

Milang & District Community Association Inc.



Annual Report 2017

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THANKS

We acknowledge the Ngarrindjeri people on whose land we meet and we pay our respects to the Elders past and present.

Ngarrindjeri Vision for Country

Kungun Ngarrindjeri Yunnan (Listen to what Ngarrindjeri people have to say)

“Our Lands, Our Waters, Our People, All Living Things are connected. We implore people to respect our Ruwe (Country) as it was created in the Kaldowinyeri (the Creation). We long for sparkling, clean waters, healthy land and people and all living things. We long for the Yarlumar-Ruwe (Sea Country) of our ancestors. Our vision is all people Caring, Sharing, Knowing and Respecting the lands, the waters and all living things.”

- From Ngarrindjeri Nation Yarlumar-ruwe plan 2006

The Milang and District Community Association Inc. is only here today thanks to the skills, talents, and generous financial support of our volunteers, our corporate partners, community groups and clubs, local councils and government.

It is an honour to work together with you all to strengthen individuals, our communities and our precious environment.

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President's Report

This will be my final Report as President and member of the MADCA committee. I have been in this role for some years and have experienced many changes in our organisation. I have seen it grow to meet the needs of the Milang community and the surrounding district. I have met many incredible people who have given their time and it has been a wonderful positive experience and I will be sorry to step down, but I feel the time has come for someone younger with a fresh approach and new ideas to take over.

The year has been full-on with the acquisition of the Butter Factory, the establishment of the "My Aged care" program and the commissioning of a sculpture to be placed on the foreshore. It has stretched the resources of the Association and its members to the limit and has resulted in many changes.

Firstly; the purchase of the Butter Factory was led to a successful conclusion with the aid of the Alexandrina Council and I must thank them for their wonderful support in helping us achieve our goal. Bob Sim the previous owner, was very happy that the Factory was going to the community, he was sorry to see it go as the cottage had been his family home. As soon as we had signed the papers, the management committee sprang into action by appointing a sub-committee to oversee the restoration program. The committee recommended the appointment of Swanbury Penglase as architects for the heritage project. The company has a lot of experience in restoring heritage buildings throughout South Australia. The second report from them is due at the time of writing.

We are working towards making the Lakeside Butter Factory an important centre in the Milang Community. It will be busy, providing jobs, displaying local crafts and products and acting as a community centre. I am sure it will also attract visitors to the town and become an icon on the tourist calendar for the Fleurieu Peninsular.

I would like to thank all those willing volunteers who have already put many hours into cleaning the Factory and running the fundraising activities. I would also like to thank all the members of the committee for their dedication and hard work.

The other major activity was the work done by the group of volunteers who worked hard to raise funds for a sculpture which was part of the Adelaide Hills Sculpture Symposium. Gheorghi Filin an Italian artist from Bulgaria was commissioned to carry out the work which proved to be outstanding. Once in place the sculpture will enhance the foreshore recreation reserve and I am sure will become a draw card for visitors to Milang. At the time of writing we are still waiting for the Council to prepare the foundation so that the sculpture can be moved into place.

As many will know, MADCA has been approved to provide services under the "My Aged care" program. We have registered under the name of "Lakes Home Care". The success of the project has been due to the work of our CEO Fiona Pitcairn who has worked tirelessly to commission the program and ensure that we meet all the requirements. Members of the community who require age care services are already registering and it has highlighted the need for this service in our community.

There are many more programs running under the banner of our community house affectionately known as MOSHCC. The success is down to the many people who work there and who support the programs on a voluntary basis.

Finally, I would like to give heartfelt thanks to Karyn Bradford, who retired from her post as EO last year. Karyn and I have worked together since I first came to Milang and became involved with

MOSHCC. I had retired from work and living in Milang realised I did not know anyone apart from the people at the General Store, Post Office and Hotel. I saw an advert Karyn had placed in a newsletter calling for someone to become a member of one of a committees. I went up to MOSH and met her. I soon came to realise what a dynamic woman she is and what an asset she is to the community. Over the intervening years I came to fully appreciate her skills and enthusiasm and her commitment to the community.

I am very pleased that Karyn is continuing her good work as a volunteer, working hard to establish the Butter Factory as a significant icon in our community.

I thank Karyn for all her good work and look forward to working with her on the Butter Factory project.

I will miss the close association with the staff and volunteers, but I hope to keep offering my help where I can.

Thank you to all who work for our wonderful community which am I am so happy to be part of.

Mike Linscott
President

Chief Executive Officer's Report

My first year as CEO has undoubtedly been the busiest year in my working career. Coupled with the fact that I have at times been wearing three hats has added to general busyness of the role and also provided such satisfaction working for this wonderful community and the organisation I represent.

The biggest change by far was the retirement of Karyn Bradford after many years of tireless work creating MADCA and MOSHCC as we see it now, and more recently at the helm as Executive Officer. Thankfully Karyn is still around to offer advice and the all-important sounding board for me during this first year. Thank you Karyn for not straying too far away.

Another change of significance was the resignation of Gae Thomas as Volunteer Coordinator. Gae had been associated with MADCA for many years, starting her association here as a student with Community Services and then successfully managing the complex role supporting our volunteers. When new people come into the workplace there is a shift in the dynamic, and I am pleased to say that we have settled in with new staff on board, both in Volunteering and in Community Care.

When I accepted the role as CEO the one thing I vowed to keep was the fantastic, positive and welcoming culture of the organisation. This was in fact a significant reason for my desire to work here, and whilst change as big as a new CEO will always bring a shift in dynamics, the positive culture remains. This is testament to the wonderful staff (paid and volunteer) who are all responsible for this positive culture here at MOSHCC.

Over the past year support from Mike Linscott as President, guide, advisor and confidant has serviced well to allow me to air my doubts and reassure my uncertainties. Heartfelt thanks abound to you Mike.

Funded opportunities bring its own risk with the delivery of community services. We are not immune to this. Factors such as a reliance on government grant funds to provide much needed services for our community and employment for local professionals is probably our biggest risk. Government organisations now require more reporting at high level to account for funds and clarify processes which takes the staff away from the coal-face and into the office completing the necessary reports to receive ongoing funding. This will always challenge our priorities at a humanistic level bringing increased workload for program managers and their staff.

A significant success for MADCA was the successful undertaking of a rigorous external assessment to achieve Australian Service Excellence Standards (ASES) (Certificate Level). ASES is a set of recognised Community Services Standards proving that MADCA (and all programs that run within the organisation) have the highest level of scrutiny and quality systems applied to them. This internationally recognised accreditation lasts for three years and acknowledges our dedication to quality services to our community.



New challenges exist in business ventures with the Lakeside Butter Factory and Lakes Home Care. This is demonstrative proof that MADCA is forward thinking and prepared to take calculated risks to provide necessary services to the community. Both these ventures have the opportunity to provide income through social enterprise initiatives, reducing the risk earlier identified with our reliance on grant funds for organisational success and community strength. These ventures have been created with the intent to provide employment, business and training opportunities and ignites the passion of a community always willing to lend a hand.

My thanks to the outgoing Office Bearers and Committee – your support has been exceptional. To the incoming Office Bearers and committee, I look forward to working with you all over the next 12 months. To my awesome team, without you it would not be the same. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to honest, solid community service.

Fiona Pitcairn
Chief Executive Officer

MOSHCC Report

It has been another big year for the Milang Old School House Community Centre! A big thank you to all our staff, volunteer and paid. Our volunteers work tirelessly throughout the Centre and over at the Community Garden, and looking at the recorded stats have logged 7244 hours of volunteer time.

Wow! The support of our many volunteers is a testament to the spirit of giving in the area, the willingness to come together and support our community, not just through MOSHCC but in so many other Community Groups, working in their own way towards similar goals of supporting community; from preserving our rich history and environment to supporting local recreation and sport. Cross pollination of the valuable expertise of our volunteers adds to the richness and the strengthening of our communities.

We have been growing consistently at MOSHCC, as needs change and grow. Of course, as funding changes we also sometimes need to adapt to a different political climate, which is always a challenge.

QUICK STATS

644 likes on Facebook

57 followers on Twitter

28 new Instagram followers!

3231 visits to moshcc.com.au

6998 Centre visitors and enquiries counted

7244 volunteer hours



MADCA Volunteers and Community Care Clients share in our Christmas Lunch

Big changes in the Aged Care sector mean that we can now provide care for local people with Home Care Packages; a fantastic extension of the low-level care we provide through the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP).

Previously, residents moving to a Home Care Package may have felt somewhat removed from the activities provided in their local community, having spent time with the CHSP program, but with qualified staff employed through “Lakes Home Care” and based at the Community Centre, we are well prepared to support

residents as they age and to maintain their connection to their community. You can read more about this in the Community Care team’s report.

Each program may have its own challenges, but the continuing dedicated and thoughtful work of volunteer and paid staff means each program contributes to the overall effectiveness and supportive nature of the Community Centre in responding to Community need. We always welcome feedback, and ideas for new activities or programs to run at the centre. I believe in a “no wrong door” policy; for any enquiry, we will do our best to help, or find the right person to assist.

Stuart Jones
Centre Manager

Crèche

The Crèche service at MOSHCC is one of our longest running programs, and this funding is going through radical changes as part of the Commonwealth Government’s *Jobs for Families* package. Our small service will be moved into the Child Care system, which will mean some new processes and a different business model as far as funding goes.

Australian Government Department of Education and Training staff and PricewaterhouseCoopers Consultants are working closely with services like ours to assist in the transition. An amendment to the new legislation provides for grant funding to support services like ours which may not have otherwise been viable in the new system.

Given the support shown for the program at all levels, I’m confident we can continue to provide this much-needed service to support local families.

Our crèche service is currently available two mornings a week between 9:30 and 12:30 and supports parents who are studying, looking for work, volunteering, or other activities or are in need of respite. Children are cared for by two qualified staff at all times, and engage in activities and experiences to grow their confidence, empathy and respect and respect for the environment, wellbeing, communication and confidence in learning.

Creche Quick Stats

Funding from the Australian Government Department of Education & Training.

Children aged 6 months – starting school. Up to 10 children per session

\$65,273.32

21 Children enrolled

Staff: Rosemary Evans, Robyn Shearer, Brittany Jackson



New bi-fold doors in the ACE space allowed crèche to move giving children and workers more space, while continuing to provide an additional space for programs.

Additional funding over our usual crèche allocation, contributed to repairs and maintenance as well as some funding to assist in planning for the implementation of the new Child Care funding arrangements. A process that will ramp up this year in preparation for the new Child Care Subsidy arrangements kicking-in in July 2018.

Continued work by Shoreline maintaining our Nature Play area is also making the space more useable and interactive for our children.

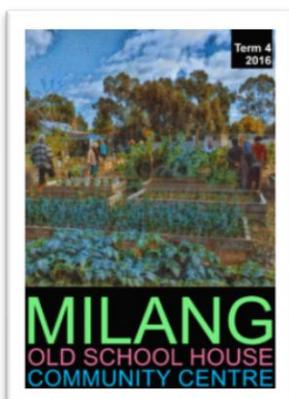
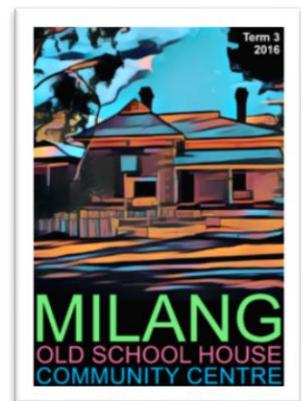
Adult Community Education (ACE)

For our Adult Community Education program 2016-17 was the final year of an offer of Triennial Funding, which provided the increased stability of 3-year funding as opposed to previous 1 year funding agreements.

As ACE funding is undergoing a process of feedback and review, MOSHCC was offered a 1 year extension of our triennial agreement which will take us through to June 2018.

Funding from the South Australian Department of State Development enables the delivery of a range of programs to support community members increase their skills in a friendly and non-threatening environment.

Aligned to the Foundation Skills Training Package, the funding process is flexible to allow a locally produced learning program.



This year some ACE participants took the opportunity to engage in the Hand-Up Mentoring training program (funded through Grants SA) which then led to volunteering in this area. Enthusiastic participants in ACE courses gain an appetite for learning, and begin to look out for new learning opportunities. They often have great suggestions for follow-on learning opportunities too!

Participants feel more confident once they have gained new skills and some express a desire to be more involved in the community and plan to volunteer e.g. in the local nursery and enrol in another course.

All in all, our non-accredited training is always popular and participants are keen to continue their Learning Journey

Comments from participants:

"It was an excellent introduction for me to native plants of Australia and local plants. A very big eye-opening time for me"

"Information preparing me for future project, finding what's on my land"

"Good atmosphere and informative, great company and sharing of ideas"

"The course is very well run and I am very happy to be part of it"

"great friendship forming"

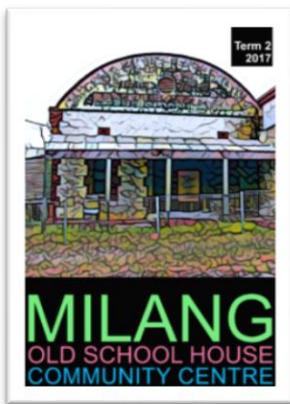
"I feel more confident mixing with people now"

"I liked learning how to cook"

"I especially liked the variety and diversity of cooking"

"I worked with a wonderful diverse group of people and learnt lots of valuable skills in cooking and decorating. Great class!"

Through an auspice arrangement with TAFESA, MOSHCC also provides accredited training under the Foundation Skills Training Package. These programs provide further structured learning around areas of interest; building Language, Literacy and Numeracy skills, IT skills and Employability Skills for participants.



Programs offered in 2016-17:

- Introduction to Hospitality
- Introduction to Heritage Restoration
- Introduction to Water-wise Gardening and Landscaping
- Introduction to Microsoft Office
- Social Media
- Digital Storytelling

There is a tremendous excitement about the potential of the Milang Lakeside Butter Factory and our programming for the year was based around some of that excitement. Training in Heritage Restoration themed around the potential project of the factory, encouraged participants who volunteer on the work crew, as well as participants with their own projects and homes they are working on.

As soon as planning process is complete and the all the relevant approvals have been signed off I'm sure many of these willing participants will be back to help out!

Similarly, the Water-wise Gardening and Landscaping course looked at plans to re-vamp the front of the cottage, and while we're not quite ready to plant out a garden, we have trained & willing participants ready to jump in when the timing is right!

Non-Accredited QUICK STATS

Funding from Department of
State Development

\$25,000

Staff: Stuart Jones &
Marie-Claire Levi

119 Total Enrolments

2294 total training hours
delivered

Individuals intended
pathways:

9% Volunteering

1% Employment

18% Further ACE Training

Accredited QUICK STATS

Funding from Department of
State Development

\$50,000

40 Total Enrolments

1061 total training hours
delivered

Individuals intended
Pathways:

10 Volunteering

11 Employment

5 Further VET Training

Emergency Relief

The Emergency relief program at MOSHCC is funded by the Federal Department of Social Services. The funding provides emergency financial relief for local people in the postcode regions of 5255 and 5256.

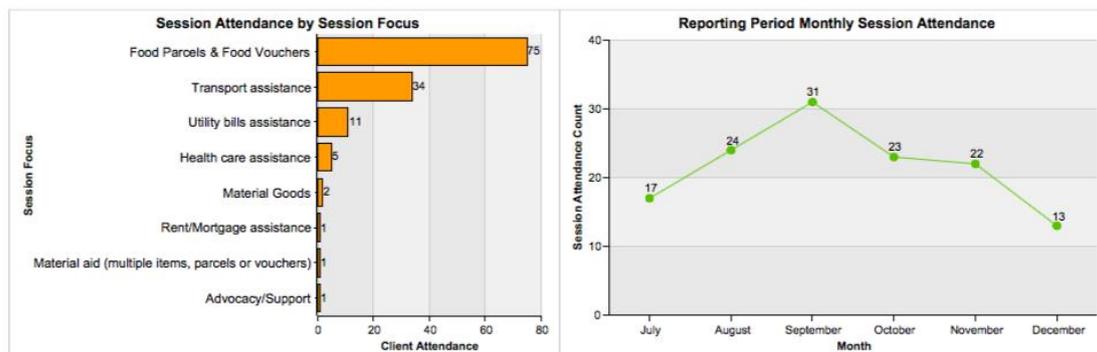
Relief is mostly provided in the form of food parcels or grocery vouchers as food is so often the last thing on the list after bills are paid. With support from the Volunteers through the GLC program, emergency relief clients are supported with more practical relief with food parcels including frozen meat and now frozen meals. Volunteers also pick up orders from Foodbank to stock out the pantry, which is also supported by monthly food drives at Strathalbyn Woolworths.

Petrol is also a common need particularly for residents of Milang and Clayton where public transport is non-existent. A voucher system has been developed to support clients locally with fuel from Milang Auto Repairs.

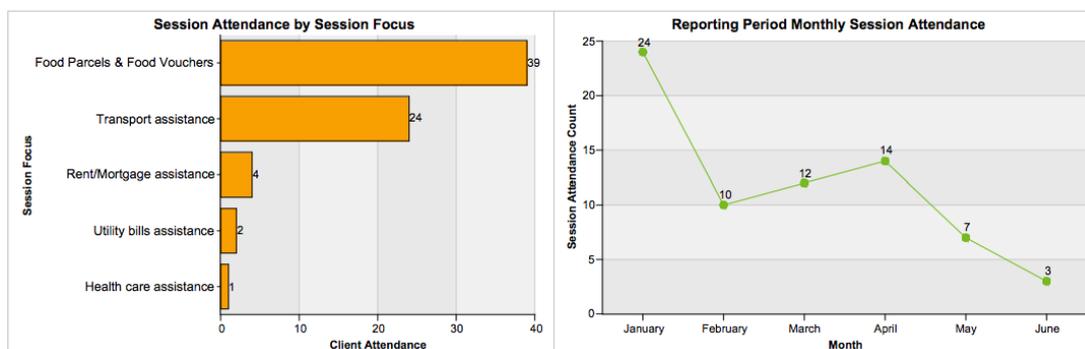
Emergency payments on bills are considered if clients are going to be cut off, and clients are encouraged to talk to their supplier to arrange a payment plan, or to make an appointment to speak with a financial counsellor. Emergency housing and rent or mortgage support is also accessed when clients find themselves in extreme financial stress.



Session attendance, July – December 2016



Session attendance, January – June 2017



Our community stretches far and wide. I am extremely proud to have clients in Clayton Bay, Finniss, Langhorne Creek, Milang, Strathalbyn, Belvidere and Lakes Plains. These are areas that, if not for the service from Milang and District Community Care, may well fall through the ever-inevitable crack due to the rural location, and lack of other services to provide support in these areas.

As a result of many changes, we now provide community care services over five days a week, rather than the 3 days per week previously provided. This ensures that there is always someone in the office to take your call and provide the information you need. We have two new staff members which takes our team numbers to six.

Community Garden

Our Community Garden continues to flourish under the care of dedicated volunteers. The garden is a beautiful place, not only providing nourishing fruit and veg, but interaction with others, learning, and a calm peaceful place to connect.

This year the garden has grown once again with up to 14 volunteers who contribute of their time, tending the now 40 garden beds, and fruit orchard. These keen gardeners work together to plan the beds and maximise their output, and this year have seen the vegie plots and fruit trees become more and more productive.

The garden's chickens produce around a dozen eggs each week, and the bee hives produced 15kgs of honey this year.



Fresh produce is harvested and made available to the public each Tuesday, by donation. New volunteers are welcome to drop in, and can sign up at MOSHCC.

The Milang Community Garden proudly supports the Milang Branch of Red Cross with surplus produce through a reciprocal arrangement, and thanks them for their contribution.



Chillaxin' Youth Program

Chillaxin' Youth group is for young people of High school age who live in Milang, to participate in contemporary social and cultural activities. An average of 15 members attend gatherings. The meetings are usually fortnightly with a monthly outing, decided by the group.

The aim of this program is to motivate and inspire young people living in Milang. The group provides opportunities for young people in the community, who are at risk of social isolation. Through social activities and gatherings, we aim to increase confidence, encourage social interaction, physical exercise, life skills and community participation.

Outing planned in 2016-17 included:

- Lawn Bowls
- West Beach Skate Park
- Bounce, a trampoline gymnasium with a variety of activities and games on offer with a great vibrant atmosphere.
- Tree Planting, which raised additional funds for the group for activities.
- Trips to Youth and Skate events in Victor Harbor and Strathalbyn
- Latitude, bouncing climbing and flying indoors.

The group makes use of the MOSHCC bus for outings often packing in their bikes, skateboards and scooters as well!

The groups once a month hang-out at the MOSHCC makes use of the ACE Space to entertain themselves at home. Some of the things the group enjoy on these nights are Tie Dying, in-house movie screenings, wood oven pizza, making nachos, skating and Bikes and Scooters around the school house. Everyone participates in preparation, clean up and enjoy nights at home just catching up with each other and playing music.



QUICK STATS

Funding from
Alexandrina Council
\$4,000
15 attend on average
Staff: Jo Scott

Community Care & Lakes Home Care

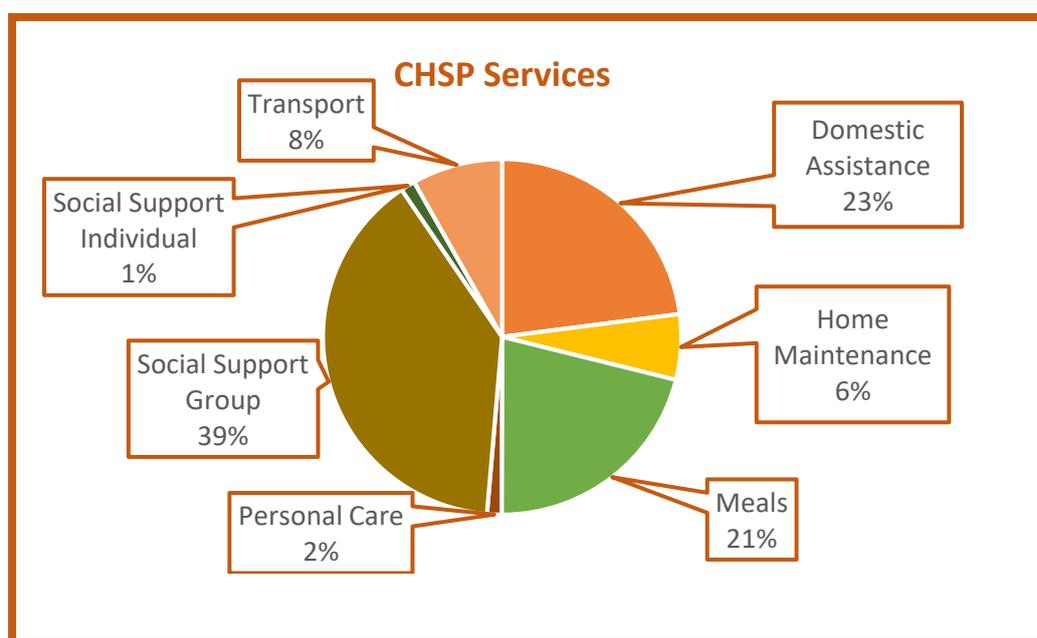
What a year it has been and one filled with change. Most of the focus has been turned toward the changes to the Federal Government's My Aged Care and funding options to our community. Initially the year started with anxious moments around the insecurity of our current Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) funding. There were several Focus Groups held in Milang and Clayton Bay with the intention to provide our community with as much information as possible to make an informed choice for their community care services. The CHSP funding was mooted to end 30 June 2017, however, with a sigh of relief we were informed in April that an extension to this funding had been provided for an additional three years, until 30 June 2020.

Our attention turned to the development of the home care package opportunity for our community. This is a higher level of service, comprising 4 levels of service (Level 1 – Level 4) dependant on your assessed need. Milang and District Community Care have provided information with regard to the

process required to access this service and links to other services within our region to assist. Following community consultation we have named the new program Lakes Home Care which now manages the Home Care Packages.

We have had considerable attendance to the Client Advisory Groups over the past year, and as a result of one, we have created a Hearing Loss Support Group. This is a small group of people who have hearing loss and they are able supported by MOSHCC volunteer Bob Spence and the staff from Guide Dogs SA/NT. Our Client Advisory Group meets quarterly and is followed by a light lunch provided by volunteers Lyn Wilcox and Pamela Francis. Without our volunteer support we would struggle to provide such a high quality service.

Services provided with the CHSP program include Domestic Assistance (806 hours), Home and Garden Maintenance (209 hours), Social Support Individual (46 hours), Transport (287 one way trips), Personal Care (46 hours) and Meals (743 meals). Below are some statistics collected around these services.



Fiona Pitcairn
Manager, Community Care

Growing Life Connections



Growing Life Connections (GLC), is a Social Inclusion program run from the Milang Old School House Community Centre (MOSHCC). The Program commenced in 2014 and aims to assist people to feel safe in their community, have a sense of place, belonging and purpose and increase their social and emotional wellbeing.

Growing Life Connections is funded through the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI) and was brought about through the collaboration of eight local community organisations which include:

- ***Milang and District Community Association Inc.***
- ***Strath Neighbourhood Centre Inc.***
- ***Strathalbyn & Communities Suicide Prevention Network***
- ***Country Life Compassion***
- ***Strathalbyn Interchurch Council***
- ***Langhorne Creek Historical School Inc.***
- ***Community Living Australia (CLA) - Formally CLASS***

When I began working at MOSHCC in late July 2016 the RBA (Results Based Accountability Report) sent to DCSI (Government department that supplies the grant to enable Growing Life Connections to run the program) stated we had 20 community members connected with the program. By December 2016 – we had 77 Community members connected – we now (June 2017) have 127 community members. This is a clear measure of growth – Growing Life Connections (GLC) is working well and connecting with many in the community.

In August 2016, the pantry cupboard was bare – using Facebook made others aware of our concern, we soon received donations. We decided to provide food from Foodbank and have continued with this when the pantry pickings seem slim. A regular Food Drive each month continues to top up the supplies in the pantry and right now it is looking very healthy and able to provide most of the staples required for both individuals and families in need. Over the last twelve months we have had donation of Sheep, from a local farmer, meat from a local butcher which has assisted in providing healthy food options. We continue to ask community members for donation of meat.

2016 one group was running – Connecting the Dots (CTD's) we meet in Strathalbyn every week and support community who struggle with depression and anxiety. This group has amazing members who are open for others to join - so we have grown and many people have visited and some have stayed on. Most of CTD's members volunteer with GLC or volunteer with GLC's Partner groups. We have provided an outing occasionally and have planned one soon to the Central Market. This group also joined in with a cooking class last year culminating in a social luncheon after. This year (July) we offered a six-week cooking course with a different focus. The food we cook mostly comes from the supplies in the pantry and is packed into the freezer to provide meals for Emergency Relief. This is a positive outcome for the folk who come and cook, plus assist them with affordable meal recipes.

February 2017 GLC offered to run a Woman's Support Group at our first meeting thirteen women came. This group is now called Milang Mermaids and meets fortnightly in the Super Room of the Milang Institute. Recently some members have required support due to incidents in life and the group has proven to provide care to alleviated concerns. We also provide outings and speakers for this group as part of the focus was education/information empowers women.

Very soon we shall be starting a Men's Support Group – we have collaborated with the Milang Men's Shed who have been open for us to use their shed for a meeting space. This has been another positive connection with incredible community members who share a similar vision as GLC.

GLC has connected with community by offering stalls at various local events; all of which we have made little profit but relationships have blossomed. The events are listed below:

- Christmas Where the Angus Flows
- Milang Power Rally
- Youth Week Event

GLC joined with Interchurch Council (GLC Partner) to pack and deliver Christmas Hampers to community members - 110 hampers in all the region.

(Milang, Finniss, Clayton Bay and Langhorne Creek) received 32 Hampers - December 2016. Last year we decided to keep the hampers at MOSHCC and provide certain times when community members could pick up their Hamper. This was to preserve the food provided (Air-conditioning) plus give opportunity to have connections with those requiring assistance. 99% of the folk could come at a time that suited them and I only delivered a couple of Hampers.

Collaboration with Alexandrina Council – 2016 – GLC joined with the council and GLC Partners to work on a program of food collection around Anti- Poverty Week in October. We connected with six schools in our area and Churches, local shops, Library etc and placed purple bins around the region for food collection. A total of 42 bins were collected and supplies sorted with the help of many volunteers. The food was distributed to the four Emergency Centres in our region, all of whom are GLC Partners. All breakfast food was send back to the schools who provide breakfast programs. This collaboration will continue this year as it was successful, opening a door reaching the school community.

GLC also connected with the Alexandrina Council in the preparation of Youth Week (April 2017) – training Youth in event management from the beginning to the end. This event was held at the Strathalbyn Oval, offering; open air cinema - carnival theme – games and stalls. GLC provided a stall with drinks and popcorn.

Pantry Club – GLC has a presence at Pantry Club each fortnight and provides counselling for the members of this club. This is held at Emmanuel House in Strathalbyn and part of Country Life Compassion one of GLC Partners. This is also one of the Emergency Relief centres.

Counselling is a key part the GLC provides to the wider community.

Strath Neighbourhood Centre offers emergency relief as does Interchurch Council all situated in Strathalbyn and all GLC Partners. GLC has encouraged collaboration between these centres to enhance our support for the community. Recently we have provided a “Sharing Information” document so we can direct community to the centre who can provide assistance for their specific need.

There is a partnership through Interchurch Council and the LIONS club in Strathalbyn that provide a shed to store furniture – this has been a huge help for some GLC clients. GLC has provided washing machines, carpet, cooking aids and heaters for community members.

GLC Partners spent a full day together at in March to look at our Core Beliefs and Values. We now have a document that reflects our common purpose and this gives a basis for our direction into the future. Our regular Partners meetings offer support and collaboration for each group to provide a service to the community they connect with.

October 2016 a staff member resigned from GLC, this person was greatly missed.

In February GLC gained a new staff member – a Liaison Officer was employed. GLC continues to grow and we have 14 Volunteers who have assisted us throughout the year. There is room for more to join us as we seek to provide support within the region.

GLC couldn't function without volunteer assistance – it is the key of our success. GLC endeavours to provide individual Job descriptions for all GLC volunteers to encourage them to work in their strengths and to enjoy their work at MOSHCC.

GLC is now attending the Southern Housing Round Table meeting in Victor Harbor, this group researches the housing shortage within our region and works toward providing affordable accommodation. Housing is a huge issue for community members who are on benefits. Most of the clients connected with GLC fit this brief- working in collaboration with other services is vital to have a voice in our region.

This report covers in brief some of the activities of the GLC program, but really GLC is about connecting to people and then connecting them to other people – forming mini communities who then connect to other groups and so on. Isolation is alive and well in our region and finding a place to “belong” is vital to maintain mental, emotional and physical health. I look forward to coming year with excitement in meeting more people who will enrich each other’s lives.

Thank you for the opportunity to receive from the community I work with.

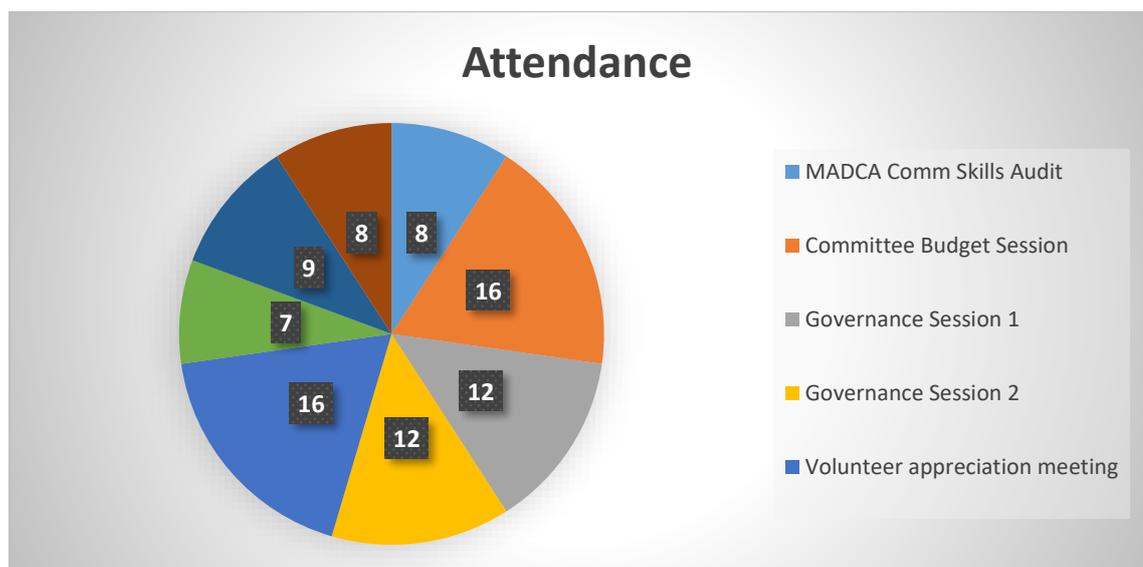
Colleen White
Program Coordinator

Volunteers

We secured funding for Upskilling Volunteers grant with Grants SA which commenced 10/10/2016 and expires 09/10/2017 to the value of \$26,900.00. One output set by Grants SA for this grant was to upskill an estimated number of **90 volunteers** during 2016/2017

Outcome:

Committee Budget Session (2/2017)	= 16
Governance Session 1 (3/2017)	= 12
Governance Session 2 (4/2017)	= 12
Ngarrindjeri Raukkan Tour 1 & 2 (7/2017)	= 35
Reconciliation Action Plan (ongoing)	= Estimated 20
Social Enterprise 1-4 (8/2017)	= 8
Total of Target Group numbers achieved:	= <u>103</u>



Milang & District Community Association (MDCA)
Volunteer Activity Category Totals: 01/07/2016 - 30/06/2017

Volunteer Activity Category	Hours	Volunteers	Average
MILANG OLD SCHOOL HOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE (MOSHCC)	6907	90	77
BUTTER FACTORY	2042	57	36
MILANG & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC (MDCA)	646	21	31
Shoreline	966	9	107
GROWING LIFE CONNECTIONS	450	8	56
ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION (ACE) PROGRAMS	319	7	46
LAKES HUB	530	2	265
MILANG & DISTRICT COMMUNITY CARE	19	2	9
Total Volunteering Hours	11879		

- There are 49 Butter Factory Volunteers recorded. They are made up of 10 Steering Committee members and 5 Fundraising members.
- Working bees' numbers vary depending on what is happening but anything from 6 for a normal turn up to a dozen if there is something special planned.
- The Upskilling Volunteers Grant was to build capacity, confidence and effectiveness to manage growth and change in community programs for Milang and Districts. The primary focus was in the areas of governance and management. Budget and Governance training was largely aimed at the MADCA committee to upskill Butter Factory volunteers to assist with the fundraising, marketing, renovating & building of the historic building and to be part of the Social Enterprise and Micro Business project behind this huge but exciting undertaking. This was part of the skills audit that was undertaken by the committee to identify foreseen training areas.
- Other volunteer grants we successfully applied for:
 - a. Squeaky Clean and Hygiene at Milang Institute – this application was successful for a new dishwasher.
 - b. Butter Factory equipment for restoration grant valued at \$3,980

Bernie Schneck
Volunteer Manager

Community News

As we look back over another year I would like to thank the members of the community who have supported the Community News by providing news, photos, stories and articles; as well as local businesses who have been willing to advertise in its pages or sell copies on our behalf; and especially the general public who have been willing to pay a modest subscription for each month's issue. We have continued to include thirty-two pages so that it is possible to maintain a proper balance between advertising and text in the pages of the Community News. We have all looked at local newsletters where you have to wade through pages of advertisements before you can find a snippet of news. So, as I have done in previous annual reports I again appeal to all local organizations to appoint someone who can be responsible for sending news of your activities, preferably with an

appropriate picture, to me each month. I am very grateful for those that are doing this already and would like to especially thank the folk who write those monthly reports.

I would also urge you if you want to publicise an event not to just send me a copy of your A4 size poster which will end up looking like just another advertisement, but to write up a little story about it, again with an appropriate picture. I also invite all our readers with a story to tell, a photograph they have taken or a poem they have written to consider sharing it through the pages of the Community News. We have continued to include the monthly calendar with each issue. I hope that the readers find its summary of each day's activities helpful. Please let me know about any obvious omissions.

At present we are printing about 270 copies each month, most of which are sold in Milang through the MOSH, Post Office, Bakery, Port Milang Café, and Mini Mart. There are also a small number available at the Oasis in Belvidere and in Strathalbyn at the Newsagent and Information Centre. A few are also posted to subscribers and local members of parliament. Thanks again to all those who have helped with the sale of the Community News.

Finally, thanks to Beverley for her proof-reading efforts each month which help to prevent me from printing something which I shouldn't. In June next year we will be celebrating the thirtieth birthday of the Community News and in August I will have completed seventeen years as Editor. It would therefore seem appropriate that I foreshadow offering my resignation as Editor this time next year.

Alex. E. H. Stone
Editor

Lakeside Butter Factory

This year has been the one that we will remember as the start of the Lakeside Butter Factory Restoration project. This is the largest and most ambitious project that MADCA has undertaken, but it was one that was felt to be necessary in order to keep the iconic building in existence for the community, rather than having it sold and removed for more “modern” development.

When we first approached the idea that was our primary concern. However, since then, we have realised that it is much more than that. Our community has supported the concept, willingly engaged in our small fundraising efforts, and the wonderful range of ideas and concepts for the future use of the old building has been astonishing.

I gratefully acknowledge the efforts of my committee for its hard work and innovative ideas, and the general community for its support.

The other spin off has been a renewed interest in developing a means of telling Milang's story – as an important staging post for the Adelaide-Melbourne trade route, as a manufacturing town for paddle steamers; as a hub for farmers to trade their products; and as a processing factory for prize-winning butter, cheese, and bacon, and a flour mill.

The Lakeside Butter Factory gives the community a centre to celebrate and record this rich history, and we still have people who can remember the days when all these things were thriving, and who have their own stories and memories of Milang “back then”. This wealth of knowledge will ensure that the history that is told will bring this vividly to life.

We have also engaged with the Ngarrindjeri people to give us their own history from the period, and we can blend our two heritages in this endeavour.

My role as Chair of the Fundraising Committee is to generate the income to facilitate the work. We have used the slogan “\$500,000 in 5 years”, and the work done by the heritage architects in planning and budgeting the project has indicated that we are on the right track with this target.

We have already started minor fundraising projects and applications for grants, and so far have raised over \$30,000 from these two sources, providing funds to pay for our initial outlays, and on costs. Now with actual estimates from the architects we can start our major fundraising campaign.

We have an exciting and challenging year ahead.

Carole Linscott
Chair of the Lakeside Butter Factory Fundraising Committee

Milang Institute

This year the Milang Institute has once again been well used.

The hall was used for 5 major functions (2 weddings 2 funerals and the School concert) as well as Anzac Day and Remembrance Day. Fibre Art Group held a craft display and also workshops on *Ngarrindjeri* weaving and painting.

Lively Public Meetings were held on the closure of the GP Clinic after 80 years. A meeting discussing the future uses of the Butter Factory and the former SA Water pump-shed on the foreshore were well attended.

Improvements to the Institute have included:

- The kitchen garden being replanted with dwarf Magnolia by Council
- Rose Evans has replaced the lace curtains
- The hall floor had its first coat of linseed oil in 25 years

During the year, 250 activities were held in the Institute (220 for MADCA and 30 meetings and functions) were held. The average monthly use, was 21 for the year (up from 20 last year). This year, we received income of \$3815 and expenses of \$3700 leaving a surplus of \$115.

We look forward to the coming year with continued support from the community.

John Toshach
Caretaker



Sculpture

On the 28th October 2015 members of the Milang community attended a meeting at the Milang Institute to hear an address by representatives of the Adelaide Hills International Sculpture Symposium, including Silvio Apponyi the Artistic Director. The audience was enthusiastic and responded to Silvio's invitation to take part in the event by commissioning a sculpture for Milang.

Enthusiastic members of the audience soon put their hands up to form a working group and get things moving for something that would be very special for Milang. The group consisted of Chris & Susan Bagley, Katherine Stanley-Murray, Suzy Rex, Judy Whalley, Mike Linscott, Jo Scott, Barbara McGregor and Stuart Jones.

The task seemed formidable as it was necessary for the Community to raise \$20,000 in three months.

Members of the group launched straight into a very busy program of fundraising and knocking on doors of both business and the community. The Alexandrina Council agreed to support the project.

The response was fantastic and soon donations and pledges started pouring in. People donated anything from \$5 to \$1,000 and the success of the project was assured.

We were fortunate in having Gheorghi Filin from Bulgaria as the artist commissioned to create the sculpture for Milang. Gheorghi visited Milang and fell in love with the township and the lake and he was insistent that his sculpture be placed on the foreshore.

For three busy weeks in April 2016, we were privileged to travel to The Cedars in Hahndorf to see Gheorghi's sculpture being created alongside works by other sculptors from all over the world. It was a wonderful experience.

Gheorghi visited Milang again before he had to return to Bulgaria and picked the exact spot on the foreshore where the sculpture is to go.

In the meantime, due to the fantastic work by members of the Sculpture Group the target of \$20,000 was achieved and in fact exceeded.

Due to high lake levels and heavy rain it was not possible to construct the foundations for the sculpture and the whole project had to be put on hold.

In the meantime, the Governor for South Australia the Honourable Hieu Van Le heard about the achievements of the Milang community and has indicated his desire to come and unveil the sculpture.

At the time of writing the foundation for the sculpture has been poured and we are looking forward to an announcement of the date for the unveiling.

I would like to thank all members of the Sculpture group for their hard work and enthusiasm, it is a great achievement and one which will be recorded in the history book.

Mike Linscott
President



Shoreline Community

Shoreline Community Vision statement

To ensure long-term sustainable growth of the Shoreline Community business by producing a strong competitive and attractive product and service to customers and to provide employment opportunities for the local community.



Breakdown of Years Work

July – August 2016

Xanthorrea Planting and D-ter application (animal deterrent) at **Carol Block, Kindaruar, Masons at Meningie**

October 2016

Stapling at **Tolderol**

Watering of Plants at **Carol Block, Kindaruar**



November – December 2016

Site Maintenance at **Carol Block, Kindaruar, Stones Reserve and Mundoo Island**

December 2016

Slashing at **Wyngate**

January – May 2017

Nursery work in preparation for Community Markets and start of Community Home Services Program.



Weekend Markets at Goolwa and Port Elliot were also attended - this gave Shoreline Community and MOSHCC increased exposure through sales of quality plants and distribution of informative pamphlets. Plant stock included native species, organic vegetable seedlings and herbs, all propagated in Milang Nursey. Work in landscaping, irrigation and revegetation were also sourced from market attendances.

June 2017
GWLAP Planting **Milang** Foreshore

Shoreline has seen a transition from contract work with DWENR to Community based employment (CHSP). Funding opportunities with DWENR have reduced significantly and as a result the Shoreline team have welcomed opportunities to sustain the community based endeavour.

Community Care work has enabled Shoreline to provide horticultural services which have included, establishing and improving home vegetable gardens, garden maintenance, mulching, fruit tree pruning and domestic irrigation systems. We have enjoyed the opportunity to support members of our community wishing to remain in their own homes.



Tony George
Shoreline Team Leader

Financial Report

MILANG & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION 30 JUNE 2017

	Note	2017	2016
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at Bank	4	60,348	154,178
Trade & Other Receivables	5	<u>35,377</u>	<u>43,555</u>
Total Current Assets		95,725	197,733
NON - CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant & equipment	6	<u>543,656</u>	<u>234,092</u>
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>543,656</u>	<u>234,092</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		639,381	431,825
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and Other Payables	7	14,672	39,352
Employee Provisions	8	63,816	51,687
Unexpended Grants	9	<u>20,629</u>	<u>20,780</u>
Total Current Liabilities		99,117	111,820
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Employee Provisions	8	<u>372</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>99,489</u>	<u>111,820</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>\$539,892</u>	<u>\$320,005</u>
EQUITY			
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		<u>\$539,892</u>	<u>\$320,005</u>

MILANG & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT REPORT

The Board of Management submit the financial report of Milang and District Community Association Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

Board Members

The names of Board Members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

M Linscott (President)	P Francis (Vice President)
B MacGregor (Secretary)	G McKenzie
G Thompson	R Schembri
S Cox	June Dolling
P Cookson (Treasurer)- Appointed 17 Aug 2016, Resigned May 22 2017	
P McGregor (Treasurer) - Appointed 22 May 2017	
J McCabe	E Bell

Principal Activity

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

Significant Changes

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

Operating Result

The surplus for the year was \$219,887 (2016 deficit \$ 154,230).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Board.

President



Treasurer
Vice President



PETER MacGregor

Dated this 28th day of August 2017

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**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
MILANG AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC**

Report on Audit of the Financial Report

We have audited the financial report of Milang and District Community Association Inc (the association) which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2017, and the income statement, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement by the members of the committee.

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

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2017 and of its financial performance for the year ended then ended; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Regulations 2013

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial report Section of our report. We are independent of the registered entity in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibility of the Board for the Financial Report

The Board of the association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act and the needs of members. The Board's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial report, the Board is responsible for assessing the registered entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board either intends to liquidate the registered entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board is responsible for overseeing the registered entity's financial reporting process.

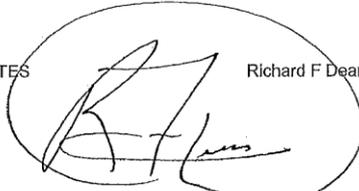
Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

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

DEANE & ASSOCIATES

Richard F Deane



Date: 25-8-2017
11 Halifax Street, ADELAIDE SA

Richard F Deane, Principal
Associate: Amanda Stewart

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MILANG & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC
SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

	2017		2016	
	\$		\$	
INCOME				
Commonwealth Grants	267,088		481,612	
State Government Grants	230,972		149,214	
Other Grants	8,982		8,300	
Shoreline Income	141,553		333,622	
Butter Factory Income	12,737		0	
Administration Income	16,474		9,324	
PRGR Alexandrina Council	349,864		20,000	
MOSH Activities	46,303		71,195	
Contributions	25,435		19,854	
Donations	11,508		8,283	
Lakes Home Care	11,093		0	
Labour Hire	30,867		0	
Hire/Rental Income	4,181		15,495	
Interest received	1,758		3,678	
Copier Sales	21,567		24,434	
Other income	6,171	1,186,552	8,113	1,153,124
EXPENSES				
Advertising	471		3,812	
Audit Fees	2,250		2,050	
Bad Debts	1		0	
Bank Charges	497		373	
Capital Purchases	332,791		10,614	
Cleaning	1,736		2,547	
Conferences	477		325	
Contractor Fees	32,200		52,032	
Depreciation & Amortization	63,047		69,126	
Donations	877		5,214	
Electricity	7,105		7,898	
Fees & Permits	4,713		4,478	
Freight & cartage	16		666	
Grant Expenses	47,290		111,795	
Health & safety	571		770	
Hire equipment	1,662		2,602	
Insurance	20,508		16,654	
Leave Provisions	12,501		(31,378)	
Motor Vehicle Expenses	17,425		21,760	
Payroll Tax	3,958		15,249	
Postage, Printing & Stationery	40,060		45,688	
Rates & Taxes	2,336		2,189	
Rent & venue hire	9,323		19,556	
Repairs & Maintenance	4,421		2,704	
Staff Training and Welfare	4,935		4,064	
Staffing Costs	676,559		914,024	
Subscriptions	7,910		4,243	
Sundry Expenses	0		487	
Telephone	12,796		12,157	
Travelling Expenses	14,273		18,125	
Volunteer Expenses	80	1,322,786	1,603	1,321,428
		(136,235)		(168,304)
Other Income				
Assets Capitalized	364,307		14,074	
		364,307		14,074
		228,073		(154,230)
Other Expense				
Loss on disposal of assets	8,186	8,186	0	0
(Deficit)/Profit from ordinary activities		<u>\$219,887</u>		<u>\$(154,230)</u>

MILANG & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

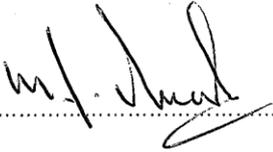
The Board has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Board the financial report as set out on pages 1 to 15

- 1 Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Milang & District Community Association Inc as at 30 June 2017 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
- 2 At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Milang & District Community Association 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:

President



Treasurer



Peter M. Gregor

Dated this 28th day of August, 2017