



2018 Annual Report

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2017 – 2018

PRESIDENT

Nadia Sandona

VICE PRESIDENT

Gillian Collinson

TREASURER

Jo Bowen

SECRETARY

Christine Wainwright

Management Committee

2017 – 2018

Noreen Carr

Gillian Collinson

Geoff Cook

Nadia Sandona

Jo Bowen

Maryam Jacobs

Ron Harris

Paul Compton

Christine Wainwright

Nicola Tustin



Kooloora & Soldiers Settlement
Community Centres Inc.
ABN 12 466 032 742

Kooloora from the heart

Kooloora and Soldiers Settlement Community Centres Incorporated receives its core funding by the Department of Families and Community Services.

Kooloora Community Centre also receives generous financial and much in kind support from Randwick City Council.

The Centre is housed and supported by the Department of Housing.

Kooloora remains the only on-the-ground generalist service meeting the needs of people living in Randwick City Council's South Ward.

Our programs reflect strong working relationships with our partners. Family and Community Services, NSW SESLHD - Directorate Planning, Population Health and Equity, Randwick City Council; Prince of Wales - Community Health; Housing NSW; CAFE - Children and Families EAST; Kingsford Legal Centre, Sydney Children's Hospital; to support residents through professional services and/or ongoing programs.

These programs include Supported Playgroup, Kids Zone, Fruit and Veg Coop, Gentle Exercises, Kingsford Legal Outreach legal advice; Fitness for Seniors and Vacation Care. The Kooloora community relies on these partnerships to provide a comprehensive, inclusive and relevant service operating from a premise of sound social justice principles.



**KOOLOORA & SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT COMMUNITY CENTRES'
INCORPORATED**

Annual General Meeting Minutes

18 September 2017

Meeting declared officially open by Nadia Sandona at 13:10

Apologies: Kathryn Sigley, Margaret Berker, Christine Wainwright, Jane Griffiths, Barbara Smith and Isabella Silveira, Keith McCraw, Michael Daley, Noel D'Souza.

Attendees:

Nadia Sandona, Jo Bowen, Maryam Jacob, Roslyn Nicol, Geoff Cook, Nicola Tustin, Phillip Mcleod, Noreen Carr, Ted Carr, Doreen Grant, Olga Dunn, Jean Howes, Cheryl Nicol, Sheryl Lee, Sarah Bruce, Pauline Montesin, Ron Harris, Shane Flint, Jessica Blair, Andrew Blair, Sandra Quayle, Laine Grignon, Esmeralda Kharis, Judy Rosta, Tui Hiun, Paul Compton, Catherine Ritter, Lyn Maidment, Lloyd Ward, Robyn Murphy, Matt Thistlethwaite, John Bowen, Felicita De Guzman, Andre Naumovski, Loraine Mcfarlain, Key Ireland, Coleen Hurst

Welcome to local community and acknowledgement of country by Nadia Sandona: Special thanks given to Matt Thistlethwaite MP for Kingsford Smith and Robyn Murphy from Family & Community Services (FACs) for their attendance.

Attendees referred to minutes from previous AGM meeting in 2017, as shown in the current report.

Minutes from last AGM moved by Colleen Hurst, seconded by Pauline Peters.

Business arising from minutes: None.

Correspondence: No correspondence.

REPORTS

President Nadia Sandona provided overview of the President's report (referred attendees to page 6 of report) including acknowledgements to volunteers, committee members and staff of Kooloora. Moved by Lyn Maidment and seconded by Noreen Carr.

Treasurer Jo Bowen provided overview of the Treasurer's report (referred attendees to page 7 of report). Moved by Lyn Maidment and seconded by Noreen Carr.

Coordinator Andre Naumovski provided overview of Coordinators report (referred attendees to current annual report). Coordinator also provided summation of Kooloora's position regarding renovations set to occur within playground area and provided brief overview of the FACS TEI reform. Moved by Lyn Maidment and seconded by Noreen Carr.

ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT

Proceedings followed for the election of Management Committee. The returning officer David Mitchell from Randwick City Council declared the Management Committee positions vacant. The nominees for the new Management Committee were elected by a show of hands.

The newly elected members of the Management Committee:

Nadia Sandona – President

Gillian Collinson – Vice President

Christine Wainwright – Secretary

Jo Bowen – Treasurer

Noreen Carr – board member

Maryam Jacob – board member

Geoff Cook – board member

Ronald Harris – board member

Paul Compton – board member, and

Nicola Tustin – board member

David Mitchell officially declared nominees elected and handed over to the President Nadia Sandona.

Shane Flint was confirmed as Public Officer, nominated by Nadia Sandona and seconded by Jo Bowen.

The Committee voted to continue to use Meagher and Howard as Auditors.

The Federal MP for Kingsford Matt Thistlethwaite addressed the audience with a speech of acknowledgement provided to the service delivered by Kooloora and the committee to the community. He reaffirmed his support to Kooloora through the Stronger Communities Grant.

CLOSURE OF AGM

Nadia Sandona called the new members to the front of the hall. Each member was individually introduced to the attendees and thanked for taking the position with apologies for Christine Wainwright who was re-elected as a Secretary. Invitation opened to attendees to stay behind for refreshments at Kooloora.

The AGM officially closed by President Nadia Sandona at 13:35.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Once again this has been a busy year for Kooloora Community Centre with an increase in the number of community programs, development of a more workable office space and strong partnerships which enable other services to use our centre and support us in providing a variety of community services to our local neighbourhood.

All of these changes have been made possible through a healthy financial position strengthened by increased funding opportunities, careful financial management and a committed team of paid staff and volunteers.

In particular, the financial management of the organisation has been strengthened by our bookkeeper, Sheryl Lee who has streamlined and updated our systems, making it easier and more efficient to monitor our financial operations. Sheryl is part of the staff team and works in the centre 1 day a week. Sheryl also provides the essential financial information to the monthly Board meetings in a timely manner and follows up any issues arising out of the meeting.

A very big thank you to our various funding bodies, including Federal, State and Local Governments. Your financial commitment to the local community is essential for the ongoing provision of grass root services and support and is very much appreciated.

Also thank you to our long term auditors, Meagher Howard and Wright Accountants.

An abridged income statement and balance sheet for the year ended 30 June 2018 has been prepared and included in the Annual Report 2018. The unabridged financial accounts and audited report by Meagher Howard & Wright are available on request.

Jo Bowen



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am happy to report that this year has been a very positive year for the Centre.

Our new staff members Charm Culla and Naomi Kana have brought with them diverse and valuable skills. Together with Sheryl Lee - Bookkeeper, Nicole Arathoon - Vacation Care Coordinator, Lee Golsby – Playgroup facilitator and James Livingston – Maintenance, Kooloora has a great team led by our Manager Andre Naumovski. Kooloora continues to be strongly focussed on moving forward and meeting the many needs of the community.

A big thankyou to Andre who works tirelessly to meet our funding obligations but also, very importantly, to seek out and seize opportunities to broaden the services provided at the Centre and to improve the facilities here. One example of this is the new Kid Zone program. This program was developed in partnership with NSW Health Promotions and specifically responds to a real need in Kooloora's immediate environment to support young children. Up to 18 children attend the program which runs for 3 hours one afternoon a week. In a safe and supportive environment, they have an opportunity to socialise, cook, eat and develop new skills with the support and care of specialised staff. This is just one example. Information regarding other programs is included in the Managers Report.

Thank you to Teresa Mok, Gary Ella and Randwick City Council for the ongoing support.

Greatly appreciated is the continued support and encouragement received from our politicians Michael Daley and Matt Thistlethwaite and Mayor Lindsay Shurey. Whenever possible they all make a great effort to attend functions at Kooloora and the community really appreciates this.

Our volunteer base continues to expand. Where would Kooloora be without all the wonderful people who give their time freely to help, support and enrich the lives of others. Without your help many programs would simply not happen. They are all very special and important team members. Thank you.

Finally, a special thank you to a group of volunteers Kooloora could simple not do without- our committee members. Many of you wear many hats at the Centre but in your role as a committee member you represent the broader interests of the community and are part of a decision making team and process that determine what happens at Kooloora. That is a great responsibility which you all take very seriously. Long standing committee members, Gillian Collinson and Noreen Carr have represented the community since the early years, serving a total of nearly 60 years between them! Personally, and on behalf of the broader Kooloora community, I would like to thank you all for your hard work, support, high level of commitment and passion.

Nadia Sandona



MANAGER'S REPORT

This year we've had a few changes at Koolooro.

At the end of the calendar year we sadly farewelled our Community Worker Sarah Bruce who departed Koolooro in pursue of her dreams. In Sarah's place we employed three new employees. Charm Culla is in charge of the administrative processes including our media presence and the day to day operation of the centre. Naomi Kana is our Kids Zone facilitator, working in partnership with staff from NSW Health Planning to deliver our afterschool program for the Children in the local community. Lee Golsby is our old-new Playgroup facilitator. She is known to long running Koolooro members and visitors from her time in Koolooro Playgroup. Lee is back with us to the satisfaction of many of the parents who have known her in the past. Our Fruit and Veg Coordinator Shane Flint had to retire from his role due to his fragile health and Jenny Kelly stepped into the role to continue to grow this wonderful program. James Livingston also joined the staff and he is in charge of the cleaning. Thank you to our bookkeeper Sheryl Lee for keeping our financial records in order; with the ever increasing financial accountability requirements, Sheryl is really the quiet hero of Koolooro.

This year we started the works on Koolooro extension with the help of the two grants from the state and the federal government. We now have larger and most importantly mould-free office space where our staff can plan and deliver on the Koolooro programs. The second stage of the project will see the main hall extended and with new modern lighting to replace the old and inefficient lighting in the main hall. Many thanks to Matt Thistletwaite and Michael Daley for making this possible.

The Playgroup renovation project was finalised this year, thanks to the Social Housing Community Improvement Fund. The playground was made bigger, the sandpit was renovated and we got a modern sail shade over the sandpit for the enjoyment of our families with young children.

This year we started a few new programs. Kids Zone started in July and has had a very good reception by the local school aged children. This is a partnership with NSW Health Planning which we are hoping will continue in the future for the benefit of the Bilga community.

We also started English classes, Computer classes as well as a new Tai Chi group at Koolooro.

Koolooro continues to deliver a considerable level of service to the community for what we receive in funding. This is only possible due to the dedication of its employees and volunteers. I am confident we will continue to deliver meaningful services in the future and I'm hoping that we will be able to source steady funding to be able to do this.

I'd like to express my gratitude to the Management Committee for their great support of our staff and programs in the past two years and I'm looking forward to working with the new Committee members due to be elected at this year's Annual General Meeting.

Andre Naumovski

SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP

Supported Playgroup is one of Kooloora's longest running programs, much enjoyed by our youngest ones. It continued to be a happy place for children ages 0-5 where their parents/guardians can have a cup of coffee and share experiences. This year we said goodbye to our playgroup facilitator Sarah Bruce who has left a great legacy for our playgroup to build on.



The successor of Sarah is our old-new playgroup facilitator Lee Golsby who we were very fortunate to have return to Kooloora. Lee is bringing her long years of experience and skills to the playgroup team. Together with our faithful volunteers Maryam, Felicity, Christine, Nicky and Dave from Randwick Council, we are able to run a great playgroup full of fun and learning.

We continued to provide early intervention services to our families in partnership with Sydney Children's Hospital, NSW of Health Promotion Service and Child & Family East. In addition to the fortnightly visits of a social worker, this year we are introducing new activities promoting healthy family lifestyle through healthy cooking and outdoor activities.

Through these partnerships we were able to make our playgroup an enjoyable social experience for families, providing early education, support and referrals.



With the generous grant from The Department of Housing, our outdoor playgroup area has been transformed in a modern play space with large sandpit, UV protection shade, soft rubber playground and a much larger playground area for the children to be able to roam around while still in a safe space.



In the new school year we fair welled some of our families with children turning school age and we also got many new families with young children.

Kooloora is committed to keep playgroup fee free so that it's accessible to our most disadvantaged families. We welcome gold coin donations and a piece of fruit, every school term Monday and Wednesday from 10am-12pm.

VACATION CARE

Kooloora Vacation Care program operates during each of the school holiday breaks equalling nine weeks of the year. Two weeks in July, September and April and three weeks in January. Kooloora Vacation Care supports 48 families in the community with a total of 79 children currently on the roll. Eleven children identify as Aboriginal / Torres Strait Islander and eleven children are supported by the Kooloora targeted program, whereby they do not pay fees to attend and they are offered the pickup and drop off service by our bus.



We now have a total of 6 children with special needs: 2 on the autism spectrum, 2 with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) with one also diagnosed with Oppositional Defiance Disorder (ODD), 1 with Downs Syndrome, 1 with a hearing impairment. The process for the Inclusion Support subsidy has begun as it is vital we provide all of our children with the best opportunities to succeed and enjoy their time at vacation care feeling confident and comfortable.

We always create a very child centred program. Over the past year we have enjoyed many excursion days (approximately two per week) such as:

- Swimming at Frenchman's Bay and Des Renford Aquatic Centre
- Bowling, Laser Tag, Ice skating and Mini Golf
- Fun days at Centennial Park, Inflatable World, Sydney Olympic Park, Taronga Zoo
- Movies at Fox Studios
- Walk over Sydney Harbour Bridge
- Educational excursions at The Australian Museum and Brasserie Bread

We have also appreciated the fun of our in-centre days such as:

- Let's go camping day and Dodgeball challenge day
- Minute to win it challenge day
- My Healthy Kitchen Rules
- Commonwealth Games Sports Day
- Water Bomb Bonanza Day
- I'm a Vacation Care Kid Get Me Outta Here...
- Koolooras' Got Talent
- Pizza Pyjama Party and 80s disco
- Pony rides (incursion)

The success of the program is largely due to the dedicated and committed staff: Annette Sills, Sarah O'Connor, Tarryn Griffiths, Nina Pickering, Kimberley Russell and Mitchell Stratoulakis who over the year have worked cohesively as a team to ensure all our children are safe, happy and well looked after. Their support and care of the children is always appreciated and vital in the ongoing functionality of the service.



We extend a sincere thankyou to the Clubs NSW program who provide us with funding to help support the children with affordable excursions.

Thanks also to Kooloora Community centre and Randwick Council for their continued support of Vacation Care ensuring we provide our families in the community with necessary support and our children are provided with fun and enjoyable activities each school holidays. Together we continue to honour our mission statement:

"To provide 5 – 14 year olds in the local community with childcare services during the school holidays which are enjoyable, at their interest level and safe."

Nicole Arathoon

Child Care Coordinator

KIDS ZONE

It wouldn't come as news to anyone living around Bilga Crescent in Malabar that the children around here don't have much to do in the way of free activities. Nor there is a facility for them to hang out and play together. That is finally coming to a change.



Kooloora's members of the management were fortunate to have the opportunity to be trained in the Harwood community consultation model. This training and the partnership between NSW Directorate of Planning, Population Health and Equity and Kooloora resulted in a brand new grass roots program - the Kids Zone.

Kids Zone is an exciting new after-school program for children aged between 6 and 13 years living in the local community. The program started in July this year and runs on Mondays between 3.30pm and 6.30pm at Kooloora.

Children will have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of activities focussing on physical health and wellbeing. This includes indoor and outdoor games and sports, cooking, and nutrition education. Kylie, our crafty nutritionist from the NSW Health, prepares healthy meals on site and the children are encouraged to take part as well. The crown of this activity is that the children get to eat their creations. Naomi and Charm are our two community workers in charge of running around and making sure everyone is kept well entertained and safe.



The program is free for everyone and is funded and supported by South Eastern Sydney Local Health District (SESLHD), Health Promotion Service. The workshops in July and August this year have been a success with between attending 12-18 children each time.

FITNESS FOR SENIORS & GENTLE EXERCISES

Our Fitness for Seniors and Gentle Exercise programs continued to operate this year on Tuesdays. Kooloorra has been running the two programs in partnership with AIM for Fitness, a Division of NSW Health South Eastern Sydney Local Health District for a number of years and they have remained very popular and sought after.



The fitness facilitator Lyn has done a fantastic job organizing the group activities to match every participant's exact needs and abilities, which has made the program so popular in the first place. Apart from being a great for the body, the program is also increasing the social participation and mental wellbeing.

We owe a big thank you to our bus driver Igor without whom the free transport to and from Kooloorra wouldn't be possible. Thank you also to Maryam, Colleen and Lyle for coming every Tuesday to prepare the morning tea for our seniors.



Both Gentle Exercises and Fitness for Seniors run every Tuesday morning to noon in school terms.

COMPUTER CLASSES

This year we introduced free computer classes at Kooloorra. The classes cover basic to intermediate topics and are tailored to suit the students level of understanding. Our tech teachers Dimitri, Greg and Jasmine are all volunteers with background and interest in technology and most importantly they have the patience and attention to detail needed to be able to be able to effectively convey this type of knowledge. The classes cover Windows, Mac, Android and iOS.

TAI CHI

Last year we trialed a Tai Chi program which was run as a partnership with an external provider, but the cost involved was a barrier for a number of participants.

This year we introduced a Kooloorra's own Tai Chi program which is facilitated by our volunteer Boo Teong Chew and is free to everyone and it's been a great success.

Tai Chi is a form of Chinese martial arts practised for self-defence and as an exercise form. The program runs every Thursday in school terms 10-11:30am.



At Kooloorra it is practised as an exercise form. It begins with a short warm up exercise, followed by the eight brocade - basic standalone Tai Chi movements - and then the movements are combined into what is known as the 24 movements which is repeated four times for maximum benefit within the exercise time period of one hour. The aim is to exercise and stretch the body, improve balance and posture, and cultivate an

appreciation of a Chinese martial arts form. The exercise is then followed by half an hour of tea and coffee fellowship over light refreshment.

The number of participants has been consistent between 10-15 throughout the year. Tai Chi at Kooloorra is a great way for our local community to exercise, to belong and to be friends.

ENGLISH CLASSES

This year we started a new program for people from non-English speaking background. The program is run solely with Kooloorra's existing resources, without any additional funding.

Our English teacher Susan Ringland has worked patiently with Kooloorra to build a steady group of learners. The English classes are run on Thursday at 10-11am and are free for everyone.



THE SEEKERS



Seekers group is a social group of women aged 55+ who meet at Kooloora on Mondays to have a bikkie and a cup while knitting a nice blanket and a teddy bear for the local young families. We'd also like to also give credit to the Seekers for keeping the wheels turning, literally. With their generous donations this year we were able to get new tyres and a battery for the community bus. Not only this, but they also funded the purchase of a small indoor drone to for the children in Kids Zone.

MY TIME PLAYGROUP



MyTime is a playgroup run by Playgroup NSW at Kooloora Community Centre. MyTime groups provide local support to anyone caring for a child up to age 16 with additional needs or chronic medical condition.

Parents can meet with people in similar circumstances to share their experience and to find out about available community support. MyTime at Kooloora is facilitated by Toni and

Enola who are the play helpers for the children to engage in activities such as singing, drawing, playing with toys, blocks or sand so parents can spend time focusing on catching up with others.

MyTime runs for 8 weeks during the school term in a small relaxed friendly playgroup. This year MyTime had 6 mums and 10 children aged between 1-5.

The playgroup runs on Tuesdays from 11am-1pm each school term. The playgroup is free and we provide morning tea and activities for the kids. Everyone is welcome to attend.

VEGED OUT

The Veged Out Co-op service, run by volunteers, continues to contribute a valuable community service this past year. The service is offered fortnightly, on Fridays during the school term. Veged Out members enjoy receiving a cloth grocery bag of quality fruit and vegetables, with a few bags of artisan bread for the bargain price of \$12.00. The bags are paid for in arrears and picked up between 10am – 3pm, on the day.



At the beginning of the year, the management of Veged Out was taken over by Jenny Kelly. Shane Flint who previously ran Veged Out transferred his role due to health problems which made him unable to continue. Jenny however has done a superb job in stepping up into this role, actively promoting the service; collecting and bagging the bread donated from Bread Brassiere; and driving the Kooloora bus to pick up the fruit and vegetables first thing in the morning.

This year we changed to our new supplier Farmer John in South Point Shopping Center. The present quality and quantity of the nutritious, season fruit and vegetable has been excellent. Participants are also satisfied that we support local businesses and give a genuine alternative to shopping from big food corporations.

Veged Out members are grateful for the generous donation of artisan bread from Brasserie Bread Bakery. Instead of allocating a bag number for each member, members are advised to take how much bread they think they can consume.

The volunteers who consistently turn up to assist in the process of sorting, bagging and allocating the produce are Jenny Kelly, David Haugh, Pearl Smith, Keith and Lorraine McFarland and Nicky Tustin.

The number of participants is on average around 40 each fortnight. They come from a diverse demographics, such as low-income earners, elderly, students, families, etc. We are looking to grow membership numbers through word of mouth, social media and the Kooloora Newsletter, as this service is open to all.

In summary, it has been a good year for Veged Out as it continues to grow and thrive in our community offering great quality, unpackaged, nutritious food, at a bargain price.

WOODTURNER'S SHED

The Woodturners' Shed occupies the shed opposite Kooloora's main building and is a valued partner of Kooloora. The Woodturners run a number of programs and also help the local children with mentoring projects as well. Their hands and tools are always first on call when there is something in a desperate need of fixing and in a property of this size, fixes needed are in abundance. Woodturners are regular participants at regional shows where they are well known for regularly cleaning out the prizes.

AUSTRALIAN HEARING

The Australian Hearing has been providing free hearing check services to the Kooloora community over the past few years. The hearing check takes about 5 minutes to complete and is conducted by experts. The service comes to Kooloora every six months either using Kooloora's office space to conduct the hearing tests or they even bring their mobile lab, park it outside and run the hearing tests at our front door. This service is free to Kooloora's visitors.



Australian Hearing Services (Australian Hearing) is the largest provider of government funded hearing services. Australian Hearing provides hearing services to clients eligible under the Australian Government Hearing Services Program. Its services include assessing hearing, fitting hearing devices and providing rehabilitative programs to help eligible clients manage their hearing impairment.

KINGSFORD LEGAL CENTRE OUTREACH



The partnership with the Kingsford Legal Centre (KLC) has continued this year. KLC staff and students deliver free legal advice service to the disadvantaged members of the community, raising awareness and advocating on behalf of the residents of public and private housing surrounding Kooloora Community Centre.

The service aims to help with various legal issues, such as traffic fines, consumer disputes, neighbour issues as well as family issues, it's well received by the community with over one hundred clients assisted each year.

Kingsford Legal Centre outreach operates on every second Friday 10am-12pm at Kooloora, excluding school holidays.

ENERGY ACCOUNT PAYMENT ASSISTANCE

This is the first full financial year that we had the EAPA (Energy Account Payment Assistance) system fully online. EAPA is a Government program administered through the Department of Planning and Environment to assist families in financial hardship to stay connected to the electricity and gas grid. The program has transitioned from paper based to computer based commencing 1st July 2017 and we can say now that we have successfully transitioned with it!

While Bilga Crescent is the primary target of this program, this year we are seeing more and more people learning about Kooloora and coming from everywhere.

Recently we started to see the clients usually helped by other agencies in Maroubra and elsewhere due to them being turned back or referred to us directly. The paradox is that we are getting people referred to us by other big agencies that cannot cope with the demand.



The program runs every Tuesday in school terms to support families and individuals in financial in financial distress by issuing vouchers for residential electricity and gas accounts.

This year we have attended to 324 households at risk of disconnection with a total of over \$82,000. This was only possible due to the hard work put in by our seasoned EAPA, with the highest number of clients served around October which is around the time when winter bills get rolled out. The abundance of life experience working with vulnerable people have empowered our team to be able to assess people general life circumstances that have led to a financial hardship and are fully trained to provide advice and to refer people to other relevant agencies and programs.

This year Lloyd Ward left the team to care for a family member and Sybille Frank joined us and reinforced the EAPA team. The team members in the past year: Robyn Alexander, Joanne Bowen, John Bowen, Paul Compton, Nadia Sandona and Sybille Frank.

INSIDE GOSSIP NEWSLETTER

Kooloora Newsletter has regularly proven to be a faithful source of information for many residents in the South Ward. The type of information revolves around Kooloora's own programs, however we also report on general issues that affect the community and are not strictly local in nature.

Last year we printed four quarterly issues in full colour and we delivered about 3800 copies to the residents. The newsletter gets delivered by George Collinson to the local housing estates, clubs, libraries and households.

Last year's design and printing was made possible through NSW Club Grants.

Electronic copies of Inside Gossip are available for viewing on our website Kooloora.org.



ONLINE MARKETING



In addition to our Inside Gossip newsletter and our Kooloora.org website, we have expanded our reach out to the community to include the social media platforms Facebook and Instagram through the crafty hands of our marketing specialist Charm Culla. Our online community has grown rapidly in the past year and it's becoming evident that for certain demographics the electronic media is very important way to communicate and to stay informed.

Facebook allows us to connect to more people in the community and helps us to spread online the programs that we offer. Kooloora's social media presence increases our exposure to potential clients, customers and volunteers and serves as a powerful way of communication allowing people to see the services we offer.

Our website has been a very useful tool in educating the community regarding the services we offer at Kooloora. This year we implemented an online access to the Vacation Care enrolment forms which makes the enrolment process less cumbersome for everyone involved.

We are committed to adopting the modern way of communication with the community while at the same time preserving our traditional communication channels like printed newsletter and paper flyers delivered to the members in the community who are not akin to the electronic means of accessing information.

MAKING CONNECTIONS FORUM



Making Connections Forum was held at the Prince Henry Community Centre at Little Bay in June this year and Kooloora was invited to present to the local services and agencies about our programs. The forum was organised by the Inner and Eastern Sydney Child and Family Interagency in partnership with Randwick Council, Bayside Council, Waverley Council and the junction neighbourhood Centre. The forum aim was to increase the knowledge of support services available to local families and maintain links to relevant

community and family support agencies. Kooloora staff prepared a power point presentation to the services

RANDWICK VOLUNTEER EXPO



The Volunteer Expo, held at Randwick Town Hall on 23rd of June 2018 was attended by Mayor Lindsay Shurey and other representatives from different charities and social services. Kooloora was represented by Charm, Naomi and Geoff. The expo was a good opportunity to get people involved in volunteering activity and provided an easy and simple way for potential volunteers to see what is available in their area and to find the right fit for them.

LONG BAY COMMUNITY TEAM



The Long Bay Correctional Complex Community Team has been taking care of Kooloora's maintenance works for two straight years. They helped us lay down new grass in the playground area, they helped us put up the basketball board in the front yard, knocked down a brick wall for us, took down a dangerous tree and they have kept the grass and the bush around Kooloora under control throughout the year. Many thanks to the Team Leader Glen Brannock for his flexible approach to our never ending maintenance needs.

Kooloora Snapshot



Kooloora Community Centre Inc

ABN: 12 466 032 742

Income statement

For the year ended 30 June 2018

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Sales		
Grants Rec-Randwick Council	27,080.91	39,318.17
Randwick C Vac Care	43,636.35	19,090.90
Randwick C small grants	-	4,030.00
Grants Received - Clubs	8,945.45	17,803.63
Grants Received - FACS	150,462.29	150,537.70
FACS-Community Building Partne	11,014.00	-
DFACS - Small Grants	11,595.00	6,954.55
Grants - Health Promotion Serv	4,721.82	1,323.18
Other grants	2,000.00	-
Membership Fees	-	38.00
	<hr/> 259,455.82	<hr/> 239,096.13
Expenses		
Expenses	278,202.60	273,424.68
	<hr/> 278,202.60	<hr/> 273,424.68
Other income		
Grants Received	259,455.82	239,058.13
Donations	28,494.11	31,959.90
Food Share-Cooperative	7,751.67	10,996.95
Hall Hire	633.64	654.55
Insurance Recoveries	1,430.55	3,430.00
Interest Received	1,872.96	541.00
Donations to be allocated	-	4,041.10
	<hr/> 40,182.93	<hr/> 51,623.50
Net Surplus	<hr/> <u>21,436.15</u>	<hr/> <u>17,294.95</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report of MEAGHER HOWARD & WRIGHT Accountants.

Kooloora Community Centre Inc

ABN: 12 466 032 742

Balance sheet

For the year ended 30 June 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Current assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3	180,900.65	166,844.95
Trade and Other Receivables	4	576.00	18,150.00
Other Current Assets	5	7,648.41	6,803.69
Total current assets		<u>189,125.06</u>	<u>191,798.64</u>
Total assets		<u>189,125.06</u>	<u>191,798.64</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	6	3,238.35	7,250.24
Provisions	7	26,484.28	24,191.95
Grants in Advance		21,570.00	51,760.82
PAYG Tax Liability		12,263.00	8,124.00
Super - Employer		3,727.57	65.92
Total current liabilities		<u>67,283.20</u>	<u>91,392.93</u>
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Net assets		<u>121,841.86</u>	<u>100,405.71</u>
Members' funds			
Retained earnings		121,841.86	100,405.71
Total members' funds		<u>121,841.86</u>	<u>100,405.71</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report of MEAGHER HOWARD & WRIGHT Accountants.