

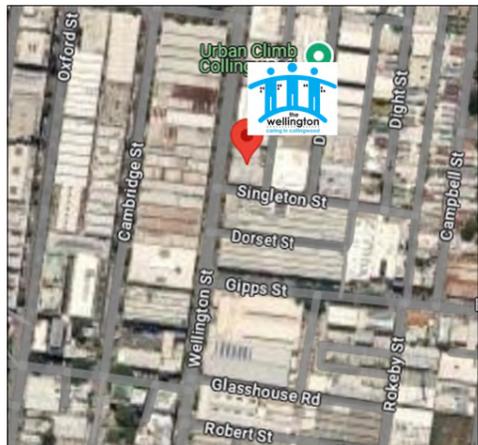


The Wellington Collingwood Inc. ANNUAL REPORT

2023
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



It is with both pride and urgency that I present this report for The Wellington's Annual Report for 2023–24. This year marks a remarkable milestone — 20 years of serving our community — but it also brings a stark reminder of the challenges we face as we continue to grow to meet increasing demand.

A Testament to Generosity and Community Spirit

The Wellington moved to its new home at 168 Wellington Street, Collingwood, thanks to the extraordinary generosity of Bill Gibbons AM. Bill's incredible gesture of purchasing this property and providing it to The Wellington for ten years at a nominal rent of one dollar per year came at a time when rising rents threatened our ability to operate. Bill and his son Andrew went further, covering the \$70,000 cost of a new roof. This gift provided the foundation for our future, and I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Bill and Andrew for their vision and support.

Transforming this property into a functional and welcoming space was a monumental task. We are profoundly grateful to the many community-minded individuals and organisations who contributed their time, expertise, and resources:

- **Simpson Constructions** for their wonderful support
- **The Highland Foundation** for their unwavering support
- **Australian Hotels Association (AHA)** for their continued support
- **Brad Byrnes of Clever Commercial Interiors** for installing a brand-new kitchen
- **Paul Murray** and his team from Maxim Group for completely rewiring and installing new electrical fittings.
- **Ascot Builders** for ceilings, divider walls, windows, and painting
- **United Refrigeration** for keeping our perishables cool.

These generous contributions have made our new home a reality, and their impact cannot be overstated.

Delivering Essential Services

The Wellington's reach and impact have grown significantly. Over the past year, we provided critical services to thousands of people, including:

- **Food Security:** 24,000 attendees
- **Health Services:** Chiropractic (576), Osteopathy (1,326), Chinese Medicine (620+), and Optometry (60)
- **Community Programs:** Yoga (576), School Breakfast (135), Knitting & Personal Image (386), Music Groups (480), Dance Exercise (384), Youth Cooking (108), and Youth Drop-In (552)

This scale of service is delivered by just three part-time staff — an extraordinary team consisting of Chris Sprake (Coordinator and Community Development Worker), Vieli Choka (Youth Community Development Worker) and Sarah Freeman (Clinic Coordinator). Their dedication and resilience in these trying times are simply outstanding.

The Cost-of-Living Crisis

The rising cost of living has brought more people to our doors — many of whom never thought they would need the support of a charitable organisation. As the last community organisation in the Collingwood area serving those in high-rise towers and public housing estates, The Wellington is an indispensable lifeline. If our doors were to close, the impact on the community would be catastrophic.

A Call to Action

Despite our growth and significance, The Wellington has received just two State Government grants in its 20-year history. While we are grateful for these contributions, they fall far short of what is needed to sustain our work. We are currently in discussions with the State Government, seeking \$300,000 annually to ensure our survival beyond June 30, 2025.

To put this into perspective, replicating The Wellington's services would cost the Government millions. Our free health services alone are valued at \$2.5 million annually. Yet, we continue to raise 50% of our funding independently.

As former Prime Minister Bob Hawke said, "Government cannot do these things on its own. We need the support of community organisations." It is time for these words to echo loudly in Spring Street.

Gratitude and Hope

I extend my deepest thanks to our wonderful Board, our life members, and all those who have supported The Wellington in 2023 and 2024. To all those included in The Wellington Annual fundraiser at the Glenferrie Hotel:

Gai Waterhouse AO, Matthew Lloyd, Tony Leonard & Bryan Martin OAM, Matt Hill, 3AW 693 - Stephen Beers, A Touch of Silver - Pino DiSipio, Ace Radio, 3MP Easy Music - Mark Taylor, Bill Gibbins AM & Iolanda Gibbins, Centonove - Kym and Jesse, Craig Willis, Glenferrie Hotel - Mark O'Reilly and Drayson Bushell, Joe McGrath, Melbourne Racing Club, Melbourne Victory, Mercedes-Benz Waverley - Craig Howard, OTI Racing - Terry Henderson, Paul Preusker Racing - Paul and Holly, Peterborough Golf Club, Platform 28, Port Campbell Guest House - Mark Tribe, Real Pizza Pastas Salads - Kylie Treble, SEN - Craig Hutchison, Tobin Brothers Funerals, Unique Wine Solutions - Stephen Nankervis, Victoria Racing Club - Jacqueline Prasad, Werribee Racing Club - Adam Wilkinson.

Your contributions have ensured that we can continue to serve those in need with dignity and care.

To our government representatives, I implore you to recognise the value of what The Wellington provides and to partner with us to secure its future.

The Wellington has grown from a vision to a vital institution over the past 20 years. With your support, we can ensure it thrives for many more to come.

James MacLeod OAM
Chair

COORDINATOR'S REPORT



2024 has been another year of extraordinary change and growth. With seemingly no end to the rise in need in our community, The Wellington has pursued changes to remain in service delivery for Collingwood and the wider city of Melbourne. It is no secret that the continued rise in the cost of food and housing has had a serious impact the household budget.

Community members accessing Wellington services report often having to choose between paying rent and buying food. There has also been an increase in community members experiencing houselessness and insecure housing. The flow on effect of having no fixed address, and often lacking finances to maintain a phone, results in community members having less reliable contact with support services and government institutions. This is where a place-based community centre becomes invaluable.

Community members knowing there is safe space for food, support, health services and help navigating support services is extremely important as they work towards best outcomes for themselves and their families.

The Wellington once again relocated within Collingwood, this time to a long-term site which is best suited to delivering our core services: Food Security, free allied health services, and community development and inclusion programs. An extraordinary number of donors and volunteers came together to deliver a new home for our community.

Amid this relocation, we did not lose sight of the continuing need in our community, and where possible expanded services to provide targeted inclusion. This included an Indigenous focused Chiropractic clinic, which involved a partnership with VACCHO to provide cultural sensitivity training to our student practitioners.

Our regular programs continued at capacity throughout 2024, with service delivery as below:

Service	Attendees per month	Average attendees per year
Food Security	2000+	24,000+
Chiropractic	48	576
Osteopathic	110	1326
Chinese Traditional Medicine	62	620+
Optometry	5	60
Yoga	48	576
School Breakfast	15	135
Knitting and Personal Image	32	384
Music Groups	40	480
Dance Exercise	32	384
Youth Cooking	12	108
Youth Drop In	46	552

Beyond our regular programs we also ran special events including partnering for community markets, make-over pamper days, special meals (community dumpling making is a favourite), craft events and of course Christmas Lunch which saw over one hundred and twenty people join us for a festive meal. The Wellington Board, staff and community remain unified and resilient even as times become more challenging. We thank you for being on this journey with us.

From The Wellington community,
Stay safe,

Christopher Sprake
Coordinator
The Wellington





INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

WELLINGTON COLLINGWOOD INC.

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Wellington Collingwood Inc. (the Entity), which comprises the Income Statement as at 30th June 2024 showing a **PROFIT** of **\$88,022.00**, the Balance Sheet and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Entity as at 30th June 2024, and (of) its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with [the financial reporting requirements of the applicable legislation].

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the financial report

The Chairperson is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the applicable legislation and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Chairperson is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: <<http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.


[Signature]

17th September, 2024

[Date of the auditor's report]

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Income Statement

Wellington Collingwood Inc
For the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
Income		
Donations	106,489	103,539
Fundraising income	75,953	57,703
Government Grants	290,642	75,920
Other grants	3,572	6,536
Interest Income	1,840	1,044
Rental Income	30,312	54,546
Sundry Income	-	-
Total Income	508,808	299,287
Expenses		
Advertising & marketing	385	489
Administration expenses	7,666	9,309
Professional services	2,930	6,930
Building repair & maintenance	4,800	9,054
Fundraising costs	13,951	12,300
Insurance	8,051	6,897
Rent	34,570	34,596
Outgoings	24,246	15,275
Subscriptions	1,129	898
Telephone & Internet	3,309	3,121
Project Costs	20,716	18,948
Travel Expenses	868	501
Staff on costs	898	405
Wages and Salaries	263,144	226,301
Superannuation	27,254	23,116
Worksafe	6,147	6,353
Sundry expense	720	639
Total Expenses	420,786	375,133
Net surplus/(deficit) for the period	88,022	(75,845)


Income & Expenses Statement | Wellington Collingwood Inc | 24 Aug 2024
AUDITED BY ALEX WEHBE CPA 9494501
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Balance Sheet

Wellington Collingwood Inc
As at 30 June 2024

	30 JUNE 2024	30 JUNE 2023
Assets		
Bank		
Wellington Cash Maximiser	95,685	185,902
Wellington Gift Fund	4,549	9,576
Total Bank	100,235	195,478
Current Assets		
Other current asset	74	-
Total Current Assets	74	-
Total Assets	100,309	195,478
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	483	-
Annual Leave Provision	29,432	18,794
GST	(1,905)	10,520
Income Received in Advance	10,131	164,339
PAYG Withholdings Payable	2,396	11,284
Superannuation Payable	1,979	1,870
Wages Payable - Payroll	-	-
Total Current Liabilities	42,516	206,807
Non-current Liabilities		
Bonds for 168 Wellington	-	18,900
Total Non-current Liabilities	-	18,900
Total Liabilities	42,516	225,707
Net Assets	57,793	(30,228)
Equity		
Current Year Earnings	88,022	(75,845)
Retained Earnings	(30,228)	45,617
Total Equity	57,793	(30,228)

Statement of Cash Flows

Wellington Collingwood Inc
For the year ended 30 June 2024

	FY2024	FY2023
Operating Activities		
Receipts from customers	370,991	390,392
Payments to suppliers and employees	(428,111)	(393,616)
Cash receipts from other operating activities	(19,223)	15,089
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	(76,343)	11,865
Financing Activities		
Other cash items from financing activities	(18,900)	-
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities	(18,900)	-
Net Cash Flows	(95,243)	11,865
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	195,478	183,614
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	100,235	195,478
Net change in cash for period	(95,243)	11,865

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LIFE MEMBERS & STAFF

Mr James MacLeod OAM – Chair

Marlies Blatz

Jan Hayes

Donna Jenkins

Grant Leverington

Robert Patterson

Founder

Fr Ernie Smith OAM (dec)

Life Members

Dr Peter Hollingworth AC, OBE

Maria Attard-Dickson OAM

Bobbi Cheetham

Bill Gibbins AM

Iolanda Gibbins

Michael & Libby Tobin

Staff

Chris Sprake – Coordinator / Community Development Worker

Vieli Choka – African Youth Community Development Worker

Sarah Freeman – Clinic Coordinator

OUR PARTNERSHIPS

To provide the best coverage and continuity of care across our community, The Wellington has relied on partnerships with other local organisations such as: Cultivating Community, Fare Share, The Drum Youth Services, BANH, Inner Space, The Melbourne Period Project, Falco Bakery, Street Bakery, Australian Chinese Medicine Association of Victoria, Victoria University, Oz Harvest, City Of Yarra Council, Cohealth, Neighbourhood Justice Centre, RMIT University, St Vincent's Private Hospital, The Order of St Lazarus, Australian Hotels Association (AHA), Tobin Brothers Funerals, Victorian College of Optometry, Simpson Constructions, Clever Commercial, Maxim Group, ACC Higgins, Ascot Group, Highland Foundation and the Handbury Foundation.

Regular communication and planning with these organisations helps to ensure best outcomes for our community. As always we thank the private practitioners such as yoga teachers, physiotherapists, osteopaths, Chinese Traditional Medicine practitioners, students, optometrists, who make their time and skills available to provide free services to our community.





Join us from 11.30am to make dumplings together!

Monday 8th January!

DUMPLINGS
AT THE WELLINGTON

Community lunch from 1pm!
9 Vere St, Collingwood, 3066





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all our supporters, volunteers, affiliated
organisations and helpers for
the generosity of time and support.*

*To make a donation
please visit our website*

www.thewellington.org.au/8/MAKE-A-DONATION

