providers and community groups that provide housing services or other types of welfare assistance, to join us to discuss the issues faced by our community and to learn from each other about what is being done and what could be done to help people more effectively. We were joined by Belong Acacia Ridge, Kyabara Intake and Referral Team, Carers QLD, Annerley Baptist Church Housing Service, Village Avenue Community Church, Volunteering QLD.



Very Neighbourly BBQ Breakfast – We celebrated Neighbour Day with our Very Neighbourly BBQ Breakfast. This event was a great opportunity for people to meet others in our community and to promote the Neighbour Day message which calls us all to be better neighbours, so that we can live in communities that are welcoming, kind and supportive. We enjoyed some lovely conversations, baked biscuits, and even some colouring in!

May

Annual Volunteers Celebration High Tea - Our Annual Volunteers Celebration was a lovely opportunity to gather together for a good catch up, and to share some big thankyou's with our amazing volunteers. This year we were treated to a High Tea, and some very yummy treats!



Thrift Shop Grand Opening and Community Fair - We were so happy to finally launch the new Thrift Shop with a Grand Opening and Community Fair. The event was blessed with good weather, and with the help of our tireless volunteers, we raised \$1267.60 on the day. Along with the Thrift Shop we were joined by a number of community services and the St David's Messy Church. We had many families comment on what a lovely feel the event had. We were very grateful for the support of Cr Steve Griffiths through the Lord Mayors Suburban Initiative grant.

June

We wrapped up the "It Takes a Village Project" with our final Community Hub event. Keep an eye out for what comes next for this exciting initiative that is aimed at helping our most vulnerable community members.



HARMONY CLUB

Harmony Club provides aged care and disability services to the community by offering social support and centre-based activities. Guiding everything we do is a person-centred approach that puts the needs of our clients at the forefront of decision making and program planning. The program provides opportunities for participants to form friendships, have fun and socially connect with others while providing respite and support for carers. Access to the program for most clients is through My Aged Care, providing a streamlined access to entry level support services such as Harmony Club. Support is provided to individuals to access this referral pathway when needed.

St David's Neighbourhood Centre Harmony Club program provides opportunities for participants to connect, develop and continue friendships and participate in social activities. The variety of activities and events on offer cater for different interests and maintain the person's independence.

Once again COVID-19 has impacted the Harmony Club program. We have 30 CHSP clients, 11 NDIS clients, and 12 Homecare clients joining the program in 2021/22. COVID-19 restrictions did affect the ability and confidence for some of our clients to attend and the activities we have been able to provide.

Our ability, confidence and skills has enabled substantial growth with NDIS service provision. The program was able to continue providing supports in a COVID Safe way when other aspects of service delivery were affected. The organisations flexibility and the staff's willingness to provide a welcoming and inclusive space has contributed to this growth. A person-centred approach is taken in designing the activities and an individual's care plan with a focus on wellbeing for both the client and carer. Participants are encouraged to identify what is of interest to them in helping to design the activities offered and how they would like to participate. Support is provided to help them maintain independence through the provision of information and connection to other services through facilitated referrals.

Harmony Club is supported by the Harmony Club Coordinator, three support staff, the food services supervisor and three volunteers.

One of the biggest impacts that Harmony Club has made for the community this year is to address the isolation and loneliness many in our community experience. This was compounded by COVID and the requirement to socially distancing at times in the centre. The program provides a welcoming space to connect and activities that are facilitated by qualified staff. Participants enjoy the companionship of each other, connections and form friendships that extend beyond their attendance at the centre. The program improves the wellbeing of many and provides them with a sense of purpose.

The organisation is grateful for the dedicated team who support the program. A part of St David's Neighbourhood Centre's Mission is to help people reach their full potential. The Harmony Club Team do this each day. They see each client as an individual, work with them to understand their needs and how they can best be supported to reach their goals.

Activity Highlights:

COVID-19 did impact on the activities the program could and there were constant adaptations to ensure we followed COVID Safe practices. What was enjoyed this year included:

- Listening to music and concerts with Nora and Mel, Movie Mondays , Craft magic and enjoying creating and drawing
- Seeing each other especially after lockdowns and meeting new people, the meals cooked on site
- Bus trip to see the Christmas lights by Kellie
- December concluded the year with our centre Christmas Party which was well attended and enjoyed by all, and clients also attended a Christmas concert.

HARMONY CLUB

The Harmony Club program is supported by a dedicated team of volunteers. Much of what is achieved would not be possible without their involvement. Thank you to and Cathy B, Noela, Cathy P, for your support and the joy you bring to the lives of our clients.

I started at Harmony Club last October. I enjoy volunteering working and interacting with clients and staff. By volunteering it gives me a chance to give back to the community. All the staff have encouraged support me to be as I can be. I have made friendships with the other volunteers, staff, and clients. It has been enjoyable and rewarding.

Cathy B

I love being a volunteer in Harmony I have been volunteering for nearly 2years, I love talking and helping the clients with what we are doing throughout the day. I enjoy doing the bus run collecting the clients.

Noela

Here is what others had to say about Harmony Club:

I like coming to Harmony for the company of others that are here, I live by myself, so the day I attend are very important to me. I find that all the staff are very kind and friendly.

Thank you so very much.

Jane

It fun, exciting, and wonderful, it doesn't matter when I come in its always different. Kerry, Gina, Yvette, and Cathy are great fun. The whole thing that Kellie managers is always different. It is wonderful he community this that happen "Share the dignity" "Aphasia Choir" "Painting for Pleasure" knitting ladies etc.

Tracey

I like attending Harmony for friendship and the connections I have made. The staff are nice, and I like the people on the bus with me. I enjoy having a chat with the other ladies and have made a lot of friends at Harmony

Lana

The clients have enjoyed listening to music, Jen playing the piano using the Ipads which was donated by Bendigo Bank.



STAY N PLAY

Stay n Play is an inclusive inter-generational playgroup facilitated by a qualified Early Learning Years Coordinator, alongside a team of caring and dedicated volunteers. It provides sensory, creative and social interactions for families of children from birth to school age in nature. We also have an 'Ageless playgroup' program that involves interactions with our friends in Harmony Club. We're open every week day from 9:30 -11:30 am during the school term and on special days in school holidays. *Stay n Play* fosters community spirit and social networks while providing a routine. Allowing families to gather and interact in a safe, inclusive, supportive and relaxed environment. To play and interact with their child, share ideas and experiences with other adults and to support one another.



Some highlights this year include extending on our interactions with Harmony Club with our 'Ageless Play' sessions. Our continued collaboration with *Wesley Mission* on Monday's. Watching the children grow & develop with their language and social skills. Welcoming new families to *Stay n Play* and helping with positive transitions to day care and BIG school and building strong connections with our registered families.

We've created a safe space where families have the opportunity to spend quality time with their children. The benefits of our playgroup include - supporting children's social development, easing the transition to school, and improved overall mental health, while providing social support to parents, knowledge sharing, and learning opportunities.

Stay n Play continues to contribute to the mission of St David's Neighbourhood Centre by providing an inclusive space for families to connect and for children to learn through play. We empower parents and children to reach their full potential through positive parenting, social interactions, developing friendships, concerns with reaching milestones and easing transitions both for childcare or school which are important in early childhood in a relaxed, friendly and supportive environment.

"I've been volunteering with Stay 'n' Play for 5 years. I love coming to the centre and spending my Thursday mornings running around and being silly with the kids. It's so rewarding to be able to connect with the kids and also allow the parents a little reprieve for a couple of hours, maybe some adult conversation. Watching kids come out of the shell and learn is incredible. Definitely a wonderful way to spend a morning." ~ **Ally**

"Covid has caused big impact to our business, which means we have fewer children coming to the play group. I am encouraged and feel very cheerful when parents with their children come knocking on our door in the morning. Of course, every time, I will melt when children come running to me and give me a big hug and say goodbye at the end." ~ **Elizabeth**

"Stay n Play is a great place to meet new friendly faces. I really enjoy being able to play with children and babies. I also love making arts and crafts for them. Seeing their cute smiles makes me happy. My best days at playgroup are when we have babies" ~ **Gieng**

"The opportunities for me to give a hand in serving children's needs are awesome, especially when those children come back after they've recovered from sickness. I feel good when they are talking, smiling, laughing, chasing, and playing around." ~ **Jack**

"I love coming to playgroup and interacting with the children, Gieng and helping. I also love having Melanie as the Coordinator, she runs the playgroup very well. She loves the children and interacts with the mums. Also, she is a warm-hearted leader. I am very happy to be in Stay n Play and have Melanie as my boss. We have a wonderful friendship." ~ **Noela**

STAY N PLAY

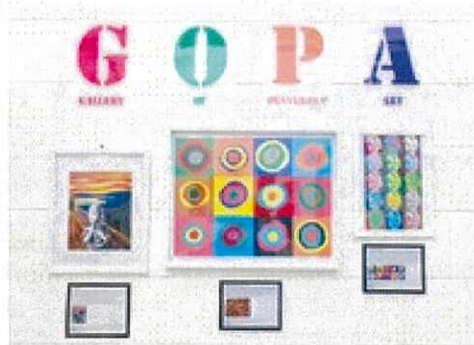
"Wesley wellbeing service collaborate with project lead Melanie, in facilitating the 2-hour 'Social connectedness' project every Monday. Stay n Play Families are encouraged to attend on similar days for familiarity and to develop a routine. To meet and be-friend other children, carers and volunteers. It has been wholesome to hear them share parenting tips, make friends and have an opportunity to catch-up while facilitator/volunteers/wellbeing consultant assist with the kids and join in conversations. I have observed that the playgroup has provided opportunities to open up, actively listen and learn about other services available through the community center also. Short-term: Reduce social isolation that happens when people become parents or take on caring role. Long-term: Increase social support network. Sense of belonging. Coping skills of being a parent/carer." ~ **Becky (Wellbeing Consultant)**

"Hello Melanie! Just wanted to say, thank you so much for the community you created in the playgroup, we were so thankful to be part of it and it truly saved my sanity from not knowing what to do with my days with at the time a 1.5 year old. To have a place to call ours and get to know so many beautiful people. It really made our lives so much better. Forever thankful for your friendship and all the love Lyanna received during the past 2 years. From not having any family close she was so loved by all of you, including Liz who was like a grandma to Lyanna and to Ally who so patiently played with her every Thursday. She thinks about all of you every day and how she can't wait to see you all when she comes back. Lots of love and again, forever thankful to have met you all." ~ **Evelyn**

Intergenerational playgroup feedback: -

Liz, it is always nice to see you at Stay n Play. You take such good care of the children, especially my little Esme. Thank you for being an all-round good person. ~ **Laura**

Thanks for coming over to visit us! We appreciate all the love and care you bring. The kids really appreciate it and enjoy your company. ~ **Amy**



SOCIAL GROUPS

One of the most important roles of St. David's Neighbourhood Centre is to provide an inclusive and safe space for people to connect to others. We facilitate a range of social groups throughout our centre, catering for a range of interests. Social Groups are for all members of the community whether they want to learn a new skill from other participants, or find company to enjoy their hobby. Dawn Claes and Sam Murdoch share the Administration/Activities Coordinator role and they enjoy being the friendly face when people are welcomed through our doors. Dawn and Sam always endeavour to be the smiling presence at the front desk, to make each and every visitor to the centre feel welcome and valued, and to handle all enquiries with respect.

One of the highlights of the Social Group calendar is the annual Painting for Pleasure Art Exhibition. This event showcases the works of our very talented Painting for Pleasure Group artists. The event brings a lot of community members to the centre who may not otherwise engage with us, and is a great opportunity for fundraising for our programs and for promoting our Neighbourhood Centre and its activities.

Our social groups include:

Mahjong

Mahjong is a game that originated in China and is commonly played by 4 players. It is similar to the Western game Rummy and is a game of skill, strategy and calculation and involves a degree of chance. The Mahjong group is fortnightly on a Tuesday.



Knitting

This group of keen knitters meet fortnightly on Tuesdays to make a range of knitted and crocheted items. They work on their own projects as well as making toys and other items for charity.

Painting for Pleasure

The Painting for pleasure group meets each Wednesday morning. They use a range of mediums and enjoy learning new techniques from visiting Tutors. This is a very popular group and they contribute some beautiful artworks for our Art Show held each year, to raise funds for the Neighbourhood Centre. This group is fully enrolled with enthusiastic and talented artists.



Jessie Keysecker – Painting for Pleasure Group

What it means to me to attend the Painting for Pleasure group at St. David's Neighbourhood Centre each Wednesday. After joining the "Painting for Pleasure" group about a year ago with one of my carers, I have met many other artists who have a good balance of serious and social, I really enjoy both aspects of the group, and all the new skills and shared tips. Lots of fun!

Creative Connections

Creative Connections meet once a month to work on individual craft projects such as scrapbooking, sewing, knitting and even colouring. The group is small at this time and would welcome new members for a social evening as we have plenty of room to grow.



Monday Art & Craft

Art & Craft is a new group started in response to increased demand for our Painting for Pleasure group. They currently meet on a Monday Morning and this group offers a quieter alternative, with a focus on developing skills in a friendly, supportive group. We currently have a couple of regular participants and room for growth.

SOCIAL GROUPS

English Conversation

The English Conversation group welcomes people from all cultures and backgrounds who want to improve their everyday English language skills. This year we were blessed with two volunteer tutors! Steve shared his energy and love of cooking with the group in 2021, and Rosalie joined us in 2022. Rosalie is a member of our Busy Hands craft group and has over 30 years experience as a medical practice manager. She has experience with English tutoring with CALD people and is really enjoying working with our group.

"My name is Rosalie Moon. Early this year I joined St David's as a volunteer. I am currently teaching a course of "English Conversation and Comprehension" to a group of people who speak, read and write English, but not as a first language, so they are often confused by the style and vernacular of our Aussie variants. The course also compares words which are of the same Vocal Sound, but are of Different Meanings (eg Bait and Bate). Secondly the class is learning the use of Aussie Slang Words in General Conversation which helped them immensely in their understanding. The class is relatively small, but I hope they are enjoying the learning of our difficult language as I enjoy teaching them. It is a pleasure helping these people learn and I hope we can continue on our learning journey together." Rosalie



Sisters Uniting

Sisters Uniting is a Neighbourhood Centre social group that brings diverse women together to learn more about each other and discuss important issues. This year the group identified several important topics that they wished to explore over the year including culture, family violence, wellbeing and mental health, and homelessness.

Busy Hands

Busy Hands is a group of craft loving ladies. They meet every Thursday morning and enjoy a range of crafting activities including crochet and knitting. Members work on their own projects and also donate some lovely items for our fundraising events. They would love to welcome any new members who wish to join them to get creative over a cuppa and chat.

"My name is Eva Korganow and my craft group and I have been coming to St David's Neighbourhood Centre for approximately 2 years. Our group has been welcomed with courtesy by all of the staff. As a retired TAFE lecturer in Business, I was impressed by the offices of the organisation. In addition, St David's acts to the various needs of the neighbourhood. I live by myself and I enjoy coming to St David's Neighbourhood Centre very much."—Eva



In Stitches – Slow Stitch Therapy

This is a new group to the centre and is held on the Third Saturday Morning of each month. Run by our lovely volunteer Claire, the group bring along their craft projects and enjoy social stitching, inspiration, and friendly conversation.



Yoga and Tai Chi

As part of the Brisbane City Council Gold Program we are a host for Yoga on Monday Afternoons and Tai Chi on Friday mornings. Both of these groups are facilitated by trained instructors and provide an opportunity for participants to enjoy the benefits of gentle exercise and relaxation.

THRIFT SHOP

This past 12 months have seen a significant transition for the Thrift Shop. For over 30 years, the Thrift Shop has operated, initially in the back of the church hall, then later from the house, garage and shed located on Orange Grove Rd. Many volunteers over the years have worked hard to build shelving, display cases and racks, maintain the buildings and generally make the shop a welcoming and thriving space for their community. Unfortunately, these buildings have deteriorated with age, and the space was no longer suitable for the Thrift Shop operations. The hard decision was made to close the shop in December 2021 until we could relocate it to a more suitable location. Many options for the future location of the Thrift Shop were discussed and finally it was agreed that the shop would relocate to the rooms adjacent to the Garden Room in the Neighbourhood Centre building. This would allow the shop to be located in a secure, safe and air conditioned building, with staff close at hand to assist the volunteers.

Saying Farewell

In December, a special morning tea was organised to bring together past and present volunteers to celebrate and reflect on 30+ years of the Thrift Shop. 24 people attended the event, and lots of stories and memories were shared. Volunteers enjoyed looking back on photos from various gatherings over the last 20 years.



It was a bitter sweet occasion as Muriel Pollock, the long term convener of the Thrift Shop shared, that she would be retiring from her role in the New Year due to ongoing health concerns. Muriel's contribution to the Thrift Shop and Neighbourhood Centre over 30 years has been a significant blessing and her legacy will continue on. We were also sad to farewell other members of the amazing volunteer House team. Bev Hume, Sandra Whitehouse, and Shirley Sullivan have dedicated years to making sure the Thrift Shop was well stocked, looking great, and our customers were looked after. They even found time to enjoy a cuppa and a chat! With the transition from the original Thrift Shop to the new premises, these wonderful volunteers shared that they would be stepping back from their previous roles.

Shop Preparation

Once this decision was approved by the Neighbourhood Centre Board and the St David's Church Council, planning began for the relevant building works to commence in the new retail space. This was quite a challenge given that Covid cases were peaking at this time and Brisbane experienced a major flood event! Board member Pam Weymouth provided invaluable assistance by project managing the renovation process. These improvements included clearing out the space, painting walls, building two new walls, installing a door and replacing the old carpet with new flooring. No small feat! We were very grateful for the help provided by volunteers, board members and staff. Sunnybank Rotary also chipped in with a working bee to clean the space after building works.



THRIFT SHOP

During this time, the original Thrift Shop was opened to the public for a special Garage Sale to help clear out excess stock. Our wonderful volunteers raised \$1500 on the day and made some local customers very happy! Once the new



space was ready, the big job of moving stock from the old shop to the new premises began! Our Thrift Shop volunteers were keen to get back to work and a big thank you goes to Sue and Irene, Jack and Elizabeth, Aldous and May, Nell and Paul for their hard work in

helping to get the shop stocked and ready for our customers in May 2022. Our customers were delighted to reconnect with our volunteers and return to their bargain hunting.

The Thrift Shop Grand Opening and Community Fair was held on the 28 May to officially celebrate the new location. The event was blessed with good weather, and with the help of our tireless volunteers, we raised \$1267.60 on the day. Along with the Thrift Shop we were joined by a number of community services and the St David's Messy Church. We had many families comment on what a lovely feel the event had, and how nice the new shop space was. We were very grateful to have the support of Cr Steve Griffiths through the Lord Mayors Suburban Initiative grant.



The Thrift Shop is a cornerstone of our outreach activities and provides affordable clothing and household goods, a place of connection and conversation, access to information about events and services, and a point of contact for neighbours that we might not normally connect with. Our volunteers serve and care for our customers and community members, ensure the shop is well stocked and looks enticing, and manage the sorting and pricing of donations. In 2021/2022 these volunteers gave 1977 hours of their time and effort to ensure that the Thrift Shop continues to be a success.

Thrift Shop revenue directly supports the outreach aims of St David's Neighbourhood Centre by contributing towards the funding of community programs, maintenance and running costs, and staff wages. \$20,231 was raised during the 2021/2022 financial year despite the loss of sales during the 4 month closure. A massive thank you goes to all of our volunteers, our dedicated customers, and the thoughtful community members who choose to donate to the Thrift Shop.

VOLUNTEERING

The last 12 months have seen many ups and downs for our volunteer program, and we have welcomed new faces and said some sad farewells. Impacts included another peak of Covid-19, a major flood, and the relocation of our Thrift Shop! Despite all of this, our volunteers continue to share their passion for helping people and a willingness to jump in a lend a hand however needed. Volunteers fulfil an invaluable role in all our programs, including Stay N Play, Harmony Club, Thrift Shop, Administration, Conversational English, Free Food program, Tech Connect, Gardening, Community BBQ's, all our events and other general projects.

In 2021-2022 our volunteers worked an amazing 4263 hours for St David's Neighbourhood Centre, and this was despite the Thrift Shop being closed for 4 months! Volunteer contributions include assisting our staff, helping community members and clients, caring for others, fundraising, coordinating programs and generally helping to make people's lives better. Their commitment enables programs and support to keep going, even when times are uncertain. There are several 'Volunteer Value' calculators that provide an estimate of the economic value of this contribution, which factors in both the commercial and civic benefits created by each act of volunteering. Using this formula, the effort of our volunteers is valued at \$184,478 in the 2020/2021 financial year. However, we all know that their value is unmeasurable!

The theme for National Volunteer Week 2022 was Better Together. Volunteering brings people together; it builds communities and creates a better society for everyone. St David's Neighbourhood Centre is blessed by an amazing community of volunteers that continue to demonstrate that together, we can achieve wonderful outcomes for our neighbours and community members. During Volunteer Week we hosted our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Lunch to say thank you and celebrate these wonderful people. Over High Tea, we had the opportunity to catch up, share stories and laughter, and acknowledge the hard work and passion of our volunteers.

The 2021 Moreton Volunteer Awards also provided an excellent opportunity to acknowledge some of special volunteers. Unfortunately, the pesky pandemic delayed the award ceremony until 2022, so we were overjoyed to finally be able to join Sue, Kigen, Leah, Jack and Elizabeth as they were presented their awards by Graham Perret MP and Peter Russo MP.

Thank you to all of the volunteers that assisted us between June 2021- June 2022

Thrift Shop	Stay N Play	Harmony Club	Office
Shop: Laura, Nell, Carol, Nelly, Sue, Irene, Eva, Paul, Cherryl, Noela, Averil, Tom, Neer, Cathy	Ally, Gieng, Noela, Jack and Elizabeth	Kigan Noela Cherryl Cathy	Sam Leah
House: Muriel, Bev, Sandra, Averil, Shirley, Jack, Elizabeth, May, Aldous and Kevin	Irenya Yukari		
Conversational English	Tech Connect	Free Food	Gardens
Rosalie Steve	Evan Pujan	Fred, Sam Evan	Kigan Paul

VOLUNTEERING



COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SUPPORT

Community Outreach and support is at the heart of the St David's Neighbourhood Centre mission. The last 12 months has presented many challenges for our community. The Covid-19 Pandemic reached a peak over the Christmas and New Year period, followed closely by a critical flood event that affected our neighbouring suburbs of Rocklea, Moorooka, Acacia Ridge and Archerfield. The cost of living has skyrocketed and Queensland is struggling with a housing and rental crisis. Traditionally people relate 'outreach' or 'emergency relief' to the very marginal in our community, however this last year has impacted on every level of society. St David's Neighbourhood Centre has always provided assistance to our community, despite the fact that we are not funded to provide this level of support. Our dedicated staff and volunteers work together as a team to assess need and provide help across our programs. Community Outreach activities include:

Emergency Relief and Referral

This includes providing food and financial aid, assisting with housing and homelessness issues, help with transport costs, job seeking support, and assistance for family crisis and challenges. We meet these needs by providing a warm welcome and a listening ear, assisting with information and referrals, and support dealing with other service providers. We partner with several local organisations to assist with this process. They include: Village Avenue Community Church (food bank, fuel vouchers, chemist vouchers, Go Cards), Mt Gravatt Neighbourhood Centre (general financial aid, bill payment, food pantry), Belong Acacia Ridge (general financial aid, rent assistance), Southside Community Care (housing support and referral), Kyabara Community Centre (housing support, financial counselling) Sherwood Housing Service, Wesley Mission Mental Health Services, and Watson State School Community Hub.

Free Meals program:

Starting in response to the first wave of Covid, our Free Food program is now a central part of our outreach efforts. Fred, our dedicated volunteer community cook, and his assistant Evan, come early most Friday mornings to plan and cook up to 40 healthy meals. These are individually packaged, ready to hand out to a diverse range of people that appreciate a healthy, free meal. Our customers include people who are homeless, families that are struggling financially, elderly people isolated in their homes, people with health issues and carers looking after grandchildren, neighbours or parents. How many meals



St David's Community BBQ Breakfast

The monthly Community BBQ Breakfast has become a much-anticipated activity for our regular visitors. We welcome familiar faces from around our neighbourhood on the last Friday of each month, to enjoy the opportunity to connect over a sausage and coffee! Friendships have blossomed between individuals who would normally struggle with social connections, and it is an inclusive, safe space for some of our more marginalised neighbours to drop in for a chat and something to eat. Many families from Coopers Plains State School and Coopers Plains Child Care Centre join us regularly. One family shared with us that they look forward to breakfast every month and their children know exactly when "Sausage Friday" is going to be on! While setting up and running the BBQ each month can be hard work, we see so many benefits and great outcomes.



Community Outreach

Community Challenges 2021—2022

Homelessness and housing crisis—In the last two years we have experienced an increase in homelessness, financial distress and people presenting for food parcels and meals at St David's Neighbourhood Centre and Village Ave Community Church. We have also struggled with a lack of local supports to provide people with the services needed to make a difference. In response, a conversation was started between St David's Neighbourhood Centre (SDNC), Village Avenue Community Church (VACC), and Rotary Club of Salisbury to ask the question "What can we do better to understand and assist vulnerable people in our community?" With the assistance of the Lord Mayors Better Suburbs Grant, a formal collaboration was created to investigate and develop a place-based approach to addressing homelessness and disadvantage. The "It Takes a Village" project aimed to provide:

1. Support to community members who were homeless and or experiencing hardship via a series of 'drop-in' events held at Village Avenue Community Centre including community lunches, visiting services, workshops to build capacity and activities to promote health/wellbeing.
2. An increased understanding of homelessness/disadvantage in our area, and the needs of participants.
3. A network of local services and organisations to continue this project beyond the funded period.

At the end of 6 months, a report was delivered by project officer Lynda Stephens, outlining our findings, current research and policy, and some recommendations moving forward. *"It Takes a Village: Developing a Community Response to Local Homelessness and Disadvantage"* made a strong recommendation for a community outreach worker to be employed to continue the work started by this project. We are very excited to continue this work in the coming year. To learn more about the outcomes of this project please refer to the report, available through St David's Neighbourhood Centre.



The Community Housing Forum brought together services to discuss challenges in our local area, and to discuss what support is available.

2022 Flood Response

In late February our neighbouring suburbs of Rocklea, Moorooka, Acacia Ridge and Archerfield were affected by an extreme flooding event resulting in houses, roads and infrastructure going under water. Closer to the Neighbourhood Centre, Orange Grove Rd was damaged by excess water and we saw a huge increase in traffic through our suburb as vehicles were redirected from closed roads. The Neighbourhood Centre was lucky to survive with just a few leaks and some water damage to the old Thrift Shop shed. However, some of our community members were not so lucky.

While emergency evacuation centres and recovery hubs were provided to assist those impacted, many people struggled to access these services for various reasons. Working with our Local, State and Federal government members, St David's Neighbourhood Centre was able to provide targeted assistance for identified families and individuals who needed a little extra support to access services and flood relief. This included providing home visits to people struggling with health issues, providing assistance to research and apply for the relevant emergency relief aid available, sourcing replacements for essential items damaged in the flood waters, such as a washing machine and laptop. We were also able to share updates and information on flood recovery assistance available via our newsletters, social media and face to face conversations. This assistance was provided on top of our normal work load and we are grateful for the acknowledgement from the QLD Government of the essential role that Neighbourhood Centre's fill in disaster response for communities.

STUDENT PLACEMENTS

Providing placement opportunities for domestic and international students is an important and valuable commitment for St David's Neighbourhood Centre. Throughout the year we welcome students who are studying Social Work, Human Services, Community Services, Aged Care, and Individual Support, to complete their placement hours with us to meet their course requirements. During placement they undertake projects, assist in service delivery, and participate in activities and events. This allows the students to put into practice what they have learnt in theory and develop personal and professional skills. Over the time of their placement, the students become valued members of our team and the relationships developed bring benefits to the students, staff, clients, and our community. During Covid-19 outbreaks we were unable to host students, but in the last 12 months we have accommodated an incredible 16 students at the Neighbourhood Centre!!

Student	Training Institution	Placement Dates	Qualification/Course
Lavenia Seru	Griffith University	Started 11/3/21 – 24/6/21	Community Internship
Naomi Iratwibuta	Sunnybank State High School/Strategix	Started 29/4/21- July 21	Yr 13 p- Cert 3 Individual Support
June (Mary Tenchavez)	Strategix	Started 16/8/21 – September 21	Cert 3 Individual Support
Kayleigha McDonald	Tafe QLD	Started 12/8/21 –18/11/21	Diploma of Community Services
Angel Fong	QUT	Started 12/7/21 – 18/11/21	Social Work Masters
Cherielyn Meredores	Strategix	27/9/21 – 28/10/21	Cert 3 Individual Support
Xin Zhang	Strategix	17/11/21 – 23/12/21	Cert 3 Individual Support
Theresa Joy	Griffith University	17/11/21 – 10/12/21	Community Internship
Paige Essery	QUT	15/2/22 – 7/22	1st placement BA Social Work
Esme Au	Tafe QLD	8/3/22 – June 22	Dip. of Community Services
Pujan Viramgama	QUT	28/3/22 – 6/6/22	1st Placement - Bachelor of Psychology
Evan Sweet	Strategix	25/3/22 – 11/5/22	Cert 3. Community Services
Lilli Purnell Fornua	Strategix	28/5/22 – To be completed	Cert 3. Community Services
Sahal Noor	Strategix	6/6/22 – 24/6/22	Cert 3. Community Services



"My time on placement has provided me with an opportunity to learn, develop and deepen my critical social work and micro-skills. Doing so has enabled me to draw on knowledge which has aided in informing my decisions and deepening the interactions



I have with individuals. "
Paige

PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHT—SALISBURY ROTARY CLUB

Rotary Club of Salisbury has an important role in supporting our local community. Through their dedicated volunteers (and Friends of Rotary), they partner with businesses, services, and community organisations to identify and address the needs of our community by providing volunteer workers, donations and fundraising, and securing sponsorships. One special local project was to distribute 1,200 coffee gift vouchers to say thanks to our local frontline COVID workers. The partnership between St David's Neighbourhood Centre and Salisbury Rotary Club has a long history. For over 10 years they have supported our mission by providing volunteers for Sausage Sizzles at Autumn Fest and other events, cooking the BBQ and sharing time with our community at our monthly Blokes and Banter BBQ, and generally supporting and promoting the work of the Neighbourhood Centre.

In 2021, members of the Salisbury Rotary Club became concerned for a local community member who was sleeping rough in the carpark of their club. They wanted to be able to do more to assist local people in need and approached St David's Neighbourhood Centre and Village Avenue Community Church, to discuss what could be done. This collaboration was the beginning of the "It Takes a Village – Developing a Community Response to Local Homelessness" project.

Members of Salisbury Rotary, including then president Doug Kelly and Alan Charles, worked along side St David's Neighbourhood Centre to develop a proposal and apply for funding for the project. They also provided a plan for fundraising and sponsorship support, which would assist the ongoing sustainability of the project. Rotary Club of Salisbury members attended the Community Hub lunches and actively sought donations to go towards the establishment of a Special Assistance Fund which would provide financial support for community members needing urgent help. Rotary Club of Salisbury's commitment of resources and ongoing support for this project has made a positive impact on our ability to meet the ongoing needs of homeless and disadvantaged people in our community. As the pressure of housing shortages and skyrocketing costs of living continue to impact our most vulnerable community members, we look forward to continuing this essential work the Rotary Club of Salisbury.

Fundraising Bunnings BBQ hosted by Salisbury Rotary and St David's Neighbourhood Centre



Cooking up a storm at the Thrift Shop Grand Opening!

Members attending the final It Takes a Village Community Hub event.



PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS

St David's Neighbourhood Centre acknowledge and thanks the funders, sponsors and supporters who have been a part of our community in 2021/2022



Australian Government

Department of Health and Aged Care



Queensland Government

Funding and Grants received from:

Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care

Harmony Club clients aged 65 and over

Queensland Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economies –

Neighbourhood Centre Funding (Social programs and Stay N Play)

St David's Neighbourhood Centre Thrift Shop

Brisbane City Council

Seniors Celebration Donation 2021

Lord Mayor Better Suburbs Grant (Community)

Lord Mayor Suburban Initiative Fund

Sunnybank Community Sports Club



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Cr Steve Griffiths (Moorooka Ward)

Graham Perrett MP (Federal Member for Moreton)

Peter Russo MP (State Member for Toohey)

Foxinsox

Village Avenue Community Church

Brisbane City Council – GOLD Program



Rotary
Club of Salisbury



Peter Russo MP
State Member for Toohey



Graham Perrett MP
FIGHTING FOR THE SOUTHSIDE

TREASURERS REPORT

St David's Neighbourhood Centre

Treasurers Report Financial Year Ending 30 June 2022

The Financial Year ending 30 June 2022 saw the end of the government financial support provided over the previous two financial years in response to COVID. From a financial perspective, this meant a return to more normal, unsupported operations for the Centre. Of course, COVID has not gone away but we adjust to operating in an environment where it is present and remains a significant risk to our clients, staff, and the Centre.

Our Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ending 30 June 2022 show a Surplus for the year of \$26,456. A very commendable result as we return to more normalised operations. Of course, the Surplus is significantly less than the \$77,736 of the previous financial year but remembering we received a total of \$112,424 in support funding the previous financial year. Our income from operations for this financial year was up some 12.5%, reflecting significant increases in income from Fee for Service and NDIS clients. This trend reflects our ability to adapt to changes in our sector and how services are being provided and delivered. Our Other Income, excluding COVID financial support, also rose for the year.

Our expenses rose by some 4.7% for the year. This reflects varying patterns in our detailed expenditure which continues to be impacted by the presence of COVID on our operations. We experienced a significant increase of some 15% in our workforce expenses over the previous year.

We managed to fund, with help from generous supporters, the relocation of the Thrift Shop during this financial year. Despite an extended closure, the Thrift Shop is now operating in a fresh new location providing a service and a sense of community as well as income to the Centre.

As always, a very heartfelt thanks to our granting bodies, the Commonwealth, the Queensland Government, our generous donors and our stakeholders for their ongoing contributions and support to the Centre. All of these stakeholders have maintained their support during these challenging times, recognising that our delivery modes would need to vary in response COVID impacts. Thank you all!

Our surplus contributed to a strengthening of our Balance Sheet with an increase of 3.4% in Accumulated Funds. Our Current Ratio as at 30 June 2022 was 2.35, a very slight decline from the 2.4 of the previous year, but still at a very healthy level. The Centre reinvested the annual interest from its term deposit and the term deposit now sits at a total of \$454,202. The Committee is confident the Centre is in a position to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

We continue to maintain a strong financial position, despite these challenging times, and are confident in our ongoing financial sustainability. This strong financial position allows us to continue to support the Centre, its Mission, and the Community.

Thank you to our new Auditor this year, David Hartmann from Harwil Auditors Pty Ltd. As always, a big thank you also to our accountant Vinay Prakash of xcel8 for his efforts and ongoing commitment to the Centre and its work. Vinay works with us to navigate constant changes to the financial aspects of our sector.

And a huge thank you to our Manager, Kellie Griffiths, as well as our wonderfully dedicated and talented staff and volunteers for their great work and unwavering support. We continue to experience an extremely challenging environment requiring lots of flexibility, ingenuity and commitment to the Centre and its Mission. Your efforts are so much appreciated and remain at the core of the Centre and its engagement with our community! Thank you!

Bruce Moffat

Treasurer

St David's Uniting Church Neighbourhood Centre
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St David's Uniting Church Neighbourhood Centre
Trading, Profit and Loss Statement
For the Year ended 30 June 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Income		
Donations Received	15,996	4,489
Fee for Service Income	35,465	28,052
Fee for Service Income - NDIS	160,193	138,507
Fees Received	25,192	30,827
Fundraising and Events	6,512	11,401
Grants Income - Department of Communities	126,502	124,634
Grant Income - HACC Bldg - 20years	7,891	7,891
Grants Income - Uniting Care	325,089	321,775
Other Grants Income - Non-Recurrent	60,004	7,972
Hall Hire	13,149	11,216
Lenord Watson Trust	3,775	-
Thrift Shop Income	21,575	25,665
	<u>801,343</u>	<u>712,429</u>
	801,343	712,429
Less Expenditure		
Assets Under Threshold	1,417	35,446
Advertising	60	-
Auditor's Remuneration	4,500	4,500
Bank Charges	481	401
Bus, Fuel, Maintenance & Registration	8,194	5,873
Cleaning and Consumables	9,067	9,047
Computer Software and Repairs	6,651	14,639
Depreciation	24,142	32,450
Electricity	6,572	6,265
Finance Management Expenses	14,500	12,000
Fundraising Expenses	4,146	4,973
Guests and Entertainers	1,350	2,175
Insurance	2,287	2,027
Marketing	-	3,854
Meals and Catering	18,325	16,647
Merchant Fees	969	1,005
OHS	508	-
Pest Control	705	430
Postage, Printing and Stationery	3,405	4,483
Program Resources	4,808	-
Project Expenses	11,229	-
Rent	34,506	33,714
Repairs & Maintenance	5,826	7,452
Resources	-	11,278
Staff Training & Recruitment	2,824	1,651
Subscriptions	3,111	1,915
Telephone	8,511	8,391
Thrift Shop Expenses	1,300	-
Travelling Expenses	11	-
Volunteers Lunch	322	-
Vehicle Expenses	1,414	3,517
Wages and Salaries		
Assistants	241,235	208,255
Coordinators	191,843	157,955
Management	103,933	98,591
Annual Leave	2,979	2,475

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

St David's Uniting Church Neighbourhood Centre
Trading, Profit and Loss Statement
For the Year ended 30 June 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Long Service Leave	3,471	7,352
Superannuation	52,192	43,245
Water Consumption and Trade Waste	831	1,962
Workcover	6,141	4,896
Total Expenditure	783,766	748,864
Plus Other Income		
ATO - Cashflow Boost	-	28,424
ATO - Jobkeeper	-	84,000
Interest Received	4,429	470
Sundry Income	4,450	1,277
	8,879	114,171
Surplus for the Year	26,456	77,736

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

St David's Uniting Church Neighbourhood Centre
Balance Sheet
As at 30 June 2022

	<i>Note</i>	2022 \$	2021 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2	933,420	871,453
Trade and Other Receivables	3	14,588	25,042
Total Current Assets		948,008	896,495
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	4	351,292	347,265
Total Assets		1,299,300	1,243,760
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	5	40,293	27,133
Short-Term Financial Liabilities	6	333,282	308,794
Provisions	7	29,942	35,419
Total Current Liabilities		403,517	371,346
Non-Current Liabilities			
Long-Term Financial Liabilities	6	63,131	71,023
Provisions	7	31,269	26,462
Total Non-Current Liabilities		94,400	97,485
Total Liabilities		497,917	468,831
Net Assets		801,383	774,929
Equity			
Retained Earnings	8	801,383	774,929
Total Equity		801,383	774,929

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

St David's Uniting Church Neighbourhood Centre
Statement of Cash Flows for the Year ended 30th June 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Receipts from Operations (net of GST)	801,343	712,429
Payments to Suppliers (net of GST)	(188,115)	(166,094)
Payments to Employees	(595,653)	(517,873)
Other Income	8,879	114,171
Movements in Working Capital	39,540	68,422
Net Cash Provided by (Used In) Operating Activities	65,994	211,055
Movement in Property, Plant and Equipment	(4027)	(32,450)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents Held	61,967	178,605
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	871,453	692,848
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	933,420	871,453
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The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

St David's Uniting Church Neighbourhood Centre Committee's Report

Your committee members submit the financial report of the St David's Uniting Church Neighbourhood Centre, for the year ended 30 Jun 2022.

Committee Members

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Anne Brand (Chair)

Andrew Demack (Deputy Chair)

Bruce Moffat (Treasurer)

Lenore Gibson (Secretary)

Robyn Solomon (Board Member)

Pamela Weymouth (Board Member)

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were:

The Centre is a place where people can find the opportunity to meet their community, family and personal needs in a friendly and supportive environment. The Centre is committed to empowering people to reach their full potential through friendship, education, social action and community building.

Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating Result

The Surplus after providing for income tax for the year ended 30 June 2022 amounted to \$26,456.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.

Chair

Treasurer

Dated: 20 SEPTEMBER 2022

St David's Uniting Church Neighbourhood Centre


Statement by Members of the Committee

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in the Notes to the Financial Statements.

In the opinion of the committee the accompanying financial statements:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of St David's Uniting Church Neighbourhood Centre as at 30 June 2022 and its performance for the Year then ended.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that St David's Uniting Church Neighbourhood Centre will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:


Chair


Treasurer

Dated: 20 SEPTEMBER 2022

St David's Uniting Church Neighbourhood Centre Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of St David's Uniting Church Neighbourhood Centre

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of St David's Uniting Church Neighbourhood Centre (the Association), which comprises the Committee's Report, the Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2022, the Trading, Profit and Loss Statement, Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Statement by Members of the Committee.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Committee of St David's Uniting Church Neighbourhood Centre is responsible for the preparation of the financial report, and has determined that the basis of preparation described in the Notes to the Financial Statements is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Australian Not-for-Profits Commission and is appropriate to meet the needs of the Members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error.

In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Association's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view, 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 association's internal control.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of St David's Uniting Church Neighbourhood Centre presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of St David's Uniting Church Neighbourhood Centre as at 30 June 2022 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in the Notes to the Financial Statements, and the Australian Not-for-Profits Commission guidelines..

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to the Notes to the Financial Statements, which describe the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist St David's Uniting Church Neighbourhood Centre to meet the reporting requirements to the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission.. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

**St David's Uniting Church Neighbourhood Centre
Independent Auditor's Report
to the Members of
St David's Uniting Church Neighbourhood Centre**



Signed by:

David Hartmann FCA

Harwil Auditors Pty Ltd

Dated this 21st day of September 2022

**Auditor's Independence Declaration
Under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001**

To the Members of St David's Uniting Church Neighbourhood Centre

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit of St David's Uniting Church Neighbourhood Centre for the year ended 30 June 2022 there have been:

- (a) No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- (b) No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



David Hartmann FCA

Harwil Auditors Pty Ltd

Dated this 20th day of September, 2022

St David's Uniting Church Neighbourhood Centre
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year ended 30 June 2022

1 Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of the financial statements.

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. The accounting policies that have been adopted in the preparation of the statements are as follows:

(a) Revenue and Other Income

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised at the point of delivery as this corresponds to the transfer of significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods and the cessation of all involvement in those goods.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Revenue from the provision of membership subscriptions is recognised on a straight line basis over the reporting period.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(b) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

(c) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Provisions are measured using the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

(d) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

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(e) Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are carried at cost, independent or management valuation. All assets, excluding freehold land and buildings held for investment, are depreciated over their useful lives.

The depreciation method and useful life used for items of property, plant and equipment (excluding freehold land) reflects the pattern in which their future economic benefits are expected to be consumed by St David's Uniting Church Neighbourhood Centre. Depreciation commences from the time the asset is held ready for use. Any leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The useful lives used for each class of depreciable asset are considered to fall within standard parameters. Standard rates of depreciation have been used for each class of asset.

The carrying value of plant and equipment is reviewed annually to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the asset's employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have not been discounted in determining recoverable amounts.

(f) Trade and Other Receivables

Trade receivables are recognised initially at the transaction price (i.e. cost) and are subsequently measured at cost less provision for impairment.

At the end of each reporting period, the carrying value of trade and other receivables are reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence that the amounts are not recoverable. If so, an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the financial statements.

(g) Leases

Leases of fixed assets, where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset (but not the legal ownership) are transferred to the association, are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised by recognising an asset and a liability at the lower of the amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property or the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the reporting period.

Leased assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives where it is likely that the association will obtain ownership of the asset or over the term of the lease.

(h) Trade and Other Payables

Trade payables are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms and do not bear interest. They are recognised at their transaction price.

(i) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

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	2022 \$	2021 \$
2 Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Harmony and Other Floats	580	580
Bendigo Bank - Cheque Acc	273,098	239,035
Bendigo Bank - MV Account	-	157,882
LSL Account	22,690	22,678
Capital Holding	181,972	-
Paypal Account	878	1,278
Term Deposit	454,202	450,000
	933,420	871,453
3 Trade and Other Receivables		
Current		
Trade Debtors	13,588	25,042
Other Debtors	1,000	-
	14,588	25,042

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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4	Property, Plant and Equipment	2022	2021
		\$	\$
	Centre Refurbishment	442,667	414,498
	Less Accumulated Depreciation & Impairment	(103,702)	(93,718)
		<u>338,965</u>	<u>320,780</u>
	Total Land and Buildings	<u>338,965</u>	<u>320,780</u>
	Property, Plant and Equipment	119,592	119,592
	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(107,265)	(93,107)
		<u>12,327</u>	<u>26,485</u>
	Total Plant and Equipment	<u>12,327</u>	<u>26,485</u>
	Total Property, Plant and Equipment	<u>351,292</u>	<u>347,265</u>
5	Trade and Other Payables	2022	2021
		\$	\$
	Current		
	Trade Creditors and Accruals	30,787	9,811
	Bendigo Credit Cards	1,513	-
	Provision for GST	7,993	17,322
		<u>40,293</u>	<u>27,133</u>
	Total Trade and Other Payables	<u>40,293</u>	<u>27,133</u>
6	Financial Liabilities	2022	2021
		\$	\$
	Current		
	HACC Building Grant (20 years)	7,891	7,891
	Connecting International Students	1,353	1,353
	Deferred BCC Lord Mayors Precinct Promotion	8,906	8,906
	Deferred Acacia Ridge Financial Services	-	2,727
	Deferred Uniting care	315,132	287,917
	Total Current	<u>333,282</u>	<u>308,794</u>
	Non-current		
	HACC Building Grant (20years)	63,135	71,026
	Total Non-current	<u>63,135</u>	<u>71,026</u>
	Total Financial Liabilities	<u>396,417</u>	<u>379,820</u>

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7	Provisions	2022	2021
		\$	\$
	Current		
	Provision for Annual Leave	29,942	26,703
	Provision for Long Service Leave	-	8,716
		<u>29,942</u>	<u>35,419</u>
	Non-Current		
	Provision for Long Service Leave	31,269	26,462
		<u>31,269</u>	<u>26,462</u>
	Total Provisions	<u>61,211</u>	<u>61,881</u>
8	Retained Earnings / Accumulated Losses	2022	2021
		\$	\$
	Retained Earnings at Beginning of Financial Year	774,927	697,193
	Add		
	Net surplus attributable to members	26,456	77,736
	Retained Earnings at 30 June 2022	<u>801,383</u>	<u>774,929</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.