



Eaglehawk Community House Inc

EAGLEHAWK COMMUNITY HOUSE

ANNUAL REPORT
FOR 2024/2025

WHO WE ARE

The Eaglehawk Community House (ECH) is a safe space for all members of the community. We take a comprehensive approach to community involvement, welcoming people of all ages, abilities, religions, and cultures. We are also a disability-friendly facility, providing special access to those with limited mobility.

Many people consider the Eaglehawk Community House their “home away from home,” and we take great pride in serving as a hub of connection and support for the community. Through our services and projects, ECH facilitates and supports meaningful community engagement, building social connection and fostering a sense of belonging within the local neighbourhood.

The Eaglehawk Community House offers a variety of daily activities such as food and meal preparation, cooking, packaging, labelling, and storing items for distribution. We also provide “Learn to Cook” classes for beginners and disengaged youth (16-24 years old), hamper assembly, magazine development and distribution, gardening and grounds maintenance, administration, cleaning, and emergency food relief. We also have a meals program, supplying meals to individuals and families

Our ongoing projects focus on promoting diversity & inclusion through events, multicultural cooking days, mental health & wellbeing sessions, the development of our Bi-Monthly Community Mini-Magazine, and Pre-accredited training opportunities for adult learners. These initiatives aim to provide learners with the educational capacity and core skills they need to succeed in study, work, and life. We also hold classes and activities such as Tai Chi, yoga, meditation, basic computer learning, and craft sessions.



COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2024-2025

It has been another good year for Eaglehawk Community House. I particularly want to thank Tracey and her staff, Mel, Sabine and Rochelle and Rose, as well as the numerous volunteers for all the wonderful work they have done this year in making sure that everything continued to be maintained so well. Also the other committee members who all made an outstanding contribution.

All the usual activities were maintained and many individuals as well as the entire community benefited greatly.

Once again meals were a big focus. The Weekly Community Lunches were well attended with a large group coming each week from Access this group really enjoyed the lunches as well as the games of Pantry Bingo played after most lunches. As well we were addressed by some interesting guest speakers.

Each Friday more than 100 people have been able to receive much needed food assistance from food donations from our valuable and trusted partners Foodshare and Foodbank Victoria. Additionally, many families gratefully received prepared meals.

The annual Christmas Lunch was well attended by many families and we were very grateful for the donations from Toyworld Bendigo through the Community Toy Drive.

One of the first things people notice as they arrive at the House is the garden which has many flowers and vegetables growing and thanks to all who have assisted in the maintenance of the garden.

Tracey has been successful in obtaining many donations and we thank her for all her efforts in securing these donations. Tracey has also attended several community functions where she has represented Eaglehawk Community House.

We have also appreciated everything that our local member Lisa Chester has done for us, also we have been helped by Jacinta Allan, Maree Edwards and Mayor Andrea Metcalf and other Council Members.

The House is well known in the local community and our work has been greatly appreciated and we look forward to another fantastic year ahead.

JOHN WATSON
BOARD CHAIRPERSON



CENTRE MANAGER – ANNUAL OVERVIEW

2024 Community Value is equivalent to \$2,464,198

This past financial year has been our most challenging as we worked through balancing the needs and demands of the community verses learning to understand the degree in which our funding organizations were prepared to extend financial assistance to support US as we continued to provide food and personal aid through the current cost of living crisis.

As the only regional organization represented, we featured strongly in the media and advocacy campaign organized through Neighbourhood Houses Victoria seeking increased funding from the Victorian Government to support all Houses across Victoria. This campaign secured an additional 2.5 million dollars through the current State budget.

But once again we have shown how swiftly we can evaluate and pivot when necessary, as Neighbourhood Houses are supposed to do – continuing to identify the unmet needs and provide essential support which is still so vitally important, yet adjust our activities to better match, and work within the financial constraints we continue to experience. This will lead to more volunteer activities available and delivered from the ECH which will allow us to better fund the provisions we need to maintain the level of current support to our community.

Our partnerships are going strong and delivering additional benefits to our community through the ECH. With special thanks to the City of Greater Bendigo, Bendigo TAFE, Tip Top Bakeries, Department of Justice; Bendigo Community Health Services has led to a number of new and additional projects and collaborations this past year, including:

- Attendance at the Be Well Be Connected Expo (COGB)
- Provide valuable feedback and support the Community Volunteering Strategy 2024-2028 (COGB)
- Provided vital feedback for the Bendigo Food Strategy Submission (COGB)
- 5 Ways to Wellbeing sessions – ‘workshops for Community lunch participants sharing 5 simple steps to improve overall mental health and wellbeing (BCHS)
- Free bread weekly and for special events and monthly volunteering assisting with Community lunch (Tip Top Bakeries)
- Participate in a new initiative ‘Take the First Step’ in response to the Active Living Census-encouraging healthy eating and active living (COGB/BCHS)
- Continuing to nurture and maintain our existing commitments in Festival of Friendships (mainstream) Dahlia & Arts Festival/Eaglehawk Festivals;
- ECH Community Christmas Party (Toyworld Bendigo & Neighbourhood Houses Greater Bendigo)
- Participated in the Cultural and Linguistically Diverse consultation process (Department of Health)

Along with Bendigo discoveries and MIND organization we also welcomed two new support groups for ADHD and Bipolar. Thankyou for selecting the ECH as your new ‘home’ – showing again that we provide a safe and non-judgemental space for people with similar experiences to come together, engage, participate and unwind.

I need to share a special thankyou and mention to Abhishek Awasthi and the Indian Association of Bendigo. Abhishek's dedication and commitment to the ECH and through our ongoing partnership we delivered:

- Childrens Diwali – with 300 attending.
- Festival of Friendships Multicultural - this year welcoming the Persian and Egyptian communities. (Vic State Govt, Indian, Filipino & African Communities)
- Hosted several Victorian Multicultural Community dinners & meetings.
- Attended Holi Festival (IAB) at the Golden Square Pool
- Invited to attend function at Bendigo Art Gallery held for his Excellency the High Commissioner of India.

And of course, the IAB attending the ECH each Christmas and New Year volunteering to deliver our Food Assistance program to people and families doing it tough to ensure our momentum is not lost and our community are not further struggling and likely left with nothing over this important time of year. Additionally, supporting our own ECH volunteers ensuring they can have a much needed and deserved, vital break over this time. The IAB show people they care and are not forgotten, which as humans, is one of the most precious gifts at this vulnerable time.

This partnership, turned close friendship, grew again when I was invited to India for the traditional Indian wedding of Abhishek's brother, Achyutam and his new wife Charu in Mandi, India (to the North). This was truly an amazing adventure and a cultural experience I will never forget. The beauty and simplicity of life, the peace and harmony, the deep devotion and dedication to the Hindu religion, the respect for their elders and each other is truly inspiring. The cultural lessons I have returned to Australia with are ones I have also been able to share in photographs and by telling my/our stories as we were warmly welcomed as part of the family and able to immerse ourselves in another way of life. And it was interesting that the media virtually followed us almost every day wanting to know our thoughts and opinions of where and how they live and how it compared to our lives in Australia. And the one comparison we heard frequently was that of the height of Mount Everest (8,848.86 m - 29,031ft) compared to that of Mt Kosciuszko (2,228 metres - 7,310 ft).

I respectfully want to acknowledge the hard work of our valued bookkeeper Ally Murphy who left us late last year to experience a change in another sector – Ally was a dedicated volunteer, life member, committee member, staff, always willing to do those odd jobs trawling threw the internet specials looking for a better deal for the ECH. You are terribly missed too Ally.

And it is with great sadness that Denise Wilson passed away in December 2024 leaving a huge hole in our AGM today. Denise was always here – almost every year. And even in her last 12 months, often unwell but attending our Community lunches whenever she could. Goodbye Denise and thankyou for all you have done for the ECH and the Houses and citizens of Greater Bendigo.

During the past year we also launched our new website – www.eaglehawkcommunityhouse.com I'm thrilled with our vibrant and happy new image. A very big thankyou to Kelly from KGMG Creative and Rose for helping us to always look our best.

As our regular activities have continued to flow smoothly throughout the year and are all well attended including Community Lunches; Tai Chi; Meditation; Art Classes; Nail Art sessions; Weekly Food Assistance along with crisis support every day when required; volunteering activities; hospitality classes with Barista Training; Cooking on a Budget' workshops to continue the connections from regular participants. We also launched a regular Meals Program with fresh/frozen meals delivered weekly to people who are often housebound or who struggle to cook, possibly for a period of time such as hospital visits or illness. Our gardens are looking terrific too. Our Community Christmas lunch and Volunteer Christmas lunch finished off our 2024 year with much appreciation and satisfaction of a great year.

We provided support to the Eaglehawk Children's Festival with Rochelle's hard work securing \$5,000 of much needed funds through a Vic Health Grant along with providing support at meetings and delivery on the day/evening. A huge thankyou to our team members who also assisted in anyway.

Additionally, we received funding through a COGB grant to upgrade our washing machine and dryer, replacing the old ones after more than 8 years of constant service to the ECH and our community members providing free laundry support.

Behind the scenes, a major project this past year has been working with our landlord YMCA Victoria, builder Steve Turner (Property Improvement Professionals) and our insurance company aiming for an appropriate settlement to undertake major building repairs to the ECH due to the stormwater damage caused mainly to our roof and the ripple impacts of further damage to our walls and floors.

As a registered First Responder with the Australian Red Cross, the ECH, our volunteers and partnerships, particularly with the IAB, are constantly on standby 24/7 ready to provide Emergency Relief and Support to our Emergency Service workers such as VicPol, SES, CFA and likeminded organizations and those impacted by disaster within our region, including but not limited to floods and fires.

A shout out to Lisa Chesters MP and Jacinta Allan MP for supporting our Food Assistance and Volunteer programs. To the COGB providing us with ongoing funding for 3 years along with a grant to assist us with Christmas. Thankyou to Streetsmart, Australia Post, Multicultural Festivals and Events, Vic Health for their funding support. I need to also mention Bendigo Foodshare, Foodbank Victoria and Zonta Bendigo for their ongoing support of the ECH allowing us to assist our community in the ways that we do.

As always thankyou to our Staff, Committee members, valuable volunteers, student and other placements who show up every day to ensure our Community House is the very best that it can be, supporting our community but equally as important is providing support to each other.

Best wishes to you all

TRACEY MOSS

Centre Manager

Eaglehawk Community House

2024 - Real Impact. Real Value.

INCOME \$182,141

VALUE \$2,464,198

This figure includes the value of:

Improved quality of life through social connection:
\$645,088

Volunteer contributions: \$308,513

Emergency relief provided: \$1,404,167

Services provided: \$106,430

Emergency relief value includes:

- Food and groceries: \$1,284,167
 - Clothing: \$60,000
- Personal care & hygiene items: \$60,000

Services value includes:

- Computer/internet usage: \$192
- Facilities use or hire: \$13,440
 - Résumé assistance: \$720
- Community lunch, frozen or other meals: \$69,600
- Fee for service activities: \$22,478

This community value equates to:

\$13.53 for every \$1 of income

\$24.99 for every \$1
of Neighbourhood House Coordination Program
funding

Over \$1,493.45 for every hour the
neighbourhood house is in use

Employment value

1.8 FTE jobs

including 1.3 direct and 0.5 indirect
Full Time Equivalent positions

These values are produced by Neighbourhood Houses Victoria based on data provided by Eaglehawk Community House in the 2024 Neighbourhood Houses Survey. Only a limited range of activities where a determinable valuation method exists are included.

**Just some of the value to communities from selected
Neighbourhood House activities**

Basis of calculation

The Eaglehawk Community House provided in excess of \$2,464,198 of value to the community for 2024. This is based on data provided through the Neighbourhood House Survey 2024.

FINANCIAL REPORT

2024-2025

The 2024-25 financial year has been a year of strong recovery and steady growth for Eaglehawk Community House. We are pleased to report that the organisation achieved a surplus of \$278.11 a turnaround from the \$23,532 deficit recorded last year. This positive shift reflects both increased community engagement and careful financial management throughout the year.

Total income grew by 15.7% to \$210,477, driven by successful program delivery, community events, and continued support from funding partners. Expenses were well managed, increasing by just 0.4% to \$206,629, despite rising costs across the sector. Our main investment remained in our people, with salaries and wages totalling \$125,604 and superannuation contributions of \$14,259. Other key expenditure areas included program delivery (\$13,416), fundraising activities (\$7,775), and partnership initiatives (\$5,275), all of which directly contribute to the services and opportunities we provide to our community.

From a financial health perspective, the organisation is in a strong position. At 30 June 2025, we held total assets of \$191,834 against liabilities of \$78,785 giving us equity of \$113,048. Our current ratio of 1.56 indicates healthy liquidity, while our debt-to-equity ratio of 0.64 shows that we are maintaining a balanced approach to managing obligations. Importantly, there were no outstanding invoices or unpaid bills at year-end, demonstrating efficient cash flow management.

Our cash reserves remain robust, with \$106,182 held across our accounts. This includes \$56,991 in the operating account for day-to-day needs, \$32,135 in term deposits to secure future stability, and \$16,410 in our GST holding account. These reserves provide a strong buffer for the organisation, ensuring we can continue to operate confidently and respond to emerging community needs.

In summary, FY25 has been a financially successful year for Eaglehawk Community House. Through prudent management, investment in people and programs, and strong community support, we have not only improved our financial position but also strengthened our ability to deliver services. We thank our staff, volunteers, funding partners, and the community for their continued commitment and contribution to our shared mission

MARIA GILLIES

Treasurer

Balance Sheet

Eaglehawk Community House Inc As at 30 June 2025

30 JUNE 2025

Assets

Bank

Debit Card Account	581.36
GST Holding Account	16,409.53
Operating Account	56,990.59
Petty Cash	65.85
Term Deposit	32,134.61
Total Bank	106,181.94

Current Assets

Accounts Receivable	1,628.00
Cash on Hand	(200.00)
Total Current Assets	1,428.00

Non-current Assets

House and Grounds Improvements	84,224.77
Total Non-current Assets	84,224.77

Total Assets

191,834.71

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	4,915.11
GST	(13,307.18)
Income received in advance - Insurance Claim	36,695.60
PAYG Withholdings Payable	44,186.33
Rounding	0.02
Wages Payable	(13.70)
Total Current Liabilities	72,476.18

Non-current Liabilities

Provision for Leave Entitlements	6,309.56
Total Non-current Liabilities	6,309.56

Total Liabilities

78,785.74

Net Assets

113,048.97

Equity

Current Year Earnings	278.11
Retained Earnings	112,770.86
Total Equity	113,048.97

Profit and Loss

Eaglehawk Community House Inc For the year ended 30 June 2025

2025

Trading Income

Activities Income	796.19
Cafe/Catering Income	2,867.04
COGB LargeGrant	25,000.00
DHHS - Salary and Wages Funding	100,334.00
Donations	4,531.16
Fundraising	341.69
Grants from Other Sources	66,508.50
Hire of Rooms and Facilities	1,035.46
Membership Fees	13.65
Partnership Activity	2,000.00
Programs Income	3,208.49
Sponsorship	3,572.02
Total Trading Income	210,208.20

Gross Profit

210,208.20

Other Income

Interest	1,098.39
Total Other Income	1,098.39

Operating Expenses

Accounting/Bookkeeping Expenses	2,978.41
Activities Expenditure	1,754.38
Advertising & Marketing	1,987.86
Bank Fees	173.94
Cafe/Catering Expenses	801.81
Committee of Management Expenses	259.96
Communication Phoneand Internet Expenses	1,398.14
Consumables/Cleaning	2,842.12
Emergency Relief	918.18
Equipment lease- Copier	870.88
Fees, Permits & Subscriptions	3,209.29
Food Relief	5,505.90
Fundraising Expenditure	7,775.32
Health & Safety	1,879.68
House and Ground Repairs & Maintenance	3,427.19
Insurance - Property	5,412.69
Insurance- Workcover	2,103.21
Inventory Items	890.99
Long ServiceLeaveexpense	2,477.88
Miscellaneous Expenses	207.22
Office Printing and Stationery	743.45

2025

Partnership Activity Expenses	5,274.73
Programs Expenditure	13,416.19
Rates	603.62
Salaries and Wages	125,604.35
Superannuation	14,259.26
Utilities	3,860.87
Volunteer Expenses	390.96
Total Operating Expenses	211,028.48
Net Profit	278.11

OUR COMMUNITY REACH

**775 INDIVIDUALS
PARTICIPATED IN
WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**



**105 PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED IN ART
CLASSES**



**204 INDIVIDUALS
VISITED THE HOUSE
FOR SUPPORT**



**OVER 2500 PEOPLE
ATTENDED FESTIVAL
OF FRIENDSHIPS**



**1437 PEOPLE
ATTENDED OUR
COMMUNITY LUNCH**



**OUR COMMUNITY
XMAS PARTY HAD
250 PEOPLE IN TOTAL**



**THERE WERE 69 PEOPLE
WHO COMPLETED THE
ACFE HOSPITALITY
COURSE**



**EAGLEHAWK
CHILDRENS FESTIVAL
HAD 2000 PEOPLE
ATTEND**



**14,241 PEOPLE
REQUIRED HOUSEHOLD
FOOD ASSISTANCE**



**71 STUDENTS
COMPLETED THEIR
PLACEMENT**



**ROOM HIRE WAS
PROVIDED
94 TIMES**

HIRE ME

**WE HAD 978
VOLUNTEERS
IN TOTAL**



In total, the Eaglehawk Community House has engaged with, or provided assistance to over 23,420 people in our community.

EAGLEHAWK COMMUNITY HOUSE CHRISTMAS PARTY 2024

On Saturday 7th December, visitors flocked to the ECH for our Annual Community Christmas Party. More than 230 sausages, 70 hamburgers and 300 spring rolls were devoured by hungry partygoers.

Santa delighted everyone with sweets and photos. And kids were thrilled choosing a toy delivered by Santa's helpers to lighten the load.

A HUGE thankyou to our volunteer Teams for making this day so special along with Toyworld Bendigo, City of Greater Bendigo and HITFm.



FESTIVAL OF FRIENDSHIPS 2025

Connecting our Greater Bendigo Community - 'Worldwide'

To our partners, volunteers, performers and operational crew - Congratulations on a terrific result in such extreme conditions at the Festival of Friendships 2025 on Saturday 14th March. We should all be incredibly proud of all our achievements...

A very big thank you to everyone who supported in any way in making our event so successful

To the Filipino, African/Egyptian/Zimbabwe, Indian, First Nations, Aussie, Persian, Mexican, Chinese, Burmese, Indonesian, Portugal, Spanish proving once again that we all do it better - TOGETHER!



Eaglehawk Community House Weekly Activities @ 19 Bright Street



Social Craft

Monday

9:30am

Meditation
(Bookings essential)

Monday

7pm

Community Lunch

(Volunteer Food Preparation)

Tuesday

12noon



Art Class

Wednesday

12noon

Nail Glamour

Wednesday

12noon

Meditation
(Bookings essential)

Wednesday

1pm



Thai-Chi

Wednesday

7pm

Fresh Fruit & Veg

(Volunteer Food Preparation)

Friday

12noon



Yoga with Jazz

Saturday

9am

Call our amazing team to book for any of the above on 5446 8322

Learning Information Friendship Empowerment



A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

In January 2025, we bid a farewell to our dear Denise.

Loved and respected Life Member; Committee of Management representative; determined and passionate Human Rights Advocate, energetic Volunteer and treasured friend.

Denise has a very long and successful history with the Eaglehawk Community House (ECH) particularly in its formative years at our previous location in Truscott Avenue. She has held positions on the Committee of Management across many terms and served as President on several occasions. Denise has been a steadfast and committed advocate constantly seeking social justice through positive outcomes and change to benefit predominantly disadvantaged communities within our region.

Denise, along with Elaine Harrington, Marg Bannan and several other Community House members devoted their time and energy advocating for the Bright Street Park build. The project took 5 years to complete, but Denise never gave up campaigning.

Denise was also a strong driving force working with the Bendigo Renewal Department to install fences around all homes in the public housing areas of Eaglehawk and Long Gully guaranteeing greater privacy and safety and maintaining the dignity of all residents. Another very successful mission for Denise.



Denise worked closely with the Bendigo City Council to secure a 46 seater bus each fortnight providing the Community House volunteers and local citizens opportunity to take day trips, connecting and building friendships and generally enjoying the company of others and their surroundings. Many great times and laughs were had on those very special outings.

In 2016, and time again for change, Denise played an active role in the relocation of the Eaglehawk Community House to our current 19 Bright Street site endeavouring to invite, connect with and engage all citizens from the local community. Another very important mission in the development of the Community House and its capacity to support members of our community.

Always elegant with a beautiful heart, kind and caring – that's our Denise – a lady at rest.

Thankyou Denise for all the wonderful achievements over the years for the Community House, the Eaglehawk community and beyond.

With much love from the Eaglehawk Community House Committee of Management, Staff, volunteers and connections.

SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS

We wish to thank the following organizations for your continued support of the ECH ensuring we can continue to assist our community in beneficial ways.

To our Committee of Management, staff and volunteers – we appreciate your commitment to the ECH and for your support to our community.

Department of Health and Human Services
Neighbourhood Houses Victoria
City of Greater Bendigo
Y Victoria
J + K Law
Bendigo FoodShare
FoodBank Victoria
Fosterville Gold
Bendigo TAFE
Department of Justice
Toyworld Bendigo
Rotary Club of Eaglehawk
Eaglehawk Children's Festival
Kiwans Bendigo
Family Hub
Lisa Chesters MP
Jacinta Allan MP
Mayor Andrea Metcalf
Eaglehawk Community Network
The Borough Club
RANCH – Regional Association of Neighbourhood
& Community Houses
Bendigo Family Financial Services
Commonwealth Bank Eaglehawk
Bendigo Volunteer Resource Centre
Fairleys Supa IGA
Dahlia and Arts Festival
Eaglehawk Lions Club
Empowering Eaglehawk
Epsom Bunnings
Neighbourhood/Community Houses
Neighbourhood Houses Community of Practice-
Long Gully Neighbourhood Centre
Bendigo Neighbourhood Hub
Kangaroo Flat Community Centre
Marong Neighbourhood House
Heathcote Community House

Bendigo Community Health Services
McKern Steel
Our Muslim Community Friends
Bendigo Indian Community
Bendigo Philipino Community
Neighbourhood Watch
Peter Krenz Leisure Centre
Pure Maiden Farm
Mental Health & Wellbeing Local
Haven Home Safe
Needles and Threads
Ken McDonald Cleaning
Gianna Centre
ASURIA AST – Access Skills Training
Partners in Training Australia
Eaglehawk Secondary College
CWCC Training
Win News
Bendigo Advertiser
Bendigo Weekly
Phoenix FM
ABC Media
Remembrance Parks Central Victoria
Eaglehawk UFS Dispensary
St Vincent De Paul
Anglicare Victoria
Learn Local
Omari Bendigo
Two Greys Cafe
Tip Top Bakeries
Dyson Group
Country Hearing Care Eaglehawk
Vital Communities Bendigo
StreetSmart
Australia Post
VicHealth

OUR TEAM

2024/2025 Staff

Tracey Moss - Centre Manager
Rochelle Boston - Community Projects
Sabine Young - Daily Facilitator
Mel Baker - Administration
Ally Murphy - Bookkeeper
Rose Jamieson - Communications

2024/2025 Committee of Management

John Watson - President
Sabine Young - Secretary/Community Member
Maria Gillies - Treasurer
Don Goodman - Disability Advisor
Ross Wood - Community Member

2024/2025 Volunteers

Indian Association of Bendigo
Tip Top Bakeries Team Members
Olympia Projects & African Community Members
Abhishek Anasthi
Ally Murphy
Anthony and Flora Mutara
Ash Baker
Ashton Coomber
Catherine Parry
Christian Cadzow
Dehne Johnson
Desi Winiata
Enos Mahachi
Hannah Makura
Joan Evans
Marg Bannan
Maria Gillies
Mel Baker

Life Members

Alyson Murphy
Ash Baker
David Wright
Denise Wilson
Don Goodman
John Watson
Marg Bannan
Mel Baker
Robyn Ruggles
Sabine Young
Shiralee Bothe

Melissa Regan
Norm Gray
Olivia Harris
Paul Armitage
Philipino Community
Ray Miles
Rebecca Maes
Rhonda Carboon
Robyn Mitchell
Rochelle Boston
Phillip Whitlock
Sabine Young
Samantha Cooper
Sue Whitlock
Tom Stewart
Tony Dean
Tracey Moss

2024/2025 Placements

Amber Wilson
Nonie Kontantaras
Tanisha Brewer



ECH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

EAGLEHAWK COMMUNITY HOUSE INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023/2024

Tuesday 19 November 2024
Meeting Commenced: 11.00am



1. WELCOME

Tracey opened AGM. Everyone was welcomed. Committee and Volunteers were all thanked.

2. PRESENT

Mel Baker, Tracey Moss, Sabine Young, Rochelle Boston, Shiralee Bothe, Ash Baker, John Watson, Don Goodman, Maria Gillies, Dehne Johnson, Catherine Parry

3. APOLOGIES

Ross Wood, Muriel Maes, Rebecca Maes, Karen Williams (RANCH Network Manager), Ally Murphy

John Watson read out the acknowledgement of country.

4. MINUTES OF 2023/2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MOTION: As the Minutes of the previous AGM have been circulated it is moved and were accepted as true and correct.

Moved: Maria Gillies

Seconded: Mel Baker

Motion: All in Favour: Carried

5. ORDINARY BUSINESS

a) REPORTS

President Report

John Watson presented the Presidents Report

Financial Report

Tracey Moss presented the financial reports.

Centre Managers Report

Tracey thanked all the ECH team for their hard work over the last 12 months. Tracey read out and presented her Centre Managers Report.

MOTION: All reports for The Eaglehawk Community House 2023/2024 as presented be accepted and approved

Moved: Sabine Young
Seconded: Rochelle Boston
Motion: Carried

b) ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

MOTION: All in favour for ECH Membership fee to stay at \$5

c) ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

As nominations presented for the 2024/2025 Committee of Management did not exceed the positions available an election was not required resulting in the following being declared as office bearers:

President	John Watson
Vice President	Sabine Young
Secretary	Sabine Young
Treasurer	TBC

Election of Ordinary Members

Don Goodman
Ross Wood

6. Appointment of Honorary Solicitor

Kim Packer has been appointed as the solicitor for ECH

7. Appointment of Honorary Auditor

Neighbourhood Houses Victoria has been appointed as the auditor for ECH
All in favour for Kim Packer to be appointed as Honorary Solicitor and for NHVIC to be appointed a ECH Auditor

Moved: Sabine Young
Seconded: Maria Gillies
Motion: Carried

8. GUEST SPEAKERS

Sabine shared something about herself when she moved to Bendigo. Sabine spoke about her journey to ECH on how she started as a placement to now as a volunteer and a staff member.

Shiralee thanked everyone for inviting her. Shiralee talked about her Maori heritage and how she has gained a family with the Tai Chi group. Shiralee also spoke about all her sporting achievements.

9. Life Membership

John Watson presented both Sabine Young and Shiralee Bothe with Life Memberships

Meeting closed 11.55am

