



**ANNUAL REPORT 2014**

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# THANKS

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



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Yunti Ngopun Ngami ; Together We Walk  
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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 with you all in this great cause which strengthens individuals, our communities and our precious environment.

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# HIGHLIGHTS

MDCA WINS  
SA Regional Awards  
Community Group of the  
Year  
Hills and Coasts



217  
Adult Learners



41531  
Kilometres of community  
transport provided



76  
Local people employed in  
casual and permanent jobs



119  
Active volunteers working  
to make our place better  
for all



18  
Young people supported  
to connect with one  
another and our  
community



40 + 30  
Adults and children  
connecting through  
weekly Friday Feasts

8505

Volunteer hours



56000

Native Plants grown in the Shoreline Nursery



CONGRATULATIONS

Mike & Carole Linscott  
Australia Day Citizens of the Year



120

Older people supported to remain in their own homes



12

Families supported by quality childcare through creche



Shoreline Community Social Enterprise established



248

People completing Foundations Skills training



MOSHCC  
Heart of the Community for a Decade

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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There have been a number of milestones in the last year. The planting of the millionth plant in the Lower Lakes Revegetation Program marked years of work by all that are involved in the Lower Lakes revegetation program. It has seen many volunteers put in countless hours to make all this happen. We are now seeing some of the results of their labours. Future generations will benefit from their work and the lakes will stand a better chance of thriving into the future.



We are fortunate that we have had so much support from State, Federal Government's and the Alexandrina Council together with the lakeside communities. The seven nurseries dotted around the lake put in a huge amount of work in growing the correct species of plants and making sure that they are disease free.

Another notable event was the removal of the Water Towers by SA Water. This was done after a long consultation with the community and estimates of the cost of removing them against the long term maintenance. An engineer's inspection of the tower revealed the structure was in poor condition, they were painted with lead based paint and should be removed. We were sorry to see them go as they have provided Milang with a landmark for many years. Sailors used them as navigation points and those coming on holidays to the town knew they were near when they could see the towers. We are at present designing a plaque which will commemorate their history and significance to the town.

We are also discussing with SA Water the opportunity to keep the Pumping house on the lake shore. The building would make an excellent lakeside centre for water activities and other functions. The building is full of machinery and has an asbestos roof. SA Water has stated that they would be prepared to make good the building and hand it over to the community at no cost. We are waiting to hear from the Alexandrina Council their views on this matter as it is suggested the building would be handed over to them for use by the community.

We have created the Social Enterprise business "Shoreline Community." The initiative was triggered by the success of the Community Nursery program (which will be coming to end in 2016). It is a community based nursery business which has a wide scope on which to build its operation. We believe the business will grow and serve the community well into the future as an independent operation. The profits will come back into the community and it will continue to be fully operational well after the current Government program ends in 2016.

I would like to thank Debrah Melville for all her hard work and involvement in the development of this business. It is sad that she has had to leave our community but she has left a great legacy and one which will benefit us all well into the future.

The Community House, affectionately known as "MOSH," continues to be the centre of attention. A wide variety of programs are now run from these premises including the operation of the Housing and Community Care Program (HACC). We have for some time been associated with the HACC program under the auspices of the Alexandrina Council but we now manage this program independently and have funding through the Federal Government. This gives us a close association with the needs of the community. Annemieke Braund now co-ordinates the program with support from Shannon Granger. We have an excellent team of carers who support those in the community who need help.

Thanks must go to the many volunteers who manage the programs that are centred on the MOSH, ranging from the volunteers in the kitchen who produce the Friday Feast and the drivers who drive the bus and the Community Car, not to mention all the other programs that run so successfully.

I would like to acknowledge the passing of Bob Honor. Bob was a stalwart and a fierce defender of the town. He was instrumental with others in the development of the Memorial Park. He was a strong advocate for things he felt were right and which would maintain the character of Milang. He was not easy to get on with at times, but at heart he was honourable, lived to his name and did what he thought was right. Bob will be missed in many ways and by many people. He worked for years on the Progress Association and saw many changes. Our thoughts go to Zeala his wife and family.



We are indeed a lucky community to have so much support and involvement in the things we do.

Mike Linscott

President

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

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We have passed a few milestone moments this year.

2014 represented the passing of the first decade of our Community Centre. We celebrated in style with a number of functions, presentations, nostalgia, and fun!

In 2004 the Milang Progress Association had the foresight to undertake the development of a Community Centre to give assistance, training, and support to those in the community who were, for various reasons, in need of a helping hand. Thanks to a lot of selfless and tireless volunteers, the Milang Old School House was turned into a viable and progressive Community Centre. Milang Progress Association took care of finding and administering the money, and the volunteers, under that dynamo, Karyn Bradford, got stuck into the work. Ten years later, and look at us now!



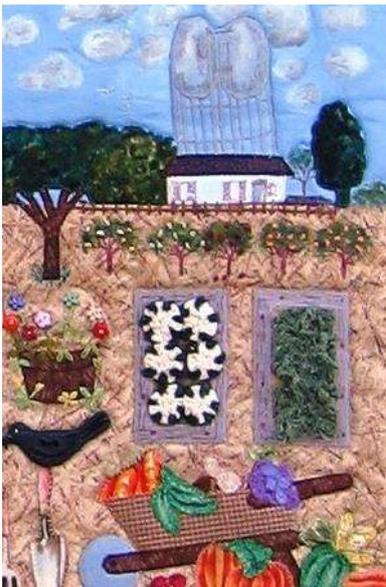
MOSHCC has become renowned for its innovative and enthusiastic programmes in Aged Care, Community Care, Education and Training. People from Milang, Finnis, Langhorne Creek, Clayton Bay, Point Sturt, and Strathalbyn come to Milang to access our programmes. Milang Progress Association amalgamated with the Milang Institute Incorporated, and, reflecting the scope of our services to the community, took the name Milang and District Community Association Incorporated.

When the lakes dried up and urgent management was needed to slow down and reverse the acidification of the soil, the Lakes Hubs and local nurseries were developed, with assistance from Federal, State and Local Government and organisations such as Goolwa to Wellington LAP, to propagate plants suitable for supporting the Coorong and Lower Lakes through the drought and into the return of the water. The nurseries have boomed on, and some, like the Milang nursery which is evolving into Shoreline Community, which has become a viable business in its own right, are becoming self-sufficient. 2014 marks the end of the original Government funded initiatives for the Hubs, and the nursery funding ceases in 2016.

Our continuing working relationship with Alexandrina Council is a blessing. Once again our thanks and appreciation is extended to Mayor Kym McHugh, and the elected and paid staff of the Alexandrina Council, and Councillor Katherine Stanley-Murray has been a staunch supporter and advocate, working tirelessly for this community.

The Institute – as I said last year - just waiting for the stairs to be installed. There have been a number of difficulties with safety and other issues, but we expect to have them finished by the end of this September.

Projects this year have included further negotiations regarding the Boardwalk and Commonage projects, the proposed development of the old Pump House for community use, and the upgrade of the Milang Town map.



Sadly, this year saw the demise of an old friend to many of us. Following almost twelve months of discussion, negotiation, and anguish, SA Water made the decision to remove the iconic Water Tanks. These tanks were the lifeblood of our community and a great landmark. However, they were built and painted at a time when we did not think of environmental or safety issues to the extent we do now, and the tanks, with their lead paint and their rusting infrastructure, were simply too costly and too dangerous to keep as a memento of times past.

Plans are afoot to set up an historical display to commemorate these old friends.

Once again we can look back on a productive year which has kept many volunteers happily at work, and generated business and employment for many local people.

Here's to our future

Carole Linscott

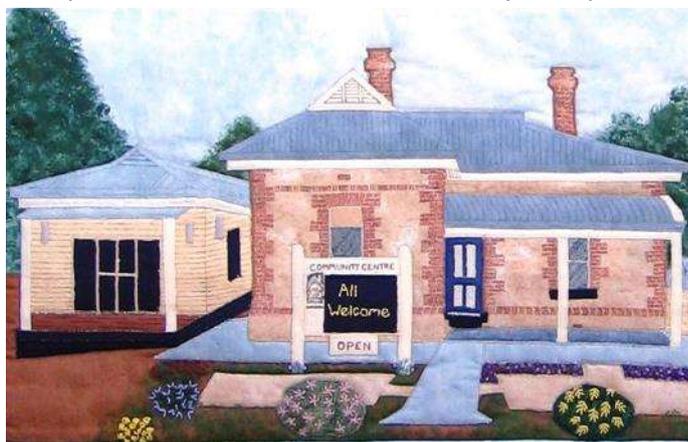
Secretary

# EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

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This year has been one of reflection, challenge and opportunity resulting in a number of positive outcomes for our community.

The celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Community Centre has sent me on a reflective journey back to the beginnings in 2001 when the community was looking for a use for the old school teacher's house. The Centre was born out of the aspirations of community members to make life better for people and I can unequivocally say that we do make a positive difference to people every day. I am justifiably proud of our achievements and am sure that all of you who have been involved in the Centre in any way share that same sense of pride. The last 6 months has seen planning undertaken for an internal restructure of the organisation which will free up my time to focus on strategic planning and development. With the speed of change and policy reform from all tiers of Government it will be important that MDCA keeps abreast of changes to ensure that we are able to capitalise on opportunities as they arise.



We continue to seek funding in a number of areas to provide services which are identified as needed by the community. Policy changes within the Australian Government Department of Social Services are aiming to foster collaboration and innovation in the community across civil society freeing up resources to improve outcomes for individuals, families and communities. This should see a reduction in red tape, greater flexibility and a respect for the independence of the sector, all of which will make our jobs easier behind the scenes.

An application to the Department of Health successfully secured a contract for Home and Community Care Programs and puts the delivery of this program into the Associations hands. Our respect and thanks goes to Alexandrina Council for their support and auspicing of the program over the past 10 years and also their recognition of our increased capacity to deliver community services directly into our community.

The Lakes Hub funding was scheduled to end in June 2014, 2 years prior to the end of the Coorong Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth Recovery Program. Successful negotiations with state and federal Environment Departments has ensured funding to enable the Lakes Hubs and Community Nurseries Network to undertake some transition and business development planning and implementation, great news for our environment and for our communities.

I would like to thank all the members of the MDCA Committee for their commitment, support, advice and endless hard work, especially the members of the Executive Committee who help the organisation in so many different ways.

To the staff, thank you all so much for your excellent work, your kind and generous dispositions, your commitment to the people of the area and your humour, all of which makes working with you so satisfying and so much fun.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to the representatives of all our funding bodies who give us so much support and guidance. We appreciate you very much!

*Karyn Bradford*



## MILANG OLD SCHOOL HOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Heart of the  
Community for a  
Decade





*I grew up with parents who were volunteers, I thought Volunteerism was as natural as breathing. It was just what I thought people did. It is only in adult life that I have started to think about the nature of volunteerism. What it is, who does it and the profound benefits it gives to individuals, families and communities. How it contributes to a happier, healthier society.*

## **A TRIBUTE TO MOSHCC AND VOLUNTEERS BY GLENDA LINSCOTT**

### WHAT IS Volunteerism?

The dictionary definition of VOLUNTEER is a person who works for an organization without being paid.

But volunteerism is NOT something we define with a dictionary definition but something that people do in their daily lives every minute.

Holding the door open for someone, pushing the chair in for someone, opening the car door for someone, collecting the plates and taking them to the kitchen.

And that's the spirit of volunteerism.

We walk around our communities every day and we see great opportunity, and wealth and need and challenges and the thing that can really connect these, is volunteers.

Why do people volunteer?

They see a problem in the community or the world and they want to solve it.

1000's upon 1000's of non-profits do such amazing work in our communities and yet they wouldn't be able to achieve anything without volunteers.

We all care about what happens in our community. Volunteers care. They don't care more – they just do something about it.



The urge to help people isn't confined to one age bracket, or one income bracket, or one race or one gender.

When we talk about Volunteerism we often focus on the volunteer's job. But what it's really all about is establishing a relationship. In many cases the relationship between that volunteer and the organisation has an opportunity to grow - turning that volunteer into a donor, and an advocate, and then a community leader, and then a leader within that same organisation or one that can move confidently out into the world and be community leaders elsewhere. That's the real hidden power of the volunteer experience.

People want to be involved in really meaningful ways, fostering either change or development. They don't join in just to collate things or mail things (which we know are important as well). The biggest exchange comes is when an organisation can ask the question - what do we need doing? What needs to be done? And then throwing that out to the volunteer world and saying what do you reckon?

Each volunteer then has the opportunity to have amazing and meaningful experiences. To participate in something that is bigger than the individual.

So volunteerism isn't a completely altruistic activity. There are studies that show that volunteering can lead to healthier more satisfied lives. Volunteers tell how they have made new friends, feel less isolated and have learnt new things, which they can use in their daily life. They feel appreciated and are valued.

Psychologists teach us that this is the pathway to building an engaged life – a meaningful life. Being valued and feeling valuable is one of the key stepping stones on the pathway to happiness.

So join in this year – reach out to one other person bring them along to MOSHCC – if everyone could do that

we could double volunteering in Milang and District this year. Be part of a process that changes lives for the better – connects us, strengthens our sense of belonging, and creates positive relationships that build stronger local communities.

***Who knows what the next challenge we face together will be? But one thing is for sure, you have proved beyond a shadow of a doubt, that TOGETHER you can do anything!***



## MAKING LIVES BETTER

# VOLUNTEERING

Our volunteers have given an outstanding amount of 8,505 hours, volunteering in different capacities across the organisation. Their commitment is vital in supporting the activities of MDCA. There are currently 119 active volunteers. They volunteer across the organisation on the MDCA committee, in the Lakes Hubs (at both Meningie & Milang), Shoreline Community Nursery, Community Garden, Meals on Wheels, Milang Community News and at the MOSHCC in administration, reception, transport, crèche, maintenance, adult community education and Milang & District Community Care activities including



Friday Feast.

The Volunteer 2 Data Base is continuing to be used to capture volunteer data for the association. The information is kept up to date monthly and is easily accessed for reporting and keeping volunteers up to date with organisation requirements such as police checks. Some volunteers, following training



last year, are entering their own volunteer hours.

We continue to hold quarterly volunteer get togethers, which involve a mix of information sharing, social activities and training. Training opportunities for volunteers have included Driver Awareness Training by SAPOL, Work Health & Safety Training & Child Safe Training.

The Child Safe Training was funded by SA Governments Volunteer Support Fund. Quarterly publications of the Volunteer Voice continue to distribute information to volunteers.



This has become a valuable way to inform volunteers of training opportunities and events, as well as finding out what others are doing in their volunteer roles within the organization.

A community volunteer grant from Natural Resource Management has enabled the purchase of pumping equipment to make the work area at the Shoreline Community Nursery safer and more comfortable for volunteers in wet weather.

The volunteer receptionists meet monthly, an opportunity for them to continuously improve

their volunteering role on the busy reception desk. Drivers have also met twice to discuss issues to improve their volunteering role. In March, volunteers were thanked and acknowledged for their outstanding commitment. They were presented with a certificate from the Office for Volunteers which was presented by Katherine Stanley-Murray, local Angas-Bremer ward councillor.



#### Quick Stats

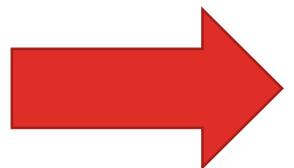
119 active volunteers

20 new volunteers

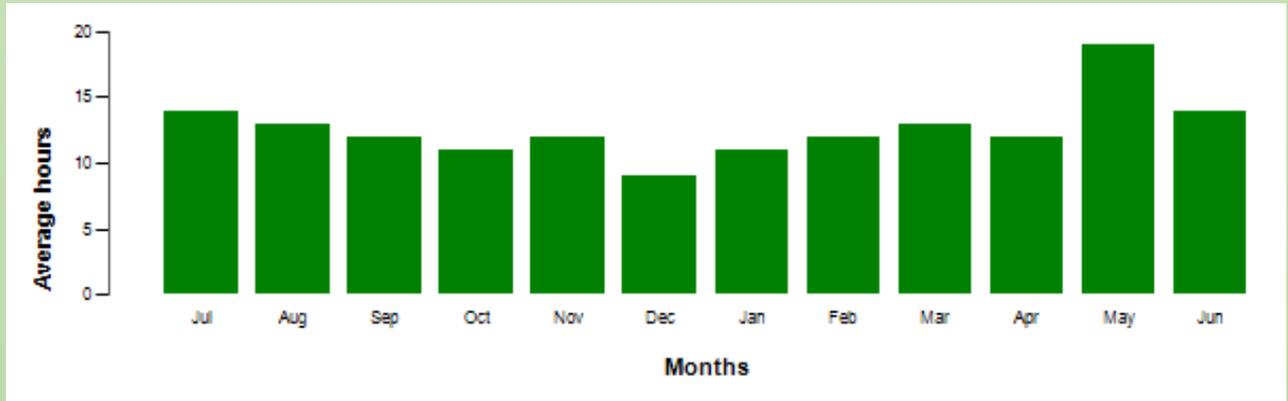
18% of MDCA volunteers  
volunteer in more than one area  
of MDCA

968 volunteer hours supported  
community transport

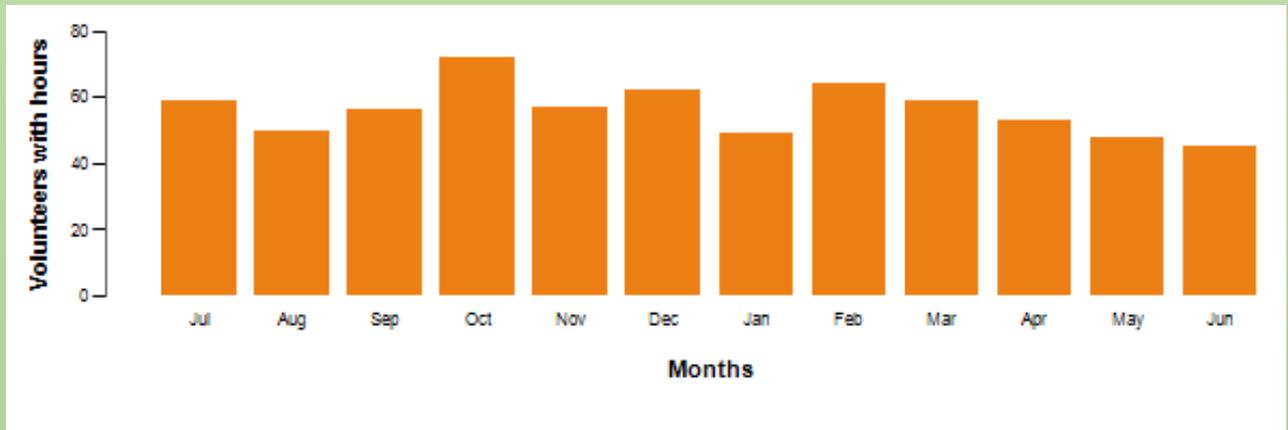
# VOLUNTEERING FACTS



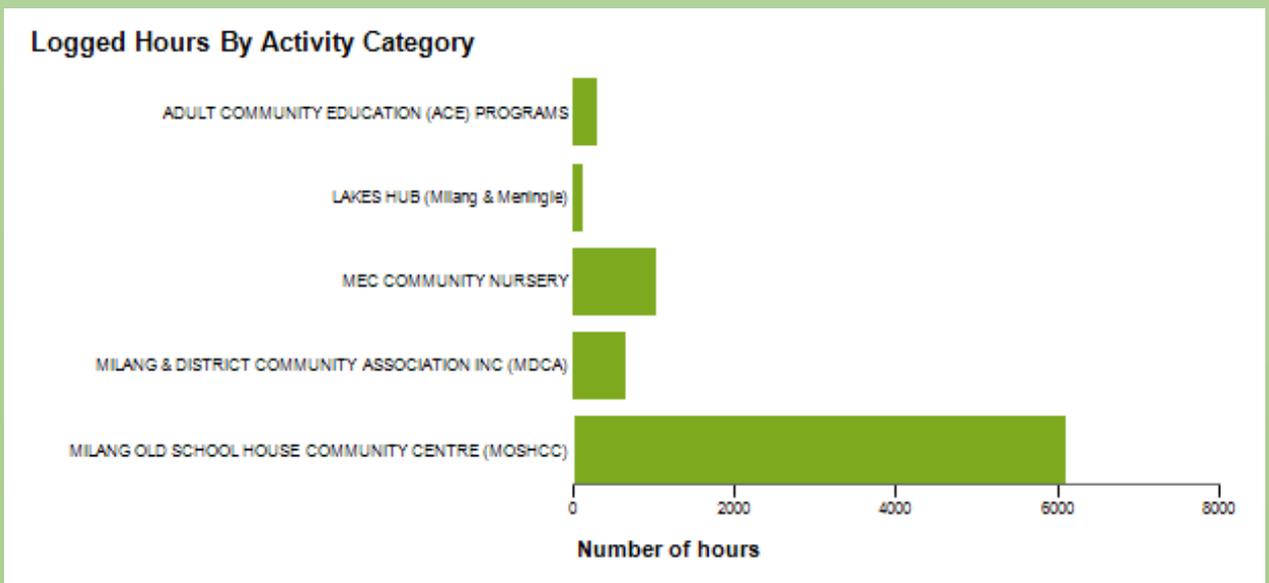
### AVERAGE HOURS PER VOLUNTEER PER MONTH



### NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS PER MONTH



### NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER HOURS IN VARIOUS PROGRAMS FOR YEAR



# COMMUNITY GARDEN

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The Community Garden is thriving with the enthusiasm and commitment of just a few regular gardeners. They are tending thriving raised garden beds with donations for the produce grown, continuing to provide a small income for the garden to cover costs. They have 'revamped' the orchard and removed unproductive trees, replaced some and buried the irrigation system.



One of the gardeners attended a fruit grafting workshop and has used the skills learnt to replace some fruit trees. A pruning workshop and a worm farm workshop have been run at the garden and plans are in place for a spring workshop to get people enthused about growing vegetables at home.

With generous support from local hardware stores, they have been able to purchase a non-kinking hose, replace a wheelbarrow and get some bird netting. The garden has new highly visible signage created by a sign writing class run at the MOSHCC.



# ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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## FOUNDATION SKILLS ACCREDITED

We have continued to offer a broad range of learning opportunities in the Foundation Skills accredited project. Courses within this project have been developed to encourage participation in lifelong learning, support



pathways to work and volunteering opportunities, whilst also improving people's literacy and numeracy skills-they are linked to a unit from the Certificate I Education and Skills Development.



Throughout the project we have worked in partnership with Whalers Housing, Goolwa to support the delivery of Adult Community Education in Goolwa. The project has built the capacity of their organisation to deliver future ACE programs and built their profile as a centre for learning. 26% of the total years enrolments for Foundation Skills were residents of Goolwa.

Attendance at our courses has been from people throughout the district including Milang, Clayton Bay, Finniss, Langhorne Creek, Strathalbyn and Goolwa.

We have delivered a wide diversity of courses including Office Computing, Eco Skills, Event Essentials, Sign Writing, Oral History Recording, Literacy, Community Work Get Ready, Set Up For Success, Digital Photography, Genealogy, Eco Wise, Crowd Funding, Woodworking, Being Ready, Women Empower Educate and many computing courses including Starting From Scratch, Ebay, iPad, iPad the Next Step, Blogging, Publisher, PowerPoint, Your Computer Get Sorted, Living



in the Cloud and Word the Next Step. Some of these courses ran more than once and in more than place.

Our courses have made use of local community facilities including the Lakeside Men's Shed for Woodworking, and Shoreline Community Nursery for the Eco Skills course.

Whilst the focus of the courses has been learning opportunities, feedback from participants indicates that the benefits are much greater with participants highlighting

#### QUICK STATS

84% of Eco Skills participants gained casual employment locally within a month of the course.

4 people became volunteers

17 people became employed

80% of course participants are aged over 40

95 people attended computer courses

that they felt more confident after participation, met new people from the community, and were more aware of the services of Whalers Housing, Goolwa and MDCA.

### **FOUNDATION SKILLS NON ACCREDITED**

We continue to maintain our commitment to providing Adult Learning opportunities to the community.

Funding from the Department of State Development (formerly DFEEST) ensures that our programs are provided at little or no cost to participants.

Our program has a focus on fun, relevance to the community, and on empowering individuals.

The Centre recognizes the value of non-accredited learning opportunities through a wide range of activities that enabled participants transition through to accredited studies, employment, and most importantly a passion for life-long learning.

The non-accredited training program provides opportunities for the community who may be looking to learn new skills as a pathway to further education, employment, volunteering or to pursue a topic for personal interest or self-development.

The benefits of the non-accredited program are in the support of learners not ready for assessment in accredited programs, and for those participating in programs designed to support community members in making their first step into learning at the Community Centre.



The 2013/14 project included the following subject areas:

**HEALTH & WELLBEING** Which aims to assist people to adopt healthy recreational activities that are suitable and achievable.

Activity examples: Keep Fit, Stepping On, Zumba, Yoga

**CREATIVITY, INNOVATION & CULTURE**

Which provides experiences in a range of social, recreational & educational programs, to assist people to gain knowledge of the concept of community and the value of friends, and provide social support for those who are isolated. (In partnership with HACC programs)

Activities: Wow – Women’s Group, Sticky Beak – Men’s Group - Lakeliners’ Writers Group

**COMPUTING A-Z**

The Computing A-Z program supports 1 to 1

**QUICK STATS**

217 Total Enrolments

Enrolments

- 45 attended Computing Courses
- 71 attended Health & Wellbeing Classes
- 41 attended Creativity, Innovation and Culture Courses

2922 total Student Contact Hours

learning with a tutor and support within a class where there are both accredited and non-accredited learners. In classes students are able to benefit from other students who can assist less confident learners to progress.

**CRECHE**

The MOSHCC crèche operates on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9.30 to 12.30, during school term. The number of children between 6 months and 5 years fluctuates between 3 and 8 children attending each session.



The MOSHCC Crèche aims to provide a quality early childhood program for disadvantaged children in the district. It provides an opportunity for children to engage in early learning activities in a community disadvantaged by a lack of public transport and access to childcare.

The staff of the crèche this year completed qualifications in Certificate III and Diploma's in Children's Services through TAFE SA. The crèche has also supported other local people who have been studying through providing work placement and volunteering in the crèche.

Children are provided with a daily program of activities that includes:

- Craft program with a special focus on special occasions like Mother's and Father's Day, Easter, World Environment Day
- Outdoor play and social activities
- Music for dancing, physical movement and coordination
- Literacy and language provided through games, songs and toys



This year the children have been excited by the addition of the two garden beds adjacent to the Outdoor Play area. Containing edible plants such as parsley, coriander, chives, tomatoes and basil; as well as fragrant plants and colourful plants, the children tend the garden, water the plants, remove snails, and have had a tasting day to sample the tomatoes and edible herbs.

## GROWING LIFE CONNECTIONS

For some time community organisations who have been caring about families and vulnerable people in the Strathalbyn region have recognized that there are barriers preventing local people from accessing support when it is most needed.

To find a way to meet these challenges eight community organisations have been meeting regularly: Milang & District Community Association Inc, Clayton Bay Community Association, Langhorne Creek Old School, Strathalbyn Interchurch Council, Emmanuel Community Centre, CLASS Inc, Strathalbyn Community Suicide Prevention Network and Strath Neighbourhood Centre Inc. As a result a plan for the Growing Life Connections program was developed and can now proceed as the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion has contributed funds towards the Project.

A key strength of the program is that support will be delivered through existing organisations who already have strong connections and partnerships within the district. Through their strong volunteer bases they are recognised as safe and trusted places for people to turn to when things are tough, providing the essentials of life such as food, housing, support and care.

The program aims to support 120 individuals and their families to remain socially connected and participating in their communities and will assist people to get the help they need in their home town. It will also support 50 volunteers through training and mentoring, ensuring that they can provide timely information and referral to the Growing Life Connections Program Coordinator.

Strath Interchurch Council representative Sue Eckert said, " I am very excited that as a community we have come together to put in place a program that helps to connect the most disadvantaged and vulnerable in our

communities with the services and supports that will foster their well-being and enable them to grow, learn and thrive.”

The Milang and District Community Association, which is the lead organization for the Program has appointed Stephen Simpson to the coordinator role



## MILANG & DISTRICTS COMMUNITY CARE

The Commonwealth Home and Community Care Program (HACC) provides funding for services which support frail older people and their carers, who live in the community and whose capacity for independent living is at risk, or who are at risk of premature or inappropriate admission to long term residential care. Older people are people aged over 65 and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People aged 50 years and over.

The Milang and District Community Care Program provides a broad range of HACC services enabling a limited degree of flexibility in meeting the needs of our older population within a limited funding allocation.

This last year has seen a greater consolidation of service delivery through the employment of qualified, reliable and committed Support Workers and though we lost the services of

our long term gardener, two new gardening and one window cleaning contracts have been established with high level of client satisfaction. A new contract was secured with a handyman to deliver minor Home Maintenance tasks.

This last year also saw an increase in client contributions for Domestic Assistance, Home Maintenance – gardening; and Friday Feast lunches in our efforts to meet budget restrictions.

### Highlights

#### Achievement of Expansion HACC funding and independent Service Provider Status.

Our successful funding application resulted in an increase from \$86,000 to \$166,500 to assist 120 clients aged over 65 years and living in the Milang and District communities. This Application also achieved funding directed to MDCA and severed financial assistance from Alexandrina Council. Alexandrina Council have however funded services to those under 65 years of age as the HACC funding no longer provides assistance to those under 65 years of



age. This funding also included the setup of another office space, computer and software for the recently chosen data base: TRACCS. However, with HACC services undergoing major changes as part of the *Aged Care Reform* we were not funded to provide Respite Care and did not achieve funding for Assessment and very limited funding for Service Coordination activities. This plus the withdrawal of \$30,000 from Alexandrina

Council which was also unexpected has had a negative impact on our Administration budget.

**The Consumer Advisory Group** has continued to meet on a regular basis with some members of the MDCA members and clients attending. Topics of interest has continued to be the Aged Care Reform with guest speaker Di Graetz presenting at one of the meetings.



**Volunteers**

**Friday Feast** also continues to be popular with an average of 30 people attending. The Information sessions that had been arranged last year did not continue due to lack of interest. The afternoon films were beginning to attract attention until we learned that we needed an expensive license so this was also abandoned. Since then we have held an occasional information session e.g. medication management by the Pharmacist from Milang Chemist.

#### **Sticky Beaks**

Monthly outings for men on the community bus continues to be popular with a few more men coming along and enjoying these trips.

#### **Administrative Support**

Admin support has been provided on a 1 day per week basis which provides data entry, filing and mail out assistance. Reception volunteers do a great job in provision of printing, similar admin tasks and organising transport.

#### **Regional Networking**

Coordinator has regularly attended both the monthly Multi D meetings at Strathalbyn Hospital and the bi-monthly Positive Aging Task Force meetings at Victor Harbor. She has also commenced attending the Hills Positive Ageing Task Force. The Coordinator has also joined the Dementia Friendly Communities Task group and hopes to bring ideas to Milang and District for implementation here. Networking with individual organisations has

occurred as client needs demanded. These have mainly been referrals to Access2Homecare for ACAT Assessment for referrals for higher level care as clients needs have progressed. Liaising with Home Care Packages providers such as Southern Cross Care and the Buddy Program and Murray Mallee to enable a smooth transition.

The Friday Feast, Meals, Transport Services, Sticky Beaks outings and The WOW group activities success is due to a large degree to the volunteer efforts of so many. These activities have stretched beyond the HACC funding allocation due to the generosity and kindness of the MOSHCC Volunteers.

#### **Looking Forward**

The office received a face lift with new office furniture, 2 new computers and the TRACCS software program.

Increased capacity through the new funding to support 120 people with HACC services.

Promotion of the Home Maintenance Service to include minor home repair tasks.

Preparing for the transition from HACC to Commonwealth Home Support Program CHSP that will commence from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015.

Maintaining our current excellent staff, volunteers and contractors

Setting up the Community Quality Improvement System to reflect the Community Care Standards

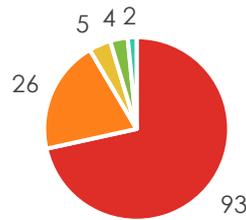
Expanding the Social Support Program - WOW, Sticky Beaks, Cards, Stepping On, Home Visiting, couples outings, etc through the employment of a .1FTE coordinator.

Annemieke Braund

Coordinator

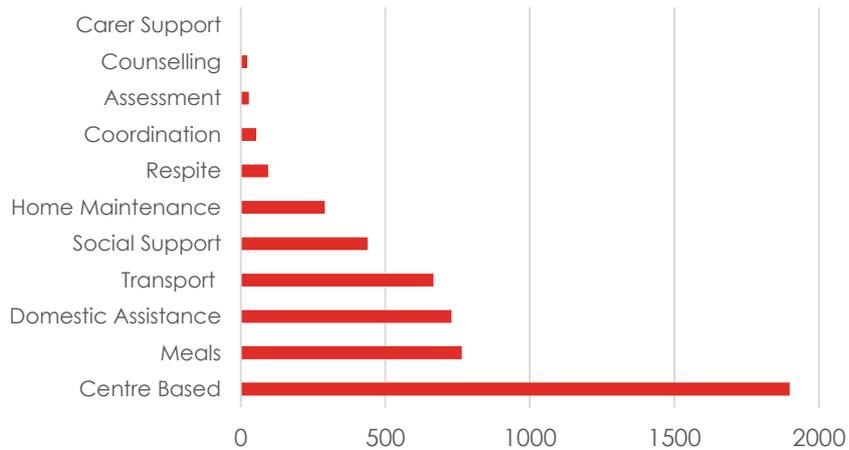
# HACC STATS

Number of Clients by Township

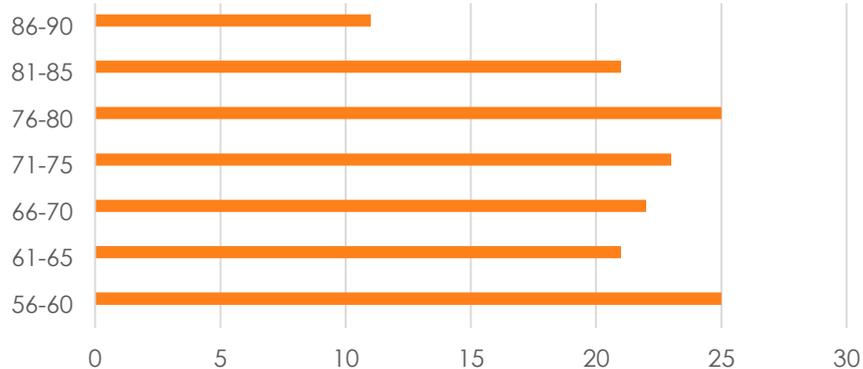


■ Milang ■ Clayton Bay ■ Finniss ■ L. Creek ■ Strath

Services Provided



Number of Clients by Age Range





## LAKES HUB

During the year the Lakes Hubs has continued to build capacity and resilience through partnership, education, involvement and knowledge sharing. The Lakes Hubs remain instrumental in developing strong partnerships and building effective long-term relationships with local people and organisations within the Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth (CLLMM) region and further afield.

The initial proposal for operation of the Lakes Hubs was for a 3-year time-frame. It was developed during drought and was focussed on the urgent needs of the community at that time. Since then water has returned to the Lower Lakes, instigating environmental, social and economic recovery and a new set of issues and challenges. The operations of the Lakes Hub has evolved to keep abreast of the changing needs of the local communities of both Lakes and have demonstrated their value in facilitating a coordinated approach that is inclusive of the communities within the site.

A recent independent mid-program review of the CLLMM Recovery Project found that the community engagement and coordination role of the Lakes Hubs has been a key factor in improved relationships between community and government and has directly improved delivery outcomes of the Recovery Project.

By providing shop fronts in both Milang and Meningie the Lakes Hubs have conducted community engagement and involvement in the Recovery Project, shared information on the site, and coordinated environmental

education and training to build local capacity. The review indicated that community engagement should continue to be a focus for the remainder of the Recovery Project. This is understood to mean that continued positive engagement would strengthen Recovery Project outcomes prior to its end in 2016.

### Key achievements during 2013-2014

The Meningie Lakes Hub Office moved into the “Chambers” building that houses the Coorong Cottage Industries Community Arts and Crafts. The move into the “Chambers” in November 2013 supports local initiative and community capacity building. Since the move the Meningie staff have taken on a more proactive role in providing visitor information regarding the CLLMM recovery program, the Coorong National Park and general enquires about the region. Meningie staff have reported a significant increase in visitors to the Hub as well as providing a one stop shop and meeting place for local residents regarding the CLLMM recovery program.

### Planning

A key focus for the Lakes Hub has been in planning and research to support the ongoing funding of the Lakes Hub program until the end of the CLLMM recovery program in 2016. The Lakes Hub staff have been working closely with DEWNR staff to produce a joint application for funding until 2016. The good news is that application has been accepted for a further two years to coincide with the CLLMM recovery program close of program.



Thanks to all who have supported this application.

## Bulletin

The Lakes Hub has continued to produce a regular weekly Bulletin. Some key changes to the Bulletin include the transition to an EBulletin format with distribution via a data base of approximately 540 subscribers, (an increase in approximately 200 subscribers during the 12 month period). The transition to an EBulletin has enabled the Lakes Hub to capture statistics regarding the Bulletin and compare results with industry not for profit averages. This assists the Hub to report on and improve in areas of delivery to meet community needs and aspirations. 47 editions of the Bulletin were produced over the 12 month period. The Lakes Hub Bulletin contains regular features such as “On the Level”, The History Spot, Upcoming workshops, CLLMM recovery program updates, training and a calendar of local events.

## LAKES HUB WEBSITE



The Lakes Hub website continues to grow steadily in popularity. It is updated every week and provides a wealth of information and links to related sites. The Lakes Hub Bulletins are posted on both the website & Facebook page every week as well as CLLMM Community Updates, Quarterly ‘Seeds to Reeds’ Community Nurseries Network Newsletters, bi-monthly Community Advisory Panel Communique’s as well up-coming events, information produced by the Lakes Hub, CLLMM and other Government projects in the region. The Lakes Hub Face Book continues to grow with staff

### Quick stats

- **154** Lakes Hub Face Book Likes
- **106** New likes in 2014
- Maximum audience reach for one post = **1000** people

updating and posting local stories several times a week.

October 2013 saw a change in leadership at the Lakes Hub with Amelia Graham moving on to new challenges and Megan Collins filling the Coordinators role. The Lakes Hub Advisory Committee continues to meet regularly contributing to the effective management of the program.

## COMMUNITY NURSERIES NETWORK

The Community Nurseries Network (CNN) is embarking on its fifth season growing for the *Coorong Lower Lakes & Murray Mouth Recovery Project*.

Jo McPhee finished in her position as CNN Coordinator in August 2013, with Jill Taylor in the role until February 2014. Carole Richardson took on the job in a part-time capacity from February until the end of contract – June 30<sup>th</sup> 2014.

The past year has seen the nurseries become more autonomous and less dependent on the



Minister Mark Butler visits Milang Nursery with MDCA Executive Officer Karyn Bradford and CNN Coordinator Jo McPhee

coordinator for day to day tasks and issues, including problem solving. Communication and sharing of knowledge and experiences between the managers is strong, with the group working well as a network. Improvements to infrastructure and on-going volunteer support at all of the nurseries continues. By further developing the community nurseries, the CNN group has been able to contribute to the capacity building of our communities, and develop constructive working relationships and friendships with other nursery members from around the region. This has resulted in a strong

### Quick Stats

- 245,085 plants grown in 2013/2014 propagating season
- Species list has grown in diversity from 30 to 169
- 4 local schools have grown 1,000 plants each for the Milang Nursery
- Strathalbyn Parent & Environment Group have grown 1,500 plants for the Clayton Bay Nursery
- 68 volunteers currently working in community nurseries and numbers continuing to increase
- Approx. 10,000 total volunteer hours for 2013/2014

network around Lakes Alexandrina and Albert, the Lower Murray and Coorong, collaborating and sharing information and techniques and working together for the region aiming at positive environmental and community outcomes. Sharing knowledge and resources is still a key to the success of the CNN which is succeeding in growing a larger range of high quality plant species within the required time frame. Part of



Minister Ian Hunter visits with Hindmarsh Island Landcare Group and GWLAP staff at HILG nursery.

future planning is to maintain each nursery as a successful small business enterprise with an environmental focus, and training is tailored to support this initiative. The high standards achieved at each nursery are an indication of the

increase in skills and knowledge acquired since the commencement of the project in 2009.

The Network Nurseries have played an important role in the success of the CLLMM project with over 1,000,000 plants propagated to date. CNN also grow for other projects and have developed partnerships and work in collaboration with other organisations including SAMDBNRM Endangered Species Dept., Alexandrina Council, Coorong Tatiara LAP, Goolwa to Wellington LAP, South East NRM Board as well as individual landholders and members of the public with the aim of building healthy relationships and establishing a future economic base for the nurseries.

Strategies for the next 12 months include:

- Forward planning for post CLLMM project
- Broaden networking – marketing of CNN
- Continuation of monthly nursery meetings
- Continued distribution of quarterly “Seeds to Reeds” newsletter
- Ongoing employment for nursery managers and opportunities for volunteers
- Continuing to engage local schools to grow plants for the CNN and facilitating workshops for school groups to raise environmental awareness
- Working with GWLAP Project Officers on species recommendations for site planning
- Regular attendance at shows and field days
- Identifying training requirements and planning and delivering workshops to increase skills and knowledge of nursery staff, volunteers and the wider community
- Growing rare and endangered plant species for local ecological restoration
- Continuing to trial various methods of propagation for difficult species and results being documented as a future resource
- Working with local council to identify roadside seed collection sites for mapping
- Focus on learning to identify less common species, locating wild populations and sourcing genetically diverse seed and cutting material in sufficient quantities

## YOUR SUPPORT MADE IT POSSIBLE .....



Laura Gemmell

★★★★★ 16/01/2014

What a fantastic Community Centre for such a little town. No one can say there's nothing to do in Milang. Last year I did the Small Business course with Sherly (awesome facilitator) through the MOSHCC but at Goolwa and its great to see that these positive links can be forged between communities in order to provide for their residents.

I also did the Strawbale course with Lance (very knowledgeable and patient) and it was great. Not only were all the facilities more than ample but clean also ie; Ace Space for classroom sessions, toilets, kitchen but also the shed to get the Hands On experience we were really wanting.

The MOSHCC and all the hardworking staff and volunteers are a great credit to Milang. Thankyou.  
Best of luck for 2014!

I liked it because of the people I got to meet and the things I learnt. Eco Skills Revveg

*"I would like to thank the community service for your assistance during my period of illness in transporting me to the Royal Adelaide Hospital. Your support and care was greatly appreciated".*

It was really fascinating, learning how and what you can achieve with oral history recording, presented very well and thoroughly". Oral History



*"I found the course inspiring and I liked how we could each apply the knowledge to our own event/area of work. I felt supported by others in the group and Shirley made sure we had opportunity to contribute our ideas and experiences. Great opportunity to meet others and also network - a lot of useful tips."* Event Essentials

"I found this course very informative, creative and course instructor very skilled in his work and passionate about passing on his knowledge in this field of work." Sign Writing

*"It has been a pleasure to work with you and the Shoreline Community team managed by Debrah Melville. The planting program was successfully managed and implemented, with open communication, good team*

*"Thank you for giving me the opportunity to undertake work experience with you. I now have a greater understanding of how small country businesses operate. Working with you and your colleagues has given me some reassurance of which career pathway I want to take."*



*management and a high standard of planting quality achieved throughout these aquatic plantings. The Department thanks you for your services and your contribution towards the Coorong and Lower Lakes Vegetation Program."*



"Good stuff! The easiest way for me to stay up to date with what's happening around the lakes." The Lakes Hub Bulletin



# FACILITIES

## MILANG INSTITUTE REPORT 2014

This year the Milang Institute has once again been well used by community groups, individuals and the Community Centre Programs.

The hall was used for 7 major functions and 18 meetings from various community groups and visiting clubs. The Community Centre used the Institute for the annual “volunteer” get together as well as various classes – e.g. ‘zumba’, ‘keep fit’ and table tennis. The HUB and Shoreline also held various meetings.

Some highlights of other events were – The Red Cross Centenary, visit by the Bird Watchers Assn and a visiting caravaners group. We also hosted 1 wedding and 2 funerals and 4 “birthday” parties.

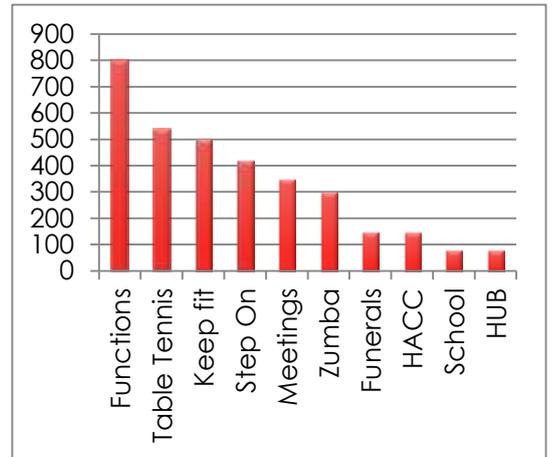
The school held their after school table tennis in June.

During the year, 240 activities (205 for MADCA and 35 for meetings and functions) were held. The average monthly use was 20 for the year with income of \$3370 and expenses of \$2645 leaving a surplus of \$725.

During the year, two paintings were donated and are hung in the supper room.

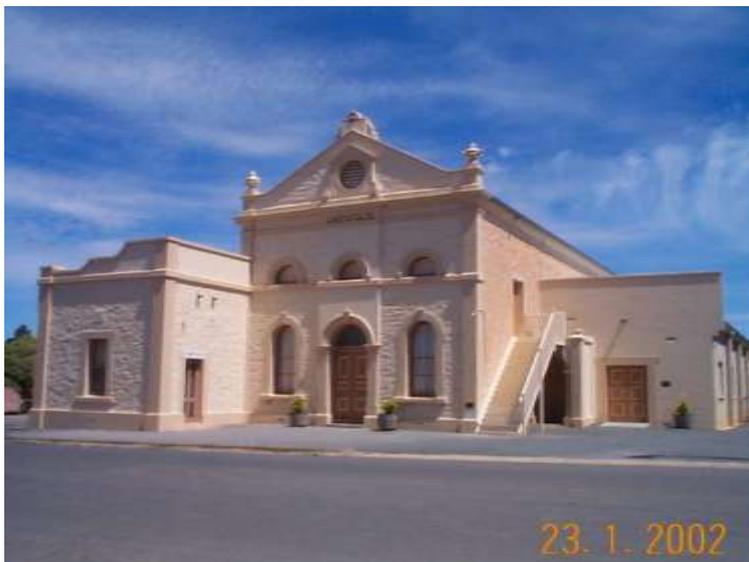
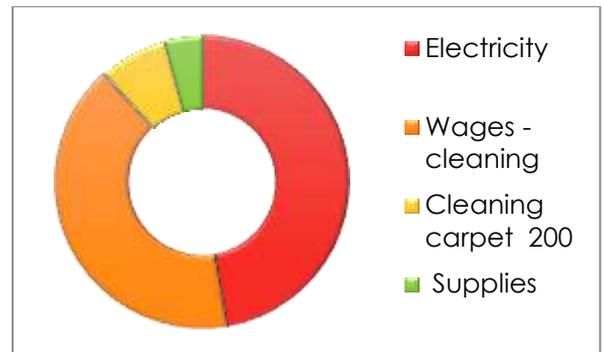
The long awaited replacement of the Internal

## SOURCES OF INSTITUTE INCOME



Stairs is about to begin. It will be fantastic to have the use of the balcony again.

## Institute Expenses



John Toshach

Caretaker

# MILANG COMMUNITY NEWS

It is now twenty-six years since Karyn Bradford and Pauline Perry produced the first issue of the Milang Community News and I am happy to report that after more than a quarter of a century there are still people who look forward each month to the appearance of the latest issue.

This remarkable achievement would not have been possible without the support of the community: providing news, photos, stories and articles; local businesses: being willing to advertise in the Community News; and the general public: who have been willing to pay a modest subscription for each month's issue.

On this last point it is interesting to chart the rise in the subscription price: 1988 – 40c, 1991 – 50c, 1996 – 70c, 2003 - \$1, 2009 - \$1.50. There must be very few commodities which have undergone such a modest price rise over the past twenty-five years. We are therefore very grateful to our advertisers who have made it possible to do this and still cover the cost of production each year.

In previous reports I have pointed out how important it is 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 would also urge you if you want to publicize 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 260 copies each month, most of which are sold in Milang through the Post Office, Bakery, Port Milang Café, and Mini Mart. There are also a small

number available in Strathalbyn at the Newsagent and Information Centre and a few are posted to subscribers and local members of parliament. Thanks 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.

Alex. E. H. Stone



# GENERAL ASSISTANCE

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Funds have been provided to 50 people in the past year for emergency assistance. People have been supported with food, vouchers, fuel, payment of utilities account, housing and pharmacy expenses.

People have sought information on a diverse range of topics over the year and the receptionists and staff do an amazing job keeping their finger on the pulse and being able to set people in the right direction.



SOME OF OUR AMAZING STAFF TEAM L-R Shannon Granger, Jo Scott, Robynne Barret, Megan Collins, Carole Richardson, Karyn Bradford, Jill Dennis, Annemieke Braund, Mike Linscott (Pres.) John Toshach, Rhys Bradford, Robyn Shearer, Gae Thomas, Stuart Jones, Marie-Clair Levi, Stephen Simpson.

# SHORELINE COMMUNITY

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Shoreline Community;

- ☞ Has been developed as a social enterprise providing economic, environmental and social benefits to the community.
- ☞ Provides a range of environmental expertise and on ground works to landholders, land managers, businesses including resource companies and land developers and to Local, State and Commonwealth Governments.
- ☞ Has specialist skills and expertise in the Coorong and Lakes, Fleurieu and Murraylands environment.
- ☞ Is a registered business of the Milang and District Community Association Inc. and is managed by a volunteer management committee.
- ☞ Is a member of the Nursery and Gardening Industry Association SA & SA Groundsprayers Association.



## **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.*



- *Natural Areas Re-vegetation*
- *Plant Propagation*
- *Environmental Services*
- *Seed Collection*
- *Planting in Aquatic Environments*
- *Site Management*
- *Weed Control: Knapsack, hand line, boom spray*
- *Biological Weed Control*
- *Specialising in Coorong and Lakes, Fleurieu and Murraylands Region SA*
- *Native Plant Nursery Management*
- *Monitoring*
- *Garden Cleanup & Redesign*

## SHORELINE COMMUNITY NURSERY

The nursery has had a name change during the year from Milang Environmental Centre Community Nursery to Shoreline Community Nursery.

Our order for Community Revegetation Program increased from 27,000 plants in 2012/2013 to 50,000 plants in 2013/2014.

This season we hit the ground running even though it was a massive jump in numbers. We soon realised that more room was required to accommodate the increased number of plants to be grown to fill the order. Our temporary holding station from the previous year was utilized along with pallets. These were placed down on the ground between rows of benches to sit all the plants on.

An order was also grown for Alexandrina Council, part of a revegetation project in Goolwa. This is the first time we have had a large order for the Council. We grew 4895 plants across 23 species.

The nursery also grew 1821 plants (21 different species) for NRM Threatened Species Project. Seed and cutting material to fill this order was collected from two locations - Monarto and Finniss/Currency Creek regions. It is important to use local plants as they have adapted over time to the climate and growing conditions specific to their areas. Most of these plants have left the nursery and have been planted in the Monarto area and also along the Nurragi track. Species included *Davesia pectinata* and *Eremophila gibbifolia*.



*Eremophila gibbifolia*  
Coccid Emu-bush



Opportunities are in place for school groups to visit the nursery and undertake work experience. Tasks involved seed collection/cleaning, transplanting, weeding and assisting in maintenance.

The nursery is able to accommodate private landholders for plant orders and purchases.

We would also like to thank the Milang Environmental Centre for allowing the nursery to share the residence.

Shoreline Nursery Manager

Jill Dennis

Whilst our order has grown our volunteer numbers have not. We had between two to five volunteers whose efforts and passion for the environment are fantastic. They were given the opportunity to learn skills involved regarding propagation and seed cleaning. First aid courses also were attended by volunteers.

### Quick Statistics

- 50785 plants for CLLMM project

70 species

- 1821 plants for NRM threatened plants

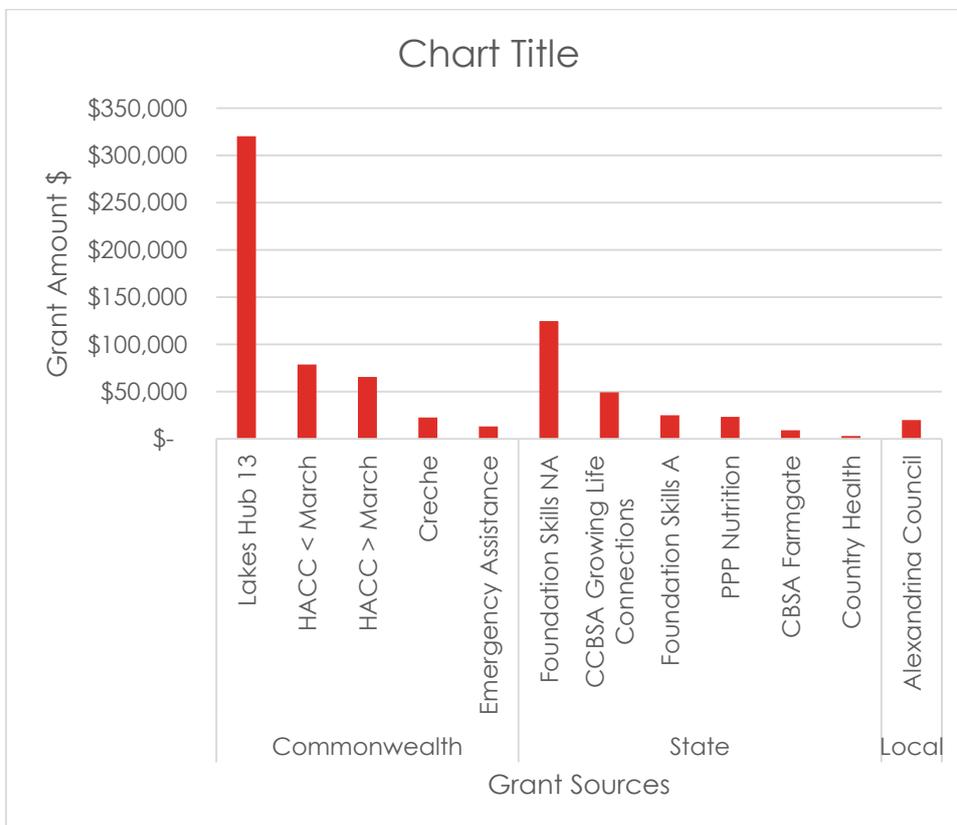
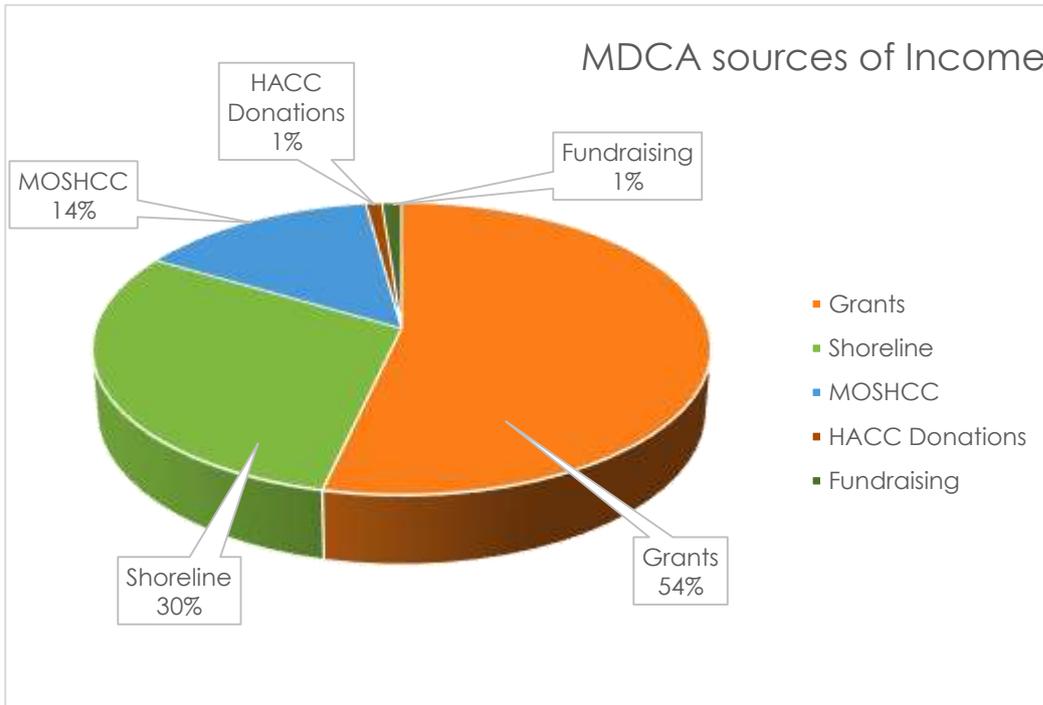
21 species

- 4895 plants for Alexandrina Council

23 species

- 1560 Volunteer hours

# FINANCIAL REPORT



MILANG AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
30 JUNE 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Revenue from ordinary activities	2	1,225,036	1,327,705
Other Revenue	2	5,302	7,527
Employee benefit expense		(883,938)	(817,032)
Auditors Remuneration		(2,066)	(2,000)
Depreciation and amortization expense		(66,152)	(56,137)
Other Expenses		(350,094)	(421,911)
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
(Deficit)/Surplus before income tax expense	1a	(71,913)	38,151
Income tax expense		<u>      Nil</u>	<u>      Nil</u>
Net (Deficit)/Surplus after income tax expense		(71,913)	38,151
Other Comprehensive Income			
None		<u>      0</u>	<u>      0</u>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<u><u>      (71,913)</u></u>	<u><u>      38,151</u></u>

MILANG & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION 30 JUNE 2014

	Note	2014	2013
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at Bank	4	183,970	93,062
Trade & Other Receivables	5	<u>63,864</u>	<u>131,036</u>
Total Current Assets		247,834	224,098
<b>NON - CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, Plant & equipment	6	<u>293,115</u>	<u>311,766</u>
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>293,115</u>	<u>311,766</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		540,949	535,864
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and Other Payables	7	74,970	63,840
Employee Provisions	8	18,101	16,301
Unexpended Grants	9	<u>67,242</u>	<u>3,174</u>
Total Current Liabilities		160,313	83,316
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
None	8	<u>      0</u>	<u>      0</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>160,313</u>	<u>83,316</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><u>\$380,636</u></u>	<u><u>\$452,549</u></u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>		<u><u>\$380,636</u></u>	<u><u>\$452,549</u></u>

**MILANG & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC**  
**SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014**

	2014		2013	
	\$		\$	
<b>INCOME</b>				
Commonwealth Grants	412,420		36,036	
State Government Grants	175,132		589,666	
Other Grants	6,050		0	
Shoreline Contracts	421,029		328,217	
Administration Income	23,703		142,726	
PRGR Alexandrina Council	110,039		141,200	
MOSH Activities	32,467		36,258	
Contributions	20,560		14,905	
Donations	3,629		3,825	
Training Income	0		3,613	
Interest received	5,302		7,527	
Gain on Disposal of Assets	0		1,187	
Other income	20,007		30,071	
	<u>1,230,338</u>		<u>1,335,232</u>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Advertising	5,826		6,161	
Audit Fees	2,066		2,000	
Bank Charges	255		305	
Capital Purchases	49,691		53,544	
Cleaning	2,594		2,863	
Conferences	4,670		3,021	
Contractor Fees	23,038		0	
Depreciation & Amortization	66,152		56,137	
Donations	8,665		7,064	
Electricity	7,640		7,287	
Entertainment and Board Expenses	23		1,135	
Fees & Permits	527		0	
Freight & cartage	1,496		350	
Grant Expenses	110,930		259,497	
Health & safety	3,788		1,156	
Hire equipment	6,466		0	
Insurance	12,257		15,378	
Leave Provisions	7,124		5,000	
Motor Vehicle Expenses	32,460		26,193	
Postage, Printing & Stationery	48,336		47,257	
Rates & Taxes	2,565		0	
Rent & venue hire	22,241		3,918	
Repairs & Maintenance	2,780		1,023	
Staff Training and Welfare	13,877		10,304	
Staffing Costs	876,814		812,032	
Subscriptions	4,219		5,213	
Sundry Expenses	3,121		473	
Telephone	15,663		13,019	
Travelling Expenses	14,466		19,247	
Volunteer Expenses	0		1,071	
	<u>1,349,750</u>		<u>1,360,648</u>	
		(119,413)		(25,416)
Other Income				
Assets Capitalized	<u>47,500</u>		<u>63,567</u>	
		<u>47,500</u>		<u>63,567</u>
		(71,913)		38,151
Other Expense				
Loss on disposal of assets	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
(Deficit)/Profit from ordinary activities		<u>\$(71,913)</u>		<u>\$38,151</u>

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

**Report on the Financial Report**

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a general purpose financial report, of Milang and District Community Association Inc (the association), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2014, and the income statement, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement by the members of the committee.

*Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report*

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report, are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act SA and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibilities also include establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

*Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies described in Note 1 are appropriate to meet the needs of the members.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing 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 of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to the members for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial responsibility under the Associations Incorporation Act SA. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any other person other than the members, or for any other purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

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

*Independence*

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

**Audit Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial report of Milang & District Community Association Inc presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of Milang & District Community Association Inc as of 30 June 2014 and its financial performance for the year the ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

DEANE & ASSOCIATES

Richard F Deane



Date: 12th August 2014  
253 Flinders Street ADELAIDE SA