



2024 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 The purpose of the Alamein Neighbourhood & Learning Centre is to provide quality lifelong learning and support programs that encourage local participants to achieve their personal goals and to contribute to their community.



president's foreword



Alamein Neighbourhood & Learning Centre (Alamein) has an eye-catching motto : “Live. Laugh. Learn”. And this AGM is a showcase of the success of the motto. The Centre now operates out of a vibrant brightly colourful modern building where the background “music” is laughter intermixed with the chink of coffee cups. However, I am a great believer in people power and that all attitudes filter down from the top i.e. the staff, so capably led by Executive Officer, Jill Hitchcock make the place so alive and welcoming. Thank you all for your warmth and professionalism.

At the last AGM of this Centre in 2024, Jeremy Horey was President and soon after, we received notice of his untimely death whilst holidaying overseas. Since then, I have been acting President of the Centre’s Committee of Management and would like to register my thanks to all who assisted me in fulfilling Jeremy’s capable plans. People come and go, and as well as Jeremy’s absence, we lost the very adept hands of former Treasurer, Noel Jacobs- all of which meant recruiting new Committee members, so we hope to announce a new Treasurer soon. The modern building that we are in today has attracted the eye of several groups as a meeting place, whereby knowledge of its location and courses on offer ever widens, a positive step for the future. The Markham Estate, now up and running, also provides possibilities for future interaction of the residents and the Centre.

On behalf of the Committee of Management , I would like to record our gratitude for the generous funding provided by the City of Boroondara, The Commonwealth and Victorian governments and the ongoing support from our many partners: the teams at City of Boroondara with whom we work closely, ACFE and Learn Local, Neighbourhood Houses Victoria, NIECH (Network of Inner Eastern Community Houses), and our colleagues in the City of Boroondara’s network of community centres. Thank you.

In conclusion, I hope you will join with us in the future at Alamein, either as a visitor or participant and experience the warm professionalism that the Centre offers. We will continue to be alert to the possibilities of fostering future strong partnerships to ensure the ongoing growth of adult learning classes, in accordance with the motto – Live.Laugh.Learn.

Pat Griffith

Acting President



agenda

2024 Annual General Meeting - Alamein Neighbourhood & Learning
Tuesday 29 April 2025 at 4pm

1. Welcome/Apologies (Pat Griffith)
 2. Confirmation of minutes of the previous AGM (Pat Griffith)
 3. Business arising from the minutes (Pat Griffith)
 4. President's and Executive Officer's Reports (Pat Griffith and Jill Hitchcock)
 5. Financial report and presentation of audited financial statement (Pat Griffith)
 6. Appointment of the Auditor (Pat Griffith)
 7. Election of Committee of Management Members
 8. Guest speaker
- Meeting close



annual general meeting for 2024

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 16 April 2024 at 4pm.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Jeremy Horey, Alamein Neighbourhood & Learning President, opened the 47th Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 16 April 2024 at 4.00pm and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.

Jeremy Horey welcomed all present.

Present: Dr. Michelle Ananda-Rajah, Member for Higgins; Cr Garry Thompson, Solway Ward Councillor, City of Boroondara; Gabi Saffer, Office of Dr. Michelle Ananda-Rajah, Katelyn Stanyer, City of Boroondara; Sally Holdsworth, Jeremy Horey, Janet Hills, Pat Griffith, Susan Rodrigues, Adhira Razdan, Dimi Papadakis, Jill Hitchcock, Barbara Richter-Kirk, Marg Rawlings, Dinesh Alahananthan, Judy West, Ed Parker (Alamein); Ben Neil, Cat Ross (DFFH); Fiona Read, David Cooke, Astrid Kruse-Thorpe, Kelli Nunes (Access Health and Community); Lyn Notley, Sue Lamers, Cate Doolan, Claudelle Searancke (AACPTG); Swee Tan, Anne Symonds (Ashburton Community Garden); Meaghan Wealands (Craig Family Centre); Maria Mathew.

Apologies: Matt Fregon, Member for Ashwood; Cr Lisa Hollingsworth, Mayor of Boroondara, Cr Felicity Sinfield, Fiona Brown, Caddy Purdy, Danielle Short and Alana Smith (City of Boroondara); Deb Austin (Balwyn Community Centre), Geraldine Farrell (Trentwood at the Hub); Louise Ippolito (Craig Family Centre); Tracey Martin (Canterbury Family Centre); Jenny Fuge; Leanne Lawrence; Peter Ferguson; Tony Crawford; Capella Henderson (ECLC); Yuriko Franks, Sandii Ingham.

Minutes of the 2023 AGM

That the minutes of the 2023 AGM as circulated be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Moved: Jeremy Horey Seconded: Janet Hills Carried

2. Business Arising from the minutes:

Nil

3. President's and Manager's Report

Jeremy and Jill spoke briefly to the report, highlighting some of the challenges and achievements for the year.

That the 2023 President's and Manager's Report be accepted.

Moved: Sally Holdsworth Seconded: Pat Griffith Carried

4. Treasurer's Report including the Financial Statement for 2023

Jill Hitchcock spoke briefly to the report and highlighted some of the factors which resulted in additional expenditure for the year – events, extra staff time for cancelled classes and continuing after effects of COVID.

That the 2023 Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Moved: Sally Holdsworth Seconded: Jeremy Horey Carried

5. Appointment of the Auditor

That JL Collyer and Partners be appointed Auditor for 2025.

Moved: Jeremy Horey Seconded: Pat Griffith Carried

6. Election of Committee Members

Dr Michelle Ananda-Rajah presided over the election of the Committee of Management members. There were 5 vacancies on the Committee of Management.

Nominations were received from Jeremy Horey, Alma Klepo and Adhira Razdan.

As there are fewer nominations than positions available, it was declared that Jeremy Horey, Alma Klepo and Adhira Razdan were duly elected to the Committee of Management, joining Sally Holdsworth, Janet Hills, Pat Griffith and Susan Rodrigues

7. Guest Speaker – Ben Neill, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

Ben gave a short presentation about empowered renter decision making and gave examples of how this innovative model will change the experience of public housing residents.

Pat Griffith presented a small gift to Ben to thank him for the presentation.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.35pm.

alamein neighbourhood & learning teams 2024

Committee of Management

President

Jeremy Horey (Jan - Jun), Pat Griffith (Jun - Dec)

Vice President

Susan Rodrigues (Sep - Dec)

Minute Secretary

Janet Hills

Treasurer

Noel Jacobs (Jan - Mar)

Committee

Pat Griffith, Susan Rodrigues, Alma Klepo, Adhira Razdan,
Enayat Behiar, Eileen Fong, Jenna Wong Kai Pun

Staff

Executive Officer

Jill Hitchcock

Operations Manager and Further

Dimi Papadakis

Education Coordinator

Projects & Community Coordinator

Sandii Ingham

Administration

Barbara Richter-Kirk, Yuriko Franks

CHSP Coordinator

Marg Rawlings

Bookkeeper

Tony Crawford

Further Education Tutors

Ed Parker, Geraldine Lee, Vrinda Fernando, Judy West,
Kerrie Stephenson, Paul McNeill, Scott Moran, Sybella
Sullivan, Peter Bonnell, Nicole Lane, Kitty O'Sullivan

Leisure Tutors

Barbara Richter-Kirk (Yoga & Meditation), Dinesh Kanth
Alahananthan (Body Fit, Self Defence), Glenn Trainor
(Terrariums), Vrinda Fernando (Pilates)



executive officer's report

2024 was, in many ways, a challenging year at Alamein; however, we have been able to celebrate many successes and achievements thanks to our wonderful staff, volunteers, students and participants.

Vale Jeremy Horey

It was with great sadness in June that we heard about the death of our President, Jeremy Horey, who went to the UK for a long-anticipated family holiday and, tragically, fell seriously ill not long after arriving. All at Alamein were devastated at this loss as Jeremy, who had been on the Alamein Committee of Management since 2020, had been a driving force with the strategic planning process and had also made an enormous contribution in a range of other areas. All of the Alamein staff and Committee of Management members will miss his wisdom, guidance and sense of humour and we will keep his vision for our organisation in mind as we continue our work in supporting our local community.

Funded programs

We continue to enjoy the support of the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) for the Neighbourhood House Coordination Program, the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care for the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP), Department of Justice, Skills, Industry and Regions (DJSIR) for the Adult Community and Further Education (ACFE) program, as well as the City of Boroondara for funding to deliver programs and activities at Alamein.

The year started quite slowly in terms of enrolments in ACFE classes – some year long classes did not start for several weeks due to low enrolment numbers and we scrambled to make up ground throughout the year. We participated in a pilot project for the new ACFE pre-accredited quality framework – we received a grant to cover costs but implementation of this within the classroom was more time consuming than we anticipated. Despite our best efforts and the success of some of our innovative classes such as Fast and Easy Meals and Chat GPT, we were not able to deliver all of our funded hours during the year. At the end of 2024 we carefully reviewed our ACFE courses and adjusted our delivery plan to focus our attention on key classes in 2025.

We were pleased, however, to receive another Family Learning Partnership Grant under the ACFE program, and this gave us the opportunity to deliver some engaging activities with parents and children in order to spark interest in lifelong learning and promote our pre-accredited classes. This project is being delivered with the support of local providers, and in particular we would like to thank Louise Ippolito from the Craig Family Centre, Fiona Sherlock from the Ashwood Children's Centre and David Cook from Camcare for their understanding and vision in their support of this project. We would like to thank the staff at the ACFE Regional Office – Cathy Clarke, Daniella Mayer, Janine Summers and Giuseppe Posterino – for their support throughout the year for our pre-accredited program and projects.

Throughout 2024 we implemented some changes in our Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) groups due to the increasing frailty of our participants, several of whom moved on to home care packages and/or into residential care. We refined our goal directed care planning documents and procedures and developed a more responsive program of activities for participants, who were actively involved in planning sessions of particular interest to them. The group met across the centre – in the classrooms and craft room when using the interactive white board and in the common area where they enjoyed chatting with others in the centre and being part of cooking demonstrations. We would like to thank Kirsty Fairless for her support and guidance as our Funding Agreement Manager in 2024. As many would know, some significant changes are afoot in the Aged Care Sector. We are doing our best to keep abreast of these changes and manage the implementation of the new Support at Home programs. The Commonwealth Home Support Programme is funded until 2027.

Our Neighbourhood House drop-in program ran daily throughout the year providing opportunities for locals to call in for tea and coffee, seek information and referrals and find out about the range of activities at Alamein. As part of this program, we continued to offer free and low-cost activities for our local community, such as the Chatty Cafe and the craft and games groups, as well as targeted support via partnerships with other organisations such as the the Skills and Jobs Centre at Holmesglen and the DFFH Housing officer outreach program. Having completed the annual surveys for NHVic and for the City of Boroondara, we know that the number of people participating in these programs over the year was more than 4,500, a significant increase on the number for the previous year. We were also pleased to support the Body Dysmorphic Disorder Group and the Family Drug Health groups, both of which meet monthly at the centre, as well as the CoG Theatre group led by Geraline Lee for their delivery of the evening dinner program which supports many in the community.

The funding we receive from the City of Boroondara provides us with the opportunity to deliver activities aimed at reducing social isolation in our community. For example, our Men's Shed program, operating from the workshop on the Alamein Railway station and also from our Ashburn Grove centre, is a popular activity for many locals who pursue their own woodworking projects but also take part in repairs and projects for the local community. We were also fortunate to receive a grant from the City of Boroondara to establish the Ashy News, a local publication showcasing the three neighbourhood houses in Ashburton and the Ashburton Traders' Association. Thank you to Katelyn Stanyer for regular support and meetings and to the City of Boroondara Community Development staff for the annual partnership planning workshops.

An important part of our work as a neighbourhood house is to support local partnerships and activities, and we are fortunate that in Ashburton we have a dedicated group of service providers who are willing to commit time to this endeavour. Alamein assisted with the facilitation of the Ashburton Service Providers' Network (ASPN), together with DFFH and Access Health and Community. This network is attended by a number of local service providers and is a valuable resource for all those delivering activities and services in the area. We appreciated the support of the DFFH Housing Services officers, in particular Rochelle Peters who covers the Markham Estate, and Nathan McDonald, the Housing Manager, for providing a regular outreach service from Alamein. This not only provides a convenient opportunity for renters to discuss issues with DFFH but also introduces us to new people who may not have otherwise attended the centre. We also partnered with the Craig Family Centre to deliver lunches for residents of the new Markham Estate, supported the Ashburton, Ashwood and Chadstone Tenants Group (AACPTG) to hold meetings at the Markham Avenue Pavilion, enabled Ngwala to deliver an event from the Markham Pavilion, and assisted the

Ashburton Community Garden with a grant application. We were pleased to partner with the Ashburton Community Residents' Association to run four markets during the year, at which Alamein was able to promote our courses and activities, and we supported some other groups such as tenants at public housing estates with their peer led social activities and information sessions. We also joined with Craig FC and Power Neighbourhood House to work on a business plan for a new cross municipality project. We would like to acknowledge and thank all partners who supported our work in 2024, in particular:

- Louise Ippolito, Executive Director at the Craig Family Centre,
- Rachel Morley, Manager, Ashburton Community Centre
- David Cooke and Astrid Kruse-Thorpe from Access Health and Community
- Cat Ross from DFFH

During the year we completed our DFFH Community Participation project, with the purchase of new equipment for the centre, including computers for the computer lab, and refurbishment of the community garden. We welcomed a visit from Matt Fregon, MP for Ashwood and Cr John Friend -Pereira to see the positive impact of the grant.

Finally, we also supported local community services students, mostly from Holmesglen TAFE, who undertook practical placements at Alamein. Neighbourhood Houses can provide a great overview and hands-on experience for students and can also provide some short-term capacity for our organisations, for example in assisting with programs and activities such as the lunches held at the Markham Pavilion. It is pleasing that several of these students have since found work in their chosen fields and have utilised the experience of Alamein as part of this recruitment process.

Committee of Management

In late 2023 we developed a new strategic plan, recruited a risk management specialist to the Committee and other members with backgrounds in HR and law and so we started 2024 on a very positive note.

Just prior to the AGM in 2024 Noel Jacobs, our Treasurer, stepped down and despite other members taking on the role in an acting capacity the position was vacant for the remainder of the year. Pat Griffith, who has been on the Alamein Committee for over 40 years and had been Vice President, stepped in as Acting President and later in the year Susan Rodrigues became Vice President.

Major achievements for the Committee during the year included:

- Review of and development of a new risk management template and plan.
- Delivery of two risk management training and consultation sessions with staff – general risk management and subsequently risk register based training
- Review of strategic plan and development of action items for 2024.
- Recruitment and orientation of three new CoM members
- Attendance at City of Boroondara training sessions for Committee of Management members – on risk management and cyber security

Staff

The Alamein staff team does a wonderful job of delivering targeted and well-designed programs to address the needs of the local community. It is pleasing to note that common feedback from participants is about the warm and friendly nature of our service, and this of course is due to the dedicated staff who endeavour to make everyone coming into the centre feel welcome and included. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of all the staff over the year and to thank them for their diligence and excellence in all aspects of service delivery. Our teachers at Alamein bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to their classes whilst carefully structured by our teachers, classes remain informal and responsive to student areas of interest, and this flexibility and adaptability is a hallmark of our pre-accreted and other

programs. Thank you to all of our teachers for their remarkable work in 2024.

Volunteers, students and participants

If ever an example of an active volunteer program is required there is no need to look any further than Alamein. Our volunteers are enthusiastic and energetic and bring their amazing skills to just about every task we have on offer. Feedback about the friendliness of our centre is in large part due to the support of the volunteers who go out of their way to ensure that everyone is made to feel welcome. I would also like to acknowledge our wonderful students and participants who make Alamein an exciting and fun centre. Our students and participants are curious, hardworking and supportive of our centre in so many ways, from helping with tidying up to delivering course guides to donating goods for our fundraising raffles. They make the most of their learning experiences and opportunities to connect with others. Most days periods of quiet instruction and hard work in classes and activities are punctuated by some fairly raucous laughter and jolliness, and we can happily report that they really embody our motto of Live Laugh Learn.

Jill Hitchcock

Executive Officer

our participants

In 2024, the total number of people who participated in our centre's programs and activities was 4585.

The total number of people estimated who USED the centre in an average week during the calendar year, including volunteers, students, people from other organisations who meet at the centre, and drop-ins) was 430, with 366 people participating each week in neighbourhood house activities.

The majority of our participants in 2024 were female and over 50 years of age.

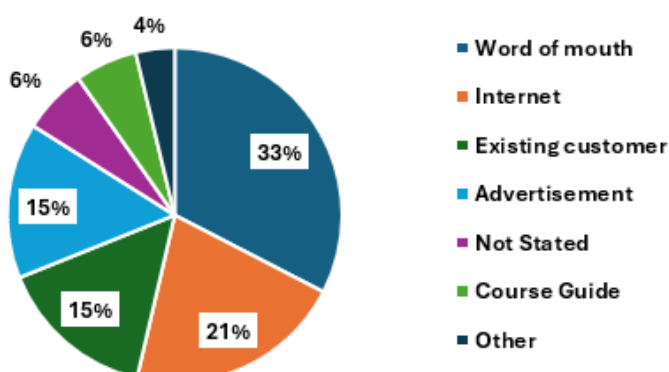
Most of our participants (refer table 3) came from Ashburton, followed by Glen Iris. However, participants came from a wide range of suburbs, often to attend English as an Additional Language (EAL) class not available in their own area.

Our participants hailed from 49 different countries. The top 3 countries recorded apart from Australia were, China, Sri Lanka and Vietnam.

Referral Source

The majority of our referrals are via word of mouth (33%), with the internet being the next highest source of referrals. Advertisements – comprising such sources as Boroondara Bulletin, Alamein Enews, course guide etc. – were also significant sources of referrals to Alamein.

2024 Referral Source - Percentage



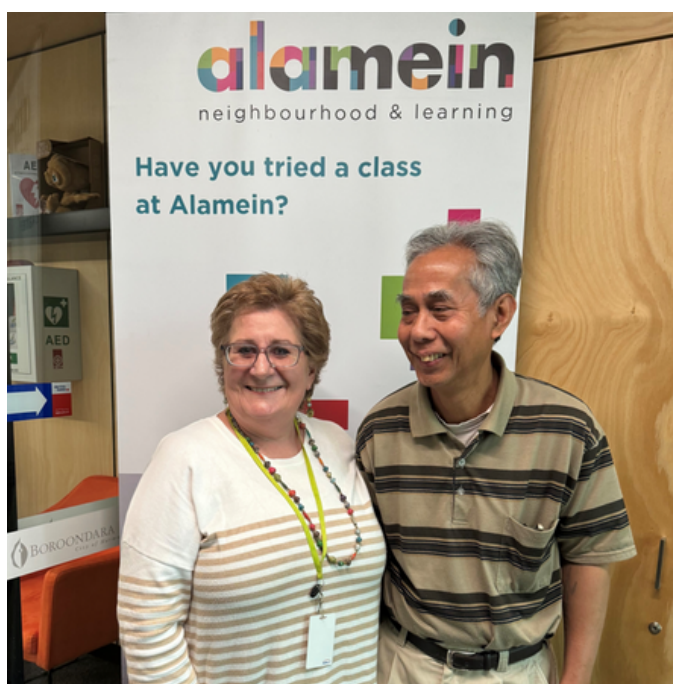
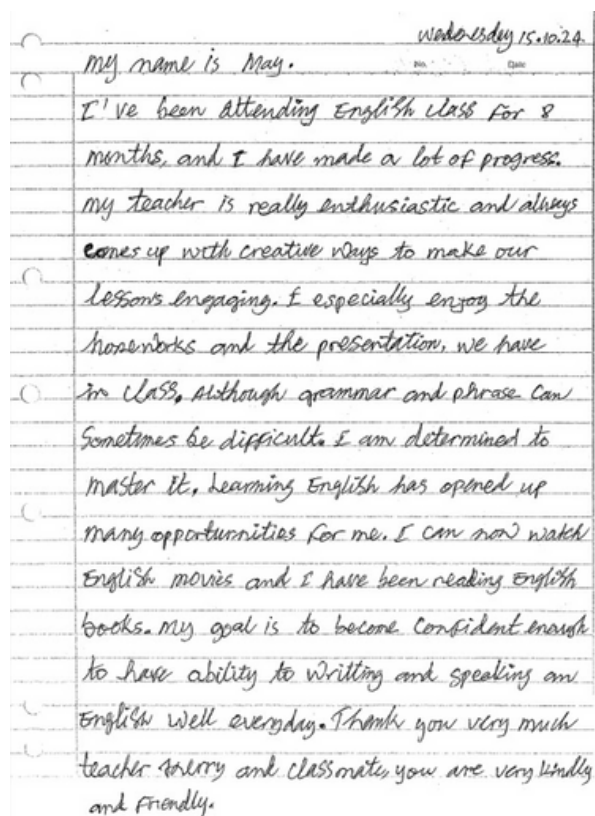
Referral - 2024	Percentage
Word of mouth	33%
Internet	21%
Existing customer	15%
Advertisement	15%
Not Stated	6%
Course Guide	6%
Other	4%

further education report

ACFE

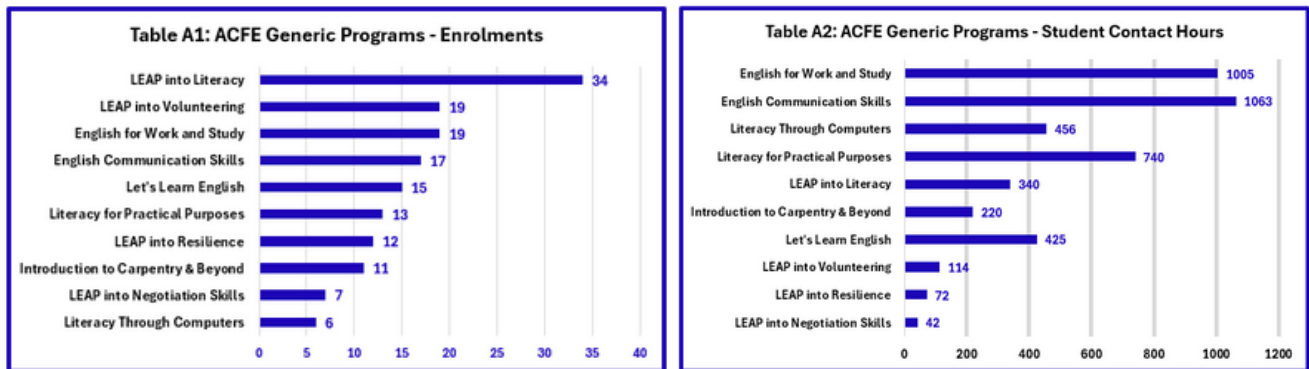
The Further Education program comprises courses delivered under the Adult Community and Further Education (ACFE) program, with the aim of supporting students to re-enter the workforce or go on to further study, as well as fee for service classes.

Alamein's pre-accredited classes offer more than just education—they provide real opportunities for personal growth. Whether it's improving English, learning Microsoft skills, or exploring AI and ChatGPT, these courses help people build confidence and practical abilities. For one of our students, May, learning English has been more than just mastering a new language. After just 8 months at Alamein's pre-accredited English class, he's not only gained confidence but also discovered a love for reading English books and watching movies in a language that once felt unfamiliar. With the support of his enthusiastic teacher and welcoming staff and classmates, May is determined to continue his progress. In May's own words, his story shows how community-based learning programs open doors for everyone, no matter their starting point.

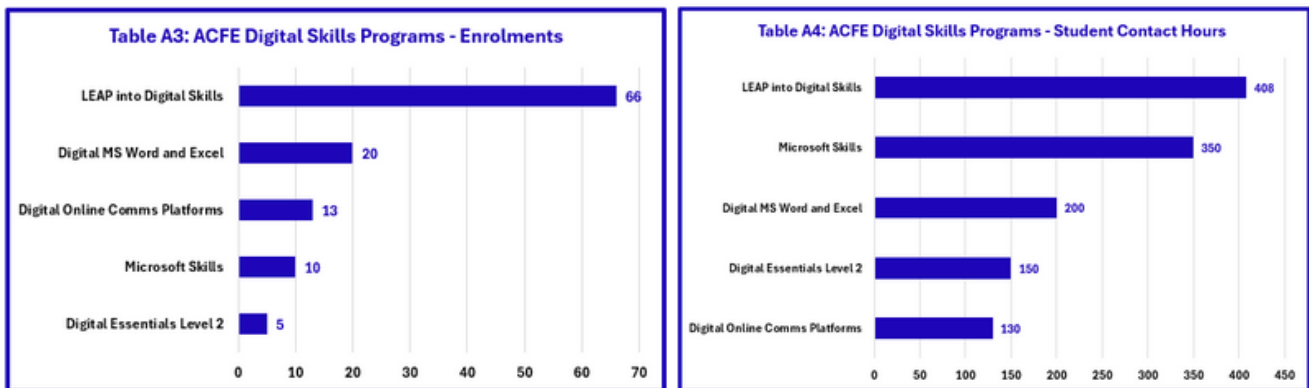


In 2024, the Centre achieved 267 ACFE enrolments, delivering a total of 5,715 student contact hours.

Out of a total of 10 Generic ACFE programs delivered, there were 153 enrolments, with 4,477 student contact hours delivered overall. Most popular programs attended (refer Table A1: ACFE Generic Programs - Enrolments) were LEAP into Literacy, LEAP into Volunteering and English for Work and Study. The programs with the most student contact hours delivered (refer Table A2: ACFE Generic Programs - Student Contact Hours) were English for Work and Study, English Communication Skills and Literacy for Practical Purposes.



Out of a total of 5 ACFE Digital Skills programs delivered, there were 114 enrolments, with 1,238 student contact hours delivered overall. Most popular digital programs attended (refer Table A3: ACFE Digital Skills Programs - Enrolments) were LEAP into Digital Skills, MS Word and Excel and Online Comms Platforms. The digital programs with the most student contact hours delivered (refer Table A4: ACFE Digital Skills Programs - Student Contact Hours) were LEAP into Digital Skills, Microsoft Skills and MS Word and Excel.



During 2024 we delivered two new ACFE courses : Digital MS Word and Excel and Let's Learn English. Both of these are centrally developed modules.

ACFE invited Learn Locals to take part in a pilot project for a new template to replace the pre-accredited quality framework which has been in place for many years. The Stronger By Design PQF Pilot involved training two staff members in the design of this framework and subsequently the development of documentation for and implementation in one of our EAL classes.

PARTNERSHIPS

The success of the Further Education Program relies on collaboration with our many partners to assist us in identifying and responding to needs through the provision of pre-accredited training. We would like to thank our partner organisations and look forward to a continuing, mutually beneficial and successful relationship in the future. These partners included:

- a) **Amaroo Neighbourhood Centre** - where we delivered two LEAP into volunteering courses
- b) **Ashwood, Alamein and Chadstone Public Tenants Group (AACPTG)** - members of this group also took part in a volunteering course. We were also invited to attend the groups' regular meetings to promote Alamein activities and make valuable connections with local public housing residents.
- c) **Swinburne University** -to workshop aligning courses and timetables for consistent student pathways.
- d) **The CoG Theatre Group**, which supports local public housing residents and those experiencing financial disadvantage by providing healthy Friday night meals. The aim of this activity is to educate healthy eating options and encourage them to attend activities at Alamein.

The North East Public Health Unit provided a grant to further our work with disadvantaged residents.

- e) **Access Health and Community** provided funding for Alamein to deliver the Sunday Sessions (Health & Wellbeing activities, which provided exercise and well being tasters across four Sundays in February with the aim of promoting healthy lifestyles and reducing weekend alcohol consumption, and publicising leisure and other learning activities at Alamein.

- f) **The Craig Family Centre, Ashburton Community Centre and Ashburton Traders** to develop the ASHY NEWS, a local publication featuring the three local neighbourhood houses and the Ashburton Traders' Association. This project was made possible with a grant from the City of Boroondara.

During the year we also welcomed new teachers, Peter Bonnell and Nicole Lane to our team and farewelled Kitty O'Sullivan. I would like to sincerely thank all of the teachers for their dedication and commitment and for making Alamein a friendly, inclusive and supportive learning environment.

Dimi Papadakis

Further Education Coordinator





projects & community report

Projects

In 2024, Alamein ran several projects supporting the local community. These included a new 2-year Family Learning Partnership (FLP), the completion of the Markham Avenue Community Connections project and the bread sustainability project.


The aims of this [Family Learning Partnership](#) were to reconnect local residents with local services, build stronger relationships with support organisations and create more educational and employment opportunities, and ultimately engage parents and grandparents in programs at Alamein.

We established an FLP partnership with The Craig Family Centre (CFC), Camcare, The Y, Ashwood Children's Centre (ACC), Power Neighbourhood House (PNH), Salvos and Holmesglen. Then to ascertain parents' needs and interests, and ways to engage them, we used a combination of partner insights, focus groups, a parent survey and one-on-one parent discussions at emergency food relief, community lunches, the bread program, Friday soup kitchen and drop-in support at Alamein. We also explored a potential FLP partnership with Jobs Statewide. This will be further investigated in 2025.

The FLP engaged with over 75 families in 2024. Engagement activities for the FLP included healthy lunchbox sessions for parents and children run at Alamein and at ACC, supporting local parents with applications, literacy and numeracy scavenger hunts at Alamein artisan markets, holiday activities for parents and children based around music and science, and presenting Alamein videos to ACC parents and their children. FLP also gave us the resources to do a more consolidated follow-up on families at Markham Winter and Spring community lunches and morning teas. We also offered English classes at Power Neighbourhood House. These did not eventuate due to low numbers of eligible learners; however, interested participants contacted Alamein and enrolled in Alamein English classes.

This FLP project continues in 2025, where we will expand on activities and strengthen the partnerships.

[The Markham Avenue Community Connections Project](#) started in 2023 and concluded in term 1, 2024 with a BBQ for Markham residents, neighbours and local dignitaries. Working with partners was crucial for the project's success. It helped us reach more residents through partner connections and brought more diverse knowledge and skill sets to events, which organisations utilised for referrals later. We found that occupying a new estate was not as straight forward as we first thought. It took time to engage with new residents as many were focused on moving and settling in and dealing with issues that arose. Barriers occurred for residents to join in activities such as medical or Centrelink appointments, anxiety about going out, or forgetting what day it was. The biggest lesson from this was to make things as easy as possible for residents to engage. Strategies to support this were put together to be utilised in future engagement projects.



The bread program at Alamein ran in 2024. Approximately 25 people utilised the weekly leftover bread from Bakers Delight. Some of this bread was given out fortnightly at Markham estate over 3 months, but there was very little uptake. The bread program at Alamein was discontinued in term 4 due to logistical reasons.

Men's shed

The morning and afternoon men's shed got together at the beginning of 2024 for a combined BBQ. They continued this catch-up in each successive term with the June BBQ open to all local men (1 new local attended.) All together we had 14 men attend the men's shed in 2024; 11 were regular attendees (3 morning, 8 afternoon.)

The men did an amazing job of fixing our community garden. They renovated plots, made additional ones and put together a bench for gardeners to sit on. The men also repaired a children's bike left on the nature strip; stripping it down, building it back up and painting it. In addition to this, they fixed toys for local residents.

Due to a water leak in October 2023, the shed kitchen was not used until Metro completed fixing it in October 2024. The men plan to make this a painting space.

Cr. Gary Thompson, the council representative of Solway ward in 2024, visited the men's shed in February. The men chatted about the shed and had photos taken.

For Men's Health Week, YMCA invited our men's shed to have a table at Ashburton pool to showcase the shed. Three men promoted the shed to pool visitors. Following this, we had 1 man return to the shed and 2 people call Alamein to enquire about it.

In term 4, four men did test & tag training. This was 1 day of practical training and approximately 10 hours of online training. We utilised the computer room with volunteers and myself supporting the men to complete the online component.

Community Garden

In February 2024, the paths in the community garden flooded from broken pipes in the neighbouring property. DFFH arranged for water to be turned off. However, this affected our garden's access to water. Tank pipes were fixed to allow tank water from 1 Alamein Ave to be used. Unfortunately, as there was no power, the pump could not be used so water access was slow. This was rectified in the mid-year, when Boroondara allowed our plot holders to use the tap in the pocket park.

Unfortunately, in term 4, the garden shed lock was cut and some garden equipment was stolen. The police were contacted but nothing was recovered.

Our plot holders, men's shed and volunteer gardeners have made our community garden look lush, productive and inviting, and with the renovation of more plots, we will be able to rent out to more local residents in the future.

Social Media

Throughout 2024, posts showing activities and people at Alamein were dropped on Facebook 3-5 times a week. They received between 5-19 likes. Please engage with our Facebook!

Sandii Ingham

Projects & Community Coordinator



alamein volunteer program

Our wonderful volunteers are multi-skilled and have stepped into so many different roles when needed. From welcomers to event support, housekeeping to classroom assistants, Committee of Management members to gardeners, administrative assistants to English tutors, bread program support to chatty cafe facilitators, newsletter volunteers to tiny librarians, human library participants to program deliverers - we very much appreciate all the work our volunteers have performed throughout the year.

Some key information from 2024:

- Our 46 Alamein volunteers, including 16 new recruits, supported us with over 5200 hours of volunteer work. Thank you!!
- Our volunteer advisory committee, made up of Miki, Janet, Bernadette and Pat, started the Alamein Volunteer newsletter and produced 3 editions in 2024. The newsletter contains a volunteer profile, riddles, volunteer roles, events, tips and photos of volunteers in action.
- The advisory committee also helped with updating the volunteer handbook.
- Our volunteers helped the men's shed with our community garden renovation. The men's shed made new plots replacing old ones and our volunteer gardeners weeded and cleared plots needing to be updated. They also kept the paths and common areas in the garden neat.
- Our volunteer welcomers greeted people coming into Alamein, making the centre feel friendly and welcoming, while our housekeeping volunteers kept our drop-in area clean and tidy.
- Volunteers helped at various events that we ran, including Family Learning Partnership (FLP) activities such as healthy lunchboxes, making musical instruments, and running science experiments and scavenger hunt. Volunteers also supported the Biggest Morning Tea, Adult Learners' Week Human Library, CHSP Olympics, Markham BBQs and lunches, and Alamein artisan market BBQs, raffles and promotion of Alamein in general.
- Four volunteers facilitated our weekly chatty café, making participants feel welcome and included.
- Eleven volunteers were part of our bread program, collecting and distributing bread to an average of 25 people per week who dropped into the centre or visited the program after their scheduled activity.
- Alamein had 4 volunteer meetings with an average of 13 volunteers attending each one. At these meetings volunteers had the opportunity to get to know others in the program, to learn about different roles and to contribute to updating Alamein procedures.
- Our tiny librarians sorted through donated books, glued Alamein stickers in and stocked our tiny libraries with thousands of books.
- Students in English Conversation for over 65s enjoyed their class and recommended it to friends thanks to the creativity of the 2 brilliant volunteers.
- Our program walkers delivered over 2100 programs each term.
- Thank you to all our amazing volunteers for great work you do!

Sandii Ingham

Projects & Community Coordinator

Volunteers 2024

Mikiko Baker
 Enayat Behiar
 David Briggs
 Sandra Briggs
 Prue Burke
 Mark Charles
 Kylie Cheah
 Bernadette Clancy
 Bobby Connor
 Ruth Cruttenden
 May Danh
 Adrian Deschepper
 Warren Featherstone
 Peter Ferguson
 Jo Flack
 Yuriko Franks
 Colin Fredericks
 Eileen Fong
 Pat Griffith
 Barbara Haynes
 Catherine Henbest
 Janet Hills
 Jill Hitchcock
 Kyra Hatimoshou
 Anita Hogan
 Sally Holdsworth
 Jeremy Horey
 Noel Jacobs
 Lydia Jin
 Alma Klepo
 Barb Lay
 Dora Macris
 Fraser Marshall
 Mark Nicholson
 Max Nicholson
 Hugh Offor
 Rhea Ortnier
 Vivian Qian
 Marg Rawlings
 Adhira Razdan
 Susan Rodrigues
 Anne Sidari
 Kerrie Stephenson
 Rohan Wimalasuriya
 Jenna Wong Kai Pun
 David Zanolto
 Cathy Zhu



commonwealth home support program (CHSP) report

The Alamein Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) activities continued to evolve and develop over 2024. The Monday and Wednesday social support groups adapted in response to the changing needs of the participants, most of whom are in their eighties and older, and also in accordance with their wishes and requests to create a stimulating environment where they can enjoy the company of others. Over the course of the year we had 119 attendances on a Monday and 145 attendances for Wednesday.

An important part of CHSP is to create an environment where participants feel valued and supported, and as part of this we acknowledge all birthdays with a card and best wishes from all in the group. In 2024 we celebrated a special birthday in January with a lovely party for one of our participants who turned 106 years young.

The ladies got involved with crafts throughout the year. Buttons were used to make a beautiful tree. They painted Lavender bushes and repurposed a terracotta pot into a hanging Bell Chime. In December they made Christmas Coasters, which was the activity they really enjoyed the most.

For a change of scenery, we went out and about to our favorite cafes, Bells and Whistles and Mr. Tucci's for our hit of coffee and a bite to eat. We also celebrated National Fish & Chip Day. Brain stimulation games are a huge hit with the ladies as they love being challenged. I can also say with pride I do believe they have finally mastered HANGMAN!!!!!!!

The group enjoyed being part of cooking sessions where a delicious lunch - usually something they no longer cook at home - is prepared for them, their favorite meals being sausages, peas and mash with gravy, of course, and mini schnitzel with mash, peas and gravy. Both meals were gobbled up in no time.

The Olympic Games were held at Alamein with the CHSP participants all eager to be involved in all the events. Weeks of training was completed to get everyone in tiptop condition for the grueling events that were to come. Volunteers were at the ready to help with the events. Everyone had so much fun.

On occasion the Ladies also joined up with other activities and classes in the Centre. For example, the CHSP ladies joined with an English class for a get together and a chat with the students. This was enjoyed by both groups. Our ladies also got involved in the Human Library, with students having the opportunity to speak with an octogenarian whom they had also seen in a video.

We celebrated the Melbourne Cup with our very own Alamein Cup. The horses ran down the straight with the ladies very excited at the outcome. The AFL Grand Final had arrived, and another round of Alamein Hand Ball was on Offer.

Armchair travel to Lotus Garden @ Warburton, New Zealand, Netherlands to see the floral displays, Japan, Lume for Leonardo da Vinci, Ireland and Scotland were all on offer. A Falls prevention talk was held to help the ladies understand how to avoid falls and how to get up after a fall, what not to have on your floors and what to wear on your feet to avoid falls. This was well attended and enjoyed.

A conversation about scams came up with one of the ladies who said, "I'm fine because I don't have a credit card". An example of another situation was provided, and she was shocked and acknowledged that "indeed, scams can affect anyone". As a result, a talk was delivered on scams involving older people. The Ladies were so engaged and asked lots of questions, they were very thankful for all the information that they received on the day.

During Seniors' Week we had to opportunity to go to the Country Women's Association headquarters in Toorak for a high tea. Only 2 of the ladies took up the offer, but on the day one of them was unwell so her daughter came in her place. The building was stunning.

The ladies wanted to know about Volcanoes, Airplanes and the Swedish Ship the Vasa. We also watch several Andre Rieu Concerts as he is their favorite. To finish the year, we went to Mathew Flinders Hotel for our Christmas Lunch, it was a lovely afternoon.

Marg Rawlings
CHSP Coordinator





Leisure & Community Programs

During 2024 we delivered a range of leisure and community programs in response to local demand for high quality and inclusive activities.

Yoga and Pilates

Throughout the year we ran Monday evening yoga classes, and due to high demand introduced a late afternoon taster on a Monday. The Thursday morning meditation and relaxation class remained popular. Tuesday evenings were dedicated to Pilates aimed at students in two levels. We would like to thank all of our students for their participation in these classes – many of our students have been attending classes at Alamein for many years and we truly appreciate their commitment to and support of our centre.

Body Fit

Thank you to Dinesh Alahananthan for facilitating the weekly Body Fit classes and Summer tasters in Body Fit and Self Defence classes in 2024. Participants enjoyed the activities in these classes and benefitted from Dinesh's warm and professional approach to these activities.

Craft and Games

Friday afternoons at Alamein have been devoted to Craft and Games activities, with participants bringing their own craft projects to work on in the company of others, whilst Rummikub proved to be the game of choice for others dropping in.

Tiny Library

The Tiny Library program provides access to donated books for the local community and is as popular as ever. Thank you to our Tiny Librarians Marg and Ruth for keeping the libraries tidy, to everyone who donates and to all who take advantage of this fun and informative activity.

Chatty Cafe Program

On Wednesdays throughout 2024 we enjoyed the company of a very lively group of Chatty Cafe participants. Meeting for an hour from 10.30, these chatterers covered a myriad of topics – with tattoos perhaps promoting the most hilarity! – and several connections and friendships have resulted from this group.

Terrarium Workshops

The craft room was transformed into a terrarium workshop on several occasions throughout the year, with participants learning about creating these unique microcosms and taking gifts for important days of the year such as Mothers' Day and Christmas.

2024 events

Alamein Neighbourhood & Learning delivered a full calendar of events in 2024. These were well attended and included:

Harmony Day was celebrated in March with a collaboration between an English class, the CHSP participants and the Chatty Cafe members.

The BVRC Volunteer Expo was held in March and once again Alamein participated in the Neighbourhood Houses Boroondara stall to promote volunteering roles across all the houses.

Biggest Morning Tea was held on Wednesday 22/5 with our highest level English as an Additional Language (EAL) Class, as well as our CHSP and Chatty Cafe participants. Thank you to our wonderful English students for their delicious contributions to our morning tea and to all for their generosity on the day. We raised \$260 for the Cancer Council.

ARTISAN Markets, organised by The Ashburton Community Residents' Association (ACRA), were held quarterly and attracted a number of new people into the centre.

Neighbourhood House Week was celebrated on 15 May with a session by Lee Kerr from NHVic, on No Interest Loans.

The ever-popular **Adult Learners Week Event** took place on 4 September, with our fascinating Human Library Books speaking about a range of experiences.

Alamein participated in **the Boroondara Reuse & Repair Day** at the Hawthorn Arts Centre on Saturday 23 November.



Financial report & 2024 financial statement

Financial Statements

The 2024 Financial Statements accompanying this report show an operating surplus for the year ended 31 December, 2024 of \$9781 compared to a profit in 2023 of \$57,612.

Audited Accounts

The 2024 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

Alamein still retains a strong financial position with net assets of \$110,881.

	CLOSING BALANCE 2023	MOVEMENT	CLOSING BALANCE 2024
ASSETS	\$225,974	\$55,218	\$170,756
LIABILITIES	\$124,874	\$64,999	\$59,875
EQUITY	\$101,100	\$ 9,781	\$110,881

Financial Performance update

2024 remained a challenging year for Alamein in terms of balancing the maintenance of service delivery and rising costs; however an improvement in student enrolments and the additional income from regular room hire resulted in a small operating surplus. The Committee continued to pay particular attention to the budget and expenditure throughout 2024 with expenses being tightly controlled to return the Centre to a surplus.

Alamein 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. During 2024 take-up of our programs and activities increased and whilst we still experienced delays and changes to programming we were successful in delivering more of our scheduled offerings.

Outgoings were slightly higher in 2024 compared to 2023 with staff costs accounting for most of overall expenses.

Source of Funds update

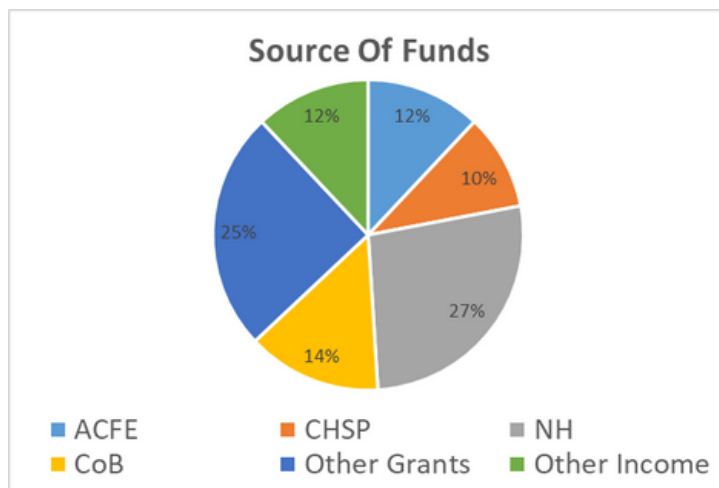
Alamein receives the majority of its recurrent income from a range of government (Commonwealth, State and Local Government) bodies with the primary sources in 2024 being in the Adult Community and Further Education (ACFE 12%), Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP 10%), Department of Families Fairness and Housing Neighbourhood House Coordination Funding (DFFH 27%) and City of Boroondara (14%). In 2024 additional project based grants were also received from the City of Boroondara, ACFE, DFFH (Community Participation) and other sources.

Investments

Funds considered to be surplus to working capital were invested in an interest bearing deposit in 2024 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

Alamein was able to return a small surplus in 2024 due to the receipt of additional grants, an increase in student enrolments and additional income from room hire, and careful financial management. Alamein still has a strong balance sheet and retained earnings and has operated within the expectations of the committee and in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.



Pat Griffith

Acting President

ALAMEIN NEIGHBOURHOOD AND LEARNING CENTRE INC.**BALANCE SHEET**
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	\$	<u>2024</u> \$	\$	<u>2023</u> \$
<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>				
Retained Surplus		<u>110,881</u>		<u>101,100</u>
		<u>110,881</u>		<u>101,100</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>				
<u>Current Assets</u>				
Petty Cash & Cash Float	300		300	
Cash at Bank - Operating A/C	12,048		73,414	
Withholding Tax	2,066		-	
Accounts Receivable	-		-	
		<u>14,414</u>		<u>73,714</u>
<u>Investments</u>				
ME-Term Deposit	123,319		120,988	
Westpac -Cash Reserve	<u>13,397</u>	<u>136,716</u>	<u>13,220</u>	<u>134,208</u>
<u>Fixed Assets (Note 2)</u>				
Computers at cost	29,907		32,038	
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>14,057</u>	<u>15,850</u>	<u>17,778</u>	<u>14,260</u>
Fixtures & Fittings at cost	20,051		18,207	
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>16,464</u>	<u>3,587</u>	<u>14,697</u>	<u>3,510</u>
Property & Equipment at cost	1,668		1,668	
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>1,479</u>	<u>189</u>	<u>1,386</u>	<u>282</u>
<u>Intangible Assets</u>				
Website	8,637		8,637	
Branding	4,915		4,915	
Less Accumulated Amortisation	<u>13,552</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,552</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>		<u>170,756</u>		<u>225,974</u>
<u>LESS LIABILITIES</u>				
<u>Current Liabilities</u>				
Creditors and Provisions (Note 3)	55,032		45,936	
Grants in Advance	-		64,347	
GST	<u>4,843</u>	<u>59,875</u>	<u>14,591</u>	<u>124,874</u>
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u>		<u>59,875</u>		<u>124,874</u>
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		<u>110,881</u>		<u>101,100</u>

ALAMEIN NEIGHBOURHOOD AND LEARNING CENTRE INC.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Retained Surplus at the Beginning of Financial Year	101,100	43,488
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) attributed to members	9,781	57,612
<u>Retained Surplus at the End of Financial Year</u>	<u>110,881</u>	<u>101,100</u>

ALAMEIN NEIGHBOURHOOD AND LEARNING CENTRE INC.**INCOME STATEMENT**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<u>INCOME</u>				
Grants				
- Pre-Accredited Grant	59,680		97,307	
- CHSP Grant	47,908		49,587	
- NH Grant	135,644		133,151	
- City of Boroodara	72,104		70,351	
- Other Grants	<u>123,377</u>	<u>438,713</u>	<u>94,039</u>	<u>444,435</u>
Fundraising - Gifts		1,426		422
Fundraising - Contributions		-		72
Trading/operating Activities		42,392		21,790
Other Income				
- Interest	4,573		2,123	
- Sundry Income	608		577	
- Sale of Assets	-		2,225	
- Room Hire	<u>9,964</u>	<u>15,145</u>	<u>560</u>	<u>5,485</u>
		<u>497,676</u>		<u>472,204</u>
Add- Redemption of Bus Reserve		-		70,000
		<u>497,676</u>		<u>542,204</u>
<u>LESS EXPENDITURE</u>				
Advertising & Promotion		1,593		1,815
Amortisation Website		-		2,290
Annual Leave Provision		13,021		9,618
Audit Fees		2,277		2,252
Bank Charges		524		524
Bookkeeper Fees		23,350		22,500
Cleaning		12,589		12,348
Client Support Services/Consumables		11,160		8,172
Depreciation		9,667		10,705
Events & Catering		752		2,369
Fund Raising Expenses		260		123
Grant Refund		3,666		8,752
Health & Safety		8,071		1,585
Insurance		2,875		2,055
Long Service Leave PLSA		5,297		7,514
Long Service Leave Provision	-	4,100	-	7,626
Meeting Expenses		358		742
Membership & Subscription Fees		9,849		9,766
Minor Assets <\$5000		1,419		3,279
Motor Vehicle Expenses		368		2,763
Postage		197		139
Printing & Stationery		10,278		8,148
Publication & Info Resources		-		14
Repairs & Maintenance		3,305		173
Salaries		324,553		327,369
Staff amenities		65		526
Staff Training		239		2,050
Superannuation		35,757		33,705
Telephone, fax & Internet		1,828		1,739
Utilities		908		1,495
Volunteer		277		1,475
Workcover		<u>7,492</u>		<u>6,213</u>
		<u>487,895</u>		<u>484,592</u>
<u>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</u>		<u>\$9,781</u>		<u>\$57,612</u>

ALAMEIN NEIGHBOURHOOD AND LEARNING CENTRE INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the period ending 31 December 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$	\$
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from grants etc.	430,822	530,709
Payments to suppliers and employees	(480,946)	(461,287)
Interest received	2,507	2,123
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities (Note 2)	<u>(47,617)</u>	<u>71,545</u>
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from (payment for) plant & equipment	(11,241)	(20,510)
Proceeds from (payment for) intangibles	-	-
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>(11,241)</u>	<u>(20,510)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash held	(58,858)	51,035
Cash at beginning of year	207,922	156,887
Cash at end of reporting period (Note 1)	<u>149,064</u>	<u>207,922</u>

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	148,764	156,587
Petty Cash	300	300
	<u>149,064</u>	<u>156,887</u>

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

Surplus/(Deficit) for year	9,781	57,612
Depreciation	9,667	10,705
Amortisation	-	2,290
(Increase)/decrease in Withholding Tax	(2,066)	-
Increase/(decrease) in grants in advance	(64,347)	60,628
Increase/(decrease) in creditors/provisions	(652)	(59,690)
	<u>(47,617)</u>	<u>71,545</u>

ALAMEIN NEIGHBOURHOOD AND LEARNING CENTRE INC.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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 1048 Interpretation of Standards and AASB 1054 'Australian Additional Disclosures', as appropriate for not-for-profit 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 for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wages increases and the probability that the employee may satisfy requirements. Changes in the measurement of the liability are recognised in the 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.

ALAMEIN NEIGHBOURHOOD AND LEARNING CENTRE INC.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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 and amortisation of Fixed Assets and Intangibles

Assets	Cost \$	Opening WDV \$	Additions	Depn Rate	Depn \$	Closing WDV \$
Computers	29,907	14,260	9,397	33%	7,807	15,850
Fixtures & Fittings	20,051	3,510	1,844	33%	1,767	3,587
Property & Equipment	1,668	282		33%	93	189
Branding	4,915	-		50%	-	-
Website	8,637	-		50%	-	-
	<u>65,178</u>	<u>18,052</u>	<u>11,241</u>		<u>9,667</u>	<u>19,626</u>

NOTE 3. Creditors

	2024	2023
Creditors are made up as follows:		
Accrued Wages	7,370	5,563
Bond Deposits Held	200	200
Superannuation	2,639	2,647
PAYG	4,463	3,632
Room Hire Fees in Advance	-	2,440
Annual Leave Provision	32,022	19,000
Long Service Leave Provision	8,338	12,454
	<u>55,032</u>	<u>45,936</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 2024.

Committee Members

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

Sally Holdsworth
Noel Jacobs
Eileen Fong
Susan Rodrigues
Adhira Razdan
Jenna Wong Kai Pun

Jeremy Horey
Janet Hills
Pat Griffith
Alma Klepo
Enayat Behiar

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

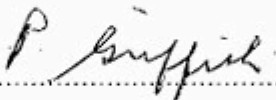
Significant Changes

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

Operating Result

The Surplus/(Deficit) for the year amounted to \$9,781 (2023 \$57,612).

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



Pat Griffith (Acting President)

Dated this 28 day of April, 2025

ALAMEIN NEIGHBOURHOOD AND LEARNING CENTRE INC.

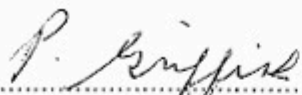
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR RESPONSIBLE PERSON

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

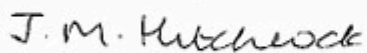
The Responsible Persons declare that in the Responsible Persons' opinion:

- (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.



Pat Griffith (Acting President)



Jill Hitchcock (Secretary)

Dated this 28 day of April, 2025

ALAMEIN NEIGHBOURHOOD AND LEARNING CENTRE INC.
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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 2024, 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 2024 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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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 April 2025

the year in photos





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