

Annual Report 2026

MILANG AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.

ABN: 69 623 040 557



Yunti Ngopun Ngami ; Together We Walk
Artwork by Allan Sumner

We acknowledge the Ngarrindjeri people on whose land we meet and we pay our respects to the Elders past and present.

Ngarrindjeri Vision for Country: Kungun Ngarrindjeri Yunnan (Listen to what Ngarrindjeri people have to say)

"Our Lands, Our Waters, Our People, All Living Things are connected. We implore people to respect our Ruwe (Country) as it was created in the Kaldowinyeri (the Creation). We long for sparkling, clean waters, healthy land and people and all living things. We long for the Yarluwar-Ruwe (Sea Country) of our ancestors. Our vision is all people Caring, Sharing, Knowing and Respecting the lands, the waters and all living things." - From Ngarrindjeri Nation Yarluwar-ruwe plan 2006

Strategic Plan

OUR VISION

Building and empowering a resilient, inclusive and innovative community

We Value:

- Integrity
- Reliability
- Professionalism
- Teamwork
- Inclusivity
- Fairness
- Mutual Respect
- Environmental Stewardship
- Innovation

Our Purpose:

- To engage and empower individuals and groups within the community.
- To respond to both individual and community needs through inclusive services and opportunities.
- To foster a sense of community pride and ownership through active participation.
- To provide a caring, ethical, and supportive environment for social interaction, lifelong learning, and personal growth.
- To acknowledge and respect the Ngarrindjeri people as the Traditional Custodians of the land, honouring their cultural heritage and wisdom.
- To promote environmental sustainability and innovation in all aspects of community development.

REGISTERED CHARITY
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Service Excellence

MADCA

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

2025-26

Chairperson:
Wayne Footer

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Michael Galea

Treasurer:
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Stuart Jones, CEO

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Stuart Jones, CEO

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Ashton Brown CHSP Admin

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Dee Farrow, Cook Manager

Asha Jones, Butter Factory Cook/Kitchen Supervisor

Jade Bampton, Mia Hobbs, Shayla Mitchell-Beens, Butter Factory Kitchen Staff

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Wayne Footer

Over the last twelve months your organization has continued to engage and empower individuals and groups within our community.

By responding to both individual and community needs though the delivery of inclusive services.

By fostering a sense of community pride and ownership.

By promoting a caring, ethical and supportive environment for social interactive, lifelong learning, and personal growth.

By acknowledging and respecting the Ngarrindjeri people as the Traditional Custodians of the land.

And promoting an environmental sustainability and innovation in all aspects of Community development.

Some of the services that your organization delivers include Milang Old School House Community Centre (MOSHCC) which employs 12 locals providing spaces, activities and social support programs for all ages including emergency relief, Meals on Wheels, and "WoW"



Women's Group and Men's "Stickybeaks" outings. Also providing Community access to Internet, Computer, printing facilities and delivering low-cost training and learning experiences. Supporting the Community Garden and The Youth Hub. Organizing local Anzac Day and Remembrance Day Commemorations.

The adjoining Ace space delivers professional Childcare services to pre-school children; training, cultural and wellbeing workshops; Friday feast, Card afternoon, Quiz time and Movie Matinees.

Other initiatives have included a number of very successful functions and activities associated with the Milang Butter Factory which have been well supported by the Community.

Also, the renovation and upgrade currently underway of the Milang Youth Hub in association with Reclink and Alexandrina Council.

My thanks to the out-going MADCA Committee members for providing the important due diligence overview of MADCA's business activities.

Special thanks to outgoing Secretary Cathy Fish in keeping the Committee on track plus her important role in producing of our Monthly newsletter providing our members up to date MADCA activities.

Also, to Vice Chairperson Mike Galea for his work on formulating the Butter Factory Business Plan 2026-2031.

For my part I have attempted to keep membership totally informed by monthly Newsletter update reporting on MADCA business.

Thank you to CEO Stuart Jones and his MOSHCC Team for their energy, commitment and strategic direction.

Thank you to Annie Whyte and her Lakes Home Care Team for their dedication in providing Home care services to over 200 people in our Community to enable them to stay in their own homes with support.

Also, for their ability to manage their challenging workplace transition following the introduction of the Federal Governments Support at Home program in November 2025.

Special thanks to our amazing Volunteers whose dedication and enthusiasm in giving freely of their time and effort is the cornerstone of our organization ensuring the delivery of tangible difference to the lives of others in our Community.

Thank you to Volunteer Co-ordinator and Community Neighbourhood Development Officer Vickie Schmidt for the energy and dedication that she brings to the role.

It is my pleasure to announce your Committee have granted MADCA Life Memberships to 4 individuals who have collectively recorded more that 23,653 continual volunteer hours to our organization over time. A fantastic effort.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed this year.

It has been a privilege to work with you, and I am confident of ongoing success and excited for what the future holds for the Milang and District Community Association.

CEO'S REPORT



Stuart Jones

It has been another very full year for MADCA, with a great deal happening across every part of the organisation. When I look back over the past twelve months, I see an organisation that has continued to grow, adapt and invest in the community we serve.

One of the biggest projects of the year has been the Milang Youth Hub. Following the successful $100,000 Impact100 SA grant, together with a further $30,000 through Grants SA Social Impact funding, we have been able to progress a substantial upgrade of the former Regatta Club building. Works include rebuilt stairs, safety glass windows, air conditioning, flooring, structural repairs, electrical work and other important repairs. Volunteers have also been involved wherever practical, with White Card training helping some of our volunteers participate safely in the project. The building work has progressed significantly and is bringing us much closer to having a flexible, welcoming and accessible space upstairs for young people and wider community use. The Youth Hub program itself continues through our partnership with Alexandrina Council and Reclink Australia, and their report provides the detail of the program and its impact on young people.

Another important milestone has been finally securing a formal lease for the Milang Old School House Community Centre. MADCA has occupied the site under an informal arrangement with the Department for Education since 2004, so putting that arrangement on a proper footing gives the organisation much greater certainty for the future.

The Milang Lakeside Butter Factory has continued to develop as a community venue. This year has been about moving further beyond restoration and into the ongoing challenge of operating, programming and planning for the site's future. The venue continues to bring people together through music, events, community activities, great food and the sharing of our local history.

Our volunteers have again made an extraordinary contribution across every part of MADCA. During the 2025–26 financial year, more than 12,446 volunteer hours were contributed across the organisation. Behind that figure are the people who keep our reception, transport, community garden, Butter Factory, Community News, community programs and so much more running each week. The scale of that contribution is reflected throughout this Annual Report, and I remain incredibly grateful to everyone who gives their time to our community.

At MOSHCC, our day-to-day work has continued: community transport, Emergency Relief, community development, meals, group activities, childcare, aged care and the many smaller moments of support and connection that are often the most important. It is easy for those things to disappear behind larger projects and financial reports, but they remain at the centre of why MADCA exists.

Lakes Home Care

Lakes Home Care has faced one of its most difficult years for some time as the aged care sector transitioned to the Federal Government's new Support at Home program from 1 November 2025. The financial statements for the year will show a defecit, and I think it is important to explain this clearly. The main reasons are relatively straightforward: wages and associated employment costs have increased, while at the same time the new aged care funding arrangements have reduced and changed the income Lakes Home Care receives.

Under the previous Home Care Package system, providers received Package Management income together with Care Management funding. Under Support at Home, Package Management income was removed, while Care Management moved to a pooled funding and claiming model. This created a significant reduction in income at the same time as the costs of providing the service remained.

The first few months were particularly challenging while our staff, software provider and government systems all adjusted to the new arrangements. Pleasingly, our claiming improved as the team became more familiar with the system, and January was the first month in which Lakes Home Care approached break-even under the new framework. We have continued reviewing pricing, staffing and operations, and during the year engaged an independent aged care business and workforce advisory service to review the service and help us plan for its longer-term sustainability.

Since the end of the financial year, there has also been welcome certainty for our Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) services. In August, the Australian Government extended CHSP funding to 30 June 2029 and announced its intention for CHSP to remain a standalone program rather than being rolled into Support at Home, with consultation now underway on its longer-term future.

There is still work to do, but we understand the reasons for the financial result and are actively responding to them. Most importantly, throughout this transition Lakes Home Care has continued supporting older people to remain living independently in their own homes.

When I step back and look at the year as a whole, I see much more than a financial result. I see a Youth Hub being transformed, a long-standing lease finally secured, a Butter Factory continuing to find its place, more than 12,000 hours freely given by volunteers, older people receiving care, people being transported to appointments, families receiving Emergency Relief and community members finding connection through our many programs and activities.

There have been challenges, and there is plenty still to do. But there is also a great deal for MADCA and this community to be proud of.

I want to thank our Management Committee, our staff, our funding and community partners, and especially our volunteers for everything they have contributed over the past year. Every part of MADCA depends on people who believe that a strong local community matters.

I certainly believe that it does.

Stuart Jones
Chief Executive Officer









OUR COMMUNITY Connecting, Supporting & Celebrating Together









VOLUNTEERS AND COMMUNITY NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Vickie Schmidt

This year showcased strong volunteer contributions, sustained service delivery, active community development, improved systems, and partnerships across the MADCA group - MOSHCC, the Lakeside Butter Factory, the Milang Institute, the Community Garden and the Milang Youth Hub.

Volunteer participation increased from approximately 82 to 107 volunteers, with 12,322 volunteer hours recorded between 2025–2026. This contribution of volunteer hours remained central to the delivery of meals, transport, reception, events, gardening, maintenance, administration, youth activities, wellbeing programs and community connection activities.

KEY OUTCOMES

- Volunteer numbers increased to 107, supported by recruitment, advertising streams, induction and training, role transitions, business partnerships and succession planning.
- Core services continued across Friday Feast, Feast@Home, Meals on Wheels, emergency food support, Woolworths food collection, reception, transport and youth programs.
- Community events and recognition activities included MOSHCC's 22nd birthday, Anzac Day, Harmony Week Friday Feast, Milang Easter Market, National Volunteers Week lunch and the Earth, Wind and Fibre Fair.
- Activity groups and wellbeing programs supported creativity, participation, inclusion and social connection.
- Partnerships expanded with local government, employment providers, wellbeing organisations, local schools and youth services, local businesses and community groups.
- Training, compliance, grant and project activity supported safety, IT, garden improvements, youth initiatives, wellbeing workshops and infrastructure planning.



Programs, Partnerships and Community Development

Programs continued to provide practical support and social connection through meals, food relief, transport, reception, community activities and wellbeing initiatives. The Community Garden and Garden to Plate initiative supported practical engagement and produce for community use, while social groups and activity programs contributed to inclusion and participation.

Community development was strengthened through partnerships with Alexandrina Council, Wise Employment, Reclink Australia, Skylight Community Connections, Inclusive Employment Australia, Southern Community Options, Milang Primary School, Milang Youth Hub, Lakeside Men's Shed, local media, community groups and local businesses. These relationships supported volunteering pathways, wellbeing programs, school engagement, youth development, grant applications, service supports and shared events.





Training, Compliance, Grants and Governance



Compliance activities included assistance with National Police Clearances, DHS Working with Children and Aged-Care clearance applications. Training included: Child Safe Environments, White Card, Mental Health First Aid, First Aid and other role-specific requirements. Grant and project work supported IT equipment, vehicle phones, Garden to Plate wicking beds, Community Garden improvements, wellbeing activities, technology improvements and created pathways for future opportunities.



Events, Recognition and Wellbeing

Community events recognised volunteers, celebrated local identity and strengthened social connection. Highlights included MOSHCC's 22nd birthday barbecue, Harmony Week Friday Feast, the Milang Easter Market, Earth, Wind & Fibre Fair and the National Volunteers Week lunch. The 5 Ways in 5 Days to Wellbeing series contributed to community wellbeing through workshops that promoted mental health awareness, education and youth participation. The program encouraged young people to take part in creative activities such as art, singing and drumming, providing fun, inclusive experiences in a supportive environment.



Operational Improvements and Risk Management

Operational improvements were made across volunteer-hour reporting, data collection, reception processes, activity enrolment, cash handling, rostering, archiving, storage, training audits and event planning. Safety and security responses addressed suspicious activity, food collection issues, equipment concerns, shed security, lock replacement, asset records and Butter Factory power-use requirements.



Challenges and Learnings

- Volunteer availability was affected by illness, travel, retirement, relocation and changing commitments.
- Recruitment and training required targeted communication and flexible scheduling.
- Volunteer-hour reporting required consistent month-end procedures.
- Event delivery benefited from clear decision points where support was limited.
- Safety incidents reinforced the importance of prompt reporting, accurate equipment records and practical site controls.



Priorities for 2026–2027

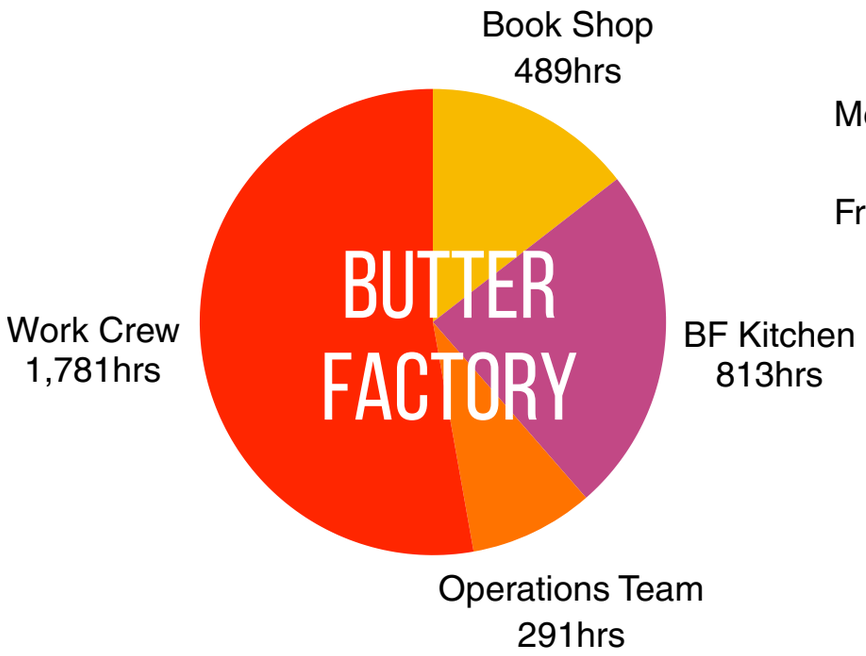
- Continue volunteer recruitment, induction and mentoring, while strengthening role reviews, handover planning and volunteer continuity.
- Maintain accurate monthly volunteer-hour reporting.
- Strengthen Butter Factory kitchen, providore, rosters and weekend systems.
- Continue compliance audits for clearances, training and role requirements.
- Progress youth, wellbeing, gardens, creative and infrastructure projects.
- Expand partnerships supporting inclusion, participation, cultural activity, training and wellbeing.
- Improve program promotion, calendars and community service processes.

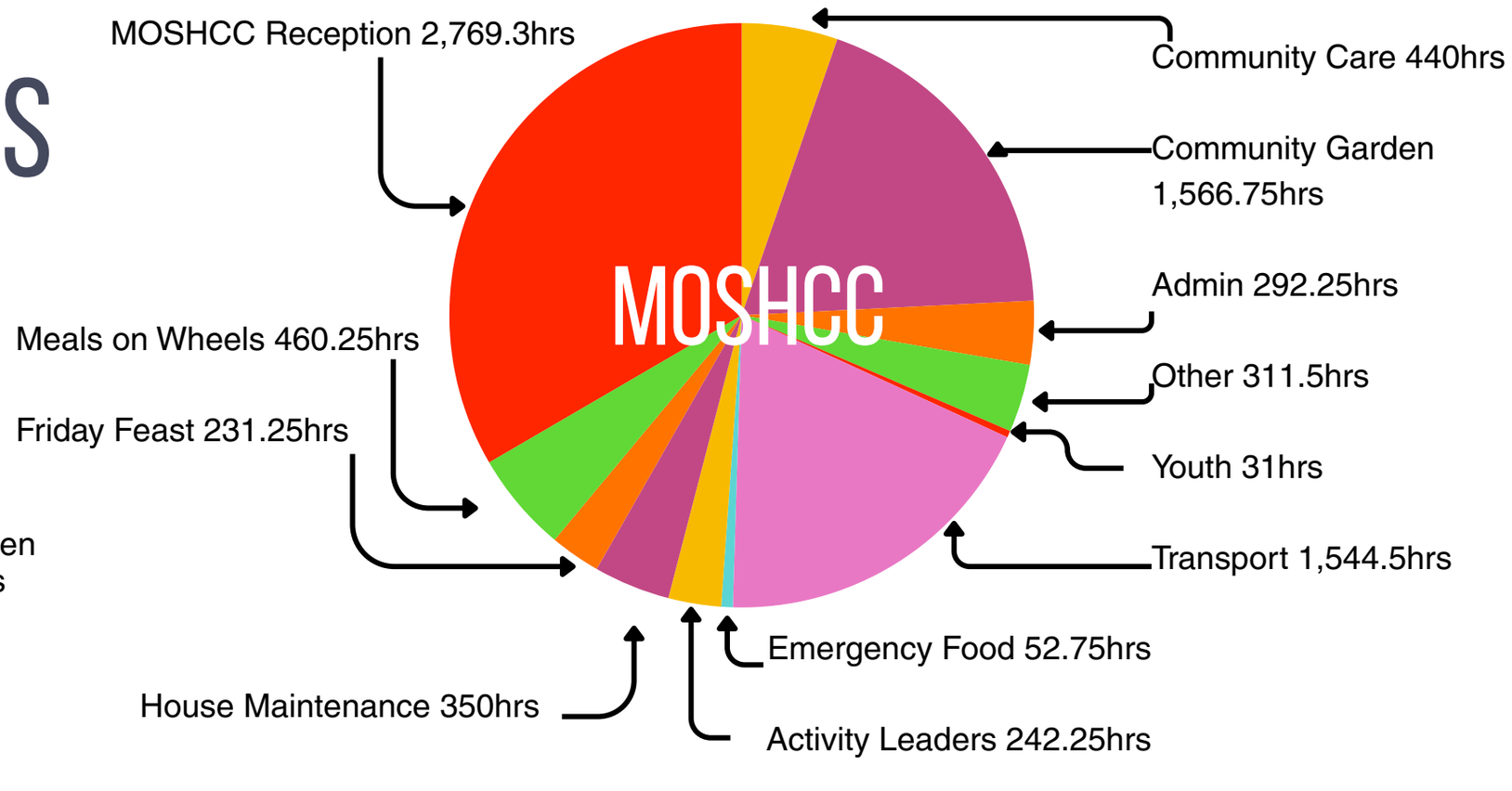


Conclusion

Throughout 2025–2026, the MADCA community demonstrated remarkable strength, resilience, and generosity. Through the dedication and selfless contributions of volunteers, staff, partner organisations, and community members, essential services were maintained, meaningful connections were strengthened, and opportunities for participation, learning, and support continued to grow. Together, these collective efforts showcase the power of community in action, creating a more connected, inclusive, and supportive environment where people of all ages can thrive. As we look to the year ahead, we are excited to build on these achievements and look forward to the continued growth, collaboration, and positive impact of our community.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

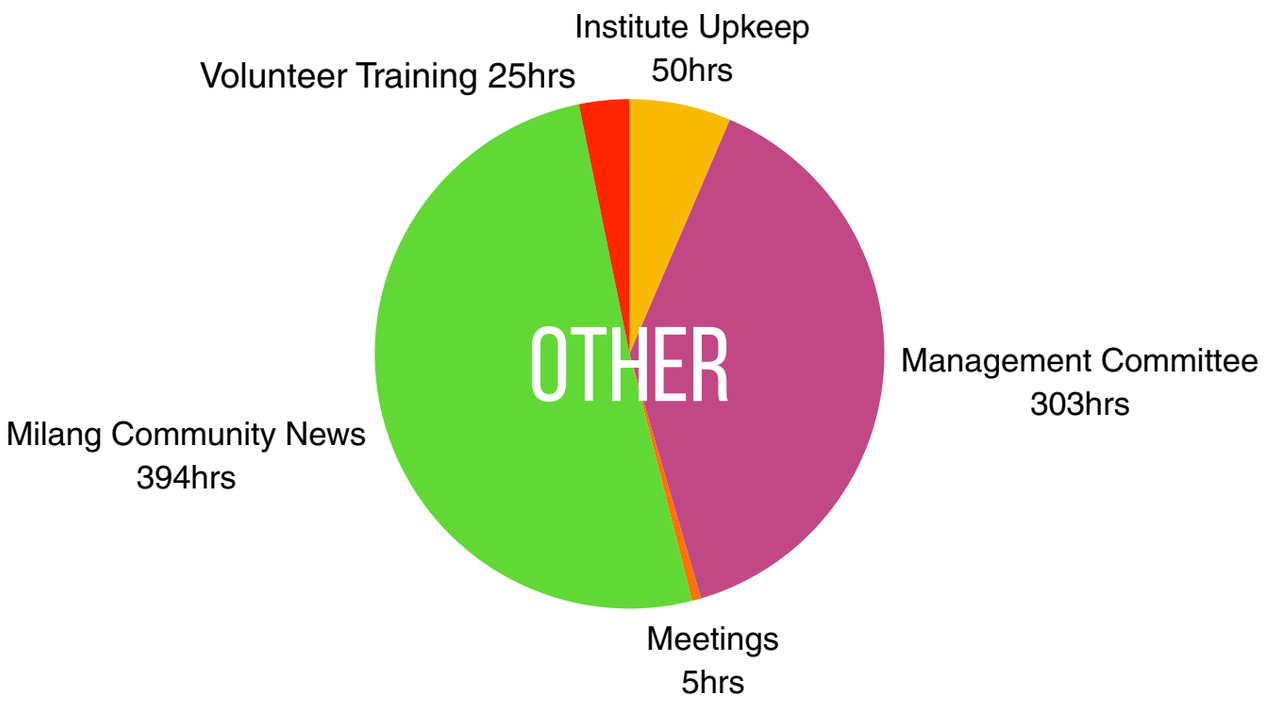




Our organisation runs on the work of over 107 currently registered volunteers across all our programs.

This is a snapshot of the work put in by our volunteers. On record our volunteers put in ***12,446*** hours to the overall work of MADCA this year.

We thank all our volunteers for their commitment and their passion for the Community



MILANG LAKESIDE BUTTER FACTORY

John Bradford

The Milang Lakeside Butter Factory has had a very successful and fulfilling year. It is exciting to see the growth in all areas of our project. The building itself has become a multipurpose hub for entertainment, workshops and exhibitions. We have been able to host a wide range of musicians from traditional country to full on party bands, all of whom have attracted many newcomers and locals to enjoy the Sunday sessions. The Open Mic Fridays have also been very popular, talents from six to eighty years of age have given us memorable moments as well as tear jerking, poetry and comedy. All these endeavours on stage have in turn helped keep the wonderful workers in the kitchen very busy. As per our original plan most of the kitchen staff are now being paid, boosting employment particularly for the young people of the district.

The success of all of the events has also been felt by Kanoetree Wines. They have been doing a great job in the cellar door. Thanks to David Haeusler and to Norm Foster for coordinating all the diverse acts we have been able to attract and to Sue Hall for looking after our ever-diverse exhibitions.





We are still having working bees on Thursday mornings which mainly consist of light maintenance, basic gardening and little jobs that make the running of the complex go smoothly.

The back car park has been topped dressed. Already Read Books is still performing well with no shortage of inventory and great donations from the community.

Having spent most weekends at the Butter Factory, I feel we are certainly attracting people from far and wide, and the word is spreading that we have something unique to offer tourist and locals alike. Finally, I would like to thank all the incredible volunteers. Without you keeping this project going would be a very difficult task.



ACTIVITIES AT MOSHCC

Some of the activities at Milang Old School House Community Centre:

- Fibre Art
- One-to-one computing
- Monthly Movie Matinee’s
- Line Dancing
- Community Garden
- Garden to Plate
- Ukulele
- Keep Fit
- Cards
- Stepping On, strength and balance program
- Childcare (Creche), 2 mornings a week
- Friday Feast
- WOW women’s group
- Sticky Beaks men’s group
- Yoga
- Tai Chi
- Community Transport
- Emergency Relief
- Safe Environments for Children and Young People
- Wellbeing Workshops
- Women's Circle

And lots more!!



FY2025–26 DATA SNAPSHOT

LDAT Milang Project

Milang Youth Hub · 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026

62 young people, 674 attendances, 60 sessions — a weekly place to belong

REACH

62 young people

Across 9 programs and 60 sessions between 4 July 2025 and 26 June 2026 — 618 registered check-ins plus 56 guest attendances, 674 in all.

DEPTH

10 visits each, on average

Only 18 of 62came just once. 40 young people (64.5%) attended three or more sessions and 24 attended ten or more.

INCLUSION

1 in 6 check-ins are First Nations

9 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander young people generated 109 attendances — 12 sessions each, above the cohort average.

PLACE

90% of attendance is local

42 of 62 participants live in Milang or Clayton Bay (5256) and account for 561 of 618 check-ins. This is a genuinely place-based project.

WHAT WE DELIVERED

9 programs, 60 sessions, 674 attendances.









DELIVERY QUALITY

58 of 60 sessions ran on a Friday

After-school, 3:30pm and 4:30pm starts

91.7% used a specialist facilitator

BMX coaches, aerosol artists, drummers, bike mechanics

1–1.5 hrs typical session length

41 of 60 sessions

9
programs

60
sessions

674
total attendances

11.2
avg per session

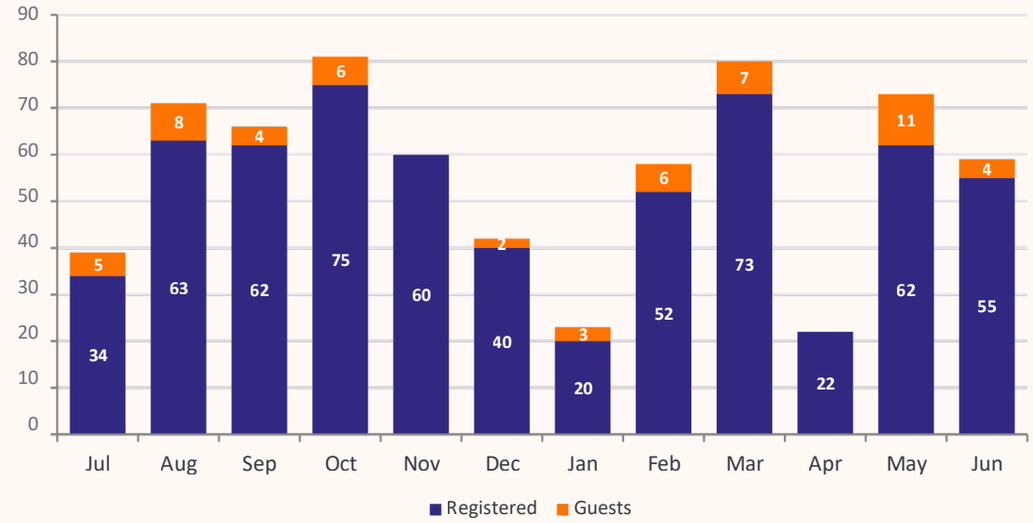
THE TWO FUNDING PERIODS

	STA-LDAT-03	STA-LDAT-04	Combined
Period covered	Jul 2025 – 23 Jan 2026	30 Jan – 26 Jun 2026	**Full FY2025–26**
Sessions	29	31	**60**
Registered check-ins	347	271	**618**
Guest check-ins	28	28	**56**
Unique participants	51	39	**62**
Avg sessions per person	6.8	6.9	**10.0**

RHYTHM OF THE YEAR

Every month of the year, with the school calendar showing through.

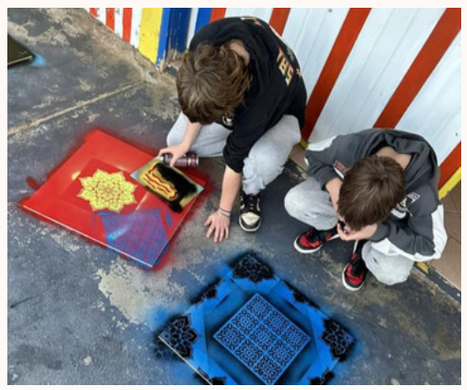
ATTENDANCES BY MONTH · REGISTERED AND GUEST











WHAT THE SHAPE SHOWS

No quiet season.

Every month of the financial year carried sessions. The dips are the Christmas / January break and the April school holidays — exactly where you would expect them in a program built around the school week.

WHAT WE'VE LEARNED

The model works — frequency, continuity and reach all hold up.

WHAT THE DATA SHOWS

01 **Frequency is the achievement.**

An average of 10 attendances per young person, and 24 who came ten or more times. This is a habit, not a series of one-offs.

02 **The relationship survived a funding change.**

45% of participants attended under both codes. Delivery did not skip a beat between January and February.

03 **First Nations engagement is the standout.**

9 young people, 109 attendances, 12 sessions each — above the cohort average.

04 **The hub feeds the wider offer.**

71% of the cohort also attend other Reclink sessions, adding 1,047 check-ins elsewhere.

109

attendances from 9 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander young people

That is 17.6% of all check-ins from 14.5% of participants — an average of 12 sessions each against a cohort average of 10.

COHORT PARTICIPATION

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	9 people · 109 check-ins
Living with disability	6 people · 39 check-ins
Culturally and linguistically diverse	4 people · 9 check-ins

Self-identified at enrolment, so these are a floor rather than a ceiling.

LAKES HOME CARE



Annie Whyte, Coordinator

The 25/26 financial year has been one of the most significant periods of change experienced by the Australian aged care sector in recent decades. Ongoing reform, workforce pressures, financial sustainability challenges, increased regulatory requirements, and rising consumer expectations have continued to reshape how we as aged care providers operate and deliver services.

Despite these challenges, our organisation has remained focused on ensuring the delivery of safe, high-quality, consumer-centred care while maintaining operational resilience and preparing for the future. This year has required adaptability, strong leadership, and a commitment to continuous improvement across all areas of our organisation.

As we transition into the new financial year, the aged care sector continues to experience unprecedented transformation. Government reforms are driving a stronger focus on transparency, quality, accountability, and consumer choice. At the same time, providers are navigating:

- Increasing workforce shortages
- Rising operating costs
- Complex regulatory environments
- Digital transformation requirements
- Changing consumer expectations
- Greater emphasis on outcomes-based care

These challenges present both risks and opportunities. Organisations that are innovative, adaptable, and responsive will be best positioned to thrive in the future aged care landscape.

Our organisation has actively monitored emerging trends and reform developments throughout the year to ensure we remain responsive, sustainable, and prepared for future changes.

Conclusion

The year has been marked by significant transformation, challenge, and opportunity. While the aged care sector continues to evolve, our organisation remains committed to providing high-quality, person-centred care while adapting to an increasingly complex environment.

Our success is built upon the dedication of our staff, the trust of our consumers, the support of families, and the guidance of our Board and leadership team.

As we move into 2026/2027, we do so with confidence, recognising that our future depends upon our ability to embrace change, invest in our people, harness innovation, and continue delivering services that improve the lives of older Australians.

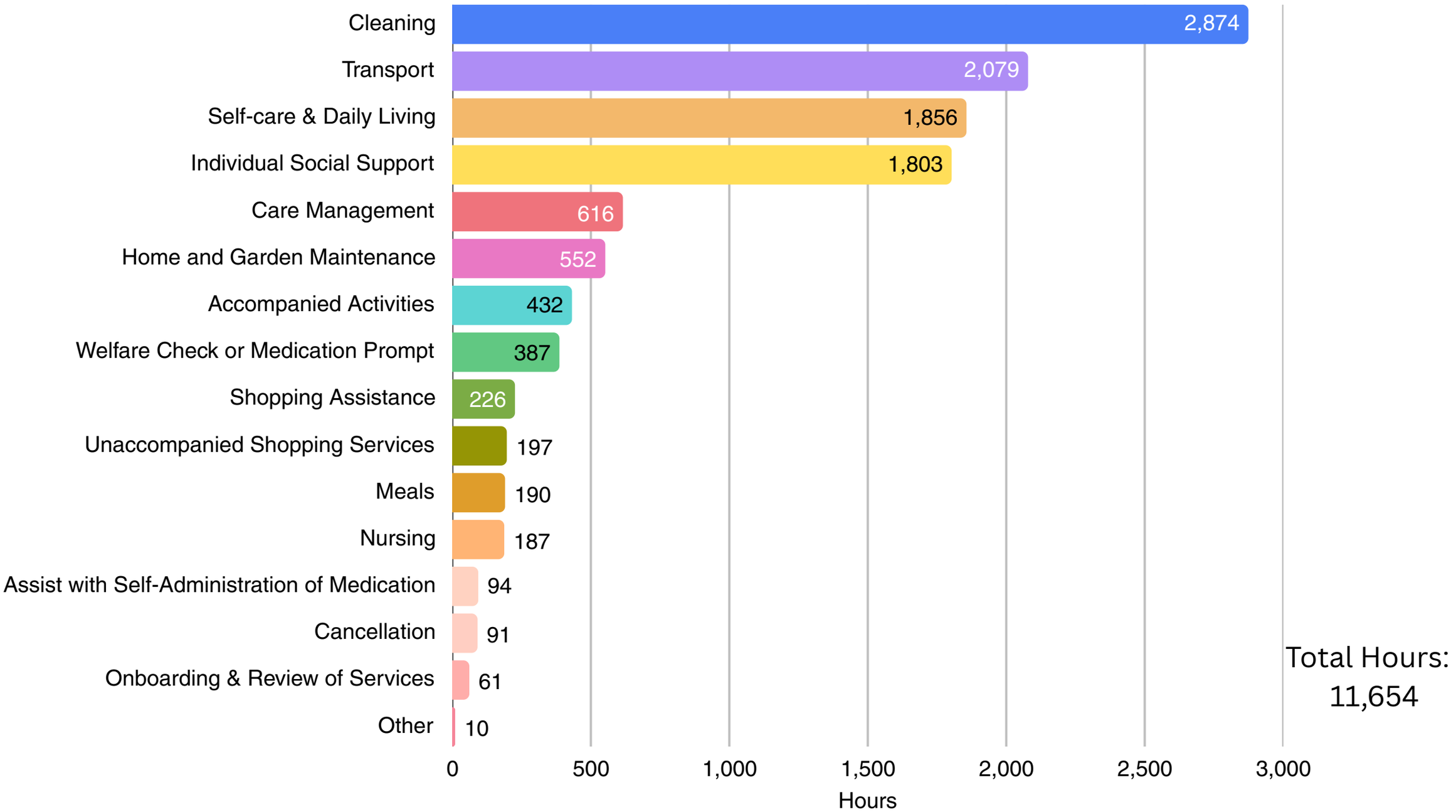
Together, we will continue building a resilient, sustainable, and innovative organisation that is prepared for the future of aged care.

On behalf of the Board, Management, Staff, Volunteers, Consumers, and Supporters, we thank you for your ongoing commitment and support.



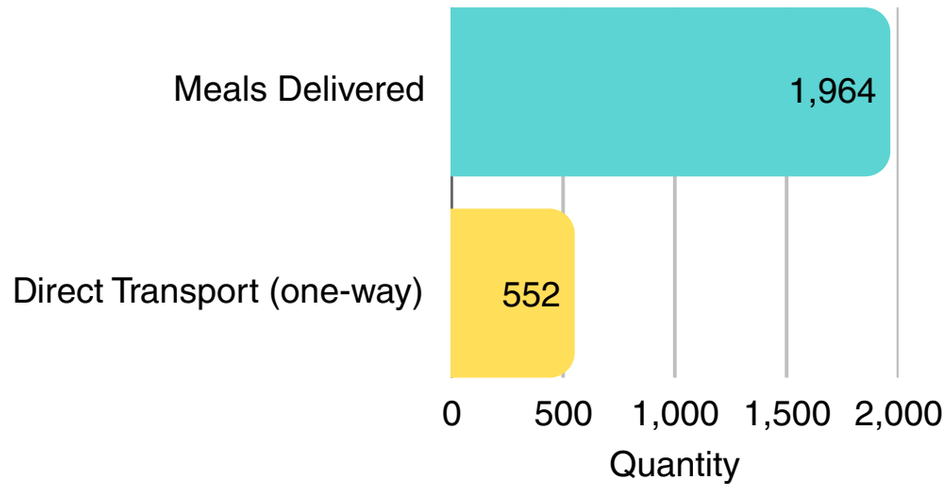
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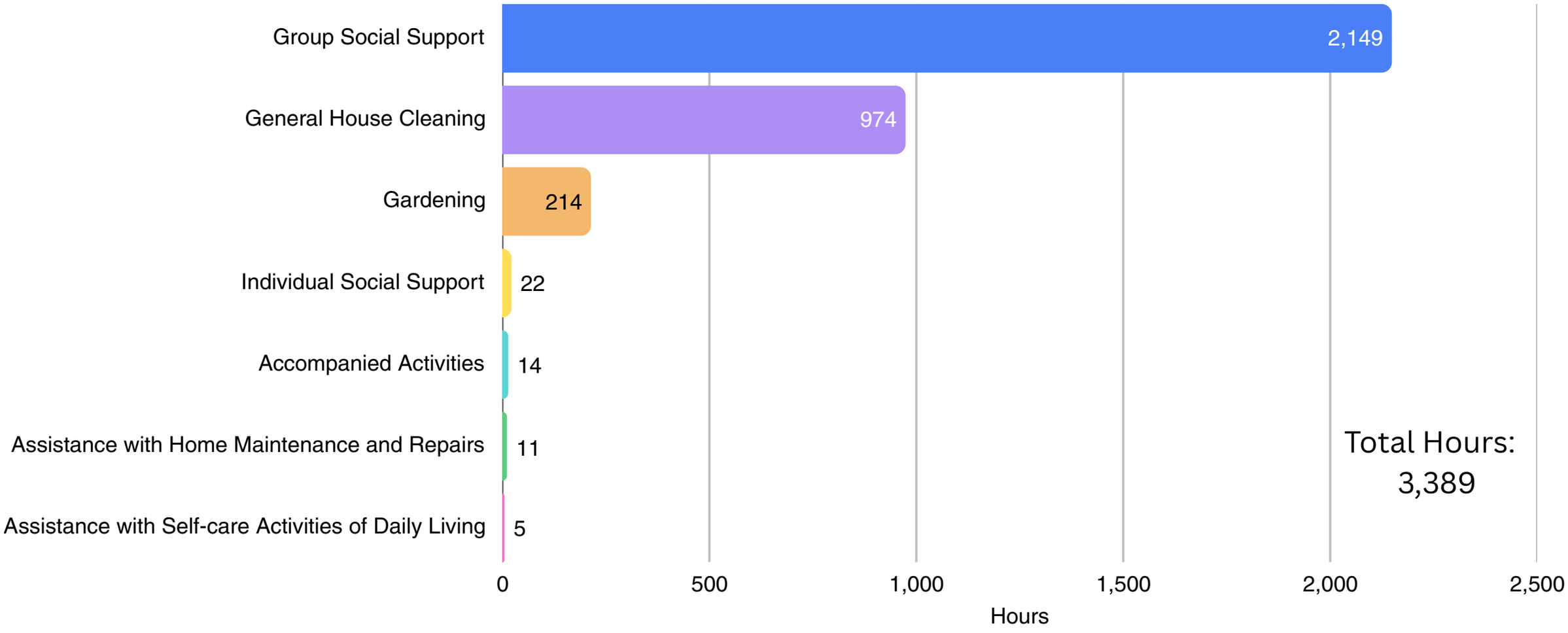
PACKAGES (JULY-OCTOBER) + SUPPORT AT HOME (NOVEMBER-JUNE)



SERVICES DELIVERED

COMMONWEALTH HOME SUPPORT PROGRAM (CHSP)





COMMUNITY GARDEN

Twelve hard working volunteers attend to the upkeep and maintenance of the much-loved garden space.

During 2026 the group has maintained 46 productive vegetable beds and 43 fruit trees. The surrounds also require upkeep with an area along River Street planted with Australian Natives and at the entrance a flower garden provides colour, food and habitat for beneficial insects, they are growing and improving each year. ‘Pollinator’ beds have been trialled this year as part of the plantings amongst traditional vegetable beds.





Wicking beds have been built, to reduce water usage and grow more efficiently, they have begun providing produce. There will be more of these water saving beds being built in the future.

Purchase of many of the materials required to build the wicking beds, as well as other repair and maintenance jobs within the site have been kindly donated by the garden volunteers and community members, in an effort to reduce the finances required by MADCA to keep the garden safe and well maintained.

Many Thanks to Vicki Schmidt for successfully achieving a grant that has provided :

- Materials to form a temporary structure to protect some of the fruit orchard during fruiting season, which is soon to be constructed.
- Quality garden soil for vegetable beds
- A lightweight battery mower to maintain grassed areas around fruit trees.

As the most productive season comes upon us there will be more constant donation fruit and vegetables on the ‘cart’ to benefit the public. The cart is loaded Tuesdays, and a Facebook message is sent out on the Milang Community page notifying the public.

In 2025 Milang Community Garden won a champion ribbon for most productive garden at the Strathalbyn Show. We have entered again for 2026, judging has just happened. This is a way of not only honouring the volunteer efforts and MADCA’s assistance with the Community Garden but also trying to encourage new members to the group.

The garden volunteers appreciate the important assistance MADCA provides the Community Garden and looks forward to a productive rest of the year.





EMERGENCY RELIEF

Reception logged 20 requests for assistance from the MOSHCC pantry. Staff and reception assist individuals and families with supplies to get them through.

Woolworths donations arrive each week on Wednesdays at 10:30am thanks to volunteers who set up the tables and pick up the food in Strathalbyn. Many locals benefit from the Woolworth food rescue program, it is open to anyone who just needs a bit extra to get through.

Some ER clients have appointments and need support for their transport, and with 6 requests for fuel assistance over the year, we are thankful for the support of Milang Auto Repairs to be able to support those clients.

Our volunteers and staff participate in the Christmas Hamper Program based in Strathalbyn who packed 249 hampers for individuals and families across the district (702 people in total). 28 Christmas Hampers were delivered via MOSHCC for 2025, and we contributed $1,500 to the program.

MOSHCC also supports under 65 yo’s and over 65’s if they don’t have aged care funding with transport via our MOSHCC Car and bus and Volunteer drivers. We were able to assist 58 of these transport requests. Many thanks to those drivers who share their time to support our local community getting to appointments in the car and driving the bus for shopping day.



CHILD CARE

Educators: Britt Fleming, Helen Koufos, Emma Hart and Charlotte McNeil

Our Milang Creche service provides a welcoming and nurturing environment for children aged 6 months to 5 years. We operate during school terms on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30am to 1:30pm, excluding public holidays. Each session is staffed in accordance with the required educator-to-child ratios, ensuring that children receive individual attention, care and support in a safe, nurturing and engaging environment.



Fees

Our daily fee was $14.00 per session, before the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) is applied. The Child Care Subsidy provides financial assistance to eligible families to help with the cost of childcare.

Learning and Development

Our educators are committed to providing a safe, caring and engaging environment where children can learn, grow and develop at their own pace. Our team holds Early Childhood Education and Care qualifications, along with current Working with Children Checks, First Aid Certificates, Responding to Abuse and Neglect Training, and Geccko Training.

We support each child throughout their early learning journey by providing a range of play-based learning experiences and activities that encourage children to explore, create, develop new skills and build confidence.

At the end of their time with us, each child receives a My Journey at Milang Creche Folder, which captures their growth, development and learning experiences throughout their time at the creche. These folders provide families with a special record of their child’s achievements, progress and memorable moments.

Regulatory Approval

During 2026, Milang Creche continues to operate as a Residual Early Childhood Service under the South Australian education and care regulatory framework. We are proud to hold our Service Approval with the Education Standards Board of South Australia and continue to meet the relevant state and national requirements for the provision of quality education and care.





Looking Ahead

We are proud to continue providing a valued early learning service to children and families within the Milang Community. Our educators remain committed to creating positive learning experiences and supporting children as they grow, learn and develop.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new children and families who have joined us this year. We also thank our returning families for their continued support of the Milang Creche.

If you would like to learn more about our service, please feel free to give us a call or drop in and speak with one of our friendly staff members. We are always happy to answer your questions and show you what Milang Creche has to offer.

We look forward to another wonderful year of learning, growth and connection within the Milang community

COMMUNITY NEWS

Cathy Fish - Editor

It's been over 5 years now that I have been the Editor of the Milang Community News and it never ceases to amaze me how much happens each month in Milang and the surrounding areas. I really enjoy bringing the publication together each month and none of it would be possible without the amazing group of contributors who supply me with articles, advertisements, poetry, 'what's on' and so much more and I thank all of you very much.

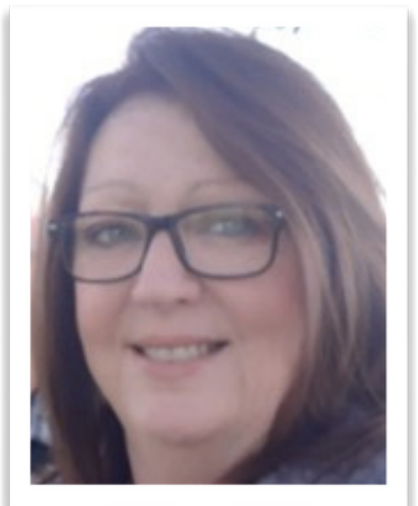
As we all know, technology is changing at a fast rate and we will need to start creating the publication in a new program called Canva as the previous program 'Publisher' will no longer be supported by Microsoft. So, I have quite a bit of learning to do very soon and if you think the publication looks a little bit different then this may be the reason – it's a 'watch this space'.

As I always say, I would really like to encourage anyone who has a story and/or photo's or an event that they would like to share with the community, to please feel free to send them to me at editor@milang.org.au.

The Milang Community News is YOUR publication.







TREASURER'S REPORT

Karen Burkinshaw

Financial Performance and Sustainability

"During the year, the Association recorded a loss of $324,092 compared to a profit of $56,001 in the prior year. This was largely attributed to changes in the Home Care Package funding arrangements and the transition to the Support at Home regime.

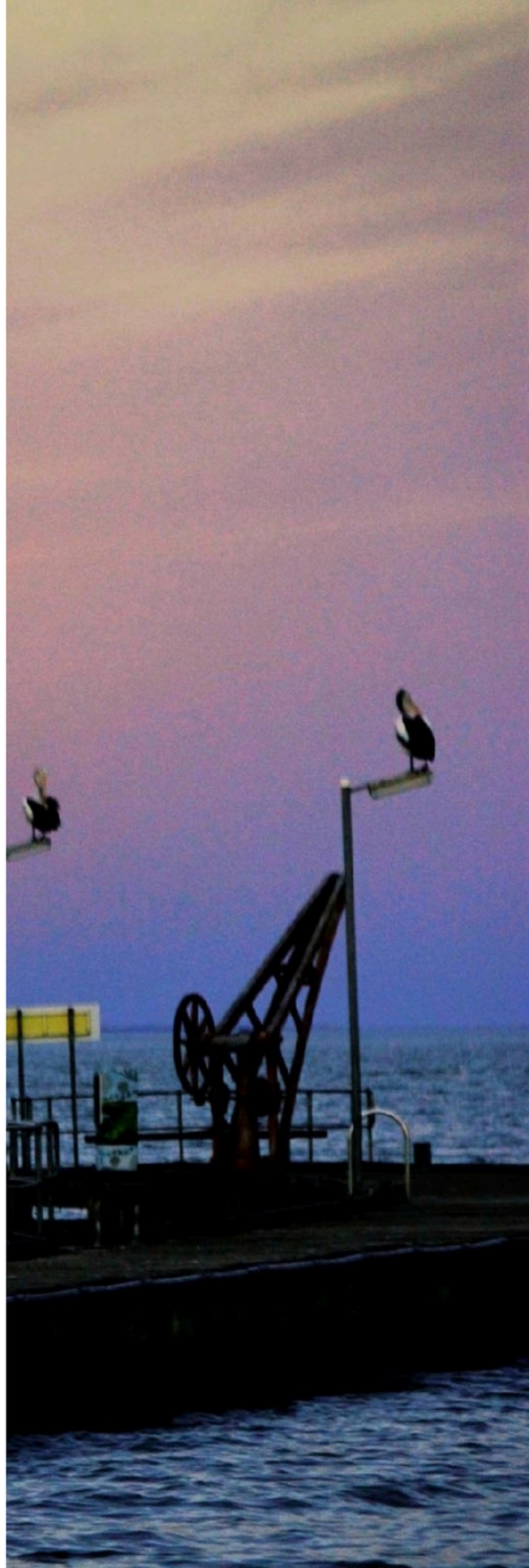
Under the revised funding model, care management services must be charged based on services delivered rather than recovered as a fixed percentage of package income. During the year, the Association did not consistently recover these costs, contributing significantly to the operating loss."

This is an extract from the Auditors Report. The report further states

"Management has advised that this issue has since been rectified. "

Both the CEO and Lakes Home Care Manager have reported on how going forward the actual costs for the Home Care Packages are going to be recovered. This situation will be closely monitored over the coming months to ensure that we do not experience any further losses.

Unfortunately due to the losses in the 2025/2026 Financial Year the associations cash reserves have been significantly depleted and the management have recognised that there is a need for closer monitoring of financial performance and cash flow.



Profit and Loss as at 30th June 2026	YTD June 2026		
	Income	**Expenses**	**Profit/Loss**
AC - MOSHCC	$ 62,145.17	$ 49,650.66	$ 12,494.51
Administration - MADCA	$ 108,554.88	$ 108,355.47	$ 199.41
Butter Factory	$ 123,597.68	$ 136,776.51	-$ 13,178.83
Childcare	$ 78,424.30	$ 89,742.88	-$ 11,318.58
Commonwealth Home Support Porogram	$ 301,641.04	$ 339,569.60	-$ 37,928.56
Community and Neighbourhood Development	$ 110,171.10	$ 110,367.45	-$ 196.35
Lakes Home Care	$ 1,792,126.32	$ 1,960,029.94	-$ 167,903.62
Millang Community Garden	$ 3,982.70	$ 3,958.76	$ 23.94
Milang Community News	$ 11,234.55	$ 9,925.99	$ 1,308.56
National Disability Insurance Scheme	$ 8,257.01	$ 17,948.08	-$ 9,691.07
Youth Social Club	$ 14,633.78	$ 16,234.74	-$ 1,600.96
Unsassigned - auditor allocation of expenses	$ 3,354.26	$ 99,654.57	-$ 96,300.31
	$ 2,618,122.79	**$ 2,942,214.65**	**-$ 324,091.86**

Year to Date - Overspend to Budget

Variance to Budget	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income - Cost of Sales	$ 2,618,122.79	$ 2,750,484.00	-$ 132,361.21
Operating Expenses	$ 2,942,214.65	$ 2,736,696.00	-$ 205,518.65
	-$ 324,091.86	**$ 13,788.00**	**-$ 337,879.86**

Overspend to Budget as per the Profit and Loss - YTD June 2026	-$ 337,879.86
Add Back expenses not yet applied:	
	$ -
	-$ 337,879.86

Areas of Overpend:	
Employement Costs	$ 254,784.69
Butter Factory Income	$ 3,762.19
Catering	-$ 24,304.74
Lakes Home Care	$ 116,806.43
Variance to Depreciation	-$ 13,000.00
	$ 338,048.57

Employement Costs:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Over/Under Spend	
Staff Training	$ 12,177.89	$ 12,516.00	-$ 338.11	-2.70%
Superannuation	$ 186,776.17	$ 155,892.00	$ 30,884.17	19.81%
Return to Work - Wage Support	$ 1,674.54	$ -	$ 1,674.54	
Wages	$ 1,568,847.18	$ 1,358,520.00	$ 210,327.18	15.48%
	$ 1,769,475.78	$ 1,526,928.00	$ 242,547.78	
Leave Accruals	$ 60,895.69	$ 56,160.00	$ 4,735.69	8.43%
	$ 1,830,371.47	$ 1,583,088.00	$ 247,283.47	
Contractors	$ 63,949.22	$ 56,448.00	$ 7,501.22	13.29%
	$ 1,894,320.69	**$ 1,639,536.00**	**$ 254,784.69**	
			15.54%	

Butter Factory:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Over/Under Spend	
Income:				
Commissions Received	$ 1,668.96	$ 3,000.00	-$ 1,331.04	
BF Donations	$ 6,092.35	$ 8,400.00	-$ 2,307.65	
BF Fundraising	$ 6,476.50	$ 6,600.00	-$ 123.50	
BF Leased Space	$ 28,260.00	$ 28,260.00	$ -	
	$ 42,497.81	**$ 46,260.00**	**-$ 3,762.19**	**-8.13%**
Expenses:				
	$ -	$ -	$ -	
Profit / Loss	**$ 42,497.81**	**$ 46,260.00**	**-$ 3,762.19**	

Catering (Including Butter Factory)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Over/Under Spend	
Income:				
Catering Income	$ 3,887.85	$ 1,200.00	$ 2,687.85	
Friday Feast	$ 6,164.83	$ 5,520.00	$ 644.83	
Square Sales	$ 78,686.09	$ 60,000.00	$ 18,686.09	
Feast @ Home	$ 24,487.79	$ 21,600.00	$ 2,887.79	
	$ 113,226.56	**$ 88,320.00**	**$ 24,906.56**	
Expenses:				
Catering - Food & Beverage Supplies	$ 87,483.70	$ 41,760.00	$ 45,723.70	
Catering - Packaging & Consumables	$ 10,507.60	$ 7,020.00	$ 3,487.60	
	$ 97,991.30	**$ 48,780.00**	**$ 49,211.30**	
Profit / Loss	**$ 15,235.26**	**$ 39,540.00**	**-$ 24,304.74**	**-61.47%**

Lakes Home Care:	YTD Actual Income	YTD Budget Income	Over/Under	
Commonwealth Home Support Programme	$ 269,716.43	$ 262,452.00	$ 7,264.43	
Lakes Home Care	$ 1,105,541.75	$ 78,000.00	$ 1,027,541.75	
NDIS Service Charges	$ 8,257.01	$ 32,400.00	-$ 24,142.99	
Lakes Home Care Grant - Thin Markets	$ 29,545.36		$ 29,545.36	
Lakes Home Care Government Subsidy	$ 642,985.02	$ 1,800,000.00	-$ 1,157,014.98	
			$ -	
	$ 2,056,045.57	**$ 2,172,852.00**	**-$ 116,806.43**	**-5.38%**
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