



CHRIST CHURCH MISSION COMMUNITY CENTRE

Annual Report 2024

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Celebrating our first 20 years

20 years of working with the community means that there are a lot of people to thank for making it happen: the staff, the volunteers, the donors and our neighbour organisations. All of them played a part. We wanted our 20th year to be a time when the community became more aware of what was being done in their name to look after some of the needs of the St Kilda community. We found out that many were surprised how much was happening in and from our Community Centre with little local awareness. We see that this is changing as we see more and more of our neighbours - individuals and businesses - helping us to fill the gaps in people's lives.

The demands on the Centre have been the greatest in our history. Through reaching out to the community, we are pleased to say we have met all the challenges presented to us but there have been days when we've wondered if we have the resources to get through the day: the cupboards have been bare.

You will see many people named in this report. We say "thank you" to all of them. The experience of the last 20 years shows that we're equipped to keep addressing community needs.

With a big thanks.

Geoffrey Court
President

What Christ Church Mission's Community Centre is about...

Christ Church Community Centre (St Kilda's Little Mission) is committed to creating an environment which is welcoming, inclusive and supportive of 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 material aid, social interaction and personal growth, particularly through:

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



In the spirit of reconciliation Christ Church Mission Inc. acknowledges the Yaluk-ut Weelam Clan of the Boon Wurrung peoples. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

PROGRAMS

EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM

Our Emergency Relief Program has significantly expanded to meet the growing need of our community. Initially supporting a total of 60 people a month, the program now supports monthly up to 1000 clients from diverse backgrounds. With more families facing financial instability, our services are increasingly vital. Regular participants are now accessing our resources more frequently, reflecting the escalating economic pressures they face. We have enhanced our support network, increasing the availability of essential supplies, food, meals services, clothing and referrals. Our dedicated team works tirelessly to ensure that no one is turned away, providing comprehensive assistance to help families and individuals regain stability. The program's growth is a testament to our commitment to community resilience, continuously adapting to the rising demand and challenges faced by those we serve. Through our efforts, we strive to offer hope and practical support during these challenging times.



PROGRAMS

OPEN HOUSE

Our meal service is a cornerstone of community support, providing over 120 nutritious meals each week. Dedicated volunteers are the heart of this program, skilfully sourcing produce and preparing the three course meals that cater to various dietary needs. Our enthusiastic cooking team creates a diverse and delicious menu. Meanwhile another group of volunteers sets up a welcoming, fully seated dining room, ensuring a comfortable and friendly atmosphere for all guests. During mealtimes volunteers serve the dinners with care and hospitality, fostering a sense of community and belonging. For those unable to dine in, we offer takeaway options, ensuring everyone has access to a hearty meal. This service not only addresses food insecurity but also strengthens community bonds, as volunteers and guests come together in a spirit of support. Through everybody's effort, our Open House meal service continues to nourish both body and soul.

At our Open House Community meal, we take pride in offering a delightful variety of vegetarian soups that cater to all tastes. Our selection includes a hearty red lentil and vegetable soup brimming with nourishing root vegetables and herbs and rich protein packed lentils. For those that enjoy a touch of spice, our carrot and ginger soup is a crowd favourite, blending warmth of ginger with the sweetness of carrots and a touch of maple syrup. We also serve a classic tomato and basil soup, made from ripe tomatoes, fresh basil from our kitchen garden and a hint of garlic, providing a comforting and familiar flavour. Our favourite soup is our cauliflower and gruyere cheese soup, deliciously creamy served with garlic croutons. These soups not only warm the body but bring our community together, creating a convivial, inclusive dining experience.

All our produce is supplied by either SecondBite, Foodbank or Port Phillip Community Group – Share the Food.

For our main meal we offer both a hearty meat dish and a flavourful vegetarian option, ensuring everyone has a satisfying meal to enjoy. Our meat meals vary from Lasagne, French Onion Cottage Pie, Meat Loaf (which is always a favourite), to Chicken Tetrizzini. All meals are served with a side of vegetables, salad, potato bake, scalloped potatoes or roast potatoes and buttered bread roll.

For our vegetarian diners, we serve either a rice, pasta or noodle meal accompanied with seasonal vegetables, including zucchini, capsicum, cauliflower, carrots, broccoli, pea, pumpkin, carrots or chickpeas that add a satisfying protein element.

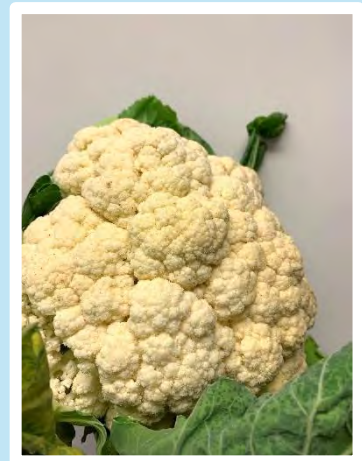
Our heartfelt thanks to our butcher from Felice's Gourmet – Elwood, and Aldi for helping us put the Protein on the plate.



FAVOURITE RECIPES

CAULIFLOWER GRUYERE CHEESE SOUP

2 tablespoons butter
2 cups sliced onion
1 ½ cups sliced celery
½ cup sliced carrot
1 ½ tablespoons minced garlic (or to taste)
2 potatoes thinly sliced
6 cups vegetable stock
6 cups roughly chopped cauliflower
1 ½ teaspoons fresh thyme or a teaspoon dried thyme
1 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1 ½ cups grated gruyere cheese



METHOD

Sauté the onions, celery, carrots and garlic – cook for 5 – 8 minutes until the onions are softened. Add minced garlic and cook a minute more

- 1) **Add the potatoes, stock, cauliflower, thyme, salt and black pepper:** Heat on high and bring the stock to simmer. Lower the heat to maintain a simmer. Partially cover and cook for 15 minutes, until vegetables are tender.
- 2) **Puree until smooth:** Remove from heat. Using a standing blender, puree the soup mixture until completely smooth.
- 3) **Add the Worcestershire sauce and gruyere cheese:** stir in Worcestershire sauce, slowly add the grated cheese, continuing to puree the soup. Add more salt and pepper to taste, if needed.

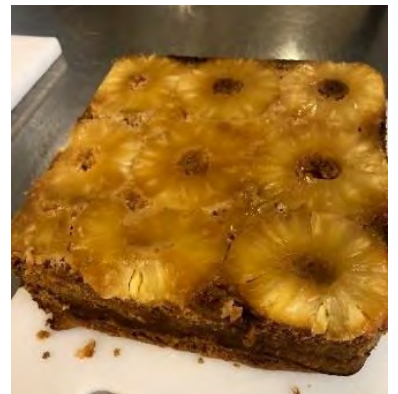
FRENCH ONION COTTAGE PIE WITH HASH BROWNS

6 frozen hash browns
1 tablespoon olive oil
750g beef mince
1 carrot, peeled, coarsely grated
1 zucchini, coarsely grated
40g packet French onion soup mix
2 tbsp plain flour
2 tbsp tomato paste
1 cup coarsely grated cheddar



METHOD

- 1) Preheat oven to 220 C fan forced. Bake hash brown for 20 minutes, turning halfway through cooking or until golden and crispy. Reduce oven to 180 C.
- 2) Heat oil in large, deep-frying pan over medium high heat. Add the mince and cook, using wooden spoon break up any lumps and lightly brown mince. Reduce heat to medium, add carrot and zucchini and cook, stirring, until softened. Add soup mix, flour and tomato paste and continue cooking, stirring, for 1 minute until combined.
- 3) Add 375ml beef stock and cook, stirring until thickened slightly. Transfer to baking dish, arrange hash browns over the top then sprinkle with cheese. Bake for 15 minutes or until cheese has melted and sauce is bubbling. **ENJOY** 😊



PROGRAMS

NEIGHBOUR CONNECT *NEW*

A new addition to our programs, Neighbour Connect is bringing together people over 55 who are vulnerable or socially isolated in the community. Arts and crafts, gentle yoga and games are included in the fun activities, followed by a healthy lunch. We are discovering secret talents in the group including painting, crocheting, singing and poetry skills. This group gives participants the opportunity to express themselves and be a part of a community group.



NEST PROGRAM

Nest is a fun 6-week cooking and nutrition program designed to help you make lasting changes for better health! Nest Program is run in conjunction with Port Phillip Community Group and Oz Harvest.



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PROGRAMS

'CIRCLE OF LIFE' KITCHEN GARDEN

The community garden provides a place for garden enthusiasts to gather. It is an inclusive group of volunteers, where ideas are shared, and projects come to life. Fresh herbs spruce up plates of food for Open House meal on Thursdays. House-pickled radishes grown in our garden, as well as pots of pet grass, are making an appearance at our monthly Saturday market. Sustainability is a focus, with food waste from our kitchen and shredded paper from the offices contributing to the development of our compost and worm farms; with the worm fertiliser making a big hit at the markets.



GARDEN NOMADS

Garden Nomads are a team of volunteers who help those still living at home yet unable to take care of their garden. The program matches up volunteers and those in need depending on skills and requirements. In addition to the practicality of gardening, it plays a secondary but as important role in connecting community members to those who are socially isolated, often leading to a cup of tea and a chat, and even long-term friendships.



PROGRAMS

WORK THIS WAY PROGRAM

Work This Way Gardening in partnership with Port Phillip Community Group has been teaching gardening, leading to volunteering and employment pathways for graduates. Participants get into the thick of it, enjoying visits to local community gardens, working at the monthly plant sale and engaging with the gardening group on Wednesdays – from planting to composting. There has been much enthusiasm about what can be done in people’s home gardens with this new knowledge, be it a small balcony or a big backyard.



QUILTING

Every second Monday a group of people passionate about creating with fabric, work side by side on their latest projects. Amazing pieces of art are produced, friendships fostered, and a feeling of ‘community’ is always in the air when the group is here – that’s what the Community Centre is all about.



PARTNERS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

At Christ Church Community Centre, collaboration with local charitable organisations, community houses, businesses and schools is the heart of our mission. Together, we create a vibrant support network that addresses the diverse needs of our community. By pooling resources and expertise, we enhance our programs and services, ensuring that everyone has access to vital support, whether it's through food drives, educational workshops, volunteering or fundraising. These partnerships foster a sense of unity and shared purpose, allowing us to respond more effectively to challenges and to uplift those we serve. Through our combined efforts, we empower individuals and families, reinforcing the idea that together, we can make a lasting impact. The following are a few organisations and communities that have helped us this year.

PLACEMENT STUDENTS – (STOTT'S) ACKNOWLEDGE COLLEGE

Students who come to our Community Centre gain invaluable hands-on experience, while making a meaningful impact on the lives of others. Through their involvement in various programs, ranging from Emergency Relief to the Seniors Program, Open House and Kitchen Garden - they develop practical skills, deepen their understanding of community service and build lasting connections. These students work alongside experienced volunteers, learning about teamwork, compassion and the importance of giving back. Whether assisting in meal preparation, organizing activities for seniors or helping with administrative tasks, they contribute fresh energy and ideas. Their time at the Centre not only enhances their personal growth but also enriches our community, making a lasting difference in the lives of those who visit.

Students do their placement with us as part of their completion of a Diploma or Bachelor of Community Services. Each student completes 200 hours in total. This financial year we had 14 students working 2,800 hours.



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STAR THE SEA COLLEGE – SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDENTS – GARDENVALE

When students and teachers from Star of the Sea College come to help prepare our Open House Community dinner, their enthusiasm and energy are invaluable. Under the guidance of experienced volunteers and staff, they assist with a variety of tasks. Students help with meal prep, such as chopping vegetables, making the dessert, cooking on the barbecue or organising ingredients in the pantry. In the evening parent and daughter teams help with plating dishes for service. Their support not only lightens the workload but also brings fresh energy and a sense of teamwork, contributing to the overall success of the event.



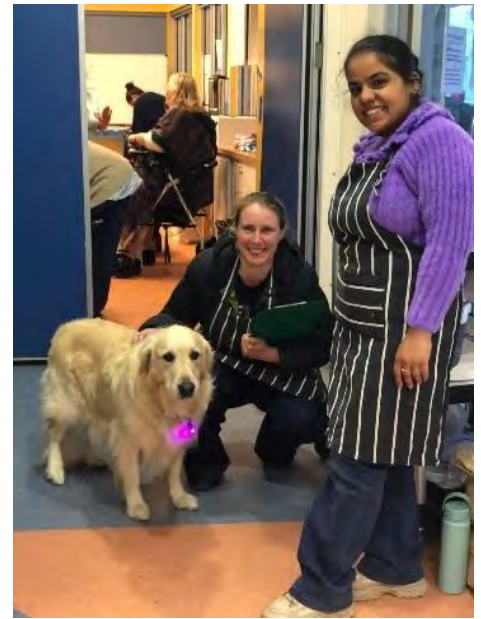
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PETS OF THE HOMELESS

Pets of the Homeless works to help keep vulnerable people and their pets together by alleviating the burden of providing essential pet care during times of hardship. Their vision is a community where no



person is separated from their pet due to homelessness or disadvantage. As the cost of living continues to soar, many pet owners are now struggling to provide the basic essentials for their pets. Many people are having to prioritise feeding their pets over themselves, and animals are being surrendered to shelters at staggering rates since their owners are no longer able to provide for them. Pets of the Homeless believe in, and work towards, keeping pets and humans together through difficult times. They do this by providing pet food and material aid, assisting with financial support for veterinary care, and offering temporary foster care for pets of people experiencing or facing homelessness. Their Pet Food Bank Program



currently delivers around 50,000 nutritious pet meals per month to 67 Community Partner Food Relief Programs across Victoria, providing support for clients with animal companions. In FY 23/24, they supported us with over 4,000 pet food meals to help clients in our community provide for their pets. The companionship and therapeutic value of pets is immeasurable. That's why we are both firm believers that the more we can do for the animals, the greater their human's chances are of improving their situation over time. Pets assist with mental health and self-esteem which can only have a positive flow-on effect in the long run. Pets also aid with community engagement, as they inspire conversation and help the broader community understand that people who are homeless are not less deserving of love and care than anyone else.



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ALDI – they're Aldi to the core

Aldi is proud to partner with food rescue organisations around the country including Foodbank, Oz Harvest and Second Bite, and with countless local charities and community groups, to help them get quality surplus food from their stores and distribution centres to the people who need it most.

Aldi Supermarket is dedicated to minimizing food waste through its comprehensive sustainability initiatives, aiming to ensure that no food goes to waste. Surplus food that remains unsold but is still safe for consumption is redirected to charitable organisations. Aldi partners with local food banks and community groups to distribute these items, helping to address food insecurity and support those in need. Aldi strives to create a positive impact on both the environment and the community. We would particularly like to thank Managers Denise and Peter from St Kilda and Carnegie. Good – Different 😊

GOOD – DIFFERENT



ALEX MAKES MEALS

Alex Makes Meals started as a small initiative during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. Their founder, Alex Dekker, began by cooking meals for his sister, a healthcare worker struggling with long shifts. What started as a single lasagna quickly grew, as word spread, and more people reached out for meal support.

Since then, their volunteer-led team has grown significantly. Today, they produce and distribute over 3,000 fresh meals each week to vulnerable individuals across Melbourne, including families experiencing homelessness, refugees, and people in crisis. They've also established partnerships with more than 41 community service organisations to ensure their meals reach those in need. To date, they've distributed over 700,000 meals. Each week on a Tuesday we are grateful to receive a variety of delicious meals both meat and vegetarian which we distribute to clients.

Alex Makes Meals is incredibly proud of their community's support and are always looking for new ways to help those who need it most.

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CAULFIELD SOUTH COMMUNITY HOUSE

CSCH resides in the heart of Caulfield South and their programs and activities concentrate on bringing community together. The safe and comfortable space provides their community with an opportunity to join in on more than 30 activities delivered on a weekly basis. Including Early Learning Child-Care and so many health and wellbeing, fun and friendship classes – there is always an activity for everyone. Or if not, simply sit in their beautiful Community Garden and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee. Preventing social isolation and loneliness by connecting the community to their services is high on their priority list and they ensure everyone who walks through the front door finds a place in the House. CSCH



members and participants engage in food collection and donate generously to their food pantry – often overwhelming their shelves which provides them with an opportunity to distribute the overflow to St Kilda's Little mission. Their contribution helps us assist those in need. Partnering with the St Kilda Little Mission and working together towards a shared vision of helping others helps lessen the emotional and physical load of CSCH and we are both grateful for the opportunity to make a difference.

BAKER'S DELIGHT

Community is like the icing on every finger bun and the love in every loaf, it's the best part of who Ram and wife Anau are at Baker's Delight – Elwood. Donating fresh bread and sweet buns to the community centre



every single day, including weekends. Their soft loaves and delicious pastries bring not only nourishment but also a sense of comfort to those in need. Whether it's a simple loaf of bread or a batch of sweet treats, the kindness of Anau and Ram, ensures that everyone who walks through the doors of the Centre has access to delicious baked goods, made with care and love. Their unwavering commitment to helping others has become a cherished part of our community spirit. This effort is made possible by a dedicated team of Elwood 3184 volunteers who selflessly give their time to collect the bread from the bakery and deliver it to our Community Centre.



PARTNERS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT



FELICE'S PLACE GOURMET BUTCHERS

Felice Marandola, known to many as Phil, established Felice's Place Gourmet Butcher in Elwood in 2003 and since then, has become a cornerstone of the community and built a stellar reputation within the local community. With a passion for quality and a commitment to excellence, Phil has meticulously built a reputation for delivering premium products and outstanding service. His commitment extends beyond mere transactions, reflecting a deep-rooted involvement in and support for the Elwood community.

When approached over a year ago to assist with the Little Mission weekly community dinner, Phil's response was immediate and generous: "How much would you like?" His humble, no-fuss demeanour reflects his commitment to local charities. Since then, he has also been providing high-quality mince and delicious sausages for community BBQs, making a significant contribution to these events.

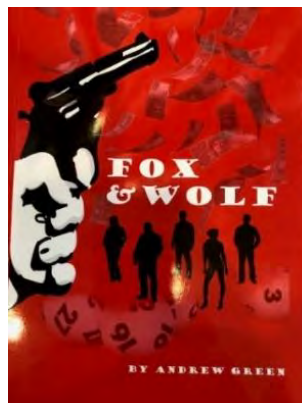
Phil and his team are renowned not only for their superb meat but also for their kindness and community spirit. The frequent praise for the outstanding quality of their products underscores the positive impact their contributions have on the community's meals. Thanks to Phil and the dedicated staff at Felice's Place, the community is consistently able to enjoy the finest offerings.

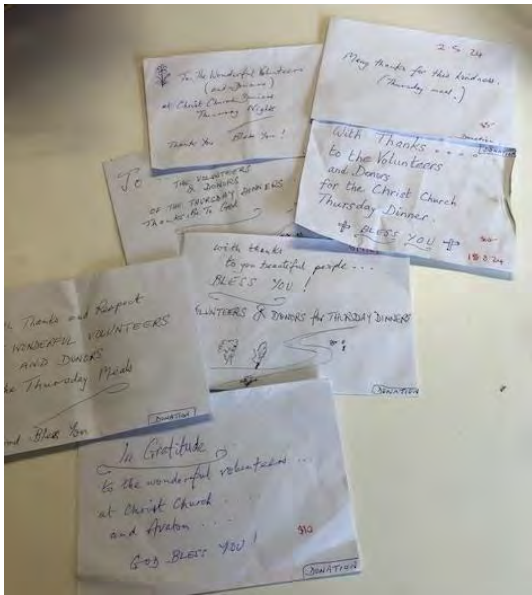
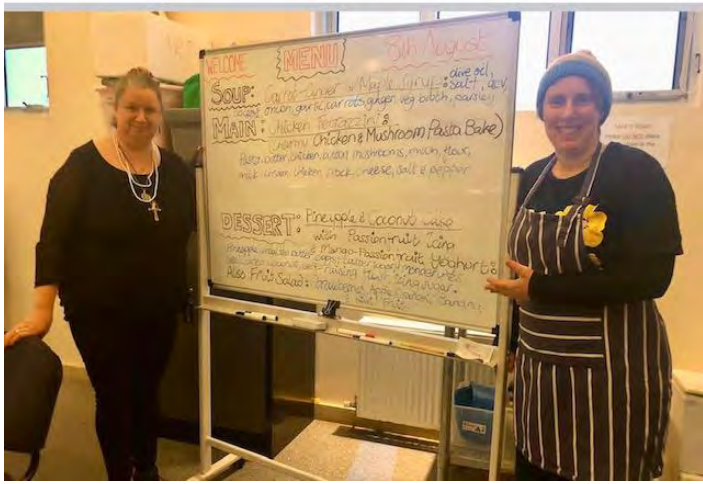
A heartfelt thank you goes out to Phil and his team for their continued support and generosity.



ANDREW GREEN

Andrew Green, a long-time and valued member of the St Kilda Bowls Club, recently launched his book *Fox & Wolf* to great acclaim. In a gesture that reflects his deep commitment to both the community and our mission, Andrew generously donated 50% of the proceeds from his book sales to support our cause. His contribution not only highlights his talent as an author but also his dedication to giving back and making a meaningful impact. We are incredibly grateful for Andrew's support and his continued involvement in the St Kilda Bowls Club community.





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"WE BRING YOUR IDEAS TO LIFE"

VOLUNTEER STORIES

Maggie and Tony – Garden Volunteers

Introducing Maggie and Tony who are amazing volunteers in our Community Garden here at Christ Church Mission. Maggie and Tony kept the garden going between volunteer coordinators. Watering, composting, and producing plants for the monthly sale took a huge effort on both their parts, for which we are very thankful.



In Maggie's words: "It is a pleasure to be working as a volunteer in the garden, and anyone who is vaguely interested in donating some time to the various interesting work in the garden would find it, like me, both interesting and rewarding. I feel the new direction of the garden includes an increased sense of care and concern for all things living within the garden, including that of the lives of the volunteers who are both welcomed and nurtured, along with birds, beasts and any animals wandering in, particularly dogs and their owners as well as other interested visitors."

Tony found his passion for gardening through our 'Work This Way' program that he completed some years ago. He travels over an hour to get to the garden. He is especially good at creating compost and makes this the focus of his work, producing the best soil for our plants. Tony also specialises in dividing plants, often huge pots full of bromeliads. He now provides a practical demonstration for students of the same program he learnt from, his demo done with much passion and feyness. Tony is fun, entertaining and very hard working.

Marie – Open House Kitchen Prep



In Marie's words: "For some years I had wanted to volunteer to provide meals. The organisations I'd heard about usually provided breakfast. This, I knew, could be difficult as it would be an early morning start and in winter, I'd be tempted to sleep in."

One Sunday, when singing with a choir at Christ Church I saw a notice asking for volunteers for food prep once a week from 12:00-2:30. This really suited me, so I fronted up to peel carrots and potatoes and then became the salad person. That was in about 2008. Except for time out during Covid I've been volunteering ever since. I really enjoy the work, the reason for being here and the lovely people I've worked with."

VOLUNTEER STORIES

HELEN – Emergency Relief



In Helen's words: *"I've been volunteering here for about 3 or so years and get a real buzz from helping those in need in our community. Many years ago, my Mother-in-Law used to use the Garden Nomads service and that's how I found out about the wonderful work the Mission does."*

I'm passionate about seeing good food go to people who need it most and not be wasted. It's very fulfilling to be a volunteer here, to feel as if you are making a positive difference and to be a part of such an amazing team. I hope I can continue for many more years."

AURA – Open House Kitchen Prep



In Aura's parents' words *"Our sweet, ethereal daughter, Aura, who lives with disabilities, has always had a passion for baking. Along our journey, we faced numerous disappointments as various organisations and businesses turned her away, refusing to give her the chance to engage in what she loves. Then, God sent us to Christ Church Mission."*

From the moment we arrived, we felt embraced by the welcoming vibes and the inclusive, respectful approach they extended to everyone. With a genuine smile, they welcomed Aura into their fold, allowing her to assist in preparing the Open House Community Meal, for those in need.

Every week, Aura looks forward to her time at the Community Centre and we feel truly blessed to have her be a part of such a beautiful enterprise.

Thank you, Christ Church Mission, for your love and kindness. "

PETER – Emergency Relief and Food Prep



Peter Wright is a charismatic, caring and resourceful person, who has found a second calling through his volunteer work at CCM. Peter dedicates his time and skills to help with Emergency Relief and to prep meals for those in need. Peter has over 3 decades experience in the hospitality industry. His tenure at Marriott International has honed his expertise in banquets and operational excellence. He also volunteers at Travellers Aid Australia which has allowed him to leverage these competencies, providing exceptional customer service and contributing to a safe and welcoming environment for every guest. The

Phonse Tobin Rotary Club Award in December 2023 recognised his commitment to community service. His journey, shaped by compassion and creativity, reflects the power of combining talent with a heart for service.

MEET THE COMMITTEE



Geoffrey Court President

Geoffrey has been with Christ Church Mission from the beginning of the idea in 1999. He is a lawyer by training but not by practice having worked in a number of roles in Ansett and Salmat, finishing as Salmat's Head of People and Culture. He was the Chair of Save the Children Australia when it changed its structure to be the dynamic federal organisation it is today. He is a Board member of the Melbourne Anglican Foundation.



Fr Craig D'Alton

Fr Craig D'Alton is the Deputy President of Christ Church Mission and is the Vicar (Parish Priest) of Christ Church St Kilda. He brings to the Management Committee a governance background including past membership of a variety of church and not for profit boards and committees, chiefly in heritage, property and education. He also has a lively interest in the arts. He is keen to see CCMI grow and develop in its mission to serve the diverse range of people represented in the St Kilda community.

Charles Baird Treasurer B.Econ., FCPA, FGIA



Charles retired in December 2016 having worked extensively in the areas of corporate finance, company administration and management. Commencing his career with Ansett in 1969 as an Internal Auditor, Charles then spent 15 years in the role of Group Chief Accountant and 6 years as Assistant Company Secretary before leaving to do private consulting and working for the Greenchip Group of Companies for 3 years. The final 17 years of his career were spent with top tier law firm Ashurst Australia (formerly Blake Dawson Waldron) as Company

Secretary. Charles was on the board of Theatreworks and Treasurer for 12 years. Charles was involved with the establishment of Christ Church Mission Inc. and has been on the Committee and Treasurer since its inception in 2003 and enjoys being involved with the mission's work in meeting many of the needs of the wider community.



Serge Thomann

Serge Thomann arrived from France in the 80's and has lived in the City of Port Phillip for over 40 years. He was a successful photographer for nearly 30 years working with many well-known people around the world. He has always been engaged in his community. He was a Councillor and Deputy Mayor of Port Phillip for 8 years. He greatly values the work of the CCMI for the less fortunate members of our city. Serge was awarded the French equivalent of an Order of Australia for his actions.

MEET THE COMMITTEE

Jacqueline Keating



With 30 years at the helm of a successful travel business, Jacqui has navigated countless journeys and crafted unforgettable experiences for clients around the globe. Over the decades she's built a reputation for exceptional service and insider knowledge, transforming travel dreams into reality and regularly speaking on 3AW radio station.

Her days are often brightened by the playful antics of two sausage dogs, Buster & Frankie. Whether they're sniffing out hidden treasures or making new friends at the local park, their infectious enthusiasm and endearing personalities are a hit amongst the Elwood community.

Beyond professional life, Jacqui has been passionately involved in various charities and has found a special connection with St Kilda's Little Mission. She is grateful for the privilege of working with us closely and feels we are a charity that truly makes a difference right here in our own backyard. "The Little Mission's dedication to serving the community is both inspiring and heartwarming."

Every week she helps the team at our Open House meal, which provides not just a meal but a vital social connection for those in need. She loves that the meals are cooked with love and foster a sense of belonging and togetherness among our neighbours. She states "It's incredible to see the genuine smiles and the positive impact these gatherings have on people's lives. The gratitude expressed by attendees reflects the true spirit of community support, and it's an honour to be part of such a meaningful charity."

THANK YOU TO ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee Of Management – Responsible for the overall governance of the Centre, the voluntary Committee includes Office Holders:

Geoffrey Court – President
Charles Baird – Treasurer
Father Craig D'Alton – Deputy President
Kerrie O'Sullivan – Secretary (ceased November 2023)

Members:

Derrick Clayton
Jacqueline Keating (commenced January 2024)
Edward Small
Serge Thomann

THE 'DREAM TEAM'

OUR STAFF

The Centre is now open 5 days per week and our 4 staff members are employed for a total of 81 hours (2.1 full time equivalent) per week. They bring to the Centre a wide range of skills and experience from a broad range of working and life experience including Community Welfare, Finance, Management, Mental Illness, Social Engagement and Community Development.



Manager – Elizabeth Rooney (until February 2024)

Manager – Penny Matthews (from February 2024)

Program and Volunteer Coordinator – Kimberley Brooks (until September 2023)

Program and Volunteer Coordinator – Kat Armstrong (commenced January 2024)

Community Engagement and Emergency Support Program – Marie Baker

Assistant Community Support Worker – Martin Prest (until December 2023)

Neighbour Connect Facilitator – Sharon Shea

Our Community Centre is cared for by Jim Arter, Andrew Pope and Peter Turner.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Sharon (Neighbour Connect Facilitator)

Sharon has been part of the St Kilda community for over 30 years and currently works at the Greeves St Op Shop after years of volunteering. Sharon has recently joined our team, running the Neighbour Connect program for over 55s. She loves her new position as it's all about making connections within a community she is passionate about.



Kat (Volunteer & Programs Coordinator)

Volunteering has for years given Kat the opportunity to try out new things and feel that she is doing meaningful work. In January we were lucky to warmly welcome her as the new Volunteer and Program Coordinator at the Community Centre. She gets to utilise her qualifications in social sciences and horticulture, as well as her skills in cooking, gardening and mentoring. She loves running the Work this Way Gardening Program, Wednesday's Gardening Group and Garden Nomads. She learns a lot working with her passionate volunteers and appreciates that no day is ever the same.

THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS

A big thank you to our volunteers who enable us to continue providing valuable support and services to the community.

Aimee Baybayon
Andrew Pope
Andrea Taliana
Ann Briesse
Anna Bennett
Anne Murphy
Annie Delplace-Smith
Bibisha Sapkota
Blake Nolan
Candice Brenner
Caroline Higgins
Caroline Jebichii
Cecelia Hoffman
Charles Baird
Craig D'Alton
Daniel (Danny) Chilcott
Daniel Johnston
Danielle (Aura)
Margolin
Dave Hughes
David Barnard
Debbie Byrne
Denise Cox
Deepesh Nagaich
Derrick Clayton
Dianne Thomas
Edward Small
Emma Finglas
Emma & Greg Newitt
Elise Aprea
Elizabeth Baker

Emily Millward
Fiona Joan Breedon
Fred Connaughton
Geoffrey Court
George Kostopoulos
Georgia Alexander
Graeme Godsman
Grant Korendyk
Helen Bain
Hong Van Pham (Tracy)
Jacki Laszczyk
Jacqui Keating
Jade Kirsch
James McAlpine
Jim Arter
Jill Crawford
Joanne Boyle
John Moran
John R Wall
Josie Alexander
Kaya Martin
Kate Robb
Katie Palmer
Katie Ryan
Kelly Bailey
Keshav Mirchandaney
Kerrie O'Sullivan
Khanh Vu
Kai Qui Tran
Kim Rosario Buenaflor
Kim Valentine

Kiran Mirchandaney
Sash Somerset-
Beauverie
Komalpreet Kaur
Kusham Thapa
Lesley Pianella
Lequyen Tong
Lewis Alexander
Lillian Shegog
Linda Downey
Lindsay Andrew
Lindsay Jamieson
Lisa Fulham
Liz Van Dort
Loretta Dridan
Louisa Guthrie
Luis Sepulveda
Luke Merkel
Mai Vu
Maree N'Daiye
Margaret Lindop
Marianna Garrido de
Faria
Mark Degan
Martin Hale
Matthew Ripps
Maya Meron
Michael McLellan
Michele Sholl
Michelle Letting
Melinda Rudio

Molly Houghton
Muna Darlami
Myles O'Donohue
Natalie Atkinson
Nonna Press
Pauline O'Brien
Peter Turner
Peter Wright
Purnima KC
Robert Breakwell
Robyn Foy
Rose Paterno
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Organisations

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Christ Church - Parishioners Sth Yarra	Quest – St Kilda Alvaro Caceres
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Coles Group	Residents in St Kilda (RISK)
Container Deposit Scheme	Rotary E-Club
23 Digital	Second Bite
Eco Centre Port Phillip	Sirius Foundation Ltd
Elwood 3184	South Melbourne Community Chest Inc.
Elwood St Kilda Learning Centre	Star of the Sea School - Gardenvale
Fare Share	St Kilda/Elsternwick Baptist Church
Father Bob's Outreach Foundation	St Kilda Park Primary School
Felice's Place Gourmet Butchers	Stott's College-Melbourne
Food Bank - Yarraville	Team Elwood
Food Filled	The Canterbury Singers
Get Kilted Window Cleaning	The Good Vibe Society
Gourmet 2. go – Lachlan	The Lion and Wombat Restaurant
Grill'd Windsor	Toorak Ecumenical Churches Opportunity Shop Inc –
Humane Animal Rescue	Food For Friends
Kedam Community	Veg Out Community Gardens
Linden New Art – St Kilda	Western Plains Pork - Judy
Mazon Australia	Wholefoods Acland Court
	Wholefoods Warehouse - Malvern Tony

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Palais Theatre – St Kilda
Perpetual Trustee Company Limited
South Melbourne Community Chest

OUR FINANCES

Christ Church Mission Inc. operating as Christ Church Community Centre

Income & Expenditure for the year to 30 June 2024

Revenue		Expenditure	
Operating income (Grants, venue hire)	\$275,269	Staff and program expenses	\$215,782
Donations	\$ 26,241	Depreciation expense	\$ 22,984
Member's subscriptions	\$ 45	Administrative expenses	\$ 54,416
Investment returns	\$ 29,034		\$293,182
	\$330,589		

Surplus (loss) from ordinary activities \$37,407

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

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 2.30pm Monday to Friday or give us a call on (03) 9534 9250.
- 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 (03) 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.

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



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Our ability to continue working in the community has been supported by St John's Toorak through the Toorak Opportunity Shop and the Toorak Ecumenical Council.



HIRING OUR VENUE

Our facilities are a community resource available to 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.

