

Annual Report

2021- 2022





President's Report



**I present this report
for the period 1 July
2021 - 30 June 2022.**

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation, Traditional Custodians of this land on which we meet, and pay my respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

In my second term of Presidency, it has been a better year, since the relaxing of covid restrictions has made our work all the more pleasurable once again, connecting with communities and networks face to face.

During this term, TNH manager Liz Skitch, current and past staff and volunteers have worked hard to successfully deliver programs to the Thomastown and broader community.

Funded by City of Whittlesea Emergency Relief Fund, local businesses and individual donations; TNH conducted Food Relief Fridays and the TNH

Emergency Food Pantry. TNH also supported Vaccination Pop Ups at Thomastown Library with DPV Health and Vic Health. In March & May our Promisetown Picnics came to life and our weekly activities, and coffee cart have been most valuable for our community. Well done and congratulations everyone.

In conclusion, I would like to thank TNH manager Liz Skitch, staff and volunteers for continuing to deliver excellent work and fantastic activities to our community. Thanks also to City of Whittlesea and the State Government for their ongoing support and funds which make this possible. Special thanks to our current Committee of Management members who have volunteered valuable time to get the business done: Secretary Steph, Treasurer Ray R and general members Lena, Greta, Gurneet, Judith and Ray W - it has been a pleasure to work with you.

Nessie Sayar, President
Thomastown Neighbourhood House

Manager's Report



Connection is Key

They say 'Pivoting' was the key to organisations surviving and thriving through

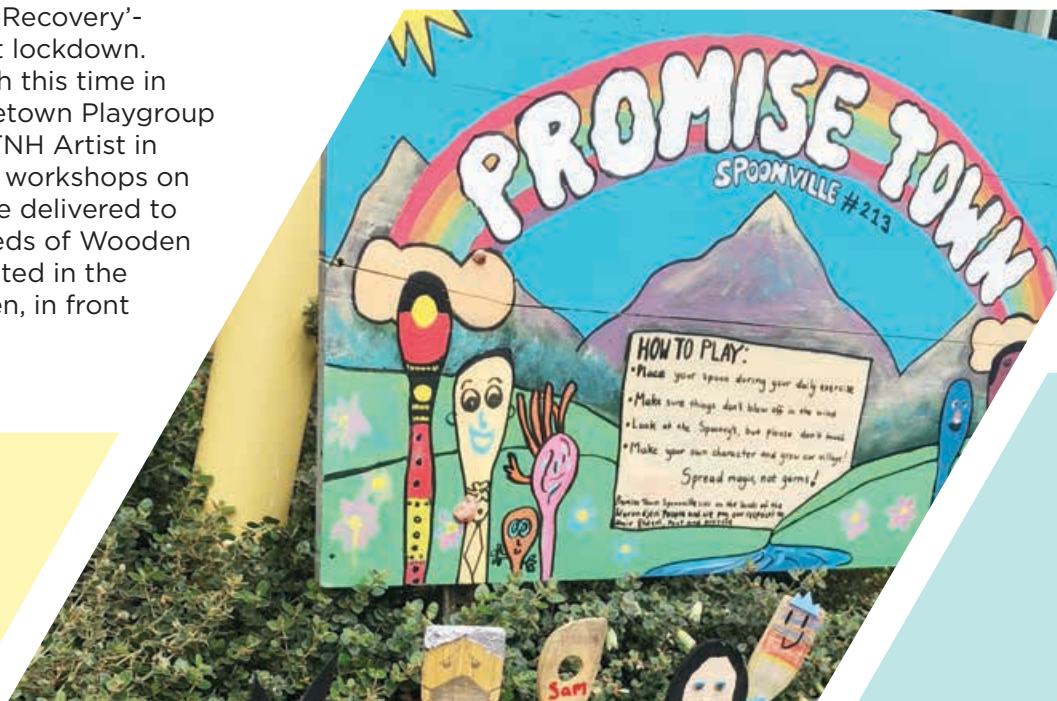
the Covid-19 Pandemic. But the key to survival for TNH has been through 'Connection'. We took a deep breath and with each wind of change, we reached out to the community and responded to their need, inspired by their courage and desire for connection.

The beginning of July 2021 saw TNH optimistically launching a hearty program of weekly activities; designed to re-connect the community safely in outdoor spaces. We mapped out our Covid Safe Plans and welcomed new participants, who blinked in the light of the post covid glare and courageously masked up, checked in and began connecting. But before we'd even finished celebrating two weeks of 'Doughnut Days', Covid-19 numbers were on the rise again and Melbourne found itself in a "short, sharp, lockdown".

Five days later, everyone emerged again; it seemed the community was willing to do whatever was needed to connect. However, in spite of our best efforts to embark on 'Covid Recovery' - we went into our 6th and longest lockdown. TNH programs continued through this time in one way or another... our Promisetown Playgroup communicated via What's App, TNH Artist in Residence, Becky James created workshops on YouTube, parcels of supplies were delivered to community members and hundreds of Wooden Spoons were decorated and planted in the 'Spoonville' community art garden, in front of the Thomastown Library.

Thanks to the City of Whittlesea Emergency Relief Fund, TNH was able to extend its Food Relief efforts and continue to stock the Emergency Food Pantry, located in the foyer of the Thomastown Library. Stocked 3 times a day, 6 days a week, we could not have achieved this without the help of our volunteer team and the Thomastown Library Staff. This effort continued into early November, by which time Victoria had achieved record vaccination levels and we were able to unmask ourselves and return to face-to-face activities: 'All Seasons' All Abilities Art and Gardening, 'Promisetown Playgroup', 'Mindful Meditation' and 'Little Diggers' After School Club. The TNH coffee cart re-opened, amazing Andy and the coffee cart team caffeinated the community and the lounge area in the Thomastown Library buzzed like a village square.

The desire of our local community members to connect and drink coffee, drove the majority to get vaccinated and TNH worked with YPRC, DPV Health and Vic Health to promote Vaccination Pop Up Clinics at the Thomastown Library and TRAC.



The TNH team also grew to include a Community Development Officer, Gillian McCarrey, who worked with the organisation to bring its community events back to life. In March 2022, the premier “Promisetown Picnic” took place as part of the Lalor Thomastown Multicultural Festival. Attracting over 500 community members, this family fun day featured community performances, circus and kids art activities. The Promisetown Picnics also provide a valuable opportunity for our legendary local makers to set up their stalls and sell their hand made goods, treasures and collectables. The next ‘Promisetown Picnic’ was staged in May in partnership with the TPAG (Thomastown Precinct Activation Group) night- time light up event, ‘Walking Thomastown’. The May ‘Promisetown Picnic’ grew to include performances by the Vietnamese Dancers, Thomastown West Primary School and Thomastown Primary School. The event culminated in a community parade, which linked the ‘Promisetown Picnic’ to the launch of ‘Walking Thomastown’! Both Promisetown Picnics have been supported by the City of Whittlesea Community Events Funding Program and special thanks must go to TRAC, Thomastown Recreation Aquatic Centre for generously providing their grassy green outdoor play park, where the Promisetown Picnics are staged.

TNH has now grown to include a team of terrific tutors: Caz Dunell is our much loved All Seasons & Playgroup facilitator and Emiline Nugent leads the weekly Women’s Circle on a Friday. The Volunteer Team is also growing, swelling in numbers up to 20 with each ‘Promisetown Picnic’. And participant numbers at TNH activities come in at over one hundred each week as the community continues to strengthen, support one another, and heal from the lasting effects of the Covid Pandemic.

On behalf of TNH, I would like to thank:

- The City of Whittlesea and the State Government of Victoria for their ongoing financial support.
- Yarra Plenty Regional Library Service for in-kind use of their spaces for TNH activities
- Whittlesea Community Connections for bringing monthly ‘Help Clinics’ to TNH and for supporting the recruitment of volunteers
- TRAC for valuable in-kind support to the ‘Promisetown Picnics’
- Bunnings Thomastown for generous donations of craft supplies & tools
- The NENHN for continued support and advocacy

TNH would also like to thank our friends at:

- Aurora Social Links
- Lalor Neighbourhood House (formerly Lalor Living & Learning)
- Greenbrook Community House
- Thomastown West Primary School
- Thomastown Primary School
- IGA Mercato, Thomastown
- Lalor Scouts
- Whittlesea U3A
- Bundoora Rotary Club

And I would personally like to thank the Board Members of TNH for their ongoing commitment to the organisation with particular thanks to our President Nessie Sayar who will celebrate 10 years of service to TNH as a dedicated board member.

Liz Skitch, Manager

Thomastown Neighbourhood House



Amazing Interns!



"I carried out my internship with TNH as part of my Certificate III in Community Services and have stayed on as an active volunteer. Through working at TNH I have developed my skills in communication, problem solving, nimble thinking and self-motivation. I now have an understanding to help vulnerable individuals to overcome their challenges and work to provide hope for a better future. I am thankful to Liz and the TNH team - Caz, Parul, Emiline and all the volunteers and participants for helping me to achieve my goals."

RAJWANT LALLY



"I am very grateful to TNH for the opportunity to work as part of the volunteer team. Through working with so many amazing people at TNH, I have improved my interpersonal skills. I went on to do my Diploma in Community services and completed my internship in TNH. Now I am blessed to work as part of the team at TNH - which is my dream come true."

PARUL CHAUDHARY



Treasurer's Report



It gives me great pleasure to report to the members of the Board the financial result of Thomastown Neighbourhood House (TNH) for the year ended June 30, 2022.

The TNH financial position as of the end of June 2022

is great, which means it is financially healthy and can meet its financial obligations in the short or long term.

This past two years have been very challenging for TNH and its members due to the impact of Covid 19. Not only has the pandemic affected our program activities but also our daily lives. Thanks must go to our staff and volunteers with the leadership of our Manager, Liz Skitch. Volunteers and staff are amazing and work hard to meet the TNH goals. Liz has responded with determination to ensure that the families in need of support and assistance and programs are met during the lockdowns. Thank you!!

Thanks must go to the City of Whittlesea and the State Government of Victoria for providing ongoing operational funding. In addition to this, City of Whittlesea also provided grants which funded our Community Events and Emergency Relief program.

We say Thank You for the support provided by the following organisations and groups:

Yarra Plenty Regional Library

Thomastown Recreation & Aquatic Centre

Whittlesea Community Connections

Thomastown Precinct Activation Group

Lalor Neighbourhood House
(previously Lalor Living and Learning Centre)

Greenbrook Community House

Thomastown West Primary School

Thomastown Primary School

IGA Mercato Thomastown

Bundoora Rotary Club

Bunnings Thomastown

For many years the following organisations have provided on-going support to TNH and we say Thank YOU !!!

North East Neighbourhood House Network

Neighbourhood House Victoria

To all our Board members who have given their time and commitment, and to our Finance Officer Peter Drinan who has provided his financial expertise Thank you and congratulations for all your support. Keep up the good work!

Ray Rosales, Treasurer
Thomastown Neighbourhood House

Thomastown Neighbourhood House Inc.

Balance Sheet

As at June 30, 2022

Assets	June 2022	June 2021
Current Assets		
Bank & Cash Accounts	105991	114777
Trade & Other Receivables	550	216
Other Current Assets	0	0
Current Assets Total	106541	114993
Non-Current Assets		
Property, Plant & Equipment:At Cost	23787	23787
Property, Plant & Equipment:Less Accum. Depn.	-22536	-21031
Non-Current Assets Total	1251	2756
Total Assets	107792	117749
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Trade Creditors & Other Payables	10759	5017
Payroll Liabilities	6628	3331
Provisions - Employee Entitlements	8068	4467
Provisions - Other	0	34000
Revenue in Advance	851	13302
Current Liabilities Total	26306	60117
Total Liabilities	26306	60117
Net Assets	81486	57632
Equity		
Equity		
Retained Earnings	57632	17043
Net Income	23854	40589
Equity Total	81486	57632
Total Equity	81486	57632

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Income Statement

for the year ended 30 June 2022

Income	June 2020	June 2021
Grants	162172	146188
Facility Hire	0	344
Other Income	118	2231
Total Income	162290	148763
Trading Income		
Sales	1868	1089
Purchases	-1201	-1499
Total Trading Income	667	-410
Gross Profit	162957	148353
Expenses		
Accounting Fees	6098	6000
Advertising & Promotion	1441	954
Assets Purchased (Expensed)	4988	5709
Bank Charges	65	57
Board/Governance Expenses	1094	385
Cleaning & Pest Control	9	87
Computer Expenses	3701	1185
Consultancy Fees	0	950
Depreciation Expense	1505	3681
Meeting Expenses	42	21
Membership Fees Paid	608	357
Payroll Expenses	72528	77405
Postage, Freight & Courier	291	492
Printing and Stationery	1130	455
Program Expenses	35872	13534
Publication & Information Res.	485	400
Rent	4545	1894
Repairs & Maintenance	1446	77
Staff Amenities	0	75
Sundry Expenses	469	0
Telephone, Fax & Internet	2431	2474
Training & Development (Staff)	81	988
Travel & Accommodation	48	207
Volunteer Expenses	226	377
Total Expenses	139103	117764
Net Ordinary Profit	23854	30589
Other Income/Expense		
CoVid-19 Income Support	0	10000
Total Other Income/Expense	0	10000
Net Profit	23854	40589

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Cash Flow Statement

for the year ended 30 June 2022

Income	June 2022	June 2021
Grants Received	163,143	144,882
Other Receipts	2,566	3,591
CoViD Support	0	10,000
Total Income	165,709	158,473
Expenditure		
Payments to Suppliers & Employees	174,495	127,934
Total Expenditure	174,495	127,934
Net Cash Inflows From Operations	-8,786	30,539
Net Cash Inflows from Investing Activities		
Purchases/Disposals of Fixed Assets	0	0
Total Net Cash Inflows from Investing Activities	0	0
Net Cash Inflows	-8,786	30,539
Reconciliation of Operating Surplus with Cash Flow from Operations		
Operating Surplus/-Deficit for Year	23,854	40,589
Add Back Depreciation	1,505	3,681
Total Reconciliation of Operating Surplus with Cash Flow from Operations	25,359	44,270
Movement in Assets & Liabilities		
Decrease/Increase In Receivables	-334	30
Decrease/Increase In Creditors & Provisions	-33,811	-13,761
Total Movement in Assets & Liabilities	-34,145	-13,731
Net Cash Inflows From Operations	-8,786	30,539
Cash at Bank 30 June		
Cash at Bank at Start of Year	114,777	84,238
Add Net Cash Inflows/-Outflows	-8,786	30,539
Total Cash at Bank 30 June	105,991	114,777
Made Up as Follows		
Bendigo - Operating Account	102,125	112,255
Bendigo - Savings Account	3,498	2,502
Cash Drawer	368	20
Total Made Up as Follows	105,991	114,777

Thomastown Neighbourhood House Inc.

Notes to the Financial Statements

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 report preparation requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. The committee have determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

Basis of Preparation

The report has been prepared in accordance with the following applicable Accounting Standards and Urgent Issues Group Interpretations:

AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements
AASB 107: Cash Flow Statements
AASB 108: Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
AASB 110: Events after the Balance Sheet Date
AASB 1031: Materiality
AASB 1048: Interpretation and Application Standards
AASB 1058: Income of Not-for-Profit Entities

No other Australian Accounting Standards, International Accounting Standards Urgent Issues Group Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Board have been applied.

Reporting Basis and Conventions

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Association in the presentation of the financial reports. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

Accounting Policies

(a) Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the asset's employment and

subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

Increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluations are credited to the revaluation reserve in equity. Decreases that offset previous increases of the same asset are charged against fair value reserves directly in equity; all other decreases are charged to the income statement. Each year the difference between depreciation based on the assets original cost is transferred from the revaluation reserve to retained earnings.

(b) Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, is depreciated on a prime cost basis over their useful lives to the Association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated carrying amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are included in the income statement. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation reserve relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

(c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and Cash Equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks or financial institutions, other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short term borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

(d) Comparative Figures

Comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year where required by accounting standards or as a result of changes in accounting policy, or changes to the accounting period.

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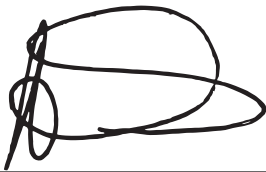
Statement by Members of the Committee

for the year ended 30 June 2022

In the opinion of the Members of the Committee of the Association,

1. The accompanying revenue statement is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the Association's income for the financial year ended 30 June 2022.
2. The accompanying balance sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs for the Association for the financial year ended 30 June 2022.
3. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association can meet its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with the resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:



CHAIRPERSON



TREASURER

Dated this 14th day of October 2022

Volunteer Power!



"Working as a volunteer at TNH was a delight! The chance to work as part of a dedicated team was great. Being enmeshed in a sea of fascinating cultures and lifestyles was educative and highly worthwhile"

TANIA HARVEY



"I like helping new volunteers learn how to make coffee. I like the nice people and the friendly and relaxed team at Thomastown Neighbourhood House and the Library I also enjoy setting up for activities and helping everyone every day."

ANDY WHINCUP



"I approached TNH because I was looking for local creative connections. I was delighted to join the volunteer events team at the Promisetown Picnic, assisting with turning Thomastown Primary School students into Fireflies! It was a wonderful community event and hugely entertaining! I am now working for TNH, carrying out an in school artist residency at Thomastown Primary School, creating a gothic puppet project for the next Promisetown Picnic!"

SANDRINE DOWNER





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