



KOROROIT CREEK NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE INCORPORATED

ANNUAL REPORT 2021/2022



1.0 Vision

Our goal is an environmentally-focused neighbourhood house, which allows for activities, events, practical learning, volunteer and recreational activities and a place where members of the community have an opportunity to meet, contribute and participate.

2.0 Governance

The Kororoit Creek Neighbourhood House Incorporated was incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Victoria) on the 21 November 2016

Our Statement of Purposes includes the following :

- The management of an Eco-Living Centre located in proximity to the Kororoit Creek, which allows for activities, events, practical learning, volunteer and recreational activities and a place where members of the community have an opportunity to meet, contribute and participate.
- The provision of community services for communities within Albion, Ardeer and those who have a connection with the Kororoit Creek.
- The provision of community services to over twenty key interest groups.
- The provision of opportunities to develop skills, share knowledge and learn
- The provision of a meeting place, forum and conduit for action regarding issues affecting the local community.
- Facilitation of collaborative projects between community groups, educational institutions, government agencies, and the corporate sector to fulfil any of the purposes of the Association.
- Addressing sustainability issues, desired behaviours or themes of interest that should be targeted through education, research and engagement programs ... and including general awareness as well as how to respond to issues.
- The Kororoit Creek and surrounds, including local flora and fauna populations and their habitats.
- To raise any funds or commit to any ancillary actions which are non-profit in nature and seek to achieve any of the purposes of the Association.

3.0 Committee 2021/22

Members of the Committee of Management (CoM)

President/Chair	– David Lughermo
Vice President	– Neil Head
Treasurer	– Asif Shah
Secretary/Minute Recorder	– Helen Rzesniowiecki
Committee Member	– Sarah Liversidge to May 2022

Committee of Management Responsibilities

Neighbourhood houses are governed by community-based committees of management (CoM), they are autonomous and take responsibility for their own good governance.

The committee of management is:

- responsible for good governance
- responsible for strategic planning
- accountable for funds received.

The Committee of Management have achieved their key goals in 2021/22

3.0 Committee 2021/22 continued

The Committees has maintained key goals for 2021/22 –

Successful management of the Eco-Living Centre;

Sustainability of KCNH Inc into the future – maintain funding support from Brimbank City Council and the State Government for Neighbourhood House funding – these major funders support our Coordinators.

Continual development and delivery of a successful Environmental Education Program;

A successful online presence (including close connection to Albion & Ardeer Community Club Inc);

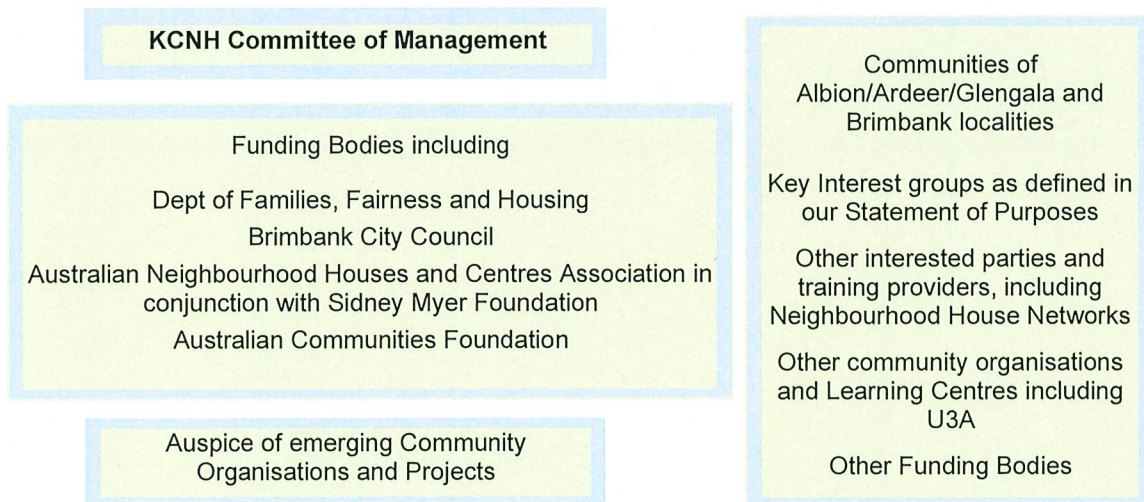
Service existing groups and encourage new initiatives,

Development of new programs in conjunction with the local community;

Maintain relationships with Stakeholders, funding bodies, Community organisations, The Communities of Albion/Ardeer, and other interested parties.

4.0 Community Relationships

The relationship between the committee of management and main stakeholders is:



5.0 President's Report 2021/22

The Committee of Management and Coordinators have continued to meet regularly "via zoom" throughout the year to ensure policies and procedures are implemented and have managed processes in a responsible manner.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank members of the Committee, the Coordinators and other Community Members who have volunteered their time and resources to ensure the ongoing success of the Kororoit Creek Neighbourhood House.

I wish to thank all Funding bodies who have contributed to our ongoing success.

David Lughermo
President – KCNH Committee of Management

6.0 History

Kororoit Creek Neighbourhood House Inc acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the Land and surrounds - the Wurundjeri tribe of the Woiwurung speaking group. They lived and managed the area including nearby Kororoit Creek for over 40,000 years up until European settlement in the late 1700s.

The Albion Eco-Living Centre is a council-owned asset located at 61A Selwyn Street, Albion. The house is now managed by the Kororoit Creek Neighbourhood House Association and with assistance from Brimbank City Council and the Victorian State Government, we facilitate a Neighbourhood House Program from the site. In conjunction with this program we are particularly motivated to include and auspice programs which have a sustainability and environmental focus at the Eco-Living Centre.

This house has been utilised by the local community for many years – initially as club rooms for both Albion and North Sunshine Tennis Clubs, and then the Albion Community House Committee came into being, providing playgroups, holiday programs, youth groups, community groups and a local meeting place for residents. The house was then solely managed by Council as a “hall for hire” facility.

For over 10 years Albion & Ardeer Community Club (AACC) had established and maintained a vegetable garden which was located at the rear of the property, and held a number of neighbourhood festivals and events in the area. The garden area, and connection to community, originally established by AACC continues to receive additions and renovations, and is the site for other programs operating in the local community.



In 2012 Brimbank City Council entered into a partnership with Victoria University, with support from the Victorian Government's Sustainability Fund and other partners, to retrofit the 1950s-weatherboard house into an Eco Living Centre. The renovation included the installation of sustainable technologies and practices that demonstrate the benefits of sustainable living to Brimbank residents. This newly renovated Eco Living Centre was launched on June 14, 2013.

In 2016, Brimbank City Council gave in-principle support for Albion Eco Centre to transition from a council operated venue to an environmentally focused neighbourhood house managed by a local, incorporated Committee of Management.

In 2017 Brimbank City Council agreed to support the committee and this resulted in start up funding to run a Neighbourhood House Program.

Since 2018 Brimbank City Council have continued to support the committee through it's Neighbourhood House funding support Program and Kororoit Creek Neighbourhood House Inc continue to provide a community-managed Neighbourhood House at the Albion Eco-Living Centre site.

Since 2018 the Victorian State Government have provided ongoing resources for the local community through the Neighbourhood House funding program.

Since then our programs and partnerships have expanded and we will continue to support the identified needs and requests of the local community.

This has been especially important in the last year as we have been able to continue to operate community connections during the lockdown periods in Melbourne.

7.0 Financial Reports 2021/22

Balance Sheet

Kororoit Creek Neighbourhood House
Incorporated
As at 30 June 2022

Account	30 Jun 2022	30 Jun 2021	
Assets			
Bank			
KCNH Incorporated Transaction	200,318.35	198,467.77	
KCNH Petty Cash Account	284.06	631.29	
Total Bank	200,602.41	199,099.06	
Current Assets			
Accounts Receivable	487.00	380.20	
Program Equipment	6,357.06	6,149.31	
Venue Hire Bond	(200.00)	(200.00)	
Total Current Assets	6,644.06	6,329.51	
Fixed Assets			
Computer Equipment	1,649.54	1,649.54	
Office Equipment	5,017.41	5,017.41	
Total Fixed Assets	6,666.95	6,666.95	
Total Assets	213,913.42	212,095.52	
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	403.85	15,584.64	
GST	1,199.04	(263.38)	See note below
PAYG Withholdings Payable	8,114.00	6,652.00	
Portable Long Service Leave Payable	(1,297.71)	0.00	
Rounding	0.02	0.02	
Superannuation Payable	6,700.02	2,881.97	
Suspense	1,629.43	0.00	
Wages Payable - Payroll	11,114.19	5,178.74	
Total Current Liabilities	27,862.84	30,033.99	
Non-current Liabilities			
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Total Non-current Liabilities	(992.00)	0.00	
Total Liabilities	26,870.84	30,033.99	
Net Assets	187,042.58	182,061.53	
Equity			
Current Year Earnings	4,981.05	49,406.62	
Retained Earnings	182,061.53	132,654.91	
Total Equity	187,042.58	182,061.53	

Note - Variation \$300.00 - GST Liability 2021 - \$263.38 previously reported as \$563.38

Profit and Loss

Kororoit Creek Neighbourhood House Incorporated

For the year ended 30 June 2022

Account	2022	2021
Trading Income		
Grants - Core Funding	89,596.00	142,237.17
Grants - Project Related	54,363.63	12,324.98
Room Hire	2,017.45	384.60
Total Trading Income	145,977.08	154,946.75
Gross Profit		
	145,977.08	154,946.75
Other Income		
Extraordinary Income	29,550.00	72,596.00
Power Savings Bonus	400.00	0.00
Total Other Income	29,950.00	72,596.00
Operating Expenses		
Advertising	711.55	1,015.18
Bank Fees	11.88	6.90
Cleaning	3,911.81	650.00
CONTRACTOR	0.00	750.00
Insurance	1,737.60	1,997.21
Light, Power, Heating	1,903.47	2,888.47
Office Expenses	0.00	233.19
Portable Long Service Leave	390.63	1,256.07
Printing & Stationery	0.00	954.92
Professional Development	288.79	693.22
Program	29,691.57	38,844.02
Rent	100.00	90.91
Repairs and Maintenance	140.00	2,959.09
Reversed Payments	(70.91)	0.00
Subscriptions	1,622.52	1,385.02
Superannuation	11,855.37	9,727.43
Telephone & Internet	98.18	0.00
TUTORS	0.00	1,796.19
Volunteer Support	0.00	317.91
Wages and Salaries	118,553.57	112,570.40
Total Operating Expenses	170,946.03	178,136.13
Net Profit	4,981.05	49,406.62

See note
below

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Recorded in Grants - Project Related

Statement of Cash Flows

Kororoit Creek Neighbourhood House
Incorporated

For the year ended 30 June 2022

Account	2022	2021
Operating Activities		
Receipts from customers	155,973.21	162,716.10
Payments to suppliers and employees	(189,287.96)	(166,746.04)
Cash receipts from other operating activities	24,552.08	68,999.52
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	(8,762.67)	64,969.58
Investing Activities		
Payment for property, plant and equipment	0.00	(2,004.42)
Other cash items from investing activities	(289.20)	(3,054.48)
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	(289.20)	(5,058.90)
Financing Activities		
Other cash items from financing activities	10,555.22	(8,871.96)
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities	10,555.22	(8,871.96)
Net Cash Flows	1,503.35	51,038.72
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	199,099.06	148,060.34
Net change in cash for period	1,503.35	51,038.72
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	200,602.41	199,099.06

This financial report provides the overall financial position of Kororoit Creek Neighbourhood House Incorporated as at 30 June 2022.

All grant funds have been used for the purpose intended, and we have complied with conditions of all Funding Agreements.

The organisation is financially viable and is able to continue providing programs and services.

Financial reports are now generated by our accounting package and any discrepancies have been corrected and are now aligned with **newer financial reporting categories**.

Note regarding variance of \$300.00 2021 – Overstated GST liability included in Grants Project Related

The content of this Financial Report is lodged with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).

Asif Shah
Treasurer

8.0 Co Co-ordinators Report 2021/22

After a couple of challenging years, it has been wonderful to see the House once again become a space for people to connect and participate in community programs and activities. Since reopening at the end of 2021, there has been a steady return of user groups to the House and programs such as our parents and play group and homework club have been able to resume. We again had the pleasure of hosting the Gallery in Me art program and exhibition, and we celebrated Cultural Diversity Week with music and food at the Albion Community Festival.

We thank our Homework Club Coordinator, Christine, who has helped steer KCNH Homework Club through a challenging time, ensuring students felt connected and were resourced to keep up with their learning. Supporting local primary students in years 3 to 6, who come together once a week to get support with their homework, the Homework Club is also about fun and making friends, and it is the highlight of the school week for many of the students.

Thanks also to all the volunteers who share their time, skills, and knowledge to make things happen at the House. Volunteers are integral to all aspects of the House – helping deliver programs, events and projects, growing the community garden and as members of our Committee of Management.

During the pandemic, KCNH like many other neighbourhood houses delivered emergency relief to ensure people impacted within the community had access to food. We have continued to provide food parcels and a fortnightly community meal over the past year in partnership with Foodbank Victoria. The program provides fresh, frozen and pantry items to community members experiencing food insecurity on a weekly basis, while the community meal is an opportunity for the community to meet up with others to cook, chat and share a healthy meal.

With the end of restrictions, our focus has grown to explore opportunities to increase access to fresh food through our community garden. Our Albion Community Garden Renewal Project has seen us double the growing space in the community garden and deliver a series of workshops supporting the community to increase their own food security through urban food growing.

The project highlight has been the wonderful group of people who came together to collaborate on revitalizing the community garden. The group developed a renewal plan and did the hard work to bring that plan to life - including carting many cubic metres of soil and screenings! Through their efforts, they have created a thriving garden that is providing fresh food to the local community, and they are now working on creating a perennial food forest in the front garden. We are excited to see the garden continue to evolve into a resource that supports and promotes food security and social connection in Albion.

Over the coming year, we will be launching some new initiatives including a repair café and a climate adaptation project focussed on nature-based heat reduction strategies. We thank Brimbank City Council and the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing and all Supporters for their continued support.

Danielle Whelan and Bec Smith
Co-ordinators

9.0 Projects Report 2021/22

KCNH Homework Club



The Homework Club ran weekly and supported local Culturally and Linguistically Diverse and Socio-economically disadvantaged young people between the ages of 9 and 12 with their learning and community connection. During school holidays and over lockdown periods when we were unable to meet face to face we were able to maintain connection with the students by sending them learning resources and ideas and holiday packs to help keep them engaged and entertained.

Maths Activities

- [Math's Games Complete](#)

Reading Activities

- [KCNH Reading Pack](#)
- [KCNH Comprehension Question Bookmark](#)
- [KCNH Early Reader Bookmark](#)
- [KCNH Literacy Games Alphabet Race](#)
- [KCNH Literacy Games Blend to the End](#)

Writing Activities

- [KCNH Writing Pack](#)
- [KCNH Scrabble Spell](#)
- [KCNH Roll a Story Middle Years](#)

Community meals and pantry



The Albion Food Justice project provided monthly community meals and fortnightly access to a food pantry to those experiencing food insecurity in the local area. This program enabled those in the community with greater resources to share with others and linked closely with decision-making around the community garden to ensure sustainable planting with a focus on food production. It also enabled us to set up a lending library of food preserving equipment, contributing towards the local community's ability to address food waste and preservation.

Playgroup

An informal playgroup runs weekly at KCNH where parents & carers of young children spend time together and play with resources at the house. The playgroup runs indoors and outdoors and this year we were able to purchase outdoor play equipment for installation in the community garden, increasing options for outdoor play. The community garden is well-used by families, particularly those with young children, at all times of the day. This equipment enhanced opportunities for learning through play in a safe space for these families as well as during playgroup running times.

Community Garden Renewal Project



Over the past year we have delivered a number of activities supporting the community to engage with and drive renewal of the community garden. The project has increased the numbers of people/groups actively engaged in gardening at the House, increased growing space and increased the quantity of produce. Our volunteers come from a range of different life stages, with ages between 20 and 65+, and we are also currently providing space for life skills programming for students at The Hester Hornbrook Academy, Melbourne City Mission. The garden is accessible to the community, with members of the community coming in to pick vegetables and herbs, over the past couple of months there has been a considerable uptick in the numbers of people accessing the garden for fresh food reflecting the cost pressures on our community.

We have all noticed an increase in numbers of people enjoying local green spaces in their neighbourhood.



Cultural diversity week event

In March 2022 we held an event to mark cultural diversity week. The event attracted around 60 attendees from the local community. We were lucky to have a Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony by Uncle Bill Nicholson, a DJ, drumming workshops by Ray Pereira, interactive performances from the Sunshine Street band and incredible food reflecting local cultures and cuisines.

Climate Justice

This project aims to engage and resource communities in Brimbank to take active measures to reduce heat in their neighbourhoods through nature-based responses with a focus on areas/groups most susceptible to heat waves. We have secured funding through Lord Mayors Charitable Foundation to deliver the next phase of this project and will be seeking opportunities to collaborate with other neighbourhood houses in Brimbank for this project.

CaLD youth art project

The Gallery IS Me project supported CaLD young people in developing their artworks for an exhibition as well as enabling previous project participants to provide mentorship to emerging artists. KCNH's support of this project included free venue use, assistance with project planning and facilitation as well as event organisation and planning.



Kororoit Creek Neighbourhood House is a community-managed Eco-Living Centre providing a diverse range of programs, workshops, activities and events to the communities of Albion, Ardeer and surrounding suburbs. KCNH offers community meeting space for all community members to contribute and participate.

We acknowledge that we are on traditional lands of the Wurundjeri People. We offer our respect to the Elders past, present and emerging of these traditional lands and through them, to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Committee of Management

David Lughermo – President
Neil Head – Vice President
Helen Rzesniowiecki – Secretary
Asif Shah – Treasurer
Sarah Liversidge – committee member to May 2022

Our Staff

Danielle Whelan – Co-Coordinator
Bec Smith – Co-Coordinator
Christine Harding – Homework Club Coordinator

Contact us at coordinator@kcnh.org.au

Kororoit Creek Neighbourhood House acknowledges the support of Brimbank City Council, The Department of Families, Fairness and Housing, Foodbank, Neighbourhood Houses Victoria, Australian Communities Foundation and Sidney Myer Fund in conjunction with Australian Neighbourhood Houses and Centres Association.



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