

Mulleraterong Centre Inc.
ANNUAL REPORT

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2023-2024



Our Mission

Supporting people with disabilities to live their best life and achieve their personal goals.



Our Vision

To be part of an inclusive community which values and respects everyone.

Our Values

- Empowerment
- Integrity & Respect
- Connection & Inclusion
- Accountability & Transparency





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CEO/Board Message

Embracing change for a stronger future

This past year has been a time of immense change and growth for Mulleraterong. As we celebrate 70 years of service, we also reflect on the challenges we've faced - staff shortages, a shifting NDIS landscape, and the need to evolve. Through it all, our focus has remained steadfast: supporting our Participants and community with care, respect, and integrity. Navigating these changes has required resilience from everyone - staff, Participants, families, and our Board.

We are deeply grateful for the incredible commitment of our team, who have worked tirelessly to ensure the highest standard of service. From preparing for the NDIS recertification audit to launching our Strategic Plan 2024-2027, we are actively building a stronger future for Mulleraterong.

Our Strategic Plan has already set exciting developments in motion, including collaborations with external providers, expanding community engagement, and investing in staff development. We've also strengthened partnerships, such as our ongoing work with the Men's Shed, which continues to enrich the lives of our Participants and foster community connections.

As we look ahead, we are filled with optimism.

Our 70-year legacy has taught us the importance of adapting to change, and we are more determined than ever to embrace the future with strength and purpose.

Navigating these changes has required resilience from everyone - staff, Participants, families, and our Board.

Thank you to our staff, volunteers, Participants, and community for your unwavering support. Together, we will continue to build an inclusive, thriving Centre that supports every individual to achieve their full potential.

With gratitude,

Geetha Yoga
CEO



Rebecca Moreton
Board President

Board of Directors

Rebecca Moreton, **President**
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Organisation at a Glance

Celebrating 70 Years of Community, Inclusion & Growth

In its 70th year, Mulleraterong Centre reflects on the incredible milestones that have shaped its rich history. Since its founding, Mulleraterong has been a cornerstone of the Hamilton community, dedicated to empowering people with disabilities in the south-west to make informed choices about their lives. This milestone offers an opportunity to honour the past and to look toward a bright future for the Centre and its Participants.

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How It All Started

In 1953, a group of dedicated parents formed a committee, and two years later, Mulleraterong Centre was officially established in Hamilton's Methodist Church. Their goal was to create an environment that would support children with disabilities, helping them develop their abilities in a spacious and welcoming space. By 1957, a new facility had been constructed with "careful forethought and attention" to provide a nurturing space for these children.

The name 'Mulleraterong' comes from an Indigenous term for the township of Hamilton, and this community connection remains central to the Centre's identity. Classes began on the current Alexandra Parade site in 1959, where one of the original children, Phonse McGrath, still attends today. For 70 years, Phonse has been a cherished part of the Mulleraterong community. His sister, Trish Sawyer, recalls early memories of a place filled with laughter, warmth, and community spirit. Phonse is well known for his artistic talents, with his artworks displayed across Hamilton and

beyond, and decorate the cover of this report.

A Community Effort

Over the decades, Mulleraterong Centre has thrived through the dedication of the Hamilton community. Fundraising and donations have played a significant role in the Centre's growth.

In 1970, state funding covered staff wages, providing stability, while local organisations such as the Hamilton Apex Club, Rotary, and Lions Clubs have long supported the Centre's mission.

A major achievement came in 1978 when a Rotary-led campaign raised \$44,434 to build a heated swimming pool - a major addition to the Centre's facilities. Community support and government funding also enabled the creation of the French Street Workshop, officially opened in 1998, providing hands-on learning in woodworking and gardening.

The Centre's largest upgrade came in 2011, with a nearly \$2 million redevelopment funded by donations and government support, reinforcing Mulleraterong's significance in the Greater Hamilton community and expanding its range of person-centred programs.

Looking to the Future

As the Centre celebrates its 70th year, the team remains future-focused, guided by the Strategic Plan 2024-2027. This vision includes expanding partnerships, enhancing participant engagement, and providing staff development opportunities. Mulleraterong is dedicated to fostering a vibrant, inclusive community where Participants thrive, supported by compassionate staff, volunteers, and community partners.

The journey, from a small group of parents to a respected community organisation, reflects a legacy of dedication, resilience, and community spirit.



Impact Metrics

A showcase of the diverse ways the Centre has enriched the lives of our Participants and strengthened community connections.





Annie's Story

Annie Rogers has been part of the Mulleraterong community since 1997, and her journey has truly exemplified the spirit of resilience, warmth, and connection that defines our Centre. Now 51, Annie has spent many years engaging in meaningful experiences at Mulleraterong. This year has been challenging for her health, but her spirit continues to light up those around her, both in hospital and within our Mulleraterong family.

When Annie first joined Mulleraterong, she quickly found joy in the variety of programs, supported by a caring team who saw her potential. Over the years, staff ensured that Annie was always included, whether it was listening to her favourite music, joining in art activities, or simply enjoying a stroll up the street. Although Annie has lived with a muscle disorder that has kept her in a wheelchair, she was always encouraged to participate, and it was clear she thrived on the companionship and warmth she found at Mulleraterong.

Music has always held a special place in Annie's heart, especially artists like ABBA, Slim Dusty, and André Rieu. Her face would light up whenever these tunes played, moments staff and friends will always remember. Her joy was infectious, reminding everyone of the power of music and shared moments. Staff members, like Jacqui and Ruby, shared a special connection with Annie, creating a supportive and nurturing environment for her over the years.

Annie's mother, Alison, shared heartfelt reflections on the impact Mulleraterong has had on her daughter and family.

"I always praise Mulleraterong," Alison said. "Annie just loved going, and she was happy. We were happy knowing she was in such a caring place." Alison recalled the excitement

Annie felt each morning, eagerly awaiting the taxi ride to the Centre, ready to embrace another day surrounded by friends and activities that brought her joy.

In recent months, Annie's health has taken a toll. Hospitalised, she's been unable to attend Mulleraterong. During a recent visit by staff and Participants, Annie's face lit up upon seeing familiar faces, holding closely her favourite teddy. "Dear old Monkey, she's keeping him close."

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Annie's journey is a testament to the meaningful impact that inclusive, compassionate support can have. Through Mulleraterong, she has formed lifelong bonds and memories that will always be cherished.

"She loved going off each day, and we knew she was cared for in every possible way," Alison said.

While the future remains uncertain, Annie's legacy at Mulleraterong is one of kindness, resilience, and shared joy. Her story reminds us of the importance of community, and her spirit continues to inspire us all.





Meals on Wheels

Our Meals on Wheels program has become a cherished service, bringing both nourishment and connection to individuals across the Southern Grampians Shire, Casterton, and surrounding areas. This program is not only about delivering food; it's about delivering support, independence, and a warm smile to local residents who may struggle to prepare meals due to age, disability, illness, or a temporary condition.

Each weekday, our dedicated volunteers, alongside Participants, are out in the community, visiting homes and delivering meals. Many of our Participants take on an active role in the deliveries, contributing as much as they are able. Some work independently, while others collaborate closely with team members, creating opportunities for connection, growth, and hands-on experience in a community setting.

The Meals on Wheels program highlights the heart of our Centre's mission: to empower Participants, support our community, and foster a sense of belonging for everyone involved. Each meal delivered is a reminder of the power of community, compassion, and the joy of helping one another.



Charlie Watt Award

This year, our team's dedication and service were recognised with the prestigious Western District Health Service Charlie Watt Award during National Volunteer Month in May.

This award reflects the commitment of our volunteers, Participants, and staff who make this program possible, showcasing the spirit of service that runs through everything we do at Mulleraterong.





Key Events

In 2023-2024, Mulleraterong Centre was proud to facilitate a range of memorable events and community connections that enriched the lives of our Participants and strengthened our ties with the local community. These events created valuable opportunities for Participants to explore new experiences, foster relationships, and celebrate togetherness.

Party with the Ponies

This event was a standout highlight of the year, with Participants getting hands-on time with horses in a fun, engaging setting. The joy and confidence-building from these moments were truly inspiring, creating an unforgettable experience for all involved.

Sheepvention

Held in August, Sheepvention offered a wonderful day out, with 19 Participants enjoying all the event had to offer, from the lively atmosphere to hands-on activities. This annual event strengthens our connection with the agricultural roots of our community, fostering pride and belonging.

St Mary's Christmas Parade

In December, 37 Participants joined the festivities at the St Mary's Christmas Parade, spreading holiday cheer and experiencing the warmth of the community's holiday spirit. This event brought smiles to both Participants and spectators, reinforcing the inclusive community spirit of Hamilton.

Halls Gap Zoo

An April excursion to the Halls Gap Zoo brought 23 Participants together for an exciting wildlife experience. Participants had the chance to see animals up close, learn about different species, and bond with friends over a shared adventure.

RDA (Riding for the Disabled)

Throughout the year, our partnership with Riding for the Disabled (RDA) allowed Participants to engage in therapeutic horseback riding, building confidence, improving coordination, and creating deep, meaningful connections with the animals.

Other Community Highlights

Beyond these key events, Mulleraterong Centre hosted and participated in additional outings that contributed to an enriching year, such as the Australia Day BBQ, a fun day at the Macarthur Pool, and various local dinners, including outings at 'The Cally'. These experiences helped Participants build friendships, gain independence, and enjoy the simple pleasures of community life.





Celebration Days

The past year at Mulleraterong has been filled with colour, laughter, and joy as we celebrated a variety of themed days that brought out the creativity and excitement of our Participants and staff. These special days have become a cherished part of our Centre's culture, providing opportunities for everyone to dress up, have fun, and connect with one another in new ways.

Book Week

From favourite storybook characters to heroes and villains, Participants and staff embraced the world of imagination, creating a fantastic array of costumes inspired by much-loved books.

Footy Colours Day: In true Aussie spirit, everyone donned their team colours to celebrate, showing off a sea of jerseys, scarves, and caps in support of their favourite AFL teams. The day was filled with team pride and fun banter.





Halloween: With spooky costumes, creative face paint, and a range of fun props, Halloween at Mulleraterong was a thrill! Participants transformed into ghosts, witches, and all kinds of ghoulish characters, sharing plenty of laughter and friendly frights.



Loud Shirt Day: This vibrant day encouraged everyone to wear their brightest, most eye-catching shirts. From neon colours to bold patterns, Participants and staff filled the Centre with a wonderful mix of colours, celebrating self-expression and a bit of fun fashion.

Easter: Easter at Mulleraterong brought a sweet celebration of bunny ears, Easter hats, and even a few chocolate treats. The day was a delight, full of warm smiles and festive decorations that brightened up the Centre.

Pyjama Day: One of the most comfortable days of the year, Pyjama Day allowed Participants to come dressed in their cosiest PJs. With slippers and onesies all around, this day brought a relaxed and fun vibe to the Centre.





Tyler McErvale, 2015



Kerrie Hutchins, 2022



Tom Brody, 2015



Jamie Donaldson Williams, 2018



Jake McKeon, 2022



Brooke Taylor, 2024



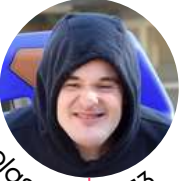
Katrina Collins, 2009



Jarrold McLachlan, 2016



Nicholas Wall, 2013



Jesse Godwin, 2016



Duncan Stanhope, 2021



Patricia Fowler, 2023



Rebekah Walker, 2011



Marie Leeworthy, 2016



Jessica Musson, 2015



Joel Roache, 2019



Roselea Stewart, 2023



Jenna Hillier, 2011



Casey Robinson, 2017



David Hamilton, 2022



Lillian Lugheed, 2024



Matthew Brody, 2015



Jenny Wall, 2021



Kara Hillier, 2011



Shane Jeugan, 2015



Nicholas Kettle, 2018



Hannah Wilson, 2024





Cooking Program

More than just a daily activity, the Cooking Program is a hands-on experience that empowers Participants with essential life skills and fosters a sense of independence. Each day, the program offers unique learning opportunities tailored to meet the diverse needs of our Participants.

Some of our cooking sessions focus on developing independent living skills - from budgeting for groceries and planning nutritious meals to hands-on preparation. Participants learn to shop for ingredients, manage a food budget, and create a wholesome lunchtime meal, gaining valuable skills that support their journey towards greater self-reliance. Other sessions in the Cooking Program centre around meal preparation for family connection. These sessions provide Participants with the skills to shop for ingredients and prepare meals that can be shared with parents, carers, or guardians. This approach allows Participants to bring home the joy of cooking, creating a

meaningful connection between their learning and their family life.

The Cooking Program gives Participants the tools to make informed choices, develop healthy habits, and enjoy the rewards of creating and sharing meals.



Garden Program



The Gardening Program allows Participants to take an active role in maintaining and beautifying our grounds across all three sites.

Each day, Participants engage in hands-on tasks such as mowing, weeding, whipper snipping, hedge clipping, and general upkeep, contributing to the upkeep and pride of our Centre.

This year, we partnered with Bunnings Hamilton to re-landscape and replant our exterior garden, adding vibrant native plants and foliage that bring a splash of colour to our front garden. This collaboration provided Participants with the opportunity to learn about native Australian plants, understand landscape design, and bring fresh life to our grounds.

Through the program, Participants gain valuable skills in landscaping and horticulture, develop a sense of responsibility, and feel pride in transforming our shared spaces.



Art Program



The Art Program is a vibrant space where creativity thrives, offering Participants the opportunity to explore a wide range of artistic techniques and projects. With each staff member bringing unique skills and ideas, the program remains dynamic and diverse, allowing Participants to learn, grow, and express themselves through art. Throughout the year, Participants create handmade decorations that brighten our Centre and celebrate community events.

Whether it's creating Paralympic-themed artwork, Halloween decor, Christmas crafts, or festive pieces for the AFL Grand Final, our Participants' creations fill the Centre with colour, pride, and a sense of occasion. The Art Program not only encourages self-expression and skill-building but also fosters a deep sense of community spirit. Each artwork reflects the creativity, enthusiasm, and joy of our Participants, making our Centre a welcoming and festive place for all.



Sensory Program

The Sensory Program provides Participants with a peaceful environment where they can relax, reset, and engage in activities that promote wellbeing. Typically held in our dedicated sensory room, the program offers a variety of soothing experiences, including massages, foot spas, and calming cream applications.

Participants also enjoy relaxation and meditation-style music, creating a tranquil atmosphere that supports grounding and emotional balance. The sensory room provides a gentle space where Participants can unwind, connect with themselves, and experience a renewed sense of calm and focus.

Through the Sensory Program, Mulleraterong Centre nurtures Participants' mental and physical wellbeing, offering them a sanctuary of calm in their day-to-day activities.





Recycling Program

The Recycling and Tip Run Program is a hands-on initiative that combines environmental stewardship with meaningful community interactions. Each week, Participants begin by collecting papers and envelopes from local businesses, which they sort and prepare for recycling. Participants then shred and bundle these materials, which are later donated as bedding to members of the public with animals - turning waste into a valuable resource for the community.

The program also involves collecting and sorting used stamps from envelopes, providing Participants with the opportunity to engage in detailed, rewarding work that promotes sustainability.

The Tip Run Program is another integral part of our recycling efforts, where Participants gather cardboard and other recyclable materials from local businesses like Groke/2Doors, Lemon

Myrtle, Beattie's Newsagency, and Café Grey. The Participants' weekly visits to these businesses have become a valued part of the community, as they connect with local business owners..

Both the Recycling and Tip Run Programs foster skills in sorting, responsibility, and community service, giving Participants a sense of pride in their contributions to sustainability and their connection to local businesses.



French Street Workshop

The French Street Workshop at Mulleraterong Centre has become a thriving hub where Participants learn valuable woodworking skills while fostering a sense of pride and community connection. The Woodwork Program, led by staff member Michael Borrodell, engages Participants in hands-on projects such as crafting custom garden stakes and planter boxes, available to the public by order. This year, the Garden Stakes initiative expanded significantly, with stakes crafted from recycled hardwood pallets provided by local businesses. Known for their durability and popularity among local gardeners, these stakes are painted and prepared by Participants like Neil and Jesse, who take pride in their roles. The stakes are a testament to the Participants' commitment to quality and sustainability, elevating this project as a local favourite.

Beyond garden stakes, the workshop produces custom planter boxes, with Participants involved in each stage, from measuring and

sanding to assembly and painting. Every task is tailored to match each Participant's abilities, fostering a supportive environment that promotes skill-building and self-esteem. Through custom orders, Participants engage directly with community members, strengthening Mulleraterong's community ties.





Swimming Program

The Swimming Program offers Participants a versatile, engaging experience that supports physical health and social connection. Using the Centre's pool, Participants enjoy everything from lively ball games and pool discos with music and lighting to targeted exercises designed to meet therapeutic goals. The pool is a space for Participants to relax, connect, and engage in activities that promote both joy and wellbeing. Hydrotherapy is a core feature of the program, tailored to each Participant's needs through exercises recommended by

their Occupational Therapist. These water-based therapies are designed to improve mobility, flexibility, and strength, providing a gentle environment for Participants to achieve their movement goals.

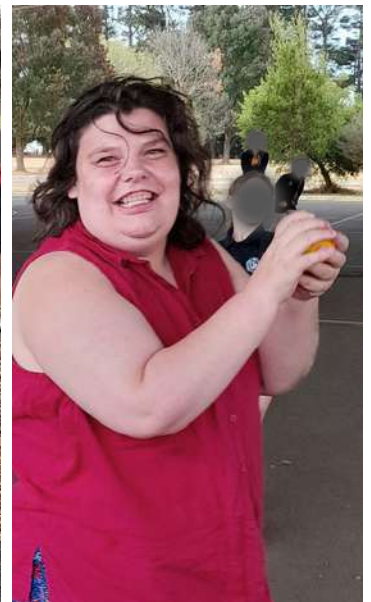
In addition to in-house activities, Participants also enjoy sessions at the Hamilton Indoor Leisure and Aquatic Centre (HILAC), offering a change of environment and access to expanded facilities. These outings enhance the program, introducing variety and community interaction into the Participants' routines.



The new School Visits Program at Mulleraterong Centre has brought Participants and local school students together in a unique and rewarding way. Twice weekly, Mulleraterong Participants visit St Mary's and Alexandra College to foster connections, participate in shared activities, and build friendships with students. These visits allow Participants to engage with the community, creating bonds that enrich both the students' and Participants' lives.

Beyond school visits, the program extends to external activities, with students from St Mary's and Alexandra College joining Mulleraterong Participants in inclusive community outings. One highlight of this program has been the fortnightly lawn bowls sessions at the Grange Bowls Club. These shared activities encourage teamwork, friendly competition, and a sense of camaraderie, providing everyone involved with enjoyable and memorable experiences. The School Visits Program has become a valuable part of Mulleraterong's community

engagement efforts, building meaningful relationships and promoting social inclusion. Through both in-school interactions and collaborative outings, this initiative embodies Mulleraterong's commitment to fostering connections, understanding, and friendship within the wider community.





Financial Overview

MULLERATERONG CENTRE INC.

Statement of Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
Note	\$	\$
Income		
Client Fees	4,961	724
Dividends (including franked dividends) on Listed Investments	25,303	8,920
Donations	3,563	140,847
Interest Received	111,155	50,113
Member Subscriptions	150	95
Pool Fees	3,742	5,309
Profit /(loss on sale of Property, Plant & Equipment)		-
Programs Income	16,230	18,043
NDIS Funding	2,115,557	2,069,838
Sundry Income	1,047	4,277
Wage Reimbursement		-
Total Income	2,281,708	2,298,166
Expenditure		
Advertising	13,760	8,270
Bad Debt	-	175
Centre Requisites	8,997	8,428
Cleaning	45,039	39,660
Depreciation	115,019	117,480
Electricity & Gas	27,071	23,512
Hospitality Requisites	3,582	4,977
Insurance	30,944	27,436
IT	23,158	26,024
Printing & Stationery	8,305	3,693
Professional Fees		
- Accounting and Reporting Fees	35,112	-
- Financial Audit Fees	9,635	6,249
- Legal Fees	1,100	-
- Payroll Processing	12,391	9,541
- Quality Assurance Audit	-	3,835
- Other Consulting Costs	51,278	36,000
Program Expenses	17,855	13,173
Rates	8,227	5,543
Repairs and Maintenance	39,564	28,264
Salaries	1,531,206	1,341,083
Staff Training	27,420	7,733
Subscriptions	24,932	14,819
Sundry Expenses	10,449	1,246
Superannuation	164,898	128,461
Telephone & Internet	11,081	6,455
Transport	35,247	25,783
Workcover	42,163	28,418
Total Expenditure	2,298,433	1,916,258
Net Income before Other Comprehensive Income	(16,725)	381,908
Other Comprehensive Income:		
Change in Market Value of Listed Investments	23,988	(1,172)
Comprehensive (Loss) / Surplus	7,263	380,736

The Accompanying notes form part of this Financial Report



MULLERATERONG CENTRE INC.

**Statement of Financial Position
As at 30 June 2024**

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2	1,538,909	242,743
Investments	2	1,115,443	2,960,953
Financial Assets	4	538,647	488,826
Receivables	3	705,395	94,210
		3,898,394	3,786,732
Non Current Assets			
Property , Plant and Equipment & Motor Vehicles	5	1,570,205	1,646,394
		5,468,599	5,433,126
Total Assets			
		5,468,599	5,433,126
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	6	327,594	92,385
Employee Provisions	7	130,448	305,129
		458,042	397,514
Non Current Liabilities			
Employee Provisions	7	7,208	39,527
		7,208	39,527
Total Non Current Liabilities			
		7,208	39,527
Total Liabilities		465,250	437,041
Net Assets		5,003,349	4,996,085
Members Funds			
Retained Surplus		5,003,349	4,996,085
Total Members Funds		5,003,349	4,996,085

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MULLERATERONG CENTRE INC.

Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

	Notes	Retained Earnings \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2022		4,615,349	4,615,349
Profit (loss) attributable		380,736	380,736
Transfers to and from reserves		-	-
Balance at 30 June 2023		<u>4,996,085</u>	<u>4,996,085</u>
Profit (loss) attributable		7,263	7,263
Transfers to and from reserves		-	-
Balance at 30 June 2024		<u>5,003,348</u>	<u>5,003,348</u>

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MULLERATERONG CENTRE INC.

**Statement of Cashflows
As at 30 June 2024**

	Note	2024	2023
		\$	\$
Cash Flow from Operating Activities			
Receipts from operating activities		1,559,368	2,263,007
Interest received		111,155	50,113
Payments to suppliers		(252,101)	(305,061)
Payments to employees		(1,903,104)	(1,436,180)
Net cash provided by operating activities	7	(484,682)	571,878
Cash Flow from Investing Activities			
Payment for property, plant & equipment		(38,830)	(74,778)
Purchase of Listed Investments		(25,831)	(489,998)
Net cash used in investing activities		(64,661)	(564,776)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		(549,343)	7,102
Cash at the beginning of Financial Year		3,203,695	3,196,593
Cash at the end of Financial Year	2	2,654,352	3,203,695

The Accompanying notes form part of this Financial Report



Financial Overview cont.

MULLERATERONG CENTRE INC.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024

1. Statement of Accounting Policies

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Centres Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and is a Charity registered under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 .

The Committee have prepared the financial statements on the basis that the entity is a non-reporting entity because there are no users dependant on general purpose financial statements. These financial statements are therefore special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in order to meet the requirements of the Centres Incorporation Reform Act 2012. The Centre is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under the Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements (exempt for cash flow information) have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise. The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Committee as per the Committee Statement.

Accounting Policies

a. Income Tax

The Committee believe the Centre is exempt from the payment of tax under Section 50-10 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

b. Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value as indicated less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Property, land and buildings are carried at their fair value and based on the market valuation periodically, obtained from an independent valuer which determines the value.

The carrying amount of property, plant and equipment is considered annually by the Board 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' deployment and subsequent disposal.



MULLERATERONG CENTRE INC.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024 (continued)

1. Statement of Accounting Policies (cont.)

b. Property, Plant and Equipment (cont.)

In the event the carrying amount of plant and equipment is greater than the recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to the estimated recoverable amount. A formal assessment of recoverable amount is made when impairment indicators are present (refer to Note 1(h) for details of impairment consideration).

Plant and equipment that have been contributed at no cost, or for nominal cost, are recognised at the fair value of the asset at the date it is acquired.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation surplus relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

c. Superannuation

The Centre contributes employer superannuation on behalf of permanent employees receiving greater than \$450 per month. The Centre was not legally obligated to contribute greater than 11.0% superannuation guarantee levy (SGC) for the 2023 financial year. Obligation for SGC for the 2025 financial year increased to 11.5%.

d. Employee Benefits Short-term employee provisions

The current portion for this provision includes the total amount accrued for annual leave entitlements and the amounts accrued for long service leave entitlements that have vested due to employees having completed the required period of service. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled. Based on past experience, the Centre does not expect the full amount of annual leave or long service leave balances classified as current liabilities to be settled within the next 12 months. However, these amounts must be classified as current liabilities since the Centre does not have an unconditional right to defer the settlement of these amounts in the event employees wish to use their leave entitlement.



Financial Overview cont.

MULLERATERONG CENTRE INC.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024 (continued)

1. Statement of Accounting Policies (cont.)

Other long-term employee provisions

The non-current portion for this provision includes amounts accrued for long service leave entitlements that have not yet vested in relation to those employees who have not yet completed the required period of service. Other long-term employee benefits are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures, and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on government bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the terms of the obligations. Upon the remeasurement of obligations for other long-term employee benefits, the net change in the obligation is recognised in profit or loss as part of employee provisions expense.

The Centre's obligations for long-term employee benefits are presented as non-current employee provisions in its statement of financial position, except where the company does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period, in which case the obligations are presented as current employee provisions.

e. Revenue

Non-reciprocal grant revenue is recognised in profit or loss when the entity obtains control of the grant and it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the entity and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably.

If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before the entity is eligible to receive the contribution, the recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

When grant revenue is received whereby the entity incurs an obligation to deliver economic value directly back to the contributor or third party, this is considered a reciprocal transaction and the grant revenue is recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until the service has been delivered; otherwise the grant is recognised as income on receipt.

Non-reciprocal contributions of assets from the government and other parties for zero or a nominal value. These assets are recognised at fair value on the date of acquisition in the statement of financial position, with a corresponding amount of income recognised in profit or loss.



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e. Revenue (cont.)

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

Interest revenue is recognised as it accrues using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customer. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

f. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short term highly paid liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts.

g. 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 Tax Office (ATO). Receivables and payables in the Balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position. Cash flows are presented on an exclusive basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cashflows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

h. Impairment of Assets

At each reporting date, the Centre assesses whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. The assessment will consider both external and internal sources of information. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of that asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs of disposal and its value-in-use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is immediately recognised in profit and loss.

Where an impairment loss on a revalued asset is identified, this is debited against the revaluation surplus in respect of the same class of asset to the extent that the impairment loss does not exceed the amount in the revaluation surplus for that same class of asset.

i. Comparative Figures

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.



Financial Overview cont.

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024 (continued)

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
2. Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash at bank and in hand	2,654,352	242,743
	2,654,352	242,743
Reconciliation of Cash:		
Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the cash flow statement is reconciled to items in the balance sheet as follows:		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,538,909	242,743
Short term Bank Deposits	1,115,443	2,960,953
	2,654,352	3,203,696
3. Receivables		
Trade Receivables	660,302	77,407
Sundry Debtors (listed investments)	20,505	4,399
GST Receivable	24,588	12,404
	705,395	94,210
4. Financial Assets		
Listed Investments	538,647	488,826
Listed investments represent Australian Stock Exchange shares and trusts. These investments have been reported at their market value at 30 June, 2023		
5. Property, Plant & Equipment & Vehicles		
Leasehold Improvements	(a) 2,767,407	2,767,407
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(1,355,110)	(1,270,524)
Total Leasehold Improvements	1,412,297	1,496,883
Equipment, Furniture & Fittings at Cost	250,768	211,938
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(142,273)	(126,469)
	108,495	85,469
Motor Vehicles at Cost	310,073	310,073
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(260,660)	(246,031)
	49,413	64,042
Total Property, Plant and Equipment & Motor Vehicles	1(b) 1,570,205	1,646,394



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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024 (continued)

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
5. Property, Plant & Equipment & Vehicles (cont.)		
(a) The leasehold improvements have been built by the Centre on Crown Land, being Crown Allotment 2017, Township of Hamilton, Parish of Hamilton North. Mulleraterong Centre Inc. were appointed to act on behalf of the Department of Environment and Primary Industries as the Committee of Management for the land on 11 June, 2013. The Department of Health and Human Services was appointed the crown land administrator on 6 August 2016. Property is directly owned by the Centre at 90 French Street, Hamilton and 25 Alexandra parade, Hamilton		
6. Trade and Other Payables		
Current:		
Accounts Payable	237,929	53,251
Sundry Payables and Accrued Expenses	89,665	39,134
	327,594	92,385
7. Employee Provisions		
Current		
Employee Benefits - Annual Leave	74,871	96,183
Employee Benefits - Long Service Leave	55,577	208,946
	130,448	305,129
Non - Current		
Employee Benefits - Long Service Leave	7,208	39,527
Total Employee Provisions	137,656	344,656
8. Cash Flow Information	\$	\$
Operations with Surplus from Ordinary Activities		
Net Result for Year	7,263	380,736
Non-cash flows in Profit		
Depreciation	115,019	117,480
Net(gain)/loss on investments	(23,988)	-
Changes in Assets & Liabilities		
(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	(611,185)	14,954
Increase/(Decrease) in Payables	235,209	25,345
Increase/(Decrease) in Provisions	(207,000)	33,364
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	(484,682)	571,878



Financial Overview cont.

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024 (continued)

9. Events after Balance Date

The Board confirm that the Centre is currently going through the process of an NDIS Quality and Standards recertification and are currently working through compliance matters as raised by the Auditor appointed by the NDIS Commission. As part of the Audit it was identified that a significant number of documents had been removed without permission from the Centre. Reporting back to the NDIS Commission is required by January, 2025. Other than this the Board is not aware of any events which have occurred subsequent to balance date which would materially affect the financial statements prepared for the year ended at 30 June, 2024.

10. Related Party Transactions

The Association did not enter into any contracts with related parties.

11. Contingent Liabilities

The Association is not aware of any contingent liabilities at 30 June, 2024, nor have an liens, guarantees or security been provided by the Association to third parties.

12. Incorporation

The organisation received a Certificate of Incorporation from Consumer Affairs dated 20 October, 1983.

13. Income Tax Expense

The Committee believe the Association is exempt from the payment of tax under Section 50-10 Community Service of the Income Tax Assessment Act

14. Australian Charities and Not-For-Profit Commission (ACNC)

The organisation is registered with the ACNC as a charitable organisation.



MULLERATERONG CENTRE INC.

ANNUAL STATEMENTS GIVE TRUE AND FAIR VIEW OF FINANCIAL POSITION AND PERFORMANCE OF INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION

We, being members of the Mulleraterong Centre Inc. Board, certify that -

- (1) The financial statements as set out on pages 1 to 11 present a true and fair view of the financial position of the Mulleraterong Centre Inc. as at 30 June 2024 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.
- (2) Mulleraterong Centre Inc. will be able to meet its debts as and when they fall due.
- (3) The financial statements and notes as set out on pages 1 to 12 satisfy the requirements of the ACNC Act.

This declaration is signed in accordance with subs 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

Rebecca Morton
Signature

REBECCA MORTON
Name

Mike Shanahan
Signature

Mike Shanahan
Name

Dated: 15 November, 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MULLERATERONG CENTRE INCORPORATED

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

We have Audited the financial report of Mulleraterong Centre Incorporated, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June, 2024, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the Committee's declaration.

In our opinion, the financial report of Mulleraterong Centre Incorporated, is in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- a. giving a true and fair view of the Mulleraterong Centre Incorporated's financial position as at 30 June, 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- b. complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our Audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the *Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of Mulleraterong Centre Incorporated, in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's *APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our Audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Mulleraterong Centre Incorporated's financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

We also draw your attention to Note 9 of the to the financial report, which describes the effects of documents being removed from the Centre. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Our Offices:

Warrnambool
Casterton

Colac
Mortlake

Hamilton
Port Fairy

Mount Gambier
Terang

Camperdown
Timboon

Responsibility of the Committee and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

The Committee of Mulleraterong Centre Incorporated, are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act and the needs of the members. The Committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Committee are responsible for assessing Mulleraterong Centre Incorporated's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Committee either intend to liquidate Mulleraterong Centre Incorporated, or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

As part of an Audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the Audit. We 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 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 Mulleraterong Centre Incorporated's internal control
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Committee.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Committee's 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 Mulleraterong Centre Incorporated's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the Audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause Mulleraterong Centre Incorporated, 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.

We 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 control that we identify during our Audit.



**FELICITY MELICAN
PRINCIPAL**

Dated this 15 November, 2024

257 Timor Street
Warrnambool VIC 3280



Strategic Goals

Our Strategic Plan for 2024-2027 outlines a clear vision to strengthen services, foster community connections, and ensure organisational excellence.

GOAL 1: Refresh our high quality, purposeful service model

- Offer Participants more opportunities to achieve their goals
- Deliver service model quality improvements
- Build effective relationships with plan nominees, families, carers & service providers

GOAL 2: Robust, healthy staff & culture

- Staff access to professional development & specialist skills
- Participant & staff engagement in program planning & delivery
- Active engagement with parents & carers

GOAL 4: Effective, Accountable & Transparent Governance & Planning

- Continual improvement of Board Governance
- Finance & Business Planning
- Regularly review & assess our Risk Profile & Risk Management systems
- Invest our assets in line with our purpose

GOAL 3: Enhance Participants' lives via Collaboration & Partnerships

- Increase community activities to support Participants to be active members
- Raise profile & reputation through marketing, branding & updated website
- Create a welcoming Centre façade & Community contribution opportunities (membership, donations & volunteering)
- Engage external providers to support best practice & drive positive change



Donors

2Blues Timber & Plumbing	Custom Ceilings Patricia Daffey	Jennifer Gubbins Gurry Family	Brendan Kelly Val Kelly	National Training Association	Michael Stewart Struck Accounting
Alexandra House Julie Agar	Darriwill Farm Hamilton Gordon & Axi Dickinson	Gwen & Edna Jones Foundation	Geoff & Margaret Kerr Kitset Kitchens	O'Keefe Lawyers Rowly & Judy Paterson	Jennifer Sutherland Maurice & Annette Thomas
Lady Daphne & David Bailey	Dulux Derek & Mary Dyer	Hamilton & Alexandra College	David Koch, MP Angus Law	Kingsley & Evelyn Peach Permewans	Andrew & Roslyn Thornton
Balderstone Pastoral	Emma, Leanne & Keith Dyke	Hamilton Garden Supplies	Lanyons Real Estate Lions Club of Hamilton Inc.	Plastamasta Hamilton Barry & Judy Pollock	Uniting Church Choir "Footprints in the Custard"
Barry Pollock Plasterboard	Elders Insurance Ted Finchett	Hamilton North Primary School	Selma Lowernstern Hugh & Jane Macdonald	Ralph Family Ray & Joyce Uebergang	Walk of Witness Ron & Jenny Wallis
Bay Riders Richard & Sally Beggs	Janet Finlayson Lyn Finlayson	Hamilton Parklands School	Mackkon Homes Sandy & Clare	Foundation Rhook Family	Dr & Mrs A. C. Wark
Richard & Nola Beks	Doug & Anne Fleming Fordham Business	George Handbury AO Barbara Harnden	Maconochie Macquarie Bank	Jason & Kate Ritchie Roberts Family	Gerard & Sabrina Watt
Bendigo Bank Kit Boyd	Advisers Fox Refrigerator	David Hawker Larna Heard	William Mann Richard Mann	Tom & Julie Robertson Rotary Club of Hamilton	Tim & Bindi Whitehead
Burgess Rawson Cafe Gray	Peter & Jenny Franklin Edna Fraser	Helen Mcpherson Smith Trust	Howard & Gabrielle McCorkill	Tom Row Neil Rowe	Jock & Jill Whiting
Cameron & Co Kassandra Carlsson	Kate Fraser George Hotel	Robert E Henderson Homes Pitstop Used Cars	John McIntyre Bec & Hugh McKinnon	Vivienne Rowe Leo & Dorothy Ryan	Richard & Jacqueline Wilson
Anne Cass Teska Carson	George Street Primary School Ian Gibson	Betsy Hunt Tim & Jen Hutton	Rosie Mercer Melville, Orton & Lewis	Ryebuck Media Southern Finance	Julia & Marcus Winter
Susan Clarke Allan, Margaret & Ian Clutterbuck	Goldman Sachs JB Were Cash Trust	Hyslop Family Kerrie Irvine	Monivae College Montclair	Southern Grampians Shire Council	Cooke L.J. Wraith
Laurie Cogger Cogger Gurry	Grampians Investment Services Gray Street Primary School	ISPT James Dean Pharmacy Jigsaw Farms	Nick & Sara Moyle Dr Clare Myers	St Andrew's Presbyterian Church St Mary's Parish	Peter Young
			National Australia Bank Hamilton	St Mary's Primary School	

Volunteers

Volunteers are the lifeblood of Mulleraterong, enhancing our programs. We're especially grateful for Maureen, who has volunteered with us for two years, bringing warmth and skill to various activities. Maureen has built lasting connections with staff and Participants.

"I love the Participants - they're so grateful, and the staff make me feel valued."

In November 2023, we celebrated Maureen's contributions with a small gift of appreciation.

We also honour Frank, a staff member who retired this year after 17 years, and Mark Anthony Kearns, who served on the Board since 2022, both of whom have left a lasting impact on our Centre.

Community support is equally invaluable: Bunnings Hamilton employs participant Jarrod and donates plants and supplies; Slade's Newsagency and Groke provide work for Participants Cam and Tom; 2 Doors Hamilton

contributes to our Tip Run; and Robyn, a local farmer, hosts farm visits that Participants cherish. This year, Emma Brown and Craig Walker donated three garden beds for our Garden Program, which continue to thrive under the care of volunteers. Schools such as Hamilton & Alexandra College and St Mary's Primary School also contribute through our School Visits program, fostering valuable relationships with Participants.

To grow this community of support, we welcome volunteers from all backgrounds. From arts and crafts to gardening, recreation, and more, there are many ways to make a meaningful impact.

Experience is not required - just a passion for community. If you'd like to join us, we'd be glad to speak with you about volunteer opportunities at Mulleraterong.





Acknowledgements

Mulleraterong Centre extends its heartfelt gratitude to the many individuals and organisations whose support enables us to deliver meaningful services and create a welcoming, empowering environment for our Participants. We acknowledge the invaluable contributions of Parents, Carers, Nominees, and Support Coordinators, whose dedication, patience, and guidance enrich our community every day.

We also wish to thank our partner organisations, whose collaboration strengthens our programs and opens new opportunities for our Participants. Together, we continue to build a community of Support, Inclusion, and Growth.

To all who contribute to our mission—whether by your time, expertise, or resources—we thank you.

Your support makes an incredible difference, and we look forward to achieving even more together in the coming year.

The familiarity of the Centre's pool fosters confidence and comfort, allowing Participants to explore their abilities and work toward personal milestones.

In addition to in-house activities, Participants also enjoy sessions at the Hamilton Indoor Leisure and Aquatic Centre (HILAC), offering a change of environment and access to expanded facilities. These outings enhance the program, introducing variety and community interaction into the Participants' routines. Through both Centre-based and external sessions, Mulleraterong's Swimming Program is dedicated to promoting wellbeing, inclusion, and self-confidence in each participant.

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