



2021 annual report

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who we are

- Our Vision** A Centre that supports and empowers individuals to participate in a vibrant, caring community.
- Our Mission** To enrich our community by providing learning and support programs that foster independence, social connections and participation, and build life skills and interests.
- Our Purpose** To be part of our neighbourhood, providing a respectful, warm welcome to all and offering:
- an open, inclusive visiting place
 - community services and low cost learning programs for all, but especially those who might be isolated or disadvantaged
 - support to participate, learn and build life skills and knowledge.







president's foreword

What a year 2021 was! Following twelve months in temporary accommodation, we are delighted to be back at Ashburn Grove in our newly refurbished Centre. The building has been completely transformed with barely a remnant of the original floorplan visible. It is now a contemporary, bright and welcoming community hub, well-equipped for multiple learning modes and activities, with inviting kitchen and common areas, and efficient working spaces for our team.

The building is a credit to the collective vision and planning of the City of Boroondara's Community Strengthening, Planning & Development and Capital Projects teams who have guided the project since 2019, and DS Architects and Alchemy Construct who brought the new building to life. It has been a pleasure to welcome staff, students and visitors, and see their delight at the extent of the changes. If you haven't yet visited, please come in and let us show you around!

In 2021, we commissioned a bold new brand for the Centre to take us into the next phase of life for Alamein Neighbourhood & Learning. We hope you enjoy the distinctive and colourful new look created by design agency Brandbuild; it represents the many facets and diversity of our organisation and the people we are fortunate to connect with.

Once again, 2021 brought challenges – both in managing service delivery from multiple temporary locations and maintaining remote learning and community engagement during rolling lockdowns. And once again our team shone, their efforts in keeping our students and clients connected were heroic and ingenious! On behalf of the Committee of Management, I would like to acknowledge our manager, Jill Hitchcock, our staff members and volunteers. They really do embody the values and generous spirit of the Centre.

Despite the operating challenges, we continued to build strategic relationships and develop new community programs. Partnerships with the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing and Access Health & Community to support public housing residents, and our work with Holmesglen to improve literacy and numeracy skills for students in pre-accredited courses are two such initiatives. We are grateful for the ongoing support of our funding organisations including the City of Boroondara and the Commonwealth and Victorian governments.

In 2021, the Committee worked to define our strategic plan for the coming three years. In 2022, we will focus on optimising the capacity of the new Centre and exploring fresh opportunities that the new building affords us – both for learning and community programs. We look forward to welcoming old and new students and guests to Alamein Neighbourhood & Learning.

I feel fortunate to have worked alongside the team and Committee in this year of transition. More than ever, we are committed to being a vibrant neighbourhood centre delivering services and programs that support, educate, connect and inspire our local community. We hope that you will join us as we embark on a fresh year in our exciting new Centre. And we thank you for being part of Alamein Neighbourhood & Learning.

Sally Holdsworth

President



agenda

2021 Annual General Meeting - Alamein Neighbourhood & Learning
Tuesday 3 May 2022 at 4pm

1. Welcome/Apologies (Sally Holdsworth)
 2. Confirmation of minutes of the previous AGM (Sally Holdsworth)
 3. Business arising from the minutes (Sally Holdsworth)
 4. President's and Manager's reports (Sally Holdsworth and Jill Hitchcock)
 5. Treasurer's report and presentation of audited financial statement (Noel Jacobs)
 6. Appointment of the Auditor (Noel Jacobs)
 7. Election of Committee of Management Members
 8. Guest speaker: Georgia Lukacs-Rotow, Boroondara Volunteer Resource Centre (BVRC)
- Meeting close



annual general meeting for 2020

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 27 April 2021

1. Welcome and Apologies

Sally Holdsworth, ANLC President, opened the 44th Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 27 April 2021 at 4pm and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.

Sally Holdsworth welcomed all present.

Present: Sally Holdsworth; Noel Jacobs, Alyssa Hennessy, Dimi Papadakis, Janet Hills, Pat Griffith, Isabel Ho, Jill Hitchcock, Natalie Rabey, Cate Doolan, Stuart Milligan, Fiona Brown, Danielle Short, Rosemary Sheehan, Ruth Cruttendon, Dr Katie Allen, Phillip Pease, Susanne Walker, Maria Mathew, Fay Sawyer, Barbara Ghiani, Mary Heath, Lucinda Totney, David Cooke, Jeremy Horey, Tony Crawford, Ruth Cruttenden

Apologies: Jenny Fuge, Mim Markovic, Cheryl Draper, Linda Trikarso, Sandii Ingham, Karen Ward Smith, Will Fowles, Leanne Lawrence, Peter Ferguson, Brian Crawford, David Towl, Phil Dowles

2. Minutes of the 2020 AGM

That the minutes of the 2020 AGM as circulated be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Moved: Sally Holdsworth Seconded: Janet Hills Carried

3. Business arising from the minutes:

Nil

4. President's and Manager's Report

The President, Sally Holdsworth, and Manager, Jill Hitchcock, both spoke briefly to their reports.

Sally provided an overview of the challenges of 2020 and spoke about the preparations for the move to temporary accommodation and the work undertaken to develop the design of the ANLC building. Sally also highlighted the work of the ANLC staff and committee, in particular, the new Committee members.

Jill mentioned the challenges presented by the pandemic, the resilience of staff, students and volunteers and the exciting redevelopment of the centre.

That the 2021 President's and Manager's Report be accepted.

Moved: Sally Holdsworth Seconded: Pat Griffith Carried

5. Treasurer's Report including the Financial Statement for 2020

That the 2020 Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Moved: Pat Griffith Seconded: Janet Hills Carried

6. Appointment of the Auditor

That JL Collyer and Partners be appointed Auditor for 2021.

Moved: Noel Jacobs Seconded: Sally Holdsworth Carried

7. Election of Committee Members

Dr Katie Allen presided over the election of the Committee of Management members. There were 8 vacancies on the Committee of Management.

Nominations were received from:

- Noel Jacobs
- Jeremy Horey
- Alex Demetriou
- Maria Mathew
- Susanne Walker

As there are fewer nominations than positions available, it was declared that:

- Noel Jacobs
- Jeremy Horey
- Alex Demetriou
- Maria Mathew
- Susanne Walker

were duly elected to the Committee of Management, joining Sally Holdsworth, Pat Griffith, Ruth Cruttenden and Janet Hills.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.40pm.

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Committee of Management

President	Sally Holdsworth
Vice President	Jeremy Horey
Minute Secretary	Janet Hills
Treasurer	Noel Jacobs

Committee	Pat Griffith, Alex Demetriou, Maria Mathew, Susanne Walker
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Staff

Manager	Jill Hitchcock
Partnerships & Projects Coordinator	Sandii Ingham
Further Education Coordinator	Dimi Papadakis
Administration	Alyssa Hennessy, Barbara Richter-Kirk, Yuriko Franks
Project Officers	Yuriko Franks (FLP), Shima Ibuki (Over 55s project)
CHSP Coordinators	Margaret Smith, Valerie Barling
Community Development Workers	Isabel Ho, Stuart Milligan
Bookkeeper	Tony Crawford

Further Education Tutors

Valerie Barling, Lisa-Jane Bell, Lois Best,
Olivia McDougall, Scott Moran, Suzy Narraidoo,
Kat O'Reilly, Sandii Ingham, Dimi Papadakis,
Lalla Stewart, Patty Trajkovska

Leisure Tutors

Vrinda Fernando, Barbara Richter-Kirk, Valerie Barling

Volunteers

Joe Battista, Rob Bryant, Ruth Cruttenden,
Alex Demetriou, Jeremy Horey, Peter Ferguson,
Yuriko Franks, Pat Griffith, Kathy Ha, Janet Hills,
Sally Holdsworth, Andrew Howells, Noel Jacobs,
Doug Johnson, Mei Mak, Ron Mansell, Maria Mathew,
Vivian Qian, Marg Rawlings, Anne Sidari, John Smith,
Kerrie Stephenson, Susanne Walker, Rohan Wimalasuriya

manager's report



2021 was a year of transition for Alamein Neighbourhood and Learning but also one of great excitement and achievement as our long standing plans for a new centre came to fruition.

Temporary accommodation

The start of the year saw us moving to temporary accommodation in Samarinda Avenue, Ashburton, where we remained for the duration of 2021. After some initial hiccups we settled into the new portable building space which provided office accommodation as well as some limited delivery space. We also utilised the pavilion at Markham Avenue to deliver classes throughout the year, with Ashburton Park pavilion as a backup. By the end of the year we were seeing the portable decommissioned ready for removal and this brought great excitement as it signalled the completion of our own premises in Ashburn Grove.

Throughout our relocation, City of Boroondara staff provided outstanding support and assistance in what could have been a very challenging time. In particular, the Community Strengthening team lead by Fiona Brown - Dani Nash, Danielle Short and Angela James - could not have been more helpful. We are also grateful to the Ashburton Bowls Club for agreeing to the continued use of their space for the portable, for their support with internet services, for the venue for our AGM last year and for the excitement provided as we gazed over the bowling greens from our office. Thanks also to Samarinda Ashburton Aged Care for furniture, temporary internet, a bulk delivery of hand sanitiser and moral support!

COVID

Our hopes for a year less impacted by COVID were quickly subdued as we entered the first of several lockdowns in February. As the year progressed with various lockdowns, many activities were delivered entirely or partly online and our staff and community responded with patience, kindness and amazing initiatives.

COVID challenges of course continued throughout the year and we responded by ensuring that students and participants had access to regular updates on COVID, and provided masks and hand sanitiser to as many people as we could. Teachers incorporated information about COVID into lessons and provided opportunities to explore the impact of COVID on everyday life. When mandatory vaccinations were introduced, we assisted with information and helped people download their certificates, with most students and participants receiving personal phone calls prior to returning to the centre. We had the privilege of working with the HRAR (High Risk Accommodation) program (part of Access Health and Community) as they worked to assist so many of the local public housing residents to get vaccinated.

We are grateful for the support from the City of Boroondara as well as the Federal and State

Government for a wide range of initiatives and funding during the extended pandemic.

Several staff attended various workshops in 2021 to assist in service resumption and planning as well as dealing with potentially difficult issues such as mandatory vaccination. Notable information sessions included excellent City of Boroondara series of Bouncing Back Better workshops for Neighbourhood Houses, and the informative sessions presented throughout the year by Neighbourhood Houses Vic.

Redevelopment

Naturally the major focus of our year was on the redevelopment of the centre at 49 Ashburn Grove, Ashburton. The amount of work that went into this project was astonishing and we are ever grateful to the amazing team at Council – Fiona, Danni, Danielle, Angela, as already mentioned but also Cherry Marquez, Maurice Natoli, Jarrod Filosa with a special mention to Councillor Garry Thompson who has been very supportive of this process. Although COVID impacted on timelines for the redevelopment, we were able to get our first glimpse of the nearly completed centre in December 2021. All who now visit the centre remark on the inviting and functional design, the abundance of natural light, the beautiful finishes and flow of the building. We will be able to run more classes concurrently, we have access to up to date technology to incorporate face to face and blended learning, and we are enjoying being back in our wonderful home. We are pleased to have been able to honour just some of the people who have made significant contributions to Alamein over many years: Fiona Baker who volunteered her time and expertise to provide our community lunches for over 15 years; Fay Sawyer and Marjorie Taylor who worked tirelessly for Alamein in the early stages of the organisation; Doug Cowling who was responsible for setting up our bus garage and community garden; Joan Morton who was an ever popular volunteer classroom helper; and Keith Walter, former ward Councillor and Mayor of the City of Boroondara.

In the latter part of 2021, we received advice from the City of Boroondara that the playground adjacent to the centre and the Alamein Community Garden would also be upgraded. The new space will provide an enjoyable and fun place for the local community which will showcase the community garden at the back of the park and provide opportunities for outdoor learning and updated playground equipment. It is expected that this project will be undertaken in April/May 2022.

Commitment to local public housing

Alamein started in a public housing flat in 1976 and so many years later continues a commitment to supporting our local residents in public housing. We enjoy close links with Ashburton, Ashwood and Chadstone Public Tenants Group and during 2021 have been involved in a range of activities and committees including the Alamein Avenue Project Steering Committee and the Munro St Steering Committee. We were also delighted to be asked by the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing to deliver a project to support complex clients aged over 55 years living in public housing estates across Boroondara and Whitehorse. The objectives include reducing anti-social behaviour and increasing feelings of safety and security; and improving support from health and wellbeing services. Shima Ibuki, former Manager at Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre, was appointed as coordinator for this project and despite the extended lockdown, made good progress with connecting with many public housing residents across the estates, establishing and sending regular newsletters, and engaging with

services in local areas to provide activities in the future.

Volunteers

One of our most valued partnerships over recent years has been with the Boroondara Volunteer Resource Centre (BVRC). Staff have been invaluable in assisting with the recruitment of volunteers and supporting staff to assist volunteers. During 2021, I was very pleased to be the guest host of a member meeting and to participate in the City of Boroondara Volunteer Awards as a panel member. Thank you to all of our volunteers who continued to support Alamein through the challenges of the pandemic and in our temporary accommodation, your contribution has been so very much appreciated.

NIECH

The Network of Inner East Community Houses (NIECH) continued to meet during 2021. A major focus for the network was the development of a new strategic plan. I was continued as Vice President of the network and would like to thank Nikki Maddern, our NIECH networker, NIECH President, Klaudia Lozo, the others on the Committee as well as all in the network who work to build closer partnerships between neighbourhood houses. A major achievement of the NIECH was obtaining a Be Connected grant to address digital literacy gaps for residents on public housing estates, and this will tie in well with the Alamein Over 55s project.

Further Education Program + Projects and Partnerships

Our Further Education program continued to deliver quality pre-accredited training to a broad range of students throughout 2021, despite lockdowns and the challenges of temporary delivery spaces at Samarinda Avenue and Markham Pavilion. Highlights included the delivery of the SARA program (financial wellbeing for women), the conclusion of the Family Learning Partnership and our continued partnerships with Campbell Page for the delivery of targeted pre-accredited training and with staff at Holmesglen to identify and pursue appropriate pathways for our students.

We were grateful for the support of the ACFE Board and the North West Region throughout 2021 and pleased to participate in opportunities such as a Regional meeting with the ACFE Board which provided an update on the strategic directions of the Board and outlined the opportunities to work closely with the new job focused initiatives such as Job Advocates. We also attended a meeting with the ACFE Regional Manager and other providers in the City of Boroondara and Monash.

During 2021, we also met with the Kew Neighbourhood and Learning Centre to explore opportunities for a closer collaboration in 2022 as Learn Locals Boroondara.

Our work in pursuing new and consolidating existing partnerships proved to be very fruitful in 2021. In addition to Campbell Page and Holmesglen, we explored links with Football Victoria to deliver a version of the Soccer Mums program with some of our EAL students, and joined the SwinLocal network to benefit from a broader network and opportunities to share A-Frames and ideas.

I would like to thank Sandii Ingham and Dimi Papadakis for their commitment, dedication and good humour throughout 2021 - all very much appreciated by staff, students and volunteers.

Community activities

Staff worked hard in 2021 to continue our engagement activities with our local community despite the temporary shift to Samarinda Avenue. We offered free bread and other items from the park at Ashburn Grove on a Wednesday for as long as possible before bringing the activity back to Samarinda Avenue over the winter months. In mid-April, we partnered with Boroondara Police, City of Boroondara, Habitat Cafe and DFFH to deliver a Coffee with a Cop activity which was well attended.

The Men's Shed and community Garden provided activities whenever possible and the Discussion group took place on line and in the community garden.

The range of activities and events was severely curtailed but those events which were able to run were well attended and successful events which provided our community with opportunities to connect and support each other. Thanks to the wonderful staff team – Stuart Milligan and Isabel Ho – who steered these activities so well.

Our Commonwealth Home Support Program participants enjoyed brief periods of face to face activity in 2021 but the program was largely conducted via telephone with deliveries of social support packs containing books, puzzles etc and sometimes coffee and cake when such deliveries were permitted. Margaret Smith and Valerie Barling did a wonderful job of keeping our participants engaged and looking forward to future face to face activities.

Branding and website

In preparation for the move back to the centre we were fortunate to be able to undergo some critical preparation for this move in terms of updating the branding and the website. Led by Sally and Jeremy but with heavy involvement from all the Committee and staff, we underwent an enjoyable process to refresh our branding and subsequently our website and we are all delighted with the result.

Staff

During 2021 we said goodbye to Alyssa Hennessy who resigned from her position as Administration/Operations Coordinator to pursue an opportunity in financial services. Barbara Richter-Kirk, known to many as our yoga teacher and fill-in administrative officer, took up a permanent part time role in the administrative area and we are truly benefitting from her extensive knowledge of Alamein and her connections with so many in our local community. Patty Trajkovska took up a short-term marketing project role to assist with embedding our new brand and did an excellent job in this area.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all of the Alamein staff, including our dedicated teachers, our volunteers, in particular our Committee of Management volunteers, as well as our local community for your support, interest and participation throughout 2021, and look forward to seeing you all at Alamein Neighbourhood & Learning in 2022.

Jill Hitchcock

Manager

further education report



The Further Education program comprises courses delivered under the Adult Community and Further Education (ACFE) program, with the aim of supporting students to re-enter the workforce or go on to further study, as well as fee for service classes.

The year started slowly with enrolment numbers down as some students were still nervous returning to class with the continuing COVID situation and more contagious OMICRON variant. In addition, there appeared to be online fatigue with ZOOM classes and students not having the devices and/or technology know-how to participate. It proved difficult to attract students to new courses and several had to be cancelled and/or postponed from Term 1 to later in the year.

As with 2020, the 2021 lockdowns imposed, required our wonderful teachers and students to pivot to blended learning modes (a combination of face to face, on-line and home learning). Some classes eg. Introduction to Computers, that started in April (for one term duration) experienced so many lockdown disruptions that it continued over 3 terms, ending in November. We are thankful to the perseverance of both the teacher and students to have completed the course.

Enrolment numbers picked up throughout the year and we delivered 20 ACFE courses (13 General pre-accredited courses; 6 LEAP courses and 1 SARA course). With the uncertainty of COVID throughout 2021, 5 courses were cancelled (3 General pre-accredited courses; 1 LEAP course and 1 SFWS).

In 2021, we had been contracted to provide 8422 hours of pre-accredited training. Ultimately, over the year, we were able to provide 4148 hours of training, as well 330 hours of the shorter LEAP courses, with many of the courses delivered via blended learning. Some courses were unable to be delivered as they required hands-on learning and we returned 280 hours from the delivery plan (Intro to Web Design & Intro to Technology Today).

Some new and popular courses were LEAP into Resilience, LEAP into Negotiation Skills and LEAP into Cleaning. All 3 were taught by a newly appointed teacher, Lisa-Jane Bell, whose commitment and engagement proved most valuable and have shaped some of the new courses developed for 2022 (eg. Essential Life & Workforce Skills).

Of particular note, was the SARA Financial Wellbeing Program for Women (11 participants) who generated a creative spark that led to the group participating in the Introduction to Volunteering Course (where the group wanted to impart knowledge gained from SARA to become volunteers at our Centre). They also suggested a Home Maintenance Course for 2022 to help them save money. The Women continued to make connections and support each other throughout 2021 and now into 2022, where they continue to meet and provide ideas for courses and other activities.

We continued to engage our teachers with regular meetings, all of whom were willing to share information, support and often mentor each other. Teachers also participated in a Cultural Awareness course that was delivered by our EAL Teacher, Lois Best and a Resilience class delivered by Lisa-Jane Bell, both inhouse, and once again, engaged in an extensive moderation program at the end of the year.

Student Snapshot

Despite the second year of the pandemic, the snapshot of our students remained consistent with previous years.

Age & Gender

The majority of our students in 2021 were female – 67% vs 28% male (5% not stated) – and 83% of our students were over 40 years of age.

Country of Birth and language spoken at home

In 2021, our students hailed from 34 different countries. Once again, the top 3 countries were from Australia, China and Vietnam. Similarly, the top three languages spoken at home were English, Mandarin and Vietnamese.

Postcode

Most of our students came locally from Ashburton, followed by Glen Iris and then Camberwell. However, students attending Alamein Neighbourhood & Learning have come from a wide range of suburbs, often to attend English as a Second Language class or other classes which are not available in their own local area.

Dimi Papadakis

Further Education Coordinator

projects & partnerships report

Projects: Family Learning Partnership

In 2021, as part of the Family Learning Partnership (FLP) project, Alamein ran activities for parents and children online. Familiar faces joined, as well as new people who had not participated in Alamein activities before. Sessions included:

- Science fun
- Dreamtime storytelling
- Yoga fun
- Get your child to school on time
- Declutter toys
- Stay on top of everything.

All together, 13 engagement activities were run in the FLP project with a total of 104 attendees, 41 of whom were new to Alamein. Twenty-four participants contacted Alamein post-sessions, with at least 4 wanting to join various courses.

The Family Learning Partnership project was completed in April 2021. There were a number of activities that subsequently came from the project including:

- Alamein participating in Parkhill Primary and Ashwood Children's Centre's transition to school orientation programs, where we showed the videos created for the FLP, 'Setting Up a Study Area' and 'What to Put in Your School Bag', and promoted activities Alamein offers to the parents, carers and grandparents at these events. (This will be an annual visit.)
- Showcasing the FLP videos at the Learn Local Marketplace day, an annual expo day, where Learn Locals (LL) from around Victoria hear about different LL projects. I showed the videos, explained how they were produced and how we are utilising them to engage with families.

Partnerships

In 2021, we strengthened fledgling partnerships between Alamein and two other organisations, Campbell Page (a disability employment service) and Holmesglen TAFE. Importantly, partnerships need to be embedded into the culture of an organisation to protect against staff turnover. In 2019, during the CAIF 11 project, Bojana Protic, a Campbell Page employment consultant, became an advocate for Alamein and was instrumental in helping to build the

partnership Following a meeting with senior Campbell Page staff and a guestspeaking opportunity at a regional meeting, a number of classes were arranged for Campbell Paage participants including:

- A Resilience course, which was designed with input from Campbell Page and Holmesglen.
- A Negotiation course, which was a follow-on course to the resilience course.
- A Cleaning course, which came about from the CAIF 11 project.
- An English course. This was delayed due to lockdowns and went online, with varying attendance due to client group (lack of mobile data, technology, and low digital literacy.)
- LEAP into Study: A bridging course to the Whitecard and the Traffic Management courses at Holmesglen.

Other courses were also organised, but due to lockdowns, they were delayed until 2022. Campbell Page also asked Alamein to run a professional development session for their staff, after the manager sat in on a resilience session and recognised the benefit. There was excellent feedback about this PD and the trainer (LJ Bell). So much so, we also ran it for Alamein staff.

In 2021, the partnership with Holmesglen continued following on from the ACFE funded CAIF 11 project, and potential students were referred to our programs. We also had the opportunity to meet with the Holmesglen Skills and Job Centre staff to discuss employer and local needs and potential courses. Thanks to Rob Cole, Amanda Whittenbury and all the other Holmesglen staff for their support in all these activities.

As mentioned previously, we ran a bridging course to support Campbell Page clients to complete their Whitecard and Traffic Management skillsets at Holmesglen. Various Holmesglen staff contributed input into course design, and arranged for the students to enrol in the skillsets at Holmesglen. This was a new model for us, where we supported the students in our course and then to attend Holmesglen. Pleasingly, some students are already finding employment, following the course.

We continue to build partnerships with aligned organisations to support skills building, employment opportunities and pathways to learning.

Volunteers

Our brilliant volunteers continued to support Alamein in the classroom (face to face, and online), the kitchen, the committee, the garden, the tiny library, the Men's Shed and in the office.

In terms 1 & 2, we recruited classroom support volunteers, including two volunteer teachers, Kerrie and Rob. Some of our older participants from our English classes were able to transition to a new English class, with Kerrie and Rob teaching them various topics. It was wonderful to be able to continue to engage with and support these students - even during lockdown with Kerrie putting together worksheets, which were then mailed to the students. We held volunteer meet-ups each term, both online and face-to-face to thank, celebrate and engage volunteers. Each get together was such a positive event. We all left with big smiles on our faces.

A big thank you to all our fantastic volunteers who are so vital for the day to day running of Alamein and it's many programs. You are the heart of our centre! Thank you!

Survey

In 2021, we surveyed the local community and Alamein participants to see what they wanted from the new centre. From this, we gained lots of ideas on courses and activities people would like to do and see in 2022. These included arts and craft activities, DIY, gardening activities, leisure, drama, sustainability information, technology sessions, and vocational education. These great ideas will feed into what we offer in our new space in 2022.

Sandii Ingham

Partnerships & Projects Coordinator

commonwealth home support program report



With the expectation that 2021 would be quite different from 2020, the Commonwealth Home Support Program expanded its range of activities and started planning new bus programs.

At the start of the year, we created a specific bus COVIDsafe plan for participants and staff. This meant we restricted passengers on the bus to three, had extensive cleaning procedures before and after each trip, ensured participants wore masks, used hand sanitiser when entering the bus, plus checked with participants they were healthy before the trip. Additionally, we designed the program so the participants spent less time in the bus and at venues than in previous years. As part of caring for and evaluating the safety of the group, all participants initially were involved in a one-on-one session to discuss the COVIDSafe Bus plan, plus a re-orientation and practice for safely getting on and off the bus with ease.

Although longer trips were still not possible, shorter trips to local venues were planned with two bus runs to the venue, with one staff meeting the participants at the venue, while the next bus group travelled there. This arrangement worked out very well for all, as there was sufficient overlap with the two groups to still be able to connect with each other, have a meal or morning tea, and at times do some shopping. We were able to support and discover many local cafes during this time. As the year progressed on alternate weeks, we visited Hawthorn East Home Company which became a combined shopping and lunch spot. Hawthorn East was specifically chosen as it's a very small local centre yet with a large modern supermarket available.

When lockdowns were in progress, Margaret continued to do longer one-on-one phone calls, book deliveries, and mail outs to help reduce social isolation. Various professional organisations provided valuable online presentations for staff to help with professional development and provide forums to discuss our experiences and ideas for different approaches to our community work.

During this time all the participants received multiple vaccinations and associated proof of vaccination certificates. At the end of the last lockdown in November, unfortunately, Margaret was unable to drive the bus or participate in activities for health reasons. However, for the end

of year celebrations, our ever-resourceful participants agreed to meet at a local café for lunch and travelled there independently and had a very enjoyable catchup.

Overall, although the participants had a very different program from previous years, we discovered we were able to deliver a meaningful and enjoyable and COVIDsafe program. In part this was also due to our efficient and supportive manager, Jill Hitchcock, who continually and effectively provided clear guidance and direction and cheerfully kept us up to date with the ever-changing restrictions that occurred in 2021. Many thanks Jill for all this support.

Margaret Smith & Valerie Barling

Commonwealth Home Support Programme Coordinators

community programs report



Men's Shed

2021 proved to be a challenging year for the Men's Shed, similar to the previous year, due to a combination of lockdowns, COVID fatigue and the challenges of indoor density limits.

Our community events program was significantly interrupted, and the flow and continuity of our shed activities was also affected. Overall, the men showed great patience, maintained a positive outlook and really appreciated opportunities presented to catch up with their fellow shed mates and Alamein staff. A new group of men who would meet on a Tuesday afternoon, developed a strong bond, often meeting in the community garden. The priority for this group was conversation, mateship and social inclusion. The Tuesday morning group of men who have been attending the shed for over 10 years, continued to enjoy each others' company and worked away on a timber tiny library which sits in front of the playground next to our centre.

Harmony Day in March was a great success. A diverse group of students, discussion group members and volunteers attended decked out in orange and traditional native dress and enjoyed the chance to share their cultural journeys and travel experiences. In total, 12 people attended the event held in the playground and community garden. Many of those who attended were born overseas and shared often emotional and life changing stories of their journey to settle in Australia.

One of the highlights of our community events program was **NAIDOC Week** which was held in July, we hosted an event in the portable room at Samarinda Avenue. The Rev. Glenn Loughrey from St Oswald's Church in Glen Iris gave a magnificent, enlightening and informative presentation in front of 17 people which was capacity for the room. Glenn shared his artwork and journey as an indigenous young man growing up in a community which was not always inclusive and just towards indigenous people.

A series of planned events such as 3PBS concert, men's health event and community garden events were all cancelled due to the pandemic lockdowns and density limits.

Enthusiasm for Zoom events and online communication for our largely over 65 community dropped off. Towards the end of 2021, an excitement grew as our new centre began to take shape and as COVID vaccination numbers increased, allowing the opportunity for small groups to gather at Samarinda Avenue and our community garden.

The **Bread Program** continued to grow in 2021 and despite having to move the delivery of the bread up to the portable at Samarinda Avenue, our numbers grew and new faces were



introduced to ANLC. We would like to make a special thank you to the support of Access Health and Community who supported the packaging and delivery of the program and achieved great success at getting Alamein Avenue residents to Ashwood and Chadstone Public Tenants' Group continued to be a great supporter of our community engagement.

Community Garden

In between the lockdowns of early 2021 and before the cyclone, fencing went up around our old Neighbourhood House the Alamein Garden group embarked on a Plant Rescue operation. Volunteers, students, staff and interested community members were invited to come along with their spades and pots to rescue any part of the garden from native plants, fruit trees and ornamentals to give them a new home on 4 March. We had a good turnout where the young espalier apple and pear trees found a new home with a local resident and the orange and apricot trees were relocated to the Community Garden.

Our very old leaky shed with a tied on roof was replaced with new garden shed in March. This proved to be very timely as we were able to accommodate some of the contents from the larger shed which was on the premises of the old neighbourhood house.

The number of plot holders remained constant in 2021 with gardeners enjoying the opportunities afforded by space in the garden. October 2021 saw a hive of activity. Once the playground gate was unlocked and gardeners were allowed access back into their gardens, we saw new life and vigour return, with garden plots being well tended and the excitement of a summer harvest anticipated.

Unfortunately, due to the lockdowns and general uncertainty, the Garden Group was disbanded temporarily and we did not have an end of year celebration. We look forward to more activities in 2022.

We were grateful for the support of the Ashburton and Chadstone branches of the Commonwealth Bank for their generous donations of \$500 each. These funds will be utilised to assist with the purchase of additional materials and equipment for the garden.

An application for a Small Grant with the City of Boroondara for \$3,000 to build a greenhouse and run associated activities was lodged in late October to assist with revitalising the community garden and to better support participants as well as students in the Introduction to Horticulture course.

Stuart Milligan & Isabel Ho

Community Development Workers

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Financial Statements

The 2021 Financial Statements accompanying this report show a deficit for the year ended December 31st of \$16,291 compared with a surplus of \$64,789 in 2020.

Audited Accounts

The 2021 accounts have been prepared on an accrual basis and were audited by J L Collyer & Partners. The Auditor's report is attached to the accounts.

Financial Position

ANLC has an extremely strong financial position with significant net assets of \$214,042. The committee has continued to retain within our accumulated funds a \$70,000 reserve to replace the community bus. The balance sheet can be summarised as:

	OPENING BALANCE	MOVEMENT IN 2021	CLOSING BALANCE
ASSETS	\$286,958	\$26,345	\$313,303
LIABILITIES	(\$56,625)	(\$42,636)	(\$99,261)
EQUITY	\$230,333	(\$16,291)	\$214,042

The increase in liabilities is driven by the receipt of Grants received in advance for the future delivery of programs in 2022 and is counterbalanced by an increase in cash held in the bank. A detailed breakdown of these closing balances is shown in the Balance Sheet.

Financial Performance

With the second year of the Covid 19 pandemic still affecting the world, 2021 proved to be as challenging a year for the ANLC as was 2020. The move from our existing location to temporary accommodation whilst our building was upgraded and renovated also compounded the problems associated with running our programs and classes.

Alamein Neighbourhood and Learning usually generates a significant portion of its income from operating activities such as course fees, charges for services provided to the local community and interest earned on funds invested and this remained comparable to that

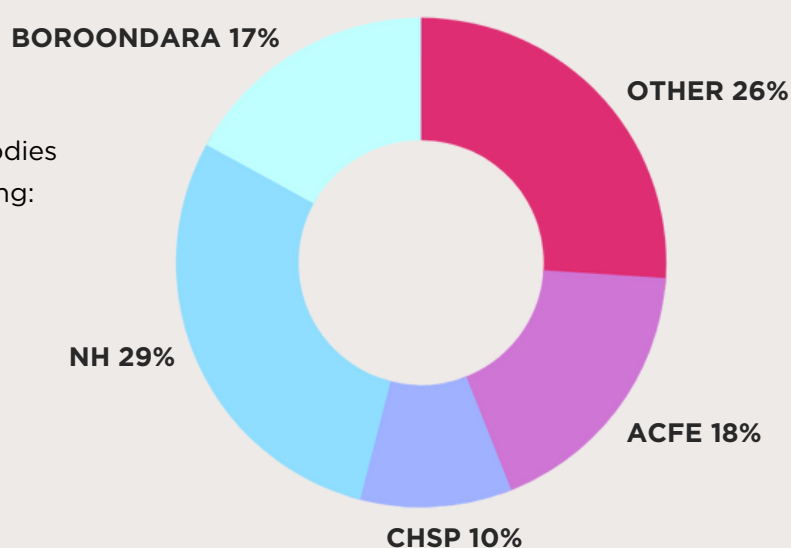
achieved in 2020, which when considering the move to our temporary accommodation for over a year, indicates the focus and impact of the staff in continuing to provide the best possible programs and activities to the community in less than ideal circumstances.

The major impact to the ANLC's income in 2021 was the wind down and removal of the Federal and State government support for businesses affected by Covid 19 which resulted in a revenue reduction of \$65,014 compared to 2020.

Outgoings were 2% higher in 2021 compared to 2020 with staff costs accounting for 81% of overall expenses and a 50% increase in marketing and promotion to inform the community of the move to temporary accommodation and to promote the new refurbished centre.

Source of Funds

ANLC receives the majority of its income from a range of government (Commonwealth, State and local) bodies with the primary sources in 2021 being:



Investments

Funds considered surplus to working capital were invested in interest bearing deposits throughout the year to achieve the best possible return on investment while maintaining a high level of security. All term deposits continue to be secured by the Federal Government Bank Deposit Guarantee.

Summary

Overall ANLC has maintained its sound financial position during 2021 and has operated within the expectations of the committee and in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

Looking forward, we expect that the COVID19 pandemic's effects will continue to lessen in 2022. And that the move back into our newly renovated and refurbished premises, with multipurpose spaces designed to deliver educational and community programs in a modern contemporary setting, will allow us to expand upon programs and activities for the community.

Noel Jacobs

Treasurer

auditor's report

ALAMEIN NEIGHBOURHOOD AND LEARNING CENTRE INC.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

		<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>				
Retained Surplus		144,042		160,333
New Bus Reserve		<u>70,000</u>		<u>70,000</u>
		<u>214,042</u>		<u>230,333</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>				
<u>Current Assets</u>				
Petty Cash	300		300	
Cash at Bank - Operating A/C	160,264		103,914	
Accrued Revenue	1,050		-	
Accounts Receivable	-		<u>4,238</u>	
		161,614		108,452
<u>Investments</u>				
ME-Term Deposit	120,000		-	
Westpac - Term Deposit	-		159,728	
Westpac -Cash Reserve	<u>12,988</u>	132,988	<u>12,987</u>	172,715
<u>Fixed Assets (Note 2)</u>				
Community Bus at cost	37,551		37,551	
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>37,551</u>	-	<u>37,551</u>	-
Computers at cost	25,549		25,549	
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>24,394</u>	1,155	<u>23,816</u>	1,733
Fixtures & Fittings at cost	59,996		47,396	
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>49,674</u>	10,322	<u>47,396</u>	-
Property & Equipment at cost	8,875		8,875	
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>8,043</u>	832	<u>7,627</u>	1,248
<u>Intangible Assets</u>				
Website	8,637		5,620	
Branding	4,915			
Less Accumulated Amortisation	<u>7,160</u>	6,392	<u>2,810</u>	2,810
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>		<u>313,303</u>		<u>286,958</u>
<u>LESS LIABILITIES</u>				
<u>Current Liabilities</u>				
Creditors and Provisions (Note 3)	32,882		30,167	
Grants in Advance	61,900		19,591	
GST	<u>4,479</u>	99,261	<u>6,867</u>	56,625
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u>		<u>99,261</u>		<u>56,625</u>
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		<u>214,042</u>		<u>230,333</u>

ALAMEIN NEIGHBOURHOOD AND LEARNING CENTRE INC.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	\$	\$
Retained Surplus at the Beginning of Financial Year	160,333	95,544
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) attributed to members	(16,291)	64,789
Transfer to New Bus Reserve	-	-
<u>Retained Surplus at the End of Financial Year</u>	<u>144,042</u>	<u>160,333</u>

ALAMEIN NEIGHBOURHOOD AND LEARNING CENTRE INC.**INCOME STATEMENT**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	\$	<u>2021</u> \$	\$	<u>2020</u> \$
<u>INCOME</u>				
Grants				
- Pre-Accredited Grant	78,946		87,289	
- CHSP Grant	43,823		42,495	
- NH Grant	123,843		118,940	
- Capacity & Innovation Grant	-		7,120	
- City of Boroodara	72,786		66,168	
- Other Grants	109,855	429,053	109,188	431,200
Fundraising - Gifts		42		747
Fundraising - Contributions		-		489
Trading/operating Activities	22,961	22,961		23,981
Other Income				
- Interest	744		1,978	
- Sundry income	250		238	
- Cashflow Boost	-	994	66,008	68,224
		453,050		524,621
<u>LESS EXPENDITURE</u>				
Advertising & Promotion		18,256		10,333
Amortisation Website		4,350		2,810
Annual Leave Provision		5,715		3,123
Audit Fees		1,920		1,834
Bad Debt Expense		1,708		-
Bank Charges		510		518
Cleaning		4,357		3,012
Client Support Services/Consumables		3,416		4,791
Computer Expenses		93		241
Depreciation		3,272		1,490
Events & Catering		579		202
Fundraising Expenses		-		-
Health & Safety		900		1,110
Insurance		2,066		1,846
Long Service Leave PLSA		7,234		2,319
Meeting Expenses		1,403		258
Membership & Subscription Fees		10,060		7,751
Minor Assets <\$5000		7,113		4,259
Motor Vehicle Expenses		3,233		5,351
Postage		1,509		1,413
Printing & Stationery		4,134		7,018
Publication & Info Resources		497		813
Repairs & Maintenance		611		67
Room Hire		-		300
Salaries		342,832		361,762
Staff amenities		1,874		89
Staff Recruitment Expenses		-		-
Staff Training		1,986		1,895
Sundry expenses		412		-
Superannuation		30,265		30,823
Telephone, fax & Internet		3,471		1,967
Utilities		1,269		4,072
Volunteer		759		960
Workcover		3,537		3,651
		469,341		459,832
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		<u>- 16,291</u>		<u>64,789</u>

ALAMEIN NEIGHBOURHOOD AND LEARNING CENTRE INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the period ending 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from grants etc.	497,803	513,801
Payments to suppliers and employees	(461,392)	(454,071)
Interest received	744	1,978
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities (Note 2)	37,155	61,708
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from (payment for) plant & equipment	(12,600)	(1,201)
Proceeds from (payment for) intangibles	(7,932)	-
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(20,532)	(1,201)
Net increase (decrease) in cash held	16,623	60,507
Cash at beginning of year	276,929	216,422
Cash at end of reporting period (Note 1)	293,552	276,929

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

NOTE 1. RECONCILIATION OF CASH

For the purposes of the statement of the cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and in at call deposits with banks or financial institutions, investments in money market instruments maturing within less than two months, net of bank overdrafts

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:

Cash at bank	293,252	276,629
Petty Cash	300	300
	293,552	276,929

NOTE 2. RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES TO OPERATING PROFIT

Surplus/(Deficit) for year	(16,291)	64,789
Depreciation	3,272	1,490
Amortisation	4,350	2,810
(Increase)/decrease in debtors/prepayments	3,188	(1,533)
Increase/(decrease) in grants in advance	42,309	(7,309)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors/provisions	327	1,461
	37,155	61,708

ALAMEIN NEIGHBOURHOOD AND LEARNING CENTRE INC.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

NOTE 1. 1.Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Preparation

In the opinion of the Committee of Management, the Association is not a reporting entity since there are unlikely to exist users of the financial report who are not able to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. These special purpose financial statements have been prepared to meet the reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements, AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows, AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors, AASB 1031 Materiality AASB 1048 'Interpretation of Standards' and AASB 1054 'Australian Additional Disclosures', as appropriate for not-for-profit orientated entities.

The Association is exempt from Income Tax under section 50-70 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997

AASB 1058 has not been adopted to disclose the real value of the provision of a below market value lease/rent of 49 Ashburn Grove as City of Boroondara have not advised a value.

(b) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

(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 measured.

(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 that are expected to be wholly settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled. Employee benefits expected to be settled more than one year after the end of the reporting period have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may satisfy vesting requirements. Changes in the measurement of the liability are recognised in profit or loss.

(e) Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is recognised when the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the entity and specific criteria relating to the type of revenue as noted below, has been satisfied. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and is presented net of returns, discounts and rebates. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Interest Revenue

Interest is recognised using the effective interest method.

Other Revenue

Other revenue is recognised when the entity is entitled to the funds.

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Property, plant and equipment are carried at cost, independent or association's valuation. All assets excluding freehold land, are depreciated over their useful lives to the business.

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

Each Class of Fixed Assets is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation. The depreciable amount of all fixed assets are depreciated at a rate of 15% to 33% on diminishing value method until disposed of. Assets costing less than \$5000 are written off at the time of purchase. Intangible items Website and Branding to be written off at a rate of 50% per annum.

The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

(g) Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period the committee reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in the statement of financial performance.

(h) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the tax authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of the acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

NOTE 2. Depreciation of Fixed Assets and Intangibles

Assets	Cost \$	Opening WDV \$	Additions	Depn Rate	Depn \$	Closing WDV \$
Community Bus	37,551	-	-	27%	-	-
Computers	25,549	1,733	-	33%	578	1,155
Fixtures & Fittings	47,396	-	12,600	33%	2,278	10,322
Property & Equipment	8,675	1,248	-	33%	416	832
Branding	4,915	-	4,915	50%	168	4,747
Website	5,620	2,810	3,017	50%	4,182	1,645
	<u>129,906</u>	<u>5,791</u>	<u>20,532</u>		<u>7,622</u>	<u>18,701</u>

NOTE 3. Creditors

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Creditors are made up as follows:		
Accounts Payable	-	-
Superannuation	2,533	3,497
PAYG	4,684	7,394
Annual Leave Provision	8,322	2,607
Long Service Leave Provision	<u>17,343</u>	<u>16,669</u>
	<u>32,882</u>	<u>30,167</u>

ALAMEIN NEIGHBOURHOOD AND LEARNING CENTRE INC.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee members submit the financial report of the Alamein Neighbourhood and Learning Centre Inc. for the financial year ended 31st December 2021.

Committee Members

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

Sally Holdsworth
Noel Jacobs
Jill Hitchcock
Maria Mathew
Susanne Walker

Jeremy Horey
Janet Hills
Pat Griffith
Alex Demetriou

Principal Activities

The principal activity of the association during the financial year was:

Provision of a range of programs and activities that are relevant to the needs of the local community

- Registered provider of Adult Community Further Education
- Social and recreational courses and activities at low cost
- Venue for use by community groups and networks
- Support and training for volunteers
- Community Mens Shed
- Provide support and space to support groups

Significant Changes

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

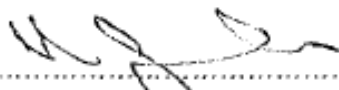
Operating Result

The Surplus/(Deficit) for the year amounted to \$(16,291) (2020 \$64,789).

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



Sally Holdsworth (President)



Noel Jacobs (Treasurer)

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR RESPONSIBLE PERSON

Section 60.15 of the Australian Charities and Not-for profits Commision Regulation 2013

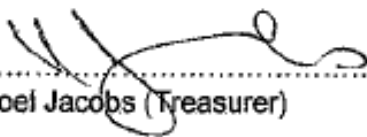
The Responsible Persons declare that in the Responsible Persons' opinion:

- (a) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the regiostered entity is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable;and
- (b) the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013.



.....
Sally Holdsworth (President)



.....
Noel Jacobs (Treasurer)

Dated this 21 day of APRIL, 2022

ALAMEIN NEIGHBOURHOOD AND LEARNING CENTRE INC.
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Alamein Neighbourhood and Learning Centre Inc. (the Association), which comprises the Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021, the income and expenditure statement, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the statement by members of the committee. In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Association for the year ended 31 December 2021 is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared to assist the Association. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the Association and should not be distributed to or used by parties other than the Association. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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



Lionel R. Arnold
Dated in Wantirna on 23rd March 2022

the year in photos







we gratefully acknowledge



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The logo for alamein neighbourhood & learning, featuring the word "alamein" in a colorful, multi-colored font, followed by "neighbourhood & learning" in black.