



DRUMMOYNE COMMUNITY CENTRE INC

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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 ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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



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Baby Yoga



Tea & Chat



Legal Information Service



Seniors Week

President's Report



This year as we have all grappled with reorienting ourselves to whatever the new-normal is going to be, the importance of relationships is clearly a key. As it became easier to reconnect, we found some relationships have gone, others have changed in a variety of ways and opportunities for new ones are appearing - sometimes from the most unexpected sources and the focus has been on reconnecting and reestablishing. Maybe that is the new-normal.

It has been very evident in politics. At a local level, there has been a new Council elected in 2021, and a change of General Manager. More recently, a change of government at the Federal level brings with it a change of focus. We welcome our new member, Sally Sitou and look forward to establishing a good working relationship with her.

As a membership-based association, it is a constant challenge to keep connected with our members. From the beginning of 2022, it is fair to say DCC programs are back to offering a range of choices for a diverse range of interests and ages. It is good to see our regulars returning to the Centre and new people are discovering what we do. It seems our community is ready again for socialization and stimulation, post Covid.

This year we reviewed our strategic plan and reset priorities choosing where best to focus. One deliberate shift has been the move to quarterly management committee meetings and an expanded use of subcommittee and working parties to make the best use of our skills and resources.

In our return to normal, we are being very selective about what this means for the future of the Centre. There has been a giant shift in how we connect and communicate, a shift in family interaction, a shift in what we consider a workplace, so it is timely we consider how DCC must also shift with the times. Work over the next twelve months will be a precursor to the development of a new 5yr strategic plan starting 2023/24.

There still remains a real need for all residents in Canada Bay to know what the DCC can do for them and the Committee aims to realign our name with our purpose and geographical coverage. This shift will better reflect who we are and how the Centre can continue to provide value and deliver services to all residents of Canada Bay.

The loyalty and consistency of Centre staff has been a bonus during tough times. Their unique blend of personal commitment, ingenuity and life experience enabled the DCC to manage the demand and challenges of isolation. Staff quickly shifted from office work to work from home and back to office again. We now have the capability to connect with our public from anywhere, and the staff made it seem effortless and seamless. During the year Katherine Zerk returned to full time study, and we welcomed Roberta Di Brazza as the new Transport Officer. It was a smooth transition with minimal disruption, and we warmly welcome Roberta to the team. This role is critical for noticing changes in circumstances of clients and with the effects of isolation and loneliness it is even more important.

Loyalty and consistency also describe our volunteers. Volunteers have always been the heartbeat of our service. This year we placed particular emphasis on reinvigorating volunteer opportunities and recruitment. We established a Volunteer Coordinator Role, and we welcome Christina Vine-Hall to the team. This year we also welcomed a new volunteer program in partnership with the Touched by Olivia Foundation. The Community Circles program is being piloting in our area and aims to coordinate circles of help from family members, friends, service organisations and volunteers to support isolated and vulnerable residents to 'live their best life.'

We ended 2021/22 on a high with our attendance at the Communities for Communities (C4C) Community Day on Drummoyne Oval. DCC facilitated a community flash mob activity bringing together staff, volunteers, DCC members, DCC hirers and the general community to raise awareness about what we do. Celebrating with a song and a dance, standing up, and stepping out, and working in rhythm along-side our community certainly demonstrates what we are all about! So, on behalf of my co members of the DCC Management Committee, who are always working hard behind the scenes, I give my thanks to them for their unwavering support, and we collectively give special thanks to the Centre staff and Manager for continuing to do what they do daily, for the benefit of us all.

Adele Henty
President

Treasurer's Report



It is my pleasure to report that for the 2022 financial year the community centre achieved a net operating Surplus of \$39,217. This was a pleasing result considering the impacts of COVID-19. The community centre remains in a strong and stable financial position which is reflected in the amount of cash held at year end which is more than \$410,000.

The Department of Communities & Justice and the City of Canada Bay Council continue to provide support for our services and maintain our core activities. DCC also has income through class and group fees, hall and bus hire, fund raising activities, and client and member donations.

The operating surplus for the year includes a depreciation charge of approximately \$6000 which relates to the final depreciation on the bus.

Bookkeeping and accounting services were provided by Training and Business Services (TABS) who came on board in July 2021. We thank Cindy and her team for a smooth transition. Our auditor Doug Wood remains unchanged from last year. DCC Committee member Sook Hun Fong continues to assist the staff and bookkeeper, and the finance subcommittee provides valuable guidance in financial matters.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Centre's staff and volunteers for all their efforts during the year, in what has certainly been challenging times.

Kirsten Liljeqvist
Honorary Treasurer

The Audited Financial Report can be found in Appendix 1 starting on page 18

Manager's Report



The staff, volunteers and community have been very warm and welcoming, during my first 12 months in the managers role, and it is wonderful to see such a fabulous facility being used every day with some amazing programs.

At the beginning of the year, it was a slow start back, with people emerging again after lockdowns and the lifting of Covid-19 health restrictions.

We saw a return of attendance in programs and activities at the Centre, and with them came new people who joined classes and programs and became DCC financial members.

Manager's Report



We developed some new initiatives in 2021/22, namely:

- We combined Information Talks with Drop-in and renamed it Morning Tea & Chat. The sessions were offered once per term. There has been a variety of topics delivered: Wills, Power of Attorney and Enduring Guardianship; Community Circles Program; Navigating My Aged Care; DCC Programs for Seniors; and Great Conversations Club. Morning Tea & Chat workshops offer people an opportunity to hear about current information and connect with community.
- A Teen Wellness program (on-line) called Flex & Muse.
- Technology Workshops in how to use mobile phones and other electronic devices. This was conducted in partnership with Library Services.

- Workshop series for parents who have children with Anxiety.

New regular Hall hirers have joined our centre this year, bringing new people here and offering programs to the community that were not on offer previously at DCC. We extend a warm welcome to:

- ADVC Children's Performance Studio
- The Swedish Women in Sydney Playgroup.
- Martial Arts Spirit have booked additional hours extending their popular program over three days.



Parent Courses



Ellen Fanning presents at Seniors Week



DCC & Community Flash Mob at Drummoyne Oval

For a variety of reasons, some activities never resumed at DCC post Covid. The majority were DCC programs we offered to our members: Tai Chi for Arthritis Group now operate from the park and are independent; U3A promise to return when ready to delivering face to face classes again; and the Intergenerational Program is under review. Over the coming months DCC will be conducting a survey with members to explore new opportunities to pursue interest and socialise at DCC.

We are also pleased to have started again our BayTipper Tours for new residents. This program is generously supported by Council and is a remarkable opportunity for us to meet people new to the City of Canada Bay and share with them our wonderful services, facilities, and spaces.

We also took an inward focus at our services systems and sustainability.

The NSW Government established the Social Sector Transformation Fund with a focus on capacity building, better digital service delivery, remote working capabilities and improving business strategies, so that organisations can remain efficient, effective, and viable.

DCC was successful in our application, receiving \$47,000. We have undertaken a full audit review of our IT systems, investigated options for a client database, assessed our capability of installing credit card facilities, reviewed our website, identified hardware upgrades and software tools and staff training.

In our investigations we kindly acknowledge the input from several providers with whom we have partnered on the journey: An Nguyen, Reza Torkman, and Sophie Souchon at Digital Information Hub; Matthew McGregor at Support You; Po-Tien Goh at Instinctual; and Bel Temby at Digital Services Lab.



Men's Group

My report would not be complete without the mention of the wonderful staff and volunteers which make DCC what it is:

I think everyone knows Catherine, our Administration Officer. Apart from being the 'backbone' of the organisation, she not only brings laughter every day to the workplace, but she is one of the most efficient and effective administrators I've had the pleasure to work with. Thanks, Catherine, for your ongoing support and effort.

We warmly welcome Roberta to the team, who has joined us this year as the Transport Officer. Roberta brings with her an appreciation for working with women and seniors coupled with a deep need to connect people with services and supports. She is bilingual (Italian speaking) and has a genuine and kind nature. Always willing to share a story, and listen to a story, she is a great asset to our team. Welcome Roberta!

Our dedicated Bus Drivers, Martin and Ian, have been with us for many years, providing a friendly familiar face week after week as they help our transport customers. We receive many comments from members about their gentlemanly nature and their kindness. Paul joined us in June 2022 as a relief driver. We welcome Paul to the family.

We are very fortunate to also have regular office volunteers who are a great support to DCC staff in our work. You are incredibly valued, and we could not do it without you! Lynn keeps our statistics. All the data in this report and the data we send off to our funding bodies for grant applications and acquittals comes from Lynn's work. Christina is our Volunteer Coordinator who has reviewed our policies and practices and has given dedicated time to reviewing some volunteer roles, but also creating new volunteer opportunities....an exciting time in our growth. Elaine enjoys volunteering fortnightly in the office and assists with administrative tasks and welcoming members and visitors to the Centre. Her cheerful and welcoming personality makes Elaine a great asset to our volunteer team. Maria brings lots of cheer and kindness and works closely with our group leaders on Thursdays to provide support to DCC programs, and to assist Christina when needed.

All our work would be for naught however without the partners, funders, hirers, members, and public who come through our doors each day. On behalf of the Management Committee and the staff, I thank you for supporting our organisation.

Tracey Sweetman
Manager

Transport Services



BayRider mini-bus brings residents to DCC for the "For Love of Music" Program.

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SERVING THE CANADA BAY REGION

BELONGING
CONNECTION
COMMUNITY
SUPPORT

Groups | Classes | Programs
Services & Information

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Drummoynes Community Centre's BayRider Shuttle Service offered the transport disadvantaged access to many services and appointments during the year.

We also offered a Ring & Ride service which delivered an individual transport service in private vehicles driven by DCC staff and volunteers.

The BayTripper service returned in the last quarter and delivered one tour to new residents. The BayTripper gives new residents a better understand of our local history as well as pointing out major facilities, services, and recreational venues in our local government area. Bus hire was negligible during this period due to Covid-19 health restrictions and usual hirers were not undertaking social outings. We have recently experienced increased inquiries and interest in bus hire and hope that this will grow again in 2022/23.

The BayRider Shuttle Service operates in the Canada Bay Local Government area on a Wednesday and Thursday taking our clients to their medical appointments as well as allowing them to maintain their social connections as it is a door-to-door service which is greatly appreciated by those with limited mobility and of course is cheaper than private transport options.

Some of our clients have made new friends on the service and look out for one another.

80% of BayRider clients said they would use the bus to access an accessible shopping centre for the purchase of non-grocery items.

Of the 80% who indicated yes, their preference for a centre was as follows:

Burwood Westfield 20%; Leichhardt Marketplace 70%; the remaining 10% did not have a preference.

Clients indicated that both Birkenhead and Rhodes waterside were difficult to navigate and required too much walking.



929 trips in 21/22



71% of clients are over the age of 80yrs



99% gave it a 5 Star rating



25 New clients



304 deliveries of groceries

We connect people to essential services and supports

Due to the impact of Covid 19, we saw a general decline in the use of the BayRider service during 2021/22 with many preferring to stay at home and accessing their usual health appointments via online or over the phone. Rather than going on the bus, many reverted to deliveries of food to the home, and for many their social outings were simply cancelled, rather than going out into the community. We are now experiencing an increase in use as residents are feeling safer to move around the community following vaccinations and a general rise in community confidence.

The BayRider welcomed some new clients with the majority being referred to us via family, friends, and word of mouth. Recently we have also seen referrals from GPs because of a delivery of our brochures to local medical practices.

While the BayRider service does take our clients to local community pantries, it does, on occasion, deliver Pantry Bags to clients who request this service when they are unwell and can't leave their home. Our regular transport clients are culturally and/or linguistically diverse. Some clients are physically frail and access the bus with their walking frames, but all clients have a great respect for our drivers commenting on how helpful they are.

Most of our clients use the service to access services such as grocery shopping and services such as banks and the post office. Medical and dental appointments are also a focus for many. They also access other services such as podiatry and exercise classes. A recent survey saw our clients express the desire for the service to be offered on more than two days a week as well as requesting it to go to a shopping mall. We look forward to trialling a shopping mall Outing once per quarter in 2022/23. Some clients accessed the BayRider to cast their pre-poll vote in a less stressful environment.

At the end of 2021 DCC saw the appointment of a new Transport Officer, Roberta Di Brazza.

Roberta is bilingual (Italian) and even though some of our clients are confident speaking in English they find it welcoming to be able to talk to someone in their first language.



Roberta Di Brazza
Transport Officer

“No hassle booking process – promptness and adherence to scheduled bookings and friendly and welcoming staff, willing to assist clients within prescribed guidelines of the community centre”

“Enjoyable short travelling and it is good to meet others using the service. Drivers are always courteous and friendly”

“It has improved my quality of life. I wouldn't go out at all only for this transport”

“It is the only way I can get to the doctor, chemist, bank and grocery shopping”



There are many reasons why people register to use the Bay Rider minibus service. Here is a summary of trips taken in 2021/2022

Medical appointments	100 trips
Preventative health	14 trips
Social visits	17 trips
Shopping & Services e.g banks	498 trips
Wellbeing e.g classes in the community	43 trips

English Language Support Services



Thursday English Classes in Concord

Term 3, 2021 began with a two-week delay due to Covid-19 lockdowns. Resumption of Zoom classes were much welcomed at the end of July, accompanied by the buzz of the Olympic Games. All were pleased to reconnect and share their experiences of life in lockdown and beyond. A wide variety of topics such as lyrebirds, sea creatures, Australian mangroves, and sculptures in our local parks, made for engaging exchanges.

Predictably, the protracted disruptions of COVID and fears it engendered, resulted in reduced attendance when face-to-face classes resumed. A dedicated group of 6-8 students continued to attend despite challenges brought by the pandemic. Lower class numbers did not however diminish the engagement and enthusiasm of participants.

No less important than a strong desire for improved English skills, participants relished the opportunity to maintain and enhance social connections and sustain a sense of belonging as an antidote to enforced isolation.

The Concord ESL classes continued to represent the rich cultural and linguistic diversity of the Canada Bay LGA. Participants' first languages included: Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian and Ukrainian. This rich variety of language and culture brings about shared opinions, concepts, and cross-cultural fertilisation, all within a safe learning environment.

Classes were primarily thematic, with a focus on current affairs, culturally significant dates and events, aimed at providing background and context for participation in Australian daily life.

**By Adriana Piscicelli,
ESL Teacher (Concord)**



Sessions provided an opportunity to:

- Practice speaking and listening to English – something many lack in their daily encounters.
- Gain an understanding of Australian culture and history.
- Share about experiences, feelings, and concerns.
- Interact with fellow students and make new friendships.

Some topics explored in 2021-22: The Olympic Games; City of Canada Bay Plans 2022; The superb Lyrebird; Reflections: "Life in a pandemic"; Australian Flora; Consider the mangrove; Sculptures in my area; Waltzing Matilda & vocab: "jumbuck, swagman, billabong, coolabah tree, glee, squatter"; 2022 Federal Election & vocab: "polling, candidate, representatives, eligibility, postal voting"; 'Waterwrap' Sydney Water advice on flushing; NAIDOC Week 2022 & vocab: "boycott, harassment, petition, civil rights, mourning, heritage".

Lessons also include one or more idioms, a source of interest and laughter. Some examples: Tall poppy syndrome; Cut to the chase; Playing devil's advocate; In my neck of the woods; To be beside oneself; To break through the glass ceiling; Are you kidding me?; Keep an eye out.

We value education and seek to enable a cohesive community

Friday English Classes in Drummoyne

Our new year started as restrictions and a new lockdown came into force. A weekly zoom class was offered and averaged 5 participants each week. As with previous lockdowns we started each week with an opportunity to discuss and clarify what was happening as the Delta strain of Covid became the topic of conversation. This continued to be worthwhile time to explain and answer questions to assist understanding of what was being said in the media. Different vocabulary groups were discussed, and a worksheet was emailed to participants to complete if they wished, reinforcing grammar/vocabulary discussed the previous week. Term 1 2022 was back to face-to-face classes at DCC where we have 12 participants as at end of June. A welcoming environment is essential if participants are to feel confident to question and ask for clarification about something they have heard and not understood in the community or media during the previous week. This opportunity is an essential part of what our class offers.



All classes continue to have pronunciation practice to increase clarity of speech. This involves the saying of tongue twisters/rhymes as well as correct pronunciation of known common words. Discussion of calendar dates and special events continue to be discussed e.g. census, Anzac Day, Australia Day, elections, Olympic Games, extreme weather, and any occasion in which the participants may need opportunities to talk about words which confuse them. We revisit and practise commonplace vocab groups – e.g. measurement, time, numbers, community, fruit, vegetables, family, weather. Opportunities are offered to practise and reinforce grammar and sentence structures. Discussion of common idioms and Australian slang continue to be a useful and popular part of our class.

**By Catherine Smith
EsL Teacher**

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

“If my English is better, I can improve my life”

“I attend because I need to improve my listening and speaking skills”



58 Persons registered
(81% female & 19% male)



363 class attendances
for ESL tutoring



11 different languages
spoken by participants
Top 3 first languages are Italian,
Mandarin & Japanese



22% have lived in
Australia 5yrs or less



33% heard about classes from
friends & family; 29% from DCC
promotion, and 31% from websites,
internet of the local library



100% of students say
that improving English
skills helps them to feel more
confident

Conversational English Group

Typically meets on Wednesday mornings during the school term, however due to covid and reluctance to meet in a small indoor facility, attempted gatherings were sporadic. Conversational English group is now operating again, and this gives ESL students, and the general community, an opportunity to practice their English skills in a small group setting. This is a highly interactive and practical group. It is volunteer led by Maureen Casey with support from volunteers David Craig, Valerie Hinwood and Robyn Schneider.

Support to children, parents & families



Getting To Know Your Baby

Getting To Know Your Baby is a program that supports parents in the first 12-months of having their baby. It consists of the following components: Infant Massage, Baby Yoga, Language Learning & Play, Preparing for the Toddler Year

Infant Massage - goes beyond the different massage strokes, which oils to use or the best time of day to massage, at its core it is about connection, communication, and bonding. Parents master the skill of reading their baby's body language, their facial expressions, and subtle cues. Over five sessions parents have a toolkit of various strokes that help to relax and settle their baby in addition to specific massage techniques to relieve discomfort and pain associated with tummy wind, constipation and pain associated with teething.

Baby Yoga - This evidence-based program compliments and adds to the learning covered with the Infant Massage course. Baby Yoga helps with settling and sleep, strengthening of the physical body, improved digestion, decreased reflux, and stimulation of the senses. It also assists with the development of the baby brain and nervous system. It provides new options for parent and baby to connect and bond while supporting the physical and emotional needs of both the parent and baby.

Language Learning & Play - During this session we will be exploring how to make connections through language, learning and play. We begin with 'Helping your baby understand', this needs to happen first before your baby can talk. You will gain an insight into what helps your baby make sense of language and although your baby's first word may not be until he is 12 months old the preparation begins much earlier

Preparing for the Toddler Years - The past two years has been a cocktail of Confusion, Challenges & Changes and those who feel it most were children. This session was designed to help parents and carers support their child to manage their big feelings. Having an insight to why 'big feelings' happen how they are expressed and the best response to manage and minimise to prevent them negatively impacting all areas of family life

By Dympna Kennedy,
Parent Educator



Infant Massage



Baby Yoga



Dympna Kennedy



Mini Expo



588 attendance at sessions



22% attended 2 or more courses



39 % of parents participating were born overseas



219 enrolments: 68% female & 32% male



17 courses delivered including a mini expo

We aim to give children and families the best start possible

Bumps Bubs & Beyond

This was an exciting new offering for parents, grandparents, and carers from pre-birth to 5 years in partnership with other providers and services within the local area. The invitation went out to expecting, new and experienced parents. We ensured there was something for every family at this FREE mini expo. Babies and children were welcome, and parents had the opportunity to meet local service providers and hear from expert speakers who had a wealth of information and resources to share. DCC was the Lead Agency, working with seven other local service providers as an interagency project.

Calm Kids (for parents of children 1-5yrs)

This workshop was about supporting young children to cope with life changes (new sibling, new bedroom, childcare, moving house). Change can be exciting, but it can also be overwhelming, frightening, and frustrating for a young child. Learn and recognise the triggers that can lead to meltdowns and tantrums and have a plan to respond and support children to navigate big and little changes and set them up for better emotional regulation.

The Early Signs Workshop (for parents of children 5-8yrs)

This workshop was about preventing and supporting anxiety in primary school aged children. Anxiety develops differently for each child. While genetics, biology, and temperament play a part, it is the learning influences which are most important, as these can be modified. The workshop shows parents the factors that reinforce anxiety and importantly how to build emotion resilience in children and managing those uncomfortable emotions.

Fearless Parenting Course

Fear-Less Triple P was developed to help and support anxious children and their parents. Prominent levels of anxiety and stress often result in significant distress and health problems. In addition, it can interfere with school or work performance and interpersonal relationships. Without the right tools to support your child you risk additional strain on a family's ability to function effectively, as well as on children's relationships with their parents and their siblings.

New & Expectant Dads

This course highlights the positive and significant role that fathers play both for their child and the mother. It provides an opportunity for dads to positively impact the emotional, social, and cognitive development of baby, while looking after their own relationships, mental health, and sanity. Dads gain an insight into what research tells us about the positive impacts of having an involved father and they get to hear and learn about the experiences of other dads. The session is practical, it is very 'hands-on' and many dads leave confident in their ability to soothe and settle their baby when it is just them and baby.

Circle of Security

The Circle of Security model is a 'map' for parents and caregivers on how to navigate parenting while juggling other demands in life. Based on fifty years of research, this evidence-based program demonstrates that children with secure attachments have more confidence, compassion, resilience, and endurance. It is about giving parents the space to reflect on their own parenting while building a secure base and strong relationship with their child.

Toddlers; Tricky. Testing. Terrific.

Over three evenings we decode different toddler behaviours enabling parents and carers to gain a greater insight into typical toddler behaviours and WHY they do what they do, WHAT the parent/carer can do in response and HOW to apply the tools and techniques shared to gain a happier and more functional home environment that benefits parent and child.

"Practical advice that is uncomplicated and grounded in research with a confident and knowledgeable presenter" *Parent, The Early Signs of Anxiety*

"I very much appreciate the classes offered via Zoom during Covid. It can be very isolating, so it was great to see other parents and their babies" *A Mum, Language, Learning, and Play*

"Physical activities and tips for the day care drop off were brilliant!" *A Dad, Dads Relax you & your baby*

"I learned so much about how to connect with my baby and the richness that having an attachment approach to parenting can bring. It has helped me feel empowered and equipped with a framework and many tools to feel confident that I can be the bigger, stronger, wiser, and kind parent my child needs at every stage of her development". *Mum, Circle of Security*

"Life changing. This course could save you thousands in therapy, and more importantly, provide insight and understanding into your child's struggle with anxiety, and give you the tools and strategies and confidence to help your child overcome it" *Mum, Fearless Parenting*

Wellness Programs & Social Activities



Gentle Groove



Pilates

Drummoyne Community Centre delivers a range of wellness programs that builds personal fitness (physical or mental) and connects people with others who are likeminded. The importance of social connection has been even more important post covid. We also thank our hirers who bring a range of activities to assist us in our quest to improve health outcomes for all residents.

Programs and Activities operated under the umbrella of DCC include:

WALKING GROUP:

Led by volunteer Jan Tamba, this group meets weekly on Monday mornings.

MONTHLY PEACE MEDITATION:

Led by Deborah Mangum-Copelli, this group meets every 2nd Friday of the month in the evening by Zoom.

VISION IMPAIRED GROUP:

Led by volunteer Coral Arnold, the group meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday.

MEN'S GROUP:

Led by volunteer Patrick Murphy, the group meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month.

BAY QUILTERS GROUP:

Led by volunteer Kate Holden, the group meets on the 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month.

FOR LOVE OF MUSIC GROUP:

Led by volunteer Joan Douglas, the group meets on the 1st Thursday of the month.

GROOVY GRANDPARENTS PLAYGROUP:

A playgroup for children and their Grandparents and Carers. This is for children 1-5yrs and given seniors who care for children an opportunity to socialise with others.

MAHJONG GROUP:

Led by volunteer Elisabeth McDonald, the group meets weekly on a Friday.

FLEX & MUSE FOR TEENS:

Led by Facilitator Penny Cook, the group meets weekly online.

COMMUNITY GARDEN GROUP:

Led by volunteer Sook Hun Fong, the group meets fortnightly on a Monday.

Wellness Programs operating at DCC and delivered by Hall Hirers

- **Pilates** (Jodie Stubbs of Sydney Pilates Community)
- **Canada Bay Community Choir**
- **Move and Groove** (Renata Commisso of Move and Groove Dance)
- **Yoga** (Intan Ridwan of Begin Now Yoga)
- **Martial Arts** (Vincenzo Messina of Martial Arts Spirit)
- **Gentle Yoga** (Keri Hogarth Yoga)
- **Sydney Voices**



Community Garden Group are harvesting

We provide opportunities that lead to happy, healthy, and wholesome lives

End of Year Party

DCC celebrated the end of year with a lunch.

It was the first opportunity for many to reconnect after a long year remaining indoors and isolating due to covid.



End of year morning Tea

Tea & Chat

In 2022, we started delivering Tea & Chat. This is currently operating once per term.

This program brings together special guest speakers to talk on a range of interesting topics and programs relevant to residents in the area.

It also gives participants time to chat with each other for social interaction.

Talks have included:

- Great Conversations
- Navigating My Aged Care
- Wills, Power of Attorney & Enduring Guardianship
- DCC Programs for Seniors
- Community Circles Program



Guest Speaker, Ella Gould

New groups to DCC in 2021/22

- Gentle Groove by Renata Commisso
- ADVC Children's Performance Studio classes by Alana De Roma
- Swedish Women in Sydney Playgroup, led by Mia Stackpool

Clubs & Associations who hire our halls

- Astrology Association
- Drummoyne Art Society
- Liberal Party
- Rosicrucian Order
- University of the Third Age (U3A)

We welcome Children's Performance Classes to DCC

ADVC Children's Performance Studio delivers classes on a Thursday afternoon at DCC by Alana De Roma. ADVC offer private lessons, weekly group classes & school holiday workshops in singing, acting and musical theatre. Alana has focused on sharing what she has learnt over her career with the children she has taught over the past 15 years. She is motivated by her love of the Arts. It is what has inspired her to share her knowledge so that the children she teaches can achieve their own goals in singing, the Arts and life.

NEW LOCATION IN 2022

2022 GROUP CLASSES

ADVC CHILDREN'S PERFORMANCE STUDIO

THURSDAYS

STUDIO A		STUDIO B	
4:00PM - 5:00PM	COMBINED SINGING/ACTING JUNIORS (6-15 YRS)	4:00PM - 5:00PM	COMBINED SINGING/ACTING TRENCHING YRS
5:00PM - 6:00PM	MUSICAL THEATRE TRENCHING YRS	5:00PM - 6:00PM	MUSICAL THEATRE JUNIORS (6-15 YRS)
6:00PM - 7:00PM	SENIOR PERFORMANCE GROUP (BY INVITATION ONLY)	6:00PM - 7:00PM	JUNIOR PERFORMANCE GROUP (BY INVITATION ONLY)

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Our Supporters & Partners



Drummoyne Community Centre had two major funders, and we thank them sincerely for their ongoing recurrent support and assistance.

The City of Canada Bay Council

Council provides cash and in-kind contributions to DCC. We partner with them to deliver programs and we support each other.

- Transport Service: The BayRider Service, the BayTripper New Resident Tours; and the Ring & Ride Individual Transport programs.
- ESL Classes in Concord and Drummoyne.
- Administrative Support.
- Community initiatives: these change each year based on local community needs. Examples in 2021/22 were the Technology Workshops for Seniors. These workshop were introductions to Apple devices such as iphones and ipads and Android devices, E-mail and Zoom. The Flex & Muse Wellness Program for youth gave teenagers a chance to stretch and move and bond through conversation.
- In kind contributions include subsidised and free access to some council buildings for the delivery of services. DCC provided free access to the DCC halls each week for a Council Staff Yoga & Wellness Program. We also contribute to community consultations on relevant matters. In 2021/22 DCC contributed to the Community Strategic Plan and the Cultural Plan. The DCC response to the Cultural Plan recommended Community Arts Projects, arts program funding, a Gallery space at DCC, public art wayfinding to highlight our building to drivers and pedestrians so they can find us more easily.



Tea & Chat talk on Will & Estates, Power of Attorney and Enduring Guardianship



Mary wins the seniors week prize



BayRider minibus

NSW Department of Communities & Justice (DCJ)

DCJ provides recurrent funding to DCC under the Targeted Earlier Intervention Program. We use this funding to deliver the following services:

- Parent Education Programs. The funding allows us to employ qualified and experienced Educators and subsidise the associated operational cost.
- Sustainability funding. To support DCC to become more sustainable
All our Parent education programs aim to:
 - Increase family participation in community events and increase a sense of belonging to the community through formal and informal networks
 - Increased client reported self-determination: Increased confidence in parenting; Increased confidence in communication and socialising; Increased confidence in accessing services. Parents have built an informal social network and have developed confidence in their parenting skills. They know how to support their child to reach developmental milestones and have the knowledge of where to go for assistance if needed.
 - Increase in Education and Skills resulting in better school outcomes: Increase in age-appropriate development in children; Increase in skills and confidence during key transition phases: from home to pre-school; from preschool to Primary School; from Primary School to High School.



We work alongside others to deliver stronger outcomes

Grants from various sources (non-recurrent)

This year, DCC was successful in applying for several small non-recurrent grants to help us deliver our programs and projects. We acknowledge and thank Clubs NSW, the State and Federal Governments.

Grant	Funder	Purpose	Amount
Clubs NSW	Club Five Dock RSL	Engaging Adolescents Program delivery	\$5,380
Volunteer Grants	Premiers Department	Volunteer recruitment and recognition	\$4,000
Equipment Grants	Federal Dept of Industry	Purchase or equipment for the purpose of promotion DCC in the community	\$6,150
Social Sector Transformation Fund (SSTF) - Open Grants	NSW Dept of Communities & Justice (DCJ)	For the purchase of IT and other sustainability solutions	\$27,000

People we worked with in 2021-22

We appreciate your willingness to work in partnership. We value your continued contribution, your generosity and dedication

St Bede's Church Community Pantry - Drummoyne	Drummoyne Occasional Care Centre
Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre	Rhodes Multicultural Community Association
Touched by Olivia Foundation	Digital Information Hub
Colquhoun & Colquhoun Solicitors	The Infants Home
Communities 4 Communities	Weldon
Groovy Grandparents Playgroup	KU Children's Services
Australian Tax Office Volunteers	Child & Family Health Nursing (SLHD)
Local Community Services Association (LCSA)	Burwood Regional Child & Family Interagency
Drummoyne Pre School	
Digital Services Lab	

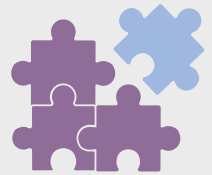


Local member Fiona Martin attends the end of year party and we celebrate the Volunteer Grant received by DCC

Drummoyne Community Centre works with several agencies to offer regular services and programs to the community. They include:

Colquhoun & Colquhoun Solicitors	Provides monthly FREE legal appointments . Originally face to face, these appointments are now conducted by telephone
Australian Tax Office Volunteers	Delivered at Drummoyne Community Centre and Concord Library, the ATO provides FREE Tax Help trained volunteers to assist residents. This service is coordinated by the DCC
City of Canada Bay Libraries	Technology workshops were held in 2021/2022 Access to Concord Library rooms on weekends for courses
Communities 4 Communities	DCC participated in the Communities 4 Communities FunDay at Drummoyne Oval. We joined stall holders, promoting DCC services, programs and activities, including our minibus! We also facilitated a Community Flash Mob activity
Carers Association Touched by Olivia Foundation Great Conversations	DCC worked with several organisations to deliver a community event during seniors' week. We thank our guest speakers for delivering a wealth of information at no cost to DCC
Ella Gould - Solicitor	Providing a Tea & Chat guest speaker session on Wills & Estates, Enduring Guardianship and Power of Attorney at no cost to DCC

Our Team



Our Volunteers

This year we welcome Christina Vine-Hall as the new DCC Volunteer Coordinator. This is a newly created position enabling us to focus on volunteer recruitment, management, support, and retainment.

Christina works two half-days per week in the DCC offices in this role and is also a volunteer member of the DCC Management Committee. Prior to Christina retiring she worked in the corporate world in various marketing, consumer behaviour and market research roles, so she brings a wealth of knowledge, skill and understanding to the team.

The Volunteer Coordinator role is responsible for developing a volunteer program; recruiting the best fit volunteers with the right skills to match organisational needs; ensuring all volunteers have the knowledge, training and support required to undertake their nominated roles and embed best practices in volunteer coordination, training, motivation, recruitment, and safeguarding; and acting as a central point of contact for volunteers for the coordination of volunteering enquiries.

Christina describes her personality as resilient and curious, and likes to connect and bring people together. She has always had a passion for working with people to help them maximise their impact and realise their potential. Christina is a local resident, since 1969 and has lived in 5 locations in Five Dock, Russell Lea, and Drummoyne areas. She enjoys keeping fit and active and creative, attending art and drawing classes, dancing, and Zumba. She recently became a grandmother for the first time.

If you would like to find out more about how you can volunteer, and the wide range of volunteer positions we have, please don't hesitate to contact Christina at the centre on 9719 8102.

Christina Vine-Hall Volunteer Coordinator



**We thank our volunteers for their continued commitment and caring attitude to our community.
We wish to acknowledge the following volunteers for support during 2021/22:**

New Volunteers 2021/22	1-5 years of service	5-10 years of service	10+ years of service
Paul Alice Maria Del Monte James Gao Ella Gould Peter Leslie Jennifer Murphy Serge Taravel	Tim Ainsworth Adelaide Brokenshire David Craig Jan Curran Elaine Figg Sook Hun Fong Snehil Jaiswal Rhona Lawson Deborah Mangum-Copeli Adriana Piscicelli Catherine Smith Alistair Spring Don Squire Lara Sweetman Lynn Taravel Rudi Viglienzone Christina Vine-Hall	Coral Arnold Sally Ash Shirley Fei Adele Henty Kristen Liljeqvist Norm Lynch Julie McBryde Elisabeth McDonald Michael Moroney Patrick Murphy Robin Schneider	George Bullock (Life Member) Maureen Casey Joan Douglas (Life Member) Ann Ferris Julie Graeme Valerie Hinwood Marelida Jo Ann Koutts Janice Tamba Martin Watts Helen Wheeler Joan Wright Clive Wright Anna Zabek

We work in harmony supporting each other to support you

Our DCC Management Committee

We sincerely thank and acknowledge the DCC Management Committee members who work tirelessly for our organisation and community.

Adele Henty	President
Kirsten Liljeqvist	Treasurer
Rhona Lawson	Secretary (left March 2022)
Ella Gould	Committee Member (started in Secretarial role in May 2022)
Sook Hun Fong	Committee Member
Snehil Jaiswal	Committee Member
Lynn Taravel	Committee Member
Christina Vine-Hall	Committee Member
Cr Julia Little	City of Canada Bay Council Councillor Representative (ex-officio)
Cr Carmela Ruggeri	City of Canada Bay Council Councillor Representative (ex-officio)
Philip Edney	City of Canada Bay Council Councillor Representative (ex-officio)
Donna Lee	City of Canada Bay Council Councillor Representative (ex-officio)

Finance Sub - Committee Members

Kirsten Liljeqvist

Sook Hun Fong

Ann Koutts

Social Media Reference Group

Christina Vine-Hall

Lynn Taravel

Snehil Jaiswal

Adele Henty

Our DCC Employees



Tracey Sweetman
Manager



Catherine Brokenshire
Office Administrator



Roberta Di Brazza
Transport Officer



Ian Ismay
Bus Driver
(Bayrider-Wednesdays)



Martin Watts
Bus Driver
(Bayrider-Thursdays)

Our DCC Tutors

Adriana Piscicelli
Catherine Smith
Dympna Kennedy

ESL Educator
ESL Educator
Parent Educator

Sole Trader
Sole Trader
Creating Balance

Our Regular Contractors

Matthew McGregor
Cindy Drew
Melissa J Wilson
Tony Masters
Robbie Khatri
Doug Wood

IT and Website
Bookkeeper
Design & Print
Printing
Cleaning Services
Auditors

Support You
TABS
Anchorage Media
Morgan Printing
S & B Cleaning Services
Foster Raffin Chartered Accountants

DRUMMOYNE COMMUNITY CENTRE INC
Committees' Report for the year ended 30 June 2022

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

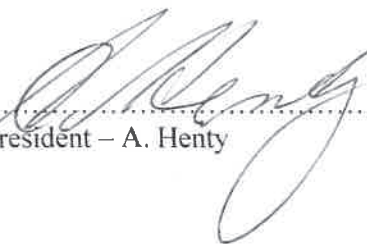
Name	Position
Adele Henty	President
Kirsten Liljeqvist	Treasurer
Ella Gould	Secretary
Sook Hun Fong	Committee Member
Snehil Jaiswal	Committee Member
Lynn Tavel	Committee Member
Christina Vine-Hall	Committee Member
Rhona Lawson	Secretary (left 17 March 2022)
Ella Gould	Secretary (started in role May 2022)

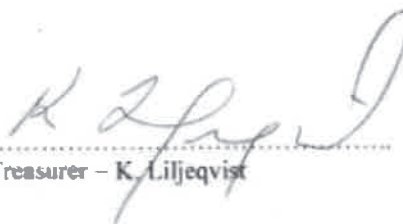
The principal activity of the Association in the course of the financial year was running the community service activities in Drummoyne. No significant change in the nature of that activity occurred during the year.

The operating profit for the financial year was \$39,217. (2021 - \$71,635). This is after Federal Government COVID-19 support of \$33,804.

Since the 30 June 2021 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.


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President – A. Henty


.....
Treasurer – K. Liljeqvist

Drummoyne
19 August, 2022



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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 2022 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
Chartered Accountants

G D Wood, FCA (RCA #4479)
North Sydney, 19 August 2022.

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 2022 as set out on pages 3 to 8. 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 2022, 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
Chartered Accountants

G D Wood, FCA (RCA #4479)
North Sydney, 19 August 2022.

Liability limited by a scheme approved under Professional Standards Legislation

Drummoyne Community Centre Inc

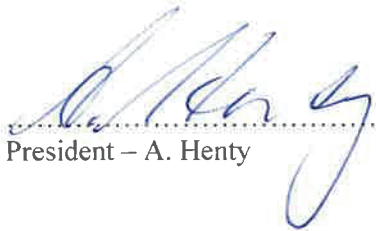
Committees' Declaration

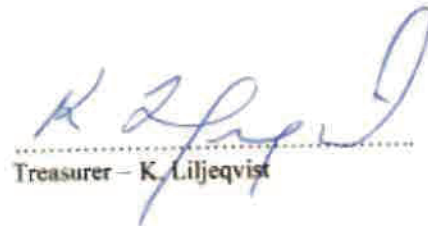
The Board of Management have determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and that this financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial report.

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 2022 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
19 August 2022

Drummoyne Community Centre Inc
Income Statement for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
Revenue from continuing operation	2	300,976	265,084
Less Expenses:			
Accounting/audit		13,019	15,116
Cleaning		14,396	11,628
Client support		12,079	15,796
Computer		13,345	4,672
Contractors		19,515	40,418
Depreciation		6,427	10,146
Insurance		8,140	8,961
Motor vehicle		3,129	1,341
Other		11,423	13,489
Printing & stationary		7,118	8,960
Rates & taxes		3,960	4,160
Salaries & superannuation		176,375	127,507
Telephone		2,133	2,125
Utilities		3,419	3,366
Website		1,085	3,306
Total expenses		<u>295,563</u>	<u>270,991</u>
Trading (profit)/loss for the year		5,413	(5,907)
Federal Government support		33,804	77,542
Operating Profit for the Year		39,217	71,635
Retained profits – 1 July 2021		196,827	165,192
Transfer (to) reserves		-	(40,000)
Transfer from reserves		-	-
Retained profits – 30 June 2022		<u>\$236,044</u>	<u>\$196,827</u>

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

Drummoyne Community Centre Inc
Cashflow Statement for the year ended 30 June 2022

Cashflow from operating activities		
Receipts	334,236	341,332
Payments to suppliers and employees	(282,145)	(237,871)
Interest received	544	1,294
Net Cash inflow from operations	<u>52,635</u>	<u>104,755</u>
Cashflow from investing activities		
Purchase of equipment	-	-
Net cash (outflow) from investing	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase in cash	52,635	104,755
Cash – 1 July 2021	<u>366,373</u>	<u>261,618</u>
Cash – 30 June 2022	4 <u>\$419,008</u>	<u>366,373</u>

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

Drummoyne Community Centre Inc
Balance Sheet – 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank	3	419,008	366,373
Receivables	4	137	2,437
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>419,145</u>	<u>368,810</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Fixed assets	5	-	6,427
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		<u>-</u>	<u>6,427</u>
Total Assets		<u>419,145</u>	<u>375,237</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and accruals		18,650	25,409
Grants in advance - SSFT		44,503	43,506
Unearned income	6	6,486	2,644
Provisions	7	15,562	8,951
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>85,201</u>	<u>80,510</u>
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>85,201</u>	<u>80,510</u>
Net Assets		<u>\$333,944</u>	<u>\$294,727</u>
Reserves – Future viability		47,900	47,900
- Bus Replacement		50,000	50,000
Retained Profits		236,044	196,827
Total Equity		<u>\$333,944</u>	<u>\$294,727</u>

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

Drummoyne Community Centre Inc
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Report 30 June 2022

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	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Class and group fees	5,392	6,620
Donations – Rotary Club of Drummoyne / other	2,088	2,704
Government Grants – NSW Dept. of Communities & Justice	118,740	109,344
Grants – City Canada Bay Council	128,962	120,311
Grants – Club Five Dock / Resourcing / Other	16,074	2,000
Hall hire	24,286	17,686
Interest	544	1,294
Other – Membership / Fundraising / Sundry	2,250	2,352
Reimbursements	<u>2,640</u>	<u>2,773</u>
Total Revenue	<u>300,976</u>	<u>265,084</u>

3. Cash

Operating accounts

- CBA # 9867	145,001	178,997
- CBA # 2386	92,358	5,535
- CBA # 3084	396	1,000
- Petty Cash	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>
	238,005	185,782

Term Deposits

- CBA # 2362 (0.58% - 7.11.22)	81,003	80,591
- CBA # 9636 (0.7% - 18.11.22)	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
	<u>419,008</u>	<u>366,373</u>

Drummoyne Community Centre Inc

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Report 30 June 2022

4. Receivables	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Trade debtors	-	2,079
Accrued interest	<u>137</u>	<u>358</u>
	<u>137</u>	<u>2,437</u>
5. Fixed Assets		
Motor vehicles at cost	58,969	58,969
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(58,969)</u>	<u>(52,542)</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,427</u>
Office equipment, at cost	55,330	55,330
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(55,330)</u>	<u>(55,330)</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net book value	<u>-</u>	<u>6,427</u>
6. Unearned Income		
Fees and membership in advance	509	491
Hall hire	<u>5,977</u>	<u>2,153</u>
	<u>6,486</u>	<u>2,644</u>
7. Provisions		
Annual leave	7,853	3,080
Long service leave	6,336	5,871
Time in Lieu	<u>1,373</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>15,562</u>	<u>8,951</u>

8. Subsequent Events

There have been no significant events which have occurred in the period subsequent to 30 June 2022 to the date of this report.



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