

Annual Report 2024-2025



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Chairperson's Report

I'm delighted to reflect on a rewarding year at Prahran Place. A year marked by growth, renewal and steadfast commitment to the wellbeing of our local community.



**"LOOKING AHEAD, WE WILL REMAIN
FOCUSED ON WHAT MATTERS:
SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY
THROUGH RELEVANT, INCLUSIVE AND
MEANINGFUL PROGRAMS."**

Giovanni Ambrosini

Staying True to Our Purpose

Prahran Place has remained a trusted and welcoming hub for learning, connection, and support within the City of Stonnington. Our programs and services over this period have responded to the diverse and evolving needs of our community with particular attention to inclusion, mental wellbeing, creative engagement and lifelong learning.

Our Community Conversations series has continued to provide meaningful and informative engagement covering a variety of topics from health, wellbeing, aged care navigation, and the rich cultural history of our local area. These events foster genuine connection and have strengthened our presence as a go-to centre for learning and exchange.

Weekly social groups such as the Walking Group, Cozy Creations, Men's and Women's Circles, Craft Collectives, and the Bookish Collective have seen ongoing participation and community ownership. These initiatives create opportunities to reduce isolation, build confidence, and share experiences in a safe, respectful space.

Our term-based learning programs including creative arts, health, digital literacy and English conversation continue to offer low-cost and accessible entry points for learners of all ages, with free trial sessions ensuring an inclusive welcome.

Leadership, Governance and Future Focus

We've seen several changes to our Committee of Management, as we continue to diversify and supplement our collective skills and governance capacity. I want to thank our outgoing members for their contributions and warmly welcome our new Committee members who bring fresh perspectives and experience to help shape our future.

In a significant step forward, we have also appointed a new Principal Executive Officer (PEO). This leadership role will help guide our strategy, programs and partnerships as we work to ensure Prahran Place remains relevant, responsive and resilient in the years ahead.

We have also begun exploring other opportunities which may open doors to new forms of support, to further strengthen our financial foundation.

Ensuring Financial Sustainability

Financial sustainability is essential to our future. We continue to monitor and assess our financial investments carefully, with a clear focus on maintaining the stability, viability and long-term availability of Prahran Place for the community.

Our commitment to strong governance and sound financial oversight ensures that we are well-positioned to navigate future challenges and seize new opportunities to serve the people of Stonnington.

We remain incredibly grateful to our funding partners, including the Neighbourhood House Coordination Program (NHCP), Adult, Community and Further Education (ACFE), Home and Community Care (HACC), and the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP). Their support has been instrumental in enabling the work we do every day.

We also continue to value our partnership with the City of Stonnington, both in terms of program delivery and our shared commitment to inclusive community development.

Looking Ahead

At the heart of Prahran Place is a dedicated and passionate team of staff, tutors, volunteers, and community members who bring life to everything we do. Their ongoing contributions are deeply appreciated and form the foundation of our success.

Looking ahead, we will remain focused on what matters: supporting our community through relevant, inclusive and meaningful programs, while continuing to strengthen our governance, leadership, and financial position.

Thank you for being part of our journey, and for the trust you place in us to serve the people of Prahran and beyond.

Principal Executive Officer's Report



**"IT IS WITH GREAT PRIDE THAT I
PRESENT THE PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE
REPORT FOR PRAHRAN PLACE LTD
FOR THE YEAR 2024-2025."**

Neil Barlow

A Safe Space to Belong.

In a world where there is more chaos, confusion, war, mistrust and trouble, a neighbourhood house like Prahran Place plays an important role in this landscape.

We offer welcoming, safe and inclusive spaces where people from all walks of life come together to learn, engage with others and feel safe.

This past year has been marked by growth, innovation, diversification, collaboration, and a strong commitment to our core vision: to create, learn, and connect.

We could not offer this without our local partnerships.

We support local industries and work closely with likeminded community-based organisations to fulfill our vision and create a safe meaningful haven.

Our new partnerships this year enabled us to expand and deepen our impact in the local community.

We have seen an increase in the number of participants in our programs, including pre-accredited training, social connection groups, and outreach services and have welcomed a growing number of student placements and volunteers.

People who bring energy, perspective, and skill into our space and take away a deeper understanding of community development in practice.

Overall, more people are attending Prahran Place programs, and our social activities continue to grow.

Supporting Parents and Young Children

We recognise that caring for young children can be a barrier to participation in education, exercise, and social activities.

To address this, we introduced Yoga for Mums and Toddlers, enabling parents to look after their health and meet friends while keeping an eye on their children.

The Early Childhood Education Literacy and Numeracy classes for mothers facing obstacles to education, encourages them to bring their toddlers along.

Our gold-coin playgroups continue to grow, providing a safe and welcoming environment for parents to meet, share experiences, and connect while their children enjoy supervised play.



Taking Learning Offsite

For some community members, especially those in public housing, attending programs outside their immediate surroundings can be challenging.

Prahran Place continues to deliver English language and digital literacy classes off-site in public housing estates, supporting those who may be unable or uncomfortable leaving their accommodation.

We have maintained strong engagement with our Korean community members, delivering conversational English programs.



Innovation

Online and Alternative Education

This year saw the launch of our online art program in partnership with the Home Education Network.

Designed for students under 18 who are home-schooled or have disengaged from mainstream education, it offers a flexible and creative way to re-engage young people

As many participants have experienced long-term disengagement the focus is on encouraging participation at any level, without the pressure of traditional education systems.

Social Prescribing and Community Craft

Our Connect and Crochet program at Pran Central continues to be a success, regularly attracting over 30 participants from diverse backgrounds into a welcoming space where they can share stories, learn a craft, build friendships, while contributing to both mental wellbeing and community connection.

Alongside this, we have run in partnership with Pran Central, a few family-focused art and craft programs, with our Easter program proving particularly popular.

Expanding Creative and Cultural Learning

We increased our class offerings to include Italian for Beginners, watercolour painting, and an LGBTQIA+ art program facilitated by local artist Andy, whose creativity brings an added vibrancy to the sessions.

Mindfulness and wellbeing activities also increased this year, with sound meditation joining our existing yoga and meditation programs as a way for community members to relax and recharge.

Building on Established Programs

Our long-standing Government funded programs remain at the heart of Prahran Place. These include:

- English language classes
- Computer and digital literacy classes
- Art and cooking classes for people with disability
- Studio art programs, painting, dry clay work, printmaking, upholstery, and sewing
- Health and fitness programs such as yoga, Zumba, and walking groups (both slow and fast-paced)
- Creative groups, crochet, knitting, and craft circles
- Social groups, include men's group and women's circle

These activities continue to grow in participation and relevance, offering regular, reliable opportunities for social connection, skills development, and community building.

Thank you to our collaborators, governance and leadership partnerships that assist with our programs.

At Prahran Place, our strength lies not only in the quality of our programs but in the network of people and organisations who walk alongside us.

Together, they help us connect, create, and reach further into our community than we could ever do alone.



The Heart of Our Work, Our Collaborators

We are deeply grateful to the many partners, supporters, and friends who have worked with us throughout the year.

Your contributions, whether in time, expertise, space, or resources enable us to create inclusive opportunities for learning, connection, and growth.

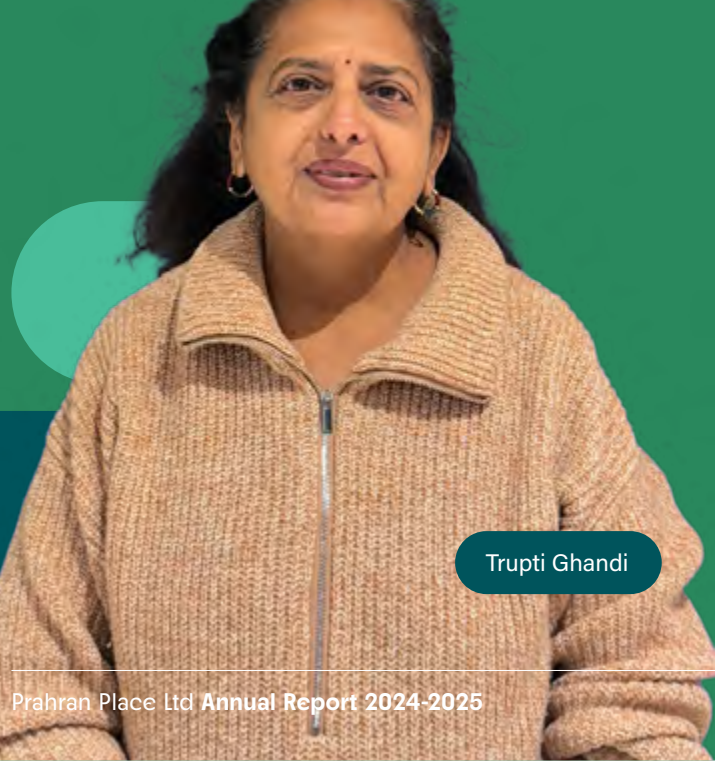
- Pran Central's Emily Savvides for partnering with us on Connect and Crochet, our family art programs, and the inspiring art exhibition curated and installed by our students.
- Better Health Network particularly Ocha Then and Jasna Duronjic, whose support helps us reach individuals who might otherwise never access education.
- Community Housing Ltd for opening their doors and welcoming our programs into their residential communities.
- Prahran Mechanics Institute for promoting our programs, and allowing us to do the same for theirs, creating a mutual exchange of knowledge and engagement.
- Member for Prahran, Rachel Westaway, and her assistant Jordana Akritidis, for their ongoing support and advocacy for our work.
- Mayor Cr Melina Sehr and Deputy Mayor Tom Humphries, for visiting us in person and showing genuine interest in our community initiatives.
- Woolworths for the generous provision of weekly food hampers and ongoing support in helping us address food insecurity.
- City of Stonnington, always there when needed with special thanks to Sergio Deodato, Francis Rodrigo, Julie Fry, Nadareh Edwards and Hamazongo Kampengele.
- Our gratitude to Stonnington Library, particularly Chelsea Hughes, for partnering on a variety of writers' talks, seminars, and photography programs.
- Stonnington Youth's, Bree Henwood, Kate Halstead, Olly Newell, and Imogen McGindle, for their invaluable contributions to the Family Learning Partnership and our Early Childhood program delivery.
- We thank Bryce Bronstein and Bridie Shaw from Uniting Vic.Tas for their ongoing support and collaboration. Through this partnership, we will provide employment and education pathways for their clients, helping people build skills, confidence, and opportunities for the future.
- Stonnington Assist, with thanks to Clare Duggan for ongoing collaboration and for the support the service provides to Prahran residents.
- A big thank you to Irene Desiatov, Iwona Jonasz and Jeremy Brewer from Adult Community and Further Education (ACFE) for their ongoing support. Their contribution enables us to deliver important pre-accredited programs in literacy, numeracy, computing, digital skills, early childhood education and micro-business in the creative industries. These programs provide valuable learning pathways for disadvantaged, disengaged and CALD community members.
- Neighbourhood Houses Victoria for enabling us to deliver vital community programs such as playgroups, men's and women's groups and other low-cost activities.
- Lola Kroger and Le Uyen Tram Vo for years of dedication in bookkeeping and financial management, with warm wishes to Le Uyen on her maternity leave.
- Our Job Network Agency partners, Sarah Crean from Sarina Russo, WISE Employment's Sophia Amos and Arunika Dutta from Workskil Australia, for working closely with us to connect community members with training and employment opportunities, especially to Arunika Dutta, Senior Parent Mentor, for involving our families in the Parent Pathway program.

Student Placements – Skills in Action

One of our great privileges is working alongside a diverse group of student placements who bring their knowledge, energy, and creativity into our programs.

The following individuals gained valuable hands-on experience, while we benefited from their expertise and passion for community work.

“I HAVE BEEN DOING MY STUDENT PLACEMENT HERE AT PRAHRAN PLACE FOR THE PAST 4 MONTHS. THE EXPERIENCE HAS MEANT A LOT TO ME AS I HAVE GOTTEN TO KNOW WHAT PROGRAMS ARE BEING OFFERED HERE AND I’VE BEEN REALLY IMPRESSED AT HOW CONNECTED THE COMMUNITY IS HERE.”

A portrait of Trupti Ghandi, a woman with dark hair, wearing a beige zip-up sweater, against a green background.

Trupti Ghandi

- Cecilia Chen, providing vital business support to our finance officer.
- Rebecca Evans, offering HR support and advice.
- Trupti Gandhi, contributing allied health and fitness expertise.
- Amy McKay who brought her Master of Art Therapy perspective to our inclusive and online art classes.
- Tara Nangia, supported our Women’s Circle and student referral processes through counselling and psychotherapy skills.
- Gabrielle O’Sullivan assisted us with social and health programs while studying a Bachelor of Health.
- Sonja Traynor applied her studies in psychology to help develop our social prescribing programs.
- Thanisha Wijeyaratne aided administration, social media, and social/welfare groups while undertaking her Master of Social Work.
- While completing his Social Work degree, Chris Peng supported Prahran Place with administration, marketing, and social activities.
- Sandra Quelle Davilla, aided administration and welfare activities, plus developed our student distress flowchart during her counselling and psychotherapy placement.
- Troy Hetherington stepped into the leadership of the men’s group during staff absence as part of his counselling and psychotherapy placement.
- Derek Boyd supported office administration, social media, and promotional materials while placed through WISE Employment.

Each of these students have made a significant contribution to our programs, bringing fresh ideas and a commitment to community wellbeing.

Volunteers — The Heart of Our Community

Prahran Place could not achieve what it does without the commitment and generosity of our volunteers.

We thank each of them for sharing their time, skills, and warmth:

- Dave Butler – Men's Group Coordinator
- Warren Pohl – Communications and Newsletter
- Jeff Richardson – Food Relief
- Madeleine Stirling – Crochet Connection
- Sara Kelly – Office Support
- Sarah Crooke – Art and IT Support
- Meo Zhang – Office Support
- Pemika Petchratanaporn – Social Media
- Deanne McLean – Knitting Groups
- Miyoung Choi – Social Media
- Brett de Hoedt – Communications and Social Media
- Daniela Nieto – Women's Circle
- Claire Linatoc – English Language Program
- Mark Benn – Social Media
- Carol Saffer – for editing this publication

Special thanks to Ellen McNeice and Judith Parker for their dedication and work to the Women's Circle.

"PRAHRAN PLACE HAS A SENSE OF COMMUNITY, IT'S A PLACE I CAN COME TO AND LEARN EVEN THOUGH I AM VOLUNTEERING TO HELP RUN THE CLASSES, I STILL LEARN A LOT. I REALLY LIKE SPENDING TIME WITH THE OTHER VOLUNTEERS AND ALL THE HARD WORKING PEOPLE THAT MAKE THIS PLACE SPECIAL."



Sarah Crooke

Professional & Community Partnerships

Prahran Place's progress is supported not only by individuals but also by professional partners who share their expertise.

We extend our appreciation to Harwood Andrews' Jemimah Fitzgerald and Paul Gray for their pro bono support in our charity exemption process, and CIE Legal's Jennifer Espie and Ines Balint for their assistance in improving our employment contracts.

Work Logic, particularly Storm Carnie, provided invaluable human resources and leadership advice to our team.

Prahran Place's Board

Strong governance is the foundation of everything we do.

Our Board provides strategic direction, ensures financial accountability, and upholds our mission to deliver programs that respond to the needs of Prahran and the broader Stonnington community.

We extend heartfelt thanks to our retiring members, Brett de Hoedt and Kylie Ward, for their service and contributions. Brett continues to lend his expertise, assisting with our social media and communication strategies.

Our current Board brings a mix of professional skills, community insight, and energy.

- Chairperson Giovanni Ambrosini's leadership has been instrumental in guiding our vision.
- Treasurer Lynn Crawford 's diligence during the financial audit and her efforts in helping us achieve Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status are invaluable.
- Board Secretary, Holly Lindsay is providing careful governance oversight.
- Board Directors, Molly Noone, Robyn Trevaskis, and Deborah Fewster, each contribute unique perspectives and expertise within our decision-making.

Organisational Leadership

Following an extensive recruitment process, I am honoured to be appointed the incoming Principal Executive Officer after the resignation of Shima Ibuki, who served in the role for two years.

Shima's work built a strong foundation that has enabled our continued growth. I also extend my thanks to Greg Ferrington, for providing steady leadership as Interim PEO during the transition.

Our day-to-day operations are further strengthened with Irene Ly, now in her fourth year with us, stepping into the role of Program Manager.

Layla Fernandes continues to provide vital office and client support, ensuring the day-to-day smooth running of our services.

This year, we welcomed several new staff members:

- Simon Gray, supports our Home and Community Care clients, manages the Commonwealth Home Support Program, and contributes to marketing and new community program development.
- Warren Pohl contributes to our communications, newsletters, and front desk operations.
- Jack Rickards provides part-time front desk support.
- Cecilia White Sage handles the full-time front desk administration role previously held by Irene.
- Jason Xin joined our team as bookkeeper and accounts officer.

This year reminded us of the power of local leadership, genuine relationships, and small moments of connection. Whether it's someone finding the courage to re-enter education, a young person discovering their creative voice, or an isolated resident joining a lunch group for the first time, these are the outcomes that matter most.

Thank you to everyone who walked through our doors, supported our programs, or gave time to make someone feel welcome. Together, we are living our mission to create, learn, and connect, and we are just getting started.



The Future

As we look to the year ahead, we do so with optimism and clarity.

We will continue to focus on strengthening place-based programs that respond to complex community need.

Deepen our support for young people, parents, and people facing social and economic disadvantage.

Build staff capacity and succession planning to support long-term sustainability.

Enhance our use of data and storytelling to demonstrate impact.

Grow our digital offerings without losing the warmth and trust of face-to-face learning.

Most importantly we remain committed to the principle that everyone deserves access to learning, connection, and opportunity, no matter their background or circumstance.

More Than Just **Community Programs**

At Prahran Place, we do more than run programs—we nurture community connections and opportunities for all. By listening to local needs and embracing inclusivity, we deliver meaningful, sustainable support that strengthens our community now and into the future.



Enrolling in art and craft activities can be a rewarding experience, fostering creativity and self-expression.

**ART WASHES AWAY
FROM THE SOUL THE
DUST OF EVERYDAY LIFE**

We Listen.

We are an open door to everyone in our community. We listen to what matters most to our community and respond by providing relevant services and supports.



Engaging with others is crucial in combating loneliness, as it fosters a sense of belonging, support, and purpose. Social connection helps individuals feel accepted and valued, while also providing a safety net of support during challenging times.

**ART IS NOT WHAT YOU SEE, BUT
WHAT YOU MAKE OTHERS SEE.**

Online Classes

Our online classes are all about engaging first, then learning. Prahran Place offers a range of online learning programs for students being homeschooled or disengaged from schools and other support mechanisms.



Engaging with one another is vital for individual growth and collective success.

English

Learning conversational English significantly boosts confidence and promotes community involvement by enabling effective communication and fostering a sense of belonging. It facilitates greater participation in social settings, strengthens community involvement.

'Connect & Crochet' at Pran Central

'Connect & Crochet' is a monthly activity held in the Pran Central food court on the first Wednesday of each month. This event is completely free, with no bookings required. Everyone is welcome to attend - whether they are complete beginners or are experienced crocheters. Positioned within Pran Central, a convenient and high foot-traffic hub that is easily accessible and in the food court, which has no walls or partitions, has removed barriers to participation and encouraged community members of all ages and cultural backgrounds to join in.

We Connect.

We are a place to come. A place to meet others, to learn with others, to help and be helped by others.

**TECHNOLOGY
IS AT ITS
BEST WHEN
IT CONNECTS
PEOPLE.**

Connection is an exchange of our humanity.



Knitting and Crochet Groups

Our knitting and crochet groups bring people together to share skills, swap ideas, and enjoy a relaxed, creative space. All levels are welcome—whether you're picking up needles or a hook for the first time, or you've been making things for years. Participants are welcome to work on their own projects, join in group activities, or simply come for the company. Many of the items created are generously donated to local charities and community causes. These groups are free and open to all members of the community.



Creative Arts

Our Creative Arts sessions offer a relaxed space to explore watercolours, dry clay, printmaking, and acrylic painting. Participants work at their own pace, whether to build skills or simply enjoy time with others. Finished pieces are sometimes shared in community displays, celebrating the diverse talents and achievements within the group.



Digital & Computer Classes

Our computers and digital classes teach people how to solve problems using technology. However, some would argue it creates more problems. Technology can be a powerful tool for inclusion and combatting loneliness.

Engaging with people who are being ignored can be a powerful act of empathy and inclusion

We Share.

We share our expertise, experience and opportunities and that of the others through a diverse range of classes, services and community programs.



Playgroups

Playgroups help new parents develop new friendships and share experiences while children develop social skills and explore the world through play.

Tatyana Rugema: Our Sewing Teacher



After a career in the textile industry working for various clothing labels, our fabulous tutor Tatyana now shares her experience teaching sewing and garment making. Tatyana helps students make beautiful things to use and wear.

Apart from learning a skill the sewing class offers an inclusive, fun space where you can make new friends, learn something valuable and make beautiful items to take and use at home. It's where people come, towards or at the end of their week, to decompress and sometimes stress a bit over what they're working on, and have a complete change of environment and tackle a different kind of challenge.



Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.

INCLUSIVE CLASSES ARE ABOUT TEACHING PEOPLE HOW THEY WANT TO LEARN. REDUCING LONELINESS AND PROMOTING TEAM WORK THROUGH ACTIVITY.

Supporting Social Prescription

Social prescribing is a person-centred, holistic approach that connects individuals to non-medical community-based services and supports. It helps people address social determinants of health such as loneliness, isolation, and access to community resources.

Social Prescription enables health professionals to refer patients to non-clinical services that offer creative activities and a space for social connection which can enhance wellbeing, reduce isolation, and build resilience.

Creativity takes courage.

We Support.

We work with people across our community for more equitable outcomes, providing extra opportunities or supports for those in most need of help. We work to support each other in delivering our classes, activities, and events.



PEOPLE NEED PEOPLE. IT'S SO IMPORTANT TO FEEL SUPPORTED BY ANOTHER PERSON OR GROUP.

Walking Groups – Fast and Slow

Our walking groups remain a simple and welcoming way for people to stay active, meet others, and enjoy the outdoors. There is the faster-paced group for those looking for a brisk walk, and a slower-paced group for those who prefer a gentler pace. People can join at any time, bring a friend, or drop in when it suits. Walks often finish with a relaxed coffee together, giving participants the chance to catch up and build friendships. These groups are free and open to all members of the community, and align with the City of Stonnington's commitment to supporting active, healthy lifestyles.



Voices of Prahran Place

The true impact of our work is reflected in the experiences of our community. Their stories highlight the connections made, the challenges overcome, and the personal growth achieved.



I love seeing my students go from feeling unsure about technology to confidently using their smartphones and apps in their everyday lives. In our Digital Essentials – Smart Devices class, we start with the basics and build skills step by step, all in a relaxed and supportive environment. It's so rewarding to watch students discover new ways to stay connected with family, access information online, and navigate useful apps. Every week, I see their confidence grow – and that's the best part of teaching this class."

Tutor Rosi Pugliese, Digital Essentials (Devices)



"I JUST WANT TO BE ABLE TO WORK ON THE REGISTER AT THE OP-SHOP WHERE I VOLUNTEER. A COURSE LIKE THIS WILL GET ME THERE. THIS IS MY FIRST CLASS AND I'VE ALREADY LEARNT SO MUCH."

Student Patricia Kerr, Digital Essentials (Devices)





My favourite time in class is when students are workshopping their creative pieces and discussions about narration and form are pinging around. In these moments, I forget that I am even teaching at all."

Tutor Murray Middleton, Creative Writing



Murray Middleton is an author and educator who has taught creative writing at Prahran Place for the past two years. Murray has published three books, the most recent of which was a collection of short stories titled *U Want It Darker*, exploring artists in various states of despair. Tutoring at Prahran Place helps Murray keep his own artistic despair at arm's-length by fostering the talents of the students around him. He is a gentle educator, who favours constructive feedback and an inclusive learning environment, always with a healthy sprinkling of humour.



Student Adam Thrussell, Creative Writing

"THE CLASS IS GREAT BECAUSE IT'S GOT PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS. THEY ALL HAVE INTERESTING STORIES AND THEY HAVE DIFFERENT THINGS THEY WANT TO EXPRESS. MURRAY THE TUTOR IS GOOD BECAUSE HE I THINK HE HAS A LOT OF EXPERIENCE IN WRITING, DIRECTS US WELL INTO OUR CREATIVE JOURNEYS."



Prahran Place has become such an important part of my life. I've been coming here regularly for seven years as part of my recovery from a difficult time with PTSD. The courses in expression and healing, especially the writing class, have helped me find the words to express myself. I don't want to be a writer — for me, writing is a healing tool, a form of therapy, a way to express and to heal. At the core of it all is doing something creative. We all love Murray, our tutor. I find him to be very sensitive, knowledgeable, professional, and above all, a safe and supportive presence — a truly lovely human being."

Student Ryta Kuncinas, Creative Writing



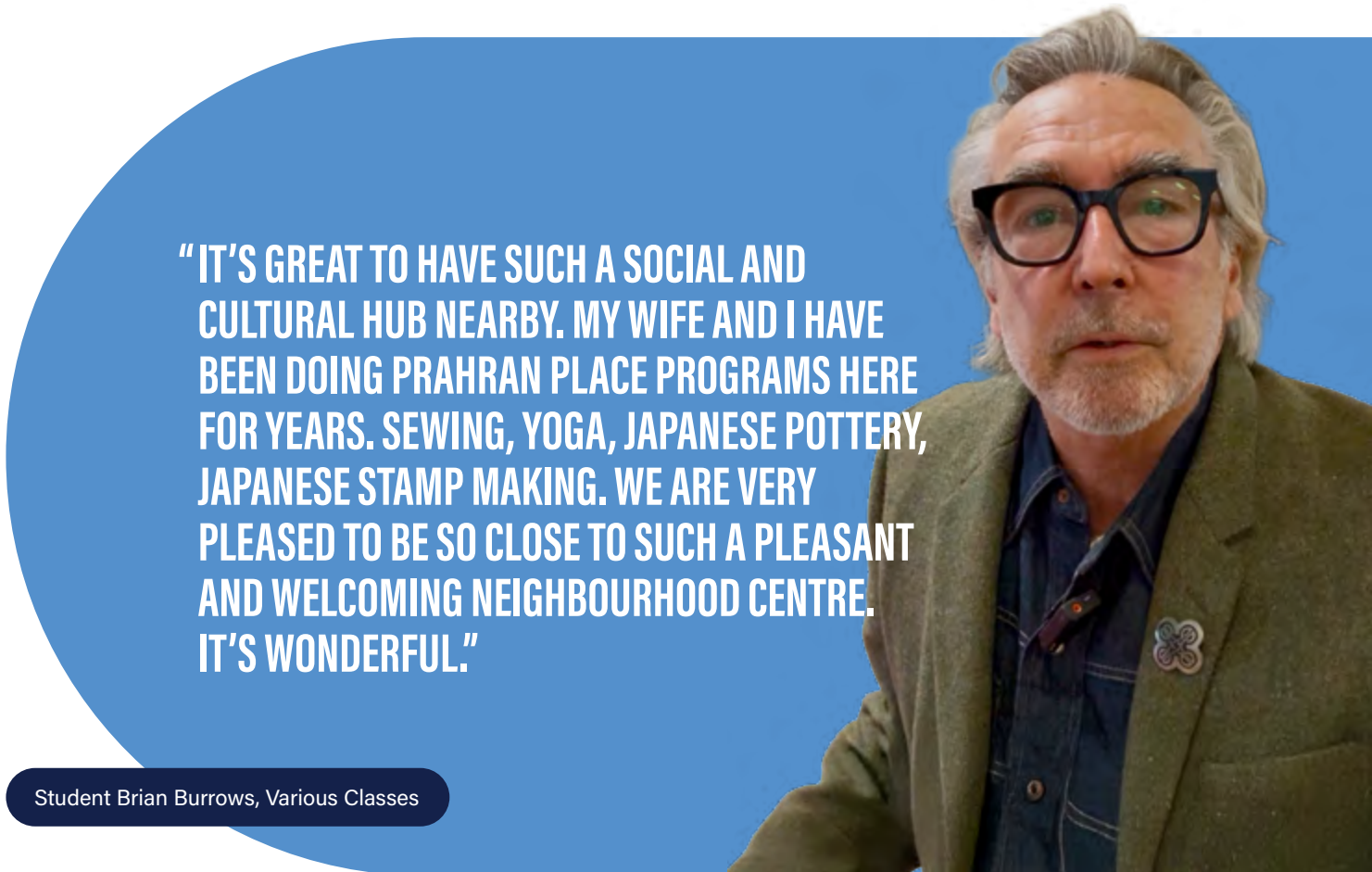


Student Matthew Haymes,
Sewing, Watercolours & Crocheting



Prahran Place has enabled me to explore my creative side. Connecting with people from the community that I wouldn't always connect – some of the older members of the community who are welcoming, comforting and helpful with a lot of the activities.

In sewing, I have done a lot of repairing which has been really fulfilling because rather than throwing stuff out, I can fix up my clothing.



"IT'S GREAT TO HAVE SUCH A SOCIAL AND CULTURAL HUB NEARBY. MY WIFE AND I HAVE BEEN DOING PRAHRAN PLACE PROGRAMS HERE FOR YEARS. SEWING, YOGA, JAPANESE POTTERY, JAPANESE STAMP MAKING. WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO BE SO CLOSE TO SUCH A PLEASANT AND WELCOMING NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE. IT'S WONDERFUL."

Student Brian Burrows, Various Classes

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report

It is my pleasure to present the Treasurer's Report for Prahran Place for the 2024–25 financial year.

The financial results for 30 June 2025 compared against the period ending 30 June 2024 are presented at page 26 and summarised below. The Board of Directors and independent auditor conclude that the financial report gives a true and fair view.

Income and Expenditure Statement

	Page	FY 2025	FY 2024
Total Income	30	\$652,819	\$669,919
Total Expenditure	31	\$537,229	\$880,837
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	31	\$115,590	(\$210,918)

Prahran Place has maintained a stable financial position throughout the year. Total income for the period was \$652.8k derived primarily from grant funding. Expenditure for the year was \$537.2k, resulting in a surplus of \$115.6k.

- Core funding from Government Departments accounted for 69% of income.
- Operating income represented 19%, highlighting strong community engagement.

Funds were directed towards:

- Administration – 13%
- Staff wages, on-costs and overheads – 86%
- Courses + Programs – 1%

This reflects that the core of Prahran Places initiative is delivering education and community engagement through people.

The overall outcome reflects careful financial management in the face of rising costs, as well as the ongoing commitment of staff and volunteers to deliver programs efficiently and sustainably.

Statement of Financial Position

	Page	FY 2025	FY 2024
Total Assets	32	\$1,563,202	\$1,453,150
Total Liabilities	32	\$75,708	\$81,246
Equity	32	\$1,487,494	\$1,371,904

Prahran Place continues to operate with sound internal controls and oversight by the Finance, Audit and Risk Management committee. We have maintained adequate cash reserves of \$1.4m, ensuring resilience and the capacity to respond to future opportunities or challenges.

I would like to thank the Board, staff and our community for their ongoing support.

Lynn Crawford
Treasurer

Financial Statements

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SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

PRAHRAN PLACE LTD
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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Board members present the special purpose financial report on the entity for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.

Board of Directors

The names of board of directors throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Giovanni Ambrosini	Chairperson	Joined board 12/04/2023/ Elected Chairperson 24/09/2024
Tara Blanchy	Chairperson	Resigned 24/09/2024
Lynn Crawford	Treasurer	Joined Board 11/09/2024
Holly Lindsay	Secretary	Joined Board 28/01/2025
Kylie Ward	Secretary	Resigned 13/02/2025
Deborah Fewster	Director	Joined Board 11/09/2024
Robin Trevaskis	Director	Joined Board 22/10/2024
Molly Noone	Director	Joined Board 06/09/2023
Brett de Hoedt	Director	Resigned 29/04/2025
Catherine Elliot Jones	Director	Resigned 11/09/2024

Principal Activities

The association provides education, support and recreational opportunities to its diverse community.

Significant Changes

No significant changes in the nature of the entity's activity occurred during the financial period.

Operating Results

The surplus for the financial period attributable to the entity amounted to \$115,590 (2024: \$210,918 - deficit).

After Balance Date Events

No matter has evolved since 30 June 2025 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

- (a) the entity's operations in future financial years, or
- (b) the results of those operations in future financial years, or
- (c) the entity's state of affairs in future financial years.

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

Chairperson



Giovanni Ambrosini

Treasurer



Lynn Crawford

Dated this 29th day of August 2025

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	2025 \$	2024 \$
INCOME		
Grant Funding Income	452,413	482,282
ACFE	123,550	163,454
CHSP	68,490	55,000
HACC	79,251	77,318
NHCP	160,534	155,022
OCC	6,456	75,545
Other Funding	-	7,394
Recoupment of Funding	14,132	(51,451)
Operating Income	122,176	161,101
Non-Operating Income	30,350	9,248
Other income	30,350	9,248
Interest received	47,880	17,288
TOTAL INCOME	652,819	669,919
EXPENDITURE		
Administration expenses		
Accounting, audit and bookkeeping fees	12,157	4,765
Advertising and publicity	3,018	10,862
Bad debts	1,398	3,732
Bank charges	2,851	2,196
Catering and function expenses	3,411	4,474
Computer repairs and maintenance	721	12,225
Conferences and seminars	1,411	176
Consulting and legal fees in relation to fraudulent activities	2,367	27,314
Depreciation	6,381	6,746
Donations	-	500
Expendable office equipment	2,108	773
Interest Paid	2,101	-
GGCC operation expenses	445	741
Memberships	1,895	2,171
Printing, postage and stationary	5,636	5,846
Repairs and maintenance	-	97
Strategic planning	-	13,024
Software subscriptions	14,162	17,344
Telephone and internet	2,254	11,970
Travel expenses	210	675
Utilities	4,272	5,981
Other administration expenses	2,881	849
	69,679	132,461
Course and Project Expenses		
Art	892	-
Other	3,593	9,007
	4,485	9,007

The Income and Expenditure Statement is to be read in conjunction with the audit report
and the notes to the financial statements.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	2025 \$	2024 \$
<u>Staff Salaries, Wages and On-costs</u>		
Salaries and wages	387,255	627,490
Superannuation contributions	40,508	61,854
Annual leave & long service leave	4,692	2,227
Governance	-	1,000
Motor vehicle allowance	-	61
Other employment expenses	609	2,293
Portable long service benefits scheme levy	6,964	8,575
Recruitment expenses	14,098	21,188
Professional development	86	3,264
WorkCover premiums	8,853	11,417
	463,065	739,369
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	537,229	880,837
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE PERIOD	115,590	(210,918)

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	2025 \$	2024 \$
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE PERIOD	115,590	(210,918)
Other Comprehensive Income for the Period	-	-
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ASSOCIATION	115,590	(210,918)

The Income and Expenditure Statement is to be read in conjunction with the audit report
and the notes to the financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at bank	333,372	1,409,557
Cash on term deposits	1,154,939	-
Accounts receivable	18,039	15,724
Provision for doubtful debt	(5,130)	(3,732)
GST refundable	(19,504)	(9,892)
Prepayments	9,559	5,833
Accrued income	38,328	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	1,529,603	1,417,490
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Office equipment	20,197	22,265
Furniture and fittings	13,402	13,395
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	33,599	35,660
TOTAL ASSETS	1,563,202	1,453,150
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and sundry creditors	12,180	12,922
Grants received in advance	33,863	40,613
PAYG withholding tax payable	5,507	8,499
Superannuation payable	3,608	3,354
Provision for annual leave	18,813	14,280
Provision for long service leave	1,737	1,578
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	75,708	81,246
TOTAL LIABILITIES	75,708	81,246
NET ASSETS	1,487,494	1,371,904
EQUITY		
Accumulated funds	1,487,494	1,371,904
	1,487,494	1,371,904

The Statement of Financial Position is to be read in conjunction with the audit report
and the notes to the financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Accumulated Funds \$	Total \$
Opening Balance as at 1 July 2023	1,582,822	1,582,822
Surplus/ (Deficit) attributable to the Association	(210,918)	(210,918)
Balance as at 30 June 2024	<u>1,371,904</u>	<u>1,371,904</u>
Surplus/ (Deficit) attributable to the Association	115,590	115,590
Balance as at 30 June 2025	<u><u>1,487,494</u></u>	<u><u>1,487,494</u></u>

The Statement of Changes in Equity is to be read in conjunction with the audit report
and the notes to the financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from grant funding		445,663	522,895
Other receipts		121,495	200,584
Payments to suppliers and employees		(531,964)	(936,843)
Interest received		47,880	17,288
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	(i)	<u>83,074</u>	<u>(196,076)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(4,320)	(5,157)
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		<u>(4,320)</u>	<u>(5,157)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		78,754	(201,233)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		1,409,557	1,610,790
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	(ii)	<u><u>1,488,311</u></u>	<u><u>1,409,557</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Note (i) Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities		
Net surplus for the year	115,590	(210,918)
Non-cash flow items:		
Amortisation and depreciation	6,381	6,746
Doubtful debt	1,398	3,733
(Increase)/decrease in accounts receivables	(2,315)	11,328
(Increase)/decrease in other receivables	(28,716)	18,907
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments	(3,726)	5,364
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	(3,480)	(73,046)
Increase/ (Decrease) in grants received in advance	(6,750)	40,613
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	4,692	1,197
	<u>83,074</u>	<u>(196,076)</u>
Note (ii) Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year		
Cash at bank	333,372	1,409,557
Cash on hand	-	-
	<u><u>1,488,311</u></u>	<u><u>1,409,557</u></u>

The Statement of Cash Flows is to be read in conjunction with the audit report
and the notes to the financial statements.

Note 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report includes the financial statements and notes of Prahran Place Ltd, a company limited by guarantee, which is incorporated in Australia under the Corporations Act 2001.

Basis of preparation

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. The Board has determined that the Company is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the company in the preparation of the special purpose financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

Accounting Policies

a. Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Plant and Equipment

Plant and Equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets' employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets are depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the Board commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

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

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

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the income statement.

b. Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

c. Revenue

Grants are recognised at fair value where there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and all grant conditions will be met. Grants relating to expense items are recognised as income over the periods necessary to match the grant to the costs they are compensating.

Grants received for specific programs are recognised as income only to the extent of work completed on those projects when the terms of the grants stipulate that any unexpended funds are to be returned to the sponsor if the program is not completed. In those circumstances the funds attributable to work still to be completed are carried forward as grants income deferred.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

Note 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

c. Revenue (continued)

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised at the point of delivery as this corresponds to the transfer of significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods and the cessation of all involvement in those goods.

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

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

d. Income Tax

By virtue of its aims as set out in the constitution, the Company qualifies as an organisation specifically exempt from income tax under the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

e. Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of expense. Receivables and payables in the Balance Sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

f. Employment Entitlements

Provision is made for the Company's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amount expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Contributions are made by the Company to employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.

g. Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Company has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

h. Related Party Transactions

The Board of Directors act in an honorary capacity and are not paid for their services as Directors.

There were no transactions with related parties during the 2025 year.

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STATEMENT BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

In the opinion of the Board of Directors the financial report as set out on pages 2 to 8, are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and:

- 1 Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the Prahran Place Ltd as at 30 June 2025 and its performance for the financial period ended on that date.
- 2 At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Prahran Place Ltd will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors and is signed for and on behalf of the Board in accordance with subs 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2022* by:

Chairperson



Giovanni Ambrosini

Treasurer



Lynn Crawford

Dated this 29th

day of August 2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

Audit Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial report of Prahran Place Ltd (the Company), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2025, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the statement by the members of the Board.

In my opinion, the financial report of the Company is in accordance with the Australian Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the Corporations Act 2001, including:

- i. giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its performance for the year ended; and
- ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards as per Note 1 and the Australian Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the Corporations Act 2001.

Basis for Audit Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. I am independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

I draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Prahran Place Ltd to meet the requirements of the Australian Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the Corporations Act 2001. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the applicable legislation and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 registered entity's internal control.

Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the responsible entities.

Conclude on the appropriateness of the responsible entities use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the registered entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the registered entity to cease to continue as a going concern.

Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal controls that I identify during my audit.

Name of Auditor: Frederik R. L. Eksteen

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Date: 29th August 2025

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