



KIRRIBILLI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE



ANNUAL REPORT 2014-2015

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 of North Sydney to meet, relax, heal, create and learn. It offers heritage rooms for hire, an extensive library collection, a playgroup run by parents, 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 a mental illness.



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It was with much excitement that the KNC launched our new website. A user friendly, colourful, informative portal for the public to view what the KNC is all about. Our website has great images that reflect who we are, wonderful pictures of our rooms for hire, information on each room and hire options, on our courses, classes, programs and updates on upcoming events and relevant contact details. More importantly it is updated frequently. Feedback from the public and users of the Centre has been extremely positive.

We upload updated images of the people who use the Centre and how they are using the Centre. This is very popular and so important to express what the KNC is all about. Our goal is to continue to grow our website as the KNC grows.

www.thekirribillicentre.org

Message from the Chair

What a great year it has been here at the Kirribilli Centre's. As Chair of the Board of Directors this year I would like to firstly thank all our staff for making 2014/15 one of the best ever. Having now been involved with the Centre for many years it is very exciting to part of an organization that is going from strength to strength.

We have continued to deliver a very wide 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.

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 workshop 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 and in particular from the North Sydney Council who have continued to support us in so many ways including this year arranging the installation of ducted air conditioning to the Centre..

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 future years. We look forward to welcoming new directors at the upcoming AGM which will ensure we continue to grow with new ideas and support. 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

Chair



Message from the General Manager

The 2014/15 financial year has seen KNC grow from strength to strength. It is with great pride and pleasure that I present this Annual Report because it reflects the competency and good will of a great team of staff and an excellent well qualified Board working together.

The service ended with a healthy surplus and that's what responsible management aim to achieve however it ended with having produced a lot more than that.

A breaking first was a Program designed by staff with the assistance of the Gidget foundation called Wellbeing for Mothers. A grant from Clubs NSW was received to run this group which was a mixture of fun exercise, group counselling, child minding and one on one counselling for parents experiencing pre and post-natal depression.

Feedback was excellent and we intend to run it again.

Seniors week saw such a big turnout for our annual Garden Party this year that the rear outside area was very full and we could have almost filled it again so many people wanted to come.

This annual event is a very popular one on the calendar and one we look forward to every year.

The centre seems to have more and more small children in it each year. The set times for Playgroup were abolished this year as it became evident people with children were just here every day.

On café days the back garden is full of children and mums. On Thursdays the same thing happens as children's play and exercise classes are on and the remaining days has other cultural playgroups or just parents dropping in to play with other children

in the community and use the toys. It's an informal place to meet others.

On an operations level some new changes were implemented to help the smoother running of the service and to increase revenue.

As part of the Strategic Plan all core business activities are reviewed each year and part of the review identified a problem with the room hire booking system. A simpler user friendly booking system has been installed and revenue has since increased.

A review of accounting procedures also led to a change of companies and we are now using Refuge Accounting for all accounting processes.

The consultants Noel Arnold and Associates were contracted to work on Work Health and Safety, Policies, Risk Assessment and Training for KNC.

Staffing levels at KNC have been historically low compared to other community centres in the area. With increased revenue over more recent years we have been able to build up these numbers and recently were able to extend and admin role to incorporate program development. This has meant we have added one new position for the last 3 years, which has reflected in the growth of the service.

This year North Sydney Council has been very generous to us with some very large improvements to the buildings. They installed a large new awning over the upstairs rear balcony.

The new awning immediately had people using the space as soon as the builders left. It has given KNC an extra-large space that it has always needed, as the area was virtually unusable due to the weather.

We are already hiring this out and making an income from it.

That wasn't all. Council then installed solar panels on top of this and have connected the building up to solar power, which is another advantage to KNC costs and makes the building environmentally friendly.

This is just in time for the air conditioning system that is currently being installed for the whole building by Council.

These changes to the building are huge and are advantageous not only from an income factor but for the comfort of the varying ages and people with disabilities who use the centre.

So we can't thank Council enough for these improvements.

The biggest change to KNC this year is the name. The name is now changed to The Kirribilli Centre and the word neighbourhood has been taken out.

This by no means is because we don't cater to the local community anymore. It's in recognition that we do that and more.

We found that some people were not coming here because they thought it was for the locals only in the close proximity.

We are more than that. We reach out to a broader community as well.

We have a Plan of Management Agreement with North Sydney Council that operates in their Local Government Area and our role is to service and link these communities.

We are still open 7 days per week and that requires a lot of help from staff and volunteers. Without the volunteers we couldn't do that and we appreciate them so much and can't thank them enough.

We are fortunate to have fantastic staff and I

wish to thank them so much for all they do. They are very special people in deed.

The service has an excellent Board which I think is reflected in the quality of the service and personally it is a pleasure to work for.

So many other organisations support KNC and it is truly a wonderful community to see flourish. Next year in 2016 it is the 40th Anniversary of KNC and I it will be a time to celebrate this old building and its memories all it's done for the community. Looks like a huge year ahead.

Coral Garratt
General Manager



This Year's Program Highlights



Groups & Clubs

Our groups and clubs continues to grow at a phenomenal rate. Our knitting group has gone from once a fortnight to once a week largely thanks to a flood of new members joining the loyal established ranks. This is a wonderful opportunity for members of our community to meet in a safe, enjoyable and secure environment with like-minded people. We're already seeing the spin-off with the knitting ladies also getting involved in our 'yarn bombing' initiatives – a rewarding group effort embraced by the whole community. The centre comes alive with colourful yarn wrapped around our trees, courtyard and building. We have many locals stop to ask what it's all about and take pictures; a great way to get people into the centre and talking about what we do. The engagement we get is priceless, all the while supporting a worthwhile and much deserving charity – this year it was Breast Cancer Awareness.

Our other groups, such as the Chinese Seniors, bridge, walking, BBQ, film, book, art and many more, continue to grow and gather momentum,

testament to the fabulous work of all the team at the KNC.

Community Services

KNC is proud to offer our community (and also our near neighbours) a variety of services such as legal, financial, counselling and JP experts – second-to-none free advice to those who need it most.

KNC is now firmly established as a 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. Our services have continued to grow and we are getting more and more locals dropping in.

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, such as yoga, Pilates, tai chi, hula hooping, art and much more. The newest class is Wellbeing for Parents (WBFP). WBFP offers a free service to those parents who

are struggling and for whom a support network and a fully structured program are essential. The KNC is honoured to provide a full service program that has not only helped parents, but has had incredible feedback from other sectors in the market. Lifeline has been extremely supportive, as has Trasilian and the Gidget Foundation. More importantly the feedback from the parents has been humbling and at times overwhelming – all the motivation we need to ensure this service becomes a permanent part of the KNC schedule.

Events

The KNC attended the annual North Sydney Children's Festival. We were the standout at the event, with a marquee that looked spectacularly bright, offered goodie bags which had our brochure, flyers and relevant information for both parents and children. We had music and hula hooping and were constantly surrounded by children and parents enjoying our activities. We gave out over 100 bags, over 1000 flyers and interacted with hundreds

more potential members of the local and broader community that could utilise the KNC. This was a very successful event which showcased the KNC to many people who could use our centre for varied reasons. The most important aspect of this festival was to show parents that the KNC offers one of the best playgroups in one of the most beautiful locations in Sydney.

Once again our annual seniors' lunch to celebrate National Seniors' Week was a massive hit. This year we had over 90 guests 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. Seniors leave our lunch happy, excited, and comforted and always knowing that they have a safe place to come, any time of the year. We extend a warm welcome to all seniors to drop by, use our facilities and know that we are here for them. This is more vital than ever in a busy urban society in which the number of socially isolated seniors is on the rise.



Our monthly sunset concerts are also a big hit with locals and the broader community, with many people coming from near and far to enjoy a splendid late afternoon of wonderful music in the beautiful surrounds of The Gallery. Each month the attendance grows, and this event has proved to be a real highlight for many.

We're thrilled to report our KNC playgroup has grown in the last year too. Our most popular day remains Friday, but there is a noticeable spike in interest across the week now as word spreads about our amazing toy shed, and the roomy and feature-packed back courtyard. Most importantly the mothers have formed a great support network. Our monthly playgroup events such as face painting, singing and hula hooping has proved extremely popular.

We also held an African drumming morning which was a massive hit! There was no room left in the courtyard and the children (and parents) had a ball. This was one of our most popular playgroup events ever. Nearby school children and even the North Sydney Mayor dropped by to join in the fun. We created a vibrant, colourful, musical morning that will be remembered by many. The KNC playgroup is fast becoming very popular.

In other news, our library volunteers held a stall to sell duplicate books at our markets to raise funds for a library regeneration. This shows great

community spirit and what a successful day it was.

KNC Community Café

The KNC Community Café also continues to grow and word of mouth has ensured we get larger numbers attending each term. It is extremely popular with our playgroup parents – offering them a place to enjoy a coffee while their little ones can run around the courtyard – something that no other café in the area can offer. Our café gives the local community a place to meet and enjoy a healthy and affordable meal. It is an especially vital service now for our seniors and some of our less fortunate. Operating as a TAFE training café, it also offers disadvantaged students a program that teaches 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.

Marketing

This year the KNC received great exposure over a number of months on different platforms, such as online, newspaper and magazine. This is an exceptional result cultivated by strong relationships with local media.



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Kirribilli Markets

What a fun year again for Kirribilli Markets. They are keeping up their reputation as one of Sydney's most popular markets with every market getting sold out and a queue for no shows on the day.

Income has increased by 2% this year which is great considering we haven't been allowed to expand the space we use.

One of the highlights was winning a Better Business Partnership award in the category of North Sydney Champion, Waste Saver Award.

This resulted in a partnership we did with the Smith Family.

The stalls that sell second hand clothing at the end of the day can leave what they don't sell in large bins that we provide and the Smith family come and collect the bins. So far we have recycled over 8,000kg of clothing through this partnership.

Continuing the recycling theme our general rubbish bins were upgraded to have large signage for recycling on them which has led to a great effort of recycling market rubbish.

New Look

We decided it was time to make ourselves look a bit sleeker so new banners for Markets were purchased, plus new signage and management marquee and music marquee were purchased



Stallholders

We are still getting many artisans wanting to sell their handmade art and crafts at the art and design market. This market has improved over the last 2 years in quality and we look forward to continual improvement.

The General Market is always popular and is attracting a diverse range of stalls to make it interesting. So the market is not getting inundated with any particular product to keep it going which is the sign of a healthy market.

Parking

Parking is our only real problem at Kirribilli but Luna Park parking tickets are now available when booking a stall. There is a good take up by stallholders.

Many visitors come by public transport and particularly by train. We are indeed fortunate to be beside a railway station and next to the iconic harbor bridge.



Bradfield Park Carers Program

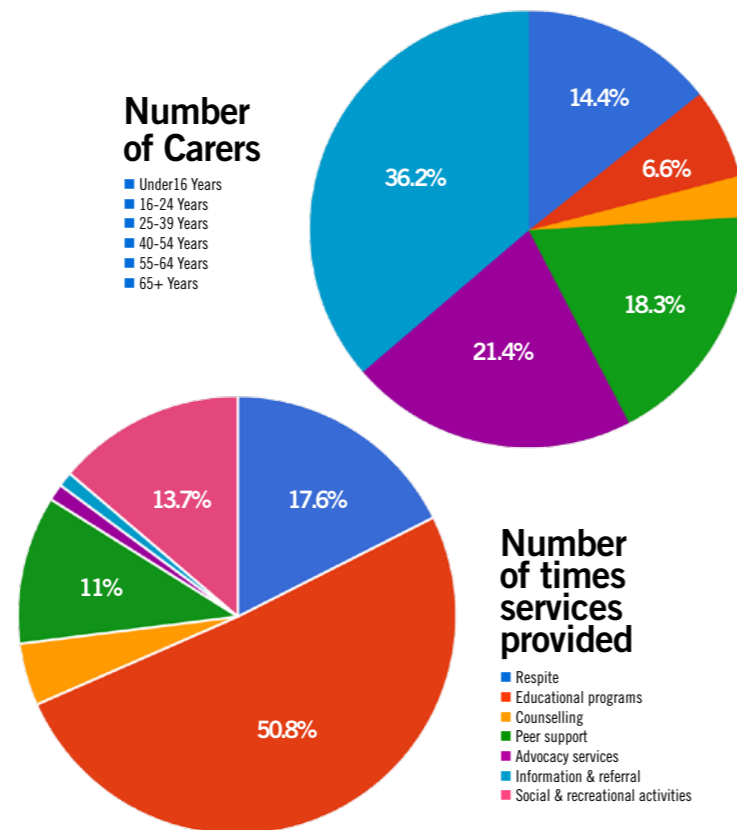
The Bradfield Park Carers Program is managed by the Kirribilli Centre. The Program offers counselling, respite care, educational programs, peer support and other activities that promote the health and wellbeing for carers of people with mental illness. The Program is largely funded by the Australian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

Key results

The number of carers accessing the Program has also increased from the year before. A total of 286 carers accessed the Program this year, of which 56 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 (36%). 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 that carers accessed from our Program throughout the year.



Working Carers Group

Throughout the year we have offered a wide variety of ticketed events with priority given to working carers. They have enjoyed 'Cirkopolis' and 'Bangarra' at Sydney Opera House, 'A Christmas Carol' Belvoir, 'Chuck Close' MCA, an indigenous walking tour 'Rocks Dreaming', Sydney Harbour events, 'Vivid' and 'A Ferry Good Time', 'James Morrison' and a little light relief with 'Jimeoin'. Some of these events have been combined with a meal in order to facilitate much requested peer support. Other working carers, particularly couples, desperately need quality time for themselves in order to recharge their 'relationship' batteries.

CARER FEEDBACK: Hannah is a working mother with no extended family. She has relinquished a successful career with a large company in order to work part-time from home as she cares for her two sons, Theo diagnosed with schizophrenia and Sullivan with drug-induced psychosis. Hannah manages a high level of violence with one son and has coped

with thirty two traumatic hospital admissions over a period of eleven years with her second. In Hannah's feedback she has described our program as a 'lifeline' and following one event she writes, "I feel more 'alive' and connected to others rather than 'trapped' at home with my sons. I rarely go anywhere by myself without feeling selfish - so meeting with other carers feels like something I am allowed to do. I live with ongoing grief and frustration in my caring role, but the performance today was so absorbing and inspiring that my everyday troubles were forgotten"

Women's Carers Circle

This year, the Women's Carers Circle has continued to bring women together, in support of each other, maintaining resilience and uplifting spirits, making the caring for loved ones, living with mental distress, more manageable.

Bradfield Park Carers' Program has provided a broad range of entertaining respite activities offering creative, cultural and social events that

have been relaxed and fun. Some examples include mandala art making, The Sydney Film Festival plus guided tours of the Chinese Gardens, Sydney Hospital, May Gibbs House, the Royal Botanic Gardens and the Archibald Prize adding fun and laughter with ten pin bowling.

Special occasions the women have celebrated together have been Chinese New Year, Mothers' Day and Christmas. Some of the larger events were combined with the men's group allowing couples to enjoy time together (a rare treat for most sharing the carer's role).

CARER FEEDBACK: Within single mother Jenny's (not her real name) usual role as provider and carer for her family, she cares for her young adult son who lives with a mental illness. Jenny recently experienced extreme worry and confusion when her son was hospitalised. Through Bradfield Park Carers Program she was able to access helpful information to clear the confusion and after attending the Sydney Film Festival event, Jenny commented 'watching the film helped me to refocus and gather gratitude, something I have found difficult to do lately. Over lunch I was able to talk with others to receive support – especially welcome during times of crisis.'

Men's Carers Group

The Bradfield Park Men's Group has been operating for five 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 people and has expanded to the stage that now it would be hard to get less than twelve. 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.

Some of their Feedback: "We are a very friendly

group", "They understand", "Discuss similar problems and solutions", "Good support", "Simple conversation makes a lot of difference, especially with my peers", "distraction, commonality, education", "giving new insights in the way they handle their consumers", "It's great to mix with the blokes", "it helps in our carers role to realise we are not alone with our problems. Other carers understand before we can finish a sentence"..

Young Carers Group

The Young Carers Program continues to support an inspiring group of young carers. Since the last report Young Carers have created their own videos (part of an international collaboration), had drama workshops, visited the Nan Tien Temple in Wollongong, gone "Skydiving" at Penrith, done even more film making, gone jet boating on Sydney Harbour, experienced a Turkish cultural tour of Auburn, learnt some gourmet cooking and went rock climbing.

Some of the feedback: "Helps me realise how good I am at cooking", "Helps me "get away from mum & xxx - having a break", "Fun and awesome", "I love cooking and wanted to conquer my fear of heights and dark places", "I feel more confident in myself", "I learnt how to cook awesome foods", "a new friend", "never done rock climbing before".

Don't make it Worse Program

We have continued to focus on delivering this 8 week DBT (Dialectical Behaviour 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 types of courses a key part of the service. This course is being funded by Partners in Recovery North Shore and Beaches. The course is now in recess as Akiko Tomioka, who ran the course, is on maternity leave.



CARER FEEDBACK: Saheed (not his real name) recently joined our program at Bradfield Park to attend our Dialectical Behaviour Therapy Course, 'Don't Make it Worse', facilitated by Akiko Tomioka and attended by myself, Gerri Mehra-Slevin, as a support. Historically Saheed was a young carer for both his parents who suffered from Schizophrenia and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Saheed is now married with three children, cares for his wife and daughter both suffering depression and anxiety, and in addition, his son's ongoing battle with alcohol addiction and the drug ice. Saheed also manages to work full time but acknowledged at our initial meeting that he was very isolated, highly stressed, and had little support for himself as it was difficult to discuss the family situation with friends or colleagues. It has been a privilege to witness Saheed blossom during the course, making a warm and vital contribution to the group. He had the opportunity to develop strong friendships which he has chosen to maintain. However the

best and most poignant words here can only be Saheed's own. He says:

"I have benefited beyond all expectations from this course and now have the skills to better handle and cope with a very stressful home situation.

The course was insightful and opened my mind up as to how best approach the continual difficulties associated with caring for my wife and children.

I am definitely not making the home situation worse and have become more empathic and helpful, which can only help in the long run.

Equally important the course has helped me on a personal level and has improved my health. It has given me coping strategies to stop the home situation becoming all encompassing and playing on my mind. I can now logically approach the situation and do my best to help without the unhealthy side effects that continual worry can bring and was bringing.

I particularly found Akiko Tomioka be an excellent teacher of Dialectical Behaviour Therapy and her knowledge and delivery was exceptional"

Board of Directors

as at 30 June 2015



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-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.



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. Marryanne is an accredited family law specialist, a trained collaborative lawyer and a generalist legal practitioner. Marryanne spent several years as a city based community lawyer, working in particular with the Greek community. Concurrently with private legal practice, Marryanne 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. Marryanne enjoys contributing her skills to several committees including KNC.



KNC Staff

Thank you to our talented staff past and present. The following people were employed by the Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre as at 30 June 2015:

Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre

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| Coral Garratt
General Manager | Philip Kauta
Caretaker |
| Jodi Harvey
Program and Marketing Coordinator | Maureen Greening
Cleaner |
| Rachel Kimberley
Front Office Administrator | |

Kirribilli Markets

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| Paul Justelius-Wright
Markets Manager | Nicholas Little
Markets Assistant/Traffic Controller |
| Marita Cranwell
Assistant Markets Manager | Philip Kauta
Markets Assistant |
| Arindam Maiti
Markets Administrator | Roger Hack
Markets Assistant |
| Anirudha Maiti
Markets Assistant | William Norrie
Markets Assistant/Traffic Controller |
| Lewis Cavender
Markets Assistant | Kate Winterbottom
Markets Assistant/Traffic Controller |
| Halle Leggett
Markets Assistant | |

Bradfield Park Carers Program

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| Michael Ansky
Program Coordinator | Akiko Tomioka/Jo Pike
Counsellor/Program Manager |
| Gerri Mehra-Slevin
Counsellor/Program Manager | |



Thank you

Our Supporters

Our supporters are individuals, families, local business, government and non-government 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
- Community Care Northern Beaches
- C.R.E.A.T.E. Northside
- Crows Nest Centre
- Des Frith
- Greenway Tenants Group
- House with No Steps
- Lifeline
- Lower North Shore Community Transport
- New Horizons
- North Sydney Community Centre
- North Sydney Council
- Partners in Recovery
- St Aloysius' College
- TAFE Crows Nest
- Uniting Care Mental Health
- Yarn on a Stick

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
- Amateur Chamber Music Society
- Australian Chinese Community Association

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
- Azad Uddin
- Beverly Mead

- Corinne Botha
- Elizabeth Gervay
- Frank Lander
- Gretel Jones
- Greg Wood
- Hilary O'Hare
- Indu Kumari
- Jean Martin
- Jeanette Lemmon
- Jeanette Whalen
- Jenny Ho
- John Dowse
- June James
- Laura Riddell
- Narda Campbell
- Roger Hack
- Sally Rule
- Shahla Jalili
- Vincent Romeo



In memorial: Frank Lander

Sadly our dear friend and volunteer Frank passed away 16th September with his friends by his side. Frank has been a part of our community and KNC family for many years and he will be missed by so many.

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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 2015 there have been:

(a) 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.

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FOSTER RAFFAN
 Chartered Accountants

G D Wood
G D Wood, FCA
 Partner
 North Sydney, 12 September, 2015.

**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 2015 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 2015 and the results of its operations for the year then ended and are in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards.

Foster Raffan
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 Chartered Accountants

G D Wood
G D Wood, FCA
 Partner
 North Sydney, 12 September, 2015.



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**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015**

	Notes	2015 \$	2014 \$
Revenue from Continuing Operations	2	1,131,704	1,080,510
Advertising expenses		(29,873)	(25,051)
Depreciation	3	(6,849)	(8,839)
Employment expenses		(682,924)	(655,706)
Occupancy costs		(67,313)	(85,207)
Operating lease expenses		(3,385)	(2,908)
Consulting expenses		(2,663)	(2,713)
Computer expenses		(26,172)	(31,531)
Insurance expenses		(32,181)	(30,742)
Administration expenses		(79,094)	(79,279)
Direct costs of trading	3	(110,203)	(129,845)
Other expenses		(33,374)	(22,843)
Surplus/(Deficit)		57,673	5,848

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
 AS AT 30 JUNE 2015**

	Notes	2015 \$	2014 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	422,885	344,302
Trade and other receivables	5	37,515	24,046
Prepayments		14,597	36,954
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		474,997	405,302
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property plant & equipment	6	22,321	20,986
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		22,321	20,986
TOTAL ASSETS		497,318	426,288
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	7	69,961	74,380
Unearned income	8	74,291	61,130
Provisions	9	42,930	38,020
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		187,182	173,530
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	9	12,040	12,335
TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		12,040	12,335
TOTAL LIABILITIES		199,222	185,865
NET ASSETS		298,096	240,424
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS		298,096	240,424

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015 (Continued)

2 REVENUE FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Revenue from operating activities:		
Market Income	437,116	427,875
Course and Workshop	49,406	37,591
Room Hire	108,546	103,679
Tea Rooms	5,619	6,892
Brokerage Income	22,147	26,077
Government Grants - Dept. of Social Services	425,428	420,151
Government Grants - North Sydney Council	32,622	28,873
Grants - Other	20,827	4,484
Donations	910	1,194
Other Income	29,083	23,694
	<u>1,131,704</u>	<u>1,080,510</u>

3 EXPENSES

Cost of Sales	110,203	129,845
Depreciation of Non-Current Assets Plant and Equipment	6,849	8,839
	<u>6,849</u>	<u>8,839</u>

4 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash at Bank	420,203	334,351
Cash on Hand	2,682	9,951
	<u>422,885</u>	<u>344,302</u>

5 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Trade Debtors	37,389	24,046
Provision for Doubtful Debts	-	-
Other Receivables	126	-
	<u>37,515</u>	<u>24,046</u>

6 PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Office Furniture, Fittings and Equipment at Cost	84,554	76,370
Accumulated Depreciation	(62,233)	(55,384)
	<u>22,321</u>	<u>20,986</u>

Reconciliation

Office Furniture, Fittings and Equipment

Carrying amount at the Beginning of the Year	20,986	15,175
Additions	8,184	14,651
Write off of Assets	-	-
Depreciation	(6,849)	(8,839)
Carrying amount at the end of the year	<u>22,321</u>	<u>20,986</u>

7 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Trade Creditors	12,471	29,743
Other Creditors and Accruals	57,490	44,637
	<u>69,961</u>	<u>74,380</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015 (Continued)

8 UNEARNED INCOME

Unexpended Government Grants	-	1,300
Income in Advance - Market Stalls	64,106	56,089
Income in Advance - Room Hire/Courses & Workshops	10,186	3,742
	<u>74,291</u>	<u>61,130</u>

9 PROVISIONS

Current		
Annual Leave	42,930	38,021
	<u>42,930</u>	<u>38,020</u>
Non Current		
Long Service Leave	12,040	12,335
	<u>12,040</u>	<u>12,335</u>

STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	Notes	2015 \$	2014 \$
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Receipts from funders, donors and customers		1,179,964	1,105,275
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,102,894)	(1,122,545)
Interest received		9,697	12,387
Net cash from operating activities		<u>86,767</u>	<u>(4,883)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Payments for furniture & fittings and plant & equipment acquired	6	(8,183)	(14,651)
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(8,183)</u>	<u>(14,651)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents held		78,583	(19,534)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		344,302	363,836
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	4	<u>422,885</u>	<u>344,302</u>

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Accumulated surplus at the beginning of the year	240,423	234,575
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	57,673	5,848
Accumulated surplus at the end of the year	<u>298,096</u>	<u>240,423</u>



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