



Annual Report 2025



Drummoyne Community Centre Inc

Our Vision

A safe inclusive community which enables all its residents to share a vibrant cultural life.

Our Mission

To identify and respond to the need of the City of Canada Bay community through programs, service, partnerships, and community building activities.

Our Values

INTEGRITY:

We build social connection and networks that are based on trust, respect and reciprocal interaction.

COLLABORATION:

We believe in the power of working together and respectfully and ethically interact with each other and those we serve.

INCLUSIVITY:

We acknowledge and celebrate peoples' differences and encourage participation of all, through providing an environment that is non-judgemental, safe and welcoming.

SOCIAL CONNECTION:

We are a community centre for all, supporting, promoting and strengthening opportunities for people to be connected to their neighbours and community.

RESPECT:

We treat everyone with dignity and strive to ensure people feel safe and valued, accepted in a caring, welcoming and non-judgemental manner.

Our Acknowledgement

Drummoyne Community Centre pays respect to the Wangal people of the Dharug Nation on whose land and waters we work, learn, play and connect. We acknowledge elders past, present, and emerging.

Our Core Services



Transport Services



Partnerships & Collaboration



English Language Support



Parent Support



Information Hub



Volunteering

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As the new President of the Drummoyne Community Centre (DCC), it is my honour to present this report, reflecting on the year's accomplishments, challenges and the continued commitment we have to the community we serve.

Our Mission is to identify and respond to the needs of the City of Canada Bay community through our programs, services, partnerships and community building activities. To that we have worked hard this year to raise the profile of our community centre and ensure that more people know about the programs, events and services we offer. We are very proud of how our centre has continuously adapted to meet the evolving needs of the community. We continue to build and develop our partnerships, relationships and networks that build collaboration and sustainable outcomes.

Key Highlights

- Building stronger relationships with our State and Federal members who are now attending DCC activities and sending us funding and other opportunities and promoting our programs in their newsletters.
- Delivery of Seniors Week events throughout the Canada Bay area, including the Music & Morning Tea event at Breakfast Point with performances provided by Concord High, Rosebank College and Canada Bay Community Choir.
- Promoting DCC through community events hosted by our Federal Member, Sally Sitou MP, including community talks at Breakfast Point and Five Dock Public School.
- Our Spring and Autumn Fashion Parade fundraisers.



Seniors Week at Breakfast Point



Fashion Parade Volunteers

We also recognise that there are always challenges, and as a community centre we must stay agile and proactive in responding to these challenges and needs in the community through advocacy and action. For example, we are acutely aware of isolation and loneliness in our community. As a result, we made a submission to the NSW Government Inquiry into the prevalence, cause and impact of loneliness in NSW. We also made a successful application to Australian Post for a \$10,000 grant to address loneliness, connection and good mental health in our LGA, through the Companions Connect Program.

On behalf of the DCC Management Committee I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our recurrent funders, City of Canada Bay Council and the NSW Department of Communities & Justice. I also thank our financial members, service partners, and hirers who supported us throughout the year. Their generosity and commitment have been crucial in allowing us to carry out our mission.

As we look ahead, there is much to be excited about. The coming year presents new opportunities for growth, and we will continue to build on the solid foundation we've established over the years. We are exploring new avenues for engagement, for improving the facilities we offer the community, and by expanding our current programs.

Our success is due to the tireless work of our Manager and staff, volunteers, and the unwavering support from you, our community, and our partners. Thank you for your continued trust and support. Together, we will ensure that DCC remains a thriving hub of activity, care, and opportunity for all. Thank you, and I'm excited to continue this journey with all of you.

Christina Vine-Hall

President

MANAGER'S REPORT

Parent Education

Our courses and workshops aim to support and empower parents with effective strategies and unique insight into how children develop, learn and think. All our programs are based in research so parents can feel confident that what they are learning will work and will have good outcomes for the whole family. DCC delivered 16 parent courses in 2024-25. The most popular courses were: Circle of Security; Baby Yoga; Language Learning Play; Infant Massage; and DADS: Getting to know your baby.



Four generations attend a class at DCC

"I felt I was a spare part and not of any real value until today"
(Dads: getting to know your baby, March 2025)

"I found the course fantastic! I learned many new strategies and reflected on my own upbringing and parenting style. Insightful!"
(Circle of Security, Sept 2024)

"I now know how important it is to address my childrens emotional needs prior to any 'teaching moment'"
(Circle of Security, March 2025)

135 parents enrolled | 420 sessions attended | 4.9 Star rating (out of 5)

English Language Support

DCC English Language Classes and groups attract all ages, all abilities, and all cultures. We provide a friendly space with qualified and experienced paid tutors. The ESL Classes operating in Concord and Drummoyne have a focus on pronunciation, vocabulary and effective communication. The Conversational English Group provides an opportunity for practice, for those in the classes and in the community.



Concord ESL Classes

Skilled volunteer leaders prepare topics of interest to discuss. Guided discussion allows participants to share information about themselves, and they learn from each other. In 2024-25, the languages spoken at home by participants included: Asian Languages (42 persons) - Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean, Japanese, Taiwanese, Thai; Eastern European Languages (11 persons) – Russian, Slovakian, Polish; Turkish; Other (10 persons) – Arabic, Spanish, Portuguese, Sri Lankan, Farsi.

"I am engaging with more people because my English is getting better"

"I'm meeting new people and everyone is friendly. I'm also getting information about what is happening in the community"

"It has improved my English and my confidence!"

73 registrations | 429 sessions attended | 4.5 Star rating (out of 5)

Transport Services

Transport services comprise: 1) The BayRider Bus that takes people door-to-store to enable them to remain independent; 2) Ring & Ride Volunteers who use their own vehicles to transport people when the bus cannot be in two places at once, 3) Bus Hire by other community organisation, and 4) New Resident Tours. In 2024-25, our bus driver David retired and we welcomed Maria to drive Thursdays. Paul continued to drive Wednesdays. A huge thank you also goes to our dedicated volunteer car drivers: Serge, Peter, Lindsay, John and Catherine who were regularly called upon to help out. All drivers are often complimented on their punctuality, kindness, friendliness and humour, bringing enjoyment to the passengers. We have 48 clients who use the service on a very regular basis, and many more on a casual basis. 71% said they made a social connection due to using the service. 60 % would like to see the service extended. 92% of the passengers rate the service as "Excellent".



New Resident Tour

The service has kept me independent of family who are under pressure due to medical reasons"

They are always on time – such friendly staff"

"I have that little bit of freedom for a couple of hours per week"

1,156 Trips delivered | 26 new clients | 4.8 Star rating (out of 5)

Regular DCC Programs

Being involved in community and connecting with others improves quality of life. We acknowledge the many group leaders who volunteer to support programs offered at DCC, and the helpers in the kitchen who assist with catering at events. Regular Programs delivered in 2024-25 include: Tea & Chat Information Talks; Wonder & Wisdom; For Love of Music Group, Mens Group, Mahjong Group, Needlecraft Group (Bay Quilters), and Gardening Group. We also contract specialist facilitators who are highly experienced in their field to teach: Michael from Active Empowerment for the Keep Stepping Program, and Liz from Playful Insight for the Companions Connect Program.

Feature Program - Companions Connect

This year we were successful in receiving an Australia Post Grant that aimed to improve social and mental health outcomes for seniors. The program developed was innovative, creative and fun and provided cognitive, social, and physical benefits.

The program utilised LEGO® SERIOUS PLAY® to enhance memory, problem-solving, fine motor skills, and emotional wellbeing. Each session included individual and shared model building, and a reflection on important themes. It has shown that it boosted self esteem and reduced loneliness. Participants rated the program as highly significant on a number of domains. Ten (10) sessions were delivered with eighty (80) attendances recorded.



Companions Connect Program

Tracey Sweetman
Manager

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the year ended 30 June 2025

The Drummoyne Community Centre achieved a very pleasing financial result for the 2024-2025 year as a result of a solid and strong financial performance. The Operating Profit for the financial year was \$4,044 which was an improvement on the previous year's result of \$2,150. This result was also well above our budgeted profit of \$360.

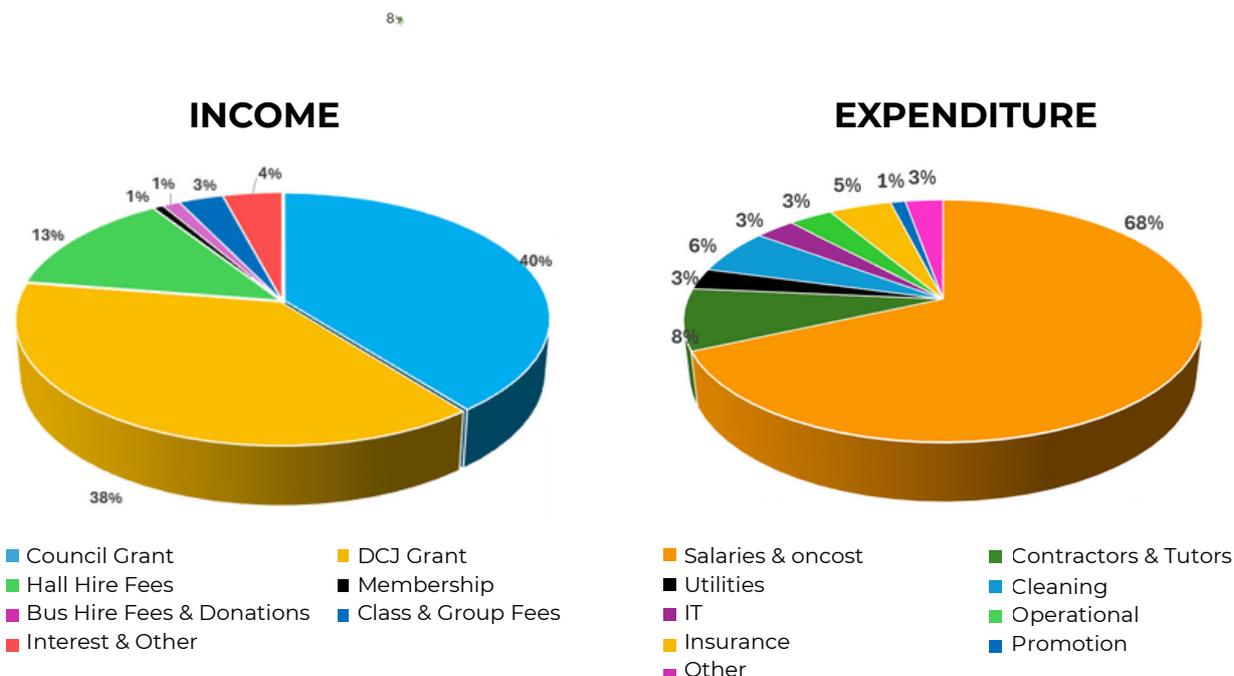
Total Income exceeded budget by \$2,919 which was predominantly due to additional unbudgeted grant funding from the NSW Department of Communities & Justice. This compensated for income shortfalls in other areas, such as Bus Hire fees and Hall Hire fees.

Total Expenses were essentially in line with budget, with a small favourable variance of \$766 for the year. This was comprised of many variances, some higher than and some lower than budget. Pleasingly, all expense variances were explainable and were of no ongoing concern.

The DCC Balance Sheet continues to be very strong and stable, with Net Assets as at 30 June 2025 of \$356,909. Contributing to this balance is the total Cash at Bank balance of \$405,887 which has a significant portion invested in interest-bearing term deposits. DCC has very healthy cash reserves for future projects and other necessary expenditures and therefore it is well-placed to effectively deliver all of its services and offerings to the greater community and also deal with all its commitments and responsibilities.

Doug Wood of Foster Raffan Chartered Accountants issued an unqualified Audit Opinion in respect of our Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Peter Leslie
Treasurer



OUR TEAM 2024-25

The Management Committee

President: Christina Vine-Hall
 Vice President: Snehil Jaiswal
 Secretary: Ella Gould
 Treasurer: Peter Leslie
 Public Officer: Lynn Taravel
 Ordinary Member: Kirsten Liljeqvist
 Ordinary Member: Adele Henty
 Ordinary Member: Catherine Brown
 Ordinary Member: Nevena Brown
 Council non-voting members: Deputy Mayor
 Cr Anthony Bazouni; Philip Edney; Tania Gamble

The Staff

Manager: Tracey Sweetman
 Transport Officer: Roberta Di Brazza
 Transport Officer (Casual): Catherine Brokenshire
 Administration Officer: Shani Cox
 Bookkeeper: Daila Jansons
 Driver: Paul Roach
 Driver: David Murray (left 2025)
 Driver: Maria Tripodi

New in 2024-25



Maria Tripodi



Peter Leslie



Nevena Brown

Our Contractors

Dympna Kennedy: Parent Educator
 Nuala Williams: For The Love of Music Program
 Catherine Smith: ESL Tutor (Drummoyne)

Michael Kline: Keep Stepping Program
 Emily de Silva: ESL Tutor (Concord)
 Liz Phillips: Companions Connect

Our Volunteers

Volunteers play a vital role at Drummoyne Community Centre. They lead our organisation with vision and direction, and they support the staff in the delivery of service. Their roles and functions are varied. We wish to acknowledge the following for their unwavering dedication in 2024-25.

Program Volunteers	Ann Ferris, Kate Holden, Maria del Monte, Sook-Hun Fong, Maureen Casey, David Craig, Ray Burdekin, Elisabeth McDonald.
Office Volunteers	Elaine Figg, Helen Trent, Madalinka Sulic, Lynn Taravel, Christina Vine-Hall.
Sub Committee Volunteers	Leanne Hewgill, Peter Leslie, Ann Koutts, Kirsten Liljeqvist.
Ring & Ride Drivers	Peter Leslie, Lynn Taravel, Serge Taravel, Lindsay Woods, John Brownhill, Catherine Brokenshire, Catherine Brown, Christina Vine-Hall.
Fashion Parade Models	Ruth Zionzee; Lynn Taravel; Christina Vine-Hall, Jenny Philips, Jan Curran.
Wonder & Wisdom Program	Colleen Burke, Jan Curran, Barbara Imrie, Mary McRae, Virginia Milla, Suzanne Parker, Merle Newton.
Management Committee	Christina Vine-Hall, Snehil Jaiswal, Ella Gould, Peter Leslie, Lynn Taravel, Kirsten Liljeqvist, Adele Henty, Catherine Brown, Nevena Brown



We appreciate the ongoing commitment of our recurrent funders for 2024-2025: City of Canada Bay Council and NSW Department of Communities & Justice.



We are thankful for the Australia Post Grant for which we received one-off funding for our Companions Connect Program

We acknowledge the providers who offer key outreach services through partnership.



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Financial Counselling



Legal Support



Tax Help



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