



Orana Neighbourhood House

Annual Report 2025/26



Celebrating another year of growth, sharing our vision for the future, and recognising the invaluable contribution of our staff, volunteers and trainers.

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri and Bunurong people as the Traditional Owners of the Country on which Orana Neighbourhood House is located, we pay our respects to Elders past, present and future, and extend respect to all First Nations People.



Orana Neighbourhood House an inclusive place that offers opportunities for connection to all members of the community. We have accessible facilities and all people are welcome.



Orana Neighbourhood House

2025 - Real Impact. Real Value.

INCOME \$390,391

VALUE \$2,631,799

This figure includes the value of:

Improved quality of life through social connection:
\$619,745

Volunteer contributions: \$59,044

Services provided: \$129,984

Adult Community Education: \$1,819,326

Services value includes:

- Computer/internet usage: \$1,152
- Facilities use or hire: \$22,500
- Community lunch, frozen or other meals: \$46,800
- Fee for service activities: \$59,532
- Power Saving Bonus: \$3,700

This community value equates to:

\$6.74 for every \$1 of income

\$25.80 for every \$1
of Neighbourhood House Coordination Program
funding

Over \$1,362.21 for every hour the
neighbourhood house is in use

Employment value

5.2 FTE jobs

including 3.7 direct and 1.5 indirect
Full Time Equivalent positions

These values are produced by Neighbourhood Houses Victoria based on data provided by Orana Neighbourhood House in the 2025 Neighbourhood Houses Survey. Only a limited range of activities where a determinable valuation method exists are included.

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Gary Cantwell

President- Orana
Neighbourhood House

A Year of Growth and Community Connection

Orana Neighbourhood House has continued to provide a welcoming, active and inclusive place for people across the Knox community to learn, connect and participate. The past year has brought significant progress, strong community engagement and a clear demonstration of the commitment of our staff, volunteers, tutors and Board.

Our Mission in Action

Our work remains focused on reducing social isolation, supporting wellbeing and creating accessible opportunities for learning and connection. Through affordable programs, community events and practical support, Orana continues to offer a safe and friendly environment where people of all ages can build skills, confidence and relationships.

Program Highlights

Programs remained well attended throughout the year, with almost all Term 2 classes filled and an expanded brochure prepared for Terms 3 and 4. The program continues to include adult education, creative activities, technology learning, health and wellbeing, gardening, cooking and social groups. Planning is underway for where can fit additional classes and creative workshops in Term 4.

The Knox School Innovation Project recommenced in July, with the student visit being a positive start to this year's intergenerational work. Keira will coordinate in the new financial year as the project as it develops.

Community Impact

The Community Housing project at Tyner Road has been one of my highlights. Although participation in some activities was initially challenging, the community garden has become a valued and well-used outcome for residents. Our aim is to maintain the relationship with Community Housing Limited and encouraging residents to participate in future Orana activities.

Our facilities are also being used more effectively. The kitchen wall project has increased flexibility for additional programs and room hire. The Orana Men's coffee group has been a great initiative for bringing men together for a chat each Thursday.

Partnerships and Support

We are grateful for the continuing support of Knox City Council, ACFE, local schools, community partners, volunteers and funders. Fundraising and community celebrations remain important. The Disco Trivia Night on 4 September has attracted approximately 40 ticket sales, with raffle prizes secured and generous pizza support again received. It promises to be an enjoyable occasion for the wider Orana community.

Challenges

Like many neighborhood houses, Orana is operating in a challenging funding and cost environment. Staffing pressures, a period of transition and a busy schedule of events have required careful prioritisation to protect staff wellbeing and maintain service delivery. The Board has supported practical measures, including reduced operations on selected dates.

There are also ongoing priorities around sustainable income, grant opportunities and energy costs. Discussions have commenced with Knox City Council regarding solar panels and possible grant support, with alternative funding options to be considered if required.

Looking Forward

The audited 2025–26 result recorded a modest but encouraging surplus. This reflects the careful work of the team, sound financial oversight and improved use of Orana's assets and spaces. Work is continuing to finalise the new strategic plan, which will guide priorities, community engagement and future funding opportunities.

The AGM will be held on 17 September 2026 and will focus on essential governance business. A key priority for the Board is the recruitment and successful transition of a new House Manager, while ensuring staff and volunteers are supported through this change.

Acknowledgments

On behalf of the Board, I thank Emily for her leadership, commitment and contribution during her three and a half years as House Manager. She has guided Orana through a demanding period and leaves it as a community-focused, compliant and financially stable organisation. We wish her every success for the future.

Thank you also to Sandra, Keira, our tutors, volunteers, Board members and all who contribute their time, skills and energy to Orana. Your collective effort is what makes Orana such a valued place in our community.

Treasurer's Report



Dianne Adams

Treasurer - Orana
Neighbourhood House

Of the many activities held over the past year, the Trivia Night was a real highlight. The Summer Party was also very enjoyable, particularly the African Drumming. Orana generated a profit of \$2,410 for 2025–26, compared with a loss of \$23,733 in 2023–24. In the current environment for Neighbourhood Houses, this was a positive result. Costs continue to increase faster than government funding, and grants are becoming harder to secure.

Overall, Orana remains financially sound, with \$365,478 in cash reserves. These funds are held in term deposits and savings accounts, with the interest earned helping to offset some of our operating costs.

Neighbourhood Houses Victoria ran the “Keep Our Doors Open” campaign to seek additional State Government funding for Neighbourhood Houses and community centres across Victoria. Unfortunately, the campaign was not successful in securing additional funding for 2026–27, but the advocacy continues.

Orana is a registered charity and now has Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status through the Australian Neighbourhood Houses and Centres Association (ANHCA) Public Fund for DGR. Tax-deductible donations can be made to Orana through ANHCA, while non-tax-deductible donations can still be made directly to Orana. We would welcome any corporate or philanthropic support.

I would like to thank all of Orana’s staff, tutors, volunteers, participants and my fellow Board members for their work and support over the past year. I look forward to another positive year ahead, with plenty of activities and opportunities for the Orana community.

Manager's Report



Emily Harnett

CEO - Orana

Neighbourhood House

It has been another amazing year at Orana Neighbourhood House. What you will see in this annual report is a year filled with incredible programs, strong partnerships, our commitment to providing opportunities for support and connection and wonderful events shared..

I would like to acknowledge the contribution of our small but spectacular team. Sandra Chapman, Margaret Ledwidge and Keira de Hoog all bring something different in their skills and knowledge and together they ensure that Orana continues to flourish. Thank you for all that you do for Orana and our community.

We are extraordinarily lucky to have an enthusiastic and talented group of trainers here at Orana. Their dedication to providing quality education and a supportive environment for their participants is second to none. Every person who takes part in our classes are in caring and safe hands and I would like to thank each trainer for what they do for our community every week in the classes they offer.

We are so fortunate to have an incredible group of individuals who volunteer their time each week to help Orana thrive. To our gorgeous volunteers Anna, Elia, Julii, Chi, Beryl, Kim, Linda, Sue and Marg... we are so grateful for all that you do for us.

I would like to thank our wonderful Board of Governance for their guidance and leadership throughout the year. Gary Cantwell (President), Margaret Quon (Vice President), Dianne Adams (Treasurer), Linda Keenahan (Secretary), Margaret Topp and Marg Montalto have shown throughout the year their commitment to ensure that Orana remains strong, responsive and true to its mission of supporting and connecting our community. I would also like to pay tribute to our board member Barry Treadwell who we lost this year. Barry made an amazing contribution to Orana and he is greatly missed.

This is sadly my last report for Orana as I am finishing up my time here. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole Orana family for letting me be a part of this extraordinary community for the last three and a half years. It has been such an incredible journey together and I will miss you all.



About Us

Orana is a place where people can come together to offer each other friendship, encouragement and support. Orana offers a range of programs including adult education classes, hobby & leisure courses, exercise classes, social and self-development groups for people living in our community.

Vision & Mission

Orana Neighbourhood House works to meet our purpose of advancing mental health and preventing social isolation by providing a safe and welcoming place for our community to connect, learn and grow together.



What's Been Happening

New courses

- Community Information sessions
- English conversation classes
- School holiday programs

Partnerships

- The Knox School
- Community Housing Limited

Social support and inclusion programs

- Cooking up Connections
- Taking Strides
- Talking Cafes

Volunteers

Get Online Week

Seniors Week

Trivia Fundraiser

Christmas party 2025

Keep Our Doors Open

NH Week

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Remembering our Orana Family

Orana's Furry Friends



New courses & Information sessions

This year, Orana continued to expand its programs in response to the needs and interests of our local community.

Alongside our regular classes, we introduced a range of new learning and engagement opportunities designed to build knowledge, confidence and connection.

Community Information Sessions provided free access to trusted local experts on topics that matter. Highlights included an empowering session on understanding perimenopause and menopause, delivered by health professionals from EACH and Sexual Health Victoria, as well as informative presentations from the SES and La Trobe Health.

We also expanded our English Conversation Classes, taking the popular program to Community Housing Limited at Tyner Road. Since first launching in 2023, these welcoming classes have helped participants build confidence in speaking English, make new friends and strengthen connections within the local community.



School holiday programs

Our School Holiday Programs continued to inspire children to learn, create and connect through nature-based play.

Facilitated by our horticulture trainer, Liz, children explored the outdoors by collecting and painting foliage, harvesting fresh produce from the garden to make pizzas, and planting colourful flowers generously donated by Domenic at Presti Nursery.

These hands-on experiences encouraged creativity, curiosity and environmental awareness, while giving children the opportunity to enjoy the simple pleasures of being outdoors, making new friends and learning together.



Partnerships

The Knox School

Our partnership with The Knox School continued to flourish throughout 2025, providing Year 9 students with the opportunity to work alongside Orana on real-world community projects that make a lasting difference.

Students worked in teams to research, design and present innovative ideas to enhance Orana's facilities and programs. Their proposals demonstrated outstanding creativity, teamwork and thoughtful problem-solving, with projects including accessible outdoor spaces, community gardens, a pizza oven, intergenerational initiatives, and events to bring the community together.

Orana staff were privileged to attend the student project pitches, providing feedback and working collaboratively with students to refine ideas so they could best meet the needs of our diverse community.

The partnership extended beyond the classroom, with students contributing to Orana's end-of-year Community Christmas Celebration and supporting fundraising and awareness activities. Earlier in the year, students also donated beautiful outdoor furniture for our gardens, providing a welcoming space for participants and visitors to enjoy.

This partnership continues to be a wonderful example of community collaboration, giving students valuable real-world learning experiences while helping Orana grow as an inclusive, vibrant and connected neighbourhood house. We look forward to continuing this special relationship in the years ahead.



Community Housing Ltd.

This year, Orana strengthened its partnership with Community Housing Limited through the 'Thriving in Knox' community development project, proudly funded by Knox City Council. Working closely with residents and local service providers, the project focused on building connections, increasing access to local services and creating opportunities for learning and wellbeing.

The partnership began by listening to residents and identifying the programs they wanted most. Through community consultation, plans were developed for a range of free and low-cost activities, including health and wellbeing workshops, digital literacy sessions, arts and crafts, and training to support education and employment pathways.



A highlight of the partnership this year was our 'Know Your Knox' guided bus tour, carefully designed and coordinated by the Orana team to help Community Housing Limited residents become more familiar with the local area. Led by Orana President Gary Cantwell, the tour showcased many of the services and community spaces available throughout Knox, including Knox Infolink, Boronia Library, Tim Neville Arboretum, Knox Community Gardens and Orana Neighbourhood House.

Along the way, residents also learnt about local recreation facilities, public transport connections, employment services, health providers and community programs. The day concluded with a sausage sizzle at Orana, where participants enjoyed a tour of the neighbourhood house and learnt more about the wide range of activities and support available. The tour was a fun and practical way to build confidence, encourage community participation and help residents feel more connected to where they live.

As the partnership continued to grow throughout the year, Orana also expanded its English Conversation Classes to the Tyner Road community, making it even easier for residents to build language skills, confidence and friendships close to home. We are also looking to help residents establish a more accessible and user-friendly community garden.

This collaboration has laid strong foundations for ongoing community development and demonstrates the power of working together to create welcoming, connected and thriving neighbourhoods.



Social support and inclusion programs

Cooking up Connections

Cooking Up Connections was a free six-week cooking program made possible through the generous support of Knox City Council. Designed to increase the social participation of older men (and those who identify as male) living in Knox, the program combined practical cooking skills with friendship, conversation and shared meals.

The response from the community was overwhelming. Originally planned for 10 participants, the program quickly grew to 15 men, demonstrating the strong demand for opportunities that bring people together in a welcoming and supportive environment.

Each week participants prepared healthy, low-cost meals, learnt new cooking techniques and sat down together to enjoy the food they had created. They also received ingredients to take home so they could recreate the recipes independently, building confidence in the kitchen and encouraging healthy eating on a budget.

The enthusiasm continued well beyond the weekly sessions, with participants sending photos and messages of the meals they had proudly cooked at home. One participant shared, "Thought I'd give the pasta bake a go using last week's ingredients. It was super nice over the weekend—I got two meals out of it!" These moments reflected exactly what the program set out to achieve: not only improving cooking skills, but fostering independence, confidence and lasting social connections. Since this successful course, several members went on to establish a weekly Men's Chat Group that continue to meet at Orana every Thursday morning.



Taking Strides



Our popular Taking Strides walking group continued to provide a welcoming opportunity for people with limited mobility to enjoy gentle exercise, fresh air and companionship. Led each week by Orana President Gary Cantwell, the Tuesday afternoon walks encourage participants to improve their wellbeing at their own pace while building supportive social connections within the community.



Talking Cafes

Orana is proud to partner with the Living Our Best Life Project to host three weekly Talking Cafés across Knox, creating welcoming spaces where people can connect, make new friends and reduce social isolation. Held as informal drop-in sessions at Crave Restaurant in Boronia, Eating House in Rowville and Moon and Spoon at Westfield Knox, the cafés provide a friendly environment where anyone can enjoy a conversation over a coffee, with no bookings or commitments required.

This year also saw the successful relocation of our Wantirna Talking Café to Moon and Spoon at Westfield Knox, providing an accessible and vibrant new meeting place for participants. Supported by dedicated volunteers, the Talking Cafés continue to foster a sense of belonging and community, offering many people a regular opportunity to connect with others, share experiences and build lasting friendships. Together, the three cafés have become an important part of Orana's commitment to promoting social inclusion and wellbeing across Knox. Our sincere thanks to our wonderful volunteers and hosts, Diane, Elizabeth, Pam, Andrea, Janette and Peter.





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Boronia Talking Cafe

52 sessions

88 registered attendees
over the year

Approx 104 volunteer hours

Wantirna Talking Cafe

47 sessions

52 registered attendees over
the year

Approx 94 volunteer hours

Rowville Talking Cafe

51 sessions

62 registered attendees
over the year

Approx 102 volunteer hours



Volunteers

We are incredibly fortunate to be supported by a dedicated team of volunteers who play a vital role in the life of Orana Neighbourhood House. Their time, energy and generosity underpin so much of what we do, from supporting programs and events to welcoming participants and helping the house run smoothly each day.

We are deeply grateful for their ongoing commitment and contribution. Orana simply would not be the same without them, and we thank each and every volunteer for the difference they make in our community. Thank you Anna, Elia, Julii, Chi, Beryl, Sue, Linda, Kim, and a huge shout out to our Board of Governance: Gary, Dianne, Linda, Marg and our lovely two Margaret Q and Margaret T!



Giving Back...

Our Patchwork Project ladies are an amazingly talented group who meet every Thursday at Orana. In May 2026, they handed over a whopping 57 handmade, beautiful patchwork quilts to Kylie from Ronald McDonald House, to help brighten the lives of sick children. Well done to all the ladies!



Our beautiful community also knitted a carload full of blankets, beanies and scarves that were all delivered to Knox Infolink for people in need. Our sincere thanks to our Treasurer, Dianne for delivering them all! We look forward to continually supporting the amazing emergency relief work they do.



Get Online Week

As part of Get Online Week, Orana proudly joined communities across Australia in supporting people to build the confidence and skills needed to navigate the digital world safely.

Our Scams & Scones afternoon combined practical learning with social connection, providing participants with valuable information on recognising and avoiding common scams, creating strong passwords and protecting their personal information online. Attendees were encouraged to bring their own devices, ask questions and receive personalised support in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

The sessions highlighted the growing importance of digital literacy and online safety, particularly as more everyday services move online. By combining expert advice with friendly conversation over afternoon tea, Orana helped participants gain the confidence to use technology more safely while strengthening community connections.

Through initiatives such as Get Online Week, Orana continues to support lifelong learning and empower our community with the knowledge and skills needed to thrive in an increasingly digital world.



Seniors Week

To celebrate Seniors Week, Orana hosted a special Stretch & Sip afternoon, bringing older members of our community together for gentle chair yoga followed by afternoon tea.

Designed to support participants with limited mobility or balance concerns, the session promoted relaxation, flexibility and wellbeing in a welcoming and inclusive environment. More than just an exercise class, Stretch & Sip provided a wonderful opportunity for older adults to connect, share conversations and celebrate the value of staying active and engaged within the community.



Trivia Night

1920s fundraiser

Our 1920s-themed Trivia Night was one of the most fun and successful social events of the year, bringing together participants, volunteers, supporters and friends for an evening of laughter, learning and community spirit during Adult Learners' Week.

Guests embraced the roaring twenties theme with costumes, decorations and plenty of friendly competition, while raising valuable funds to support Orana's low-cost and free community programs. Hosted by Emily and Gary - who made the night lively and entertaining with dance moves and jokes!

The success of the evening would not have been possible without the incredible support of our local community. We extend our sincere thanks to Boronia Lawn Bowls Club for hosting the event, Domino's Pizza Knox for generously donating over \$700 worth of pizzas, and the many local businesses, organisations, artists and community members who donated prizes and silent auction items. Your generosity helped make the evening a tremendous success.



Community Christmas Party

Our End of Year Community Christmas Party was a wonderful way to celebrate the end of 2025 at Orana! An intergenerational mix of staff, volunteers, participants, families and friends came together for an afternoon filled with fun, laughter and music.

Everyone enjoyed the free sausage sizzle, raffle prizes, craft market, mandala painting, glittery photobooth, and a wild African drumming session, whilst making the most of Orana's beautiful gardens and the new outdoor furniture generously donated by the Year 9 students from The Knox School.

A special thank you to Hopscotch Sensory Play for facilitating the vibrant drum circle, which brought everyone together in a joyful celebration.



Keep Our Doors Open campaign

This year, Orana proudly joined neighbourhood houses across Victoria in the Keep Our Doors Open campaign, led by Neighbourhood Houses Victoria, advocating for sustainable funding for the sector.

With many neighbourhood houses operating at a loss and some already forced to close their doors, the campaign called on the Victorian Government to increase neighbourhood house funding by 25%, support currently unfunded houses and invest in new neighbourhood houses in growing communities.

Our staff, volunteers and participants embraced the campaign, collecting 88 postcards signed by community members and sharing powerful stories about the difference Orana makes in their lives. We were proud to welcome Jackson Taylor MP to Orana to receive the postcards, including a heartfelt letter from long-time participant Simone, whose story highlighted the importance of accessible, inclusive community spaces.





Our Community Engagement Officer, Keira, also joined neighbourhood houses from across the state on the steps of Parliament, standing together to advocate for the future of our sector. While the campaign did not achieve the funding outcome sought in this year's State Budget, it united thousands of community members, volunteers and neighbourhood houses in a powerful demonstration of the vital role neighbourhood houses play in building connected, resilient and inclusive communities.

The campaign continues, and Orana remains committed to advocating for sustainable investment so neighbourhood houses can continue to keep their doors open for everyone who needs them.



Neighbourhood House Week

Orana proudly celebrated Neighbourhood House Week alongside neighbourhood houses across Australia, highlighting the important role that local community spaces play in creating connection, belonging and support. Neighbourhood House Week forms part of a national celebration involving hundreds of events across the country, with thousands of people coming together under the theme “Your Place to Connect.” The week highlights the scale and impact of neighbourhood houses as Australia’s largest place-based community network, bringing people together through shared meals, learning opportunities and local events.



At Orana, the week was marked with a vibrant community gathering, including a homemade pizza lunch shared with participants, volunteers and staff. The event showcased our new community pizza oven and outdoor benches, generously donated by The Knox School, and provided a wonderful opportunity for people to come together, share food and celebrate our growing community spaces. As part of the celebrations, participants also decorated stones, which will be placed in the community garden as a lasting symbol of connection, creativity and belonging.



The New Wall!

During the Term 1–Term 2 break, a permanent wall was installed between the computer room and the small kitchen, replacing the outdated concertina door.

This valuable improvement has created two separate, sound-insulated spaces, allowing multiple groups and activities to operate simultaneously with greater privacy and minimal disruption. The upgrade has significantly increased the flexibility of the House, enhancing the user experience while creating new opportunities to hire both spaces independently and generate additional income for Orana.



Remembering Our Orana Family

This year we farewelled two much-loved members of the Orana family. Jennie and Barry each made a lasting contribution to our community through their kindness, generosity and unwavering commitment. They will always hold a special place in the heart of Orana.

Barry Treadwell



Barry was a much-loved member of the Orana family whose generosity, wisdom and dedication helped shape our neighbourhood house for many years. From establishing the Men's Shed at Orana to serving as President and later Vice President of our Committee of Management, Barry gave countless hours to making our community stronger, more welcoming and more connected. He was always willing to lend a hand, share his knowledge and quietly work behind the scenes to make a difference.

Barry's kindness, commitment and community spirit touched so many lives, and his legacy will continue to be felt at Orana for years to come. He will be greatly missed by us all. With much love from his Orana family xo

Jenny Crombie

(Jeanette Richards)

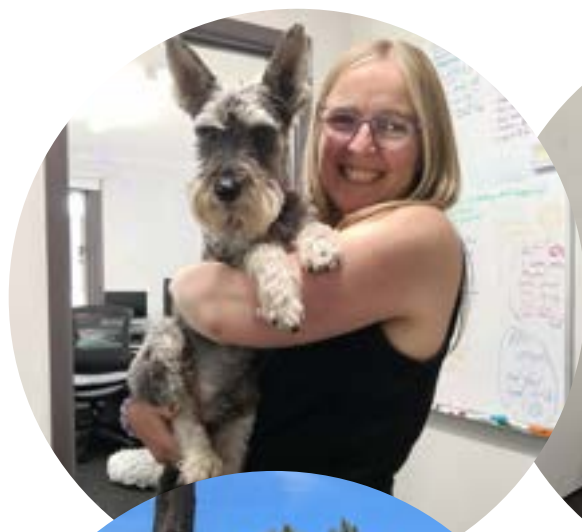
Jenny was such a treasured member of our Orana family for over 10 years. She lit up every room she entered and radiated her generous and compassionate spirit with every interaction with others.

She was so gorgeous and glamorous and looked ready to go to a ball, whether she was helping in the garden, cooking up a storm in our cooking classes or attending one of our events. Always kind, always beautiful and will always be greatly missed by us all. With much love from her Orana family
xo



Orana's Furry Friends

The animals of Orana continued to bring joy to our neighbourhood house throughout the year. From Rory, the well dressed office dog, to Dash the adorable Schnauzer and Winston, Julii's cheeky white puppy, to Liz's much-loved goat in the gardens, our furry friends never fail to spark smiles, start conversations and brighten someone's day. Whether offering a warm welcome or simply providing a moment of happiness, they remind us that animals have a special way of bringing people together and making neighbourhood houses feel even more like home.



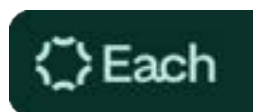
Partnerships & Collaborations

Orana Neighbourhood House is proud to work in partnership with a wide range of organisations, networks and community groups that help us deliver meaningful programs, strengthen local connections and expand opportunities for our community. We gratefully acknowledge our ongoing partnerships and collaborations with:

- Knox Learning Alliance
- Volunteer for Knox
- Community Houses Association of the Outer Eastern Suburbs (CHAOS)
- Neighbourhood Houses Victoria
- Knox City Council
- Adult, Community and Further Education (ACFE) Board
- Adult Community Education Victoria (ACE Vic)
- Living Our Best Life Project
- Community Housing Limited
- CVGT Employment
- Knox Community Gardens
- Bendigo Bank Wantirna
- Burke & Beyond
- Knox School
- Victorian Government

Through these partnerships, we have been able to expand learning opportunities, strengthen social inclusion, support employment pathways and enhance community wellbeing across Knox.

We also acknowledge the funding and support provided by Knox City Council, the Adult, Community and Further Education (ACFE) Board, and the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions, whose ongoing investment enables Orana to continue delivering accessible, community-led programs.





Orana Neighbourhood House Inc.

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2026

Orana Neighbourhood House Inc.

ABN 91 514 980 522

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income
For the Year Ended 30 June 2026

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Income		
Fees	68,413	59,532
Grants - ACFE	165,807	157,333
Grants - Department of Human Services	107,960	105,351
Grants - Knox City Council	36,152	24,951
Grants - Other	1,000	9,000
Interest	12,310	13,098
Memberships	35	21
Room hire	12,382	2,380
Other income	4,632	10,725
	408,691	382,391
Expenses		
Administration expenses	(34,322)	(30,218)
Depreciation	(10,259)	(10,602)
Bad debt expense	(1,518)	-
Program and course expenses	(27,632)	(26,374)
Salaries	(298,550)	(298,424)
Salaries - oncost	(3,407)	(6,884)
Superannuation	(30,593)	(33,622)
	(406,281)	(406,124)
		(23,733)
Profit/(loss) for the year	2,410	
Other comprehensive income		
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	2,410	(23,733)

Statement of Financial Position
As At 30 June 2026

		2026	2025
	Note	\$	\$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	365,338	353,947
Trade and other receivables	5	<u>140</u>	<u>3,038</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>365,478</u>	<u>356,985</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	6	45,620	50,924
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>45,620</u>	<u>50,924</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>411,098</u>	<u>407,909</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	8	16,970	25,418
Lease liabilities	7	1,316	1,316
Employee benefits	10	22,600	16,453
Other financial liabilities	9	17,572	12,779
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>58,458</u>	<u>55,966</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lease liabilities	7	548	1,864
Employee benefits	10	1,822	2,219
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>2,370</u>	<u>4,083</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>60,828</u>	<u>60,049</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>350,270</u>	<u>347,860</u>
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		350,270	347,860
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>350,270</u>	<u>347,860</u>

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Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 30 June 2026

2026

Balance at 1 July 2025

Profit for the year

Balance at 30 June 2026

Retained Earnings	Total
\$	\$
347,860	347,860
2,410	2,410
350,270	350,270

2025

Balance at 1 July 2024

Loss for the year

Balance at 30 June 2025

Retained Earnings	Total
\$	\$
371,593	371,593
(23,733)	(23,733)
347,860	347,860

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2026

The financial report covers Orana Neighbourhood House Inc. as an individual entity. Orana Neighbourhood House Inc. is a not-for-profit Association, registered and domiciled in Australia.

The principal activities of the Association for the year ended 30 June 2026 were to provide programs and community space to the local community.

The functional and presentation currency of Orana Neighbourhood House Inc. is Australian dollars.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

1 Basis of Preparation

In the opinion of the Management board the Association is not a reporting entity since there are unlikely to exist users of the financial statements who are not able to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. These special purpose financial statements have been prepared to meet the reporting requirements of the **Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012**.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 **Presentation of Financial Statements**, AASB 107 **Statement of Cash Flows**, AASB 108 **Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors** and AASB 1054 **Australian Additional Disclosures**.

These special purpose financial statements comply with all the recognition and measurement requirements in Australian Accounting Standards.

2 Material Accounting Policy Information

(a) Revenue and other income

Revenue from contracts with customers

Revenue is recognised on a basis that reflects the transfer of control of promised goods or services to customers at an amount that reflects the consideration the Association expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services.

Generally the timing of the payment for sale of goods and rendering of services corresponds closely to the timing of satisfaction of the performance obligations, however where there is a difference, it will result in the recognition of a receivable, contract asset or contract liability.

None of the revenue streams of the Association have any significant financing terms as there is less than 12 months between receipt of funds and satisfaction of performance obligations.

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2 Material Accounting Policy Information

(b) Income Tax

The Association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the **Income Tax Assessment Act 1997**.

(c) Property, plant and equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment.

Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment, excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life to the Association, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable asset are shown below:

Fixed asset class

Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings
Leasehold improvements
Right-of-Use - Office Equipment

Depreciation rate

10% - 25%
5% - 20%
32%

(d) Financial instruments

Financial assets

Amortised cost

The Association's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other receivables and cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position.

Trade receivables

Impairment of trade receivables have been determined using the simplified approach in AASB 9 which uses an estimation of lifetime expected credit losses.

The amount of the impairment is recorded in a separate allowance account with the loss being recognised in finance expense. Once the receivable is determined to be uncollectable then the gross carrying amount is written off against the associated allowance.

Financial liabilities

The financial liabilities of the Association comprise trade payables.

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3 Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The Management Board make estimates and judgements during the preparation of these financial statements regarding assumptions about current and future events affecting transactions and balances.

These estimates and judgements are based on the best information available at the time of preparing the financial statements, however as additional information is known then the actual results may differ from the estimates.

The significant estimates and judgements made have been described below.

Key estimates - employee benefits

As described in the accounting policies, employee benefits are measured at management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period. These estimates are made taking into account a range of possible outcomes and will vary as further information is obtained.

4 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Cash at bank and in hand	115,338	103,947
Short-term deposits	250,000	250,000
	365,338	353,947

5 Trade and other receivables

CURRENT		
Trade receivables	1,658	3,038
Provision for doubtful debts	(1,518)	
	140	3,038

The carrying value of trade receivables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the fair value of each class of receivable in the financial statements.

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7 Lease liabilities

The maturity analysis of lease liabilities based on contractual undiscounted cash flows is shown in the table below:

	< 1 year	1 - 5 years	> 5 years	Total undiscounted lease liabilities	Lease liabilities included in this Statement Of Financial Position
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2026					
Lease liabilities	1,316	548	-	1,864	1,864
2025					
Lease liabilities	1,316	1,864	-	3,180	3,180

8 Trade and Other Payables

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade payables	893	1,946
Accrued wages	721	7,457
PAYG Payable	11,302	9,747
Other payables	4,054	6,268
	16,970	25,418

Trade and other payables are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are normally settled within 30 days. The carrying value of trade and other payables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

9 Other Financial Liabilities

CURRENT		
Grants in advance	14,832	10,280
Courses paid in advance	2,740	2,499
Total	17,572	12,779

10 Employee Benefits

Current liabilities		
Provision for employee benefits	13,678	13,207
Long service leave	8,922	3,246
	22,600	16,453
Non-current liabilities		
Long service leave	1,822	2,219

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For the Year Ended 30 June 2026

11 Key Management Personnel Disclosures

Total key management personnel remuneration is not disclosed because the charity only had one remunerated key management personnel member

12 Auditors' Remuneration

Remuneration of the auditor LD Assurance for:
- auditing or reviewing the financial statements

2026	2025
\$	\$
3,200	3,000

13 Contingencies

In the opinion of the Management Board, the Association did not have any contingencies at 30 June 2026 (30 June 2025: None).

14 Cash Flow Information

Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities:

Profit for the year	2,410	(15,733)
Non-cash flows in profit:		
- depreciation	10,259	10,602
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	2,898	(1,349)
- increase/(decrease) in income in advance	4,793	(17,432)
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	(8,448)	4,362
- increase/(decrease) in employee benefits	5,750	1,497
Cashflows from operations	17,662	(18,053)

15 Related parties

All Board members of Orana Neighbourhood House act in an honorary capacity. No Board member received or was entitled to receive a fee solely by virtue of their position as a Board member.

16 Events Occurring After the Reporting Date

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

17 Statutory Information

The registered office and principal place of business of the association is:

Orana Neighbourhood House Inc.
62 Coleman Road
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ABN 91 514 980 522

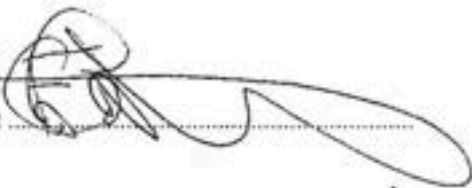
Statement by the Board

In the opinion of the Board of Governance of Orana Neighbourhood House Inc.:

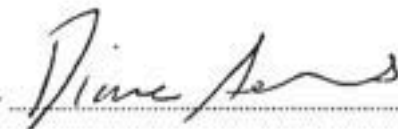
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and
- the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the *Associations Incorporations Reform Act 2012*.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulations 2022*.

President



Treasurer



Dated

25. AUG. 2026



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