



Annual Report 2018-19

28th November 2019

Walker Close Community Centre

180 Millers Road, Altona North 3025

Brooklyn Community Hall

Cypress Avenue, Brooklyn 3012

Acknowledgements

The Walker Close and Brooklyn Hall Association Inc. would like to thank the following organisations for their continuous support.



Hobsons Bay City Council

We proudly thank for the recurrent funding support provided to Walker Close to cover the Centre operation costs.



Victorian Department of Health and Human Services

We also thank for the recurrent funding support provided to Walker Close to cover management and coordination costs.



ExxonMobil Altona Refinery

We would like to extend our appreciation for the substantial contribution made to purchase computers, data projectors, website design software, data projector screen and in-kind office furniture which benefit the Walker Close Community to a great extent and the community at large.



Officeworks

We are appreciative to the Altona North store for supporting the Altona North and Brooklyn Community in partnership with Walker Close.



Hobsons Bay Community Fund

Supporting the “Revive” exercise program for people over 50 with disability. This program benefits elderly people through healthy exercise, creating connections with likeminded people and establishing friendships and a sense of belonging in the community.



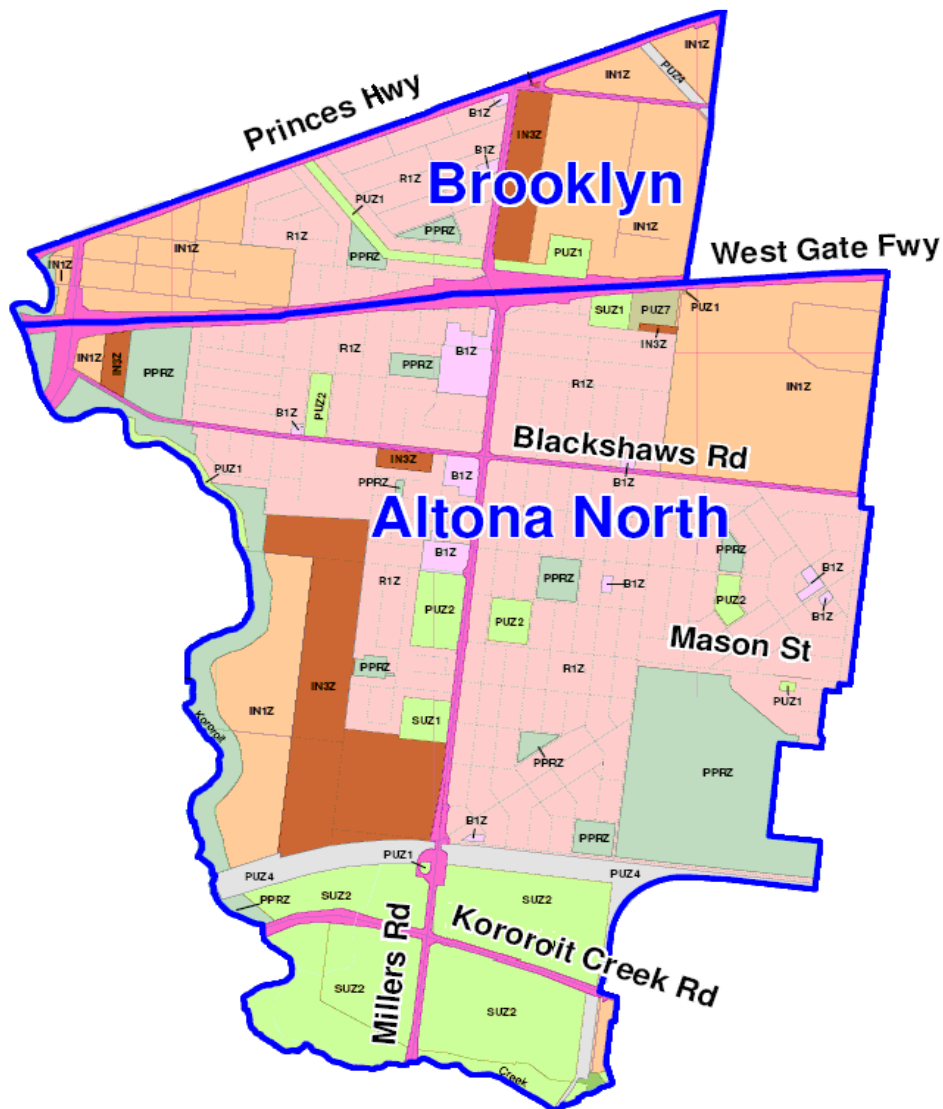
Altona North Store

Great support providing materials for our community Interactive Green Space for Brooklyn

OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Altona North & Brooklyn

The two facilities run by Walker Close and Brooklyn Hall Asso. Inc. are conveniently located within the neighbourhood of Altona North and Brooklyn. Walker Close Community Centre is located on Millers Rd in Altona North and Brooklyn Community Hall is located on Cypress Ave, Brooklyn. These locations offer the local community easy access to a range of lifelong learning opportunities such as health and wellbeing programs, social and cultural events, skill development classes and support, companionship and involvement services



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Walker Close and Brooklyn Hall association acknowledges that we are gathered on the traditional land of the Kulin nation. We recognise the First People's relationship to this land and offer our respect to their elders, past and present.



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HIGHLIGHTS

Our objective is undertaking community development process to address locally identified priorities and needs by providing a welcoming environment which is accessible to everyone. We recognise that our community comes from all parts of the world we aim to bring everyone together to get the opportunities for learning, companionship and involvement in the local community and to encourage practical support, direction and skill development for disadvantaged people and families by creating community awareness.

WHAT IS IMPACTING OUR COMMUNITY CENTRE?

We are located in the area where there are complex social issues that need to be addressed such as relief services, health and wellbeing support, personal counselling, referral services, concerns about safety and social isolation.

The local community is complex, with a high number of disadvantaged people as well as culturally and linguistically diverse group seeking support and services.

Over 45 different nationalities reside in the area. Our motto is "**our diversity is our beauty**". To effectively address and meet community needs we work together with our diverse communities.

WHAT HAVE WE ACHIEVED DURING THE YEAR?

- We have successfully achieved the objectives of our 2016-19 strategic plan and have developed the coming three-year 2019-22 plan.
- Facilitated community development and capacity building in support of individuals and groups within community.
- Supported lifelong learning opportunities for people to improve their access to training and employment pathways which include:
 - Mew Enterprise Incentive Scheme (NEIS) short course for self-employment how to start own business in partnership with Holmesglen Collage
 - Community service training course associated with industrial experience in partnership with TMG Collage
- Continue providing Auspice support to over 7 different community group projects
- We successfully reached out to diverse community groups of different background bringing them together to joyfully share their rich cultures and have established good relationship with a sense of belonging in the community.
- We developed sustainable services that benefit all types able and disable community members with no gender preference
- Promoted participation in the Neighbourhood house program and activities by diverse community and individuals, through *Spring Into Life* program/activities
- We celebrated cultural diversity week with *Love of Music* event at both facilities with the aim to connect and bring together our diverse group.



ABOUT US

MANNER OF ESTABLISHMENT

Brooklyn Community Hall in Cypress Avenue, originally built in 1969, was extensively redeveloped by Hobson's Bay City Council in 2006. Walker Close Community Centre was purposely built by Hobsons Bay City Council and opened in July 2004.

The community management model is used by Hobsons Bay City Council for most of its community facilities. In November 2006 Walker Close Community Centre and Brooklyn Community Hall became incorporated under this model.

Walker Close & Brooklyn Hall Association Inc. is one of nine Community Centres (Neighbourhood houses) under Hobsons Bay City Council, which provides diverse programs and services to the residents of Altona North and Brooklyn, in Melbourne's inner Western Suburbs.

OUR PURPOSE

Working with local communities to enhance quality of life by providing a range of programs and services that are responsive to the identified needs of all residents living within the Altona North and Brooklyn area and surrounding suburbs, especially those disadvantaged by age, income, disability or social isolation and families with young children, and to promote the wellbeing of all members of the community.

OUR STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE(S)

To ensure that Walker Close and Brooklyn Hall Association provides vibrant, accessible, and diverse services and programs to assist in building and celebrating the capacity of the local community.

OUR ROLE (MISSION)

We are a dynamic and inclusive local community centre that develops and delivers efficient, affordable and accessible programs and responsive services in partnership with the local community to provide opportunities, build capacity and advocate for our community.

OUR VISION

The Walker Close & Brooklyn Hall Community Centre Association Inc. is committed to being responsive to community needs and beliefs in equality of access for all people to its programs and services and "creating a community that sustains itself".

OUR APPROACH (VALUES)

We are committed to excellence in:

- Reliable Community Services
- Quality and continuous improvement
- Inclusive and non-discriminatory services
- Making decisions transparently to ensure accountability and financial stability
- Providing a safe, caring environment built on trust
- Professional and respectful interactions with our service users, colleagues and volunteers.

GOVERNANCE

OUR MANAGEMENT

The Walker Close & Brooklyn Hall Association Inc. board typically consists of 6 to 8 members who are appointed in accordance with the associations' rules. Committee members are elected each year at the Annual General Meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairperson	Rebecca Nikau
Vice Chairperson	Clovis A Mwamba
Secretary	Geoff Peacock
Treasurer	Tumaru Tauri
Member	Brian Long
Member	Mark Clarke



ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee of management is responsible for the good governance and effective leadership of Walker Close & Brooklyn Hall Association Inc. it:

- sets the strategic direction, objectives and performance targets for the organisation
- selects the Centre Manager
- monitors the operational and financial performance of the organisation
- oversees compliance with laws, regulations and other obligations

- sets and monitors internal controls to manage risks
- ensures appropriate conduct and effective stakeholder relationships
- manages and monitors board and committee conduct and performance

STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

- To provide a welcoming environment which is affordable and accessible to everyone, where people from all ages and backgrounds and recognising that our community comes from all parts of the world, can come together and find relaxation, learning, opportunities, companionship and involvement in the local community.
- To encourage, support and assist community development initiatives that arise from, and/or with the community.
- To form links with other community organisations to share information and resources via networks and/or memberships of relevant bodies and committees.
- To encourage practical support, direction and skills development for disadvantaged people and families in our community, which promote independence, access to community, social and other group activities
- To encourage the community to take part in the planning and management of the Walker Close and Brooklyn Hall Community Centre.
- To develop community awareness and involvement in environmental matters and to lead by example in promoting environmentally sound practices.

SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

The Centre has a warm and welcoming environment; we have excellent governance and efficient operation system. The centre programs/activities and services are dynamic and are closely monitored; there are always changes upon the needs of the community based on the survey and feedback outcomes new programs implemented.

During the year over 38 programs and services have been provided at the Centre some of which include:



Services

- Immunisation
- Emergency Relief
- Recreational Social Group
- Tax help
- New Mums Group
- Migration Service
- Maternal & Child Health
- Seniors Group
- General Information (referrals)
- Internet Access (for job search)
- Crisis Intervention Counselling

Programs

- Revie exercise program
- Karate for self defence
- Women's bone boosters exercise
- Brazilian martial arts
- Advanced Math & English learning for youth
- Combined probus- semi-retired & retired professional group
- Camera professional club
- Cook Islanders Community Group
- TAP-JAZ & Ballet Dance
- Ball Room dance
- Brooklyn Community Reference forum
- Macedonian seniors' group
- Youth self-help group
- Tongan community group
- Indian seniors' group
- Serbian community group
- Chin Community group



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT



I welcome you to the 13th Annual General Meeting. It has been a wonderful privilege to be the Chairperson of the Committee of Management of Walker Close and Brooklyn Hall Association Incorporated.

The Centre has very successfully run several special days over the past twelve months that have given the Centre extra exposure within the local community.

In round figures some 29,000 attendances across many programs see this community facilities well used, delivering activities that build community and enhance the wellbeing of people.

Our committee is made up of a group of dedicated people who either work or live in the local area. Together we meet to ensure that the Centre, as an incorporated body, act in accordance with its statement of purpose and funding agreements and that the centre continues to meet the needs of the local community.

Our future is continuing to look bright; having been honoured prior year service agreement KPI's with a remarkable achievement we signed off a new service agreement for 2019-20 with the Council marking the new challenges and achievements ahead. In meeting these we have developed a three-year 2019-2022 strategic plan.

Over the coming years we will continue to implement programs and develop strong

links with other organisations to enhance the Centre's reputation for being a place where people from diverse background can come to get support and education and to share their experiences, values and culture.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank my fellow committee members for the time and effort they have each given to the Centre over the past year. Without their assistance, my job as a Chairperson would have been so much harder.

The day-to-day operation of the Centre is overseen by our dedicated manager Ayelign Tessema supported by a small staff. His efforts are key to the Centre and its ongoing services as a viable service delivery operation meeting the complexity of accountability compliance requirements. I would also like to thank our admin support team members Veran Hunter-Raye, Colleen Nelson and a dedicated volunteer Bilijana Joveska for their valuable input.

Before I finish, I would like to extend my thanks to the City of Hobsons Bay and Department of Human and Health Services for the recurrent funding support given to us to cover some of the operation and coordination costs to the Centre.

In closing, I thank all those involved in the Walker Close Community Centre and trust you have found personal satisfaction and reward for the gift of your time and effort to make this place such an important part of our community.

Rebecca Nikau

Chairperson.

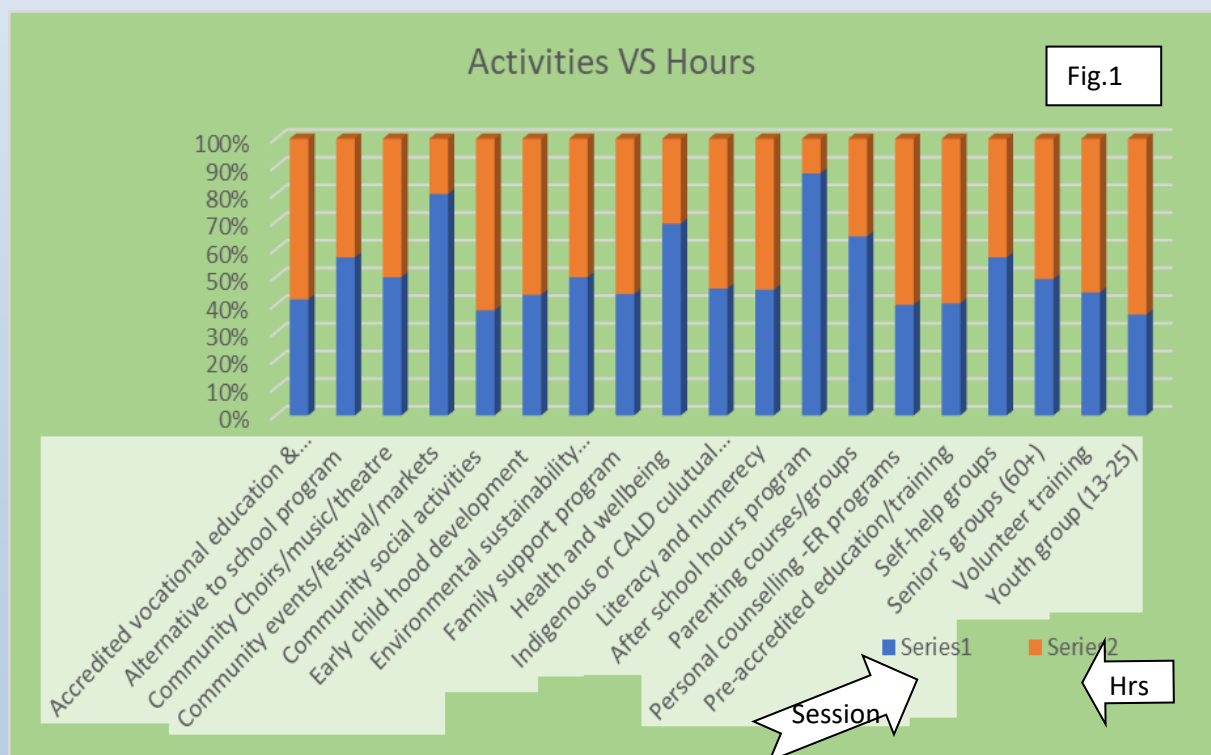
WALKER CLOSE

Walker Close is an ideal place for the community. It has a welcoming atmosphere attracting many different interests of different people. It is a focal point for all community groups to meet and learn from each other. It truly is a pleasing place to be with quite a lot of programs and activities run throughout the year.

Some of the regular programs, services and activities include:

- Revive exercise program for health wellbeing designed for elderly people with disability every Monday & Wednesday
- Early morning women bone booster group – every Tuesdays
- Emergency relief service every Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- NEIS-Training program to assist people to establish own business
- Diploma in community services with industry placement work experience
- Various community group practicing their culture and belief
- Migration professional advice for joining family members
- New mums' group and breast feeding etc.
- Immunisation services
- Burmese community group run their cultural and belief program
- Tonga community group practice their cultural and belief program
- Other programs and activities, various one-off functions etc.
- History telling group, sharing experiences and cultural values
- Serbian practices their spiritual believes
- Indian-Australian seniors group meeting every last Saturday of each month.

This year has been an eventful year at Walker Close with services and programs running very well.



TREASURER'S REPORT



I am pleased to be able to report that Walker Close and Brooklyn Hall Association Incorporated has once again experienced a solid financial year.

The total income and expenditure for the year ended 30th June 2019 was \$208,401 and \$190,476 respectively with a resulting net surplus of \$17,925.

The Centre continues to generate the majority of income from three key source areas- operational support from Hobson's Bay City Council; Neighbourhood House Coordination hours support from Department of Human and Health Services (DHHS) and from internal self-generated source from course fees, regular

facility users and casual programs and activities.

The below chart shows the split between funding sources allocation. The full set of accounts can be seen over the pages in the financial statements contained with the audit report.

The accrual basis accounting system we use reflects that the actual income and expenditures are matched accurately.

The major expenditure includes, power usage, promotion, janitorial services, telephone expenses and wages make up approximately 65 % of total expenditure.

The balance sheet showed a cash contingent reserve to cover provision costs, accrued liabilities and employee entitlements.

The overall financial performance in terms of income and expenditure compared to last financial year showed an increase of 37% and 10% respectively.

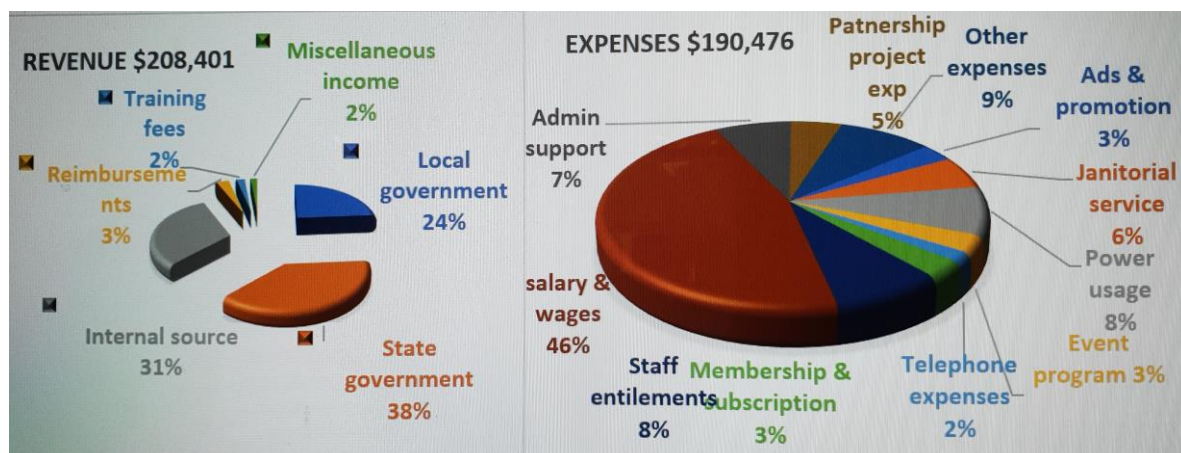
I have great pleasure to report that the Centre is in a strong financial position

I have enjoyed working with Ayelign. He has helped make my job easy, without his assistance my job as a treasurer would have not been easy.

I would also like to thank all the members of the Committee of Management for their valuable help. I have enjoyed watching Walker Close build into an extremely valuable service that supports the whole community.

Tamaru Tauri

Treasurer



PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

One of our community development initiative is working in partnership with schools, to teach students in a more practical approach. This year we participated on the program designed by Altona North Primary School (**“wise ones & young one’s chat session”**) topic.

The program aim was to share the experiences of the mature to the young school children on the topics where the young and elderly will have different information and stories on tables setting choices made by The Wise at Walker Close session and then tables setting choices made by The Young at the ANPS session.

During both sessions, there are multiple topics of discussion between the two groups sitting around the table. The topics where the young and elderly will have different information and stories to share and can learn from each other. At each table an ANPS student (**a Young One**) sitting on one side , and an elderly person who has a relationship with Walker Close Community Centre (**a Wise One**), sitting across over the time the bell rings after two minutes and the Young Ones will rotate tables and start a new conversation with the new Wise Ones.



This sessional program has been great to share Wise Ones experiences to the Young Ones. The Young Ones again practice the knowledge by debriefing to the Wise Ones. This was a good technic to transfer knowledge to the young whilst building their confidence and communication skills.



MANAGER'S REPORT



Hello and a warm welcome to you all!

We have had a very busy 12-month period and it was great to see how the community has taken to using the two venues, very operational, various programs/ activities and services have been running actively throughout the year that include: education, health and wellbeing, recreational, sport, social connections, short courses, workshops, meetings, and other community functions.

It was a privilege to meet and work with the CALD community group. Every day is new and challenging always learning and finding ways to develop and continuously improve community services.

The centre attracts lots of interest and there is a buzz with many different activities happening, and lots of different people coming and going. It truly is a pleasing place to be and is an ideal place to work towards serving the community.

The venues, both Walker Close and Brooklyn Community Hall, are the homes of a number of organisations, associations and community groups. We work well together to give the best support and direction to all residents,

An average of 558 people for 91 hours per week attended or appeared structured and unstructured programs, activities, functions or meetings comparison fig.1 some of the highlights shown over the pages and the distribution of co-ordination hours is shown in fig.2.

I would like to extend my many thanks to my co-admin support staff Verana Hunter-Raye, Colleen Nelson and our cleaners Manuera Tumai, and Rahel Bogale the work they do is great, they are the backbone of our operations. Thanks, again for your hard work and commitment to Walker Close.

Moving forward, we continue on a path of learning, growth and improvement for all aspects of our Centre. What follows in this Annual Report is a snapshot of the dedication it takes to make Walker Close such an extraordinary place. Join us as we continue to give, gain and grow. Thank you, all users, for your support, feedback and encouragement which contributed a lot that our Centre to effectively provide services to the community

A big thank you goes to Mary Robertson the MCH nurse, for her great support to our team. She is always keenly available whenever needed. Also thank you the wonderful Emergency relief support staff and volunteers, immunization nurses, Altona Gate Kinder, Lorraine Beddela Seniors, and planned activity group for their cooperation and support they so kindly have given to Walker Close.

Many thanks to the Hobson Bay City Council various department staff members. I believe no matter how strong we are individually without their support we wouldn't be able to achieve our community service goals. Each individual input is great value to our service delivery.

Finally, once more thank you to all members of the management committee for your commitment, support, advice and endless hard work, especially the Executive committee members closely working with me and representative of funding bodies who gave us so much support and guidance and we appreciate you very much.

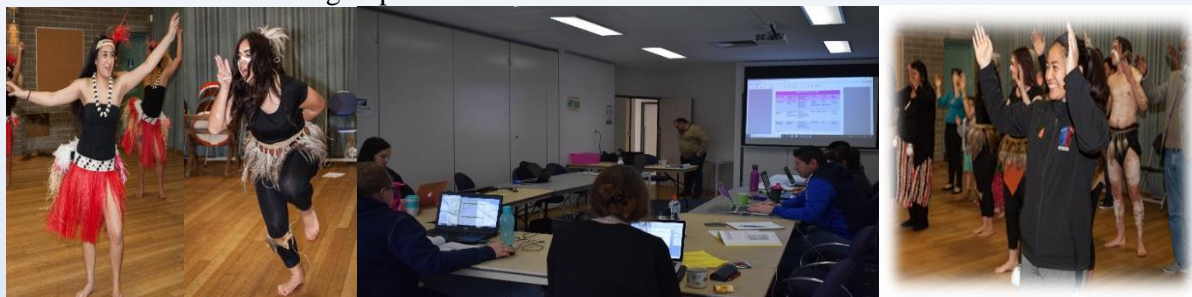
With gratitude

Ayelign Tessema, Manager

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY HALL

From year to year there has been an increased number of communities in Brooklyn. It is very exciting to see the Community Hall has become more usable. In this reporting period, we have had quite a number of casual and regular programs/activities have been running include:

- Karate for self-defence every week on Mondays and Thursdays.
- Macedonian seniors group meet every Wednesdays and make a life
- Retired and semi-retired community group meeting
- Cook islander's youth group
- Ball Room Dancers
- Dream Dancers child to adult youth
- Tonga community group
- Youth self-help group
- Advanced leaning Syrian community group
- Brooklyn Community Reference Group
- Williamstown Camera group



Throughout the year quite a number of structured and unstructured; one off casual programs and functions such as, workshops, training, family gathering, social events and other celebrations have been running.



- Cook Islander community group practice their culture and belief



STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW

This financial year heralds the end of our three-year strategic 2015-2018. Over the past three-year Walker has worked in a challenging environment. The local community is complex, with high number of disadvantaged people seeking support. There are complex social issues, wellbeing support for elderly people, personal counselling, referral services, concerns about safety and social isolation in the area. The growing demographic change has added to the level of service needs. This year has been a chance to reflect and appreciate the work done, review the old plan and begin development of the next three-year plan for 2019-2022. Some of key accomplishments include:

- We successfully reached out embracing diverse community groups of different background bring them together to joyful share their rich cultures and have established good relationship with a sense of belonging in the community.
- We developed sustainable services that benefit all types of able and disable community members with no gender preferences that include young through to the aged.
- We established robust and accountable governance structure that represents the diverse community group along with partnering with community organisations, business, government and philanthropic organisations to secure appropriate funding and support.
- We deliver lively programs and services involving the community and encouraging participation, inclusion; valuing diversity and differences at all levels by identifying community needs and aspirations.

AUSPICE SUPPORT/PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS

Walker Close Community Centre as part of its community development strategy provides auspice support to different community groups to achieve their community service goals.

Apart from the quality of the services provided, our success largely due to the importance placed on people's needs and the support given to them within an environment that is formal, encouraging and non-threatening, the outcome of this is an overall sense of empowerment for both individuals and the community. Some of the auspiced group supported during the year include:

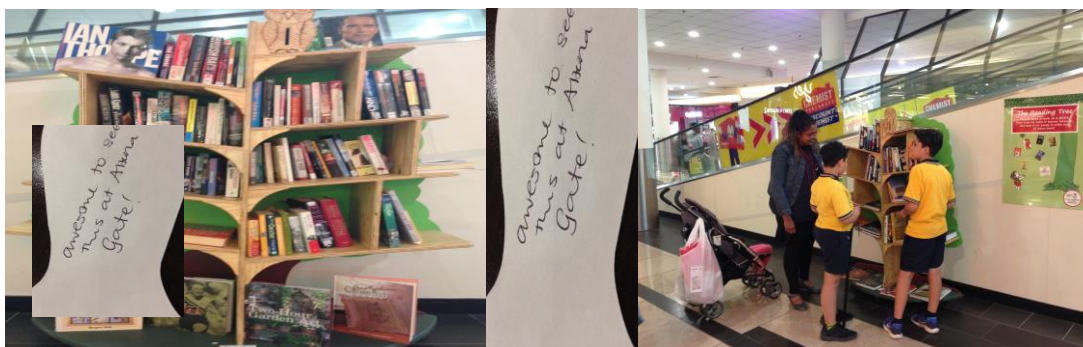
- **La PasseggART Visual Arts Together**

An art program delivered by La PasseggART at Walker Close Community Centre and Brooklyn Hall provided many of our disadvantaged and diverse community members with opportunities to learn new skills, and avenue for artistic self-expression, and the space to socialise with other members of the community. The program was well received by the community members attending there was laughter and great pride in the artistic masterpieces created by participants. It was great to see quite a number of people with disability experience positive ways of being part of the community, interacting socially and artistically with others in a very warm and relaxed environment.



• The Little Street Library Project

The project aim is to increase literacy through a love of reading anytime, anywhere at the readers own pace. The project was run in partnership with the group led by Maria James, Altona Gate Shopping Centre Management, Hobsons Bay Men's Shed and Walker Close Community Centre funded by Hobsons Bay City Council as part of Cultivate Women's Leadership program



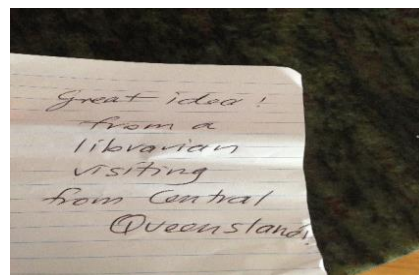
Key outcomes

- The project has created a ripple effect as from the success of this project came the seed of an idea for 20 more street libraries (in and around Altona North) which was then launched on Neighbourhood Day March 2019.
- The reading tree has made the spot an inviting space for reading and interacting for the community at large (shoppers take books to the coffee shops and sit and read there).
- The tree has encouraged and invited community members to share their interest in books.
- We have promoted literacy in the form of reading and have a steady stream of families visiting and borrowing/exchanging books.
- It has created interest from interstate visitors as well.

• Embrace the future and Respect the past

The project involves the Free Altona Theatre Group to create a performance involving around the concerns and learning experienced by both parents and children of migrant families in Australia.

The performance was presented at the Laverton Community Hub over two consecutive evenings to the general public and was well received by the community that attended the performances. The project group



was able to learn new skills and discover new abilities, provided a welcoming atmosphere to share migrant family experience in open discussion with guests.

“Community Interactive Green space”

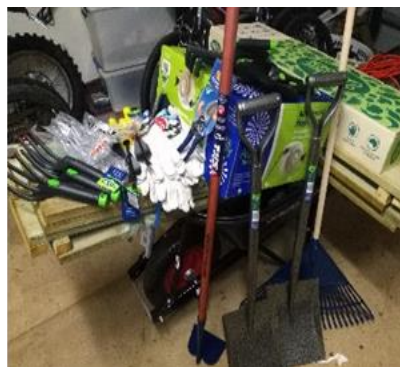
There has been tremendous support from the local Bunnings store, Altona Community Garden Corporation in the form of advice and support, Hobsons Bay City Council, as well as local interest in the garden from the community.

The project that made a difference in the community:

There is a community garden growing healthy food.

A space is developed for ongoing community interaction and life-long learning opportunities.

- We have created a green space for community members to interact and participate in learning about healthy and sustainable food sources.
- We have made it an inviting space for learning and interacting for the community at large.
- We have encouraged and invited community to invest in healthy living through making healthy food choices.
- We have promoted the environmental sustainability and community well-being through various meetings and discussions.
- We have raised issues such as food security concerns with the community as well.



Community Partnerships

Collaboration and partnership remain a priority and relationships with formal and informal partners continue to be productive. Such strong connections enable continuous conversations around community need, opportunity for creative responses and enhanced organisational profile. Thank you to the generosity of our funders, sponsors, of which we have strong working relationship with DHHS, HBCC, Network West, NHVic and all co-Neighbourhood Houses of Hobsons Bay.

Success during the year would have been impossible without crucial contributions from many individuals, government partners, service agencies. Key partners for Walker Close continue to be the United Way allows us to provide an extraordinary quality of service that would otherwise be hard to attain. These significant partners, we say “Thank-You!”

Volunteering

The Centre relies on the work of volunteers to provide the services it does. There have been many opportunities to learn, grow, give back to community and get involved. Volunteering remains at the heart of Walker Close.

Obviously, committee members are volunteers who are totally committed to the centre devoting their time representing the CALD community working, co-operatively in support of the staff and volunteers. In 2018-19 the volunteers with Walker Close contributed on an average of 71.5 hours per month of volunteer time.

The Centre appreciates for sacrificing their time, energy & valuable skills that includes, Treasurer, Chairperson 's time helping the centre on other days. Thanks to Bilijana Joveska for her dedicated volunteering service in helping on clerical duties.

Migration advice

This is a free professional advice service for joining families, students and others. I would also like to thank Jambu Nathan for providing this support to various community members every year.

TAX-HELP Service

A free tax help service is provided at the centre in partnership with Taxation Office, I would like to thank Brian Gorman for his professional service for the community on yearly basis from July to October.

Short Courses

One of our strategic objectives is identifying relevant courses that benefits the community and work with Universities and Colleges. This year we facilitated and coordinated the following employable course every term throughout the year.

- **Certificate -IV in Small Business Management.** Under New Enterprise Incentive Scheme) NEIS) by Holmesglen Collage. The course is run for eligible job seekers who are interested in running self-employed business. This short intensive training course has been effectively delivered every year, every term continuously and has been beneficial to the community,
- **Diploma in community service** – run by TMG collage. training course delivered every term with industry placement work experience for employment opportunity.



Emergency relief service

One of the crucial services provided at Walker Close is the outreach emergency relief assistance service provided every Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

This service has been so vital to the Altona North and Brooklyn where there are large number of disadvantage community group who are highly dependent on this service referred by individuals, organisations, community workers, carers, and those drop in by themselves. Our support to the service includes providing convenient space, promoting the service, providing appropriate information and referrals.

We would like to thank Laverton Community Integrated Services for providing this important service at Walker Close over years which has been very useful to those who are in crisis within our community.

Community diversity

Altona North and Brooklyn has a high mix of CALD community group made up of over 45 different nationalities with lots of background, cultures, values which makes Walker close a unique place to meet and share lots of experience and skills.

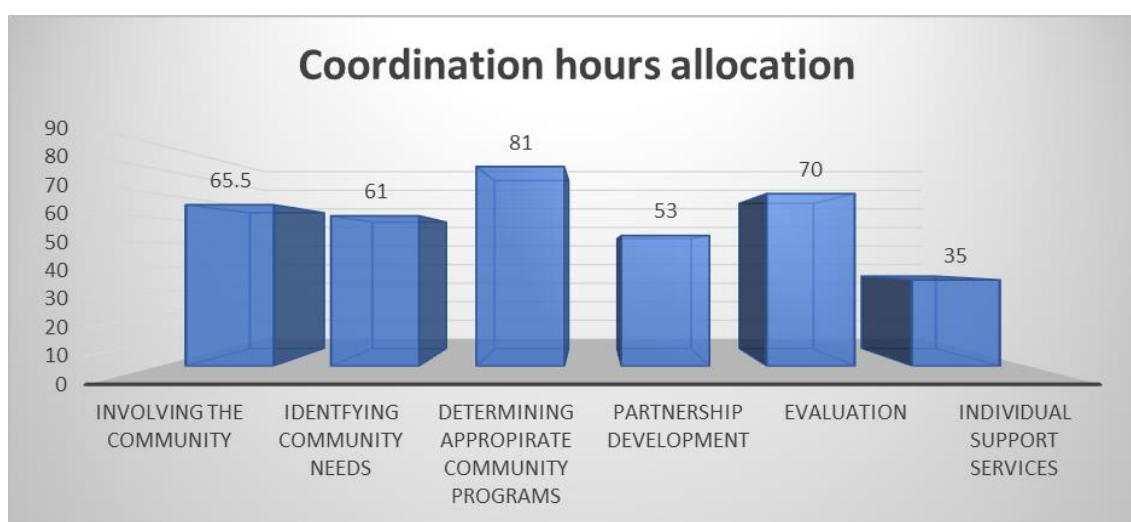


At Walker Close no matter who you are, where you from you meet people like you or who do not like you and we proud to say “**Our diversity is our beauty, our strength is our unity**” with the aims to improve community connectedness and participation and to reduce social isolation through creating inclusion and cohesion every year we warmly celebrate community gathering evets during cultural diversity week.



Centre Coordination

The Centre is open 50 weeks in a year for an equivalent of 1900 hours. To effectively delivery the service 365.5 hours proportionally used to the operational activities as below. Fig.2



Major aims for the coming year

- Involve community members in the planning of programs and activities.
- Evaluate the level of community satisfaction with services offered using satisfaction survey.
- Actively engage participation:
 - by people from culturally diverse backgrounds;
 - Provide culturally appropriate programs/activities; and are accessible to all community embers.

Supporting Local Priorities

Walker Close has developed a standing strategy and community engagement plan. Some of the key priorities include:

- ✚ Look at how we can further respond to community needs
- ✚ Continue to develop strong partnership with local service providers
- ✚ Review, ongoing development and diversification of service delivery
- ✚ Strengthening governance and sustainable reporting
- ✚ Evaluate the level of community satisfaction with services offered by the centre using satisfaction survey.

Engaging the community

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE GROUP

ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT DUST, NOISE AND ODOUR ISSUES IN THE HIGHLY DISADVANTAGE BROOKLYN AREA?

The Brooklyn Community Representative Group Community Forum (BCRG) is an opportunity for members of the community, industry, local and state government to discuss issues about the air quality of the general Brooklyn area. It also enables the communication of plans and progress by individual industries, local government and EPA.

BCRG has been operating as an open forum since 2008. Thirteen organisations had displays at the Open House in March and over 60 people attended. A highlight was the odour testing both from the EPA. We hosted 2 community forums and welcomed Cathy Wilkinson, CEO of EPA Vic to May forum to provide an update on changes to the legislation.

We plan to do so again in the coming year. Community members are encouraged to attend. To find out more go to brooklynip.com.au



BCRG Forums - a great place to chat!



A community member tests his odour identification skills at the BCRG Open House

Revive Exercise Program

A program run by a qualified fitness instructor specifically designed to improve the fitness and wellbeing of people over 50's with disabilities, the exercise includes:

- Cardio based workout to maintain energy levels
- Ensure a healthy, strong heart.
- Core strengthening, balance and stability training with stretch and cool down.
- A great opportunity to get out and about in the open air
- Socialize with other like-minded people while being active and enjoying the experience.

This exercise program is quite beneficial to a number of local residents, helping them to establish relationships with other groups and create a sense of inclusion and belonging in the community.

Program story

The program has had a significant positive impact to the people attending the program is generating increased community interest. There have been some wonderful stories from the participants of the program developed increased mobility, build friendships and promoting increased holistic wellbeing.

At the community centre there has been a steady rise to the enquiries received regarding the program from individuals in the community and from local and surrounding organisations providing support services promoting the community centre to possibly provide similar programs in the future.

We would like to extend our thanks to Melissa Moorfoot for her professional service to effectively run this program by creating great motivation and enthusiasm between the group. With the increase number of participants and higher interest it is now running two days in a week Monday and Wednesday between 1:30pm to 2:30pm. Anyone interested is welcome to join. Why not contact the Centre today!



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Committee members declaration

Statements by Members of the Committee 30 June 2019


As stated in Note 1 to the financial statements, in the committee members' opinion, the Entity is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general financial reports. This is a special purpose financial report that has been prepared to meet the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 requirements.


The Financial Report has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards and mandatory professional reporting requirements to the extent described in Note 1.

In the opinion of the Committee the financial report as set out on the next pages.

- (i) Presents a true and faire view of the financial position of Walker Close and Brooklyn Hall Asso. Inc. as at 30 June 2019 and its performance for the period on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.
- (ii) At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Walker Close and Brooklyn Hall Asso. 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 Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

Chairperson..........Date this...2nd.....day of ...September.....2019
Rebecca Nikau

Treasurer..........Date this...2nd.....day of ...September...2019
Tumaru Tauri

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Income and Expenditure Statement For the Year ended 30th June

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Income		
Neighbourhood House Support	49,455	48,024
NHCP support DHHS	79,277	60,391
Promotion/marketing support HBCC	350	750
Project grant HBCC	2,888	2,200
Total support fund	131,970	111,365
Internal self-generated income		
Regular users -WC	37,969	37,730
Regular users – BH	24,383	25,433
Casual users – WC	871	836
Casual users – BH	1,782	2,666
Exercise fees	2,809	1,547
Total internal self-generated income	67,814	68,212
Other income		
Reimbursement – Utilities	6,012	7,367
Printing and photocopy income	100	74
Auspice project income	1,100	----
Miscellaneous income	94	188
Total other income	7,306	7,629
Total Income	207,090	187,207
Expenses		
Accounts audit fee	1,000	1,000
Advertising and marketing	1,699	900
Association membership fee	---	77
Licence and Registration	----	52
Office Equipment supplies	679	101
Bank fees	171	211
Maintenance fees	9	---
Bad Debts	79	780
Janitorial services – WC	2,940	3,748
Janitorial services – BH	6,075	3,972
Kitchen amenities	212	456
Cleaning supplies	1,538	2,276
Booking cancellation reimbursement	509	382
MYOB subscription	2,310	1,091
Electricity expense – WC	11,147	16,295
Electricity expense -BH	4,781	5,538
Volunteer travel expense	4,105	1,311
Donation and support fee	260	50



Exercise program tutors fee	2,760	1,484
General repair and maintenance	872	1,157
Printing and photocopy	4,255	3,630
Internet and webhosting	----	917
Program and group support expense	1,647	363
Computer service and fixture	1,770	---
Phone landline and internet	1,115	198
Event celebration	----	600
Utility water expense	568	855
Domain name reg. webhosting	1,204	---
Stationery supplies	1,342	2,718
Office 365 subscription	1,398	117
Event programs promotions	2,054	1,605
West removal/Garbage cleaning	50	----
Professional development	----	396
Telephone call expenses	3,208	4,715
Postage	36	9
Miscellaneous expenses	1,353	2,477
Gathering and group activities	3,023	1,998
Meeting amenities	472	1,023
Workshop program expenses	1,022	535
Subscription and membership	2,973	214
Email account hosting	166	---
Salary and wages	87,655	83,379
Work cover premium	787	729
Long Services Leave entitlement	2,136	2,777
Annual leave expense	3,584	---
Annual meeting expense	---	1,206
Partnership program expenses	1,265	----
Admin and general services	13,940	10,127
Travel expense	1,236	1,423
Annual meeting/workshop expenses	348	---
Superannuation contribution	9,791	8,996
Total operating Expenses	189,544	171,886
Depreciation Expenses		
Dep. Expenses eqpt	----	3,344
Computers depreciation	268	---
Data projector expense & Camera	587	---
Low value pool dep. Expense	77	-----
Total dep. Expense	932	3,344
Total expense	190,476	175,230
Operation profit	16,614	11,978
Other Income		
Interest income	1,311	1,120
Total other income	1,311	1,120
Net profit for the year	17,925	13,097

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Walker Close and Brooklyn Hall Asso. Inc.

Asset and Liabilities Statement

As at 30th June

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash at bank current account	152,729	141,699
Cast at bank contingent account	101,053	99,742
Petty cash account	500	500
Total Current Asset	254,282	241,941
Other Current Liabilities		
Trade debtors	3,703	4,467
Total other Current Assets	3,703	4,467
Total Current Assets	257,985	246,409
Non-current Assets		
Fixed Asset at Cost	112,235	103,865
Acc.Dep fixed Assets	(104,797)	(103,865)
Net-Non-current Asset	7,438	----
Total Asset	265,423	246,409
Liabilities		
GST Liabilities		
GST Collected	159,810	139,564
GST Paid	(157,220)	(135,908)
Total GST Liabilities	2,590	3,656
Payroll Liabilities		
PAYG Withholding payable	5,296	4,880
Superannuation fund	2,881	2,535
Entitlements L SL	16,307	14,171
Accrued holiday leave	13,392	9,841
Total payroll Liabilities	37,876	31,427
Other Current Liabilities		
Trade Creditors	4,186	4,223
Customer deposit bond	6,013	5,683
A/P Accrual-Utilities	73	7,069
City West water exp refund	-----	6,496
Give Take Stand Project Aus	1,000	1,000
Accounts audit fee accruals	1,000	1,000
La PasseggArt-Viusal Art	----	1,910
Cultivate leadership project	1,942	11,000
Love of Music Project grant	2,500	-----
Total Other Current Liabilities	16,714	38,380
Total Liabilities	57,180	73,463

Net Asset	208,243	172,945
Equity		
Retained Earnings	190,317	159,847
Current Year Surplus	17,925	13,097
Historical balancing	1	1
Total Equity	208,243	172,945

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Statements of significant Accounting Procedures

This financial report is special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act. 2012 (Vic). The Committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity. The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuation of non-current assets.

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

a) Cash and cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents included cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

b) Income Tax

The Association is exempt from paying income tax by virtue of Section 50-45 of the income tax Assessment Act. 1997. Accordingly, tax effect accounting has not been adopted.

c) Property, Plant and Equipment

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

depreciation. The depreciable amount of all property, plant and equipment is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets of the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold Improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

d) Employee Entitlements

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 have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled. Provision is made for the Association's liability for long service leave from commencement of employment.

e) Provision

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 reliably measured. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

f) **Impairment of Assets**

At the end of each reporting period, the entity reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is an indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset carrying value over its recoverable amount is recognised in the income and expenditure statement.

g) **Revenue**

Revenue is brought to account when received and to the extent that relate to the subsequent period it is disclosed as a liability.

Grant Income

Grant income received, other than for specific purpose, is brought to account over the period to which the grant relates.

Deferred Income

Unspent grant income received in relation to specific projects and events is not brought to account as

revenue in the current year but deferred as a liability in financial statement until spent for the purpose received.

Capital Grants

Grant income received relating to the purchase of capital items is shown as Unamortized Capital Grant and brought to account over the expected life of the assets in proportion to the related depreciation charge.

Interest Revenue

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Donations

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

All revenue is stated net of the amount of good and services tax (GST).



AUDITOR'S REPORT

Michael Kiernan & Associates

Accountant FCPA

4 September 2019

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Independent Audit Report To The Members Of

Walker Close and Brooklyn Hall Association Inc.

On the basis of information provided by the directors Walker Close and Brooklyn Hall Association Inc., I have audited the special purpose Income Statement, Balance Sheet and Statement of Cash Flows for the period ended 30 June 2019 as well as notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the committee's report.

The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial report has been prepared is set out in the notes to the accounts. The extent to which Accounting Standards have or have not been adopted in the audit of the special purpose financial report is set out in the notes to the accounts.

Committee's responsibility for the financial report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report, and has determined that the basis of preparation described in the notes, is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

I have conducted an independent audit of the financial reports in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the organisation. My audit has been conducted in accordance with professional reporting requirements (APS9) to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial reports are free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial reports, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial reports are presented fairly in accordance with professional reporting requirements and statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the organisation's financial position, the results of its operations and its cash flows.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion the financial report of the association has been prepared in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* including:

1. giving a true and fair view of the entity's financial position as at 30 June 2019 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
2. complying with Australian Accounting Standards as referred to in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The financial report has been prepared to assist Walker Close and Brooklyn Hall Association Inc. to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*. As a result the report may not be suitable for another purpose. To the extent permitted by law, I do not accept liability for any loss or damage which any person, other than the organisation, may suffer arising from any negligence on my part. No person other than the directors and members Walker Close and Brooklyn Hall Association Inc. should rely on the special purpose financial report. It is not prepared on the basis of providing investment or bank finance information. The special purpose financial report was prepared exclusively for the benefit of the directors and members of Walker Close and Brooklyn Hall Association Inc. and the purpose identified above. We do not accept responsibility to any other person for the contents of the special purpose financial report.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional ethical pronouncements



MICHAEL KIERNAN

4 September 2019

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WILLIAMSTOWN CAMERA CLUB

Are you interested in photography?

Williamstown Camera Club holds twice monthly meetings at the Brooklyn Hall for 10 1/2 months of the year. We have 100 members of which about 50 or so attend the meetings at which we have presentations from outside Presenters as well as in-house workshops. As our Club has grown over the last 50 or so years, we have had to move into larger premises and Brooklyn Hall meets our criteria on all levels. The location is ideal for Presenters and Judges as it is close to the Freeway.



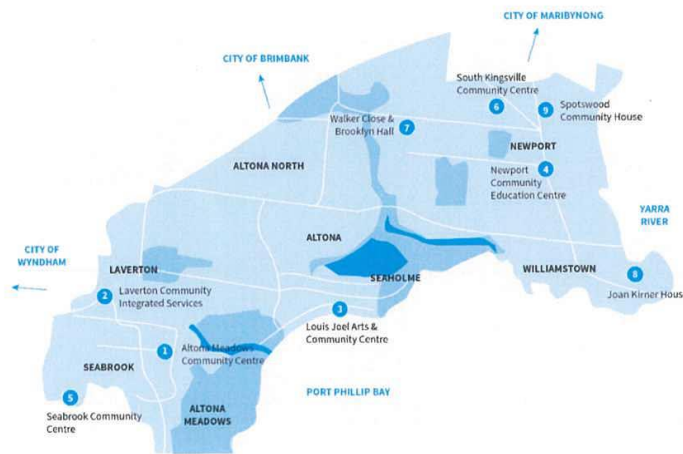
Brooklyn Reserve improvement

Council's commitment for the Brooklyn Reserve improvement: open space, more car parks, playground, foot path etc has enhanced the quality of community services delivery at Brooklyn community hall. Lots of interests to use the facility. While appreciating council's effort for improving the reserve, additional improvements are required to the hall itself. Some of the maintenance activities that need Council's attention include:

- Replacing the old oven with a better industrial type;
- Additional storage room at the back of the hall;
- Installing a raised stag inside the hall;
- The old wearing out floorboard causing OHS issue if not overhauled quickly is not convenient for bare-foot activities such as Karate, dance etc training going activities going on actively, and;
- Overhauling toilet facilities, air cons and curtain holders.



KEY FACTS - HOBSONS BAY COMMUNITY CENTRES

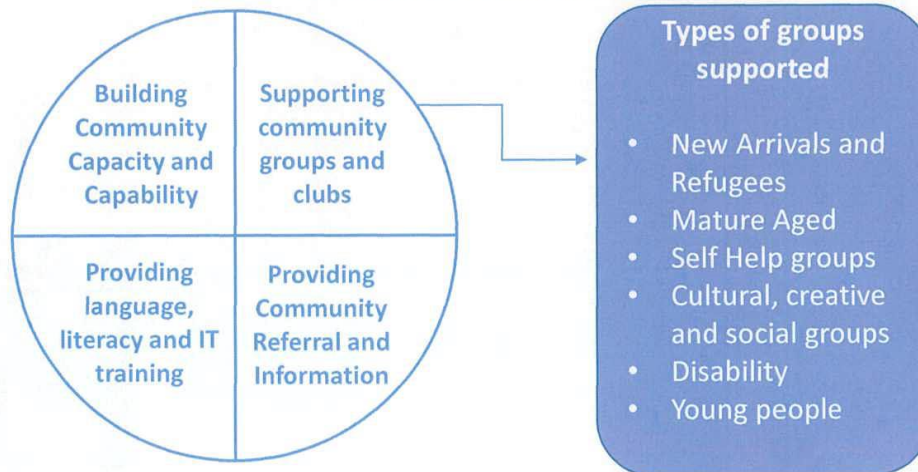


9 VENUES

- ✓ 8 Neighbourhood Houses
- ✓ 5 childcare venues
- ✓ 5 Learn Locals
- ✓ 2 Registered Training Organisations (RTOs)

5,547
Visits to
Community
Centres a week

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

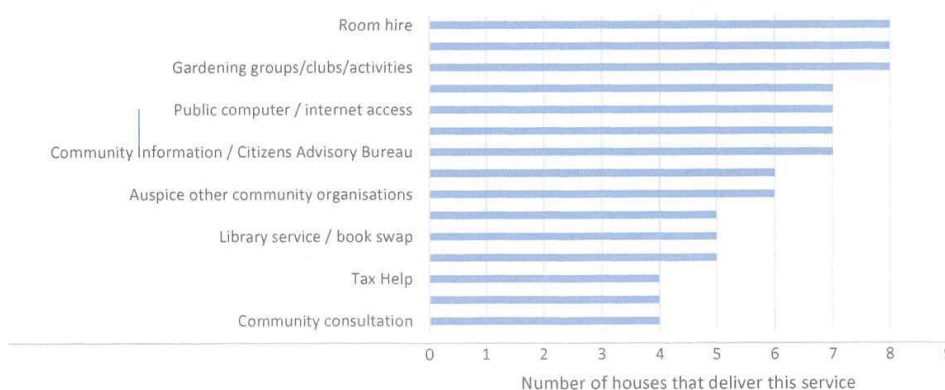


ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP



163 Volunteers help out every week contributing \$1,019,636 to the local economy

MOST COMMON SERVICES DELIVERED





Brooklyn Hall