

VENUS BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE INC  
ANNUAL REPORT

2022

VENUS BAY  
COMMUNITY CENTRE



## President's Report 2022

If the past three years have taught us anything, it is that we need to have a resilient community. Just in our little part of the world, we have been impacted by drought, fires, power outages, flooding and, of course, long lockdowns due to the pandemic. As an important agency providing services to the Venus Bay, Tarwin Lower and Walkerville communities, our organisation is well placed to support individuals and the broader community during such challenges.

We always planned to conduct a review of the Venus Bay Community Centre Strategic Plan this year. However it was felt that we needed more than a general document review but a deep dive into our "reason for being" and to determine very clear objectives and priorities for the next three years. So we invested in a Strategic Planning Workshop for our board and staff which was held over a day and a half at the Old Loch Hospital in June. This was a great opportunity to further develop skills and relationships within our team and to conduct some "Blue Sky Thinking" for our future.

We reviewed and restated our Vision, Mission and Strategic Objectives:

### VISION

The district of Venus Bay, Tarwin Lower and Walkerville is a resilient, vibrant, sustainable and connected community.

### MISSION

To connect our community to each other and the environment.

### STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

1. Publish reliable and useful information for the community
2. Generate and support programs and activities for all age groups that connect people and expand their knowledge, imagination, curiosity, skills and experience.
3. Offer services that meet expressed community needs.
4. Strive towards a sustainable community and environment.
5. Advocate and engage with community about matters that affect the future well-being of the district.
6. Maintain the centre and grounds as a safe and welcoming place for the community.
7. Partner with stakeholders on initiatives designed to strengthen the community.

Our planning for the next three years will be based on these objectives.

The exciting Energy Resilience Project has been a major new initiative of the past year. This project is very much supported by the board, and we provide oversight of its governance through a subset called the Accountability Committee. While the project is being conducted on behalf of the entire Venus Bay community, it is auspiced and partially funded by the Venus Bay Community Centre. We look forward to the Feasibility study completion in mid-2023 and expect that we will maintain involvement into the next phase.

We continue to welcome all members of our community into the Centre, whether permanent residents, part-timers, or visitors. We encourage feedback from all of these groups on how best we can grow and deliver valuable services.

Financially, our organisation is in a strong position. Support in the form of COVID-19 business grants have enabled us to remain viable, despite lengthy lockdowns of our recycling enterprise.

Our board continued to meet as scheduled, initially via Zoom, but thankfully in person more recently and this flexibility has been critical in our ability to support the on-going operation of the centre. Our board is a friendly and supportive group, made up of enthusiastic and engaged members, who each bring their own strengths, experiences and interests. Our meetings are always constructive and enjoyable – I thank them all for their contributions in the past year. Sadly, Marg de Wolff has decided to step away from the board this year. Marg has been a member for two years and we thank her for her participation and contribution.

It has been a great privilege for me to serve as President for this past year, my third in the role. I have enjoyed working with the staff, board and volunteers. In particular, I must again thank our amazing General Manager, Alyson Skinner, who is really the driving force behind the community centre.

Wendy Lawrence



## **GENERAL OPERATIONS**

During the 2021-2022 year, Victoria continued to be impacted by the Global Pandemic – with a range of restrictions and lockdowns for most of 2021, the Centre, along with community members, were severely affected. While the Centre abided by Victorian Government guidelines, we were closed to the public and only open for essential services such as emergency food relief, internet access and community advocacy. Unlike the previous year where there was JobKeeper funds to support our staff, we committed to retain all our employees and were able to pivot to provide support and services for the community.

While we became adept at adjusting and responding to these lockdowns, it nevertheless has a significant impact on our day-to-day operations, particularly in relation to our community recycling enterprise which provides funds to support our activities, programs, and staffing. It also causes dislocation with our volunteers, and resilience in general eroded as lockdowns progressed – it affected us all in different ways.

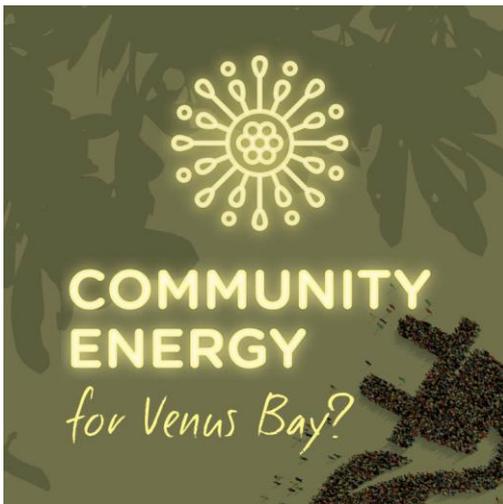
One of our greatest challenges was the mandated vaccination registration for not only staff and volunteers, but participants and any community member wishing to access the Centre. Having to provide COVID Marshalls, checking vaccination status, and at times excluding people from the centre took its toll on both staff and volunteers. While we abided by these rules, the impact was significant and upsetting, both personally and organizationally – this seemed to directly challenge our core values of a welcoming and inclusive centre. Whilst these rules & restrictions have now changed, I don't believe we have seen the true impact of what this pandemic has done yet.

## **STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS**

We have a wonderful team of staff and volunteers at the Centre – everything we do relies on their contributions. We currently have 5 part time staff members and about 30 volunteers who are passionate and committed to the Centre. I take this opportunity to thank each and every member of our team for the work they do to provide all the programs, activities, governance, projects for our community and who make the Centre a welcoming and inclusive place to be.

## COMMUNITY PROJECTS

### Community Energy Resilience Project



Over the year, we have worked on establishing the Venus Bay Community Centre as a Centre for energy resilience. Fitting into our bigger project of community energy in Venus Bay; we started with this demonstration project. With funding support from Sustainability Victoria from Gippsland Climate Change Network partnering with Energy Innovation Cooperative and Mallacoota Energy who established the Gippsland Community Power Hub – our resilience project attracted \$50,000 of funding, along with a \$15,000 contribution from the Centre. We were able to significantly increase our solar array, install new shedding to house a lithium battery and purchase a back-up diesel generator. This means the Centre will have power during outages, independent of the grid and will be able to be a place of resilience for our

community – providing a safe place to be, device charging, water, kitchen, toilets and support for community members as we face more extreme events that compromise our fragile energy infrastructure and cause power outages.

### Community Energy Resilience Project – Launch

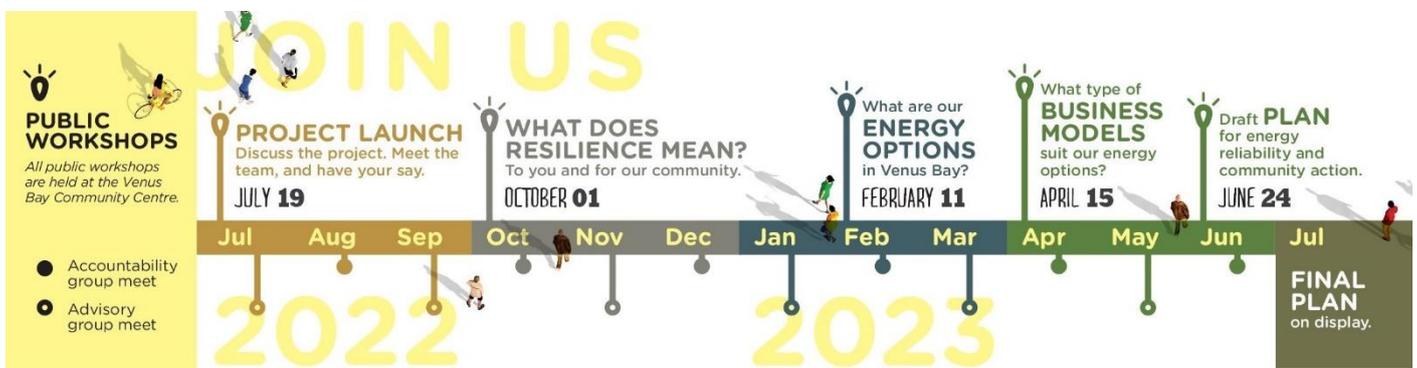


In March 2022, we were able to host a face to face launch event for the project. It was a great moment to stop along the journey and reflect on what we have achieved to date. Over 50 people joined us at the Centre, and online with many last minutes cancellations due to COVID – especially the Victorian State Government representatives, Minister, Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale and Members of the regional and precincts are of Sustainability Victoria.

Nevertheless, we managed to have representation from Federal, State and local council along with significant number of stakeholders, community organisations and community member who joined us. It was actually an amazing demonstration of all the relationships we have fostered, the progress we have brokered and the hope that such gathering can inspire.

While this was a milestone in our project, the work continues both behind the scenes and in front – with an imperative to keep the conversations going with partners and interested community members and to look at ways in which we can continue to respond to needs around community energy. Feedback from Darren McCubbin from the day: *Thank you for your kind words however it is I that should be thanking you. You pulled together a wonderful group of community leaders and ran an event with polish and true grass roots connectivity that was mature enough to pass around the accolades to the deserving community members present on the day. I take my hat off to you!*

*I will often quote our day together as where community energy meets the people; thank you for your community leadership.*



## Community Resilience and Reliable Energy Feasibility Study in Venus Bay

In December 21, we compiled and submitted a really significant grant proposal : Community Resilience and Reliable Energy Feasibility Study at Venus Bay to the Federal Government Preparing Australian Communities – Local Stream fund. Due in part to the success of our resilience project, and the groundswell of support from community lead projects, our application was successful – with enormous thanks for the work of Heather Smith from Changing Weather, Moragh Mackay from Mycelium Renewables, Rakib Shah from Federation University and Henry O’Clery our very own energy champion

This is an amazing measure of success for not only the Centre, but the community we represent – being able to broker a community-led and designed solution that addresses the significant challenges we face in our patch, the project will develop a suit of options with business cases and most importantly community input to then progress the project to implementation in future. The grant sought was for \$195,000 and the project includes significant in-kind support and cash contributions from us, and partners Changing Weather – Heather Smith, Mycelia Renewables – Dr Moragh Mackay, Federation University – Dr Rakib Shah bringing the total project worth to nearly \$400k.

### Kitchen/White goods upgrade

We have now purchased a new dishwasher, washing machine and upright freezer to upgrade and improve our facilities and include energy efficient equipment and align with our community resilience project.

### Bicycle Repair Stations

We were successful in our application to Bald Hills Wind Farm Community Fund to purchase and install 2 bicycle repair stations – one of which is erected at the Venus Bay Community Centre and the other to be installed at a location in Tarwin Lower. These enable people to access a range of tools (attached to the station) to effect small repairs and also pump up their tyres. The community centre contributed cash funds along with the small grant to achieve this project which supports active wellbeing and the culture of repair – contributing to our ideals around circular economy.



### Fire Awareness Signage -District Project

In partnership with Red Mullet Creative, CFA and Shire, the Centre was successful in the application for funding from Bald Hills Wind Farm community grants for the District project. This sees a range of educational graphic signage developed to engage with community members and visitors about being fire aware and understanding local conditions. These will be installed in public locations in Walkerville, Venus Bay and Tarwin Lower. This is another example of place-making and complements our previous work with river poles signage, and water tank mural/bird signage in the district.

## **REGULAR PROGRAMS**

### **Community Recycling Enterprise**

Our recycling enterprise was established nearly 10 years ago along the social enterprise model. The aims were to reduce landfill by providing an opportunity to recycle and reuse items donated to us; providing volunteer opportunities, promoting the culture of repair and reuse and a circular economy, funds raised from this enterprise support all the programs and events of the Centre, provide part time local employment and contribute funds to larger community projects. We employ a part time coordinator, however our biggest contribution is from our wonderful volunteers who help to sort, repair, display and redistribute low cost items to our community. This enterprise is often the first touch point for community members, who then have an entry point into the other programs, events and services we provide – it's a win – win – win.

### **Playgroup**

Playgroup meets each Thursday morning at the Centre and provides an opportunity for families, children & carers to spend time together, sharing resources and building relationships with each other in early childhood. We employ a coordinator for this program who liaises and connects with new and existing families and organises activities each week. The playgroup continues to grow as new babies are born and new families move to our area.

### **Native plant group**

The Native Plant group was formed many years ago based on community interest in indigenous plants of this district. The group of volunteers meet each Monday morning to propagate indigenous and native plants for the community. Interest in this group has grown as people want to know what will grow here, to support our wildlife and ecosystem and to have a flourishing native garden. Based on regular Plant of the Month feature written by local plant guru Lorraine Norden, we have now put together a printed resource of many of our local indigenous plants. Building the shared understanding of our local ecosystem contributes to our sustainable goals and programs.

### **Community Garden & Community Composting**

We have a number of raised bed veggie gardens, along with our demonstration orchard in the front grounds of the Centre. Originally planned to demonstrate what fruit and veggies can be grown in our district, this adds to the welcoming space of our Centre and encourages volunteer engagement – community members are welcome to share the produce. We've installed new watering system in these patches to encourage growth of our veggies. This year we established a community composting area behind the Centre – encouraging people who may not have composting systems at home to bring their food scraps so we can turn it into compost – we then use this in our veggie garden and hope in future to have enough for community members to share. We provide free compost buckets (donated from local shops) and information about what can/can't go into the compost area.



## Community Lunches

We host a weekly free community lunch on Wednesdays – a chance for community members to gather together around shared food, an opportunity to welcome new community members and converse with each other. Our Community Lunches each Wednesday are a joyful and engaging part of our week – it's everyone's favourite day and we've been lucky with the weather at times and have been able to eat outside together. Our wonderful volunteers prepare a range of healthy lunches and try to use as much from our garden as possible.



## Holiday Programs

Despite lockdowns and when we were able, we hosted holiday program activities during Summer and other school holidays. These are always lots of fun and engage with our younger community members and families. Jorja Dinsmore does a fantastic job of coordinating a range of fun and engaging activities with a flavour of repurposing and using recycled materials.

## Matter of Fact

One of our flagship programs is the publication and distribution of a free monthly community newsletter. Providing relevant and timely information for community members, our reach continues to grow with this publication. It is particularly beloved by our part time community members who can keep in touch with what is happening in the district. We compliment this with our social media platforms and website which hosts a range of information and provides a touchpoint for both residents and visitors to our district.

## Summer Beach Bus

For the second year running, we decided not to host the beloved Summer Beach Shuttle service. With the challenges of COVID and the requirement to show vaccination status, wear masks and sign in – along with the complete reliance on volunteer drivers, it was prudent to make this decision. While this is a much loved service, we trust we will be able to continue this in future.



## Annual Santa Party

We were able to once again host this much appreciated annual Santa party – now in Jupiter Park (which circumvented the requirement for sign-in's and provided open public space in which to gather); the 2021 event saw enough presents for every child present and a visit from Santa's helper on the CFA Truck – with many thanks to our CFA Volunteers!

## Interest groups

We host a range of interest groups including monthly book club and stitching nights.

## RELATIONSHIPS AND NETWORKS

### DFFH and NHVIC

Our recurrent funding for the NHCP (Neighbourhood House Coordination Program) comes from the Victorian State Government through DFFH (Department of Families, Fairness and Housing). We have guidelines we must abide by, and these have been in review for over 2 years now by the department. We have contributed to all forums of engagement about this, with particular request to change the 1:2 ratio of funding – we are required to contribute 2 hours of community development activities/programs for every 1 funded hour. We are funded for 25 hours per week. While we always achieve this, this is the only funded model with such conditions and the sector has argued this needs to be changed. We remain hopeful the review will be achieved and resources for the sector will be secure.

### Social & Community Enterprise

For the past 2.5 years I have been part of the [Gippsland Social Enterprise Collective](#) (GSEC) – formed to build a network of social enterprise practitioners in the region, provide learning & development opportunities and create a collective voice for the social enterprise sector. This work not only provides opportunities to highlight our community, it's a great opportunity to work with others in the region and state on community rejuvenation through local enterprise. I have attended a number of events and forums, including hosting events for the Social Enterprise World Forum and was the guest speaker for regional Networking event in the Upper Murray Regional Neighbourhood House network – it was great to hear of different social enterprise models in this region, particularly from the neighbourhood houses there. I was part of a panel of speakers, along with Matt Pfahlert founder of [ACRE](#) in the [Rural Social Enterprise World Forum](#) talking about regional enablement models for rural community networks.



During this year I was appointed as a Director of the Board of [SENVIC](#) – Social Enterprise Network Victoria. This is a significant appointment particularly as it brings a regional perspective to the sector – highlighting the different needs of regional Victoria, championing and showcasing Social Enterprises as a new way of Good Business with Purpose and will contribute to the implementation of the recently released Victorian Government Social Enterprise Strategy and advocating for a National Social Enterprise strategy.

Three staff members participated in a [Digital Stories](#) bootcamp – funded by SENVIC- to learn skills to tell our stories of impact via digital storytelling. This has been a great piece of work, with a very sharp learning curve – [link to film here](#)

## Partnerships

We have productive and useful partnerships with other local community groups; the Centre is unofficial home to our CERT team and we work productively with other organisations at both local and state level. We're often able to advocate around issues the community face, and have clear referral pathways to relevant stakeholders.

We continue to provide free meeting space for all community groups; we host practitioners in health and wellbeing including yoga and support other community groups/enterprises with administrative and information support along with promotion, printing, internet access.



### **Fishing Clinics**

We have developed a partnership with Venus Bay Angling Club to provide a women's fishing clinic in November 21 – with funds from the Community Centre to purchase equipment needed (each participant received a rod, reel and tackle box) and expertise from Angling Club members, this was a successful program. This has now seen the development of a regular women's' fishing days, and new community learn to fish workshops.

### **Neighbourhood Houses Gippsland**

Our network of Neighbourhood Housed in Gippsland has provided critical support and information for our 21 neighbourhood houses & community centres, particularly as we faced the impact of the COVID pandemic. Meeting online weekly was often the only time managers and coordinators could touch base with others facing the same issues and challenges, along with the personal impact, as we work on the 'front line' with and for our communities. There are quarterly meetings of this network open to all board members, another opportunity to connect with each other, – and work together to advocate for common issues, particularly in relation to the support for the Neighbourhood House sector. I am the Chair of the Committee for this Network and as part of our Neighbourhood House funding, we are required to be members of this Network. We are also members of our peak body, NHVIC (Neighbourhood Houses Victoria).

Our NHGippsland network has recently launched a new website – particular to our region and supporting the Gippsland cluster of neighbourhood houses. We are the only network in the state to have done this (we received some funding from DJPR); we were also the only network to undertake the Social Return on Investment study from Deloitte. We are leading the way in this region! It's always difficult to measure the impact of what we do – anecdotally, we know we connect community members to services, activities and each other, advocate for our district for the things we know we need to other agencies, and lead by doing – like the energy project. But it's never the full story – each person who touches the Centre is affected in some way – and we know in some cases, that is life changing – we hope and trust the work we do makes our community a better, stronger, more resilience place.



**VENUS BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE INC.**

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**SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

VENUS BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE INC.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	2022	2021
<b>INCOME</b>		
Business Victoria assistance cost grant	18,800	-
Business Victoria continuity fund grant	5,000	-
DFFH grants	89,596	86,909
DJPR grant	-	20,000
DSS Volunteer grant	1,130	-
SGSC bikes	-	5,000
SPDG grant	-	1,000
Book club/User group	189	165
Community Recycling Op Shop income	60,420	59,548
Holiday Program	1,302	814
Native Nursery	2,705	2,171
Donations	450	164
Hall equipment hire & sales	476	-
Memberships	10	249
Printing/internet	125	170
Programs/events	1,995	450
Interest income	18	31
ATO Cash Flow Boost	-	5,000
JobKeeper Scheme income	-	50,400
Sundry income	889	190
<b>Total income</b>	<b>183,105</b>	<b>232,261</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Wages & salaries	114,614	133,410
Superannuation expense	11,086	10,445
Leave expense	(6,226)	1,382
Portable Long Service Leave levy	2,391	1,643
Workers compensation insurance	1,715	1,574
Community energy resilience project	12,237	-
Community events	55	1,746
Community Recycling Op Shop expenses	4,917	3,189
DSS volunteer grant cost	967	-
SGSC community grant expenses	4,340	635
Holiday Program	2,899	3,228
Native Nursery	882	1,178
Programs	1,881	433
SGSC bikes	-	5,100
SPDG grant	-	1,558
Electricity & gas	1,643	1,803
Telephone & internet	1,487	1,226
Accounting fees	5,497	-
Advertising	160	-
Audit/legal	-	660
Bank fees	85	187
Board and governance expenses	4,969	23
Bus expenses	-	80
Centre supplies	3,257	100
Community compost project	396	-
Community lunches	1,956	-

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022 (continued)

	2022	2021
<b>EXPENDITURE (continued)</b>		
Consultancy fees	220	-
COVID-19 expenses	224	52
Depreciation expense (refer Note 2)	2,258	830
Donations	-	50
Equipment	-	19
Health & safety	-	838
IT computer expenses	3,669	3,103
Licence fees subscriptions	1,023	1,263
Maintenance repairs	586	2,932
Plant group cost	198	32
Playgroup cost	540	-
Postage, printing & stationery	400	1,572
Rent	114	114
Sanitisation expenses	-	6,846
Staff/employment costs	587	100
Sundry expenses	46	270
Training & professional development	108	99
Volunteer costs	832	97
Women's fishing session supplies	557	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>182,570</b>	<b>187,817</b>
<b>Net operating surplus</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>44,444</b>
<b>Income for other groups:</b>		
Bald Hills Wind Farm	4,000	2,000
<b>Total income for other groups</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>Expenses for other groups:</b>		
Bald Hills Wind Farm	-	1,110
Good Things Foundation	-	1,920
<b>Total expenses for other groups</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,030</b>
<b>Net surplus/(deficit) for other groups</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>(1,030)</b>
<b>Net surplus for the financial year</b>	<b>4,535</b>	<b>43,414</b>

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.

VENUS BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE INC.

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BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	NOTE	2022	2021
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
VBCC trading account		96,537	84,416
Silver banksia native plant account		3,498	2,105
Project funds account		10,566	25,008
Energy project account		175,500	2,285
Mastercard account		977	233
Plant Group mastercard account		200	128
Leave entitlement account		20,757	20,755
Op Shop float		150	150
<b>Total cash on hand and in bank</b>		<b>308,185</b>	<b>135,080</b>
Accounts receivable		2,000	147
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>310,185</b>	<b>135,227</b>
<b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant & equipment – at cost		16,479	9,138
Less: accumulated depreciation		(3,089)	(831)
	2	<b>13,390</b>	<b>8,307</b>
<b>TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>13,390</b>	<b>8,307</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>323,575</b>	<b>143,534</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable		1,231	-
Superannuation payable		3,018	1,716
PAYG payable		10,580	6,882
Annual leave provision		7,377	13,833
Long service leave provision		11,723	11,492
Grants in advance	3	175,500	-
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>209,429</b>	<b>33,923</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>209,429</b>	<b>33,923</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>114,146</b>	<b>109,611</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Opening accumulated surplus		109,611	66,197
Current year surplus		4,535	43,414
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>114,146</b>	<b>109,611</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

VENUS BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE INC.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

**NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act (Vic) 2012* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. The Board has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on a cash basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in this financial report.

**Accounting Policies**

**(a) Income Tax**

The association is exempt from income tax due to the nature of its activities.

**(b) Assets**

Historically the association had recorded the purchase of assets as an expense at the time of purchase.

From 1 July 2020, the committee agreed to commence recording assets purchased from that date in the balance sheet and applying appropriate depreciation expense.

No property is owned by the association. All purchases of plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the association to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from those assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows which will be received from the asset's employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have not been discounted to present values in determining recoverable amounts.

**Depreciation**

The depreciable amount of all plant and equipment are depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

All assets are depreciated on a straight line basis of 20%.

**(c) Employee Benefits**

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. All employee benefits which are expected to be settled within one year and have been measured at their nominal amounts. Where the long service leave liability is not currently due, the liability has been calculated in relation to the probability of each employee remaining until the long service leave is entitled.

**(d) Revenue**

Revenue is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds which is generally at the time of receipt.

**(e) Goods and Services Tax**

The association is not registered for GST. All income and expenditure are recorded inclusive of any GST received or paid.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

NOTE 2: PLANT & EQUIPMENT	2022	2021
Plant & equipment	16,479	9,138
Less accumulated depreciation and amortisation	<u>(3,089)</u>	<u>(831)</u>
<b>Total plant and equipment at written down value</b>	<b>13,390</b>	<b>8,307</b>

Movements in Carrying Amounts	Plant & Equipment
Balance at beginning of year	8,307
Additions	7,341
Depreciation	(2,258)
Disposals (Net)	-
<b>Balance at end of year</b>	<b>13,390</b>

**NOTE 3: UNEXPENDED GRANTS**

The association received \$175,500 ex GST during the 2021-22 financial year from the Commonwealth Government Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources. The grant was received under the Preparing Australian Communities – Local Stream Grant with specific activities to be undertaken for the Community Resilience and Reliable Energy Feasibility Study at Venus Bay.

As these activities were not completed by 30 June 2022, the funding has been carried forward to be recognised as income in the future.

**NOTE 4: RELATED PARTIES**

Members of the Board receive no payment or other consideration for their services as Board members. There are no related party transactions with Board members to be disclosed.

**NOTE 5: COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

The financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic continued from 2020 into the 2021 and 2022 financial years. Due to Victoria State Government advice, the Centre was closed to the public during lockdowns. Although the Centre was able to remain open for essential services, the income from programs and the recycling enterprise was reduced overall.

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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

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 2 to 6:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Venus Bay Community Centre Inc. as at 30 June 2022 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Venus Bay 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:



Wendy Lawrence  
President



Jon Hall  
Treasurer

13 October 2022

## INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VENUS BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE INC.

We have reviewed the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Venus Bay Community Centre Inc., which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2022, the income and expenditure statement, for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by members of the Board.

### Board's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Board of the association is responsible for the preparation of the special purpose financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act (Vic) 2012* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and to meet the needs of the members. This responsibility also includes such internal control that the Board determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the special purpose financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the special purpose financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Australian Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2415 *Review of a Financial Report: Company Limited by Guarantee or an Entity Reporting under the ACNC Act or Other Applicable Legislation or Regulation*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the special purpose financial report does not satisfy the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act (Vic) 2012* and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* including; giving a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and its performance for the year ended on that date; and complying with the Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 to the financial report and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2013*.

ASRE 2415 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the review of the special purpose financial report.

A review of the special purpose financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

### Conclusion

Based on our review, which is not an audit, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the special purpose financial report of Venus Bay Community Centre Inc. does not satisfy the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act (Vic) 2012* and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* including:

- a) Giving a true and fair view of the association's financial position at 30 June 2022 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date: and
- b) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act (Vic) 2012* and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

### Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our conclusion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the special purpose financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the association's financial reporting responsibilities under the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act (Vic) 2012* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. As a result, the special purpose financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

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