



GOOLWA COMMUNITY
CENTRE

ANNUAL REPORT

2023 - 2024



Floral Bouquet Workshop in Port Elliot



Yarncraft stall at Christmas Market

Acknowledgement of Country

The Goolwa Community Centre acknowledges the Ngarrindjeri and Ramindjeri people as the traditional custodians of the lands and waters on which we live, meet and work. We acknowledge their strong spiritual and cultural connection to country and pay our deep respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

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Damien Shen - Portrait Workshop





Carers Week Event

Margaret Gardner

President's Report

This year has been met with some changes in the Board of Management.

Kym McHugh our Patron stepped down after many years of support and Cedric Varcoe agreed to take the position. The Centre is delighted to have a Ngarrindjeri cultural leader take an interest in the Community Centre. Cedric was one of the artists who provided designs for the three mosaics at the front of the building and is a regular weekend facilitator. We look forward to his contribution and the opportunity to embrace the First Nations people to the Centre even more. We will miss Kym and the way he so whole heartedly supported the work of the community.

Steve Ramsay's final meeting was in October 2023 and at the AGM in November Nick Metcalfe the Centres maintenance volunteer became a member of the Board. We welcomed Nick and his wide knowledge of the Centre and his willingness to take on tasks like sourcing the hire car for the Phoenix Program.

Deb Grant was farewelled in July and Tracy Parkes was appointed as Finance Officer. Tracy initially joined us one day a week from April to assist in the Dept Human Services accreditation process and brings to the Centre high level business development qualifications, experience and skills. The management committee coopted her as Treasurer.

The Community and Neighbourhood development program funding, secured last year will help provide a level of financial security over the next nine years. Goolwa was one of 60 Community Centres around South Australia to win one of these grants. A total of \$43 million is being provided by the South Australian Government

This has ensured some clearer tenure for our Centre Manager and Finance Officer for the first time. While the management committee can take a collective sigh of relief, the finances of the Community Centre are still tenuous and require the Centre to be financially prudent. Without this grant and the ongoing commitment of Alexandrina Council, other small grants and our social enterprise Green Thumbs the Centre's wide range of programs would struggle to be conducted.



Board Members (Back from left) - Michael Masters, Lynda Lovell, Cedric Varcoe, Nick Metcalfe, Tracy Parkes, Garry Coombes
(Front from left) - Di Gordon, Margaret Gardner

The Board of Management also understands that without the 55 volunteers (who cover a wide range of skills and areas of expertise) the Centre would not be able to provide the services and activities that are available to the community. This fact is not lost on the Board and there is no doubt that if we were able, many of the volunteers would receive a wage. A huge thank you goes to every volunteer.

This year management has engaged Henson Lloyd as Auditors and their statement is provided in this annual report.

It has been another excellent year of programming by Di Gordon our Centre Manager. She has managed people in her collaborative, competent caring and creative way. We on management committee are continually in awe of her skills

One of the challenges we face is the lack of space in the current location and our hope is our registration of interest for the lease of Custom House might be successful sometime in the future.

Until then, we continue to make the most of every space and hour to provide the community with a rich and full program.

Margaret Gardner

Centre Manager's Report



2023/2024 has been a very exciting and productive year!

The new financial year heralded a new era of support for the Goolwa Community Centre with Community Neighbourhood Development funding from the Department of Human Services (DHS) (which contributes to the Centre's operational costs for up to the next 9 years.) We also received additional grant funding from DHS to undertake Australian Service Excellence Standards accreditation which ensures that our policies, procedure and governance structure are current and robust.

With the two-year Fleurieu Phoenix program for women due to finish, the funding body (Department of Social Services) recognised the outstanding contribution the program has made to the lives of many women and invited us to submit a proposal to upscale the program. The proposal to deliver the program into the communities of Milang and Strathalbyn was accepted and is underway, coordinated by Jodie Price and assisted by Kerry Coulter.

We were also successful in gaining funding from Gambling Harm Support SA to develop a mid-week evening social program as an alternative to playing gaming machines. The program is being supported by the local hotels and clubs

The funding we received from Arts SA's Richard Llewellyn Grant enabled GCC volunteer, participant and local identity, Sandra Wehrmann, to undertake a mentorship with local contemporary artist John Foubister which resulted in an amazing two-hander exhibition with Adam Seljan at the South Coast Regional Arts Centre in May 2024. The exhibition was very well attended with both artists achieving good sales.

In the past 12 months, Goolwa Community Centre has delivered 109 programs including daytime workshops, evening, and weekend workshop with at least one workshop per term based at Middleton and Port Elliot.

Through the last financial year, 570 people attended workshops and activities. This equates to 4948 visitations. (This compares with 441 people attending and 3876 visitations in the previous year). This equates to 13,451 contact hours compared with 9816 hours in the previous year. With the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan forecasting massive growth for the Southern Fleurieu, we are faced with the challenge of finding additional space for workshops, events, storage and parking. To this end, we have submitted a registration of interest for the lease of the historic Customs House. We await the outcome with eager anticipation!



Sandra Wehrmann with Portrait of Di



Anne Thoday's Baskets

Other challenges into the next twelve months include:

- accommodating more programs for our youth
- developing strong partnerships and collaborations with other local agencies
- seek philanthropic funding and sponsorship for programs and materials with our new charity and DGR status

Finally, we could not provide the services and programs we do, without the support, skills and generosity of our voluntary board of management and wonderful staff and facilitators. Everyone involved in the Centre come with good will, kindness and a passion for community which makes the Goolwa Community Centre one of the best in the state; a Centre where

Anyone can come and everyone belongs!

Di Gordon



Fleurieu Phoenix Lunch

Fleurieu Phoenix Program

June 30th 2024 saw the first Fleurieu Phoenix program draw to an end after a successful 2 years.

The program had a transformative effect for the women to overcome barriers to engagement, form connections, increase knowledge and skillsets, develop connections into communities and regain a sense of well-being and purpose. The Goolwa Community Centre has developed ways to incorporate similar low-cost workshop options into their regular program. Program partners are re-evaluating their services to avoid duplication and extend their reach. The program has also received support and contributions from local businesses and community organisations, benefiting the wider community.

The Phoenix program 1 brought about profound positive changes in the lives of the women, fostering connections and friendships while alleviating feelings of isolation, exclusion and burnout. Through the program, individuals gained confidence, a sense of belonging, newfound perspective on life and mapped out pathways for their futures. Women have been empowered to explore new opportunities, prioritise their well-being, and engage in personal growth. Women in the program have been connected to a wide range of support through various existing services in the community. This underscores the transformative power of support and community in enhancing overall well-being and quality of life.

Department of Social Services invited Goolwa Community Centre to apply for an additional year's funding to expand the Phoenix program due to the positive outcomes obtained in the first two years.

Goolwa Community Centre submitted a proposal to DSS and was advised the proposal was successful. An additional year of funding, \$180,000 was allocated to expand the Fleurieu Phoenix program to the regions of Milang and Strathalbyn.



Phoenix Pamper Day

Vivienne Maher - Mental Health Facilitator

Milang is recognised as one of the most disadvantaged regional communities at quintile 1 on the SEIFA Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage. It has a population of approx. 831 people and 2021 Census advises 47.8% are women with a median age of 55 years.

Strathalbyn has a quintile 2 rating on the SEIFA IRSD index with a population of 6,000. 2021 Census advises 52.5% are women with a median age of 47 years.

The Centre has leased an 8-seater vehicle for the program which will assist with transporting women who have no transport or access to public transport to be able to access the workshops and sessions that will be on offer through the program.

We are pleased to be offered the opportunity to extend the program to support vulnerable women experiencing social isolation and exclusion in these communities.

Phoenix Program Testimony

I came to the Goolwa Community Centre two and a half years ago as a very socially isolated person after being a carer for my elderly mum for 10 years and my brother for two years. My world had shrunk down to a very small place. Through the Goolwa Community Centre I was assessed and accepted into the Phoenix program by Jodie. Di and the Community Centre opened its doors and programs to the Phoenix women. Everyone at the Centre made us feel welcomed, valued and confident to come in and be part of the Community Centre.

Some of the programs I attended included: journal making workshop, scented basket weaving workshop, yoga and mindfulness, music connections, aromatherapy and natural beauty products, self-protection, chai making workshop, nutrition workshop with Claudia, raffia Christmas wreath workshop, watercolour painting, recycled jewellery making, grief guidance course, computer IT support, life coaching, opshop bus tour, and Chat n Chai every Thursday just to name a few.

There were so many other programs that I know the other Phoenix women attended also, where they found joy and belonging.

By attending all these workshops, I met a lot of new friends and formed connections with others. Thanks to the Goolwa Community Centre I am no longer socially isolated. My challenge now is to balance a busy social life with the creative things I love to do. I slowly and gradually gained confidence in myself again as an interesting person with the ability to form friendships, reach out to others and be creative.

The Phoenix program and the Community Centre empowered me to such an extent that I made the decision to come off a Centrelink payment, access my superannuation, and become a self-funded retiree which was a huge boost to my self-esteem. I received so much from the Goolwa Community Centre and the Phoenix program, and I witnessed the same benefit for so many other women.

Di has also hosted many Carers SA events which have helped many carers in the community to form connections with each other, access services and programs that may assist them in their carer role or just have some respite and time for themselves. Di, Jodie and the Community Centre also supported me, and it was my soft place to fall when my mum passed away 18 months ago.

I helped out with the Music Connections program for a couple of terms, and I am now a co-facilitator of the Grief and Loss support group at the Centre. My mental health has improved since attending the Goolwa Community Centre. My psychologist said my depression, anxiety and stress levels are now in the normal range after years of being in the high range.

I have found healing on a physical, emotional, mental and social level as you can tell by my testimony. I really hope the Goolwa Community Centre can continue to help others in our community as much as it has helped me.

With many thanks from Kim Clay.



Kim Clay



Phoenix First Aid Training



Phoenix Group



Green Thumbs Report



What a year Green Thumbs has had!

21 Volunteer gardeners have accomplished 540 hours of gardening. We have doubled the number of Gardening jobs from last year and increased our clients to over 100.

Janette is still co ordinating the most wonderful team but now with the incredible help from Carole. Carole has volunteered to help Janette on Wednesdays and in her absence. And she makes great coffee.

The primary function of the service is for a team of volunteers to assist community residents with advice and low-level gardening tasks (at low cost), which allows clients to once again get pleasure and relaxation from their gardens. We receive feedback with before and after photos from our clients, as a testimonial of the service given and appreciation of the same.

The volunteers are a loyal, dedicated team who take pride in their work. The service offered by the Community Centre through Green Thumbs Program is well appreciated and will grow as we have more volunteers on board.

It is a privilege to co-ordinate beautiful clients and volunteers.

The two girls that came today were a treasure, their bloods worth bottling. Your team is a blessing to us as we age. Go well x Charleen

Please give the weeding ladies a HUGE thank-you for the spectacular job they did at my place.....well done and very much appreciated!!! Kind Regards Mary

Janette and Green Thumbs. Thank you so much for making my garden good again. Best Wishes to all Helga



Green Thumbs Volunteers



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to all

Thank you for all the wonderful work your gardeners have done for me and our Goolwa Community
Monica
Goolwa North

Thank you so much for sending the Green Thumbs. The fellows moved so much stuff with such jollity, it made the job so much fun and easy
Jeanette C
Goolwa

This service is amazing. The volunteers who come to tidy my garden are always friendly and courteous. They do an amazing job getting all the weeds and leaves sorted. Highly recommend and would be lost without them, as I struggle to maintain my garden on my own.
Vikki



Leather Workshop



Auslan Workshop

Weekday Workshops

Every two years we conduct a community need analysis to find out what our community wants and needs. This informs our program and the types of activities and services we provide. We offer low-cost workshops through the week with evening workshops through the warmer months.

Weekday workshops over the past year have included:

- Charcoal & Pastels
- Drawing
- Painting
- Yarncraft
- Budding Writers
- Dancing
- Jewellery
- Sewing
- Weaving
- Mosaics
- Music
- Craft
- Lego and Games
- Social Bus Trips
- Meditation and Mindfulness
- Yoga
- Water Colour Painting
- Photography
- Weaving
- Cooking
- Body and Hair care
- Vision boards
- Life Planning
- Sound Bath
- Self Defense
- Nutrition
- Shopping on a budget
- SAPOL Home safety
- Mental Health First Aid
- First Aid
- Clean & Green
- Financial Literacy
- Basic Car Maintenance
- Digital Literacy
- Clay Creations
- Auslan



Watercolour Workshop



Amanda and Quilt

We also offer the following services:

- Goolwa Green Thumbs
- Grief Support Group
- Food Distribution Program
- Computer Support
- Coffee Pod Recycling
- Tax Help
- Budgeting
- Scanning & Photocopying
- Community Information
- Room Hire

Jewellery Workshop





Lino Prints Workshop

Weekend Workshops

Over the past year we have offered a variety of Weekend workshops for people who are unable to attend through the week. They were offered in the communities of Goolwa, Port Elliot and Middleton. The weekend workshops have been extremely popular, attracting many people from Adelaide and surrounding areas.

Examples include:

- Kondoli (whale) workshop
- Fibre Basket Weaving
- Life Drawing
- Candle Making
- Self Defense
- Wood Carving
- Arancini Cooking
- Sea Glass Jewellery
- Drumming
- Lino Printing
- Christmas Cookery
- Mosaics
- Nutritious Cooking
- Pasta Making
- Lithographic Printmaking
- Portrait Workshop
- Body Products
- Fabric Coil Baskets
- Clean and Green Product
- Feather Flowers
- Mini Lino Prints



Arancini Workshop



Feather Flower Making Workshop



Damien Shen - Portrait Workshop



End of Term Volunteer wind up

Volunteers

Hi, my name is Jane Gunnery, and I am the Volunteer Coordinator, and have been since September 2022.

We are so lucky to have so many people who live in and around Goolwa and surrounding areas, who are willing to volunteer their time and skills for the community.

Some of our volunteers are job seekers, but so many are volunteers who just want to be part of our community and to be involved. We currently have 55 volunteers in many different roles including:

- Reception/Office/Administration
- Marketing and Social Media
- Food Programs (Involves collecting and Distribution of food)
- Assisting with Workshops and our Weekly Programs
- Assisting Jodie with the Phoenix Program
- Maintenance for our Centre
- Gardeners for our Centre and the Green Thumbs social enterprise.

This year we have had many new volunteers, but sadly had to say goodbye to some who have retired, moved out of the area or found employment.

In the past 12 months we have had a couple of younger people take up volunteering at the Goolwa Community Centre, firstly in the field of marketing and communication. Nikita began volunteering with us one day per week to gain experience in community development, and after about 2 months, she secured a 4-day week paid position at Headspace. We were very sorry to lose her but very happy for her to gain paid employment.

Most recently, Shaynee has joined us on reception and support for the youth arts program.

After three years, volunteering on reception, we farewelled Sheila.





FOT BBQ



Sheila and Deb

We were so lucky to have her! She was always a friendly and happy receptionist who constantly improved our processes; we miss her but understand it's time for Sheila to explore and enjoy her new life.

Jojo also left us after many years of volunteering at the Centre and provided individual support in the Sewing Program on Thursday mornings. She also helped with other projects, and we miss her bubbly nature but wish her well on her new adventure on the Yorke Peninsula.

We have also said goodbye to a few of our Green Thumb volunteers who have decided to retire after years of dedication to the community.

We have offered both training and social opportunities for all our volunteers.

In the past year we have offered First Aid Training to 30 of our volunteers as well as Mental Health First Aid Course which was held over 2 days with 11 volunteers in attendance.

We have regularly booked a table in the Wharf Wine Bar Trivia Quiz nights and have several staff dinners at Goolwa Hotel as well as regular end of term bbqs at the Centre with volunteers and partners invited.

We are truly grateful and appreciative of all our volunteers.

Goolwa Community Centre offers a warm welcome and volunteering at the Centre makes you feel like you are part of a community.





Volunteer Mental Health Training



Kondoli Workshop with Steph and Cedric



Raffia Wreaths

Sanjay making feather flowers

Financial Reports



Income & Expenditure Statement

for the year ended 30 June 2024

Income	2024
Grants	
Community Neighbourhood Development Grant	103,849
Fleurieu Phoenix Grant Income	131,743
Goolwa Community Centre Council Grant	90,100
Governance Grant	27,491
Grant Income	2,490
Total Grants	355,672
Programs & Services Income	
Individual Support Services	5,875
Social Enterprise Projects	12,479
Workshop Attendance Fees	75,602
Total Programs & Services Income	93,956
Other Income	
Association Membership Fees	892
Donations	1,898
Flag Hire	95
Venue Hire	680
Total Other Income	3,565
Total Income	453,194
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Gross Surplus	453,194
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Other Income	
Interest Income	5,224
Total Other Income	5,224
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Operating Expenses	
Program & Services Expenses	
Catering Supplies	295
Fleurieu Phoenix Grant Expenses	35,391
Garden Shed Expenses	539
Grant Expenses	2,816
Individual Support Contractor	3,118
Program Facilitation	53,255
Social Enterprise Project Supplies	506
Workshop Supplies	8,249
Total Program & Services Expenses	104,169
Overhead Expenses	
Bank Fees	1,010
Cleaning and Sanitation	4,671
Computer & Accounting Expenses	3,178
Depreciation	12,061
Domestic Supplies	3,708
Electricity	3,274
Fixtures & Fittings	3,975
Freight	336
Insurance	4,687
Marketing & Promotion	2,989
Memberships & Subscriptions	130
Printing & Stationery	9,515
Repairs & Maintenance	1,644
Rates	1,835
Safety Equipment	784
Security	1,168
Telephone & Internet	2,443
Tenancy	18,018
Total Overhead Expenses	75,427
Wages & Salaries	
Provision for Annual Leave	15,570
Superannuation	22,684
Training and Development	7,843
Wages and Salaries	208,702
Workcover	4,126
Total Wages & Salaries	258,924
Total Operating Expenses	438,520
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Net Surplus / Deficit	19,898

Balance Sheet

As at 30 June 2024

Assets	30 June 2024
Bank	
AC General 1535 45876	185,798
AC Holding 1547 99886	26,134
Card 1588 42898	1,163
Cash Sales Float	200
Petty Cash	200
Sandhurst Managed Fund	106,822
Total Bank	320,317
Current Assets	
Accounts Receivable	5,445
Total Current Assets	5,445
Fixed Assets	
Computer Equipment	
Computer Equipment	20,000
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Computer Equipment	(10,000)
Total Computer Equipment	10,000
Kitchen Equipment & Fittings	
Kitchen Fittings & Equipment	3,824
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Kitchen, Fittings & Equipment	(1,912)
Total Kitchen Equipment & Fittings	1,912
Office Equipment	
Office Equipment	299
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Office Equipment	(149)
Total Office Equipment	150
Total Fixed Assets	12,062
Total Assets	337,824
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	4,507
Contra / Holding Account	2,500
Grant Income Received in Advance	180,000
PAYG Withholdings Payable	13,309
Provision - Annual Leave	15,570
Superannuation Payable	0
Total Current Liabilities	215,886
Non-current Liabilities	
Sharon Pankhurst Fund	574
Total Non-current Liabilities	574
Total Liabilities	216,459
Net Assets	121,365
Equity	
Current Year Earnings	19,898
Retained Earnings	101,467
Total Equity	121,365

GOOLWA COMMUNITY CENTRE INC

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

The Board has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.


In the opinion of the Board the financial report as set out on pages 1 to 19

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Goolwa Community Centre Inc as at 30 June 2024 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Goolwa Community Centre Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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



Margaret Gardner (President)



Tracy Parkes (Treasurer)

GOOLWA COMMUNITY CENTRE INC

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

The Board of Management submit the financial report of Goolwa Community Centre Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Board Members

Margaret Gardner (President)
Tracy Parkes (Treasurer)
Diana Gordon
Lynda Lovell

Garry Coombes
Michael Masters
Nicolas Metcalfe
Debra Grant

Principle Activity

The principle activity of the association during the financial year was to provide support and services to the people of Goolwa and surrounding districts.

Significant Changes

No significant changes in the nature of the activity occurred during the year.


Operating Result

The surplus for the year was \$19,897 (2023 Loss \$16,771)

President


Margaret Gardner

Treasurer


Tracy Parkes



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Report on Audit of the Financial Report

We have audited the financial report of Goolwa Community Centre Inc (the association) which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2024, and the income statement, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement by the members of the committee.

In our opinion, the financial report of Goolwa Community Centre Inc has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- (a) Giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year ended then ended; and
- (b) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and division 60 of Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission Regulations 2013

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Accounting 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 registered entity in accordance with 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.

Responsibility of the Board for the Financial Report

The Board of the association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis for preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act and the needs of members.

The Board's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Board is responsible for assessing the registered entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative to do so.

The Board is responsible for overseeing the registered entity'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 includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: <http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor’s report.

Henson Lloyd Accountants



Wayne Henson, CA
Director

Henson Lloyd Accountants Pty Ltd
16th September 2024

We would like to acknowledge and thank our major funding partners Department of Human Services, Department of Social Services and Alexandrina Council.



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