



Farnham Street Neighbourhood Learning Centre 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Learn! Participate! Engage!



ABOUT FARNHAM STREET

Farnham Street Neighbourhood Learning Centre (FSNLC) has been providing adult community education and social support programs to the local community for 40 years, including Language, Literacy & Numeracy, Computer & Digital Skills Training, Mindworks Art Program, Life Skills Cooking, Mental Health Support Group, Community Garden, Older Women's Social Group, Community Choir and Gentle Exercise for Older Adults.

Farnham Street runs programs in partnership with Avondale Heights, Niddrie, Flemington and Moonee Ponds Libraries, as well as hosting the Helping Hand Refugee Youth Mentoring Program and an Elderly Chinese Group in North Melbourne. Farnham Street is also a model of environmental sustainability with a Community Garden, Compost Bins, Water Tanks, a Fruit Forest and Solar Panels.

Vision

FSNLC's vision is of a connected and empowered community in which people have the opportunity to live fulfilling lives through learning, participation, and engagement.

Mission

FSNLC's mission is to provide the local community with opportunities to:

- Learn – through quality, affordable, needs-based education and training.
- Participate – through active involvement in FSNLC-managed initiatives and activities.
- Engage – through information sharing, referrals, and networking support.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIRPERSON	Emma King (CEO of VCOSS)
VICE CHAIRPERSON	Frank Dinoto (Electoral Officer for Danny Pearson, State MP for Essendon)
TREASURER	Wayne Berry
SECRETARY	Denize Hooton
MEMBERS	Kate Mohay
	Noel Newell
	Margaret Healy
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	Katrina Hodgson (Moonee Valley Councillor)

STAFF AT FARNHAM ST

MANAGER	Cathy Connop
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EDUCATION MANAGER	Joanna Kenny
COMPLIANCE MANAGER	Dianne Phillips
IT COORDINATOR	Manrico Moro
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	Robbie Cottrill
ADMINISTRATION OFFICER	Nofa Nizam
TEACHERS	Chiemi Jardine
	Claudia Gonzalez
	David Reckenberg
	Dennis Adami
	Donald Wake
	Joanne Kenny
	Kathy Bocquet
	Mark Trezise

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

It's amazing to think back just a few years to when we celebrated the 40th year Anniversary of Farnham Street in person. This fabulous event represented all that is wonderful about Farnham Street – a community where everyone is welcomed, there is a true sense of belonging and of course the opportunity to celebrate together.

Whilst we have had limited opportunities to meet in person, Farnham Street continues to represent the very glue of our community. Cathy, the staff and the volunteers at Farnham Street have again worked tirelessly in ever changing circumstances to provide as many services as possible and to stay connected with community members who would ordinarily attend the Centre in person.

We know that this is more important than ever. The pandemic continues to place significant strain on all in our community and despite the many challenges, the team at Farnham Street continues to work towards holding our community together through some of the most difficult conditions we have experienced. It has felt a bit like running a series of marathons and we're not quite sure where the final finish line is.

Along the way though there have been some fantastic achievements to celebrate. Becoming a Carer Friendly House, receiving

many grants and new funding to support to the work of Farnham Street and a very special congratulations to Mariam Ibrahim who was selected as a finalist for a Learn Local Award in the Pre-Accredited Learner Category.

Whilst many events had to be cancelled, it was very special to take the chance to get together and celebrate where that was possible. This included celebrations for Neighbourhood House Week, Volunteer Week and the Eid Morning tea to celebrate the end of Ramadan.

I would like to thank and acknowledge all of the people, institutions and organisations who collaborate and cooperate with Farnham Street. The ongoing support from our local members of parliament, Danny Pearson and Bill Shorten is outstanding as is the support provided by Moonee Valley City Council. The funding support that has come from Government, including Local Government, charitable organisations and those in the community that have supported the work that Farnham Street undertakes has been vital to the critical programs that Farnham Street continue to run.

A huge thank you to the volunteers at Farnham Street who have remained committed to working with all in our

community. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, volunteering has never been more important to keep people connected and the volunteers are truly part of the DNA of Farnham Street. As always, we'd like to acknowledge the Flem Ken newspaper which is such a wonderful support.

Farnham Street is so fortunate to have the exceptional leadership of Cathy Connop. Cathy's wisdom and experience continue to hold Farnham Street in excellent stead which has been more important than ever as the pandemic has continued. The leadership and commitment that Cathy continues to demonstrate is just exceptional. Cathy leads a fantastic team and I would like to acknowledge all of the staff at Farnham Street who have continued to stay connected to the community and work to ensure that all programs and services were delivered in ever changing and challenging circumstances.

It is my pleasure to acknowledge the commitment from my fellow Committee members, Frank Dinoto, Wayne Berry, Kate Mohay, Denize Hooton, Margaret Healy, Noel Newell and our Moonee Valley representatives, Rose Iser and Katrina Hodgson. A sincere thanks to you all.

It is a true privilege to be a part of the Farnham Street community.



EMMA KING

CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT

Once again we had a difficult and uncertain year, with COVID ensuring there were many restrictions and lockdowns, some being called at a moment's notice. There was an enormous amount of pivoting and flexing to online classes and sending out of education workbooks, however, the experience of 2020 put us in a better position to cope with the constant changes. There was much time spent on the installation of QR codes and sign-in sheets, COVID roadmaps and Vaccination information sessions. More recently, many staff members have been helping participants to align their Vaccination Certificates with their MyGov accounts.

Term One commenced with a reduced Education program, due to the decision not to run Accredited Training this year. Our Pre-accredited classes were very well-attended but again interrupted by COVID, leading to the closure of Farnham Street and the Moonee Valley Libraries (see Education Report).

We started working in partnership with Assembled Threads, a Social Enterprise based in Moonee Ponds. Assembled Threads provides opportunities for local CALD women to work as seamstresses. We provide volunteers to support the women in the

development of their English Language and Literacy skills as well as applying for and auspicing funding on their behalf. They were successful in receiving a Grant from the Melbourne Airport Community Fund, among others, to expand their Manufacturing Hub in the North West of Melbourne.

Term Two started well with the Launch of our Communities Environment Project on Sunday April 18th by our local Federal MP, Bill Shorten. This was a Commonwealth Government funded Project and we had lots of assistance from Bill's office. The event was very successful with many people attending the workshops. Many thanks go to the Coordinator, Pat Long, who did such an amazing job in managing all aspects of the Project.

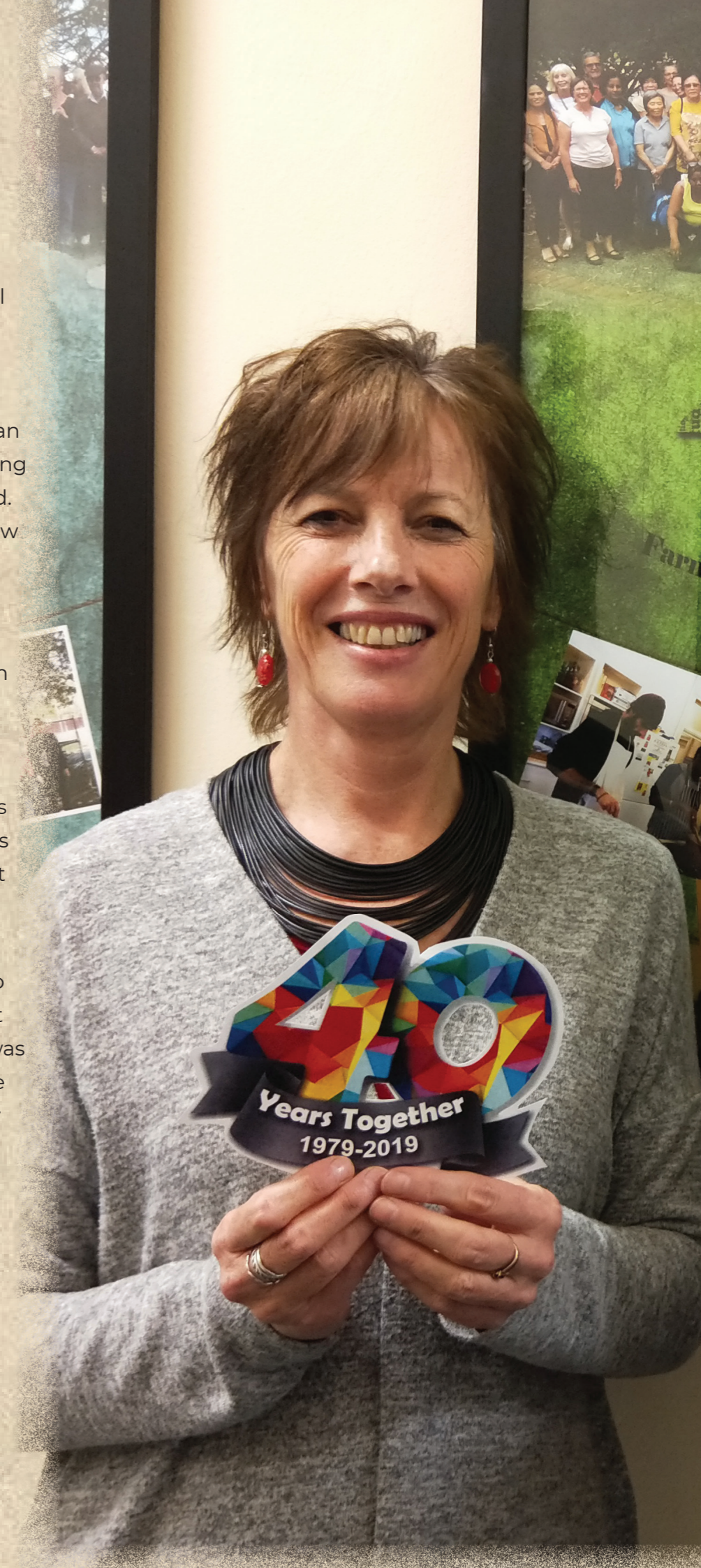
We celebrated Neighbourhood House Week, Volunteer Week and the end of Ramadan by holding an Eid Morning Tea on Friday 7th May. Once again our wonderful State MP and Assistant Treasurer, Minister for Creative Industries and Acting Police Minister, Danny Pearson, was the Special Guest. He spoke of the significant contribution Neighbourhood Houses and Volunteers make to their local communities. Nofa Nizam, our Administrative Officer, spoke about the importance of Ramadan to the Muslim

community.

Also on May 7th we had a farewell afternoon tea for our fabulous Choir Leader and Mindworks Coordinator, Ruth Kennedy, who was here for seven years. Ruth is an exceptionally talented and inspiring person who will be greatly missed. We wish her all the best in her new job in Coffs Harbour.

Many activities were either postponed or cancelled when we went into lockdown again in Term Two (see CD Report). However, we were able to run the Power Savings Bonus Workshop which gave our Concession Card holders \$250 towards their power bills this winter. It was a State Government Initiative and many people attended the session.

Again in Term Three we went into another lockdown, which has just recently been lifted. The Centre was closed for all classes as well as the regular hirers and weekend party groups. All students and Centre participants were contacted on a regular basis as per our Social Contact plan. Some came to the park next door every day at 2pm for the Coffee Club. We were very



fortunate to have Bill, Chloe and Clementine Shorten met up with the group and listen to their experiences over COVID.

In Term Four we became an official Carer Friendly House, through a course run by Neighbourhood Houses Victoria. There are many carers and Carers Groups involved at Farnham Street, and they support they offer to the people they care for is extraordinary. We will be providing more services next year through our Carers Support Grant.

The Mental Health Support Group, the Boomerang Network, kept in contact with all their members during the lockdowns and recently started back with drop in sessions, weekly dinners and weekend outings. Due to the tireless work of their President, Shane Evans, and Secretary, Nancy Chau, the group continues to flourish and makes a huge difference to people with a lived experience of mental illness. The Group received a Health Conditions Grant and a Bi-annual Grant from Moonee Valley council.

I continued my involvement with the Flemington Consultative Committee, a group set up by Danny Pearson MP to advise on key areas of the Flemington Public Housing Estate Redevelopment. The Project is well underway and will make an enormous difference to the Estate residents, and the Flemington community in general.

We were successful in receiving a Victorian Government Business Support Grant due to the lockdown, which helped enormously with the Centre finances. Our book-keeper, Adriana Nelli and Frank Dinoto from Danny Pearson's office were instrumental in obtaining the Grant.

Currently we provide auspices for seven regular groups: The Chinese Elderly Group, The Helping Hand Refugee Youth Mentoring Project, the Boomerang Network, Assembled Threads, the Vietnamese Line Dancing Group, the Elderly Eritrean Women's Group and the Eritrean Young Mother's Group. When the Moonee Valley Council's Community Grants Program is open there can be more requests from smaller groups who need auspicings, as they are not incorporated and don't have their own Insurance.

We were again supported by our **recurrent funding bodies:**

- Adult, Community and Further Education, for our Preaccredited programs
- Department of Families, Fairness and Housing, for the Centre Coordination
- City of Moonee Valley, which owns and maintains our beautiful venue at 28 Farnham Street. This funding also enables us to run programs at Farnham Street

as well as at the Moonee Valley Libraries (Flemington, Moonee Ponds, Niddrie and Avondale Heights).

We are very appreciative of the partnerships we have with these organisations. Special thanks to the staff in the Libraries would who are so welcoming to our clients.

We were successful in many funding applications:

Active Neighbourhoods for Older Adults
Supporting Stronger Communities Round 2
Melbourne Airport Community Fund
Melbourne CC Community Meals Subsidy
Communities Environment Grant (through the office of Bill Shorten)
R. E. Ross Trust
Readings Literacy Grant
Carers Support Grant
Flemington/Kensington Rotary Club
Good Things Foundation

As always, I feel incredibly lucky to have such a wonderful Committee of Management and would especially like to thank Emma King, Frank Dinoto, Denize Hooton, Wayne Berry, Kate Mohay, Margaret Healy, and our new members this year, Noel Newell, Rose Iser and Katrina Hodgson. Their support has been invaluable.

I would like to thank the amazing staff at Farnham Street; the Education Managers, Jo Kenny and Di Phillips, who have worked tirelessly to ensure that our Preaccredited Training is second to none. To increase our Student Contact Hours over COVID has been an extraordinary achievement and it is due to their hard work and effort.

I would also like to thank the Finance Officer, Adriana Nelli, IT Coordinator, Manrico Moro, Office Manager, Nofa Nizam, the Chinese Centre Worker, Jacqui Tegawa, and the teachers, Dennis Adami, David Recekenberg, Claudia Gonzalez-Diaz, Mark Tresize, Chiemi Jardine, Guler Altanbas, Kathy Bocquet and Donald Wake; who in spite of all the changes and chaos with the lockdowns, went over and above to ensure that all programs and services were delivered with the highest level of quality.

I would especially like to acknowledge and thank our Community Development Coordinator, Robbie Cottrill, who is retiring after 30 years. She is such an integral part of Farnham Street, and has done such an incredible job, that it's hard to imagine she won't be here. We will miss her so much.

CATHY CONNOP

EDUCATION REPORT

Despite 2021 being another COVID-dominated year, Farnham Street Neighbourhood Learning Centre (FSNLC) has gallantly continued to run pre-accredited courses (funded through Adult, Community and Further Education (ACFE), and we thank them for their continued support.

This year, we delivered levels 1-4 English Language, Literacy and Numeracy courses, four Literacy for Further Learning/Cooking classes, nine Computer classes, four English Conversation classes, two Fluency in Reading/Reading Matters classes, a Mindworks Art class, a Mindworks/Boomerang Network session and a Children's Book Publishing course. We also delivered Pathways and Volunteer Pathways programs.

This year we ran two new Skills for Work and Study pilot programs – in Aged Care and Community Services. These courses are specifically aimed at students who need to improve their literacy and numeracy skills before embarking on further or Accredited training in these areas. While the programs are an excellent concept, recruiting students proved extremely difficult. Nonetheless, through much targeted marketing and dogged recruitment we managed to fulfil

our targets and successfully deliver both courses (the Community Services course will finish at the end of the year). Farnham Street was one of only a few Learn Locals to be able to fulfil their commitment to this program in 2021 and we are proud of this achievement.

To cap off what has been a very successful year in many ways for Farnham Street, one of our students, whom we nominated for the Victorian Learn Local Awards – Mariam Yacoub Ibrahim – has been named as a finalist in the Victorian Learn Local pre-accredited Learner (Skills for Work) Category. Her nomination was acknowledged during a visit to Farnham Street by Parliamentary Secretary for Training and Skills, Cesar Melhem, in November. The winner will be announced at a Gala Awards ceremony on 10 December.

PRE-ACCREDITED COURSES

In 2021, Farnham Street ceased to offer Accredited courses. This was a decision taken to better meet the needs of our cohort and, almost a year on, the observable benefits have been huge.

The flexibility afforded by Pre-Accredited programs means that our students can more easily combine work and/or caring

for family with their studies. The programs themselves are much better contextualised to the needs and interests of the students, without the burden of onerous continual assessments.

All teachers have reported that they much prefer teaching these Pre-Accredited programs and that they are working better for their students (i.e. are more 'fit-for-purpose') than Accredited classes.

Once again, with Victoria in and out of COVID lockdowns throughout the year, the Centre was able to pivot from face-to-face to online learning, and back again, fairly seamlessly.

We are very pleased with the way we managed to retain most of our students in what has been another extremely challenging year.

PRE-ACCREDITED TRAINING HOURS FSNLC CONTRACTED TO DELIVER IN 2021 - 32600 HOURS

Unit Code	Unit Sup Hours	No of Enrolments	Nom Hours Enrolled
EMPCOMDM	50	23	1150
LNGLLN3S1	120	32	3840
DIGCOMB	50	47	2350
DIGCOMBBAH	50	15	750
DIGCOMWKAH	50	14	700
LNGLLN1S1	120	6	720
LNGLLN2S1	120	5	600
21SFWSAGED	100	10	1000
LNCONNL	100	7	700
LNREAD	100	13	1150
EMPLITFL	120	7	420
LNLITFLCK	120	26	3120
LNGLLN3S2	120	13	1440
DIGCOMBBFL	50	4	200
LNCONAHL	100	7	700
LNGLLN2S2	120	6	60
LNCONFL	100	10	1000
LNGLLN4S2	120	14	1680
LNCONF5	100	9	900
LNCONSML	100	10	1000
21SFWSCOMM	140	12	1680
EMPATHWY	20	20	400
LNGLLN1S2	120	2	240
EMPMINDWK	120	37	4260
VPATHVOL	80	26	2080
TOTALS		375	32740

ADAPTATION TO TEACHING AND LEARNING DURING COVID LOCK-DOWN IN 2021

In anticipation of the possibility of further lockdowns in 2021, student workbooks were collated and ready to distribute when the lockdowns began. Again, FSNLC staff members were magnificent in rising to the challenge of assisting in the preparation and delivery – often by hand – of these resources.

As with last year, classes continued using a blend of suitable delivery formats. This blend included teachers connecting with each student across their regular timetables using, in conjunction with their workbooks WhatsApp, FaceTime, Phone calls and Zoom.

Our wonderful volunteers again provided much-needed extra support and one-on-one focus (albeit remotely) and their valuable role in the organisation was highlighted anew. Special thanks must be extended to our Volunteer Coordinator, Robbie Cottrill who, retiring at the end of this year, leaves behind her a thriving and vital volunteer/mentor network that she has nurtured over the years.

Anecdotal feedback has been largely positive but understandably tempered by a second year of wearisome interruptions to learning. Again, people's experiences

of blended learning varied dramatically depending on their personal circumstances, including access to internet, data, devices, home schooling obligations, etc.

One particular – and crucially important – achievement has been the role FSNLC has served in educating, assuring and encouraging people during the COVID 19 vaccination rollout. From many of students initially showing real resistance to vaccination, we are proud to say that we have around 98% of our student population now fully vaccinated.

In her role providing 'Form Help' and other essential administrative assistance to our community, Nofa Nizam has helped numerous students to download their digital vaccination certificate and link up with the Services Victoria App.

FARNHAM STREET CLASSES IN 2021

Again, our Cooking students were the most affected by the challenges associated with the COVID lockdown. Our dedicated teachers, Kathy Bocquet and Donald Wake, continued to call those students who wanted to be contacted to maintain a regular connection. In the window between lockdowns the groups connected within social distancing restrictions and managed to complete some of their teaching and learning activities.

As restrictions ease toward the end of 2021, they've once again been returning to meet in COVID safe formats, including meeting in the local parks. The Mindworks Art class again pivoted beautifully under the guidance of teacher, Guler Altunbas, convening on Zoom and continuing their creative endeavours.

Great demand for computer classes during COVID saw our Computer teachers, Chiemi Jardine and Manrico Moro busier than ever and flexing to adapt lessons to meet changing needs of students.

The English Conversation and Reading Matters classes resumed again on Zoom and provided routine and stimulation during the long months of lockdowns.

STAFFING

Di and I would like to thank our Centre Manager, Cathy Connop, whose incredible devotion, warmth and generosity of spirit informs everything we do here. Huge thanks also to our dedicated and versatile teaching team who have again excelled themselves in their dedication; ensuring all our learners

have been supported in various ways this year-

LLN and Conversation class teachers:

Dennis Adami, Claudia Gonzalez, Joanna Kenny, David Reckenberg, Mark Trezise.

Cooking teachers: Kathy Bocquet and Donald Wake.

Reading Matters: Joanna Kenny

Art: Guler Altunbas

Computer skills, Form Help: Chiemi Jardine, Manrico Moro, Nofa Nizam

Volunteers Coordinator: Robbie Cottrill

NETWORKS

FSNLC has continued its successful partnerships with:

- Moonee Valley Libraries
- ThinkWest (Education Managers)
- Inner North Cluster (Education and Compliance Coordinators)
- Learn Local Quality Partnership (Education and Compliance Coordinators).
- North West Melbourne Learn Locals (Education Coordinators)

JOANNA KENNY
Education Manager – Teaching
DIANNE PHILLIPS
Education Manager – Compliance

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Once again, due to Covid-19 restrictions, this year has been a mish mash for our community development programs. We started the year well, but had mini lockdowns, and then the latest big one.

VOLUNTEERING

During most of the first semester our wonderful volunteers helped out in classes and mentored our students. A few weeks into third term, we went into lockdown and the volunteers continued to provide support through phone conversations, Zoom, or whatever platform was comfortable for them, and there were some meetings in the park next door. Volunteers were not needed to help in classes as they were held online. Students were again sent workbooks, and volunteers guided them through their homework.

There is always a turnover of volunteers, many finding work, or deciding to volunteer elsewhere, but currently we have 21 on our books and hopefully they will return next year. There are many people in our community wanting to volunteer so once an advertisement is put up on the Seek Volunteer website, we get many responses.

Volunteers in the community garden were allowed to work on and off during the year, and are have just started to come back.

We highly value the efforts that our volunteers make with our students and FSNLC in general. Without their generosity and energy our work would be much harder.

HELP WITH FORMS

Our partnership continued with the Flemington Library in running Help with Forms, with appointments being made in the Library, but from August onwards, there was some help available by phone or Zoom, and occasionally in the park. People come for help often with very complex issues, and it can take more than one session to help them.

EXCURSIONS

We had an extremely enjoyable trip to Torquay to celebrate Cultural Diversity Week in March. Many of the staff and students had a great day at the beach. We were due to go to the Zoo in June, but this was cancelled due to a mini lockdown.

FARNHAM STREET CHOIR

Ruth Kennedy and the Choir met via Zoom in Term One this year, but unfortunately she relocated to northern NSW. She was a great asset to Farnham Street and we were very sorry to lose her. John Howard took over and the Choir did meet briefly until we had another lockdown. The Choir won't recommence until next and, as John is moving on, there will be a new Choir leader, Anne Vercoe.

OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN

Despite everything the garden is looking wonderful. It was open to everyone before August, but has been shut since then. The gardening group usually meets every Friday and have recommenced recently.

CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

We had morning teas for International Women's Day in March, Anzac Day in April, Neighbourhood House Week, Volunteer Wee and Eid in May and Men's Health Week in June. Many thanks go to Kathy Bouquet and Donald Wake who do a wonderful job with their students to cook food for these events.

The Refugee Week activities took place in the last week of Term Two, run by teachers in their individual classes and included Mah Jong, Water Colour painting and other games. The Jewellery Making, Self Defense and Gentle Exercise classes, the Community BBQ and trip to the Zoo were cancelled, hopefully to be rescheduled at a later date.

Adult Learner's Week was celebrated in September with an online presentation which showcased the progress of our wonderful students.

OTHER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- The Tuesday night Social Group (for older women living alone), run in conjunction with Kensington Neighbourhood House, had one outing this year. With all the lockdowns it was too hard to organise. It will recommence next year.
- The Gentle Exercise for Older Adults class ran for parts of the year and recently started up again.
- The Farnham Street Book Group also ran for parts of the year but will not resume until next year.

ROBBIE COTTRILL

THE CHINESE CENTRE REPORT

I started in my role as Community Development Worker at the Chinese Centre earlier this year and it wasn't long before the many lockdowns started. During these times I offered support to the elderly Chinese residents, most of who live in the North Melbourne High Rise Estate, checking in with them and receiving phone calls from them, making sure that they went out for their regular walks and generally looking after their well-being.

We created a chat group on Wechat where every member would post and greet each other. It was a good way to communicate and to share any information. I posted upcoming programs which kept their morale up so when lockdown was over we had something to look forward to. I was able to consult them to get ideas as to what their interests were and research places for group outings. I supported them by making phone calls to the Ministry of Housing to get general maintenance items fixed and

translated letters they received which they could not read.

Most members do not own a Smartphone and were unable to download the Covid certificates. I assisted them to access their certificates through their family doctor or get a print out from Medicare, and made sure they complied before lockdown ended.

When we weren't in lockdown I organised a number of outings and information sessions including; an outing to Bendigo to take advantage of free travel for Seniors, Chinese Buffet Lunches, an upcoming day trip to the Dandenongs, an information session with Lucy Li, a COVID nurse, the Moving for Life program at the Ascot Vale Leisure Centre, designed to strengthen and increase flexibility for older adults, and a "Money talks for Better Ageing" financial counselling session.

I am really enjoying the position and hoping for a relatively COVID free 2022.

JACQUI TEGAWA



THE HELPING HAND PROJECT

MENTORING PROGRAM

The Project employs a Program Coordinator, Gabrielle Orosz, for 48 hours per month. The Project is also supported by Conrad Aikin, Senior Practitioner Counsellor and Advocate who provides regular guidance and professional training and advice to the volunteer mentors at monthly meetings. He also provides support on a needs basis and via half day trainings sessions on the Refugee Asylum Seeker Experience.

MENTEE REFERRALS

The Project Coordinator is actively engaged in youth settlement program with the Centre for Multicultural Youth, and also holds a role as Project Officer for the Envision program. She regularly presents to network meetings in youth settlement and the multicultural service sector, along with schools with large cohorts of refugee families to promote the program and generate referrals throughout City of Moonee Valley, Maribyrnong, Brimbank and

Wyndham. Outreach has been conducted to approximately 14 service providers in community services, settlement services, multicultural youth services and education and TAFE providers over the past 12 months.

VOLUNTEER MENTORS

The Project Coordinator also promotes the program to prospective new volunteer mentors. During 2021, volunteer Information / Induction sessions have been conducted online, resulting in the matching of 11 new partnerships to date for 2021

After a challenging year, mentors have resumed meeting face to face focusing on support for mentees goals and aspirations including English language, education pathways, drivers' licence, enrolling in further studies, homework, social and recreational connections and navigating life in Australia.

Program - 26 active mentor / mentee partnerships are currently in progress.

Program – geographical spread. The program is currently operating in City of Moonee Valley, City of Melbourne, Brimbank and Maribyrnong and Wyndham.

Participants - The program supports young people of refugee background between the ages 15-25.

Currently the youth are from the following countries: Afghanistan, Myanmar, Ethiopia, Eritrea, South Sudan, Nigeria, Saudi, Tibet, and Thailand.

Funding - The Program Coordinator has worked in partnership with Cathy Connop to prepare Grant Applications.

2021 highlights:

- 12 Young people matched to a Mentor (all matched online)
- 1 Skill Building Workshops Online modules (12 participants)
- 10 Volunteer Mentors trained (2 Online Training inductions)

Many thanks to the Flemington Kensington Rotary Club for their generous donation to the program.

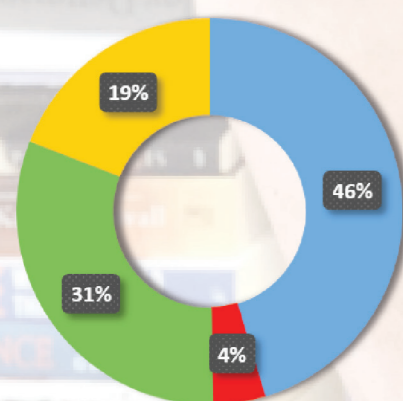
GABRIELLE OROSZ

FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For The Year Ended 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Income		
Program And Operational Funding - Government	604,302	720,699
Project And Other Grants	57,800	423,594
Covid Support & Jobkeeper	415,750	170,950
Other Income	254,230	63,596
Total Income	1,332,082	1,378,839
Expenditure		
Employee Remuneration & Benefits	773,125	932,332
Utilities & Office Costs	55,978	93,871
Auspice Funds Transfers And Expenses	228,898	40,315
Other Expenses	46,377	270,788
Total Expenditure	1,104,377	1,337,306
Net Result For The Period	227,705	41,534
Total Comprehensive Income (Expense) For The Period	227,705	41,534



Income

Expenditure

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For The Year Ended 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash And Cash Equivalents	791,612	587,466
Receivables	772	0
Prepayments & Other Current Assets	0	38,140
Total Current Assets	792,384	625,606
Non-Current Assets		
Property, Plant And Equipment	18,640	12,409
Total Non-Current Assets	18,640	12,409
Total Assets	811,024	638,016
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Payables	32,402	62,699
Provisions	64,747	72,717
Income Received In Advance	5,000	35,000
Total Current Liabilities	102,149	170,416
Non-Current Liabilities		
Provisions	22,737	9,166
Total Non-Current Liabilities	22,737	9,166
Total Liabilities	124,886	179,582
Net Assets	686,138	458,434
Equity		
Current Year Earnings	227,705	41,534
Retained Earnings	459,984	418,450
Total Equity	687,688	459,984

TREASURER'S REPORT

It has certainly been a challenging year, with the impact of Covid-19 on our Centre's operations, student numbers and finances. We also saw continuing decline in demand for our accredited training courses and a decision to cease operating as a Registered Training Organisation.

Our revenue was much lower than last year in both pre-accredited and accredited funding, but we were able to offset this after a restructure of operations and a reduction in staff and operational costs.

Our Auspice funding included a large grant we sponsored for the Assembled Threads group and paid through to them in June 2021.

We showed significant less revenue for other projects and expenses because The Little Things Project ended in the previous financial year.

Our employee costs are also lower, reflecting the suspension of RTO operations and some staff departures.

Despite the challenges our financial position remains strong, partly due to the COVID-19 financial assistance from the Government.

We have a healthy balance sheet and cash balances which leave us in a good position to manage our future.

This is in no small part due to the great work that continues to be done by Cathy, Adriana and the rest of the team at Farnham Street in managing our finances.

WAYNE BERRY



Farewell & Best Wishes

Robbie Coltrill

Ruth Kennedy



We will miss you!



We pay tribute to the following participants who passed away in 2021, Chris, Ashley, Ronald, Suado and Joan. We will miss them terribly as they were such a big part of the Farnham Street family. May they rest in peace.

OUR FUNDING BODIES

Moonee Valley Council
 Learn Local South Western Region
 Higher Education and Skills Group
 Department of Health and Human Services
 RE Ross Trust
 PARTNERS
 Moonee Valley Library Services
 Network West
 Melbourne City Council
 Flemington Community Centre
 Inner North Cluster partners
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Kensington Neighbourhood House
North Melbourne Language & Learning
Wingate Avenue Community Centre
The Centre
 Cohealth
 Flemington Kensington Legal Service
 Norfolk Terrace
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