DRUMMOYNE COMMUNITY CENTRE INC

ANNUAL REPORT 2023



Drummoyne
Community Centre



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Our Funders

We are supported by the NSW Department of Communities & Justice and the City of Canada Bay Council who are our two recurrent funders. Together they provide approximately 80% of our income, and we acknowledge their long-time support and financial contributions.

We sincerely thank the following government & non government providers who supported us with one-off grants in 2022–23: Club Five Dock RSL; Department of Communities & Justice; Department of Industry, Science and Resources.

Our Partners

We wish to thank our partners in 2022–23

- ATO Tax Help Volunteers
- Colquhoun & Colquhoun Solicitors
- Concord High School
- Drummoyne Preschool
- Groovy Grandparents Playgroup
- Library Services
- Metro Assist Inc
- Rhodes Multicultural Community Association

Our Supporters

We rely on membership, fees and charges, donations and sponsorship to help us deliver our wide range of services, programs and events. We are indebted to our regular hall hirers who bring a wide range of interesting activities to our residents and members and we support each other in collaboration. Thank you to:

ADVC Children's Performance Classes
Astrology Association
Canada Bay Community Choir
Drummoyne Art Society
Move and Groove Dance
Liberal Party
Martial Arts for Children
Sydney Pilates
Community Swedish Women in Sydney Playgroup
Sydney Voices
Coming Home Yoga
Yoga with City of Canada Bay Staff
Yogawise Naturopathic

Donations we have received

We thank all the business and individuals who donated to our AGM raffle last year and our AGM raffle this year:

- Glaze Galleria pottery classes gift voucher
- Julie Peadon Art class voucher
- RM Natural Therapist voucher
- Café Wareemba voucher
- Coles Gift Cards donated by Lynn and Serge Taravel
- Wine donated by Ann Koutts
- Candles and chocolates donated by Christina Vine-Hall
- Church St Markets

Valerie Anast has been hand knitting lap blankets for many years, each time adding warmth, value and beauty to our raffles. Thank you Valerie!

Donations we have given to the community

At Drummoyne Community Centre, we try to give to our local community in a variety of ways. In 2022–23 we:

- Waivered the hall hire fees for Red Nose Limited for its family day event for people dealing with the loss of a child. Their event was held in October 2022.
- Fundraised for the Cancer Council. We hosted a "Biggest Morning Tea" in June 2023 collecting $154 from the people attending the event. DCC then matched the raised amount making it into a $308 donation.

Front cover photo: **Parent Education Course, Baby Yoga**

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Drummoyne Community Centre opened in response to a community need for connection, and has been serving the local government area since 1979. Residents wanted a dedicated space where people could gather for social and community activities and events.

Today we continue that tradition of responding to needs of local people and providing an extensive range of services and programs for everyone.

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 needs of the City of Canada Bay community through programs, services, partnerships, and community building activities.

OUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Drummoyne Community Centre pays our respect to the Wangal People of the Eora Nation, on who's land and waters we work, learn, play, and connect. We acknowledge Elders past, present, and emerging.



Fashion Parade Volunteer Models



Parent Education



ESL Class at Concord



Volunteer Gardeners and Children of Drummoyne Pre School



Swedish Women in Sydney Playgroup



Ring & Ride Transport Service

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The DCC vision, 'to create a safe, inclusive community which enables all resident to share a vibrant community life' is as relevant today as it was 45 years ago. It has been a year of creative consolidation for the Drummoyne Community Centre (DCC) under the guidance of our experienced manager, staff team and lead by a dedicated management committee.

One legacy of lockdown years has been a blurring of edges and a softening of boundaries between work and family lives. Online communication and current information are now expected and in themselves bring a new set of challenges, especially for those unable to use the technology, or for whom the personal connection is vital. Used well, there are advantages in these shifts as they can facilitate deeper and more productive relationships, both in person and online. Engaging with the wider community is always a high DCC priority, as we want to harness ideas and experiences. We encourage feedback from our members and funders, in understanding the needs of our local communities. We are currently in the process of refreshing the DCC Strategic Plan and laying a foundation for the next 5 years.

To extend the reach of DCC a website upgrade is underway to include online bookings, payments and give 24/7 access to information. This will free up administrative time that can be diverted to other areas, eg producing materials inhouse which is more flexible and cost effective. In anticipation of this, staff and management committee have been strengthened and upskilled, especially in digital communication and use of social media.

We reviewed management committee skills and to maintain a broad community base, added three additional members to include expertise in aged care, youth and social media. Quarterly full committee meetings remained online, but for flexibility, smaller focus groups were added to facilitate short term projects. In order to generate ways of delivering community services that extend the use of all resources, management and staff teams are intentionally networking for opportunities to connect with other groups or organisations.

We have partnered with various community-based initiatives, eg Drummoyne Preschool to provide the Wisdom series, C4C at the Family Fun Day, a DCC member initiated a public forum about the upcoming referendum, and our manager initiated a networking event for small businesses operating at DCC to meet each other and connect. We initiated an auspice arrangement by which our entity status can support a startup group become established. Everyone benefits from these partnerships which serve to amplify the resources in our local service and business communities.

Under the direction of our manager, the DCC operations team maintained a blend of efficiency and caring that goes beyond any of their job descriptions to provide an exceptional and memorable experience for everyone who comes through the centre or accesses our classes in Concord, or uses the mobile BayRider service. Led by the DCC Vice President, our Volunteer Program has been revitalised and there is now a growing cohort of people available to support services at the centre. This is a priceless addition to our organisation.

The City of Canada Bay Council (CCBC) continues to fund, support and consult with DCC. We have given input to major projects such as the review of the Drummoyne Oval precinct and a review of accessibility in council buildings. As a result, footpath upgrades and toilet refurbishment are scheduled to be completed by 2024 and these will benefit both DCC users, hirers and our co-tenants Drummoyne Occasional Child Care, and their families.

Council is actively seeking ways to strengthen community and business relationships and two DCC hirers were selected to be in the Council Emerging Leaders program. A group project on the DCC culminated in a presentation to CCBC Councillors and fellow emerging leaders that showcased DCC as a potential partner for community connections. DCC also gave input to Council's Cultural Plan and we took on one of the final recommendations for community engagement which has inspired management to create a space in the Centre where local artists can display their work. This action is timely as the DCC can be considered for the Drummoyne Art Trail - a recent initiative linking small businesses, local artists and community activities.

An ongoing partnership with the Department of Communities & Justice enables the DCC to continue offering parenting programs that benefit families from all backgrounds. As families grow or circumstances change, some parents return to refresh their skills These programmes are integral to DCC programs and after 9 years have legendary status locally.



Adele Henty
President

The diversity of this year is a testament to the strong bond DCC shares with our funding bodies and extended community. As we prepare for the coming year, may I assure you the DCC management team and staff remain passionately committed and to determine the direction for the next five years, and input from all sources will ensure that members voices are heard, and community needs are prioritised.

The cornerstone of where we are now is the combination of committed and skilled people and I acknowledge the management committee, sub committees, focus groups, and volunteers for their loyalty and ongoing encouragement of each other. I sincerely believe that together we are greater than anyone of us and with these teams, I am confident that the year ahead is set to be even more fulfilling.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Drummoyne Community Centre
Year Ended 30 June 2023

The Centre achieved an operating profit of $16,771. This is down on last year's result of $39,217 which includes federal government COVID – 19 grants of some $33,804.

The Centre remains in a strong and stable financial position with cash held at year-end of $382,533. Revenues increased by $54,041 on last year, with increases in grants of $21,702, hall hire of $17,832, interest earned of $5490 and other income.

Grants Provided by The Department of Communities and Justice $159,934 and City of Canada Bay Council $125,544 continue to provide most funds for our operation.

Operating Expenses increased to $338,247 from last year $295,563. The most significant increase was in computer expenses $31,592 which was offset by the SSFT grant. Cleaning was up $8,532 and employee cost rose $7,833 with the transport officer's hours being increased and additional staff hours working around the new website. DCC was not immune to cost of living pressures and saw utilities costs rise some 80%.



Kirsten Liljeqvist
Treasurer

The Finance subcommittee saw the departure of Sook Hun Fong and appointment of two new members Daila Jansons and Peter Leslie. A big thank you to Sook Hun for several years of service to the committee and DCC. Daila and Peter bring a broad range of industry experience to the committee having held senior finance and commercial positions.

Bookkeeping services were provided by Training and Business Services (TABS). Auditor Doug Wood remains unchanged from last year.

MANAGER'S REPORT

What a year! Class numbers increased, new programs were offered, new volunteers joined us, and people started returning to the Centre after a covid hiatus. If I had to choose one word to describe this year it would be growth.

We introduced new programs this year to support residents to keep well, keep active and keep stimulated and connected:

- Keep Stepping is a strengths program that help seniors build muscle and retain good balance to prevent falls in the future. It was so popular we repeated it over several terms, and it is now a permanent offering on our program.
- The intergenerational program we call Wonder & Wisdom started this year in partnership with Drummoyne Preschool. It's been delightful to see preschool children in the building again, and you can't wipe the smiles off the faces of adults and children alike.

We particularly welcome back our English Conversation group that offers anyone in the community a weekly opportunity to come and practice their English in a supportive environment. This service is completely facilitated by very dedicated volunteers who have been doing this work for some years. Maureen Casey and David Craig have been recently joined by Wendy Ballesty as the group expands. I invite you to read more on page 8 about our work with those who have English as their second language.

In 2022–23 we developed some new partnerships. Metro Assist now provide a financial help service to residents, assisting them with budgeting, managing debts, and advocacy, to name a few. We thank Michelle Lazaris and Maxine Smith for helping us bring this service to City of Canda Bay. We also have started a relationship with Macquarie University who are now offering us students to support us in our work.



Taryn Findlay
Student

This year Taryn Findlay assisted us with 150 hours of work experience helping us with survey design and consultation, focusing on our work with early childhood services. This enabled us to understand the post covid impacts on children and their families in our area. I also acknowledge the services of Verena Brunner who offered us 50 hours of her time as a psychologist. Verena consulted local families and psychology services about the needs of families in the area. These results will be incorporated into our upcoming strategic plan.

An important part of what we do is measuring. How many programs did we offer? How many people participated in them? This data enables us to make decisions – are attendances stable, growing or decreasing? Are we offering a good spread of activities? Are we offering the 'right' activities based on what our community wants? While we measure all our DCC programs, we have never asked our hirers about how many people attend their classes and groups. Combining our figures with theirs gives us a real understanding of how many people come through our doors.

This is what we learned from our hirers this year:
Martial Arts for children are our largest group, followed by ADVC and the Canada Bay Community choir.
Hall hirers, collectively, recorded a total 7,349 attendances.
When we add to this all the attendances at our parenting programs (593), ESL classes (980), wellness programs (367) and social groups (364) and attendances at DCC service like tax help and legal help, that figure grows to **10,339 attendances in 2022–23**

While these numbers are impressive, what we continue to do is impact people's lives in the most meaningful and practical ways. I'm talking about quality of life. We know how people need to connect with others and socialize and feel part of the community. This is evident in our practices but also in the feedback we received from those attending. Feedback is formal and informal. We regularly collect anonymous surveys and Centre staff get to see and hear informal feedback each week: The "thumbs-up" as participants file out the front door after attending a course or event; the "thank you" and the "can't wait to come back next week" and the "please register me for the next course" always tell us people have enjoyed their time with us. We are always open to feedback and encourage more.

This year we received a substantial grant through the NSW Government. The Department of Communities and Justice awarded us $40,000 under the Social Sector Transformation Fund (SSTF Program) helping us to plan and develop strategies and tools to make us more sustainable into the future. As a result, we now have:

- The ability to operate the business from an external workplace ensures continuity of business if ever we faced another emergency lockdown, like Covid.
- A new website (soon to be launched) that enables people to register for courses and classes and pay online (or in the office) using a credit card. Ultimately this will make it easier and more streamlined for the customers and staff who are processing bookings.
- Documentation and review of our Information Technology.
- New and updated software and hardware.
- A social media plan and implementation strategy.



We also thank Club Five Dock RSL who funded us through the Clubs Grants program and enabled us to deliver a program for parents of teenagers. We partnered with Concord High on this project and delivered it at the high school. Participants highly praised the program helping them to better understand their teen and communicate with their teen around hard conversations.



Also the Federal Government, Dept of Industry, Science and Resources awarded us an Equipment grant that enabled us to purchase promotional banners and signage, a PA system, outdoor tables and chairs and a trolley. These will make it easier to promote our Centre and services in the community.

None of the work we do would even be possible without dedicated staff, contractors, volunteers, and a supportive Management Committee. I invite you to read more on pages 18 to see who these wonderful people are. In 2022–23 we said goodbye to some long-standing volunteer group leaders who have retired from their role: Jan Tamba from the Walking Group and Joan Douglas from the For Love of Music group.

In addition, Adriana Piscicelli has retired as our ESL Tutor for Concord.
I wish Jan, Joan, and Adriana all the very best, and thank them for their many years of service to DCC and to our local community.

Thank you everyone for a challenging and rewarding year.
On behalf of the staff, we wish you a wonderful year ahead and look forward to seeing you in the Centre for many years to come.



Tracey Sweetman
Manager

ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT SERVICES

As residents of the City of Canada Bay we are fortunate to live in a diverse and vibrant cultural community and as a result our English Language classes attract all ages, all abilities, and all cultures. Providing a friendly space with quality teachers helps to build trust and confidence. All classes continue to have pronunciation practice to enhance clarity of spoken English. This involves the practising of tongue twisters and "tricky" rhymes as well as relevant, often-used, common words. Classes are held in Drummoyne and Concord, and the Conversational English Group in Concord. All our participants agree that improving their English language skills has increased their confidence when getting involved in their community. 2022–23 saw a steady increase in students, both for Concord and Drummoyne Classes. For Concord, the majority were from the Chinese community in Rhodes and surrounds. We thank our community partner Jing Hong from Rhodes Multicultural Community Association, in helping us to promote classes in the Rhodes area.

ESL Classes at Concord

The cultural and linguistic make-up of the Canada Bay LGA remain evident in the Concord ESL classes. There is a range of language groups with the majority being from Mandarin or Cantonese backgrounds, with Korean, Iranian, Spanish, and Japanese also represented. A healthy diversity of worldviews and concepts were present, together with plenty of cross-cultural fertilisation taking place in a safe learning environment. The classes were thematic, with a focus on culturally significant days and events, with a purpose to increase students' understanding of Australian society and culture whilst improving their English.

The aim for each session was to provide the opportunity to:

Practice speaking and listening to English – often lacking in the lives of ESL speakers.

Gain an understanding of Australian culture and history.

Share experiences, feelings, and concerns.

Interact with fellow students, make new connections and friendships.



ESL Class at Drummoyne



Learning English at Concord

ESL classes at Drummoyne

Opportunities are offered in every lesson to revisit, practice, and consolidate different parts of grammar and specific vocabulary groups; for example, words that relate to measurement, time, numbers, body parts, health & medical, community, food groups and packaging. The class members also continue to practise and refine their understanding and use of prepositions, pronouns, questions, and verbs. A welcoming, comfortable, and happy environment is essential if participants are to have the confidence to question and ask for clarification where they lack understanding.

Queries often arise from things that they have heard in the community or in the media during the previous week. The opportunity to freely query is an essential and important feature of our ESL sessions. Discussion of common idioms and Australian slang continues to be a useful and popular part of our class. I regularly draw their attention to events which may be of interest to them, for example, VIVID and the Drummoyne Community Fair.

Conversational English Group

This group offers an opportunity to practice conversational English in a supportive and facilitated environment.
Each week, volunteer tutors prepare topics and the group either discuss the topics in smaller groups or as a whole. Introductions and how to start conversations are an important feature.
Participants also share information and knowledge about themselves and their interests. They learn from each other. Some of the topics covered in 2022–23 include: house renovations; selling a car on Facebook; recipe sharing; celebrations across the world; holidays; travels; current news items and much more. When asked why people attend this group the answers are wide and varied. "Without good English we become isolated and dependant on our children" "Being understood is important because English is needed everywhere: hospitals, banks, and the post office, even getting on the bus!" Averaging 6–8 attendees each week, this group is open to more enrolments.

179
REGISTRATIONS
88% FEMALE
12% MALE

980
CLASS ATTENDENCES

11
LANGUAGES SPOKEN (TOP 3 ARE MANDARIN CANTONESE & ITALIAN

32%
HEARD ABOUT OUR SERVICE FROM OUR WEBSITE

21%
HEARD ABOUT OUR SERVICE FROM FRIENDS & FAMILY

21%
HEARD ABOUT OUR SERVICE FROM THE LIBRARY



Conversational English Group practicing skills in a local restaurant



"If my English is better, I can improve my life"

"At English classes I get to meet other people and make new friends"

"I attend because I need to improve my listening and speaking skills"

SUPPORT TO CHILDREN, PARENTS & FAMILIES

We aim to give children and families the best start possible. At Drummoyne Community Centre we provide support for children, parents and families. Our programs and courses for parents are all evidence-based.

This means parents can rely on the information and support we give, because it works! We understand that the first two years set the bonding and connection for later life, so we offer many programs that will support a baby's health and growth in those early stages of development. Parents love the simple yet very effective strategies that empower them as parents, giving them unique insight into how children develop, learn, and think.

While virtual platforms are convenient, it's the physical, face-to-face classes that are invaluable. The tactile experience of being in the same room, sharing stories and experiences, the nods of agreement and laughter, or a comforting touch is vital. There's a deep-seated psychological benefit in having a reason to step out, dress up, and interact – it's not just about socialising but about reclaiming a semblance of the life we once knew. It's therapeutic, serving as a salve for the mental and emotional wounds inflicted by prolonged isolation. There is an old African adage that says, "It takes a village to raise a child." In our courses, we witnessed the emergence of a new kind of village, one forged in the crucible of shared challenges. These newly formed bonds became lifelines, with parents who were once strangers leaning on each other, forming lasting friendships, and co-creating support systems.

To every parent who has joined us on this journey, they know that every doubt they've had, every anxiety they've felt, was valid. Within this shared experience lies the strength of a community that understands, supports, and uplifts. Through these courses, we're not just imparting knowledge but fostering connections, building communities, and shining a light on the enduring human spirit.

267 ENROLMENTS

84% FEMALE

16% MALE

61 PARENT EDUCATION SESSIONS

37% BORN OVERSEAS

18 COURSES DELIVERED

PROGRAMS DELIVERED IN 2022–23 INCLUDE:

Baby Yoga; Brain Development in Children 0–5 years; Calm Kids: Emotional Wellbeing; Circle of Security; Couples to Parents workshop; DADS: Getting To Know Your Baby; Decoding Toddler Behaviour; Engaging Adolescents; Infant Massage: Getting To Know Your Baby; Language, Learning and Play; Toddlers Transitioning; Fearless Parenting Program.

CALM KIDS

Children today face a myriad of stimuli that can lead to anxiety and distress. Nurturing their ability to remain calm addresses immediate challenges and lays the foundation for future well-being. Without this guidance, children risk being overwhelmed, potentially leading to behavioural issues, reduced self-esteem and struggles adapting to life's challenges. As parents, our first instinct is to protect.

But sometimes, in our attempt to shield our children, we may inadvertently contribute to their anxieties. Overprotecting or constantly intervening can, at times, prevent them from facing challenges and deprive them of the opportunity to develop their resilience muscle. The "Calm Kids" Workshop is a comprehensive program tailored to help parents understand the many influences on a child's behaviour, especially in the face of change. Through the roadmap of change, understanding the fundamental needs of our children, and recognising the factors that influence change, this workshop offers insights and tools to foster calmness in young minds.



Language, Learning, Play Course

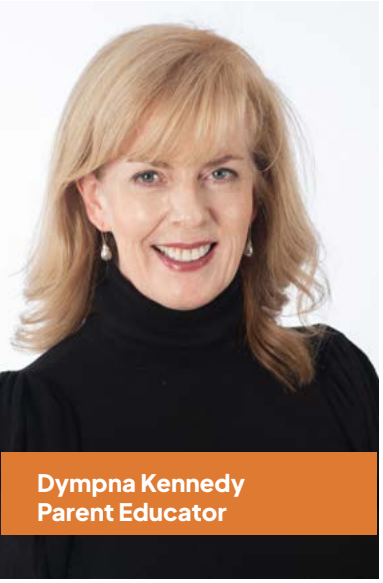


Baby Yoga Session

"It was a mind-blowing course which I did not expect it to be so educational and helpful.
The trainer is very patient and kind and shares experiences and gets us to share them too.
I have learned so much from her…. I have already recommended her to my mothers group and other friends"
Brain Development course participant October 2022

"What an exceptional facilitator. She truly went above and beyond to acknowledge special moments of connection for parents and babies and babies connecting to each other.
She created a safe and special environment for bonds and friendships to form.
I am very grateful for the course and will return to other courses"
Melissa, Baby Yoga Course November 2022

"I came away feeling empowered and reassured, and I can't thank you enough for the tools and strategies I've learned. I would highly recommend this course to all parents!
Tessa, Circle of Security Nov 2022



Dympna Kennedy
Parent Educator

"It has totally shifted my mindset in a very profound way, which has impacted on all aspects of being a parent. Love the fact that you also offer a refresher course too"
Jinny, Circle of Security Nov 2022

"Both my husband and I have learned so much and we have started making changes to our parenting style. We now feel a lot more confident in what we are doing"
Linda, Circle of Security Nov 2022

Dads welcome too!



TRANSPORT SERVICES

Our BayRider Shuttlebus operates on a Wednesday and Thursday to fulfil the transport needs of our customers. In 2022–23 people predominantly used the service to attend medical and specialist appointments, and to a slightly lesser extent shopping and banking. They also attend wellness programs and recreational activities in the community and at Drummoyne Community Centre.

There are many reasons why people use this bus service. This year we saw a large growth in people attending activities (last year there were 43 trips compared to 141 this year). Shopping and going to services such as banks and hairdressers is still strong and our most common reason, at 331 trips. It is also important to note this year that due to rising living costs the elderly are finding it difficult to catch taxis as often as they did in the past thus, and so they rely more on the BayRider. Our customers also mentioned that taxis often don't like the short trips! The need for socialisation is also on the increase with our ageing members saying they "like a chat" with our bus drivers and fellow passengers. For many, they only leave their home in the week when our BayRider takes them shopping or to our activities at the Centre.

Clients are very pleased with the shuttle service with a high customer satisfaction score. They would prefer if it were available on more than two days a week due to the difficulty in making medical and hairdresser appointments on only two days of the week. This year a local nursing home started regularly hiring the bus for resident outings on a fortnightly basis. Another nursing home is now utilising the transport service to take their independent living residents to activities in the community.

We thank our regular bus drivers Ian, Martin and Paul who provide a happy and helpful experience for our residents – always willing to support and assist people on and off the bus. We also thank our regular volunteer drivers who assist by driving their own vehicles when our bus is full or can't be in two places at the same time.



Roberta Di Brazza
Transport Officer

Our volunteer drivers provide an important service and are welcomed members of the team:

Lynn Taravel, Serge Taravel, Peter Leslie, Lindsay Woods, Norm Lynch, Adele Henty, Catherine Smith, Christina Vine-Hall, and Sally Ash.
We appreciate your flexibility, dedication, and ongoing commitment.



99% Gave a 5–Star rating



There were 26 new clients in 2022–23



35 bookings for the Leichhardt Market town shopping trips



81% Of our clients are aged 80 years or more. This is growing.



We have seen a 100% increase of men using the service



The BayRider conducted 1,129 trips. A 17% increase from 2022

My children say "write a shopping list and I will get it for you"... they don't understand I want toget out of the house.

"Getting this bus means I can attend activities at the Centre"

"I like the company. It makes my life better"

"It's a reliable service, always ensuring we get to appointments on time.

The back-up of having volunteer car drivers if needed, is very appreciated"



Leichhardt Market Town



BayRider Bus

OUR SUPPORT SERVICES

Information & Referral

If you need assistance sourcing local services, we can help. It may be for you, for an elderly parent or even a neighbour! Our manager and staff have an extensive knowledge of the services available to City of Canada Bay residents and can connect or refer you to services. In 2022–23 we referred people to other transport services, My Aged Care, Inner West Family Support, Home maintenance & modification services, and family law solicitors just to name a few.

Tax Help

If you need help with your Tax Return, the Tax Help program is free for persons who have earned less than $60,000pa. It is offered from July – October at Drummoyne and Concord. This program is delivered through the Australian Tax Office using trained volunteers. Appointments were held on Monday mornings and Sunday afternoons offering 30 minute appointments. 16 people accessed the tax help program in 2022–23.

Finance Help

New to 2022–23, free appointments with qualified Financial Counsellors are available. Help can be given with budgeting, managing debts, advocacy with banks and financial institutions, managing bills, loans, rental and mortgage payments, small business financial difficulties and problems with gambling debts. Held on the first Monday of the month from 9.30 am to 12.00 pm this service is available in person, online or by telephone. In 2022–23 we serviced 7 persons.

Legal Help

Free legal information is provided by a local solicitor to residents of the City of Canada Bay. This includes information on Family Law, Wills, Criminal Law, Neighbourhood Disputes, Property, Tenancy, and other matters. Held on the First Tuesday of the month from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm (30–minute appointments over the phone). In 2022–23 we booked 21 sessions.

Tech Savvy Seniors

An important service to build the technology skills of seniors in a changing world where computers, mobile phones and the social media rules. This program is delivered in partnership with Library Services, City of Canada Bay Council. Courses this year covered Introduction to Tablets, Introduction to Smart Phones, Learning about Apps, Cyber safety and online shopping. There were 36 registrations.

Hall Hire

Our halls are available to the community (individual and groups) for hire. We have regular hirers who offer programs on a weekly or monthly basis.
Others hire our halls for private use for activities such as birthday parties.

EXERCISE AND WELLNESS

At DCC we provide opportunities that lead to happy, healthy, and wholesome lives. You can find a range of exercise, relaxation and wellness programs that build personal fitness (physical or mental) and connect people with others who are likeminded. Often our programs are tailored to all levels of fitness. Programs offered in 2022–23 included: Keep Stepping and Walking group. In 2022–23, 53 sessions were delivered, with 593 attendances.

Keep Stepping Gentle Exercise for Seniors

In 2022, Activempowerment approached Drummoyne Community Centre to assist with the running of the Keep Stepping program after they identified a need in the community for a specialised fitness option for seniors. A grant was awarded to Activempowerment by Briars to run the program for two terms.

The program was very successful and met the needs of many seniors in the City of Canada Bay area. As a result, Keep Stepping Gentle Exercise for Seniors has been added as a regular program to the Drummoyne Community Centre calendar.

Running over 8 weeks each Term, Keep Stepping is led by Michael Kline, a Senior Exercise Physiologist and Exercise Scientist, with Activempowerment. The program focuses on functional movement and strength building exercises to help participants maintain and improve their balance and coordination. The group are motivated, committed and enjoy making a good health decision whilst having a great time.

ACTIVEMPOWERMENT
MOBILE EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY • ALLIED HEALTH SERVICES



Keep Stepping Gentle Exercise for Seniors

Wonder & Wisdom

Drummoyne Community Centre in partnership with Drumm
intergenerational program connecting adults in the comm

Our aim is to build relationships and friendships between c
don't have these role models in their lives due to distance a
educators from the preschool, the group participated in a
We see children as being full of wonder and seniors as havi
is that it's the adults that walk away with a sense of wonder

We thank Volunteer Group Leaders Maria Del Monte and Vi

Socialise, Connect & Explore Interests

The importance of social connection and purpose in your day should never be under-estimated! Group activities can improve quality of life, reduce loneliness and depression, increase interest in life and improve physical health.
We invite you to take up a new hobby and join in with others. It's a great way to stay mentally fit and meet new friends.

THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES WERE OFFERED AT DRUMMOYNE COMMUNITY CENTRE IN 2022–23:

FOR LOVE OF MUSIC

LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP

WONDER & WISDOM

GARDENING GROUP

MAHJONG

TEA & CHAT

MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

EXERCISE FOR SENIORS



Mahjong



For Love of Music

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unity with children from the Centre.

hildren and seniors, as some children
and circumstance. Supported by the early
wide range of fun and interesting activities.
ng wisdom, but the beauty of this program
and the children with more wisdom.

cki Morris for their ongoing support.



Hokey Pokey



Getting Creative

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

We were thrilled to take part in Australia's Biggest Morning Tea in June.
This worthwhile, annual event raises awareness and funds for cancer research and other support programs in Australia.
Our attendees braved a cold winters day and enjoyed talks by the Canada Bay Historical Society and the Cancer Council.

A delicious morning tea was served, and the generous donations were matched by Drummoyne Community Centre amounting to over $300 to the Cancer Council.

This donation will help provide vital support services to ensure no patient or family face cancer alone.

30 People attended the talk.

Cancer Council
Australia's Biggest
Morning Tea



Cancer Council talk on prevention



Fundraising

EVENTS

Seniors Week

Try a program: free classes were offered so people could try something new. Classes included: Pilates; Yoga; Keep Stepping; Men's Group; Gentle Groove; For Love of Music, Play & Learn Mahjong, and a local history tour of the area with a visit to the Canada Bay Museum . There were 49 enrolments for Seniors Week activities in 2022–23.



Move and Groove free trial session



Move & Groove Seniors Week Participants

Fashion Parade

Our wonderful Fashion Parade was held on Wednesday 12th April at the Centre. This was the first time we have held such an event and were overwhelmed by the response we received. Julie from Golden Girl Fashion offers a unique fashion service and provided an amazing collection of smart, casual lifestyle ladies clothing that fit most shapes and sizes 8–20! Our lovely DCC volunteers Ruth, Maria, Lynn, and Christina had so much fun parading the fashion and enjoyed the 'catwalk' experience!

We had over 50 ladies attending the morning tea fundraiser. What excitement was had with ladies browsing the racks, trying on garments, and making any purchases they wished on the day. We sold over $4,000 in sales, netting us a nice commission. We will be taking the opportunity to bring our community together again and will be hosting another Fashion Parade Fundraiser in October.

We thank everyone who was involved with the event.



Sample of Fashion at the Fundraiser



Volunteer Model Maria Del Monte

Our Tea & Chat program

This continues to be popular where participants get to hear from local services and organisations about important information to them. Topics this year included: Voice to Parliament; (Be Prepared for an Emergency (Erica Greig); Financial Counselling Services (Maxine Smith); Bay Connection Bus tours (Melissa Blaine Woodley); Access Sydney Community Transport and Social Outings (Jacqueline Martins); BayRider Program and the Hunters Hill Music Concerts (Tracey Sweetman); Local History (talk by Andrew West of Canada Bay Historical Society) ; and Healthy Living by the Cancer Council (Susila Kulasingam) as part of the Cancer Council annual fundraiser. We undertook a survey with the regular attendees and asked them about what topics they would like to hear in 2023 and 2024. We look forward to delivering them in 2023–24.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Firstly, thank you to all our wonderful volunteers. What a great year it has been, and I've enjoyed meeting so many of our existing volunteers and welcoming 10 new volunteers to the Centre in 2022–23. We are building a stronger community together!

Volunteering at the Drummoyne Community Centre is vital to our operations, and we have relied on the enormous help and support that our volunteers have provided for over 30 years. Our volunteers tell us they enjoy volunteering as it keeps them active and busy, provides a sense of purpose, helps them to gain new skills, and they maintain a social connection with their community. With over 40 volunteers, we can provide many different services and programs. Currently volunteers help us with:

Administrative and Office Support: We have a group of volunteers who support us with statistical reporting, admin duties, volunteer management and finance help.

Transport: Our team of volunteer car drivers, supplement our BayRider Services providing safe and reliable transport service to residents for medical appointments, shopping, personal appointments, enabling them to access services to improve their social and physical wellbeing.

DCC Programs and Community Connections: Volunteers provide leadership to our various groups such as ESL, Mahjong, and Men's Discussion Group. They assist us with events such as fundraisers, Tea & Chat, the AGM, and various Community Building Events during the year.

Management Committee: Our volunteer management committee meets quarterly, oversees the running of the Centre, and comprises people from our community with various backgrounds, legal, finance, marketing, administration, social media, consulting and give hours of work to sub committees and working groups.



Christina Vine- Hall
Volunteer Coordinator
of Volunteers

OUR VOLUNTEERS HAVE CONTRIBUTED OVER 1400 HOURS OF VALUABLE HELP AND SUPPORT TO DCC DURING THE YEAR AND WE SAY THANK YOU.

NEW VOLUNTEERS IN 2022–23	Wendy Ballesty • Catherine Brown • Russell Darnley Sally James • Daila Jansons • Vicki Morris • Virginia Ryan Penny Walters • Lindsay Woods • Fifi Scott
1–5 YEARS OF SERVICE	Paul Alice • Ray Burdekin • Jan Curran • Maria Del Monte • Elaine Figg • Sook Hun Fong Ella Gould • Kate Holden • Snehil Jaiswal • Peter Leslie • Deborah Mangum-Copelli Pat Mazoudier • Jennifer Murphy • Adriana Piscicelli • Catherine Smith • Don Squire Lara Sweetman • Lynn Taravel • Serge Taravel • Christina Vine-Hall
5–10 YEARS OF SERVICE	Sally Ash • David Craig • Norm Lynch • Elisabeth McDonald Michael Moroney • Patrick Murphy
10+ YEARS OF SERVICE	Coral Arnold • George Bulcock (Life Member) • Maureen Casey • Joan Douglas (Life Member) • Adele Henty • Ann Ferris • Marellda Jo • Ann Koutts • Kirsten Liljeqvist Janice Tamba • Martin Watts • Joan Wright • Clive Wright • Ruth Zionzee



Volunteer Joan Douglas with family

Joan Douglas

In September 2022 the For Love of Music group held an afternoon tea to thank Joan Douglas for the time, leadership, and creative energy that she has contributed to the music appreciation group.

Joan is a DCC Life Member and has been volunteering since 2002, firstly as a driver and then as the Leader of the For Love Music Group. Joan has extensive musical knowledge and has showcased a range of genres including opera, orchestral, celebratory music, and music from the movies just to name a few.

At 89 years young, Joan retired as a DCC volunteer in 2022 and now attends the program as a participant. Thank you, Joan, for your incredible contribution.

OUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Management Committee is elected annually from the membership. They bring a wide range of skills and experiences in areas such as aged care, marketing, customer research, adult education training and development, finance, legal, health, and psychology.



Adele Henty
President



Christina Vine-Hall
Vice President



Ella Gould
Secretary



Kirsten Liljeqvist
Treasurer



Snehil Jaiswal
Committee Member



Lynn Taravel
Committee Member



Catherine Brown
Committee Member



Virginia Ryan
Committee Member



Penny Walters
Committee Member

Also represented on the Management Committee are Councillor and General Manager representatives from the City of Canada Bay Council.

They are Ex-Officio (non-voting) Committee Member: Cr Julia Little; Cr Carmel Ruggeri; Mr Philip Edney

OUR STAFF



Catherine Brokenshire, Martin Watts,
Tracey Sweetman, Roberta Di Brazza, Ian Ismay



Paul Roach
Joins the Team

Our Office Volunteers

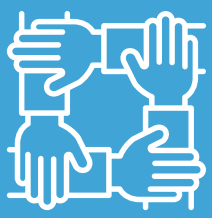
Christina Vine-Hall
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Sally James

Our Volunteer Team Leaders for DCC groups

Low Vision Group: Coral Arnold
Men's Group: George Bulcock & Ray Burdekin
For Love of Music: Lara Sweetman
Mahjong: Elisabeth McDonald
Bay Quilters: Kate Holden
Walking Group: Jan Tamba
Gardening Group: Sook Hun Fong
Wonder & Wisdom: Maria Del Monte & Vicki Morris
Conversational English: Maureen Casey

OUR CONTRACTORS

Dympna Kennedy (Parent Education)	Creating Balance
Adriana Piscicelli (ESL Concord)	Sole Trader
Catherine Smith (ESL Drummoyne)	Sole Trader
Michael Kline (Keep Stepping)	Activempowerment
Matthew McGregor (IT)	Support You
Bel Temby (Website)	Digital Services Lab
Cindy Drew (Bookkeepers)	TABS
Melissa Wilson (Designers)	Anchorage Media
Tony Masters (Printing)	Morgan Printing
Robbie Khatri (Cleaners)	S & B Cleaning
Doug Wood (Auditor)	Foster Raffan Chartered Accountants
Po-Tien Goh	Instinctual



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DRUMMOYNE COMMUNITY CENTRE INC

Committees' Report for the year ended 30 June 2023

The names of the elected committee members in office at the date of this report are:

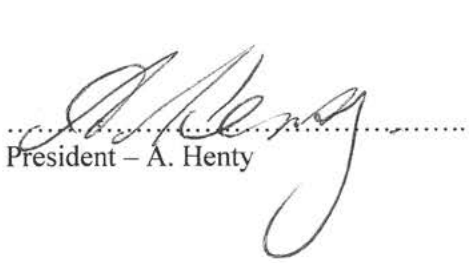
Name	Position
Adele Henty	President & Public Officer
Christina Vine-Hall	Vice President
Kirsten Liljeqvist	Treasurer
Ella Gould	Secretary
Virginia Ryan	Committee Member
Snehil Jaiswal	Committee Member
Lynn Taravel	Committee Member
Catherine Brown	Committee Member
Penny Walters	Committee Member

The principal activity of the Association in the course of the financial year was running the community service activities in Drummoyne. No significant change in the nature of that activity occurred during the year.

The operating profit for the financial year was $16,771. (2022 - $39,217). This is after Federal Government COVID-19 support of NIL (2022 - $33,804).

Since the 30 June 2022 no committee member has received or become entitled to receive a benefit, because of a contract made by the Association or a related entity with the committee member, a firm of which the committee member is a member or an entity in which the committee member has a substantial financial interest.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Management.



President – A. Henty



Treasurer – K. Liljeqvist

Drummoyne
10 August, 2023

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Independence Declaration by the Auditor & Audit Report to the Members

To the members of the Drummoyne Community Centre Inc under the Association Incorporation Act 2009 (the Act).
We declare that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, during the year that ended 30 June 2023 there have been:

(a) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirement as set out in the Act in relation to the audit; and
(b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Foster Raffan
FOSTER RAFFAN
Chartered Accountants

G D Wood
G D Wood, FCA (RCA #4479)
North Sydney, 10 August 2023.

Audit Report to the Members of Drummoyne Community Centre

Scope

We have audited the financial report of Drummoyne Community Centre Inc for the year ended 30 June 2023 as set out on pages 3 to 7. The Board are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein. We have conducted an independent audit in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the Association.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards so as to present a view of the Association which is consistent with our understanding of its financial position and the results of its operations.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly the financial position of Drummoyne Community Centre Inc as at 30 June 2023, presents fairly with respect to fundraising appeals and the results of its operations for the year then ended and are in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards.

Foster Raffan
FOSTER RAFFAN
Chartered Accountants

G D Wood
G D Wood, FCA (RCA #4479)
North Sydney, 10 August 2023.

Drummoyne Community Centre Inc
Committees' Declaration

The Board of Management have determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and that this financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial report.

In the opinion of the Committee Members of the Association:

1. The financial report is drawn up in accordance with the Association Incorporation Act 2009 including giving a true and fair view of the Associations' financial position as at 30 June 2023 and its performance for the year ended on that date; and

2. At the date of this Declaration, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association can meet its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This Declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee of Management and is signed on behalf of the committee by:

President – A. Henty

Treasurer – K. Liljeqvist

Drummoyne
10 August 2023

Drummoyne Community Centre Inc
Income Statement for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 $	2022 $
Revenue from continuing operation	2	**355,018**	**300,976**
Less Expenses:			
Accounting/audit		13,104	13,019
Cleaning		22,928	14,396
Client support		12,397	12,079
Computer		44,937	13,345
Contractors		19,214	19,515
Depreciation		1,286	6,427
Insurance		6,905	8,140
Motor vehicle		4,572	3,129
Other		13,418	11,423
Printing & stationary		5,196	7,118
Rates & taxes		4,377	3,960
Salaries & superannuation		182,034	176,375
Telephone		1,692	2,133
Utilities		6,187	3,419
Website		-	1,085
Total expenses		**338,247**	**295,563**
Trading profit for the year		**16,771**	**5,413**
Federal Government support		-	33,804
Operating Profit for the Year		16,771	39,217
Retained profits – 1 July 2022		236,044	196,827
Transfer (to) reserves		-	-
Transfer from reserves		-	-
Retained profits – 30 June 2023		**$252,815**	**$236,044**

The Income Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Drummoyne Community Centre Inc
Cashflow Statement for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023	2022
Cashflow from operating activities			
Receipts		304,480	334,236
Payments to suppliers and employees		(336,393)	(282,145)
Interest received		2,800	544
Net Cash (outflow)/inflow from operations		(29,113)	52,635
Cashflow from investing activities			
Purchase of equipment		(7,362)	-
Net cash (outflow) from investing		(7,362)	-
Net (decrease)/increase in cash		(36,475)	52,635
Cash – 1 July 2022		419,008	366,373
Cash – 30 June 2023	3	$382,533	$419,008

The Cashflow Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Drummoyne Community Centre Inc
Balance Sheet – 30 June 2023

	Notes	2023 $	2022 $
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank	3	382,533	419,008
Receivables	4	4,108	137
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		386,641	419,145
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Fixed assets	5	6,076	-
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		6,076	-
Total Assets		**392,717**	**419,145**
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and accruals		17,445	18,650
Grants in advance		-	44,503
Unearned income	6	5,855	6,486
Provisions	7	18,702	15,562
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		42,402	85,201
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		-	-
TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		-	-
Total Liabilities		**42,402**	**85,201**
Net Assets		**$350,315**	**$333,944**
Reserves – Future viability		47,900	47,900
- Bus Replacement		50,000	50,000
Retained Profits		252,815	236,044
Total Equity		**$350,315**	**$333,944**

The Balance Sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a. Basis of Accounting
The financial report is prepared in order to satisfy the financial report preparation requirements of the Association Incorporation Act 2009. The Committee members have determined that the Association is not a reporting entity. The report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Association Incorporation Act 2009 and the applicable accounting standards. The report has been prepared on an accrual basis, based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values. The accounting policies adopted are consistent with previous years.

b. Income Tax
The Association is a non-profit organisation and as such does not conduct any activity which will generate substantial surplus of income over expenditure.
The Association is exempt from paying income tax due to section 23 (e) of the Income Tax Act.
No provision for income tax is included in the financial report.

c. Employee Benefits
Provisions for annual leave and long service leave are raised in respect of the Associations liability.

d. Fixed Assets
All fixed assets are included at cost and are depreciated over their useful lives using depreciation rates based on those set out in the Income Tax Act.

2. Revenue

	2023	2022
	$	$
Class and group fees	8,193	5,392
Donations – Rotary Club of Drummoyne / other	3,115	2,088
Government Grants – NSW Dept. of Communities & Justice	159,934	118,740
Grants – City Canada Bay Council	125,544	128,962
Grants – Club Five Dock / Resourcing / Other	-	16,074
Hall hire	42,109	24,286
Interest	6,034	544
Other – Membership / Fundraising / Sundry	7,435	2,250
Reimbursements	2,654	2,640
Total Revenue	355,018	300,976

3. Cash

Operating accounts		
- CBA # 9867	536	145,001
- CBA # 2386	54,924	92,358
- CBA # 3084	583	396
- Petty Cash	250	250
	56,293	238,005
Term Deposits		
- CBA # 2362 (3-7% - 14.10.23)	81,240	81,003
- CBA # 9636 (3-7% - 25.1.24)	100,000	100,000
- CBA # 5345 (3% - 9.7.23)	145,000	-
	326,240	181,003
	382.533	419,008

		2023	2022
4.	**Receivables**	**$**	**$**
	Trade debtors	737	-
	Accrued interest	3,371	137
		4,108	137
5.	**Fixed Assets**		
	Motor vehicles at cost	58,969	58,969
	Accumulated depreciation	(58,969)	(58,969)
		-	-
	Office equipment, at cost	55,448	55,330
	Accumulated depreciation	(49,372)	(55,330)
		6,076	-
	Net book value	6,076	-
6.	**Unearned Income**		
	Fees and membership in advance	1,175	509
	Hall hire	4,680	5,977
		5,855	6,486
7.	**Provisions**		
	Annual leave	11,586	7,853
	Long service leave	6,288	6,336
	Time in Lieu	828	1,373
		18,702	15,562

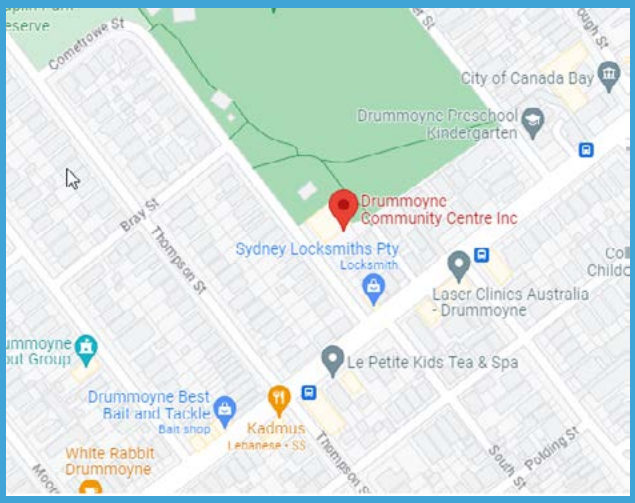
8. Subsequent Events

There have been no significant events which have occurred in the period subsequent to 30 June 2023 to the date of this report.

We acknowledge and pay respect to the Wangal People of the Eora Nation, on whose land and waters we work, learn, play and connect.

We acknowledge Elders past, present, and emerging.





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