



KIRRIBILLI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014

Who we are

The Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre (KNC) is an independent, non-profit, community-based organisation that delivers a range of programs, services and events that respond to a broad spectrum of local community interests and needs.

Our mission

To provide services that strengthen and serve our community sustainably

What we offer

The KNC is a welcoming place for the community to meet, relax, heal, create and learn. It offers heritage rooms for hire, an extensive library collection, a playgroup, an affordable café, art and entertainment events as well as a wide range of classes for all age groups. The KNC also manages the popular Kirribilli Markets and the reputable Bradfield Park Carers Program for carers of people with mental illness.



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Our KNC playgroup is an integral part of the community and helps mothers and children socialise while providing a safe, comfortable and stunning environment to meet, talk and support each other. Kirribilli has a number of transient locals with young children and no immediate family support, therefore the KNC playgroup fills a void. The KNC playgroup continues to grow and is well thought of by locals young and old! Our aim is to bring our community together – a goal that we continue to meet.

Message from the Chair

t is a tremendous privilege to be elected as Chair of the Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre's (KNC)

Board of Directors this year. I've taken on this role at an exciting time for the KNC Board and Management as we entered into a year of strategic planning discussions with the assistance of Glen Sorensen from Age Communications Pty Ltd as our external facilitator.

Our discussions at Board level led to the production of the KNC Strategic Plan 2013-2016. The Plan sets out our mission clearly: To provide services that strengthen and serve our community sustainably. To this end, we will deliver a variety of services that respond to a range of community interests and needs. We will develop, maintain and expand strategic partnerships to enhance our work. We will promote our respected brand and find new ways of communicating with the community so that they know to access our services. We also need to ensure that our organisation maintains sound governance, financial, HR and other business systems that support our work. These are the strategic objectives that the KNC is committed to achieving over the next three years.

The KNC Strategic Plan 2013-2016 also helps to inform the KNC's Plan of Management 2014-2017, which the North Sydney Council renewed with the KNC this year. The Plan of Management sets out the existing and anticipated future uses of the KNC building and land, which is owned by the Council. It also represents the ongoing support from North Sydney Council of our strategic goals and objectives, for which we are extremely grateful.

The KNC Board and Management also carried out a major planning session for the Kirribilli Markets.

The Kirribilli Markets 2014 Annual Plan provides a road map for further promoting and lifting the

standards of an already hugely successful market.

Financially, we remain in a strong position. Our income this year is up by 6% from last year. The continued growth is largely because of the increased popularity of our KNC rooms for hire (up by 19%) and our KNC-run workshops and courses (up by 27%). The Kirribilli Markets is also an important source of income for the KNC and increased by 4% this year.

This year, we have continued to receive generous financial assistance from our major supporters, which include: the Australian Government Department of Social Services, Northside Community Forum, North Sydney Council, North Sydney Leagues Club and Partners in Recovery. To these organisations and to the many individuals who also supported our work this year, we sincerely thank you.

I would also like to thank the Board for all of their valuable input throughout the year and I believe we have set an excellent base for the next three years. Last and certainly not least, thank you to our staff and volunteers who have done a really wonderful job over the twelve months.

Peter Dowling



Message from the General Manager

am delighted to present the Kirribilli

Neighbourhood Centre's (KNC) 2013-2014

Annual Report. This year we have continued to expand our work on many fronts and accomplish some extraordinary things.

At the start of the year, I was privileged to attend the official opening of a newly refurbished building that supports the Adults Surviving Child Abuse (ASCA) service, which had moved from a single room in the KNC to a former scout hall in Forsyth Park. During the ceremony, the Minister for Mental Health and Ageing and the Mayor of North Sydney thanked the KNC for our role in planning the office layout and in mobilising funding for the refurbishment from North Sydney Council. The ASCA is now able to expand its counselling services for up to five million Australian adults who have survived childhood trauma.

The Australian Government Department of Social Services and the Northside Community Forum also extended their funding support this year for our Bradfield Park Carers Program. This has enabled us to bring much needed respite and support to over 310 carers who look after people with mental illness. A full report on this year's carers program is available for you to read in this Annual Report.

The North Sydney Council has also continued with their generous support to our Centre this year, including providing funds for our café and library.

The KNC Community Café continues to produce the most delicious scones in Sydney, whilst providing on the job training for disadvantaged students to gain experience in the hospitality industry. Our library, which is a free service for locals and run by dedicated volunteers, received a generous donation of new books from the Council.

Our KNC community services continue to respond to a broad spectrum of community interests and needs. Our clinical, financial and lifeline counselling facility has expanded to meet increased demand, whilst our health and wellbeing activities have been fully booked this year.

Our income from room hire bookings has increased by 19% year on year, indicating that KNC continues to be a venue of choice for all types of groups and occasions. The KNC played host to a variety of clubs and groups, art exhibitions, performances, meetings, adult and children's parties as well as community events, such as our successful Seniors Lunch in March.

The Kirribilli Markets adds to the vitality of our community and this year, the Markets have gone from strength to strength with Market stall numbers, income and attendance all going up.

There have been a number of staff changes at the KNC this year. New staff have brought fresh ideas and approaches to the Centre as well as a strong passion for serving the community. Early in the year, the KNC welcomed a new Kirribilli Markets Manager, Paul Justelius-Wright, who continues to lift the standards of one of Sydney's most exciting and popular local markets. From volunteering at the Centre, Roger Hack stepped into the Front Office Administrator role on a fixed term basis. In this time, Roger strengthened our front office processes and oversaw the maintenance of our lift that has ensured that the KNC is accessible to everyone in our community. Our new Programs and Marketing Coordinator, Jo Harvey, has brought an abundance of energy to her role of organising KNC programs and events and is responsible for producing our new look Term Brochure, which is an important way for us to communicate with our local community about what is on offer at the KNC.

The KNC could not achieve all that it does without the generosity of our supporters and the incredible efforts of our volunteers who assist in all areas of our work. I am in awe of the selfless actions of so many people from all sections of society who support our KNC.

This is a team effort. My sincere thanks and I welcome your ongoing support as we continue this important work together.

Coral Garratt

General Manager



This Year's Program Highlights



Groups & Clubs

Our groups and clubs have offered the wider community a hub to gather to enjoy hobbies and meet with like-minded people. One of the most well-received initiatives is our Bridge Group, which is now a highlight of the week for many residents, particularly those who were feeling socially isolated before joining in. Attendance has quickly doubled as word spreads of the sense of involvement and belonging that members receive.

Our walking, arts, knitting, book and film clubs are also very popular with new faces appearing every week and spreading the word about what the KNC has to offer.

Community Services

KNC offers a number of community services, none more popular or important than our counselling facility. The broader community is also well catered for with legal, lifeline, financial and JP experts all offering free advice to those who need it most.

In essence, the KNC is now seen as an essential service portal that keeps the community wheels turning, helping locals go about their day-to-day lives comforted in the knowledge there is always a helping hand close by.

Classes

This year, the KNC has seen an increase in the number of classes that respond to a broad spectrum of community interest and needs. Our yoga and pilates classes have been fully booked each term. Other classes supporting health and wellbeing, such as group meditation and Tai Chi are very popular with our locals, as are our adult education classes, such as language and computer skills classes. The KNC has also developed a comprehensive range of activities for children, which includes reading, language, music and dance classes as well as various parenting classes.

Events

KNC holds an annual seniors lunch to celebrate

National Seniors Week. Our last gathering was the most successful yet with over 80 seniors coming from far and wide to enjoy a sumptuous meal, entertainment performed by boys from St Aloysius' College, the company of others and the wise words of local dignitaries.

Art exhibitions are also extremely popular at the Centre – patronage is at an all-time high. We are now a sought-after stage amongst Australia's upand-coming artists and boast a growing reputation for showcasing quality work with North Sydney art lovers. In December 2013, the Centre also put on display art works from students who attend our weekly 'Arts on the Move' class at the KNC.

The playgroup fundraiser is another standout annual event. This year it was a sell-out enabling KNC to re-invest the proceeds in much-needed new toys. Our playgroup has also grown in numbers, reflecting our location's growing reputation with local mums as the perfect place for their children to run around, engage with others, take a class and enjoy a spacious playground. Our locals – most of

whom are apartment dwellers – love the spacious surrounds of our courtyard.

Our sunset concerts are another roaring success. We're breaking attendance records with every event thanks to stand-out performers, strong word-of-mouth promotion and of course the breath-taking setting of our showpiece gallery.

KNC Community Café

The KNC Community Café continues to contribute to the social vitality of the loal community by offering locals a place to meet and enjoy a healthy and affordable meal. Operating as a TAFE training café, it also offers disadvantaged students a program that teachers them hospitality skills, communication and personal growth. We have seen shy, non-communicative students come into the Centre and by the end of their on-the-job training they emerge as confident and socially-engaged teens ready to embrace their full potential. This year, the Café thankfully received a small grant from North Sydney Council towards new kitchen appliances.

Kirribilli Markets

The Markets are managed by the Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre (KNC) and profits from the markets are solely used to operate our organisation.

The Kirribilli Markets are one of Sydney's oldest and most popular markets with 230 stalls selling new and recycled fashion and accessories, emerging local designers, home and giftware, art and craft, produce, plants and gourmet food. There are two market days held on a weekend each month with an extra day held in December.

Product Quality Audit

An audit of the Art & Design Market was conducted in March focusing on the artisan

quality of the products within this section of the Market. Several stallholders whose products did not fit the criteria of the Art & Design Market were excluded from this section of the Market and were offered stalls in the Fashion section. The audit has enabled new artists and designers to come into the Market and has raised the general standard of the Market as a whole.

Market Guide

KNC produced a brochure titled 'A Guide to Sydney's Best Local Markets ' in collaboration with eight other Markets in Sydney as a cost-effective way of promoting local Markets to tourists visiting Sydney. These brochures were distributed to hotels,





backpacker hostels, car hire outlets and other businesses around the city. Feedback about the brochure has been very positive with many stating that it fills a gap in Sydney's tourist information.

Stallholder Awards

The 'Best Presented Stall Award' was introduced this year as a way of promoting better stall presentation throughout the Market. The winner of the award is given the choice of either having their stall fee for that market refunded or receiving a free stall at a future KNC market.

Stallholder Survey

A survey was conducted in April among market stallholders to gauge their level of satisfaction with market operations and to identify areas that the Markets could improve. The overall feedback was very encouraging, with high satisfaction rates for how the Markets are being managed by KNC. A meeting with regular stallholders will be conducted in late October to discuss the results and how best we can continue to successfully manage the Markets into the future.

Bradfield Park Carers Program

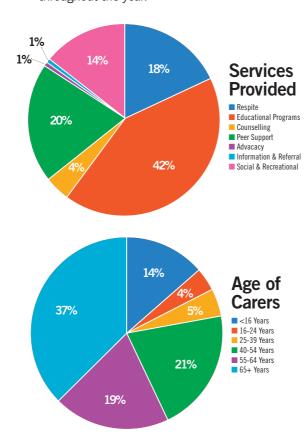


The Bradfield Park Carers Program is managed by the Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre (KNC). The Program offers counselling, respite care, educational programs, peer support and other activities that promote the health and wellbeing for carers of people with mental illness. The Program is largely funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services and Northside Community Forum.

Key results

This year, the Program has successfully expanded in terms of the number and types of programs that it has been able to offer to carers. The number of carers accessing the Program has also increased from the year before. A total of 310 carers accessed the Program this year, of whom 48 carers were new to the Program. Of these carers, 68% were female and 32% were male. The Program caters to a broad age group from carers aged under 15 years of age (14%) to carers aged over 65 years of age (37%). The below graph illustrates the full age range of our carers.

Given the diversity of our client base, the Program is tailored to different groups of carers as well as to individuals. There is a Young Carers Group, Men's Carers Group, Women's Carers Circle as well as a Working Carers Group. These groups meet on a regular basis to offer peer support and participate in the various activities that the Program has to offer. The graph below illustrates the different types of services provided to carers throughout the year.



Working Carers Group

This year, we have offered a wide variety of ticketed events with priority given to working carers. They have enjoyed everything from Chinese Classical Theatre, 'Twilight at Taronga', Bangarra at the Opera House to an experience on the 'Tall Ships', a BBQ on Cockatoo Island and a 'Vivid Festival' cruise with The Flying Squadron Yacht Club. Working carers tell us in their feedback that they need 'pure escapism' from their work and caring duties, so the ticketed events certainly seem to address that need.

carer feedback: Elizabeth and Craig both work part-time and take turns looking after their son who cannot be left alone. They benefit from peer support with other carers but equally need precious opportunities to spend quality time together as a couple. Between them they have described the events as offering 'psychological and emotional benefits beyond measure' and having experiences which spiral them 'out of everyday reality and into worlds full of colour, beauty, inspiration and hope'.

Women's Carers Circle

With the Women's Carers Circle we have offered activities and events which factor in a meal, as the peer support and bonding aspect is of the utmost importance to this group of carers. The women have enjoyed everything from brunch and 'South Pacific' at the Opera House, dinner & 'Elvis' at Hornsby RSL, to a workshop at 'Eden Gardens', a cruise on Port Hacking, a spa retreat and a 'Winter Jewellery' workshop amongst other events on offer.

care feedback: Leui is a single mother with a physical disability, caring for her adult daughter and her own elderly mother, both of whom chronic mental health dynamics. She has recently joined our service and has spoken of her experience of isolation. She describes participation in our program as the first ray of light she has experienced for many years. At 'Bangarra' she said, 'This show is talking about many things—it encourages us, and is speaking about the beauty of life throughout hard times' and at the 'Elvis' dinner,' Spending time with carers who truly understand, helps me to feel less isolated, keeps up my morale, and renews my strength in order to continue caring. I'm not alone anymore!'



Men's Carers Group

The Bradfield Park Men's Group has been operating for four years now. Every month the men meet over a meal, as well as engage in an activity together. The group started small with about four carers and has expanded to more than twelve carers. All activities are now arranged by the men themselves and involves a minimal expense as far as our service is concerned. The men now have formed friendships outside of the meetings that our service provides and arrange social outings together all over Sydney. This has now resulted in the men now taking a much more active caring role in their families.

CARER FEEDBACK: One of the wives of the men remarked that her husband as a result of the men's group was a changed man. He used to just spend all day in his chair in front of the television feeling quite withdrawn and disempowered, but now helps around the house and is involved in much of the decision making in the family home.

Young Carers Group

The Program supports an inspiring group of young carers and the story below illustrates the benefits of this valuable program.

CARER FEEDBACK: Scott (not his real name) is an 11 year old carer whose single mother, Mary, has been suffering from Depression for a long time with very limited finances. Mary is unable to work due to her mental illness. She is from China and her English skills are limited. Scott grew up in Australia but does not have many friends as he has always been looking after his mother when he is out of school. Scott's social skills were limited and he often appeared closed off and down. Since joining the Young Carers Group, Scott's sense of isolation is slowly breaking down as he recognises there are other young carers who are in a similar situation. Scott is starting to develop social skills which are improving his confidence as well as his self-esteem.

Don't Make it Worse Program

We have continued to focus on delivering this eight week DBT (Dialectical Behavior Therapy) integrated skills training for carers of people with a mental illness who want to acquire effective skills to manage themselves in overwhelming situations. The course is always booked out at least a month before it starts. We have found these type of courses a key part of the service. This course is being funded by Partners in Recovery North Shore and Beaches.

Verna Gilbert

We sit down with Verna, who has been one of the KNC's longest standing teachers

How long have you been teaching yoga here at KNC?

My yoga teaching at the KNC commenced at the time the centre opened, about 1977, now approximately over 37 years.

What do you like about KNC and the location?

The building is excellent and being heritage listed makes it a special neighbourhood centre, with an atmosphere that is welcoming, warm and well maintained.

Do you have any students who have been with you from the start?

Two students from the seventies and two from the early eighties. Also, on Monday and Wednesday night there are still students that attended my original classes. My students are very special, over the years I have developed firm friendships. We are all very supportive to each other at all times.

What changes have you noticed in Kirribilli since you



shopping, restaurants and cafes – a very friendly place to live.

What's kept you teaching yoga for so many years?

Teaching yoga is an ongoing joy and challenge for me. To see the students appreciate the classes over the years and for them to develop into a yogic way of life is so beneficial for them and rewarding for me. Much as my many years working with the International Yoga Teachers Association (IYTA) in developing and training yoga students to become qualified teachers.

What is your message to those trying yoga for the first time?

Yoga classes are different from the usual gymnastic exercise routines. New Yoga students should work slowly, to their own capacity. Yoga is more than exercising the body, it embraces the mind, breathing, relaxation and quietness... take time and enjoy.

Apart from yoga, what is your key to staying fit, healthy and well?

Moderation in all things. Exercise, quality food and a balanced home life.

Other than yoga, what are your favourite ways to relax?

I enjoy our garden and its bird life, lorikeets, kookas, bush turkeys, etc. Two cats, family and friends. I play bridge twice a week (for my brain) and an aqua-aerobics class for a change. My family are all keen AFL Swans supporters and we enjoy togetherness at home games.

Verna is a valued and very special member of our KNC family. It was a pleasure talking with her for this 'Inspiring local' editorial.

Board of Directors

Peter Dowling (Chair)

Peter has been involved with the Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre (KNC) for over six years and in this time he has served as Treasurer, and most recently as Chair of the Board. Peter is a specialist adviser to small and medium businesses, assisting with the setting up of and the growth of businesses offering services from budgeting, marketing, planning, sales strategies, employment and human resources, cash flow management through to assisting with exit strategies for those endeavoring to retire from or sell their businesses.

Jenny Rollo (Deputy Chair)

Jenny has served on the Board for the past three years. Jenny is a research scientist at the University of Sydney working to unravel the cascade of molecular mechanisms that lead to the development of Alzheimer's disease (AD). She began as a physicist before spending many years involved in the commercialisation of a novel engineering design that eventually led her back into academia to complete a PhD in mechanical engineering. During her research, Jenny became a carer for her parents after her mother developed AD. The Bradfield Park Carers' Program provided invaluable support at this challenging time, which led to Jenny becoming involved with KNC in an effort to give back in a small way to the organisation that had provided her with help at the time when she most needed it.

Lyn Huxham (Secretary)

Lyn has served on the Board for four years. She is a sales and marketing professional having worked extensively in the aviation and travel industry, and recently in real estate. Earlier careers spanning the architecture and legal professions have contributed to her extensive experience. Lyn has a Postgraduate Degree in Tourism Management and holds a current Certificate of Registration Property, Stock & Business Agents.

Michael Radalj (Treasurer)

Michael has served on the Board for over seven years and is the current Treasurer. During his involvement with KNC, he has introduced various improvements in financial management of the organisation. Michael enjoys helping the community that being a part of the KNC involves. Michael is a Chartered Accountant with extensive commercial and professional experience that includes corporate finance work in the UK, running his own trading business in Japan and for over a decade working as a financial adviser. Michael is one of a small number of fully independent financial advisers in Australia allowing him the freedom to provide high quality advice in his clients best interests.

Kerrie Chambers

Kerrie joined the Board in 2013. Kerrie is a lawyer and partner with HWL Ebsworth and is currently group leader of the Health group. She has been a lawyer since 1986. For the last 17 years Kerrie has practiced exclusively in medical negligence and health law. She regularly writes articles and presents to doctor groups and medical insurers. Kerrie is a Board Member of Family Planning NSW and former member of the Family Planning NSW Ethics Committee 2003-2012 and the RANZCO Ethics Committee. She is a member of the Medico-



KNC Board from left Michael Radalj, Peter Dowling, Scott Miller, Jenny Rollo, Lyn Huxham, Maryanne Ofner.

Kerrie Chambers not available at time photo taken.

Legal Society of NSW. Kerrie has a keen interest in pro bono work. She is the partner delegate for the HWL Ebsworth Homeless Persons Legal Project providing legal advice and support to the clients of The Station drop in centre.

Scott Miller

Information not available.

Marryanne Ofner

Marryanne joined the Board in 2008. She is the Principal of Biddulph and Salenger, Lawyers at Milsons Point, where she has been looking after

client's interests since she became a partner in 1987. Maryanne is an accredited family law specialist, a trained collaborative lawyer and a generalist legal practitioner. Maryanne spent several years as a city based community lawyer, working in particular with the Greek community. Concurrently with private legal practice, Maryanne sat on the Guardianship Tribunal (as the legal member) for many years and developed skills in advocacy for people suffering from an incapacity and working effectively with a multidisciplinary decision making team of professionals. Maryanne enjoys contributing her skills to several committees including KNC.

Gretel Jones

We sit down with the wonderful Gretel, one of our much loved library volunteers. Gretel has been an instrumental part of our team and runs our library like a well-oiled machine.

How long have you been living locally? My grandmother brought the land in Kirribilli in 1906, so my grandchildren who still live in Kirribilli are the 6th generation of my family to live in the area.

How long have you been volunteering at KNC? Since October 2010.

What do you like about being a volunteer?

I enjoy working with books. There's always something to do in a library; helping people find a book they like, adding donations to the shelves, tidying the volumes. This provides me with an almost endless supply of reading matter.

I enjoy the social contact with library users, staff at the centre and with the other volunteers. In addition I feel that I am giving something back to the community and being useful.

What benefits do you think having a neighbourhood centre offers locals? KNC provides a venue for a diverse and valuable range of activities and services and is a vital focal point for the area.



What do you like most about being part of the KNC team?

Feeling a part of the community and being able to participate in the life of the community.

What is your advice to others wanting to become a volunteer? Go for it!

What is your top tip for anyone thinking of being a volunteer?

Find something to do that interests you so that you will enjoy it as well as doing work that is rewarding and valuable.

A few words from you to our locals about our KNC library

The library has a huge range of books, reference works, biography and autobiography, mysteries, novels, children's books, science fiction - and the list goes on. So please do come in and see us, and join if you haven't yet done so.

Gretel is an extremely important member of KNC, who we hold in very high regard. It is with much pleasure and delight that we showcase Gretel as our 'inspiring local'. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Gretel for her hard work and dedication.



Thank you to our talented staff past and present. The following people were employed by the Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre as at 30 June 2014:

Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre

Coral Garratt General Manager

Kirsten Bailev Acting General Manager

Jodi Harvey

Program and Marketing Coordinator

Roger Hack

Front Office Administrator

Tanya Hoy Administrative Assistant

Philip Kauta Caretaker

Maureen Greening Cleaner

Kirribilli Markets

Paul Justelius-Wright Markets Manager

Roland Kiel

Assistant Markets Manager

Arindam Maiti

Markets Administrator

Anirudha Maiti

Markets Assistant

Byron Cavender

Markets Assistant

Halle Leggett Markets Assistant

Nicholas Little

Markets Assistant/Traffic Controller

Philip Kauta

Markets Assistant

Roger Hack

Markets Assistant

William Norrie

Markets Assistant/Traffic Controller

Bradfield Park Carers Program

Michael Ansky **Program Coordinator**

Gerri Mehra-Slevin

Counsellor/Program Manager

Counsellor/Program Manager



Our Supporters

Our supporters are individuals, families, local business, government and nongovernment organisations. To these supporters we wish to say thank you for your generous support this year. Together we have been able to respond to the needs and interests of our local community and create a vibrant place to live. Among our major supporters are:

- Australian Government Department of Social Services
- Northside Community Forum
- North Sydney Council
- North Sydney Leagues Club
- Partners in Recovery

Our Partners

Our partners are involved in the delivery of KNC services. They bring skills and expertise to ensure that we deliver work to the highest quality standards and reach as many people in our community as possible. Thank you for all of your efforts. Among our major partners are:

- Action Foundation for Mental Health
- · Adult Survivors of Child Abuse
- Age Communications
- Amateur Chamber Music Society
- Australian Chinese Community Association
- Community Care Northern Beaches
- C.R.E.A.T.E. Northside
- Crows Nest Centre
- CMY
- Des Frith JKFrith Design
- Greenway Tenants Group
- House with No Steps
- Jobs Australia
- Lifeline
- Lower North Shore Community Transport
- Matrix on Board
- New Horizons

- North Sydney Community Centre
- North Sydney CouncilPartners in Recovery
- Schizophrenia Fellowship
- St Aloysius' College
- TAFE Crows Nest
- Uniting Care Mental Health
- Yarn on a Stick

Our Volunteers

It would not be possible to achieve all that the KNC does without the efforts of our extraordinary volunteers. We wish to say thank you for dedicating your time and talents to the Centre and for the positive impact that you have made on the community. All of our volunteers are too numerous to list here, but we wish to acknowledge our regular volunteers that turn up week after week to assist in this important work:

Anthony Rustuccia

- ullet Azad Uddin
- Beverly MeadCorinne Botha
- Elizabeth Gervay
- Frank Lander
- Gretel Jones
- $\bullet \operatorname{Greg} \operatorname{Wood}$
- Hilary O'Hare
- Indu Kumari
- Jean Martin
- Jeanette Lemmon
- Jeanette Whalen
- Jenny Ho
- Joanne Morris
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Independence Declaration by the Auditor

to the members of the Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre Co-operative Limited under the Co-operatives Act 1992 (the Act). We declare that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, during the year that ended 30 June 2014 there have been:

- no contraventions of the auditor independence requirement as set out in the Co-operatives Act 1992 (the Act) in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

FOSTER RAFFAN

Chartered Accountants

G D Wood, FCA

Partner

North Sydney, 12 September, 2014...

Audit Report to the Members of

Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre Co-operative Limited

Scope

We have audited the financial report of Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre Co-operative Limited for the year ended 30 June 2014 as set out on pages 3 to 9. The directors are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein. We have conducted an independent audit in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the co-operative.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards so as to present a view of the co-operative which is consistent with our understanding of its financial position and the results of its operations.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

As is common for a co-operative of this type, it is not practicable to maintain an effective system of internal control over income from market days, donations and fundraising functions until the income is recorded in the accounting records. Accordingly our audit in relation to those activities was limited to the transactions once so recorded.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion expect for the effects of such adjustments, if any, the financial report presents fairly the financial position of Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre Co-operative Limited as at 30 June 2014 and the results of its operations for the year then ended and are in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards.

FOSTER RAFFAN

Chartered Accountants

G D Wood, FCA

G D Wood, FCA Partner

North Sydney, 12 September, 2014.



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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	Notes	2014	2013
		\$	\$
Revenue from Continuing Operations	2	1,080,510	1,023,974
Advertising expenses		(25,051)	(16,860)
Depreciation	3	(8,839)	(12,590)
Salaries Expense		(655,706)	(611,502)
Occupancy Costs		(85,207)	(64,372)
Operating lease expenses		(2,908)	(1,926)
Consulting expenses		(2,713)	(31,319)
Computer Expenses		(31,531)	-
Insurance expenses		(30,742)	(26,980)
Administration expenses		(79,279)	(77,270)
Direct costs of trading	3	(129,845)	(188,501)
Other expenses		(22,843)	(32,546)
Surplus/(Deficit)		5,848	(39,892)

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2014

		2014	2013
	Notes		
		\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	344,302	363,836
Trade and other receivables	5	24.046	25,435
Prepayments		36,954	21,599
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		405,302	410,870
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property plant & equipment	6	20,986	15,175
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		20,986	15,175
TOTAL ASSETS		426,288	426,045
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	7	78,122	97,915
Provision	7 8	50,354	26,939
Market income received in advance		56,089	62,017
Grant in advance		1,300	4.599
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		185,865	191,470
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NET ASSETS		240,424	234,575
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS		240,424	234,575

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