



Springwood
Neighbourhood
Centre
Co-operative Ltd

Annual Report 2022-2023



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Springwood Neighbourhood Centre Co-operative Ltd (SNCC) acknowledges that we work on the traditional lands of the Darug and Gundungurra peoples and pay respect to the strength, capacity and resilience of past and present Aboriginal people in this region.

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FROM THE CEO

As acting CEO it is an honour to write the introduction to the 2023 Annual Report for Springwood Neighbourhood Centre Cooperative Ltd (SNCC). This financial year we collectively took a deep breath and commenced normal operations after the eventful years of COVID and lockdowns. I am very thankful to the staff and volunteers for their dedication and commitment to providing a quality service to the Blue Mountains community. The positive community feedback is testament to their work and I hope we can continue to provide and expand services in the years to come. I would also like to acknowledge community members for their support of the organisation and the kind treatment of our staff and volunteers. It is always a pleasure to see the smiles and to hear the conversations at the counter, particularly when the Centre is buzzing with activity. As one of the staff have commented "It puts chocolate in your day." During the year a few long term and beloved staff left the organisation which left a void that is still felt. I would like to acknowledge the retirement of the CEO Toni Quigley, who left in December 2022 after almost 20 years at the helm. As a Board member I personally benefited from her insight, knowledge and expertise. I hope I have done justice to the position and Toni's legacy. The future viability of SNCC looks strong and we have some exciting new programs that we hope will add vibrancy to our existing services and enhance community connectedness.

DIANE BURN

Acting Chief Executive Officer

ANNUAL STATISTICS

Key insights from the last year at Springwood Neighbourhood Centre Cooperative.

865+ members of the public accessed Community Food Relief program

700+ attended Blue Fringe Art & Literature Festival

350+ attended Womens Day events

800+ members of the public accessed Bushfire Resilience and Preparedness events and Prep services

1,468 instances of advice or referral given

101 hours of service provided by digital mentors

201 visits to elderly clients in their homes

1,374 hours of service provided by home visitors

200+ members of the public accessed SNCC services a day on average

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FROM THE CHAIR

Change has been a big theme for our Neighbourhood Centre this year, beginning with the retirement of our long-standing CEO of 25 years, Toni Quigley. I was fortunate to watch Toni give a wonderful speech at an International Women's Day function years ago and at the end of it I was determined that was a woman I just had to meet. I introduced myself, joined her Board and to this day continue to be inspired by her consistent and unwavering support for her community and social justice for all. Thank you for all that you have done for us Toni.

And so, SNCC are now moving into new territory. We are growing our Board with talented and diverse community members that can contribute to an impactful strategy. We have been unbelievably fortunate to have Diane Burn temporarily in the CEO role while we re-adjust to our new normal and recruit for a permanent Manager to lead the team. Diane has been keeping us going, from coordinating our funding, growing our relationships to ensuring all our programs continued to be delivered to a high standard. We offer our thanks to Diane and her family for lending us her financial acumen, clear direction and constant welcoming smile. Which brings us to 2024 and what will be our future direction. Our Vision, Mission and Values remain the same, and as we recruit our new Manager and solidify our Board we have 3 Strategic Goals we will be focusing on –

- Visibility
- A Fresh Approach
- Financial Sustainability.

To achieve these goals we continue to need and deeply appreciate the work of our team, our volunteers, our Board and our Members. We invite current and new members to join us on our journey to positively impact our vibrant, caring and inclusive community. Reach out today!

SAMANTHA CRISFORD-EADE
Chairperson



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OUR VISION

We strive for a community that is vibrant, caring and inclusive.

OUR MISSION

SNCC is a community managed organisation, linking people, resources and ideas. SNCC applies the principles of social justice to the wellbeing of the community.

OUR PEOPLE

BOARD

Diane Burn
Ian Hopkins
Tracy Kane-White
Jo Ridley
Andrea Turner-Boys
Christine McLeod
Valerie McCrae

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Diane Burn
Toni Quigley

COMMUNITY & FAMILIES DEVELOPMENT WORKER

Jo Newton

FINANCE OFFICER

Sharon Paton

GROUPS & ACTIVITIES CO-ORDINATOR

Jeanette Hansen

BLUE MOUNTAINS BUSHFIRE RESILIENCE

Jo Fielding
Shari Driver

ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Kellie James

COMMUNITY HOME SUPPORT

Tonje Akerholt

STAFF THAT HAVE LEFT DURING THE YEAR

Amie Andrews
Annalisa Moore
Imelda Eames
Ishbel Colquohoun
Jen Hancock
Katherine Starr
Lesley Lewis
Therese Pearson

TANDERRA Co-ordinator & Permanent Child Care Assistants TANDERRA CO-ORDINATOR

Suzanne Allnutt

PERMANENT CHILD CARE ASSISTANTS

Brodie Santas
(Educational Leader)
Simone Knox
(Assistant Co-ordinator)

CHILD CARE EDUCATORS

Hallam Baker
Jake Newton
Julie Rouhliadeff
Kate Maddocks
Kiaesha Durie-Fox
Llewellyn Lloyd
Noah Tompson-Tolson
Phoebe Knox
Sharon Fairbairn

SNCC VOLUNTEERS

RECEPTION VOLUNTEERS

Anita Forder
Caroline Giniunas
Christine McLeod
Frances Banyard
Glenda Younman
Haidi Miruzzi
Janine Enriquez
Kerrie Roberts
Loretta Fletcher
Lyn Rymer
Monica Pye
Noreen Mason
Paige McManus
Peta Watson
Phil Mullens
Russell Searle
Sandy Facer
Sarah Griffiths
Siska Koolen
Valerie McCrae

DIGITAL MENTORS

Barbara Gow
David Taylor
John O'Carrigan
Laurette Lideros
Sarah Griffiths

GROUP FACILITATORS

Art Social
Sally Gersbach
Therese Corbett

FUNctional Fitness

Gillian Powell

Shine Choir

Phillip Menzies

Social Cards & Games

Chris Hughes
Jenny Hughes

Springwood Acoustic Club

Stuart Hale

Tai Chi Qigong Instructor

Anna Fisher

TALKING GAZETTE

Alastair Fyfe *
Anne Palmer
Dianne Thorpe *
Geraldine Cook
Jacqueline Schimeld
Jan Parry
Joe Elkus
Lydia Irving
Mick McGillion

Noleen Udall *

Ros McKinnon

Sheila Fyfe *

TANDERRA

Lisa Varjavandi

Tanderra Yard Maintenance

Deb McDowell
Tim Quinn-Smyth

TAX HELP

Bill Knagge

CHSP VOLUNTEERS

Ann Finlayson
Chelsea Bentley
David Rees
Diane Burn
Glenis Stoffberg
Haidi Miruzzi
Jen Hancock
Jim Holdaway
Karen McDonald
Lisa Varjavandi
Lyn Rymer
Lynn Davy
Maree Olkowicz
May-Brit Akerholt
Megan Gee
Noreen Mason
Phil Mullens
Robin Green
Robyn Lewis
Siska Koolen
Sophie Jakobs
Sue Noske

*volunteer since 2003

A YEAR IN REVIEW



WEEKLY BREAD DONATIONS

Bread days at the centre bring in the crowds!



VOLUNTEER WEEK

SNCC thanked our volunteers during Volunteer Week in May. Pictured are Phil Mullens and David Rees.



BLUE FRINGE

Blue Fringe aims to reduce the stigma of mental health and celebrate the creativity of people with a lived experience.



HARMONY DAY AND THE MAJORS & MINORS

Seniors from the intergenerational program, *Majors and Minors*, were invited to celebrate Harmony Day at Springwood and District Preschool.



MANNERS PARK CHRISTMAS TREE

Children from four local primary schools attended the annual Manners Park Christmas decorations event which has been occurring for over 40 years. NSW Fire and Rescue provided expertise to help reach the taller branches.



TANDERRA OOSH

Tanderra continues to connect the community with vital services, with 190 children enrolled.

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENTS

SNCC joined Council and Blue Mts Womens Health Resource Centre to host a live streaming of IWD presentations at the Sydney Opera House. We also hosted the Young Womens Forum involving four local high schools.



RECOVERY & RESILIENCE HUB WEBSITE LAUNCH

The Bushfire Resilience and Preparedness team held their official website launch which was attended by Susan Templeman MP, Uncle Colin Locke, and Shayne Mallard.



SOCIAL SUPPORT

Our social support volunteers and clients have fun going shopping and getting out into the community. The Commonwealth Home Support Program brings people together and creates a sense of self-worth and belonging for everyone involved.



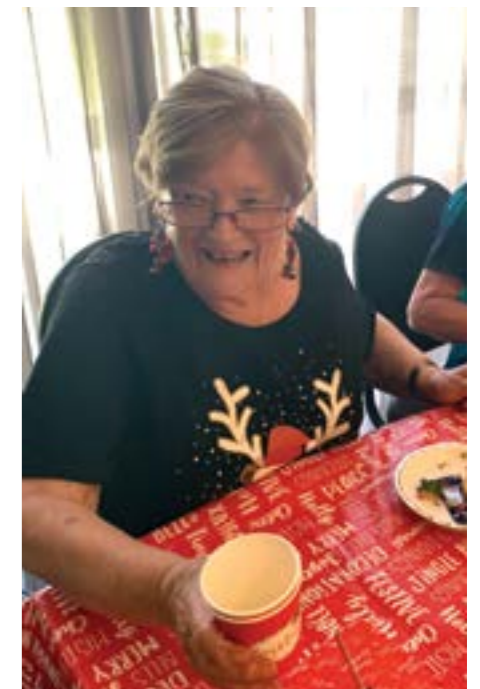
EXERCISE & ACTIVITIES

SNCC fitness and social groups continue to be popular, with all groups enjoying high rates of participation.



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Every Christmas period Springwood Neighbourhood Centre make up specialty food hampers to give out to the community. The demand for this service in 2023 had increased by more than double to prior years.



VOLUNTEER XMAS PARTY

Each year we take the opportunity to thank all our volunteers with an end of year party. Noreen Mason (pictured) is one of SNCC's longest serving volunteers.



Manners Park Christmas Tree decorating

CHILDREN, FAMILIES & COMMUNITY

Children, Families & Communities programs facilitated by Jo Newton and Tonje Akerholt.

Neighbourhood Centre Week

Neighbourhood Centre week gave SNCC the opportunity to engage with the community by hosting a stall in the Springwood Town Square. Staff promoted the services, groups, activities, and events offered by SNCC and built positive connections with community members. This was facilitated with the help of custom made chocolates and cookies. Neighbourhood Centre week was an opportunity for the community to let us know what they loved about Springwood Neighbourhood Centre. Cards were written on and stuck to a fabric house display throughout the week.

Volunteer Week

Springwood Neighbourhood Centre would not be the vibrant and welcoming place it is without the incredible efforts of our team of volunteers. Our volunteers contribute in many ways including working on reception, as digital mentors, social support visitors and helping with many of our events and activities. SNCC celebrated our volunteer team at an afternoon tea held during National Volunteer Week in May. This was just one small way of showing our appreciation for all that they do for us.

Blue Fringe Art & Literature Festival

After two years of hosting a virtual gallery, the Blue Fringe art exhibition was back in the physical space of Wentworth Falls TAFE building. Blue Fringe aims to reduce the stigma of mental health and celebrate the creativity of people with a lived experience by offering a safe and inclusive space which promotes a sense of belonging. SNCC worked in collaboration with Belong BM, the Blue Mountains Women's Health and Resource Centre and a small committee of volunteers to raise money and organise the event. There were a total of 115 art entries for the categories of painting, photography, sculpture and textiles. Literature received 37 entries, made up of poetry and short stories.

Emergency Food Support

There was a marked increase in the demand for food support this year, with some community members reporting this being the first time they had sought food relief. We are able to continue this service thanks to the generous donations of the community

via the IGA's collection bins. Additionally, Wentworth Bakehouse, Schwartz Bakery and a grant from Bendigo Bank are vital for the continuation of this service.

DARE Morning Tea

A group from DARE Disability continued to visit the Centre fortnightly and enjoy a morning tea of fresh scones, jam and cream. This creates an opportunity for engagement between DARE participants and other visitors to the drop-in lounge.

Mental Health First Aid

SNCC, in collaboration with Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre and Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre delivered nine mental health first aid workshops, covering suicide prevention, the older person, youth and standard mental health first aid.

International Women's Day

SNCC hosted the 2023 Community Morning Tea & Young Women's Forum in partnership with Zonta & Science at the Local. This successful event was attended by more than 100 people from 4 local high schools who heard from some powerful women within the community. Keynote speakers Trish Doyle MP and Andrea Turner-Boys from Women in Altitude spoke to the attendees about their personal experiences of being a woman in today's world while two Winmalee High School students, Abbie-Rose Whale and Tully McGrouther, represented the voices of young women in our community. This event was catered by the students from Springwood High.



Neighbourhood Centre Week



Volunteer Week



Blue Fringe Arts & Literature Festival



International Women's Day



Gardening at Tanderra OOSH

TANDERRA OOSH

Report by Tanderra OOSH Co-ordinator /
Nominated Supervisor Suzanne Allnutt.

The contribution of the staff to generate a supportive, inclusive atmosphere for the children was invaluable this year. The team worked hard to create programmes in collaboration with the children to peak their interest, challenge their abilities, promote collaboration and positive relationships as well as creating plenty of space for relaxation.

Tanderra began work on our Reconciliation Action Plan which forms part of our recognition of the role and place of indigenous Australians in the landscape of modern society. Some of the steps Tanderra took as part of the RAP included creating a visual acknowledgement of country with children and staff, and celebrating indigenous days, themes and special events. Our indigenous members of staff played a key role in facilitating special events within the centre. These included a Koori nail and body art day, indigenous games and creating collages using natural treasures collected on a bushwalk. We made wattle-seed damper with Rosella and Lilly Pilly jam and told stories about the dreamtime creation, which extended into the children's own invented stories. This work was underpinned by the introduction of Aboriginal Ways of Learning, which was introduced last year and is now a part of *My Time, Our Place*, the school age learning framework. Tanderra continued to build strong relationships

in our community this year, engaging in the following activities:

- barefoot bowls with senior volunteers liaising with and guiding the children,
- slot car racing with Rick's Slot Cars,
- movie trips to the Hub
- Chinese lunches at the local Chinese Restaurant.

Activities chosen by the children included making a burger, trips to Don Bosco's Sports Centre, waterplay days, a trip to Inflatable World and mobile laser tag.

To support the children's appreciation of and connection to nature, the Tanderra programme included bushwalks, gardening, cooking, bushcraft workshops and recycled art. To help promote fitness and wellbeing we included plenty of physical activities such as Zumba workshops, obstacle courses, circus workshops, dragon kung fu, and gymnastics.

A highlight for children, families and staff was the "Breakfast on the Run" fundraiser which was conceived of, planned and implemented by some of the older children. With the help of the staff, the children researched muffin recipes, prices, made signs and distributed invitations. On 15 March parents were invited to buy breakfast on their way to work which consisted of a tasty, nutritious muffin and a hot drink. The children raised over \$200 which was donated to the WWF to support the endangered platypus. This event showed the children's initiative and entrepreneurial abilities, in addition to their care and concern for the environment. Year 6 children enjoyed several special events in Springwood exclusive to their age group, one of which was the *Afternoon Teas on the Town*. The event promotes children's transition to high school,

supporting growing autonomy and need for time to share their feelings with peers.

Behind the scenes the staff worked hard to improve the service and adapt it to the needs of the community. Staff undertook training to improve their skills including in Child Protection, First Aid, Child Safe Standards and Educational Leader training.

Regulatory changes that impacted the service included the introduction of the BASC voucher scheme, a one-off initiative designed to support the utilization of OOSH services in the community. The scheme stretched from February 2022 until June 2023 and allowed families the opportunity to apply for vouchers worth \$500 per child. Additionally, the introduction of the Child Safe Standards aims to ensure organisations have policies and procedures to support best outcomes for children's safety and wellbeing.

ANNUAL STATISTICS

Key insights from the last year at Tanderra OOSH.

5584 before school care bookings

7366 after school care bookings

1465 vacation care bookings

130 families registered at Tanderra

190 children enrolled at Tanderra



Aunty Simone Knox leads the NAIDOC celebrations



RECOVERY & RESILIENCE HUB

Resilience and Recovery Hub program facilitated by Shari Driver, Jo Fielding and Katherine Starr.

In the 2022-2023 financial year the Blue Mountains Bush Fire Resilience team kicked into gear. July saw the launch of the Blue Mountains Bush Fire Resilience website (bmbushfire.org.au) with an official launch held in October. Springwood Neighbourhood Centre hosted a mix of guests from the local community, council members, colleagues from other community organisations, through to Susan Templeman MP - our Local Federal Member for Macquarie and The Parliament Secretary, Shayne Mallard. We received a wonderful welcome to

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Program facilitator Shari Driver at the Lawson RFS Get Ready Weekend

country from Uncle Colin Locke. Throughout the year a series of different community engagement events have been created and held throughout the Blue Mountains targeting several different vulnerable cohorts including seniors and people with a disability. A conscious decision has been made to ensure that although the events have focused on a particular cohort every event held is both inclusive and accessible.

With a view to obtaining tangible outcomes the Blue Mountains Bush Fire Resilience Team collaborated with the RFS to run a series of face to face and virtual events that focussed on helping the local Blue Mountains community to create a bush fire plan that is shared with household members.

This year through community engagement we have achieved a total of 34 events. These took place throughout 14 of the 27 villages within the Blue Mountains LGA. These events helped us to connect with approximately 620 of our Blue Mountains community through these activities.

To date the property preparation service received over 85 expressions of interest and

assisted over 75 vulnerable community members to help prepare their properties for the upcoming bush fire season. This was achieved in collaboration with Habitat 4 Humanity and Neighbourhood Jobs. The collaboration with Neighbourhood Jobs helped 12 disadvantaged youth to gain a range of skills and experiences in bush fire property preparation from work health and safety through to dealing with clients and property preparation (although always under supervision).

“Thank you for your refreshing approach to something that has been very traumatic over the past few years. Wonderful!”

Program participant

Activities & events highlights:

July - Sept 2022

- Launched Blue Mountains Bush Fire Resilience website.
- Created and held 6 'High Tea' Community Engagement events through the Blue Mountains.
- Attended RFS Get Ready Weekend at Lawson.
- Attended Festival of Resilience.

Oct - Dec 2022

- Official Website launch event held.
- Created and held 4 'Pizza Preparedness' Community Engagement events through the Blue Mountains.
- Launched Property Preparation Service.

Jan - March 2023

- Co -hosted the Police Band Concert for seniors at The Hub.
- Hosted 3 local 'Meet Your Street' events.

April - June 2023

- Designed & offered 16 Bush Fire Plan creation events in collaboration with the RFS.
- Designed and conducted the Post Project Survey.
- Hosted a 'High Tea' event at Bucklands aged care facility.
- Part of the stall with SNCC in Springwood School of Arts Square for Neighbourhood Centre Week.
- Created and posted out a DL flyer to every home in the Blue Mountains.
- Completion the property preparation service.
- Received project extension until the end of March 2024.
- @BMbushfireresilience reaches over 400 followers on Facebook and Instagram!



Majors and Minors preschool fun

AGED CARE

Aged Care programs facilitated by Tonje Akerholt, Jo Newton, and Jen Hancock.

Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP)

Matching volunteers with elderly clients needing social support is an important service that SNCC provides. It brings people together and helps to keep isolated, frail and vulnerable individuals living independently in their homes and feeling connected to their local community.

Those volunteering with the CHSP either visit or take their client out on a weekly or fortnightly basis for one to two hours per session. The benefits certainly go both ways and when asked what they get out of volunteering, most reply with statements like: "We get on really well, the two hours go so

quickly" and "It gives my week purpose and something to look forward to".

Family members, particularly adult children who may live far away or work fulltime, are grateful knowing that someone is checking in and making a positive impact on their parent or partner's day. The elderly person is often more comfortable asking their volunteer for help than their own family as it gives them a sense of independence.

Recruiting volunteers for the CHSP remains a challenge. A permanent listing on SEEK and promoting the service on flyers has resulted in a slow but steady flow of enquiries. The age of volunteers in the program ranges from 23 to 89!

In 2022/23 SNCC's staff and volunteers delivered 1, 290 output hours to CHSP clients, consisting of home visits, accompanied activities and phone calls. That is an average of 24 hours per week.

Be Connected & Digital Mentors

In our community, SNCC recognise that many individuals face various challenges. One of these challenges may be dealing with isolation, which can have a negative impact on their well-being. To address this issue and to keep up with the constant advancements in digital technology, SNCC offers access to five highly skilled mentors. Each mentor possesses expertise in a specific area, ensuring that students are matched with the right person for their specific needs. Our mentors have helped 38 clients over 101 hours of service. Thanks to our partnership with the Good Shepherd Foundation and the Federal government's Be Connected initiative, community members also have the opportunity to access online module-based training. This grants students access to a wide range of training modules designed to support their learning and ultimately help them stay connected.

Activities

Throughout 2023 SNCC continued its commitment to keeping the community connected, offering a diverse range of groups and activities including Shine Community Choir, Springwood Acoustic Club, Tai Chi Qui Gong, Art Social and FUNctional Fitness. The invaluable dedication of our facilitators has been instrumental in sustaining this vital support. These groups offer community members the opportunity to connect and build social relationships.

Shine Community Choir (SCC) celebrated its 10th anniversary this year, a significant milestone. In 2022 SCC supported the local business community by performing at late night Christmas shopping in Springwood while in May 2023 the group performed at the opening of the new Springwood Library.

Springwood Acoustic Club welcomed anyone who wanted to sing a song, recite a poem, or just listen in. The November meeting included a featured artist Overland Telegraph, the first since COVID lockdowns, and the group refreshed their logo.

Tai Chi/Qigong class continued to be a popular activity, drawing a consistently strong attendance every week. Members participated enthusiastically and liked to engage socially outside of the group. Group facilitator Anna noticed significant enhancements in individuals' balance, coordination, and overall confidence. Similarly, FUNctional Fitness maintained high levels

of community engagement this year. Group members enjoyed not only the exercise but formed close knit friendships, often meeting after class for coffee. The Art Social group provided a welcoming space for artists of all skill levels to come together, create art, and enjoy each others company. The group celebrated Betty Smith's inaugural solo exhibition at Braemar Gallery in Springwood, a significant milestone in Betty's artistic journey.

“It gives my week purpose and something to look forward to.”

CHSP Program participant

The Majors & Minors

SNCC continued our Major and Minors program this year. Majors and Minors brings together Seniors and preschool children for some highly entertaining activities. We've enjoyed craft, singing, stories, outdoor play and even Seated Yoga! All of which were enjoyed by both young and old.

Research has shown how great of a positive impact intergenerational programs have for all involved. Children learn patience, communication skills and respect. They also learn much from older adults who share their knowledge, skills and interests. For older participants, these activities are an opportunity to connect with not only the children, but each other. Intergenerational programs help reduce social isolation, improve self-esteem and result in an increased sense of belonging and purpose. Additionally, they are lots of fun!

What's Next?

SNCC recently received funding from the Nepean Blue Mountains Primary Health Network to run two 10-week Intergenerational Programs during the 2023/2024 financial year. We look forward to sharing positive stories and photos from these programs, along with our other intergenerational initiatives, in our next report.



TREASURER'S REPORT

The financial position of Springwood Neighbourhood Centre Cooperative Ltd (SNCC) remains stable and, as in previous years, we have worked towards improving efficiency operationally and financially.

Although the Profit and Loss Statement for the 2023 financial year indicates a loss of approximately \$42,000 in real terms the financial position improved from the previous year. The loss resulted from a delayed receipt of approximately \$237,000 for the final tranche of grant funding for the Bushfire Resilience and Recovery Project (R&R project).

The increase in project and events expenses can largely be attributed to a full year of operation for the R&R project whilst the increase in operational

costs reflects the approximately \$65,000 expended to replace the roof of our two properties in Raymond Road, Springwood.

As in previous years we have set aside sufficient provision to cover inevitable increases in expenses and ongoing maintenance of the two properties.

The Balance Sheet at 30 June 2023 is strong and indicates that the organisation is solvent and able to meet the expectations of funding bodies and the community.

The SNCC Board are keen to work with staff, volunteers, funding bodies and the broader community to improve and expand our services to the community in the 2024 financial year.

DIANE BURN
SNCC Treasurer

AUDIT CERTIFICATE

Standard full Audit Certificate by a Qualified Accountant in respect of Community Funded Organisations.

I, Sue Ann Paine, of Shop 9, 100 George Street, Windsor NSW 2756, being a qualified accountant within the meaning of the Community Funding Program, do hereby certify that I have examined the books and financial records of **Springwood Neighbourhood Centre Co-operative Limited**

In my opinion the financial statements present fairly the financial position of the organization and the results of its operations for the year ended 30 June 2023 in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards.

I have satisfied myself that:

- a) Establishment of all reserves/provisions is justified and represents funds set aside for Long Service Leave, Annual Leave and Relief Workers and Maternity Leave.
- b) Payments to associated and/or affiliated bodies have been adequately disclosed.

Signed 
Sue Ann Paine, FIPA

Date August 31 2023

Qualification: Fellow, Institute of Public Accountants
No: 104947

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
SPRINGWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED**

Report on the Financial Report

I have audited the accompanying financial report of Springwood Neighbourhood Centre Co-operative Limited, being a special purpose financial report, which comprises the Statement by Members of the Committee, the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Accounting Policies and explanatory notes for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

Board of Management's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Board of Management of the Co-operative is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations). The Board of Management is responsible for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, by selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies, as stated in Note 1, and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the

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

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

Independence

In conducting my audit, I have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Auditor's Opinion

In my opinion:

- i) The financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of Springwood Neighbourhood Centre Co-operative Limited as at 30 June 2023, and of its performance and its cash flows for the year ended in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards; and
- ii) the financial report also complies with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Signed on: August 31, 2023



Sue Ann Paine, FIPA
Institute of Public Accountants

Springwood Neighbourhood Centre Co-operative Limited		
PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT 01 JULY 2022 TO 30 JUNE 2023		
	2022-2023	2021-2022
INCOME		
SNC Operating Grant & ERO - DCJ	\$233,231	\$221,398
CHSP Operating Grant - DoH CHSP	\$64,055	\$68,843
VHV Social Inclusion - Belong DoH CHSP	\$7,220	\$14,443
Good Things Foundation - Be Connected Grants	\$2,500	\$2,500
MHFA Training Grant	\$8,035	\$10,000
BLERF Grant - Resilience & Recovery Hub	\$216,183	\$288,244
Get Online Week	\$0	\$1,000
SSTF - Tranche 1 & 2 Grant	\$0	\$7,000
DSS - VHV Volunteer Grant	\$0	\$2,000
DSS - Talking Gazette Grant	\$0	\$5,000
CBP21-Roofing Grant	\$65,600	\$0
Resilience NSW Grant - Major/Minors Program	\$7,000	\$0
CHSP Adhoc Funding	\$7,020	\$0
Women's Week 2023 Grant	\$3,005	\$0
Wentworth Healthcare - Intergenerational Care Grant	\$94,120	\$0
Community Connector Point Grant	\$3,500	\$0
Bendigo Bank Grant	\$2,500	\$0
Tanderra - Centrelink Paid Parental Leave	\$0	\$13,906
Tanderra Childcare Fees	\$183,699	\$141,748
Tanderra ECEC - CCS Fees	\$215,240	\$283,931
CCS C-19 Relief Payments	\$0	\$7,500
Donations & Fundraising	\$9,602	\$9,486
Interest	\$1,325	\$715
Memberships	\$437	\$22
Room Bookings	\$2,154	\$525
Projects & Events	\$25,340	\$34,030
VHV Groups	\$0	\$1,078
Misc Income	\$12,281	\$22,399
Rental Income - Carinya	\$17,727	\$0
JobSaver	\$0	\$61,627
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,181,775	\$1,197,394
EXPENSES		
Employment Expenses	\$880,720	\$787,421
Insurance	\$12,097	\$10,456
Operational Expenses	\$210,484	\$103,476
Projects & Events	\$126,424	\$48,707
Rent Expenses & Utilities	\$40,117	\$29,168
Venue Hire	\$7,791	\$5,232
Volunteer Expenses	\$4,721	\$216
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,282,355	\$984,675
OTHER INCOME		
Funds Carried Forward	\$214,348	\$58,419
Internal Charges Received	\$106,295	\$136,191
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	\$320,643	\$194,611
OTHER EXPENSES		
Unexpended funds & transfers from Reserves	\$150,989	\$178,545
Internal Charges Paid	\$111,357	\$118,181
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$262,346	\$296,726
NET PROFIT / LOSS	-\$42,283	\$110,604

Springwood Neighbourhood Centre Co-operative Limited		
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE 2023		
	2022-2023	2021-2022
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts & Petty Cash	\$402,495	\$505,044
Co-op Debtors	\$42,460	\$30,182
Term Deposits	\$257,984	\$257,183
Non-Current Assets		
Freehold Land	\$902,000	\$821,000
Buildings	\$743,094	\$743,094
Buildings Depreciation	-\$383,661	-\$378,561
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,964,372	\$1,977,943
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Unexpended Funds - Grants	\$136,353	\$178,803
Employment Liabilities	\$6,015	\$20,164
Trade Creditors	\$18,137	\$15,983
GST Liabilities	\$7,270	\$4,418
Other Provisions	\$93,510	\$82,131
Non-Current Liabilities		
Leave Provisions	\$56,877	\$68,951
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$318,162	\$370,449
NET ASSETS	\$1,646,210	\$1,607,494
EQUITY		
Retained Earnings	\$786,494	\$675,890
Asset Revaluation - Land	\$902,000	\$821,000
Current Earnings	-\$42,283	\$110,604
TOTAL EQUITY	\$1,646,210	\$1,607,494

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**Notes to and forming part of the accounts
For the year ended 30 June 2023**

Note 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared for the use by the members of SNCC in accordance with the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission act 2012, the Corporations Act 2001 and Australian Accounting Standards and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Standards Board. A statement of compliance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) cannot be made due to the Group Applying not-for-profit specific requirements contained in the Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial report covers Springwood Neighbourhood Centre Co-operative Limited as an individual entity.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Board Directors who have determined that such policies are appropriate to meet the needs of the members in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

A) Basis of preparation

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical cost and does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets for which the fair value basis of accounting has been applied.

B) Accounting Policies

a) Plant and Equipment

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

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

All other assets acquired during the year have been expenses at the date of purchase.

b) Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets are depreciated over the useful lives of the asset to SNCC commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use, or have been fully expensed as appropriate.

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

c) Employee benefits

Provision is made for the liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee entitlements have been measured at the amount expected to be paid when the liability is settled. Any re-measurements arising from experience adjustments and changes in assumptions are recognised in profit or loss in the periods in which the changes occur. The Board of Management has determined that these amounts are adequate.

d) Provisions

Provisions are measured at the estimated expenditure required to settle the present obligation, based on the most reliable evidence available at the reporting date, including the risks and uncertainties associated with the present obligation. No liability is recognised if an outflow of economic resources as a result of present obligations is not probable. Such situations are disclosed as contingent liabilities, unless the outflow of resources is remote in which case no liability is recognised. The Board of Management has determined that these outflows are adequate.

e) Income taxes

No provision for income tax has been raised as the entity is exempt from income tax under Div. 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

f) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and demand deposits, together with other short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible into known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

g) Revenue

Revenue comprises revenue from government grants, fundraising, donations, interest and memberships.

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

Revenue from the rendering of service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers and is measured at fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed.

h) Government Grants

A number of the entity's programs are supported by grants received from the federal, state and local governments.

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

Where a grant is received on the condition that specified services are delivered to the grantor, this is considered a reciprocal transaction. Revenue is recognised as services are performed and at year end a liability is recognised until the service is delivered.

Revenue from a non-reciprocal grant that is not subject to conditions is recognised when the entity obtains control of the funds, economic benefits are probable and the amount can be measured reliably. Where a grant may be required to be repaid if certain conditions are not satisfied, a liability is recognised at year end to the extent that conditions remain unsatisfied.

i) 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 the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis, except for the GST components of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

j) Goods held for distribution

Donated goods and goods purchased for nominal consideration held for distribution are initially recognised at their current replacement cost at date of acquisition. Inventories of goods purchased and held for distribution are initially recognised at cost. The cost of bringing each product to its present location and condition is determined on a first-in, first out basis.

k) Economic dependence

The entity is dependent upon the ongoing receipt of Government grants and community fundraising to ensure the ongoing continuance of its programs. At the date of this report, management has no reason to believe that this financial support will not continue in the short term.


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**Statement by Members of the Board Directors
For the year ended 30 June 2023**

In the opinion of the Board of Management the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Financial Performance and Notes to the financial Statements:

1. Present fairly the financial position of Springwood Neighbourhood Centre ended on that date in accordance with the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act and Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.
2. An amount equal to the payments received for the year less any advance grants has been spent on the projects, and
3. Establishment of all accruals is justified, and
4. A full and complete set of financial records has been maintained, and
5. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association 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 Directors and is signed for and on behalf of the Board Directors by:


Samantha Crisford-Eade
Director


IAN JAMES HOPKIN
Director

Dated this 30th day of OCTOBER, 2023



SPECIAL THANKS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

SNCC thanks all members of the community for their generous donations and support during the 2022-2023 financial year.

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Commonwealth Government,
Department of Health & Aging

NSW Government, Department of
Communities & Justice

NSW Government, Education
& Communities NSW,
Premier & Cabinet

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of Parliament

Trish Doyle, MP (Member for
Blue Mountains)

Susan Templeman, MP (Federal
Member for Macquarie)

Blue Mountains City Council, Mayor
Mark Greenhill & all
BMCC Councillors

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121 Cafe

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Springwood Lloyds IGA Supermarket

Sugar Plum Catering

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Key Weekly Contributors

Springwood Florist

Springwood Newsagency

Local Schools & Child Care Centres

Carinya Neighbourhood Children's
Centre Inc.

Ellison Public School

Faulconbridge Public School

Rainbow Preschool

Springwood & District

Preschool Kindergarten

Springwood High School

Springwood Public School

St Thomas Aquinas

Primary School

Winmalee Public School

Winmalee High School

Partner Organisations

Neighbourhood Centres
Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre

Belong Blue Mountains

Neighbourhood Centres

Blackheath Area

Neighbourhood Centre

Business & Community Organisations

Blue Fringe Organising Committee

Blue Mountains Food Services

Blue Mountains Women's Health
& Resource Centre

Bub Hub

DARE Disability

Fire & Rescue NSW,
Springwood Fire Station

Gateway Family Services

Mental Health First Aid -
Jane Armstrong

Mountains Outreach Community
Services (MOCS)

Mountains Community Resource
Network (MCRN)

Mountains Youth Services Team
(MYST)

NSW Rural Fire Service - Blue
Mountains District

Stronger Families Alliance

Tax Help

Western Sydney
Community Forum

Springwood Chamber
of Commerce

Springwood village businesses

Blue Mountains Theatre &
Community Hub

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BE PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER

Take action at the local level and be the change you want for your community.

Become a member of SNCC

Make your voice heard and participate more closely with SNCC's service delivery to our community.

This includes attending a catered Annual General Meeting.

- \$22 individual membership
- \$30 family membership
- \$100 business membership

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Become a regular Donor

Become a regular donor to our Community Food Relief - with community help, SNCC supports close to 1000 adults and children each year with food parcels! You are welcome to drop by with any contributions or donate electronically:

**SPRINGWOOD
NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE**
BSB: 633-000
ACCOUNT: 122 031 008

Become a volunteer

There are many opportunities available to volunteer. You could be help by supporting our fundraising programs - whether a village sausage sizzle or a raffle. Contact SNCC at:

PH 02 4751 3033
E reception@sncc.org.au

SNCC aims to do more fundraising in 2024 to expand our transport and other support services for our frail aged and other community members.



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