

Annual Report 2022

# MILANG AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.

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*Yunti Ngopun Ngami ; Together We Walk  
Artwork by Allan Sumner*

*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



## Strategic Plan

# OUR VISION

## Healthy Communities Sustainable Habitats

### We Value:

- Honesty and Fairness
- Teamwork, Mutual Respect and Diversity
- Reliability and Responsibility
- Ethical Service Provision and Commitment to Quality
- Care for the People and the Environment
- Equality and Inclusivity

### Our Purpose:

- Foster the importance of social diversity, community spirit and community relationships
- Value and protect the peace and natural beauty of our environment
- Acknowledging the Ngarrindjeri people as the spiritual custodians of this land
- Ensuring that local communities are listened to and are actively involved in decision making that will affect them
- To respond to both individual and community needs
- Building capacity by empowering groups and fostering resilience
- Provide services and activities which meet those needs
- Adopt and promote ecological sustainability
- Commit to working together to achieve goals



MADCA

# MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President: John Whyte     Don McInness

Vice President: Gordy Rollins     Karen Burkinshaw

Treasurer: Mike Linscott     Ray Perry

Secretary: Annie Whyte     Cathy Fish

Chris Francis

Ex Officio Members:

Stuart Jones, MADCA Manager

Cllr Karyn Bradford, Alexandrina  
Council Representative

# STAFF

Stuart Jones, MADCA Manager (*Chief Executive Officer*)

Colleen Whyte, GLC Program Manager

Gordy Rollins, MOSHCC Admin Assistant

Vivienne Maher, GLC Liaison Officer & Volunteer Coordinator

Annie Whyte, Home Care Coordinator

Cheryl Butlin, Lakes Home Care Admin & Activities

Gill Berry & Sally McLean

Prue Turner, Lakes Home Care Admin

Ray Perry, Lakes Home Care Admin

Britteny Fleming, Cathy Ward & Kaila Edwards - Casual Child Care

Cameron Davidson, Grounds

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## ***John Whyte***

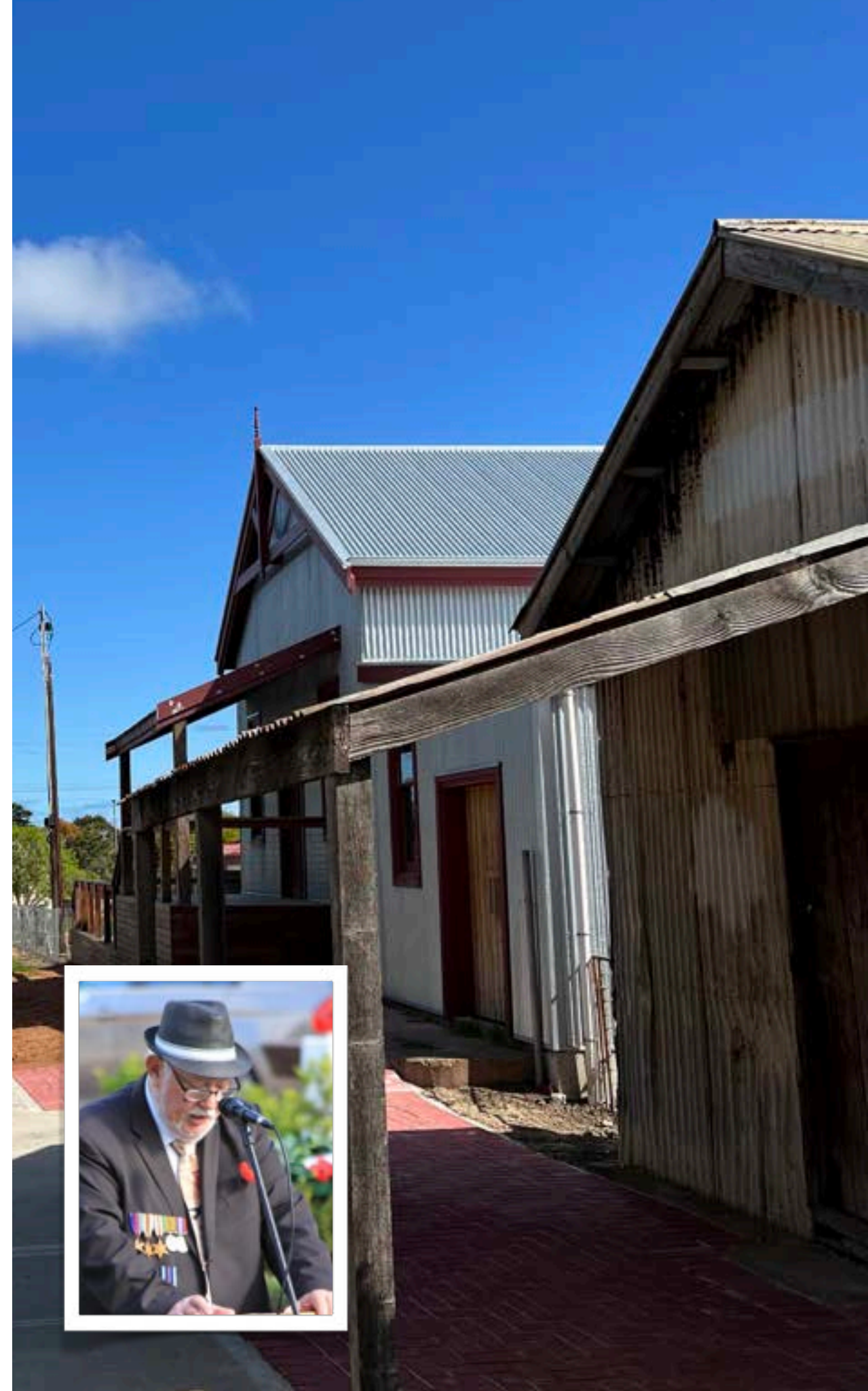
Well, how time is flies! It's the end of another MADCA year again and it seems like yesterday when we had our last AGM.

2021/22, has been an extremely busy year for MADCA. Firstly, covid has been possibly the most active in its three years with many of us being struck down with the disease. It is affecting businesses and workers across Australia, and we are all going to have to find a way to live with Covid.

MADCA has navigated its way through sickness and client illness. I thank all our staff for their diligence and extra work in planning rosters and keeping our Aged Care services running.

Our management board under Stuart's leadership has been extremely busy this year with the Butter Factory entering its final restoration phase, and to be finalised hopefully towards the end of next year.

We will need to source some Philanthropy funding to complete this project. Currently our project team has been able to continue work thanks to our latest grant, with work beginning on a new toilet block and then restoration of the settler's cottage. A big thank you to John Bradford and Michael Galea who have served us well by sourcing the





best possible pricing for materials and builders.

This year has seen MADCA gaining a property for a youth activity centre (The Old Regatta Club), and we are planning to set this up as a working project by the end of this year. It is hoped to provide activities around Lake Alexandrina. Currently we are in discussions with Council, Reclink, and the Local Drug Action Team, to develop a Memorandum of Understanding between all parties.

MADCA is also sitting on a social housing committee which is examining ways to increase affordable housing to our district. Unfortunately, this is a very complex issue and consultation needs to take place with a large range of people.

We have also set up a film making venture called [www.youfindit.com.au](http://www.youfindit.com.au) which aims to assist businesses to promote their enterprises. This was mainly established to help promote the Butter Factory, but it is proving worthwhile to local businesses and tourist operators, an initiative to provide a new affordable service to our region.



Another project suggested by our local Federal MP Rebekha Sharkie is the possible transforming Milang to run totally on solar power with battery back up for the whole town. This would be a huge project but one that would make Milang independent and mostly eliminate power bills for most residents. We are currently seeking to evaluate the feasibility for Milang and will keep you all posted on this if it seems suitable.

As you can see, we are a very busy and active organisation and I thank our staff who work with great diligence and dedication, and quite often go the extra mile.

Our organisation is made of great people for the benefit of the community. I am very proud to be part of such a great organisation.



# MANAGER'S REPORT

***Stuart Jones, MADCA Manager***

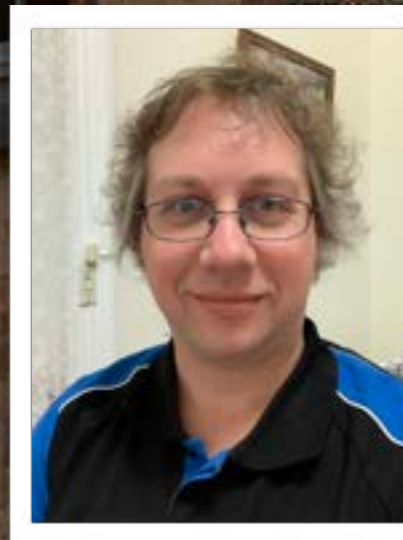
What a year!

Top of my mind, and I'm sure you'll forgive me, is my little family. It has been such a joy to welcome our little girl, our second child, into the world. At 10 months old she is developing into such a little character, bringing even more love and life to the family. I want to thank Asha, my gorgeous wife who puts up with my long hours and the brain-space my role often takes up.

I'm not sure any of us expected to still be talking about Covid at this point, but it really played quite a role this year as well. It was certainly interesting to navigate hospital for the birth of our bubs, and so strange and difficult not to have family around.

For MADCA we continue to navigate Covid in terms of keeping staff and clients safe who receive Aged Care services, as well as all our other groups at MOSHCC and beyond.

I'd like to thank all our staff and volunteers for their hard work, our volunteer hours have increased again this year to 11,370hrs (10,320 in 20-21). As always a mammoth undertaking, and we would not be



as successful as we are without your support.

Our paid staff, who range across the organisation have worked a whopping 19,366 hours. That equates to 9.8 FTE staffing (Full-Time Equivalent) This includes all support workers, childcare, admin etc.

We have been very fortunate to keep our current Growing Life Connections (GLC) program for a further 12 months. After the state election the new government chose to put the proposed changes to Community and Neighbourhood Development funding on hold until they could review those changes. Community Centres SA had strong concerns as did their membership about the process and overall amount of funding, considering the total pool would see less than half of the centres in SA funded, and for often less money.

CCSA put together a graph showing the staggering reality for SA Community Centre funding as opposed to other states.



These figures are approximate for the point of generalised comparison purposes only to demonstrate the commitment across each state to supporting a minimum baseline level of funding of community centres.

We eagerly await some better news from our new government around this as it has been the project funding for GLC for many years, so the guidelines and process for funding will have a major impact on this vital program.

On a positive note, this year Alexandrina Council committed to ongoing funding for Community Centres in the Council Region.

It is exciting to see the potential of a partnership with Alexandrina Council's Local Drug Action Team and MOSHCC to begin to offer activities for young people in our district.

It is envisioned that the clubhouse space will be able to be used to base a number of outdoor programs run by Reclink and also that the space can be made open for drop in times once or twice a week after school or on a weekend, depending on how the initial program pans out.

It's a fantastic opportunity to kick off youth programs and I expect it will grow as our young people get involved and put their mark on what they would like to see happening. I'm so pleased to finally be at a stage where we can facilitate something happening in our area, and increase Milang's capacity to provide meaningful activities for young people.

I look forward to another year working with all our staff, volunteers and community and seeing what great things we can accomplish together.



# MILANG LAKESIDE BUTTER FACTORY

## ***Mike Galea, Project Manager***

The Butter Factory is progressing on target and I have been regularly reporting to the MADCA Project Committee. It is beneficial to be part of a dedicated and proactive team.

Since the last AGM some of the many items of works have undertaken, include:

- The majority of first and second fix carpentry has been completed;
- The Butter Factory floor has been repaired and sealed with three coats of epoxy polyurethane;
- Plans for an addition of new toilets at the rear of the Butter Factory were drawn and all approvals received. This was then put to tender, and the current local builder, LJ Constructions, was awarded the contract to do the works;
- The window well covers have now been fitted, protecting the window wells from pooling from rain, and access by vermin;
- Site works for the new toilet block have been completed;
- A new concrete ramp to the Butter Factory entrance and stone paths done by Norm and other volunteers have been completed and look outstanding;
- Meetings have been held regarding the development of the cottage with plans of the proposed scope of works being agreed to;
- Replacement fencing along Markland Street was approved by State Heritage and replacement of both this new fencing and gates, plus replacement of dilapidated





fencing along part of the western boundary with the school will commence within the next two weeks;

- A new boundary realignment by Council to include the cottage in the property title has been surveyed, and is progressing through the Land Titles processes;
- Internal electrical works have been ongoing and internal lighting is now predominantly complete;
- Liaison with SA Power Networks by our Electrician Grant Holiday, to maintain the existing three phase power levels at the lowest possible cost is progressing well;
- Rear siteworks and the removal of rubbish was completed;
- Negotiations for works to be done to the cottage have been progressing;
- Internal painting and many other jobs have been completed by our volunteers, and we thank Ray for filling in for JB whilst he was in Queensland;
- The internal design for the proposed new commercial kitchen in the cottage is progressing, thanks to Karen Bradford, Susan Bagley and assistance from some qualified chefs;
- Quotes for a new freezer and cool room for the cottage have been received;
- Thanks to Chris Bagley and his team, we succeeded in securing a \$400,000 grant from the Federal Government to help complete the Butter Factory Project;
- Council has completed new paving and car parking in front of Butter Factory, and the fodder store along Daranda Tce;
- We were able to receive a \$94,000 advance on this Federal Grant to maintain a healthy cash flow for the project;

- Thanks to Mike Linscott, we succeeded in securing grant funds for a 10 kW solar panel system.

We have maintained an excellent relationship with the State Heritage Officer which has assisted us gain approval on modifications as the project has evolved.

JB and Ray have been doing an outstanding job as our health and safety site supervisors, and they, together with all the volunteers, continue to be outstanding.

We have been using local contractors and suppliers for the majority of the works which helps in the overall community ownership of the project. Michael Tobin from the Nine Mile Rd and his team of carpenters have done above and beyond so far, as has Mick Falzon with his steelwork and Tim Roberts with his Earth Works. Everyone including the MADCA Building Committee have been working together as an effective team.

I am watching every penny, to see the project to a successful completion. The administrative support from Stuart Jones and Annie Whyte together with the support and direction from John Whyte has been invaluable, allowing the project to maintain a steady pace during these extremely difficult times caused by Covid, concerning a severe lack of available trades and building materials.

In keeping with the Federal Grant requirements, it is programmed for the project to be completed by September 2023.

Michael Galea Project Manager  
LiveAbility SA Pty Ltd



# ACTIVITIES AT MOSHCC

Some of the activities at Milang Old School House Community Centre:

- Fibre Art
- One-to-one computing
- Community Garden
- Ukulele
- Keep Fit
- Cards
- Stepping On, strength and balance program
- Childcare, 2 mornings per week
- Friday Feast (currently monthly)
- WOW women's group
- Sticky Beak Men's Group
- Yoga
- Tai Chi
- Connecting the Dots (in Strathalbyn)
- Milang Mermaids, Women's Support Group
- Community Transport
- Emergency Relief





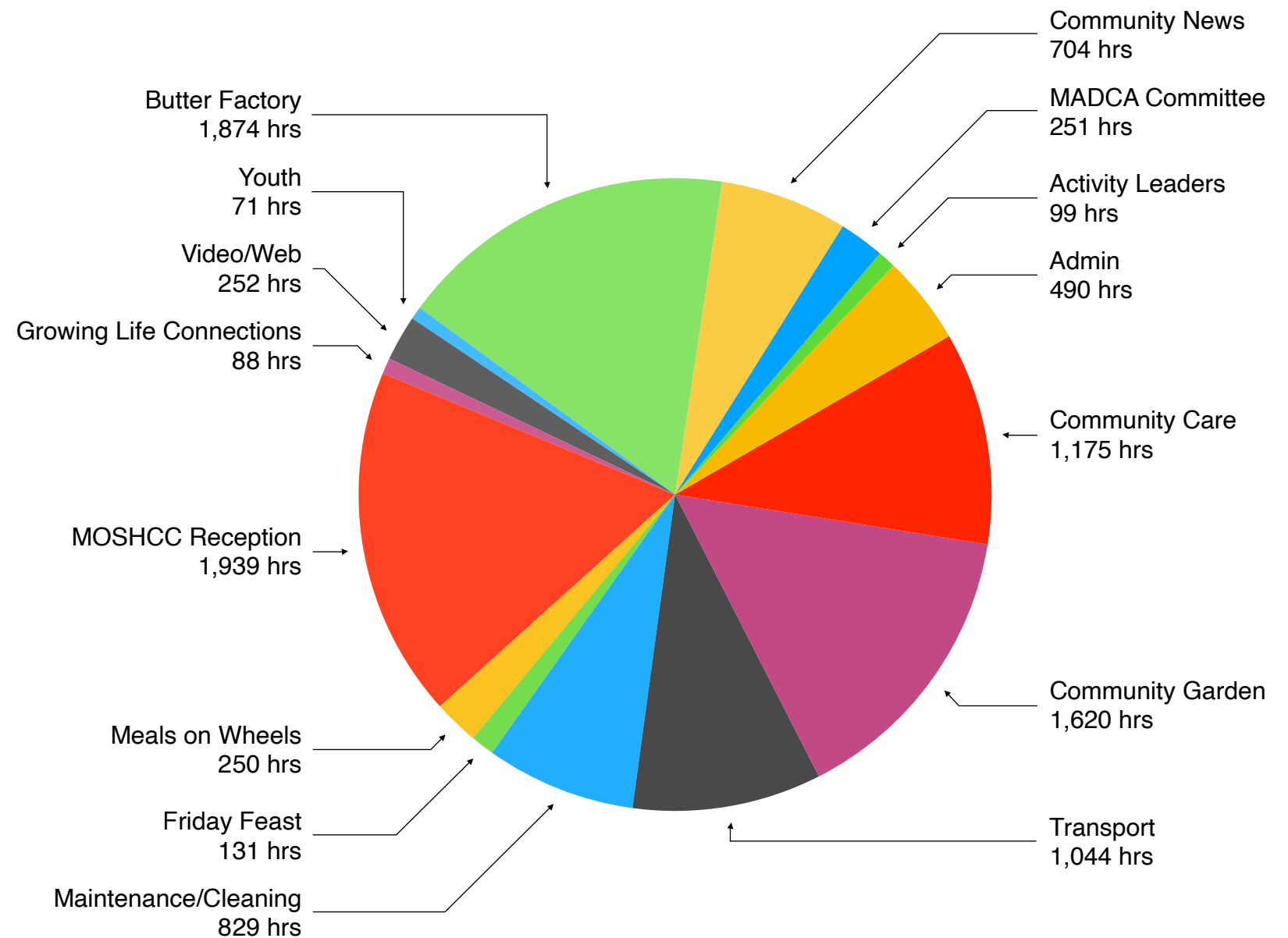
# VOLUNTEERS

Our organisation runs on the work of 92 currently registered volunteers across all our programs.

This is a snapshot of the work put in by our volunteers. On record our volunteers put in 11,370 hours to the overall work of MADCA this year.

*In December we were able to have a volunteer BBQ get-together down by the lake at the old regatta club a nice way to catch up after another year of covid restrictions.*

***We thank all our volunteers for their commitment and their passion for the Community***





# LAKES HOME CARE

## ***Annie Whyte & Cheryl Butlin***

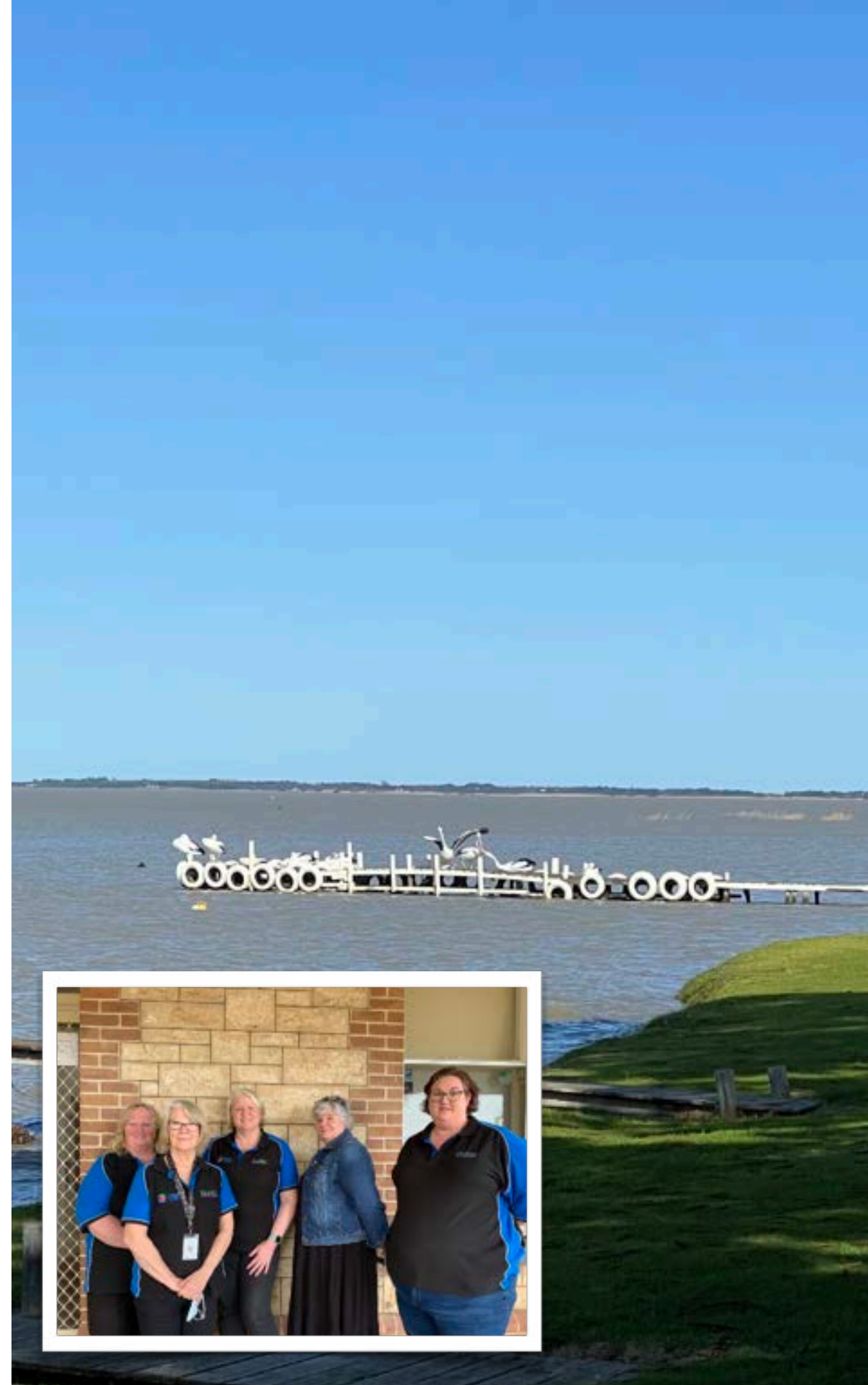
What a great year we have had.

Investing in our future, our people, and our region.

Firstly, let me thank our wonderful support worker's who go out into the field every day to provide a much-needed service within Milang, Strathalbyn, Goolwa & just few as far and wide as Victor Harbor.

This Financial year saw the introduction of our two appointed nursing staff Sally McLean (EN) & Gillian Berry (RN), a breath of fresh air to say the least. They bring with them a wealth of knowledge in the Nursing Industry, providing Clinical Governance, and supporting our most vulnerable clientele.

Our administration Team has expanded with Ray Perry working three days a week on rostering and compliance with our support workers and contractors, keeps him extremely busy to say the least. Prue is also now working 3 days a week, and works supporting both myself, Cheryl, and the nursing staff with all their administrative tasks.







We moved 3 support works & 2 staff members across to Traineeship and onto Permanent Part time all of whom are studying the Certificate IV in Aged Care. A great initiative and provides the organisation also with some additional support funding, for them to successfully study, work and obtain their qualifications.

We had our Quality & Assurance Audit which was a busy 3 days and cover all 8 Standards.

We have seen a few of our precious client's head into full time care, and sadly have lost a few others who always brightened our day when they came into the office to have a chat.

Our new vehicle's have helped us to get everyone to appointments across the city, and have been so widely used, that we need two more, due to the increased NDIS clients, and the other to enable our Nursing

staff to have access to a vehicle each day their working as they spend a lot of time out on the road visiting and providing wound care and the like to those in need.

Sally our (EN) has setup a reasonable service for Toenail Cutting and her client base is growing, for just a small cost of \$10 for our clients they can come make an appointment, just book through the office on 8537 0687.

We are having some great activities with the WOW group, both on the road and in-house with jewellery making, paper crafting, card making (3D) and manicures. They have also ventured out and about, and their next adventure is to the CUBE in McLaren Vale, they have even been over to Monarto Zoo, Botanical Gardens, Tickle Tank and a great time was had by all.

What a great and successful year we have and have incorporated a great deal during the past 12 months.

Next year we intend to keep up the arts/crafts afternoons regularly with some outings, and to continue providing our great services to you all.



# GROWING LIFE CONNECTIONS

***Colleen White, Gordy Rollins, Vivienne Maher***

Staff changes - In the last GLC Report (2020-2021) 2021 we were very excited to receive a grant from DHS to employ a project officer (Vivienne Maher) for the Our Towns Project. Alexandrina Council topped up this grant to give Vivienne an extra day per week. When the DHS grant ceased January 2022, the Council continued with extra funds until June this year. Vivienne moved into another role with MADCA as Volunteer co-ordinator.

At the beginning of 2022 Gordy Rollins moved out of his role as Liaison officer and began working in Administration for MOSHCC. I want to thank Gordy for his contribution over several years. Gordy brought a new perspective to GLC and his insight was invaluable. I still call on Gordy for certain information.

At this time - Vivienne moved into the role of Liaison Officer with GLC.

DHS Grant - Over the last seven years the Dept of Human Services has funded the GLC program. This funding enables two GLC staff part-time and some Administration wage to enable us to work in this region.

GLC program is much more than wages for these staff member. GLC covers a large region including seven towns and also seven





different services who all work together with one focus – to assist those who with the most need. In June last year DHS announced that GLC program would not be financed past June 2022 – then in December announced that they would extend the program until September 2022. After the election an announcement came that GLC would continue until June 2023. This is a real concern because this service is well known in our region and beyond and people are sent to Milang to gain support. I would seek the support of MADCA to assist the GLC program by exploring how to continue this service if DHS ceased this funding.

2021 – 2022 Challenges- Since I began working for MADCA seven years ago many changes have occurred, but one issue stands out in our region. That is the lack of affordable housing. I continue to write this in my report to the DHS. In the last 12month period we are now at crisis stage. For various reasons rental property are unavailable and if it is the rental costs are out of the reach of those who require it the most. John, Stuart, and I are working with a group of concerned people to explore how we can bring about change in this region and beyond. This is one positive step but far too late for those living in both the Milang Motel and Caravan Park who require housing ASAP. GLC also supports many others in our region trying to find accommodation for them.

If you personally want to assist the GLC staff by volunteering some time to listen and help others in this situation, please come and talk with me.

Groups - GLC continues to run two support groups – Connecting the Dots meet in Strath weekly (a group for those living with Depression/

Anxiety and other mental health concerns) recently we had a day out and as I booked the person asked what the group was about. When I mentioned depression / anxiety – they commented “that’s all of us” This group continues to grow as the members have formed friendships of safe friends who really support them. Last year we went on a fishing trip to Second Valley and stayed overnight – this was a highlight for the members including myself. Our plan is to do this again in November. Any keen fisher people to help would be great.

Milang Mermaids - This group continues to meet fortnightly despite the lack of members – some Mermaids have moved away, and others have acquired employment. One of our original mermaids died suddenly in March – a sad time for all mermaids. Those who have moved out of the region still contact us and those working are still encouraged by their friends – we are now offering several night gatherings to accommodate working woman. Mermaids are strong and will continue to support woman.

Food For Families - Vivienne picks up food from Woolworths three times per week – Wednesdays – MOSHCC

Fridays – Milang Caravan Park

Saturdays – Strath Neighbourhood Centre

GLC have food bins in Woolworths and the three Pantries in our partnership pick up food from Bins and Trolleys once every three weeks.



September – Food For Families – Wider collections involving Six schools, Nine Churches, Woolworths and Community Centres – Bins delivered and pick up three weeks later then food sorted. All breakfast foods delivered to Schools with breakfast Clubs and some hampers made for families through the schools the rest of the food helps fill the three pantries in GLC Partnership.

Counselling - I have opportunities to offer individual Counselling to some clients in the region. This year we have Kathryn Buckley – qualified Counsellor who is available free of charge for community members – Kathryn works from Milang and Strathalbyn. Bookings through contacting GLC staff.

Events in 21-22

Milang's Got Talent - July 2021 Milang Institute

EXPO of Services – August 2021 – Strathalbyn Show Hall

Food For Families – September 2021- Regional

RUOK Street Talk – September 2021- Strathalbyn

Hamper packing and delivery – December 2021

Mental Health First Aid training 2 days – May 2022 Regional

LDAT Meeting – May 2022- Regional (continues)

Future - GLC is about to offer our first Wellbeing EXPO on the 16th of September in Strathalbyn Show Hall (please encourage other to attend – flyers)

GLC continues to work with others including Alexandrina Council to explore the crisis in our region re: homelessness (lack of affordable housing)

GLC is involved with the LDAT (Local Drug and Alcohol Team) lead by Alexandrina Council. Results – using the Milang (old) Regatta Club for Youth Hub opening soon.

GLC continues to support those in need – to refer people to other services and to strengthen the links (connections) with our partners and other services on our region.

Due to health concerns, I have chosen to take an extra day off per fortnight – Vivienne has taken this on so GLC is available at the Centre three days per week.

I wish to thank the many who give to the needs of others and those who encourage the work of GLC. The volunteers who fill the gaps when we are unable to. You are appreciated.

Regards

Colleen White

# OUR TOWNS

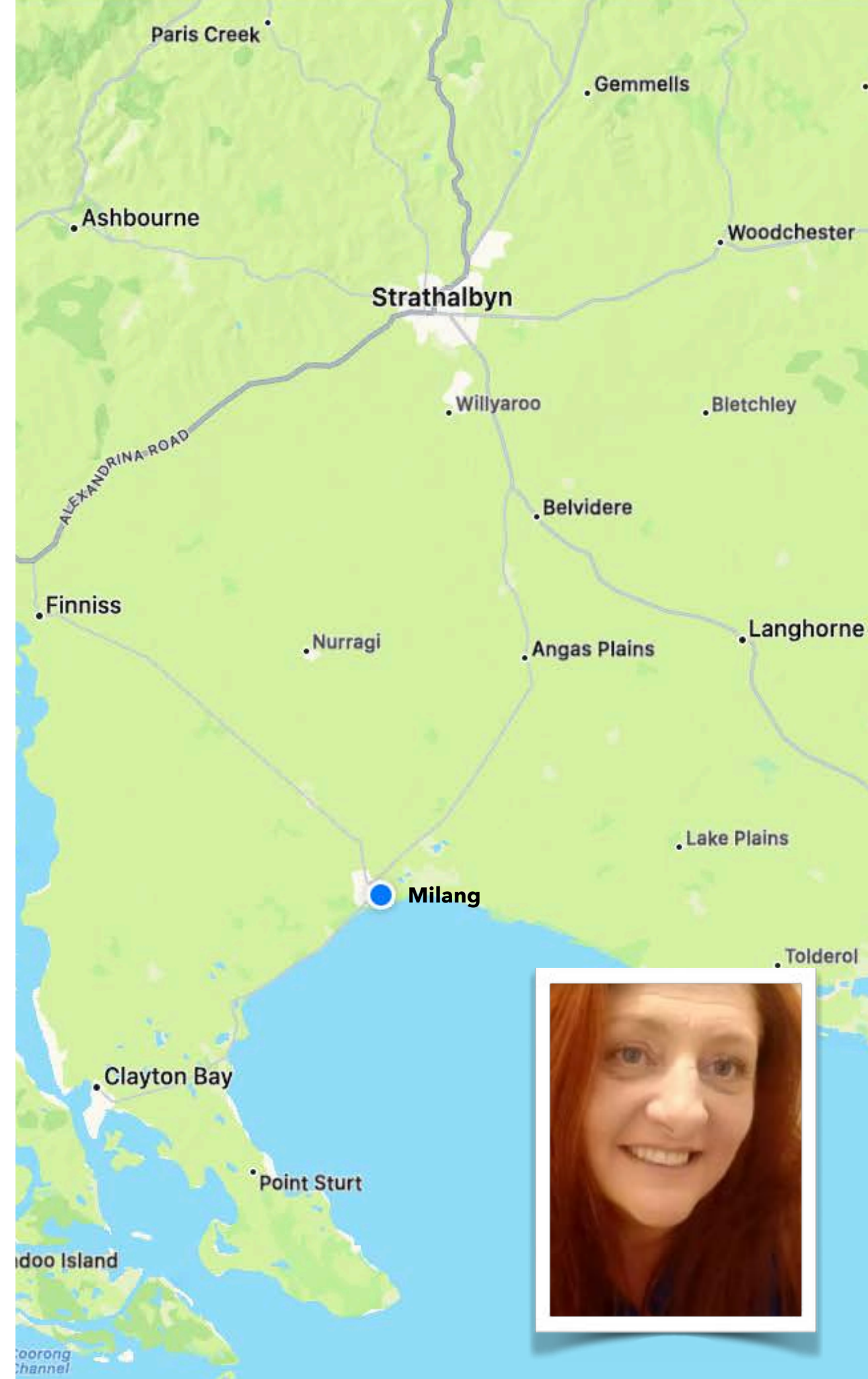
## Vivienne Maher

At the beginning of 2021 I was employed by MOSHCC as a project officer for the 'Our Towns' Project. This project focused specifically at reaching the isolated and vulnerable families and individuals in our community.

The project spanned a cluster of 7 towns - Ashbourne, Clayton Bay, Finnis, Langhorne Creek, Milang, Strathalbyn and Woodchester.

Growing Life Connections (GLC) are now in partnership with the Royal Melbourne Hospital which authorises us to run the 5 Ways To Wellbeing training. I wrote a successful grant application to 'The Black Dog Ride'. This has enabled me to become an accredited trainer in Mental Health First Aid. I have had many invitations from groups/organisations to talk to their members at committee meetings, inviting me to be part of their organisation, asking for training, resources, and support. This is part of GLC / Our Towns to equip communities.

Each month I write an article in the Milang Community News with information about Mental Health/Wellness. The feedback I have received from this has been very positive and I will continue to do





this.

I have continued to network with many organisations and individuals in our community in order to build capacity and resilience including Lions Club, Rotary, Youth Groups, Sports clubs and Church groups in the regions.

Mental Health / Wellness and Suicide Prevention is something I am extremely passionate about, and I believe that every life matters and we should do all we can to help those in need.

Last year in my AGM report I wrote ..... "No day is ever the same in my role, but I often find myself smiling and wondering how I was so lucky to win this role. I love the work that I do and the many connections I have made and continue to make" ..... I still feel this way - Having said that unfortunately we were unable to secure funding to continue to run this program and the Our Towns Project wrapped up on 30 June 2022.

I have been extremely lucky that I was able to secure another role with MOSHCC and although my job title has changed, I am still able to work with many amazing people in our community.

Vivienne Maher,  
Our Towns Project Officer

WHEN YOU LOOK AT A  
PERSON, ANY PERSON,  
REMEMBER THAT  
EVERYONE HAS A STORY,  
EVERYONE HAS  
GONE THROUGH SOMETHING  
THAT HAS CHANGED THEM.



# EMERGENCY RELIEF

## **Stuart Jones**

The emergency relief program which runs out of the Milang Old School House Community Centre is a vital part of our service to the community.

Our primary assistance is through food relief. The food pantry is stocked from donations from the community, and through any profits made by the Community Centre.

Through this challenging year we have had some very generous donors who have brought in items directly, made donations of cash towards the pantry and also set up direct debit arrangement to donate each fortnight.

This year has been a struggle for many. Consistently we see local people and local families struggle to sometimes meet the basics needs, and come to us for support for a small amount of food to tide them over before next payment.

We have also been able to provide fuel vouchers curtesy of Raine and Horne Strathalbyn and the Strathalbyn Inter-church Council.

We thank all those who have donated over this difficult year.





# CHILD CARE

## ***Britteny Fleming, Cathy Ward & Kaila Edwards***

Our creche service caters for children aged 6 months to 5 years. We are open from 9:30am to 12:30pm Mondays and Wednesdays during the school terms. We are closed on public holidays. There is a limit of 10 children per session.

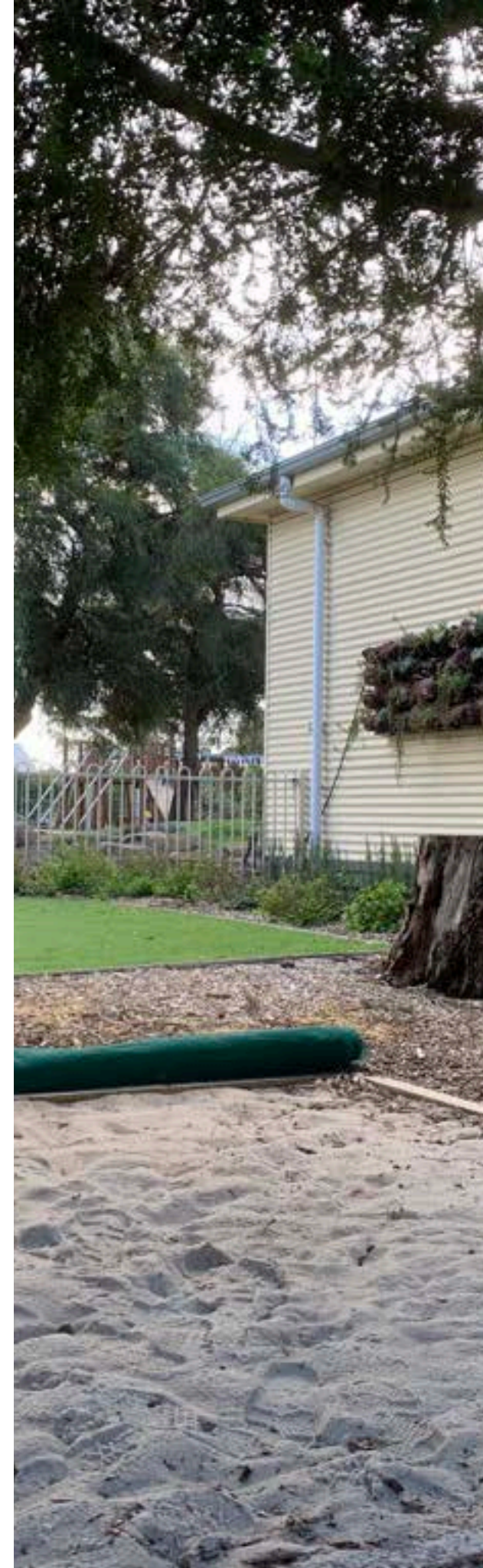
**Fees** Our daily fee is \$10.00 per session before the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) has been applied. Child Care Subsidy offers assistance to families to help with the cost of child care.

We would like to welcome a new staff member, Kaila Edwards to our creche team this year. She is helping to support Britteny Fleming and Cathy Ward. Our staff work very well together and bring a variety of different skill set and qualities to the team.

All Educators have a current Working with Children Check, First Aid Certificate and Responding to Abuse and Neglect Training. We are here to support your children through their early learning Journey.

We offer play-based learning activities and provide a Milang Creche Journey Folder at the end of their time with us. The folder allows us to share with families their children's growth and development that they have accomplished while at the creche.

Last but not least we would like to welcome all the new children and their families. And to anyone wanting to know more, simply give us a call or drop in and one of our friendly staff will be more than happy to help. Looking forward to another year in the Milang Community.





# MILANG COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Milang Community Garden is situated in the old part of the town opposite the school and is on Crown land, currently under the Education department. It is an old, well-established garden with a large mature orchard and numerous beds, a hothouse and shade house area. The purpose of the Community Garden is to provide a relaxed environment for local residents to come together to work whilst enjoying gardening and social the interaction with like-minded people. It is currently managed and maintained by passionate and dedicated volunteer gardeners who work together to share, contribute and donate their skills, knowledge, time and funds, to produce a wide variety of fruit and vegetables and an attractive environment for the birds and other wildlife that inhabit the area. The produce is shared amongst the gardeners with excess sold via donation to the local public.

The garden is supported by MOSHCC who provide volunteer registration, insurance and occasional financial support through grants for larger expenses. Water supply is provided by the Education Dept. as an adjunct to the school property.

Membership





The restrictions and rules imposed on the gardeners during the Covid period, affected our membership and seriously challenged the morale and ability of the remaining gardeners, to keep the garden functioning. Thankfully this has now changed with an influx of new members, bringing our numbers up to 17, with more people expressing interest.

### Garden Management and Infrastructure

Our talented garden builders have improved and enlarged our main shed area just in time to accommodate everybody for morning tea!

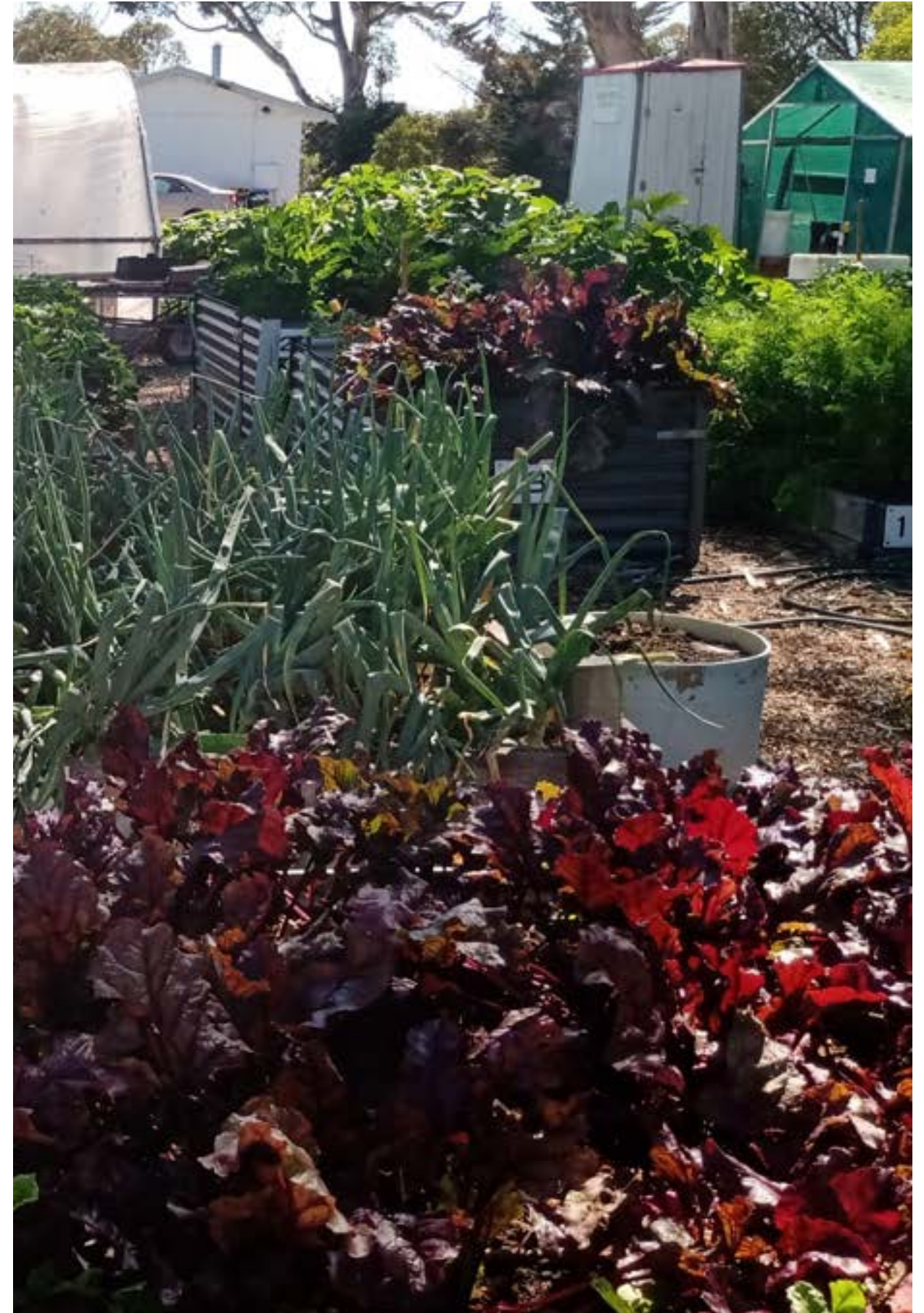
The tunnel has been repaired and is brimming with plants and produce. Thanks to a couple of very capable and keen gardeners.

All the beds are consistently rejuvenated and replanted with new crops as the seasons change.

The compost heap has been restructured with a more organised system to ensure a good turn over of nutrients and recycling old plant materials. This is working well with a garden routine in place.

Management of green waste for composting and disposal of plant material has become much easier and safer with the addition of a new mulcher. Our thanks to MADCA for funding this.

New members have taken on extending the flower beds which will add to colour and food for the bees.





The irrigation system is now fully installed and provides much more efficient watering to the garden. Thanks to the guys who spent considerable time and effort installing the system.

## Produce

There was a bumper crop of all produce earlier in the year. The latter part of the year has been particularly cold and damp causing a tailing off of crops, to the point where there was little available for gardeners, and nothing for the produce cart.

## Finance

The ongoing weekly expenses for the garden and morning teas are paid for by the member's \$5.00 monthly fee and the donations

from public sales on the cart and from visitors to the garden every Tuesday morning. This varies with the season but funds have remained viable throughout the year.

## Social and Other Highlights

Earlier in the year our gardeners enjoyed an excursion to Wellington where they visited the Pangaringa Botanic Garden and lunch at the Wellington Pub. Some members went to the North Brighton Community Garden Open Day.

Last October the garden won the Champion Prize for best community garden in the Strathalbyn Show Garden Competition!





# COMMUNITY NEWS

## **Cathy Fish - Editor**

As the voluntary editor of the Milang Community News (MCN), I can honestly say that I really enjoy working on the monthly publication and seeing it become available to the public at the beginning of each month. I certainly try to ensure that the publication is presented in an appropriate, fun and professional format.

Over the last 12 months there have been some wonderful stories, historical articles, reviews, updates, poetry, recipes, upcoming events and photo's which have all formed part of the publication. We have a wonderful group of regular contributors who are the backbone of the MCN and in addition I always encourage the general public to share any stories or photo's with me. We also have quite a few great businesses who advertise within the magazine and without them the MCN would not happen and we appreciate their continued support.

Thanks also go to Richard Prusa who is a volunteer and ensures that the magazine is printed on time and delivered to the sales outlets, it is definitely a team effort.



# TREASURER'S REPORT

## **Mike Linscott**

We have had another year of pressures brought about by Covid which has had an impact staff and clients. This means that our resources have been stretched and made it hard to provide the services that we supply.

Financially we have been fortunate as there has been an element of stability in the in the business side of our trading. Which has resulted in a healthy bottom line and has produced a surplus on trading for the financial year.

Lakes Home Care has been a stable performer with an increase in clients which has underlined the need in our community. The CHSP scheme is still operating, and we are supporting many families through this scheme. It would be at least five years ago that the Government announced that all the CHSP clients would be transferred to Age Care, this has not happened.

There was a major change to Provider funding. The Government now pays for Age Care by payment to the provider in areas. In other words, we must supply the services for one month and then claim the costs. This means that we must have sufficient funds to be able to do this. We are fortunate to have the reserves to enable us to do this. This often shows as a loss on monthly trading until we receive a payment. So far this has worked, and the payments are made on time.

Thanks to work carried out by Chris Bagley, we have support through Government funding for the Butter Factory. This has enabled to allow work to proceed under the Guidance of our Project Manager, Mike Galea. At the time of writing this, plans are going ahead for the construction of the toilet block and commercial kitchen. Thanks, must also go to the willing band of volunteers that have enabled this project to proceed.





Fundraising for the Butter Factory continued during the year through markets organised by Carole Linscott and Concerts organised by Norm and Glynis Foster. These have brought in a cash flow which have enabled to meet and is the various costs associated with the Butter Factory running costs. We will need to continue with our Fundraising program as the Butcher Factory reaches the fitting out and furnishing stage.

The other programs we run are funded either through the Alexandrina Council or State and Government grants. This enables us to supply the services and support the community. Work on maintaining this funding and providing reports is an important element of program and has proved to be very successful.

We have managed the year with a reasonable monthly surplus, which is very pleasing to see. This has been brought about by good practices by all staff, but I would like to single out Stuart Jones and Annie Whyte as key employees in the management of our funds. It has been a pleasure to work with them.

Mike Linscott

Treasurer

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