



# Morningson Community Information and Support Centre Inc Annual Report 2021



## About Us

The Mornington Community Information and Support Centre Inc (the Centre) is a community based, incorporated association (Reg. No. A0005512Y) and registered charity (ABN 91 482 731 425). It is a Public Benevolent Institution (PBI), endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) and is Income Tax Exempt.

It was established at a public meeting held on the 24th November 1982. It opened for business on 31st October 1983 from premises at 320 Main St Mornington and became an incorporated association on the 28th June, 1985. The official opening of extensions to the Centre, was held on 3rd September 1999.

The Centre is governed by an independent, volunteer committee of management. It is managed and operated by 2 full-time staff, 7 part-time staff and over 110 volunteers. We are an active member of Community Information and Support Victoria (CISVic), the state peak organisation representing community information and support centres.

Over the years, the Centre has sought to develop services in response to community needs. It provides general and tourist information to residents and visitors to Mornington and support services to residents in Mornington, Mt Martha, Mt Eliza and Moorooduc.

It is able to do this as a consequence of an annual grant from the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council, which significantly contributes to our operating costs and also through the provision and maintenance of the Centre's building. The balance of our funds is generated from a range of grants, community donations and our own fund-raising.

**Motto:** Community Supporting Community

**Vision:** To meet the information and support needs of residents of the Mornington area and visitors to the Peninsula

**Mission 1:** The MCISC provides information, referral and support services to assist people experiencing personal and financial difficulties in Mornington, Mt Martha, Mt Eliza and Moorooduc.

**Mission 2:** The MCISC provides visitor information services to residents of the local area and visitors to the Mornington Peninsula.

**Values:** Respect – Integrity – Compassion – Generosity

## Committee of Management

<b>President</b>	<b>Allan Fler</b>	<b>Community Representative</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Monica Baber</b>	<b>MCISC Volunteer</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Fran Chambers</b>	<b>MCISC Volunteer</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>John Costello</b>	<b>MCISC Volunteer</b>
<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Susan Clavin</b>	<b>Community Representative</b>
	<b>Sam Stidston</b>	<b>Community Representative</b>
	<b>John Riddle</b>	<b>MCISC Volunteer</b>
	<b>Robin Cooper</b>	<b>Community Representative</b>

## Staff

<b>Stuart Davis-Meehan</b>	<b>Manager</b>
<b>Yvonne Anderson</b>	<b>Senior Case Worker/Assistant Manager</b>
<b>Amanda Race-Lyons</b>	<b>Volunteer Coordinator</b>
<b>Shelley Dewerson-Bogue</b>	<b>Fresh Food Co-ordinator</b>
<b>Sabine Willert-Dettmer</b>	<b>Tourism Coordinator</b>
<b>Louise Smith</b>	<b>Tourism Officer</b>
<b>Betty Lotscher</b>	<b>Tourism Officer</b>
<b>Jo Kidder</b>	<b>Ranch Motel Co-ordinator (1<sup>st</sup> March - )</b>
<b>Geordie Baker</b>	<b>Motel Assistant (19<sup>th</sup> March - )</b>

**Life Members**

<b>Neil Taylor</b>	<b>Stephen Alty</b>	<b>John Riddle</b>
<b>Brian and Margaret Goding</b>	<b>Margaret McArthur</b>	<b>Merna Brydon</b>
<b>Dale Lee</b>	<b>Helga Gross</b>	

## President's Report

I would like to start my report by thanking all those involved with the organisation for their ongoing support throughout what has been a most tumultuous, COVID-19 impacted year. I thank you for your commitment and your flexibility, as we responded to the ever-changing restrictions imposed to keep us all safe from the COVID-19 virus.

I wish to thank the Committee members for their expertise and the input they have continued to provide to the Committee and the governance of the Centre. In particular, my thanks to Monica Baber (Vice-President), Fran Chambers (Secretary) and John Costello (Treasurer) for their hard work and contributions as part of the Executive. My special thanks to Susan Clavin, John Riddle and Sam Stidston for their highly valued contributions and ongoing support. It has been a privilege to Chair the meetings with a group so competent, passionate and involved in all areas of the Centre's activities.

I would also like to recognise the significant contribution made by Robin Cooper who resigned from the Committee this year, after 15 years of service.

I would also like to thank the Committee for their foresight, courage and leadership in deciding to take on the Ranch Motel project.

Our staff team has again displayed its ability to initiate and implement the directional shifts required to meet the complex needs of the community we serve, during a time of unprecedented change. This has meant that not only altering "what we do" but "how we do it", often with little or no prior notice. A huge thanks to our staff: Stuart, Yvonne, Amanda, Shelley, Jo, Geordie, Sabine, Louise and Betty. I would also like to recognise our voluntary Op Shop Co-ordinator Pauline Farnsworth and her deputy Kay Crellin, for the amazing contribution they make to the smooth running of the Op Shop.

A special thankyou to the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council, which provides the funding that largely covers our wage and salary costs, as well as providing the physical facility from which we operate. Other ongoing Government assistance comes from the Federal Department of Social Services and the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing. I would also like to thank the many other very valued supporters who provide ongoing or intermittent contributions by way of financial or "in-kind" donations.

This year we have had a number of significant "one-off" donations as a result of the COVID-19 crisis and they have ensured that our financial position remains strong and stable. Accordingly, in the Committee's opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

The Committee held regular monthly management meetings throughout the year and mostly by "ZOOM" technology, which is now familiar to many in the community. This has enabled us to continue to concentrate on our governance responsibilities, which after all, is our primary purpose for being.

Once again, my thanks to all our supporters, staff and volunteers for having made this another great year of service to our local community in spite of the extremely difficult circumstances within which we have had to operate!

**Allan Fler – President**

## Manager's Report

I would like to commence my report in the spirit of respect, by acknowledging the traditional custodians of the land upon which we live and serve, the Boon Wurrung and Bunurong people of the Kulin nation and pay my respects to their elders past, present and emerging.

It is with great pleasure that I present my fourth annual report in the role of Manager at the Mornington Community Information and Support Centre.

I would like to start by thanking all the members of the Committee of Management of the Centre. I thank them for their support and for their active participation in providing good governance to the organisation.

Once again, our community and our organisation was highly impacted by the COVID-19 virus and the regularly changing restrictions and lockdowns that ensued. I would like to thank all our staff and volunteers for their understanding and for keeping us safe during the year. The impacts of COVID-19 restrictions are further addressed throughout this report.

### Programs

It gives me great pleasure to provide the following reports on each of our programs:

- Community Information Services

A mainstay of our programs is the provision of free, unbiased, confidential and comprehensive community information and referral services which assist people to be aware of their rights and responsibilities and the services available to them.

While the Centre building was closed to the public throughout all the lockdowns and beyond, we continued to provide services to our clients either by phone or outside the building.

In 2020/21 we responded to 18,394 enquiries from 18,330 local residents and visitors to the Centre. Over a 7-day week, on average this equates to approximately 50 enquiries from 50 people per day. This is slightly more than 2020 (partly COVID impacted) but slightly less than 2019 (pre-COVID).

- Visitor Information Services

MCISC normally provides visitor information services from our Centre at 320 Main St Mornington from 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday and 10am – 4pm on Saturdays and 10am – 2pm on Sundays.

However, the COVID-19 pandemic had a serious impact on our ability to provide these services. As part of Metropolitan Melbourne, we were subject to 3 lockdowns for a total of 130 days during the year and regularly changing restrictions. During all lockdowns our Visitor Information Services were closed at weekends. Of course, COVID-19 restrictions also seriously impacted the tourism industry and the resulting decrease in the number of visitors seeking assistance.

We were in lockdown on 3 occasions for a total of 130 days during the year. On the remaining 235 days that we were open, we assisted 892 visitors, an average of 4 people per day.

As a result of the impact of COVID-19 in 2020, we waived our membership fees for this year.

Our dedicated and professional team consisted of Sabine Willert-Dettmer, our Tourism Co-ordinator and Louise Smith and Betty Lotscher, our Tourism Officers and a group of equally committed tourism volunteers. I thank them for their commitment during what was a very stop/start, difficult year.

Thanks also to the Mornington Peninsula Shire for their ongoing financial support.

We look forward to a more open and active year in 2021-22.

- Emergency Relief

Emergency Relief is the program that we provide to those people in our community who are in need of short-term financial or material assistance. This often manifests itself as food insecurity and financial stress.

The main forms of assistance provided included:

- Food from our pantry
- Food vouchers
- Telstra vouchers
- Myki cards
- Pharmacy assistance
- Clothing from our Op Shop
- Financial assistance

This year we were able to assist 535 families and individuals on 1,668 occasions through our emergency relief program. Over a 5-day week, throughout the year, this equates to 6 occasions of service per day. Throughout the year the Centre building was largely closed to the public and ER services were provided either by interviews by phone or seeing clients outside. The value of the assistance provided to clients through this program was \$91,635.00.

Our main source of funding from this program is from the Federal Department of Social Services, through a consortium arrangement we have with CISVic.

This program is largely provided by trained Community Support Worker volunteers and I would like to thank them all for their compassion and respect.

- Case Worker

Our Emergency Relief and some other programs are overseen and supported by our full time Community Support Worker, Yvonne Anderson. Yvonne offers one-on-one client support to those clients with more complex needs and who may require more intensive longer-term assistance and support. Yvonne also provides an enormous amount of operational support across all our programs. Having worked with the organisation now for some 10 years, Yvonne is often our go-to person for

information about the Centre's operations and also provides support to the Manager, in the role of Assistant Manager. Her commitment to the Centre was exemplified by her amazing contribution throughout the pandemic.

A watch this space for next year's annual report, in July this year we employed 2 part time Case Workers, Jo Kidder and Liz Kerslake, to increase our capacity to provide case work support to our clients with more complex needs.

- Fresh Food

Our Fresh Food Program is part of our commitment to address food insecurity in the local area and we have been successfully providing this program since 2013. Throughout the year we provided food parcels to families on over 5,274 occasions.

The program consists of distributing rescued fresh food from a variety of sources:

- Second Bite – SecondBite exists to provide access to fresh, nutritious food for people in need across Australia. It does this by stopping good food from going to waste and giving it to people in need, free of charge, through 841 food programs across the country, including the MCISC Fresh Food Program.

Every Thursday morning, they delivered several pallets of rescued food from Coles stores. Normally this program was run from St Mark's Uniting Church and people were able to choose the food they wanted. However, during lockdowns the service was run from our Centre and people received food parcels packed by a small but committed team of volunteers.

- Second Bite – we started collecting food through the Second Bite Community Connect program in March 2021. Our volunteers were able to collect rescued food from the Coles stores at Mornington Central and Tyabb, every Tuesday and Thursday. Thanks to our small group of volunteers who collect this food.
- Oz Harvest – Oz Harvest rescues food from Woolworths stores. We get a delivery every Friday afternoon and distribute it from the Centre to a range of local families in need. This is also part of our emergency relief program. On average we provide food parcels to 35 families per week.

A huge thanks to Shelley for her management of the Fresh Food Program throughout the year and for her never ending ability to pivot when needed.

- Pets of the Homeless

We received a regular delivery of pet food from Pets of the Homeless., throughout the year.



- Bread Program

Thanks to Baker's Delight at Mornington Central for continuing to support our bread program. Thanks also to our team of volunteers who, rain, hail or shine, collected left over bread from Baker's Delights every Monday night and bagged it up ready for distribution.

Thanks also to the Village Bakery who started providing us with left over bread products and to Bridgette for collecting it and delivering it to us each weekday afternoon.

You realise how much of a staple bread is for so many in our community when you see how much bread we give away each week.

- Needle and Syringe Program

We continued to operate a fixed site needle and syringe program, as part of the harm minimization programs for the Victorian State Government.

Throughout the year we installed an external bin for the return of containers. As a result, no used needles need to be brought into the Centre building. We increased the bin collection to fortnightly and at the time of writing (Nov 2021) we have increased collections again to weekly.

- NILS (No Interest Loan Scheme)

It was once again our privilege to be able to offer our clients access to The Good Shepherd Microfinance No Interest Loan Scheme, providing safe, fair and affordable loans for people on low incomes. We operate as the Client Service Provider, promoting the scheme and conducting the initial loan interviews, gathering the necessary information and authorities and submitting the application to our partners at The Cockatoo and Hills NILS, as Loan Providers, for assessment and hopefully, approval.

Loans can be issued for up to \$1,500 and can be used for essential goods and services including household items, medical and dental services, education essentials and car repairs and registration.

In 2020/21, we were able to secure a total of 24 loans with a total amount loaned of \$22,102.

- Ranch Motel

In January 2021, we took up an offer from the owners of the Ranch Motel to take over its management to provide affordable, short to medium term motel accommodation for people experiencing homelessness on the Peninsula, with low care needs. We were offered the Motel for free (with us covering all on-costs) for an indeterminate time until a development application, lodged with the Shire for development of the site, was determined (NB: Councillors unanimously rejected the development application on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and an appeal is listed for hearing before VCAT in February 2022). The Motel includes 8 single ensuite rooms (\$150/wk), 3 double ensuite rooms (\$200/wk) and 2 self-contained units (\$250/wk). We developed a model of service from scratch, which included employing a part time Co-ordinator (Jo Kidder) and a part time Assistant (Geordie Baker) and working closely with housing workers from Salvo Care in Rosebud, Southern Peninsula Community Support and Western Port Community Support. We took in our first guests on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and provided 1023 nights of accommodation to 31 people and 10 pets, through till the end of the financial year, including:

17 males, 11 females, 3 children, 6 dogs, 4 cats and some guinea pigs. Whilst we rely mostly on room fees for income, we would like to acknowledge funds received from the following donors: Mornington Peninsula Shire, Mornington Rotary, Mornington Lions, G.J. Gardner Homes and a small number of generous individual donors.

- Christmas Lunch

Thanks again to Paula Creek from Functioning Together, who once again organised our Christmas Lunch for local residents who would otherwise have been alone on Christmas Day. Thanks also to our band of volunteers for stepping up at the least minute. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we only made the decision to hold the Christmas Lunch a few weeks before the event, so it was a phenomenal effort from Paula and the group of volunteers to make it happen. We held the event at the Mornington Community Theatre for the first time and we had a total of 78 attendees, including 40 guests and 38 volunteers. 76% of guests were from Mornington, 21% from Mt Martha and 3% from Mt Eliza.

Thanks go to the Mornington Peninsula Shire, Mt Martha Community Bank and Functioning Together for their continued sponsorship of the event and to the following donors: Bakers Delight Bentons Square, Coles – Mornington and Mornington Tyabb Rd, Foxeys Hangout, IGA Mt Martha, Lions Club Mornington, Moorooduc Estate, Mt Martha Primary School, Terry White Chemist Bentons Square, the Grand Hotel, The Part Place, Trofeo Estate, Woolworths Mornington and Zonta Mornington.

- Christmas Hampers

This was the third year that we ran the Mornington Christmas Hamper Program, with the support of Mornington St Vincent de Paul. However, this year, instead of hampers we gave out Woolworths Vouchers - single (\$30), couple (\$50) and family (\$70). We also gave a small Christmas treat. We gave out a total of \$10,940 worth of vouchers to 273 households.

- Christmas Present Program

This year we ran the Christmas Present Room program from The Corner Youth Centre. We were able to provide gifts for 171 children. Thanks to the Mornington Peninsula Shire Youth Services, Nicholas Lynch and Mornington Rotary for their support.

- Christmas Train Ride

A huge shout out to Mornington Rotary for organising a ride for families on the Mornington Railway from Mornington to Moorooduc and return. We took 24 adults and 26 children on the ride.

- Tax Help

We ran a shortened season of Tax Help due to COVID restrictions. Only 24 clients this year compared to 76 last year. A huge thanks to our Tax Help volunteers John Riddle, Dale Lee and Mark Duque.

- Shower Program (Doors)

Work by the Mornington Peninsula Shire on completely upgrading our Centre toilets, to both bring them up to current disability standards and to include a hot shower for people experiencing homelessness started on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and were completed in October. During the works, it was agreed that we needed new and automatic entry doors to the Centre. These were completed at the

end of April and they are fantastic. Thanks to the Shire for providing the funding and managing the build. We held an official opening of both the bathrooms and doors at our Volunteering Week celebration on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

- Peninsula Retirees Club

In early 2021, we heard that the Mornington Peninsula Retirees Club was considering winding up, due to an inability to find people to fill executive positions on the Committee of their incorporated association. Not wanting to see the end of this important work, MCISC offered to take over the Club as one of our own programs. We only held our first meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March and only a couple of other meetings/activities, due to being in and out of COVID restrictions, since. We have set up a small 4 person advisory group to assist with planning activities and speakers.

- Meals Program

The Meals Program, which pre COVID, included providing a free 3 course meal every Monday night at the Mornington Free Mason's Hall, ceased operating in March 2020 and did not run at all throughout the 2020/21 year.

We were however the beneficiaries of a number of providers of meals that we could freeze and distribute including Volpinos, Toorak College, RACV and Port Phillip Estate, Sikh Volunteers and Home Ground. For a significant period of time, we were distributing some 250 cooked/frozen meals per week.

- Children's Books

Early in 2021, in conjunction with Mornington Lions Club, we started collecting gently loved children's books for 123Read2Me, an organisation that collects children's books and distributes them to Aussie kids who need them. Check them out at <https://123read2me.org.au>

- Room Hire

We continued to hire out interview rooms and the meeting room. Lock down of course had a significant impact on our income as groups were not allowed to meet and many of the staff from organisations that regularly hire interview rooms, were required to work from home.

- Beach End Op Shop

We continued to operate our own social enterprise in the form of the Each End Op Shop. Unfortunately, the operation of the Op Shop was significantly impacted by the lockdown restrictions associated with COVID-19.

The shop is run by volunteers and supports our local community in a number of very significant ways.

Firstly, it provides a service to those people living in our community who cannot afford to buy new clothes.

Secondly, it provides an opportunity for people to recycle their unwanted clothes. In an era, internationally, when we have such a problem with clothing waste going to landfill, this is important work. You can usually drop off unwanted clothes and bric-a-brac to the Op Shop, during opening hours.

Thirdly, it provides much needed financial support for the MCISC. In 2021, it raised some \$5,600 towards the operation of the Centre.

Lastly, it provides an opportunity for local people to contribute to the local community through volunteering and how lucky we are to have such a wonderful group of volunteers, who give of their time and talents on a weekly basis, to staff the Op Shop and support the work of the MCISC.

A huge thank you to Pauline Farnsworth, our voluntary Op Shop Manager and her offside, Kay Crellin, for steering the Op Shop ship throughout the year. They had to manage introducing procedures to address COVID-19 and regular opening and closing due to lockdowns. Thanks also to our landlord for supporting us with some rental relief.

### **Non-Program Activities**

- Volunteers

We ended the year with 113 official volunteers, although not all were active at the end of the year due to COVID. We enlisted 40 new volunteers (many of whom were delivery drivers) during the year and lost 21.

We held a very successful event on the 19th May in the middle of National Volunteer Week. We had some 60 people attend in person. Despi O'Connor, our Mayor opened the new doors and officially commissioned the bathroom. We also officially welcomed Brian and Margaret Goding as Life Members and awarded life membership to 4 of our volunteers who have been volunteering here longer than 30 years. Welcome our new Life Members Merna Brydon, Dale Lee, Margaret McArthur and Helga Gross. Thanks to the Shire for their funding support of \$300 for the event and to Roberta Orton for the amazing catering.

- Giving Time

Michaela Davis-Meehan made a short documentary film called "Giving Time" about our Fresh Food program. You can still see it on YouTube if you missed it. It went on to win the best documentary at the Peninsula Film Festival 2021.

- Working for Victoria

We were lucky to be the beneficiaries of a full time position through the Working for Victoria program, which we accessed through CISVic. We employed Jill McPartlane from 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020 through to early January when she moved to Bendigo and we then employed Sandra Tomlinson for the remainder of the 6 month period. Both provided much appreciated additional reception staff support for the Centre at time when we were encouraging our volunteers to stay at home.

- Power Bonus

Yvonne organised a “Power Bonus Workshop” at the Centre on 24th February. It was highly successful with 80 people applying for a total of \$20,000. We also ran a free BBQ and the Peninsula Community Legal Centre (PCLC) brought their free coffee van and a solicitor. We have received high praise for the event from the Consumer Policy Research Centre who ran the “workshop”, the PCLC, CISVic and all that attended.

We held another fantastic workshop on Thursday 1st April from 11am – 4pm. We assisted approx. 125 people to get a \$250 power bonus. A huge congratulations to Yvonne for organising this event.

- Community Development

A major aim of our organisation is to actively contribute to and advocate on behalf of our local community. We did this through membership of the following groups:

- Peninsula Voice
- Community and Church Leaders Network
- Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee
- Mornington Peninsula Triple A Housing Committee
- Mornington Peninsula Housing Network
- Mornington Peninsula Health and Wellbeing Committee

In the previous year we took a leadership role in protesting the closure of the Mornington Centrelink and Medicare Office. During 2020-21, it was announced that the office would remain open permanently.

- Helen Hendrey OAM (1937 – 2020)

I want to once again recognise the passing of Helen Hendrey. Helen passed away on the 1st August, 2020. Helen was our first Manager, a role she held for 18 years. In 2003 she received an OAM for services to the peninsula community. Our meeting room is named in her honour. It was my privilege to meet her when she attended our 2018 Annual General Meeting.

## Gratitude and Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge some of the individuals, groups and businesses who supported MCISC throughout the year. We thank you on behalf of the Centre and our community.

Amcal Chemist, Mornington	Telstra	Mornington and Mount Martha Rotary Clubs
Toni Kaye Foundation	Knit One Give One (KOGO)	Salvation Army, Mornington
Bakers Delight, Mornington Central	Neil Taylor	Second Bite
Brian and Margaret Goding	Mornington Library – Food for Fines	Share the Dignity
Bunnings, Mornington	Mornington Peninsula Shire Council	Home Ground
Volpinos Restaurant	Mornington Village Shopping Centre	St Mark's Uniting Church, Mornington
Community Information & Support Victoria (CISVic)	Mount Martha Community Bank	George Makool
Martin Scanlon	R.M. Ansett Trust	St Vincent de Paul, Mornington
R E Ross Trust	Village Bakery	Department of Families Fairness and Housing
DSS	Mums Supporting Families in Need	Morven Manor Knitters
Functioning Together	Mornington Lions Club	Individual donors
Peninsula Voice	All our Volunteers	Stidston Warren Lawyers
Good Shepherd Microfinance	RE Ross Trust	Woolworths, Bentons Square
Toorak College	RACV	Back Pack Beds
Pets of the Homeless	Mornington Community House	Oz Harvest

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**FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

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**MORNINGTON COMMUNITY INFORMATION & SUPPORT CENTRE INC**  
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**COMMITTEE'S REPORT**

Your Committee members presents the report of the Mornington Community Information & Support Centre Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

**Committee Members**

The names of the committee members throughout the year covered by this report were:

Allan Fleer (President)  
Monica Baber (Vice President)  
Fran Chambers (Secretary)  
John Costello (Treasurer)  
Susan Clavin  
Robin Cooper  
John Riddle  
Sam Stidston

**Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were -  
*Provision of community support, tourist and general information services.*

**Operating Result**

The surplus for the year amounted to \$92,270 (2020 FY: \$95,931 surplus)

Some of the Association's Income producing sources ceased operation during the year due to Covid restrictions. While this loss of income was more than offset in 2020/21 by Government subsidies, and additional grants, Covid restrictions may potentially have a negative impact on the operating result in 2021/22

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the committee:

Secretary

  
*Fran Chambers*

Treasurer

  
*John Costello*

Dated this 13th day of October 2021.

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**OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>INCOME</b>			
Brochure Display Fees		420	3,360
Donations		10,939	13,335
Fund Raising		-	80
Grants Received	2	389,896	349,615
Hall & Room Hire		13,990	42,206
Interest received	3	1,908	2,997
Shop Income	4	45,006	61,746
Merchandise Sales		18	389
Other		-	180
		<u>462,177</u>	<u>473,908</u>
<b>LESS EXPENDITURE</b>			
Advertising/Promotion		13	1,537
Auditors' remuneration		2,500	2,500
Bank charges		402	175
Auspice Charity Xmas Dinner Expenses (net)		-	1,962
Cleaning		4,366	5,059
Computer software & maintenance		3,325	5,463
Depreciation		10,822	8,740
Electricity		6,627	6,165
Functions		1,031	2,514
General expenses		-	110
Insurance		2,315	2,094
Long Service Leave Levy		5,532	3,874
Long Service Leave Expense		1,220	607
Packing materials		847	1,386
Petty cash expenditure		1,385	1,549
Postage, Printing and stationery		2,229	4,277
Salaries		309,711	266,100
Shop Expenses		39,391	54,057
Staff training and other staff costs		1,632	724
Subscriptions		3,412	2,774
Sundry Equipment & Refurbishment Expenses		2,502	1,305
Superannuation contributions		28,744	24,018
Telephone & Internet		8,734	4,445
Travelling expenses		29	587
Worker's insurance		5,373	4,103
		<u>442,142</u>	<u>406,126</u>
<b>NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<u><u>20,035</u></u>	<u><u>67,782</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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**EMERGENCY RELIEF/CRISIS FUND**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
<b>INCOME</b>		
Grant Income - Department of Social Security	93,297	70,393
Grant - MPSC	-	3,800
Donation - The RE Ross Trust	-	25,000
Donations & Sponsorship	54,285	14,432
Interest Received	21	34
	<u>147,603</u>	<u>113,659</u>
 <b>LESS EXPENDITURE</b>		
Covid-19 Expenses	2,293	-
Food Vouchers & Pantry	24,699	57,680
Community Meals	4,991	6,723
Travel	3,447	400
Pharmaceuticals & Medical	4,990	1,259
Food Distribution & Storage	36,480	7,037
Wages	11,360	-
Clothing	1,069	1,761
Crisis Accommodation	5,200	3,367
Fares	-	404
Household Equipment & Repairs	-	702
Car Expenses	-	2,055
School & Education Expenses	1,402	1,825
Other	770	1,943
	<u>96,701</u>	<u>85,156</u>
<b>NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<u>50,902</u>	<u>28,503</u>

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
<b>INCOME</b>		
Donations	7,125	8,302
Fundraising	-	1,626
Interest	4	25
	<u>7,129</u>	<u>9,953</u>
 <b>LESS EXPENDITURE</b>		
Purchases	15,466	10,305
 <b>NET (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<u>(8,337)</u>	<u>(352)</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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RANCH MOTEL PROJECT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	2021
<b>INCOME</b>	\$
Donations	23,309
Rent Income	22,845
Grant - MPSC	10,000
	<u>56,154</u>
<b>LESS EXPENDITURE</b>	
Wages	10,677
Superannuation	1,014
Electricity	1,792
Cleaning	2,738
Repairs & Maintenance	3,166
Telephone	1,329
Security	1,899
Furniture & Fittings	2,420
Registrations	362
Water Charges	1,087
	<u>26,484</u>
<b>NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<u>29,670</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 30 JUNE, 2021**

	Note	2021	2020
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank	5	168,467	122,392
Cash on hand		100	100
Government Grants Receivable		-	22,684
Other Receivables		120	629
Deposits at call	6	256,150	135,252
Prepayments		1,772	1,501
Rental Bond		5,808	5,808
		<u>432,417</u>	<u>288,367</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Plant and equipment	7	44,692	41,774
Right of Use Asset		50	50
		<u>44,742</u>	<u>41,824</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u><b>477,159</b></u>	<u><b>330,191</b></u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Sundry Payables		-	2,727
Withholding taxes payable	8	14,166	-
Provision for Long Service Leave		14,724	13,504
Provision for Annual Leave		14,996	21,784
Superannuation Payable		3,916	2,896
Income received in advance		88,014	46,500
Good and services tax	9	5,984	(309)
		<u>141,800</u>	<u>87,102</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Lease Liability		50	50
		<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u><b>141,850</b></u>	<u><b>87,152</b></u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><b>335,309</b></u>	<u><b>243,039</b></u>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Accumulated Surplus		198,809	243,039
Crisis Fund Reserve		136,500	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u><b>335,309</b></u>	<u><b>243,039</b></u>

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 2021**

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Net Surplus - Operating Fund	20,035	67,782
Net Surplus - Emergency Relief Fund	50,902	28,503
Net Surplus - Ranch Motel Project	29,670	-
Net (Deficit) - Christmas Hamper Fund	<u>(8,337)</u>	<u>(352)</u>
	92,270	95,933
Accumulated Surplus brought forward 1 July, 2020	243,039	147,106
Transfer to Crisis Reserve	<u>(136,500)</u>	-
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS AT 30 June, 2021</b>	<u><b>198,809</b></u>	<u><b>243,039</b></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from donations, sales and other operating activities		737,770	574,343
Payments to staff and other administrative expenses		<u>(556,300)</u>	<u>(498,452)</u>
<b>Net cash (used)/provided by operating activities</b>	<b>10</b>	<u>181,470</u>	<u>75,891</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Payments for acquisition of fixed assets		<u>(14,496)</u>	<u>(14,236)</u>
<b>Net cash used by investing activities</b>		<u>(14,496)</u>	<u>(14,236)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Repayment of loans		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net cash used by financing activities</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash held		166,974	61,655
Cash at beginning of financial year		<u>257,744</u>	<u>196,089</u>
<b>Cash at end of financial year</b>	<b>10</b>	<u><u>424,717</u></u>	<u><u>257,744</u></u>

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The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**General information**

Mornington Community Information & Support Centre Inc. is an Association incorporated under the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*, and is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission.

Mornington Community Information & Support Centre Inc. is a community run, not-for-profit service that provides general community information and specific support services to the communities of Mt. Eliza, Mornington, Mount Martha and Moorooduc.

The financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021 were approved and authorised for issue by the Members of the Committee of Management on 13 October, 2021

**Financial reporting framework**

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards, the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*.

The Committee of Management has determined that Mornington Community Information & Support Centre Inc. (the Association) is not a reporting entity.

**Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*, and with the requirements of the following Accounting Standards and Interpretations:

- AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements
- AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows
- AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
- AASB 1048 Interpretation of Standards
- AASB 1053 Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards
- AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures
- AASB 1057 Application of Australian Accounting Standards.

**New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted.**

The association adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period. Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

The following standards and amendments have been applied for the first time in their annual reporting period commencing 1 July 2020:

• AASB 16 Leases

The association has applied this standard and has recorded a Right of Use asset and Lease Liability in relation to the concessionary lease of the premises in which the association operates

The amount of the lease liability has been determined at cost over the remainder of the lease plus any options to extend.

The Centre did not have any other non-cancellable operating lease commitments.

**Impact of adoption**

The new accounting standards were adopted using the modified retrospective approach and as such comparatives have not been restated. There was no impact on opening retained profits as at 1 July 2020.

There was no significant impact of adopting Accounting Standards AASB 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* AASB 1058 *Income of Not-for-Profit Entities* which came into effect from 1 July 2020.

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**Basis of preparation**

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money value or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

All amounts are presented in Australian dollars, and rounded to the nearest dollar.

In the application of the association's accounting policies, the members of the committee are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

**Auditor**

The Association has appointed Kidmans Partners Audit Pty Ltd to audit the Association's Financials Statements for the current year.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this report:

**(a) Property, Plant and Equipment**

Each class of plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

**Plant and Equipment**

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis.

**Depreciation**

All fixed assets, are depreciated either on a straight line basis or a diminishing value basis over their useful lives to the association.

The useful lives adopted are in the range between 5-20 years except for assets related to the Ranch Motel Project where a useful life of 1 year is used, the anticipated length of the project. The Association reviews the estimated useful lives of plant and equipment at the end of each reporting period. There have been no changes to the useful lives during the current reporting period.

**(b) Employee Benefits**

Contributions are made by the association to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.

**(c) Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments.



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**(d) Revenue and other income**

Revenue is measured at the fair value of consideration received or receivable after taking into account any available concessions.

*Grant revenue*

Non-reciprocal grant revenue is recognised in profit or loss when the Association obtains control of the grant and it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the Association and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably.

If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before it is eligible to receive the contribution, the recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

When grant revenue is received whereby the Association incurs an obligation to deliver economic value directly back to the contributor, this is considered a reciprocal transaction and the grant revenue is recognised in the Statement of Financial Position as a liability until the services has been delivered, otherwise the grant is recognised as income on receipt.

*Donations and bequests*

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

*Interest*

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method using an appropriate interest rate.

*Volunteer Services*

The association has elected not to recognise volunteer services as either revenue or other form of contribution received. As such, any related consumption or capitalisation of such resources received is also not recognised.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

**(e) Goods and services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the Statement of Financial Position.

Cash flows are presented in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

**(f) Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the Association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Provisions are measured using the best estimate of amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

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**(g) Impairment of assets**

At each reporting date, the Association reviews the carrying values of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the Statement of Income and Expenditure.

**(h) Current and non-current classification**

Assets and liabilities are presented in the Statement of Financial Position based on current and non-current classification.

An asset is classified as current when:

- it is either expected to be realised or intended to be sold or consumed in the normal operating cycle;
- it is held primarily for the purpose of trading;
- it is expected to be realised within 12 months after the reporting period; or
- the asset is cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period.

All other assets are classified as non-current.

A liability is classified as current when:

- it is either expected to be settled in the normal operating cycle;
- it is held primarily for the purpose of trading;
- it is due to be settled within 12 months after the reporting period; or
- there is no unconditional right to defer the settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period.

All other liabilities are classified as non-current.

**(i) Comparative information**

When required by Accounting Standards, comparatives have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current year.

**(j) Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions**

The preparation of the financial statements requires the Committee to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other various factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The Committee continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

**(k) Events after the reporting date**

The impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is ongoing and while the financial position has remained positive for the incorporated association up to 30 June 2021, it is not practicable to estimate the potential impact, positive or negative, after the reporting date. The situation is rapidly developing and is dependent on measures imposed by the Australian Government and other countries, such as maintaining social distancing requirements, quarantine, travel restrictions and any economic stimulus that may be provided.

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2021 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the incorporated association's operations, the results of those operations, or the incorporated association's state of affairs in future financial years.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
<b>2 Grants Received:</b>		
Mornington Peninsula Shire Council	229,011	216,558
Department of Social Services - Commonwealth	1,500	4,726
Department of Health and Human Services - Vic	9,666	9,276
Government Cashflow Boost - Commonwealth	10,685	32,055
Jobkeeper Program - Commonwealth	71,700	36,000
Business Support Fund - Vic	20,000	10,000
Working for Victoria Program - Vic	40,167	-
RM Ansett Trust	-	25,000
Danks Trust	-	7,000
Good Shepherd	4,000	9,000
Other	3,167	-
	<u>389,896</u>	<u>349,615</u>
<b>3 Interest Received:</b>		
Bendigo Bank	<u>1,908</u>	<u>2,997</u>
<b>4 Beach End Op Shop Income &amp; Expenditure</b>		
<b>INCOME</b>		
Shop Sales	45,004	59,996
Fundraising	-	1,618
Interest	2	13
Asset Revaluation	-	119
	<u>45,006</u>	<u>61,746</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Advertising/Promotion	95	565
Depreciation	756	945
Electricity	863	1,435
Insurance	1,432	1,761
Rates	1,968	2,171
Rent	31,204	39,287
Repairs and Maintenance	790	1,086
Rubbish Removal	683	616
Telephone & Internet	751	1,248
Other Expenses	849	4,943
	<u>39,391</u>	<u>54,057</u>
<b>NET SURPLUS</b>	<u>5,615</u>	<u>7,689</u>
<b>5 Cash at bank:</b>		
Bendigo Bank - General Account	29,753	11,744
Bendigo Bank - Shop Account	10,559	7,886
Bendigo Bank - Emergency Relief/Crisis Account	74,339	80,805
Bendigo Bank - Christmas Hampers Account	52,082	20,128
Bendigo Bank - Card Account	1,734	1,829
Bendigo Bank - Auspice Account	-	-
	<u>168,467</u>	<u>122,392</u>
<b>6 Deposits at call:</b>		
Bendigo Bank - Term Deposit 445	84,005	82,917
Bendigo Bank - Term Deposit 734	51,226	50,901
Bendigo Bank - Sandhurst Account	120,919	1,434
	<u>256,150</u>	<u>135,252</u>

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	2021	2020
	\$	\$
<b>7 Plant and equipment:</b>		
Plant and equipment	130,498	116,002
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(85,806)</u>	<u>(74,228)</u>
<b>Total plant and equipment:</b>	<u><u>44,692</u></u>	<u><u>41,774</u></u>
<b>8 Withholding taxes payable:</b>		
PAYG withholding tax payable	<u>14,166</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>9 Good and services tax:</b>		
GST payable	59,151	13,022
Input tax credit	<u>(53,167)</u>	<u>(13,331)</u>
	<u>5,984</u>	<u>(309)</u>
<b>10 CASH FLOW INFORMATION</b>		
<b>(a) Reconciliation of Cash</b>		
Cash at the end of financial year as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:		
Cash	100	100
Cash at Bank	168,467	122,392
Term Deposits	<u>256,150</u>	<u>135,252</u>
	<u>424,717</u>	<u>257,744</u>
<b>(b) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with profit in the Income &amp; Expenditure Statement</b>		
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	92,270	95,931
<i>Non-cash flows in profit:</i>		
Depreciation	11,578	9,685
<i>Changes in Assets &amp; Liabilities:</i>		
(Decrease)/Increase in income received in advance	41,514	(2,116)
(Increase)/Decrease in prepayments	(271)	382
Decrease/(Increase) in Receivables	23,194	(21,060)
Decrease/(Increase) in Rental Bond	-	-
(Decrease)/Increase in sundry payables	(2,727)	2,453
(Decrease) in tax liabilities	20,460	(11,409)
(Decrease)/Increase in employee entitlements	1,020	186
Increase in Annual Leave Provision	(6,788)	1,232
Increase in LSL Provision	1,220	607
<b>Net Cash (used)/provided by operating activities</b>	<u>181,470</u>	<u>75,891</u>

**MORNINGTON COMMUNITY INFORMATION & SUPPORT CENTRE INC**  
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**COMMITTEE'S DECLARATION**

The members of the Committee declare that the association is not a reporting entity. The Committee has determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The members of the Committee declare that:

1. the financial statements and notes as set out on pages 3 to 13 presents fairly the association's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.
2. in the committee's opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee:

**Secretary**



*Fran Chambers*

**Treasurer**



*John Costello*

**Dated this 13th day of October 2021.**



**MORNINGTON COMMUNITY INFORMATION & SUPPORT CENTRE INC**  
**ABN 91 482 731 425**  
**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

**Report on the audit of the financial report**

***Opinion***

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the Mornington Community Information & Support Centre Inc, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements including a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory information and Committee declaration.

In our opinion the financial report of the Mornington Community Information & Support Centre Inc is in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and accompanying Regulations, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the Centre's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards as referred to in Note 1 to the financial statements.

***Basis for opinion***

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the League in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the committee members, would be in the same terms if given to the members as at the time of this auditor's report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

The committee members are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Centre's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2021 but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard

### ***Responsibilities of the committee members for the financial report***

The committee members are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and for such internal control as the committee members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the committee members are responsible for assessing the Centre's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee members either intend to liquidate the Centre or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### ***Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: <http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### ***Emphasis of Matter***

The operations of the Mornington Community Information & Support Centre Inc for the year ended 30 June 2021 have been affected by the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. I refer to Note 1 to the Financial Statements for more details of the impact of the pandemic on the financial report.



Grant Plozza  
Accountant, CPA, No 1415249  
GP Business Solutions Pty Ltd  
22 October 2021.