

Christ Church Mission Community Centre Annual Report 2022



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President's Report

Breaking records and breaking new ground

Two years of operating our emergency relief program at record levels (which have continued): perhaps not a record we wanted. But we can take pride in lives changed through the work of our staff, volunteers and donors rising to the occasion.

We take pride in the support we have received to enable us to achieve what you can read about in this report. The names of our generous supporters are listed. A big thank you to all of you.

We take pride in our volunteers. We didn't see many during lockdowns but they have returned with many faces we know and many new comers joining us as all our programs are back operating.

We take pride in our staff. One of our current staff members has just recorded 10 years' service. Thank you and congratulations Elaine.

We take pride in having all our programs operating again and our ability to start new programs. Two of our staff are now qualified trainers. These skills have been put to work in our new Work this Way program with good results, already into its second term.

We take pride in the feedback from participants in our programs. We have so many good stories of people coming for assistance and now enjoying new productive paths in their lives

The Committee extends its heartfelt thanks to all the people who have gone above and beyond to take us successfully through this year.

Geoffrey Court
President

What Christ Church Mission's Community Centre is about

Christ Church Mission's Community Centre (St Kilda's Little Mission) is committed to creating an environment which is welcoming, inclusive and supportive for the diverse range of people and groups in our local community.

Recognising that poverty of resources and poverty of relationships can lead to social exclusion, the Centre offers opportunities for social interaction and personal growth, particularly through:

- Weekly free community meal
- Emergency support
- Volunteering opportunities
- Engagement in free or low-cost activities, and
- Community outreach.

We are challenged to be the explicit social justice arm of Christ Church Parish.

Bringing the Community Together – Some of Our Activities

New partnership with Star of the Sea College and our Open House Community Meal

Star of The Sea's VCE Students have started attending on Thursday to assist with the preparation of the Open House free, 3 course evening meal that is served in our dining hall. The students are participating in the program as part of their community services training. The students are not only working with our team of cooks and caterers to learn more about food preparation, but ultimately, to broaden their understanding about the complexities in community life and to learn about the work that is done by the Community Centre in response to community needs and the reasons why people may at times need assistance and the purpose of community services.



Star of the Sea College making another wonderful dessert for the Open House weekly free community meal

Working Together – Mentoring students on Placement

Shane completed his Certificate 3 in Community Services theory during 2021 and like many students was finding it difficult to secure a placement as so many community centres were not yet open for business. A friend suggested he contact us and we were able to offer him 15 hours per week, over 10 weeks. Shane has since secured employment with the City of Port Phillip in the 'Assist' customer service role.

Shane demonstrates having the knowledge and skills that are required for working in the community sector. We are grateful for all that he brings to the centre and appreciate his generous and friendly assistance as he has continued to volunteer with us.



Shane Jabara stocking the Community Centre Pantry



Jennifer & Dianne

Garden Nomads

One of our longest serving programs is the Garden Nomads service. The volunteers provide support for elderly or frail community members who can no longer manage to maintain their gardens.

Jennifer is a new Garden Nomad volunteer and is here with Dianne making plans for her balcony garden makeover. This program is supported by the City of Port Phillip. Without their community strengthening grants and the generosity of the skilled volunteers, this important program wouldn't be possible.

Bringing the Community Together – Some of Our People



Dianne on the left with Robyn and Julie preparing for the Open House Meal service

Dianne Hollis

I began volunteering here when I moved to Australia. My husband, Father Turi accepted the position of Vicar for Christ Church St. Kilda in 2014.

It was a great opportunity for me to meet the local community and make new friends. I have been involved in many roles and programs at the centre. These include: Open House food preparation, support worker and mentoring participants in training projects, Garden Nomads, Emergency Support as well as setting up and running special events and occasions.

Tyrone Glewis

I have developed a range of skills through my training in Customer Service, Event Management, Security, First Aid and Workplace Safety. I bring my organisational skills that I developed during my 28 years of employment while working for QANTAS in the aircraft parts store.

I began to volunteer at Christ Church Community Centre in 2019 and volunteer 4 days per week. It was tough during Covid during lockdowns. I was grateful to be able to continue volunteering here as it gave me a purpose and somewhere where I could use my skills. I like my varied roles, being helpful and supportive to Staff, Volunteers and Community members. My main role is providing front line service to people seeking emergency support. I help with deliveries and assist with setting up and packing up events, and customer service at Plant Sales.



Tyrone providing customer service at monthly Community Centre Plant Sales

Lillian Shegog

I joined the volunteer group early in 2022 when I moved from Tasmania into the local area. It was a perfect opportunity for me to get involved as the dining room was reopening and bringing the community back into the centre.

I completed a science degree in 2021, with the aim of becoming a genetic counsellor, as I have a particular interest in genetics and psychology. I currently work as a support worker.

I like having the opportunity to volunteer in a role where I can meet new people and be a friendly face people can rely on for support, conversation, and a joke or two! I enjoy keeping fit and active (with a particular interest in weight training), listening to all kinds of music, and trying out new healthy recipes at home.



Lillian helping to make desert for the Open House free weekly community meal

Bringing the Community Together – Some of Our People

Valerie Lion

I have been involved since the development stages of the Community Centre for Christ Church St Kilda. I have volunteered in a variety of roles as the programs have evolved and expanded over the years.

My primary role is meeting and greeting diners at the Open House free, 3 course community meal. I have packaged bread for the diners to take home. More recently all through the COVID – 19 pandemic I assisted with providing take away 2 course meals, it gave me the opportunity to have a chat and check in with our regular diners.

More recently I assist people who need our Emergency Support and I help to respond to their needs.



Valerie organising one of the food trolleys for Emergency support

Julie Armstrong

I joined the quilting group in 2017. I began to volunteer in the Open House Meal program soon after having heard that there was a shortage of volunteers that week. I have a background in Community Meal Preparation and Community Care and had recently retired so this really appealed to me.

I had no experience in quilting until I found this group. Since joining the group, I have made 8 Quilts for my family and friends and recently exhibited 4 the Quilt Exhibition in the Church.

I really enjoy the company and the community involvement. It was wonderful to continue to provide take away meals through covid and lockdowns, but it is so nice to have them back in the dining room. I look forward to seeing the diners every week.



Julie one of our amazing volunteers



Graeme is a great help with Emergency Support deliveries

Graeme Godsman

I began volunteering in August 2021, when I joined the “Bread Delivery Volunteers Group”. The Group delivers donated goods made by Bakers Delight, Elwood. The products include; sliced bread, cakes, rolls, scones, buns and more. Deliveries are made 7 days each week to The Christ Church Mission and a Boarding House located in Elwood. We do this to benefit people experiencing financial difficulties and to prevent food waste. I also go to Foodbank to collect the fortnightly orders and I pick up pet food from Pets of the Homeless and collect other occasional products from other venues.

Our amazing team of Volunteers

A big thankyou to our staff who with our volunteers enable us to continue providing valuable support and services to the community.

Alex Vacharidis	Dianne Thomas	Lequyen Tong	Ruth Kingston
Amy Hocking	Edward Small	Lillian Shegog	Sabine Harrer
Aine Lustig	Froilan Balais	Linda Downey	Samnang Leng
Anna Bennett	Gail Hodgson	Lindsay Jamieson	Sandra Johnston
Anne Murphy	Geoffrey Court	Liudmilla	Shane Jabara
Anita Collis	Graeme Godsman	Meleshchenko	Shaun Spiers
Barry Reynolds	Helen Bain	Liz Van Dort	Sophie Upadhayay
Brendan Elvey	James McAlpine	Maree N'Daiye	Steve Wichtowski
Charet Garcia	James Wookey	Michael Timcke	Tirma Delgado Boti
Charles Baird	Jane McKinnon	Michael McLellan	Tony Dinh
Christopher Selleck	Jennifer Stevens	Michele Sholl	Tony Rusciano
Con Kanellos	Jim Arter	Neville Aphoy	Turi Hollis
Daniel Johnston	Jill Crawford	Patrick Manning	Tyrone Glewis
David Dawson	Josie Alexander	Pauline O'Brien	Vanessa Ontega
David Hughes	Julie Armstrong	Penny Matthews	Valerie Lion
Deborah Carmichael	Kerrie O'Sullivan	Peter Turner	
Derrick Clayton	Kubashanie Pather	Ricky Mullan	
Dianne Hollis	Leigh Smith	Robyn Foy	
Dianne Ramus	Leo Lucas	Roderick Carmichael	

Our Staff

The Centre is now open 5 days per week and our four staff members are employed for a total of 79 hours (2.1 full time equivalent). They bring a wide range of skills and experience from a broad range of working and life experience covering Community Welfare, Mental Illness, Social Engagement and Community Development to their relationship with our community.

Manager - Elizabeth Rooney

Program and Volunteer Coordinator - Elaine Wilkinson

Community Engagement and Emergency Support Program - Marie Baker

Community Worker - Tania Fernando (until March 2022)

Assistant Community Support Worker – Martin Prest (commenced April 2022)

Our community Centre is cared for by Jim Arter, Andrew Pope, Dianne Hollis and Peter Turner.

Our Finances

Christ Church Mission Inc. operating as Christ Church Community Centre
Income & Expenditure for the year to 30 June 2022

Revenue		Expenditure	
Operating income (Grants, venue hire)	305,007	Staff and program expenses	246,627
Donations	18,073	Depreciation expense	70,641
Member's subscriptions	45	Administrative expenses	<u>40,408</u>
Investment returns	<u>15,676</u>		<u>357,676</u>
	<u>338,801</u>		

Surplus (loss) from ordinary activities (18,875)

This is an extract from the audited financial statement. Full financial statement is available on request.

Our Supporters

We acknowledge with gratitude the support given in donations, gifts, grants and/or in-kind by those listed below and those who prefer to remain anonymous.

Individuals

Andrew Alexander	Evanna Lake	Michael Walker	Therese Lovejoy
Anne Thornton	Erin Marsicovetere	Michael Wilson	Stella Beal
Barbara Brown	Helen Kelsall	Michele Sholl	Colm O'Keeffe
Betty Rooney	Kerry Willcock	Naomi Rivers	Valerie & Tony Lion
Caroline Hogg	Laraine Proctor	Norma Alexander	Wayne Vassallo
Ching Ping Hui	Maree N'Diaye	Olivia Ng	Yan Ou
David A Brown	Max Small	Pauline O'Brien	
Dorothy Waterfield	Ed Small	Rose & Damian Paterno	

Organisations

Alcoholics Anonymous	Kedem Community	South Port Uniting Church Parish
Alex Makes Meals	Mazon	Mission
Bakers Delight Elwood	Narcotics Anonymous	Springvale Gospel Singers
Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project	Next Door	Star Health
CCare	Pets of the Homeless	St John's Anglican Church, Toorak
Christ Church St Kilda	Pinchapoo Hygiene Products	St Kilda/ Elsternwick Baptist
Elwood St Kilda Neighbourhood	Port Philip Community Group	Church
Learning Centre	Quest – St Kilda	Toorak Ecumenical Council
Father Bob's Outreach	Alvaro Caceres	Toyota Community Foundation
Foundation	Sacred Heart Mission	Woolworths
Feed Melbourne	SecondBite	XTM Performance
Foodbank Victoria	South Melbourne Community	
Glen Eira English Language Centre	Chest	

Other Funders

City of Port Phillip	Collier Charitable Fund	Perpetual
Tucker Foundation	Flora & Frank Leith Charitable Trust	Victorian State Government
	Feed Melbourne	

Committee of Management

Responsible for the overall governance of the Centre, the voluntary Committee includes:

Office Holders:	Geoffrey Court - President	Fr Turi Hollis - Deputy President
	Charles Baird -Treasurer	Kerrie O'Sullivan – Secretary

Members:	Derrick Clayton	Edward Small
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You can be part of our work by.....

- Donating non-perishable foods and toiletries. You can leave them at the Community Centre: 14 Acland Street, St Kilda, between 10.30am to 1.30pm Monday to Friday or give us a call.
- Donating \$2.00 or more which is tax-deductible.

You can donate online at: <https://www.givenow.com.au/cause1510>

- Volunteering – especially for involvement in our Garden Nomads, Community Kitchen Garden and Open House programs. Express your interest to any of our staff – phone 9534 9250 or email us at communitycentre@ccm.org.au
- Hiring our venue for your next function, workshop or Owner's Corporation meeting.
- Liking our Facebook and Instagram pages to stay up to date with the latest news and events.

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/ChristChurchCommunityCentreStKilda>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/ccmcommunitycentre/>

Website: www.ccm.org.au



We are Grateful for Support from



Collier Charitable Fund

Parish Partnerships

Our ability to continue working in the community has been supported by South Port Uniting Church Parish Mission and the Anglican parish of St John's Toorak through the Toorak Opportunity Shop and the Toorak Ecumenical Council.

We continue to be thankful and challenged by their support!



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Hiring our Venue

Our facilities are a community resource available for hire. We have hosted gatherings ranging from celebration of life events through to workshops and Owner's Corporation meetings, with reduced rates for community groups.

