



2022 - 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Moonee Valley Sustainability Inc.

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SECTION 1 - Background and Introduction

Our mission

Our mission is to constructively engage in and encourage evidence-based action on climate change, sustainable living, community connection and local resilience in Moonee Valley.

Our vision

Our vision is for a fair, inclusive, and equitable community that lives healthy, happy, connected lives in a green, biodiverse, climate-safe environment and operates within the means of our living planet.

****Both the Vision and Mission statements are under review as part of our Community Plan process*.***

We respectfully acknowledge the traditional custodians of Moonee Valley, the Wurundjeri Woiwurrung people of the Eastern Kulin Nation, their ancestors, elders and community members past and present.

We acknowledge the urgency of the climate emergency and the need to rapidly reduce greenhouse gas emissions to have any chance of keeping global temperature rise to near 1.5°C.



ABOUT US

Moonee Valley Sustainability Inc. (MVS) is a grassroots, volunteer run, non-profit community organisation and registered charity based in the municipality of Moonee Valley (Melbourne, Australia).

We build capacity to prevent worsening climate impacts and promote climate resilience through action, education, advocacy and collaboration that involve our community in events, innovative projects and citizen science.

We act in ways that are inclusive, fair, and equitable for all members of our local and global communities now and into the future.

We Value

Community - Meaningful, inclusive, and culturally safe and respectful connections with people and places.

Action - Constructive, collaborative, and effective solutions for the things we care about.

Care - Compassion and kindness for ourselves, others, all living things, and our planet.

Our home at Dwell

Over this year we have strengthened our partnership with Dwell, Ascot Vale Church of Christ at 78 St Leonard's Road. Dwell has been our venue of choice for presenting events and being our homebase. With strong support from the team at Dwell, it has been a perfect home: comfortable, welcoming and able to accommodate a range of different configurations of stalls, talks, displays, events and the Moonee Valley Repair Cafe. This year too, to cope with our increasing volume of items, we expanded our store by taking over a large part of the garage. We are grateful for this fabulous venue and the people who support us and make us feel so welcome.



OUR PEOPLE

Committee Members 2022-2023

Angela Clarke (Vice Convener)

Charlie Nancarrow

Eleesa Jewell

Fiona Kenna

Ganga Selvarajan

Logan Shield

Patrick Sheehan (Treasurer until 10/22)

Sara Melvin

Teresa Day (Convener & Acting Treasurer)

Valerie Thiessen (Secretary)



"It's been a real thrill to be involved in so many different actions and activities with so many wonderful and passionate members of our community this past year!" Logan.

"This year I got to see the reaction on the face of one of our beautiful humans as they walked into the stunning Pobblebonk exhibition at the Caring for Country event. With goosebumps all over and tears in my eyes I was reminded of why I'm involved in MVS. Real connections are what I need and what I find here." Teresa.



"It has been delightful to work with so many local businesses and community partners to showcase their eco-friendly wares, sustainable practices and who have generously shared their expertise at SAVs and a makers market." Valerie

Volunteers 2022 - 2023

Moonee Valley Sustainability Inc. events, projects and campaigns are reliant on the energy and commitment of a splendid team of the following volunteers —

Adam Wong, Adela Bavan, Adele Roeder, Alex Mungall, Alice Hanna, Alina Pung, Alison Dean, Amy Gedge, Andre Braakmuis, Angela Clarke, Anna Lanigan, Anne Black, Anne Giuretis, Anne Newton, Dr Annabelle Warren, Becky Bolu, Ben Gilmore, Benjamin Day, Bernard Gaston, Bob Eaton, Bridget Cooper, Bron Morris, Cameron Mollison, Cammy Kam, Carly Dober, Dr Catherine Falconer, Cathy McDonald, Chaminda Senanayake, Charlie Nancarrow, Charlotte Hilling, Chris Grabham, Christine Cook, Clare Roczniok, Corey Ferguson, Damindi Senanayake, Daniel Bradby, Daniel Mack, Darci Workman, Darren McClelland, David Gundersen, David Pepper, Deep Kaylon, Diane Cutter, Don Gorrie, Drew Kroker, Eamon Casey, Ebony Fawcett, Eleesa Jewell, Ellie Lord, Emi Narasaki, Erica Turner, Evie Kay, Fiona Kenna, Ganga Selverajan, Gary Jewell, Greg Lanigan, Gregg Morris, Gyan Kaylon, Hanna Bylisma, Hannah Stevens, Helen Kavanagh, James Jensen, James Williams, Jan Allison, Jason Alo, Jasmine Barrass, Jaya Talbot, Dr Jenny Huang, Jess Wright, Jim Cameron, Joel Mackinnon, John Kavanagh, John Knox, Josh Parris, Judith Napier, Kath Dalton, Katherine Collins, Kelvin Thomson, Kerry O Connor, Kevin Brennan, Kim Almeida, Kim Wheeler, Kimberley Height, Kristina Strong, Liem Tran, Lisa Telford, Liz Devlin, Logan Shield, Lloyd Shield, Louis Pagano, Madeline Thompson, Marcus Keam, Mark Maunder, Mark Ziegelaar, Meredith Thomas, Michael Bankes, Michael Cooper, Michael Strong, Mike Collins, Minh Ngyugen, Morel Stary, Murray Cox, Natasha Bryson, Nell Butler, Nina Franceschi, Noelene Kelly, Olivia Glover, Owen Parris, Owen Stary, Patricia Denis, Patrick Sheehan, Peter Cook, Peter Hormann, Peter Hoyne, Peter Pennycuick, Pramod Mahadevappa, Rene Langthorne, Richard Ive, Robyn Soffe, Rupe Kaylon, Russell Danby, Ryan Raquel, Salaj Kahlon, Sara McKenzie, Sara Melvin, Sarah Rickard, Scott Trevean, Shantelle Dawe, Simone Pereira, Sooren Basil, Sophie Lie, Sue Knox, Suemin Kaio, Suzanne Peyton, Tania Parker, Teresa Day, Terri Hopkins, Tom Danby, Tony Wilsmore, Tracey Money, Trish James, Valerie Thiessen, Vicki Carter, Vincent Parisi, Zofia Kwiatkowska.

The trouble with listing individuals is there is always a risk of missing someone. But equally we want to thank you all individually. If we have missed you, this has everything to do with paper systems and nothing to do with your effort or our appreciation of it!! Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all 150 of you, who do what you do so exceptionally well!!!

"It is great to be part of this dynamic group of dedicated people. I have been able to realise my passion for recycling and gardening. The SAV events are a great place to exchange our gardening products. I love the enthusiasm and passion of this group which motivates me to do more. Have been learning a lot too." Ganga.



"Learning about the fact that we have remnant grasslands on our very doorstep in East Keilor was such a buzz. Participating in the Nature Stewards program has helped me recognise the significance of this and find a clear direction for my MVS efforts - I've caught the remnant grasslands bug". Angela

SECTION 2 - Our Achievements 2022 - 2023

After a busy 2022, the committee decided to have a year of consolidation for 2023 and as such have been developing systems, policy, processes and undertaking some strategic planning for 2024 onwards.

Considering this was going to be a quiet, consolidating year, in a way we have truly failed. It's not been so quiet. But it has been consolidating! We have worked closely and collectively in groups to deliver necessary campaigns and regular calendar of events in the community. We have made improvements to our internal systems and processes to support these. Both are important to ensure that MVS goes strength to strength and isn't going to topple over. We need our sustainable focussed community group to be sustainable itself.

Our Committee (Collective Hub)

The Moonee Valley Sustainability Inc. Committee is made up of elected members of the association, elected at the AGM as outlined in our constitution. In 2022/23, the Committee agreed to meet on the first Tuesday of each month.

Members of the Committee are heavily involved with the day to day running of the organisation and the delivery of the events and campaigns. But there is a myriad of work that has been going on behind the scenes to ensure that Moonee Valley Sustainability grows sustainably from a strong financial and active community base. This is now achieved by our working groups!



Sara



Charlie



Eleesa



Fiona

Our Working Groups

Made up of existing Committee members and other individuals who have specific skills and knowledge required by the working group to realise the improvement and projects required. We currently have three working groups -

'Finance, Legal and Governance'. Co-ordinator - Teresa. Valerie, Ganga & Kevin Brennan, James Jensen.

'Communication, Membership and Volunteers'. Co-ordinator - Angela. Logan, Charlie, Fiona, Tom Danby. Thanks to Supriya Perera, Becky Bolu and Cammy Kam for their specialist advice on web design.

'Events, Campaigns and Promotion'. Co-ordinator - Logan. Eleesa, Sara, Fiona, Valerie, Kevin Brennan, Kimberley Almeida.

Convened by co-ordinators, the working groups help MVS Inc. grow by setting up the systems, infrastructure and source the funding and software needed to deliver our program of events, campaigns and exemplar projects. These also provide us with the means to communicate progress and information to our members and volunteers on a regular basis. Issues and challenges faced by working groups go to the Committee for further discussion and troubleshooting. Collaboration and connectivity is key. During 2022 - 23 these working groups have been meeting regularly, at least once a month and in the process have -

- Set up Google Workspace and provided the organisation and committee members with MVS email addresses.
- Fundraised for and planned a new website.
- Set up a financial record system on XERO so all our income and expenditure can be allocated to projects and activities and tracked against budget.
- Tested out our auspicing systems, using Glenbervie Stationeers as a 'guinea pig', so that we can help others get projects off the ground quickly.
- Created several policies and processes including -
 - Risk assessment undertaken for Sustain-A-Valley and Community Clean Ups.
 - Evacuation procedure for events
 - Cash handling
 - Expenditure and Expense Reimbursement
 - Social media account use
 - Co-opting to the Committee

More specifically the Events, Campaigns and Promotions working group have worked really hard to run a suite of campaigns and events throughout the year. MVS Inc. is constantly looking for opportunities to learn about and connect to Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung culture in all that we do. This annual report is no exception. Below you will see the events, campaigns and other achievements outlined in the Wurundjeri eight season calendar. It also provides some information on what that season means to the first nations people that have looked after the land in our community and have generously offered to work with us all to continue to do the same. Seasons names have been used from the Sofia Sabbagh calendar www.sofiajsabbagh.com and Jim Poulter's 'The Eight Wurundjeri Seasons.'

In 2022 - 2023 we worked together collectively to run the following events -

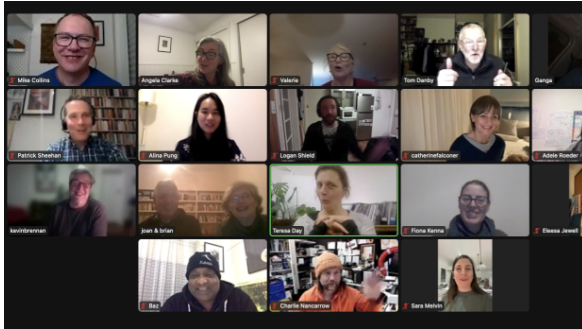
- 10 clean ups across the municipality in collaboration with Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek (FoMPC), Friends of Steele Creek (FoSC), Chain of Ponds Collaboration (COPC), Moonee Ponds Creek Litter Clean Up Team (MPC LCT); & Cache In Cache Out (CITO) geocaching group.
- 10 Sustain-A-Valley events at Dwell in Ascot Vale, with talks, yarns workshops, stalls and demonstrations including induction cooking, weaving, making seed packets, rag rug making, composting, worm farming and upcycled art.
- 9 Moonee Valley Repair Cafes and fixed all manner of domestic household items, from tiny toys to massive lamps and had a real cafe with real coffee!

Events, Campaigns & Projects

Throughout this year the Events Promotions and Campaigns Working group delivered a suite of activities -

...July through to September

This time crosses through two indigenous seasons in what we now call winter.... Tangbilk Ningak sees morning frost and high levels in our creeks and rivers. Bark is harvested for canoes and implements. It is signaled by wattlebirds and flowering gums. Wintooth Wootanbaj Jumbunna is a time for women's business and when babies are born. Plant and animal activity is high and signaled with the arrival of and awakening of many animals such as the sacred kingfisher. The notorious magpies swoop! During this productive and hard hat wearing time we -



Delivered our first ever AGM on Zoom! It went very smoothly!

Finished and acquitted our Showcase Nature Strips project and submitted a project report to Council that included bold recommendations for the review of the existing *Nature Strip Landscaping Policy*.



Held the most beautiful and profound 'Caring for Country' event, which included a smoking ceremony, a yarn with Indigenous elders Mark Yettica-Paulson & Gregg Morris and a writing an acknowledgement to country workshop.

Ran the Efficient Electric Home Expo in Woodlands Park, Essendon where around 350 people attended stands and talks to learn how to electrify their own cooking, heating, hot water and be more energy efficient.



.....October through to December

This period is taken up with the Murnong Kulin Jumbunna season which is when Wurundjeri people harvest the murnong daisy and it is a time for men's business. With migratory birds joining the numerous ladybirds, crickets, beetles, moths and dragonflies, nature is energetically celebrating the summer solstice, before the intense heat arrives. During this time in 2022 we -

Lobbied the Council to reduce the use of glyphosate in our community and asked for stronger practices to be enforced, asking for signage, PPE for workers and compliance with data safety sheet on application.



Were flabbergasted as we watched the Mirring-gnay-bir-nong (Maribryng) river flood and cause devastation. It brought home the impacts of climate change right here on our doorstep. We rallied volunteers to help with providing aid and undertaking clean ups of our parks and public spaces.

Ran a local 'makers market' which showcased local businesses that either make products that help us live more sustainably or create products from upcycling and reusing materials.



Heard good news that our submission calling on Council to invest \$20 per resident resulted in a total of \$900,000 being allocated to the Community Carbon Emissions Reduction Reserve fund.

.....January through to March

Here we fully envelope the Wimmallee Yallambie Gunung and Luk Koolate Jumbunna seasons and partly include Woondabil Tadool Marguk. Wimmallee Yallambie Gunung is created with hot northerly winds, hot days and increasing sparse water levels and fire danger. It's a time for making fish and eel traps and harvesting wattle seed to make damper. Luk Koolate Jumbunna is eel season and a time for general harvest and interclan business as travel becomes easier as the land cools. During this hot, blusterly time we -

- Got organised and developed the annual calendar of Clean ups and Sustain-A-Valleys for 2023
- Started the year with a new look Sustain-A-Valley (SAV). The first one kicked us off with a focus on wildlife gardening, including a talk from Milly Burke (MVCC) and weaving of weed material to create baskets by Greg Lanigan.
- Took part in Clean Up Australia Day and organised the clean up of Five Mile Creek, Essendon, where over 60 people pulled out 150kg of litter. This was the first of four planned throughout the year to help build the litter education campaigns of the Chain of Ponds Collaboration.
- Lodged our 2 OFFICERS + \$2 MILLION = 4 OUR FUTURE budget campaign & submission to request better Council resourcing to accelerate climate action and start to eliminate emissions in our community.



When	Where	With
Sun 2nd April	Moonee Ponds Creek - Strathnaver	FoMPC, MPCLCT
Sun 7th May	Five Mile Creek Reserve, Essendon	CoPC, FoMPC, MPCLCT
Sun 4th June	Steele Creek - Spring Gully, Niddrie	FoSC, Geocache Group
Sun 2nd July	Moonee Ponds Creek - Cross Keys	FoMPC, MPCLCT
Sun 6th August	Five Mile Creek Reserve, Essendon	CoPC, FoMPC, MPCLCT
Sun 3rd September	Steele Creek (TBC)	FoSC
Sun 1st October	Moonee Ponds Creek - Strathmore (TBC)	FoMPC, MPCLCT
Sun 5th November	Five Mile Creek Reserve, Essendon	CoPC, FoMPC, MPCLCT

Community Clean Ups are held from 10am - 11:30am on 1st Sunday each month. Please wear boots or closed shoes, long pants & bring a hat & water. Gloves, pickers, bags are provided. Site accessibility varies - contact us for info.

FoSC: Friends of Steele Creek
CoPC: Chain of Ponds Collaboration
FoMPC: Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek
MPCLCT: Moonee Ponds Creek Litter Clean-Up Team

Let's keep Moonee Valley healthy & clean together!

Contact us at info@mooneesustainability.org.au or www.mooneesustainability.org.au

2 OFFICERS + \$2 MILLION



.....April through to June

Closing out the annual cycle, and including both the shortest season of Woonoabil Tadool Marguk and longest season of Berrantak Darr Karr, with Eirrang Tominbuk inbetween. Woonoabil Tadool Marguk is rugmaking time and when rainstorms and thunderstorms create the season change from hot to cold (often within the same day) Animals molt and burrow and viruses often rage. Eirrang Tominbuk is another short season symbolised with morning mist and high rainfall so is often called the burnoff season. Berrantak Darr Karr which starts in May continues on into August is known for artifact making, and signals that spring is on its way with purple coral pea and wattle blooms. During this time of great seasonal change we really picked up the pace -

Ran a textile focused Sustain-A-Valley with a talk on reducing textile waste, changes in hard rubbish practices and collected 44kg of textile waste to be recycled at our community waste sort.



Had some of our members take part in MVCC's Community Climate Emission Reduction Taskforce (CCERT) over three consecutive weekends. Members of the committee presented to the CCERT too.

Campaigned against the inclusion of two hot and toxic artificial turf ovals in Quinn Grove Redevelopment.

Did you know Council are considering removing the natural grass ovals at Quinn Grove and installing synthetic turf?

We think our community deserves better than...

HOT & TOXIC FAKE TURF

Our concerns are:

- kids exposed to toxic PFAS chemicals
- fences to stop people and pets using ovals
- microplastics in Valley Lake & Steele Creek
- dangerously hot temperatures in summer

Join our call for Council to use only well built...

Cool & Safe Real Grass

The great benefits are:

- keeping players safe from injury
- freely accessible for people and pets to use
- similar hours of play per week when well maintained
- stays much cooler in summer

So why fake it?





Heard good news that our last year's 'Solar our Sports' Campaign (a.k.a CLIMEate STOPPERS - Indecent Exposure) - had created the funding opportunity Avondale Heights Football Club had needed to install a super sized solar system.

Worked with DWELL to secure State Government funding to roll out the first stage in creating a community Cool Safe Space. A new shade sail was installed and a coolscaping design developed!



Completed a citizen science project and logged 106 nature strips with a total of 2032sqm of prohibited artificial turf. Seven canopy trees are encased in this toxic plastic.

Our Community Plan - Community Working with Community for Community.

The Committee spent the last few months of this financial year report reading and soul searching to create a framework for a community plan. We knew we needed to come out of this consolidating year with a clear plan on what and where we would be focussing our attention. Now that we have the structure, we are building on the content with our community with a number of surveys, to continue to build momentum towards achieving our vision. Given the enormous complexity of acting on climate change and regenerating our environment, we have grouped our interests into five key themes:

- **ACTIVE** transport is about moving towards walking, cycling and public transport.
- **RENEWABLE** energy looks at powering our buildings and vehicles with clean energy.
- **RESPONSIBLE** consumption aims to reduce waste and increase product stewardship.
- **RESILIENT** buildings are key to keeping us safe and healthy as the temperature rises.
- **HEALTHY** environment means regenerated, balanced and biodiverse ecosystems to sustain us.



MVS Inc. will work towards achieving our vision and mission through the delivery of activities that are underpinned by the following approaches -

Act

We act locally by working together to conduct innovative exemplar projects that showcase solutions and provide proof of concept for up-scaling.

Educate

We educate ourselves on evidence-based solutions that empower us to raise awareness and take action with our community as well as schools, clubs, business and government.

Advocate

We advocate for policy change and funding to decision makers in government, business, industry and community to help meet our goals.

Collaborate

We collaborate and partner with local and aligned community groups, clubs, non-profits, business, industry and government to increase our impact and accelerate the pace of change required.

CONVENERS REPORT

Whoah. That's quite the list of achievements. What I love is that the achievements are both inside and out. On reflecting on the last year, the Committee has recognised how MVS Inc. has been subconsciously evolving and changing our focus and activities to fit our stage of development and the community's need. Sometimes we forget just how young this group is. But it's this that makes it dynamic and energetic. A great combo.

Previous years we held a number of large scale events and bold petitions to raise the awareness of the group and what we were about. This year has been totally different. We have held regular smaller events and taken part in several consultations and run very focussed lobbying to consolidate our efforts and build a strong connected community. We've been busy building relationships with other environmental focussed grass root community groups and other climate action groups in the region, including Brimbank, Maribrynong, Merri-Bek and Wyndham and those specialising in issues on climate like Sweltering Cities. We've had a few social events too! As a result we have really hit our stride and we're just at the beginning of what we are capable of. We have created the right systems to enable this collaborative, flat structured, grass roots and sometimes 'out there', community group to be completely inclusive and incredibly effective.

We have had some real good laughs along the way which is so incredibly important. Taking action and being part of something positive is the best antidote for any negative feelings with the climate emergency and other environmental catastrophes we face. If we can do this whilst having fun surrounded by people who make us smile and give us hope - then we're onto a winner. In the words of David Suzuki

“Despair is a luxury we can't afford any longer..... trying shows that we believe there is a different possibility – that we can make a difference. But hope without action and saying ‘well, there's nothing I can do, but something will happen’ – that's giving up. We can't afford to do that.”

This is what we want to achieve - inspire community, create change, push boundaries, be nimble and have fun.

So what does 2023/2024 hold in store for MVS Inc.? With our community plan well and truly underway, we will have a clear vision for where we want to be in 2033. But this doesn't mean that the road there is concreted in: we need to be (what I term) organically strategic. We know what we need to do and will be open to the opportunities, partnerships and platforms to deliver them. Sometimes we will instigate projects, sometimes we stumble upon them, sometimes they come looking for us. This next year we will be looking for some bold exemplar projects to help us deliver a number of our priorities. We're always really interested in what you would like to do to create change in our community and work out ways in which we can collaborate or facilitate that. So just get involved and get in touch.

Yours radically optimistic with lashings of kindness.

Teresa Day
(Super Proud Convenor 2022 - 2023)



SECTION 3 - Our Finances

TREASURER'S REPORT

We have ended this **consolidation year** in a strong financial position thanks to the Finance, Legal and Governance working group (FLGWG) developing important policies and updated financial systems. This has enabled MVS Inc. to go from a place of safe confusion to a place with clear financial management records and associated rigorous decision making. During the last year, the FLGWG have met monthly and worked to build a baseline income to ensure we cover our core costs. Our aim was to achieve a break-even position this year and create the backbone in which to build our activity, and the associated increase in income and expenditure that is expected from 2024 onwards.

The **financial statements** and accompanying schedules for the financial year ended 30 June 2023, are presented as being representative of the positive state of MVS Inc.

- **Total income** for the year was \$7594 as against \$14669 the previous year showing a decrease of \$7075 or 48%. This is due to the reduced number of projects and major events being undertaken in this consolidating year.
- **Total operating deficit** for the year was \$1048 as against a surplus of \$5031 the previous year. This can be explained by the way the accounts were finalised in the previous year. The 2022 profit \$5031 included monies not yet spent on two projects that was then spent in the 2023 year. There was a smaller net surplus in 2022 (\$2000) and not a real loss in 2023. Our accounting processes have evolved this year to be more rigorous so it's hard to compare like to like. This will be possible next year. **Our expenses** have remained steady and this will continue to be with clear budgeting.
- **Total equity** of \$4990 has been maintained, which gives us some breathing room for the coming financial year.

This year we have **auspiced** two grants for Glenbervie Stationeers, a separate informal group of passionate volunteers. This has enabled us to test out our financial systems and our ability to auspice others in the future. The Glenbervie Stationeers received grant funding totalling \$8580 from Parks Victoria and Moonee Valley City Council combined and a donation of \$340. At the end of the financial year the project had spent \$7108. The remainder of \$1812 will be spent before the end of August on a community planting as outlined in the grant agreements.

MVS Inc. received three **grants** in this financial year. Two of these are for the ReV-amp (website) project which will be commenced in the coming financial year, so \$5000 has been listed as a liability on the balance sheet and not included in the profit and loss. Similarly, the Moonee Valley Repair Cafe have been collecting donations for their trailer project and this has been allocated as a liability on the balance sheet to remove this amount from general income. This included a donation of \$300 from Grill'd having won the Community Jars Competition in July 2022.

Due to the level of turnover of MVS Inc., we are not required to have our accounts officially audited. In the interests of accountability and transparency, the accounts have been **checked** by an independent registered accountant, Adam Wong (Director/ FIPA / CA/ MBA / AICPA/ Reg Tax Agent), in a volunteer capacity. The accounts verify a sound financial base with which MVS Inc. can grow from in the next financial year.

Many thanks to Ganga Selvarajan for her role in bookkeeping for MVS Inc, Kevin Brennan on developing our financial recording system and processes and supporting me in my acting role and Valerie Thiessen for keeping us all on track with our legal requirements and governance.

Sum up - We are ready for whatever plan we decide to do!!! As long as it is fully costed out and has secured grant funding!!! 😊

Teresa Day
(Acting Treasurer 2022 - 2023)

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

Please refer to separate PDF document completed by Ganga Selvarajan and checked by Adam Wong (Director/ FIPA / CA/ MBA / AICPA/ Reg Tax Agent)



SECTION 4 OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

THANK YOU & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Moonee Valley Sustainability Inc. is very appreciative of the organisations, social enterprises and businesses below who have contributed to our program of events. A massive thank you to Bronwyn & Gregg Morris of DWELL @ Ascot Vale Church of Christ, who have given us the most beautiful home and embraced our ideas and been a source of great support and solace when things get tough.

We love working in collaboration and we are fortunate enough to have many partners that we collaborate with to help roll out our program of activities but also build a connected caring community in Moonee Valley.

People who offered their expertise and ran talks, demonstrations and workshops

Archana Rupani, Charlie Phillips, David Coote, Jane Canaway, John Englart, Gregg Morris, Peter Hormman, Mark Yettica-Paulson, Millicent Burke, Patricia McCarthy Henry, Patrick Sheehan, Vaissy Daisler, Valerie Thiessen.

Organisations who have given us grants and funding

Essendon Fields Community Grant
Federal Government of Australia (Volunteer Grant) Hon Bill Shortens MP office
Moonee Valley City Council
Grill'd Community Jars
Showgrounds Shopping Village

Local Representatives who have turned up to our events and taken part.

Danny Pearson MP, Ben Carroll MP, Cllr Rose Iser, Cllr Katrina Hodgson, Cllr Pierce Tyson, Cllr Samantha Byrne, Cllr Ava Adams.

Community partners who have joined us on the ride.

ACF Community Melbourne NxNW, Allume Energy, Alma & Co, Around Again Craft, Ascot Vale Little Free Pantry, Ascot Vale Community Garden, Avondale Heights Community Garden, Australian Electric Vehicle Association (AEVA), Billy Bubbles, Blue Lotus Art, Bundyi Girri Consulting, Cache In Cache Out (CITO) geocache group, Cards by Amanda Beer, Chain of Ponds Collaboration, Citrus, Dear Daisy Chain, Dressed in Yellow, Doctors for the Environment Australia, Dwell at Ascot Vale Church of Christ, Ecomaster, Eat Your Heart Out Baby, Enviroflex, EnviroGroup, Fairy Folke Shoppe, Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek, Friends of Steele Creek Inc, Friends of Woodlands Park 3040, Friends of Fairbairn Park, Gardens for Wildlife MV, Glenberrie Stationeers, Incredible Solar, Jim Spoons, Journeys for Climate Justice, Lil Dittis, Little Folk Handmade, Little Mylk Bar, Marby Nursery, Marlens Warehouse, Moonee Ponds Creek Litter Clean Up Team, Moonee Valley City Council, Moonee Valley Libraries, Moonee Valley Toy Library, Mount Coburg, One Solution Electrical and Plumbing, Party Kit Hire Network, Recollective, Renew Magazine, Rewine, Rhys.Pect.Food, Rotary Club of Strathmore, Rotary Club of Kensington and Flemington, Roving Refills Inner North, Solar Victoria, Steeple Coffee, Super Native Unlimited, Tesla Owners Club Australia (TOCA), The Flimsystore, The Good Car Company, The Laminated Cotton Shop, Valley Youth.

Thank you to Anna Lanigan, Carl Almeida, Becky Bolu and Kylie Grinham for taking additional photos of some of our events throughout the year!

HOW YOU CAN HELP

As a small community led, not for profit organisation, run purely by volunteers, resources are a constant battle. You can support Moonee Valley Sustainability's work by offering your time, expertise or by becoming a financial member. Even sharing your sustainable living story is invaluable. Go to our connect page to find out more <https://mvsustainability.org.au/connect/>

Become a member

An annual paid membership helps support our groups and events. MVS membership is an annual fee and runs in line with the financial year, July to June. Renewal fees are therefore payable on 1st July each year. In case of financial hardship, please do not hesitate to contact Teresa Day via email at info@mvsustainability.org.au who can arrange for fees to be subsidised or waived as per your circumstance.

Volunteer your time

To get involved in our events, campaigns and activities simply visit our website to complete the online form with your contact details and let us know a little about you, your skills and your sustainability ideas.

Make a donation

We encourage you to please make a donation, which is currently not tax deductible at this stage, but we hope to achieve DGR status soon. This could be monetary, but it could also be equipment or materials. You can make a donation on the website or you can get in touch via email info@mvsustainability.org.au

Stay in touch on social

We run our very own fun and informative Moonee Valley Sustainability Facebook Forum <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MooneeValleySustainability> discussing everything from plastic grass to the single use plastic ban and cash container deposit scheme and everything in between.

Moonee Valley Sustainability is also on facebook and instagram.

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We would love to hear from you!!! If you have questions, want information or have an idea you want to test out, get in touch!

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