



ST DAVID'S NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

ANNUAL REPORT

2022 - 2023





St David's Neighbourhood Centre acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands upon which we live and work, the Turrbal and Jagera peoples. We pay our respects to their Elders — past, present and emerging — for they hold the memories, traditions, culture and hopes of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples across our community.

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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 2023

Our Neighbourhood Centre continues to grow and expand with new staff and services. Services to our local community are much more in demand, as I am sure that we would agree with in our current climate of many challenges for many people.

Through the hard work of Manager, Kellie, the Centre has and continues to receive excellent publicity and therefore has become well known to the community. Kellie has also developed excellent communication and support from the three levels of government. Staff have worked on weekends and after hours to join with other community organisations which increases our visibility and effectiveness.

The Neighbourhood Centre Mission Statement is that the Centre is committed to empowering people to reach their full potential through friendship, education, social action and community building. This is continually met through all programs not only for clients but also for volunteers and staff.

I am aware that our Neighbourhood Centre is truly accepting of many people from various backgrounds. Our staff and volunteers offer genuine Christian, caring, love and friendship to many people. People do find hope, trust and a sense of belonging. It may only be a friendly smile and or a listening ear.

I would recognise retiring Board Treasurer, Bruce and retiring Secretary Lenore. They have shared so much knowledge and support over many years. On behalf of all Board members I thank them sincerely for their many years of support.

I am very grateful to our new Board members who again bring knowledge and support to the Board decisions. Welcome to Georgina, Janet, Jamie, Smriti and Myles.

I would also recognise and thank Rev Dr Debra Tedman. Debra became Minister to St David's Uniting Church, Coopers Plains in May this year. She has many skills with her varied background experience. Debra is very supportive of the Neighbourhood Centre, including clients and staff.

I would recognise and thank continuing members of the Board, Deputy Chair Andrew Demack, Robyn Solomon, and Pamela Weymouth, I will continue as Board Chair.

On behalf of all Board members, I would recognise the sincere commitment of our Manager, Kellie as she leads our team with loyal, dedicated staff and volunteers

Anne Brand OAM

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

2022/2023 BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

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



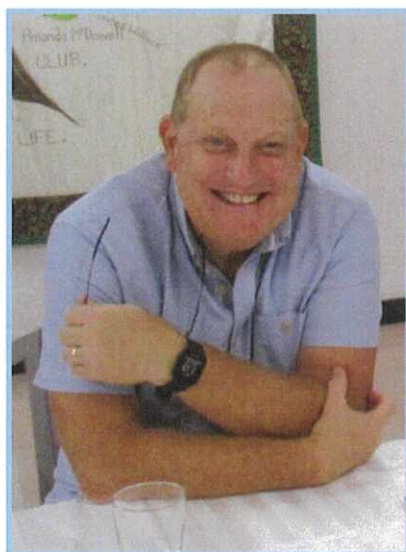
Anne and Robyn



Lenore



Bruce



Andrew



Pam

CENTRE STAFF

2022—2023 Staff

Centre Manager	Kellie
Neighbourhood Centre Coordinator	Karen
Stay n Play Coordinator.....	Melanie
Community Outreach Worker.....	Kat
Thrift Shop Coordinator	Tanja
Harmony Club Coordinator	Sue
Support Worker	Kerry
Support Worker	Gina
Support Worker	Kerrie
Support Worker	Ambele
Catering and Kitchen Officer.....	Fiona
Administration Officer.....	Sam

Staff Farewelled in 2022

Support Worker	Yvette
Administration/Activities Coordinator	Dawn
Food Services Supervisor	Katrina
Casual Relief Food Services Supervisor	Bailey



Kellie



Melanie



Sue



Karen



Sam



Kat



Tanja



Fiona



Kerrie and Ambele



Kerry and Gina

CENTRE MANAGERS REPORT

As a long-standing core social infrastructure, St David's Neighbourhood Centre is proud of the impact we have had on the wellbeing and quality of life for those our local community. This year's Annual Report shares our stories and of those who we connect, support, and engage with, and the outcomes we have all achieved.

In June 2022 the State Government announced as part of the 2022/23 budget, Neighbourhood Centres would receive additional uplift funding. The State Government had also commenced on changing reporting requirements in line with the core work of Neighbourhood Centres and longer contracts would be offered. We are 12 months on from these announcements and are experiencing positive changes through this investment.

The uplift funding enabled us to employ two new staff members, Tania as the Thrift Shop Coordinator and Kat as Outreach worker. Not only the organisation benefited but so has our community. The increase in income from the Thrift Shop helps to support the organisations activities, but it is the increase connection and support for the volunteers and customers provided by a dedicated staff member that has a bigger impact. The role of Outreach Worker has increased the number of people we have assisted. But it has also meant a better way to support them, one that is person-centred by being able to take time to truly connect to find out their need and use innovative ways to support them.

The last 12 months has not been without its challenges. The continuing impact of COVID-19, difficulty in finding suitable staff and increases in cost of living all have provided additional pressures. While there is more certainty around funding from the State Government, reforms taking place in the aged care sector will have an impact in the future. The uncertainty of these reforms, changes to the Aged Care Act and regulations makes it difficult to plan and prepare. What we can do is keep ourselves informed and make decisions on what is known. St David's Neighbourhood Centre has a history of adapting to change and I feel with clear leadership and direction, the organisation will continue to be a viable and relevant.

During the 2022/23 financial year we experienced some significant staff changes with the resignation and retirement of three long standing staff members. Between Katrina, Yvette, and Dawn they had clocked up close to 34 years of service to St David's Neighbourhood Centre. They all have contributed to the success and growth of the organisation, are missed and we thank them for their work and the contributions they have made.

A remarkable group of people chose to work at St David's Neighbourhood Centre. Each staff member brings their own unique set of skills and this year we undertook a staff development project. With external facilitation provided by Chris from A Single Step, we worked on communication, team building and developing a purpose statement that expresses the compassion each staff member provides. I extend a heartfelt thank you to Karen, Melanie, Sam, Tania, Kat, Sue, Kerry, Gina, Kerrie, Ambele and Fiona for your dedication and the care you provide to those in our community.

We could not have achieved what we have done without the committed team of volunteers who join us each day. Volunteers come from diverse backgrounds bringing many different skills and joy. Thank you to each volunteer who chooses St David's Neighbourhood Centre to give their time to.

I express my sincere appreciation for the guidance and support provided by the Board of Management. St David's Neighbourhood Centre is the mission of St David's Uniting Church. I feel honoured to be employed to lead this mission and thank them for the faith, trust, and belief they have shown in myself and the team.

Kellie Griffiths





St David's Neighbourhood Centre

Provided \$596,578 in community value in 2023

This community value equates to \$2.31 for every \$1 of Queensland Government Neighbourhood Centre funding or \$477.26 for every 1 hour the Neighbourhood Centre was in use.

This includes the value of:



Improved quality of life through social connection

\$237,684



Volunteer contributions

\$258,232



Emergency relief provided

\$15,626



Services provided

\$85,036



Emergency relief value includes:

Food and groceries	\$10,346
Public transport cards	\$480
Clothing and Personal Care	\$4,800



Services value includes:

Internet usage	\$144
Facilities use or hire	\$28,512
Resume assistance	\$1,080
Social enterprise and fee for <u>services</u>	\$44,620
Community lunch, frozen, other meals	\$10,680



Employment

In 2023 St David's Neighbourhood Centre provided 10.1 full time equivalent positions including 9.2 direct and 0.9 indirect positions.

These values are produced by Neighbourhood Centres Queensland based on data provided by St David's Neighbourhood Centre in the 2023 Neighbourhood Centre Survey. Only a limited range of activities where a determinable valuation method exists are included. Data was collected from the Second Quarter of 2023.

HIGHLIGHTS

JULY 2022

Naidoc Week colouring competition was organised by Stay N Play to celebrate our First Nations neighbours and community members! Thank you to Robyn for judging and congratulations to Runa for the winning entry!

AUGUST 2022

Brisbane Festival – Community Dance Workshops

St David's Neighbourhood Centre was once again chosen to partner with Brisbane Festival to provide a community focussed dance program. We were very lucky to have performing artist Yenenesh Nigusi provide dance workshops in the church hall throughout August. The workshops attracted a diverse range of participants, and curious visitors keen to 'take a look'. The group learned a afro-fusion inspired dance routine to perform during the Brisbane Festival.



SEPTEMBER 2022

Brisbane Festival – Dance Halls Performance— Participants from the community dance workshops were excited to perform in the Brisbane Festival Dance Halls Concert at Sunnybank Performing Arts Centre. On the evening St David's Neighbourhood Centre was given a big shoutout by the host, and the performers were all very proud of what they achieved.

Community Volunteer Forum - The *Attracting and Working with Volunteers Forum* was organised and presented by Narelle, The Community and Care Army Connect Worker based at St David's Neighbourhood Centre, and Karen Marks from New Farm Community Centre. It provided an opportunity for local services, organisations and groups to connect with each other to discuss the challenges of engaging and retaining volunteers. Representatives included QE2 Hospital Volunteer Services, Salisbury Rotary, Holland Park State Highschool P&C, and New Farm Neighbourhood Centre.

OCTOBER

Aphasia Choir Concert and Fundraiser—The Aphasia Choir concert was a lovely collaboration with the Sing to Beat Aphasia Choir and St David's Uniting Church Choir. The event was well attended and there were many comments about what a amazing experience it was. The Aphasia Choir was very excited to perform, to share awareness of what Aphasia is, and to raise some funds. The morning tea was generously organised by the St David's Choir. Approximately 60 people attended.



Moreton Volunteer Awards—We were very proud to have five volunteers receive Moreton Volunteer Awards in October. Sue (Thrift Shop), Kigan (Harmony Club and Gardens), Leah (Administration), Jack and Elizabeth (Stay n Play and Thrift Shop) were nominated in 2021 for their contributions to St David's Neighbourhood Centre. The awards ceremony was postponed to 2022, due to Covid and an election, but finally the day arrived. Graham Perret MP very kindly visited the Neighbourhood Centre to present Jack and Elizabeth their awards as they were unable to attend the award ceremony on the Saturday.

HIGHLIGHTS

Annual Community Celebration and Public Meeting—Our Annual Community Celebration was held on Saturday 29 October in St David's Uniting Church. It was a beautiful morning and we were thrilled to welcome community members that haven't attended one of our Public Meetings before. We welcomed Peter Russo MP and Grahame Perret MP who both dropped in between commitments. It was lovely to share the highlights of 2021-2022



November

Painting for Pleasure Exhibition -The Painting for Pleasure Annual Exhibition was a very successful weekend. 42 people attended the opening, and approximately 150 people visited over the weekend. We were grateful to our sponsors who included Australian Active Artists, Connectors Plumbing, Mark Ward Real estate and Bendigo Bank Acacia Ridge. Over the weekend \$4689.50 was raised, including registration fees, raffle sales, painting sales and sponsorship.



Thrift Shop Coordinator and Community Outreach Worker join the team

In November we were very excited to welcome Tania to the role of Thrift Shop Coordinator! Tania has been known to St David's Neighbourhood Centre for a number of years through her work in the community and as a stall holder at Autumn Fest. In December, we welcomed Kat into the Outreach Worker role. Kat brought her wonderful knowledge and skills in the Human Services sector and a warm and caring approach.

December

International Volunteers Day Lunch

Narelle, in her Volunteering QLD role, hosted an International Volunteers Day lunch for the Neighbourhood Centre. The event was catered for through the funding from the Neighbourhood Centre and Care Army Connect project and was well attended.



Thrift Shop Christmas Sale – Thriftmas

Tania jumped into her new role as Thrift Shop Coordinator and organised a Thriftmas Sale. The sale was held on a Thursday from 9.00am to 7.00pm, and included fill-a-bag, and lots of clearance boxes. Everything was 50% off and we were able to clear excess stock. We received lots of positive feedback and raised \$768.90 for the day.

Community Christmas Event

The Community Christmas Celebration is always a great way to end the year. We were joined by a lovely mix of people across all our programs, and there were several new faces from the community. Guests received a homemade fruit cake (kindly baked by Sue) and had fun with the lucky door prize draw.



HIGHLIGHTS

February 2023

Moreton Volunteer Awards—6 volunteers from St David's Neighbourhood Centre were nominated to receive an award at the 2023 Moreton Volunteer Awards. Ally and Gieng from Stay N Play, Cathy from Harmony Club, and Irene, Carol and Nell from the Thrift Shop were all acknowledged for their generous contributions.



March 2023

Scams and Online Safety Forum—Emily Gould from Uniting Care Seniors Enquiry Line and Scams Awareness Project hosted a Scams and Online Safety Forum for community members and Harmony Club participants. The group enjoyed a lively discussion and asked lots of questions.

Coopers Plains State School – Community BBQ—Coopers Plains State School hosted a community event to welcome students and parents back to school for 2023. Kellie and Karen hosted a Neighbourhood Centre information stall and children's activities, which were very popular!



Neighbour Day Community BBQ Breakfast—To celebrate Neighbour Day, we hosted the Very Neighbourly BBQ Breakfast. 67 people attended which was a great turn out! To mark the occasion, we also opened up the Thrift Shop early, which was very popular. It was lovely to see some new faces from around the community attend.

Harmony Day Morning Tea—A morning tea in the social group room to celebrate Harmony Day. Participants were from very diverse walks of life and it was a great success as participants enjoyed learning more about each other and sharing a laugh while enjoying morning tea and craft.



April 2023

Boardgames and Pizza Youth Event— We hosted a Boardgames and Pizza event in the Garden Room for young people and their families as a school holiday activity. The morning was well attended by 16 participants, with children ranging from 5 years to 17 years.

May 2023

Autumn Fest—Autumn Fest was blessed with lovely weather, and attracted over 350 visitors and a great selection of stall holders. Sponsors included Mollers Mechanical, Smith & Li Realestate, and Flexicare. Funding was provided by Cr Steve Griffiths through the BCC Mayors Suburban Initiative, and from Peter Russo MP who kindly paid for our Reptile Display. Visitors loved the relaxed and community focussed atmosphere. Income from the day was \$4435.35 before expenses.



June

Dawn's Farewell Morning Tea— Dawn has been involved with St David's Neighbourhood Centre for more years than she cares to count! First as a mum in playgroup and then a staff member for 16 years. It was lovely to welcome past staff, clients and community members who joined us all to thank Dawn and wish her well in retirement.



HARMONY CLUB

Harmony Club provides aged care and disability services to the community by offering social support and centre-based activities. The 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. A person-centred approach is taken in designing the activities and each individual 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 by qualified staff to help them maintain independence through the provision of information and connection to other services through facilitated referrals.

The Harmony Club provides benefit for our community by providing a safe and welcoming space. Participants enjoy the companionship of each other, and often form friendships that extend beyond their attendance at the centre. The program provides a sense of purpose for many and supports the wellbeing of participants through reduced isolation, access to nutritious meals, assistance to connect with other services and healthy activities such as chair yoga, and activities that support memory and cognition. We are now providing more bus trips and this helps with socialization for clients, and clients are offered more variety and choice, such as helping to choose meals for our menu planning. Clients input in the activities that they are wanting to participate is always welcomed.

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. This dedicated team includes Sue, the Harmony Club Coordinator, four support workers, Kerry, Gina, Ambele and Kerrie, and a food services worker, Fiona. The Harmony Club program is also supported by a dedicated team of volunteers and placement students throughout the year. Much of what is achieved would not be possible without their involvement. Thank you to our volunteers and the dedication given to Harmony over the past year.



I have been volunteering with Harmony club for 1 ½ years, in the time I have enjoyed my time interacting with the clients, staff and meeting new people. The staff are dedicated to the care of the clients and volunteers.

Cathy B

HARMONY CLUB

Highlights this year included:

- The delicious meals cooked on site and daily Menus.
- Piano with Pam and Jen weekly
- Opening Fridays since May
- Monday cooking classes
- Craft creating and drawing.
- Concerts by Ray and Terry
- Monthly BBQs
- Bus trips to RSPCA, Memory Lounge, Coopers Plains library, Daisy Hill Koala Centre, Karawatha Forest, Mt Gravatt lookout, Yalta Pies, Richlands Hotel, Wynnum beach Fish and chips in the park.
- December 2022 concluded the year with our centre Christmas Party which was well attended and enjoyed by all, and clients attended a Christmas concert, and bus lights tour.



Here is what others had to say about Harmony Club: Clients and Carers

"The Harmony Club has been a saviour to Jill since being referred by her support coordinator. Jill loves attending the sessions, right from the moment Gina picks her up to the end of the day. She enjoys the dancing, road trips and lots of fruit. She goes to the centre with a spring in her step."

For me, this gives peace of mind knowing she is safe, cared for and doing lots of fun activities. Jill's condition is a real challenge for her, and the service supports and encourages her despite the difficulties that having early onset dementia brings to all. Sue, Gina and all the staff are amazing and so supportive to me. I can't thank them enough."

Mike



Here is what Staff had to say about Harmony Club:

Working at St Davids Neighbour centre for me has been rewarding and supportive it has also given me independence to achieve missions in life today. I would like to thank St Davids for taking a chance on me, for the job I love so much.

Gina

In Harmony club I feel like I'm making a positive impact on our client's journey. It is enjoyable working with a friendly team, and I have made many friends and have lots of laughs while at work. St Davids has allowed me to live an independent life.

Kerry

I started working at St Davids in February 2023 and my time working at St Davids as a support worker in Harmony room has been enjoyable experience. I have enjoyed getting to know and interacting with the clients. Working alongside of wonderful support workers and feeling very supported and valued by our Harmony Coordinator has been a welcoming environment to work in.

Kerrie



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 weekday 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. Themed weekly events, Baby Animal Day, Easter Egg & Spoon race, our Christmas Break UP Party & continued collaboration with *Wesley Mission* on Monday's. Our high school work experience student 'Caitlin'. Welcoming new families and building strong connections with our registered families. It is always a joy to watch the children grow & develop with their language and social skills.

We've created a safe space where families can spend quality time with their children. Supporting with 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, safe space for families to connect and for children to learn through play. Empowering families to reach their full potential through positive parenting. Social interactions, developing friendships, concerns with reaching milestones, easing transitions both for childcare or school. All of which are important during early childhood in a relaxed, friendly, inclusive, and non-judgemental, supportive environment.



STAY N PLAY

"I've been volunteering with Stay 'N' Play for 6 years. I come in once a week on a Thursday, to spend my morning having fun with the kids. With a continuous list of activities per week, from book week, science week, to Easter egg hunts to add more fun to the playgroup environment. I love watching the children learning more and more to engage with the world around them, stopping whatever activity they were doing to watch a ladybug crawl over a rock. I love to see the parents engaging with the kids but also giving them the space to explore on their own. It's a very rewarding way to spend a morning." ~ **Ally**

"The chance of meeting more children and families from different backgrounds is a true gift to me. I learned from carers about their children's hobby and character. Accordingly, I provide care and encouragement to kids in different ways. I am glad to see children improve their social skills while playing and studying together in our playgroup. For the beginning few weeks, because don't want to go home, every time when the time due to pack up, a 2-year-old boy always cries seriously, and at that stage, he stuck to his mum all the time. He joined us about 2 months ago and now he has changed dramatically. He now can play with other kids independently; he is singing his Go! Go! Dino songs while playing and he likes to show me his dinosaurs and stunning motor vehicles. He will wave his little hand and give me a big hug when saying goodbye. This example I use to tell myself that every little one is full of potential, and they are the future of our world." ~ **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 and to hang around the room as decorations. I love seeing their cute smiles, this makes me happy. My best days at playgroup are when we have babies attend." ~ **Gieng**

"Lower prices with enriched programs to offer is our policy for facing the challenges of market change in a recent poor post covid economic situation. I was proud to tell families that come to our centre that regardless today almost everything is growing in price, to encourage more families to join us, we cut at least 50% off our price, and on top of existing activities, we are offering them themed focused programs weekly, this is the purpose of nurturing children's good learning and behaviours. I am glad to see children and their carers gathering with great interest either to see volcanic eruptions, colour making or sitting quietly listening to Melanie's story reading." ~ **Jack**

"I like helping in Stay n Play with the children and chatting with the parents. I also like being with and helping Melanie, working with Melanie as my coordinator and my playgroup manager." ~ **Noela**

"My name is Leanne Hutton. I have recently begun to attend the Stay n Play group at St. David's Neighbourhood Centre. I attend St. Davids Uniting Church and have therefore known about the great work of the Neighbourhood Centre, but I have had little reason to be involved. Now that I babysit my grandchildren 3 days a week, I have started to bring them to the Stay n Play group. I have been very impressed with the organization, structure, and leadership of the group. The Volunteers are well trained and clear in understanding their expected roles. The toys available for play are of good quality and maintained well. The Stay n Play room is beautifully decorated, clean and has all the required safety needs to keep the children safe. Melania, the leader of the group is a delight and leads with passion and commitment to the groups. Her care for the children in the groups is obvious. Her commitment to appropriate policies and procedures is clear and necessary. I have been particularly impressed with her acknowledgement of social community days like RU OK day and others. This creates a sense of community within the carers that attend the groups and promotes an opportunity for discussion. In that way the group becomes a supportive arm of the Neighbourhood Centre and if needed appropriate help can be acquired. The work that goes into organizing days like Superhero Day, Book week and the Animal farm are greatly appreciated by all. The opportunity for unstructured play has been good for my 2 grandchildren as they learn to play with others, learn to share toys and be part of a group. We all enjoy our time at Stay and Play." ~ **Leanne**

Community Outreach

2022—2023 was a year of unprecedented growth for the outreach program at St David's Neighbourhood Centre. The generous uplift funding from the Department of Communities enabled us to employ Kat as our first dedicated Community Outreach Worker in December 2022. This position was identified as a key priority for our community in the recommendations from the 'It takes a Village Project'. Kat's role is to work with participating community members in identifying needs, providing information, offering assistance and referral as required. Within the outreach program, vulnerable community members are supported in gaining access to required services and programs.

This last year has seen inflation and the increased cost of living impacting all Australians, and families and individuals are experiencing substantial financial strain. Coupled with the current housing crisis households are under extreme pressure. With the outreach program now well established and a Community Outreach Worker employed that holds relevant qualifications, St David's Neighbourhood Centre is equipped to better respond to emerging community needs. This has been demonstrated by data from 2021 ABS statistics for Coopers Plains:

July 2022 – December 2022 St David's Neighbourhood Centre responded to **335** recorded outreach support requests for individuals with unmet needs.

January 2023 – June 2023 St David's Neighbourhood Centre responded to **1220** outreach support requests for individuals with unmet needs.

- This marks a 264% increase in the amount of outreach support provided since the commencement of the Community Outreach Worker's role in December 2022
- 'The outreach service response average equates to supporting 1 in every 4 Coopers Plains residents'

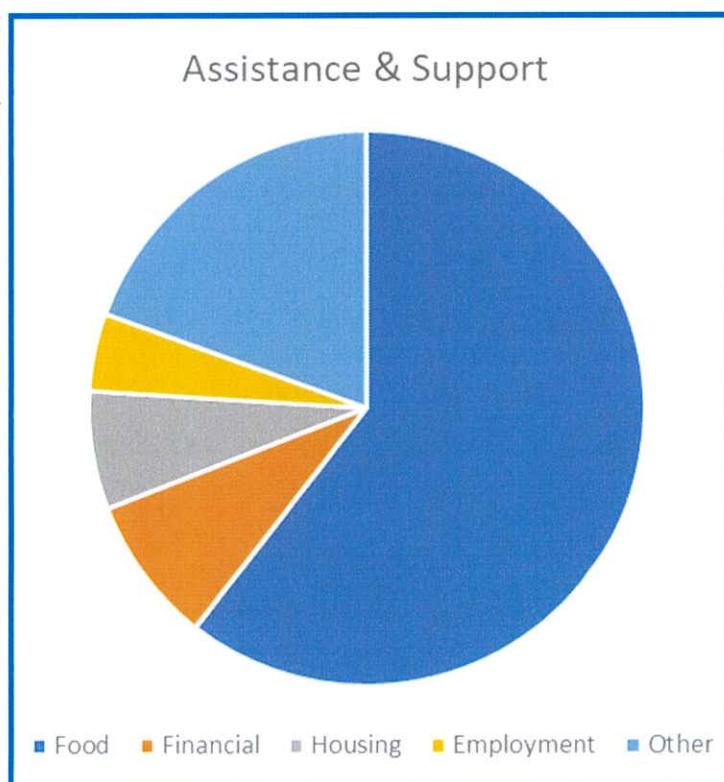
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Emergency Relief and Referral

Community members presenting to St David's Neighbourhood Centre with unmet needs are always offered a warm, welcoming, and non-judgemental space to seek support. The centre's capacity to provide this response has experienced substantial expansion with the appointment of an outreach worker. Outreach support has become more efficient, and areas of practice expanded to better accommodate community needs. Support, information, and referrals are provided with brief, short-term intervention whilst incorporating a solutions-focussed and strengths-based approach.

This support is person-centred and utilises a trauma-informed lens. This method of service provision empowers individuals as experts in their own lives and targets support to address needs.

Please note 'other' can include but is not limited to mental health, sourcing of furniture & household items, domestic & family violence, form-filling assistance, advocacy, social support, tech support, etc.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SUPPORT

Free Meals program:

With the rise in food prices, being able to eat a nutritionally balanced meal can be a luxury in today's world. St David's Neighbourhood Centre recognises this and that is why the Free Food Program continues to be an integral part of our outreach efforts. Fred, our dedicated volunteer of over 3 years, continues to come most Friday mornings and cooks up to 40 nutritional meals. These meals are then packaged, labelled, and distributed to community members experiencing disadvantage. This program does not receive funding and all associated costs are covered primarily by the neighbourhood centre. This financial year, St David's Neighbourhood Centre has provided 759 free meals to the community. Our recipients are persons experiencing economical and social disadvantages and have included homeless persons, financially struggling families, isolated seniors, people with health issues, and caregivers of grandchildren, neighbours, and parents.

Networking and Service Relationships:

Offering a dedicated outreach service has awarded the centre the ability to increase networking capacity. Engaging with other service providers and agencies has not only built on existing professional relationships with other organisations but has also led to a more streamlined outreach response for community members. Attending regular stakeholder meetings, agency visits and engaging in networking opportunities has provided the outreach worker with a better understanding of what services are available to our community members. On average, the outreach worker will attend 2 stakeholder meetings and at least 1 networking meeting per month. The ability to provide warm referrals with a proper understanding of processes and appropriate industry connections is invaluable to the outreach program. Some key organisations we have worked collaboratively with these past 12 months include Village Avenue Community Church, Mt Gravatt Community Centre, Brisbane Domestic Violence Service, Kyabra, MICAHA, HART4000, Citipointe Care, Southside Community Care, Drug ARM. We have also been able to further develop existing relationships with local schools, childcare providers, and businesses.

Gifts and Donations:

With the generosity of community member's and partner's donations, we have been able to offer material aid and support to some of the most disadvantaged people in our community. Some of the diverse donations have included toiletries, clothing and undergarments, sanitary items, school supplies, gift cards, and household items. These donations have been passed onto vulnerable community members experiencing or at risk of homelessness, escaping domestic and family violence, unable to afford essential items, families with children that cannot afford school supplies, and those experiencing general life situations. We would like to acknowledge all our lovely community members who have provided donations, gifts, and generally supported St David's Neighbourhood Centre's outreach program.



SOCIAL GROUPS

The negative impacts of loneliness and social isolation are now well recognised and Neighbourhood Centres have been identified as providing essential frontline support in tackling these issues. In the Neighbourhood Centres Queensland Submission to Parliamentary Inquiry into Loneliness & Social Isolation, it was explained that *“Neighbourhood Centres know that forming connections with isolated community members cannot be performed through service specific programs or through a formulaic process, but only with genuine human concern and an attentive listening ear. Most importantly, NCCs offer meaningful opportunities to connect and contribute at a local community level, which means that individuals do not have to self-identify or disclose that they are “lonely” to access a welcoming community space.”*

St. David’s Neighbourhood Centre continues to provide inclusive and safe activities and social groups throughout our centre, for all members of the community, whether they want to learn a new skill, find company to enjoy their hobby, or just a welcoming space for a chat. We also partner with other groups and organisations to provide a space for their activities and improve access to services. Examples include the support we provide for Boomerang Bags by offering free room hire and access to sewing machines, and information sessions from services such as the Seniors Information Hotline.

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.



What's on this month...

HARMONY CLUB

Centre based program Monday to Friday

STAY N PLAY PLAYGROUP - Monday to Friday

9.30am to 11.30am. Bookings required,
please email: staynplay@stdavidsnc.org.au

THRIFT SHOP—Monday to Friday 9.00am to 2.00pm

SOCIAL GROUPS and COMMUNITY Activities

Did you know that joining a social group can improve wellbeing and mental health? We would love to welcome some new members to our groups! All social groups are \$6.00 per session, and include morning tea.

MONDAYS

Casual Craft & Chat (free) Mondays 9:30am to 11:30am

English Conversation Mondays 10am to 12pm (except school holidays)

Yoga Monday evenings at 5.50pm.

Phone Cassie on 0431 594 388 to book

TUESDAYS

Knitting 2nd and 4th Tuesday 9:30am to 11:30am

Mahjong 1st, 3rd, 5th Tuesday 9:30am - 11:30am

Boomerang Bags –Sewing Bee (free) 1st & 3rd Tuesday 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Heartfelt Hand Sewing Group (free) 4th Tues of month 7.00pm to 9.00pm

WEDNESDAYS

Painting for Pleasure Wednesdays 10am to 12:30pm

Tech Connect (free) Wednesdays 9.00am to 12.00pm

THURSDAYS

Busy Hands Craft Group Thursdays 9am to 11:00am

FRIDAYS

Community BBQ Breakfast (free) Last Friday of month 7.30am to 9.00am

Blokes & Banter BBQ Last Friday of month 11.30am—1pm

Tai Chi (Gold program) (free) 10am to 11.00am

SATURDAYS

In-Stiches Slow Stich Therapy Group Third Saturday of month 9.30am to 11.30am



THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is a source of revenue but more importantly it is an avenue of community support for the Neighbourhood Centre. It provides opportunities to a diverse group of community members to volunteer, donate unwanted goods, build social relationships and purchase good quality items at affordable prices. Emergency and essential items are provided to the vulnerable to assist with their current situation and challenges, and connection to our outreach program is provided which may further assist.

The Thrift Shop creates a sense of purpose and belonging for people with a wide range of needs, whilst providing connection to community, exposure to diverse cultures and traditions, and an opportunity to give-back and serve the community. We aim to provide a psychologically and physically safe environment for everyone who enters the space, including volunteers and community members.

I am so grateful to be provided the opportunity to create the Thrift Shop Co-ordinator role. This role provides direction and leadership, creates consistency, improves communication, offers more support, assists with increasing income and ensures systems and policies are in place. I acknowledge all the hard work done by the Neighbourhood Centre Coordinator previously and thank her for all the support provided.

The opportunity to work alongside these wonderful volunteers who have been so welcoming, kind, knowledgeable and enthusiastic is sincerely appreciated. I am blessed to be surrounded by so many generous, compassionate, community focused individuals who are so proud to be part of this amazing space. Their genuine and selfless commitment to the Thrift Shop is evident in the level of care and service provided in the space. Customers regularly comment about the genuine customer service, affordable pricing and wonderful experience. I am honoured to learn from and work alongside such a special group of people.

Since the relocation, the shop space has been reorganised to include more suitable display cabinets and a retail friendly and safe layout. The move from the previous sorting space was completed in late 2022. The new sorting space is now part of the shop and has been reorganised with additional shelving to provide a safe space to sort donations and prepare stock for the shop for sale. This adjoining area creates more unity, better morale, and a stronger team. It enables all volunteers the opportunity to learn new skills, perform new roles and increases inclusivity. A high stock rotation system has been implemented to increase likelihood of items being purchased initially and create interest in the shop, especially for our regulars, whilst reducing any backlog in the sorting room.

Extra opening hours have been introduced for those in the community who are unable to visit during our regular hours. These generally coincide with special events and monthly sales, therefore expanding our reach and income for the Neighbourhood Centre programs. Additional options are being explored to organise alternative specialty events to further encourage customers to the Thrift Shop.

We have networked with other local organisations in need of donations to assist with donation flow, which in turn benefits the wider community, reduces landfill and supports a sustainable circular economy. By supporting small and local business, we are also assisting a wider range of people than physically walk through our doors. Our social media presence is increasing to broaden our marketing, and provide another source of connection for those who prefer it. Avenues to sell higher value items online are currently being explored as certain donor associations have been fostered in such a grateful manner that we are fortunate to receive a wide range of valuable donations from supporters of the Thrift Shop that may not be as appreciated elsewhere.

We also work with Stay 'n' Play to provide discounts to members, provide Harmony Club with decor and emergency clothing as needed and connect those we have identified as suitable to the Outreach Support Worker.

The total revenue, thanks to the generous donations provided, events and the hard work of the volunteers, increased to \$34 084.94 from the previous year. This enables programs to continue, supports overhead costs and staff wages. This could not happen without the volunteer commitment which totalled **2595 hours** and the generous donations provided to us. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS



VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering is an essential service, and we are blessed to have an amazing team of volunteers who 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 2022-2023 our volunteers worked an amazing 4796 hours for St David's Neighbourhood Centre. 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. 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 was valued at \$258, 232 in the 2022/2023 financial year!

The theme for National Volunteer Week 2023 was *"The Change Makers"*. Together through volunteering, we are changing communities for the better. At St David's Neighbourhood Centre, we witness the change that our wonderful volunteers create for our neighbours and community members every day. A special thankyou is provided each year at our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Lunch. While sharing a delicious meal, we have the opportunity to share stories and laughter, and acknowledge the hard work and passion of our volunteers.

The broader community acknowledges our volunteers through the annual Moreton Volunteer Awards. This financial year we celebrated not one, but two Moreton Volunteer Award ceremonies!! Unfortunately, the pesky pandemic delayed the 2021 award ceremony until October 2022, so we were overjoyed to finally be able to join Sue, Kigen, and Leah, as they were presented their awards by Graham Perret MP and Peter Russo MP. Unfortunately Jack and Elizabeth were unable to attend this ceremony so they received a visit from Graham Perret MP during playgroup to receive their awards! In February 2023 we were delighted to join Cathy, Irene, Carol, Gieng, and Ally as they received their awards of appreciations.

Thank you to all of the volunteers that assisted us between July 2022- June 2023:

Thrift Shop	Stay N Play	Harmony Club	Social and Support Groups	Gardening and Maintenance
Laura, Nell, Carol, May, Aldous, Paul, Sue, Irene, Rhonda, Kellie, Nelly, Connie, Anne, Neer, Tom, Peter, Evan, Sandy, Chung	Ally, Gieng, Noela, Jack and Elizabeth	Cathy Noela Anne Pam & Peter Jenny	Conversational English: Rosalie Tech Connect: Bec Free Meals Program: Fred Craft and Chat: Anne	Kigan Michelle Noela Paul

Belonging to such a wonderful community has provided the opportunity to connect with volunteers and community members and encourage growth towards everyone's full potential. I truly value each and every volunteer I have had the pleasure to work with as their variety of experience, skills, talents, knowledge and sense of fun has reiterated the power of generosity, kindness, empathy and compassion. The wide variety of volunteers have formed bonds with each other, community members and service users of the Neighbourhood Centre. Their values and commitment empower each other and the public in more ways than they will ever know and it is an absolute privilege to be a part of the team.

Tanja, Thrift Shop Coordinator



STUDENT PLACEMENTS

St David's Neighbourhood Centre is committed to providing placement opportunities for domestic and international students. 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 their individual skills and life experience bring benefits to our staff, clients, and enrich our community. We partner with a number of educational providers to ensure their students can access supportive and appropriate placement opportunities, including Queensland University of Technology, Griffith University and Tafe QLD.

Student	Training Institution	Placement Dates	Qualification/Course
Mike Rennie	Strategix	July 2022	Professional Development
Talhia Riley	Queensland University of Technology	July— October 2022	Final Placement - BA Human Services
Nanami Sugo	Griffith University	November—December 2022	Community Internship—International Student (Masters of Education)
Gianna Trotta	Griffith University	November 22—February 23	Community Internship - Community Development (BA Social Science)
Liam Seymour-Smith	Queensland University of Technology	February—June 2023	Final Placement - BA Human Services
Gabriel Diallo	Griffith University	March—April 2023	Community Internship - Community Development (BA Social Science)
Anita Jeujanen	Griffith University	March—May 2023	Community Internship - International Student (Masters of Global Development)
Karma-Leigh Tutt	Deception Bay State Highschool	June 2023	Kitchen Services Cert 2



I want to express my deepest gratitude for the incredible opportunity to participate in the community internship placement at St David's Neighbourhood Centre. I am thrilled to have been a part of such a significant programme and to have contributed to the important work that your organisation does.

From day one, I was warmly welcomed and made to feel like a valued member of the team... Their willingness to share their knowledge and offer valuable insights greatly enhanced my learning experience.

*I am thankful for the diverse range of experiences that I was exposed to during my time at St David's Neighbourhood Centre. The sense of camaraderie and teamwork I experienced was truly inspiring. It was remarkable to witness the collective effort and commitment of everyone at St David's Neighbourhood Centre to make a positive impact on our community. This internship has not only enhanced my skills but has also reaffirmed my passion for community service. **Anita Jeujanen***

PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHT— Coopers Plains Library

Coopers Plains library has played a vital role in supporting our local community. The library itself is a standout feature of Coopers Plains, with facilities and resources available to the local community. It is also a place of connection that community members trust and feel safe in, with a dedicated team of staff that provide services to the community. The partnership between Coopers Plains Library and St David's Neighbourhood Centre continues to grow. In the 2022 to 2023 financial year, the wonderful team have worked collaboratively and supportively with St David's Neighbourhood Centre with the following:

- Collaborative activities with Harmony Club
- Providing morning book readings for Stay N Play
- Referrals of community members to our outreach program
- Facilitating children's activity at our annual Autumn Fest.
- Distribution of our monthly newsletters and information on the neighbourhood centre.
- Drop off point for the donations we have collected for Homeless Connect.

As the local area continues to evolve, presenting new challenges and opportunities we look forward to continuing to build on this partnership.



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 2022/2023

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 Economy - Neighbourhood Centre Funding

St David's Neighbourhood Centre Thrift Shop

Brisbane City Council

Seniors Celebration Donation 2022

Lord Mayor Better Suburbs Grant (Community)

Lord Mayor Suburban Initiative Fund

Sunnybank Community Sports Club

Club Southside



Australian Government

Department of Health and Aged Care



Queensland Government



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St David's Uniting Church

Rotary Club of Salisbury

Rotary Club of Sunnybank Hills and their Satellite Club

Cr Steve Griffiths (Moorooka Ward)

Graham Perrett MP (Federal Member for Moreton)

Peter Russo MP (State Member for Toohey)

Village Avenue Community Church

Brisbane City Council – GOLD Program

Coopers Plains Library



Peter Russo MP
State Member for Toohey



Graham Perrett MP
FIGHTING FOR THE SOUTHSIDE



Treasurers Report Financial Year Ending 30 June 2023

The Financial Year ending 30 June 2023 saw a more normalised year with far less impact from COVID, following some very challenging years. While the Centre remains on alert to protect our vulnerable population, we have returned to essentially normal operations. From a financial perspective, this enabled us to resume our full range of activities, albeit like all of us, experiencing some significant increases in our cost of living expenses.

Our Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ending 30 June 2023 show a Surplus for the year of \$56,252. A very commendable result compared to our budgeted projection of a surplus of \$12,501. The Board had projected a modest surplus in light of the uncertainties surrounding our return to normal operations. Total income for this financial year was up some 30%, reflecting continued increases in income from Fee for Service and NDIS clients as well as a welcome boost in Neighbourhood Centre funding from the Queensland Government in recognition of the essential role Neighbourhood Centres play across the State. For the first time, our total annual income reached just over \$1,000,000.

On the flip side, our expenses rose by some 27.4% for the year. This reflects varying patterns in our detailed, particularly increased cost of living expenses in areas such as Meals & Catering, Electricity, Motor Vehicle Expenses and Repairs and Maintenance. We also experienced significant increases in our workforce expenses over the previous year. However, this was not confined to our existing staff and included some new roles funded by our increased Neighbourhood Centre funding allowing a much needed and welcomed broadening of our functions and services.

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. These stakeholders recognise the critical role the Centre plays in connecting and supporting our community via their continued financial and community support. Thank you all!

Our surplus contributed to a strengthening of our Balance Sheet with an increase of 7% in Retained Earnings. Our Current Ratio as at 30 June 2023 was 2.29 - a very healthy level for our sector. Our Current Assets sat at some \$1,060,288. The Committee is confident the Centre is in a position to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

We continue to maintain and improve our strong financial position and are confident in our ongoing financial sustainability. This strong financial position provides continued support the Centre, its Mission, and the Community.

Thank you to our Auditor, David Hartmann from Harwil Auditors Pty Ltd. As always, a big thank you to our accountant Vinay Prakash of xcel8 for his efforts and ongoing commitment to the Centre and its work. Vinay works closely with us to navigate the constant changes and pressures on 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 excellent work and unwavering support. Our Centre operates in an extremely challenging environment requiring lots of flexibility, ingenuity and commitment to the Centre and its Mission – our Workforce provides this in spades! Your efforts are so much appreciated and remain at the core of the Centre and its engagement with our community! Thank you!

And lastly, my term as a Board Member and Treasurer has come to an end. It has been a privilege and pleasure to work with St David's Neighbourhood Centre over the last six years or so. The Neighbourhood Centre is one of the most connected, effective, and dedicated organisations I have had the pleasure to work with. I am constantly in awe of the work it does. Thank you so much for providing me with the opportunity to work with the Centre. I look forward to staying in touch and watching the Centre continue its great work.

Bruce Moffat

Treasurer

St David's Uniting Church Neighbourhood Centre

**Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2023**

St David's Uniting Church Neighbourhood Centre
Financial Statements
For the Year ended 30 June 2023

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St David's Uniting Church Neighbourhood Centre
Trading, Profit and Loss Statement
For the Year ended 30 June 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Income		
Donations Received	7,173	15,996
Fee for Service Income	53,373	35,465
Fee for Service Income - NDIS	283,209	160,193
Fees Received	36,820	25,192
Fundraising and Events	8,891	6,512
Grants Income - Department of Communities	258,996	126,502
Grant Income - HACC Bldg - 20years	7,891	7,891
Grants Income - Uniting Care	333,094	325,089
Other Grants Income - Non-Recurrent	8,605	60,004
Hall Hire	11,414	13,149
Lenord Watson Trust	4,310	3,775
Thrift Shop Income	35,580	21,575
	<u>1,049,356</u>	<u>801,343</u>
Gross Profit from Trading	1,049,356	801,343
Less Expenditure		
Assets Under Threshold	13,667	1,417
Advertising	267	60
Annual Leave Provided	(11,146)	(491)
Auditors Remuneration	4,500	4,500
Bank Charges	468	483
Bus, Fuel, Maintenance & Registration	12,672	8,194
Cleaning and Consumables	8,249	9,067
Computer Software and Repairs	6,562	6,651
Depreciation	25,350	24,142
Electricity and Gas	8,459	6,572
Finance Management Expenses	13,350	14,500
Fundraising Expenses	4,804	4,146
Guests and Entertainers	1,950	1,350
Insurance	2,250	2,287
Long Service Leave Provided	(4,584)	3,471
Marketing	181	-
Meals and Catering	29,434	18,325
Merchant Fees	1,132	969
OHS	1,526	508
Pest Control	51	705
Postage, Printing and Stationery	4,603	3,405
Program Resources	8,913	4,808
Project Expenses	75	11,229
Rent	35,472	34,506
Repairs & Maintenance	18,157	5,826
Salaries & Wages	696,408	540,481
Staff Training & Recruitment	18,937	2,824
Subscriptions	2,141	3,111
Superannuation Contributions	66,187	52,192
Telephone	9,450	8,511
Thrift Shop Expenses	1,764	1,300
Travelling Expenses	-	11
Volunteers Lunch	74	322
Vehicle Expenses	5,134	1,414
Water Consumption and Trade Waste	3,259	831
Workcover	8,595	6,141
	<u>998,311</u>	<u>783,768</u>

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 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Plus Other Income		
Interest Received	3,816	4,429
Sundry Income	1,391	4,450
	<u>5,207</u>	<u>8,879</u>
Surplus for the year	<u><u>56,252</u></u>	<u><u>26,454</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

**St David's Uniting Church Neighbourhood Centre
Statement of Appropriations
For the Year ended 30 June 2023**

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Retained Profits at Beginning of Year	801,381	774,927
Profit before Income Tax	56,252	26,454
Accumulated Profit after Income Tax	<u>857,633</u>	<u>801,381</u>
Profit after Prior Year Adjustments	<u>857,633</u>	<u>801,381</u>
Unappropriated Profit at 30 June 2023	<u>857,633</u>	<u>801,381</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

St David's Uniting Church Neighbourhood Centre
Balance Sheet
As at 30 June 2023

	<i>Note</i>	2023 \$	2022 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2	1,004,067	933,420
Trade and Other Receivables	3	56,221	14,588
Total Current Assets		1,060,288	948,008
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	4	337,862	351,292
Total Assets		1,398,150	1,299,300
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	5	47,362	40,291
Short-Term Financial Liabilities	6	370,293	333,282
Provisions	7	45,499	29,942
Total Current Liabilities		463,154	403,515
Non-Current Liabilities			
Long-Term Financial Liabilities		55,244	63,135
Provisions		22,119	31,269
Total Non-Current Liabilities		77,363	94,404
Total Liabilities		540,517	497,919
Net Assets		857,633	801,381
Equity			
Retained Surplus - Total	8	857,633	801,381
Total Equity		857,633	801,381

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

St David's Uniting Church Neighbourhood Centre
Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
Cash Flow from Operating Activities		
Receipts from Operations (net of GST)	1,049,356	801,343
Payments to Suppliers (net of GST)	(206,926)	(188,115)
Payments to Employees	(762,595)	(595,653)
Other Income	5,207	8,879
Movements in Working Capital	(965)	39,540
Net Cash Provided by / (Used in) Operating Activities	84,077	65,994
Movement in Property, Plant and Equipment	(13,430)	4,027
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents Held	70,647	61,967
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	933,420	871,453
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	1,004,067	933,420

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 2023 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: 19 SEPTEMBER 2023

**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, which comprises the Trading, Profit and Loss Statement, Appropriations Statement, Balance Sheet, 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 reporting requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and is appropriate to meet the needs of The Uniting Church of Australia. 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 2023 and its financial performance for the Year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in the Notes to the Financial Statements for reporting to the Australian Not-for-profits Commission.

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 Australian Securities and Not-for-profits Commission and the Uniting Church in Australia. 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

David Hartmann

David Hartmann FCA

Harwil Auditors Pty Ltd

Suite 4A, 2092 Logan Road, Upper Mt Gravatt Qld 4122

Dated this 13th day of October 2023

**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 2023 there have been:

- (a) No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Ethical standards 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

Suite4A, 2092 Logan Road, Upper Mt Gravatt Qld 4122

Dated this 19th day of September 2023

St David's Uniting Church Neighbourhood Centre
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year ended 30 June 2023

1 Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Australian Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and is appropriate to meet the needs of The Uniting Church of Australia. 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.

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.

St David's Uniting Church Neighbourhood Centre
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year ended 30 June 2023

(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) **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.

(h) **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.

2	Cash and Cash Equivalents	2023	2022
		\$	\$
	Cash and Cash Equivalents		
	Harmony and Other Floats	580	580
	Bendigo Bank - Cheque Account	316,684	273,098
	LSL Account	22,886	22,690
	Capital Holding	207,651	181,972
	Paypal Account	247	878
	Term Deposit	456,019	454,202
	Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,004,067	933,420
	Cash Reconciliation		
	Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,004,067	933,420
		1,004,067	933,420

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3	Trade and Other Receivables	2023	2022
		\$	\$
	Current		
	Trade Debtors	25,379	13,588
	Other Debtors	30,842	1,000
		<u>56,221</u>	<u>14,588</u>
	Total Trade and Other Receivables	<u>56,221</u>	<u>14,588</u>
4	Property, Plant and Equipment	2023	2022
		\$	\$
	Centre Refurbishment	454,586	442,667
	Less Accumulated Depreciation & Impairment	(116,796)	(103,702)
		<u>337,790</u>	<u>338,965</u>
	Total Land and Buildings	<u>337,790</u>	<u>338,965</u>
	Property, Plant and Equipment	119,591	119,592
	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(119,519)	(107,265)
		<u>72</u>	<u>12,327</u>
	Total Plant and Equipment	<u>72</u>	<u>12,327</u>
	Total Property, Plant and Equipment	<u>337,862</u>	<u>351,292</u>
5	Trade and Other Payables	2023	2022
		\$	\$
	Current		
	Trade Creditors and Accruals	33,039	30,785
	Bendigo Credit Cards	425	1,513
	Provision for GST	13,898	7,993
		<u>47,362</u>	<u>40,291</u>
	Total Trade and Other Payables	<u>47,362</u>	<u>40,291</u>
6	Financial Liabilities	2023	2022
		\$	\$
	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
	Deferred Uniting Care	361,049	315,132
	Total Current	<u>370,293</u>	<u>333,282</u>
	Non-current		
	HACC Building Grant (20years)	55,244	63,135
	Total Non-current	<u>55,244</u>	<u>63,135</u>
	Total Financial Liabilities	<u>425,537</u>	<u>396,417</u>

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7	Provisions	2023	2022
		\$	\$
	Current		
	Provision for Annual Leave		
	Opening Balance for the year	29,942	8,716
	Provisions added	15,557	21,226
		<u>45,499</u>	<u>29,942</u>
	Non-Current		
	Provision for Long Service Leave		
	Opening Balance for the year	31,269	26,462
	Provisions added/subtracted	(9,150)	4,807
		<u>22,119</u>	<u>31,269</u>
	Total Provisions	<u><u>67,618</u></u>	<u><u>61,211</u></u>
8	Retained Profits / Accumulated Losses	2023	2022
		\$	\$
	Retained Profits at Beginning of Financial Year	801,381	774,927
	Add		
	Net profit attributable to members	56,252	26,454
	Retained Profits at 30 June 2023	<u><u>857,633</u></u>	<u><u>801,381</u></u>

