# ANNUAL REPORT 2024 - 2025

WESTON CREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE

# Weston Creek Community Association: President's Report to AGM 16 September 2025

This year has been a difficult one for us but at the same time one that has been operationally successful. There have been many changes and a lot of uncertainty but we have come through this financial year with strong demand for our services, facilities that are in very good order and continuing good relations with our clients and our partners. It has been a year in which our objectives have been achieved and we have continued to provide a range of facilities and activities for our community, continue our grants program and have retained a strong relationship with the Government and its agencies.

We have sought to engage with a number of community initiatives and organisations in respect to community issues and the improvement of services and facilities in the Weston Creek area in particular.

Our operating environment has been challenging with high inflation early, which gradually moderated later in the year. While the cost of living during the year has had an impact on affordability of services our facilities have remained in constant demand and our activities have been continuously well supported. In the face of such uncertainty we have maintained our facilities and services and made a significant investment in the upgrading of the facilities at the Weston Creek Community Centre. Those improvements have had a substantial impact on our net worth but have made improvements to the Community Centre that will support the facility and our services for many years to come. Among those improvements you will note the following:

- The toilets and change rooms have been completely renovated;
- The squash courts have been completely renovated to bring them up to international standard, including resolution of drainage issues in the women's facilities;
- The squash court area has had airconditioning units installed, replacing the old fans;
- The replacement of the carpets in the public areas with floor tiles that are long wearing, easy to keep clean and easy to replace if they are damaged. The new look of the public areas is more open, modern and light than the old carpet which had been unchanged for many decades;
- The meeting rooms have new carpet tiles
- The kitchen has been renovated
- The old piano has been replaced.

In the other facilities, repairs and maintenance has been continuous to maintain their high standard, including:

- Replacement tables and chairs across the facilities;
- Repairs to the roof of the Weston Neighbourhood Hall, noting that some work on the ceiling panels still remains to be done.

Most of these repairs and maintenance investment have come from our own resources, rather than being dependent on the Government's Budget. This is unusual in that while we are the managers of the facilities we are not the owners. However, these facilities are the assets from which and with which we earn our returns and are the core of service capacity. The Committee has been unanimous in supporting the expenditure/investments. While we have made substantial financial contributions to the cost of maintaining our facilities, the Government has responded quickly when urgent repairs and improvements have been required. I thank Property Group and the Minister for their support.

The measures of the success of our year, to my mind, are:

- that we have maintained our reputation for service quality and good management;
- Our services have continued to draw community support;
- There have been no formal complaints in the past year;
- We have continued to restrain the cost of services and facilities which has made our services and facilities attractive to the community, even though users have often moderated their activities as the cost of living has risen.

We have been able to sustain our grants program which has aided a range of organisations in improving community services. At the same time our free laundry service to support those in need has also been successfully launched despite the theft of the laundry equipment setting us back temporarily. The response of the community, and particularly the Fire Brigade, to restore the service capacity must be acknowledged and our thanks recorded.

Our successes come at the cost of the efforts our staff who have excelled themselves this year. My thanks go to Yung, Inger and Adam and to all the team who manage the facilities, keep the facilities in excellent working order, make repairs whenever needed and the cleaning team who make sure that every tenant has a clean and safe facility to use. Our staff have earned our appreciation and thanks for their efforts and the work ethic they constantly display.

I also acknowledge and give thanks to our tenants, our exercise class leaders and the groups that use our facilities each year, including the churches that congregate in our facilities.

Lastly I acknowledge the support and contribution made by all the members of the Committee throughout the year who give their time and skills generously and voluntarily to ensure the ongoing capacity of the Association to provide services to the community.

# Weston Creek Community Association: Treasurer's Report to the AGM of 16 September 2025

This report will be brief because while the financial year has been difficult, with substantial uncertainties and consequential risks, the Association has emerged in a strong position. There is a more stable economy with more controlled inflation, and potentially lessening strain on the cost of living, which means in part that there is potential for more confidence in discretionary spending. The expression of those issues is that we have strong demand for our services and strong forward bookings for the first half of the new year. At the same time our facilities are in a high standard of maintenance so service and venue quality underpins our market position.

The Association is in a good financial position, characterised as a going concern able to meet its obligations as they fall due. We have adequate reserves at hand and those reserves are highly liquid so that they are easily accessible. We have most assets in cash and there is no long term debt, other than those arising from our long term staff associated costs which are fully covered. The Association's financial position is characterised by the following:

- Increased revenue compared to last financial year (2023-24), \$565,806 compared to \$554,274;
- Expenses were higher than in 2023-24 (\$631,079 compared to \$492,412) which reflects higher than usual expenditure on repairs and maintenance and minor capital works (\$141,052). Absent those expenses our result would have been comparable to past years.

The Association's Balance Sheet has been affected by the additional expenditure on repairs and maintenance and minor works. Usually expenditure on assets reduces trading surpluses but transfers value to the assets on the Balance Sheet. However, as the Association does not own the asset, the value of the improvements goes to the owner; that is, the Government. This means that we are investing directly to our capacity to provide high quality facilities to support our service provision but re gifting the asset benefit to the community as a whole through the Government. This issue means that our equity is lower this year than previously (\$65,274). You should note however that the improvements are a once in 25 year or more investment. You will also be note that the Association remains financially capable and over time will recoup those expenses.

Overall the Association can be characterised as having:

- revenue in excess of expenses
- expenses that are well controlled and managed
- good performance against our budgetted targets
- transparent management
- strong, consistent demand for services and
- facilities that are of high quality and with extensive capacity to meet users' needs

Sensible actions have been taken in the year to moderate the impact of the investment in repairs and new works. For example we have reduced the amount of grant funds we have distributed to

offset the investment in improvements. However, that is a temporary measure, the grant program will recommence in the 2025-2026 financial year.

The Association's financial statements have received an unqualified audit opinion from our independent auditor. Our management meets the expected industry standards of management competence, which is a complement to the management team. This follows a number of consecutive years of unqualified opinions. In my opinion the Association is well placed to continue offering its services and managing its facilities in the next year and is in a position to continue looking at new ways in which it can serve the interests of the community.

As Treasurer I wish to thank the management and staff of the Association for their continued professionalism and energy. My thanks are extended also to the Committee for their continued support and wisdom.



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### Independent audit report

### To Weston Creek Community Association Inc. (Community Centre)

We have audited the accompanying financial report of **Weston Creek Community Association Inc.** (**Community Centre**) which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025, and the statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

The chair and the board of **Weston Creek Community Association Inc. (Community Centre)** are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and ACT Incorporated Associations legislations, where applicable and for such internal control as the board determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report whether due to fraud or error. In making that assessment, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Centres' preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the board, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

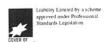
**Independence** 

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

**Opinion** 

In our opinion the financial report of **Weston Creek Community Association Inc. (Community Centre)** presents fairly, in all material respects the **Weston Creek Community Association Inc. (Community Centre)** financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and ACT Incorporated Associations legislations.

M.Ravishanker FCPA Auditor 12 September 2025



# Weston Creek Community Association Inc. - Centre

# Balance Sheet As At 30 June 2025

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Current Assets		
Cash		
Cash at bank (Centre)	61,209,34	95,979,30
Cash on hand	200.00	200.00
Term deposits	358,856.06	381,885.57
Total Current Assets	420,265.40	478,064.87
Non-Current Assets		
Property Plant and Equipment		
Plant, equipment & Improvements - at cost	62,928.55	62,928.55
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(26,318.66)	(21,244.73)
Total Non-Current Assets	36,609.89	41,683.82
Total Assets	456,875.29	519,748.69
Current Liabilities		
Bonds	13,900.00	11,500.00
Total Current Liabilities	13,900.00	11,500.00
Non-Current Liabilities		
Provisions		
Staff Leave Provision	62,854.41	62,854.41
Total Non-Current Liabilities	76,754,41	74,354.41
Total Liabilities	76,754.41	74,354.41
Net Assets	380,120.88	445,394.28
Proprietors' Funds		
Opening balance	445,394.28	383,532.37
Net profit / (loss)	(65,273.40)	61,861.91
Total Proprietors' Funds	380,120.88	445,394.28

# **Weston Creek Community Association Inc. - Centre**

# Profit & Loss Statement for the year ended 30 June 2025

	<u>2025</u> \$	<u>2024</u> <u>\$</u>
<u>Income</u>	<b>±</b>	<u>*</u>
Hire of rooms & offices	183,121.67	171,836.26
Hire of equipment	7,759.05	6,934.55
Hire of squash courts	40,265.32	35,852.05
Hire of Weston Neigh. Hall	100,598.40	98,050.44
Hire of Flynn C. H. Hall	92,256.06	95,566.31
Hire of Chifley C Room	27,344.91	40,992.43
Hire of Holt Neighbourhood Hall	62,760.79	57,206.64
Bank interest	17,634.86	18,919.83
Bookkeeping services	799.36	3,025.00
Course income	29,265.04	22,703.18
Secretarial services & Office support	3,049.51	2,398.13
Profit from sale of stocks	239.12	237.68
Squash racquet re-stringing fees	377.25	245.46
Donations & misc. Income	334.87	306.33
Total Income	565,806.21	554,274.29
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Expenses	250.87	2.052.64
Advertising and promotion  Audit fees	2,850.00	2,052.64 2,760.00
	2,830.00 1,693.08	2,760.00 1,768.95
Bank fees & charges	5,717.09	5,653.00
Cleaning consumables	3,487.62	3,333.18
Contract classing	3,900.00	3,130.00
Contract cleaning	5,073.93	5,130.00
Depreciation expenses	3,849.08	1,491.05
Electricity	21,961.15	20,830.34
Equipment replacement	2,541.82	2,528.37
Consumables & general expenses	11,292.35	2,326.37 4,856.62
Community grants Insurance	14,769.60	13,178.96
	5,528.09	4,586.63
Long Service Leave Levy	2,625.09	4,580.65 3,232.57
Printing, postage & stationery	10,570.44	10,157.76
Rent (WNH)	2,574.43	2,499.48
Rent (CCR)	•	•
Rent (FCHH)	11,258.58 7,271.15	10,930.92 7,058.88
Rent (HNH)		7,058.88
Repairs, maintenance & minor works <sup>1</sup>	141,052.86	30,698.82
Salaries & wages	325,066.03	309,900.03

# **Weston Creek Community Association Inc. - Centre**

Profit & Loss Statement for the year ended 30 June 2025

	<u>2025</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>\$</u>
Staff Training & Expenses	234.84	-
Superannuation staff	33,683.92	30,823.96
Telecommunication	4,649.10	5,471. <b>14</b>
Trade waste	3,750.00	3,511.00
Water and Sewerage	5,428.49	5,988.93
Total Expenses	631,079.61	492,412.38
Net Profit/(Loss)	(65,273.40)	61,861.91

<sup>1.</sup> All major building improvement costs are fully written-off during 2024-25 financial year.

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### COMMITTEE'S REPORT

We, the Committee members submit the financial report of the Weston Creek Community Association Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The names of Committee members throughout the financial year and at the date of this report are: Ian Primrose, Roger Tomlins, Samara Purnell, Bill Gemmell, Patricia Cattell, Frank Tottingham, Colleen Daly, Louise Hughes, Athene Anderson, Yung Tran, Inger Pretorius.

### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the Association during the financial year was to manage Weston Creek Community Centre, Weston Neighbourhood Hall, Flynn Community Hall, Holt Neighbourhood Hall and Chifley Community Meeting Room. The Association also undertook community projects such as giving out community grants and donations to several community service organisations.

### RESULT

The WCCA's operating loss for the financial year ended 30 June 2025 is \$65,273.40.

### LIKELY DEVELOPMENTS

No changes in the operations of the Association are anticipated in the coming financial year.

This report is made and signed at Canberra in accordance with a resolution of the members of the Committee.

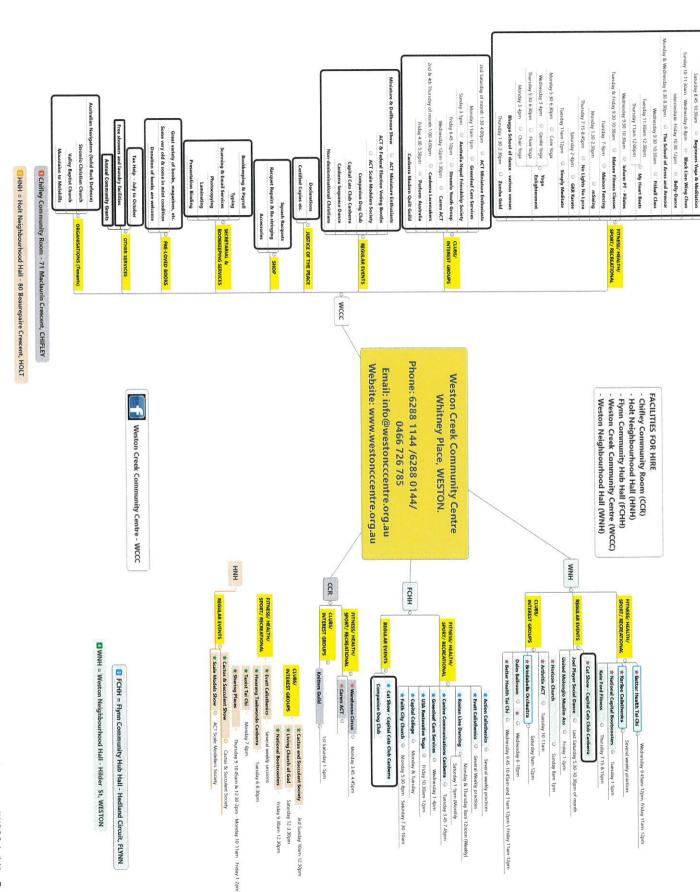
On behalf of the Committee

PRESIDENT

Dated this 16 September 2025

SAMARA PURNELL

SECRETARY



Fortnightly 9.30am-12.30pm

ACT Thursday morning squash

Wednesday 7:30-Late 

ACT Masters Squash Competition



### **Fetherston Gardens Friends**

### Convenor Report 2025

### Lesley Pattinson

### **Restoration Regeneration Renewal**

The amazing team of volunteers in Fetherston gardens have made a significant impact over the last 12 months. We have completed the grant projects from 2024 and working on our maintenance and upgrades in other garden areas.

Our working bees, and activities have continued most Wednesdays each week, and the last Sunday of the month. The Fetherston Gardens Friends have made a huge impact in the gardens, and as we come into our 15<sup>th</sup> year of volunteering, it's time to reflect and celebrate our commitment and achievements.

Keeping data and recording our volunteer hours while working in Fetherston Gardens, enable us and the ACT Government, to measure commitment and dedication and valuable time. Collectively our volunteers have amassed a minimum of over 1,385 + hours this year. That's a significant contribution and saving to the ACT Government.

Volunteering has become essential in our communities to keep many local facilities functioning, as TCCS crews are stretched, and funding is short in this growing city, for their services we require in maintaining the gardens and arboretum.

Fetherston Gardens are solely maintained by volunteers, with mulch deliveries, irrigation, and lawn mowing by TCCS. The ongoing issue for the gardens is ACT Government tree maintenance services, that are essential in any maintenance plan and are beyond our volunteer's capacity to manage. So, the health and vigour of our tree population is declining, and results are evident in the number of 'Fix my street' requests for pruning and tree maintenance or removal of dead trees. This has impacted on our volunteering; windy days present the danger of falling limbs and branches, now common occurrences for safety. Our working bees are cancelled, if there is wind and most weeks the removal of those fallen branches have become a volunteer task. The solution is one for the ACT Government.

### Camellia Garden project

The installation of the new Camellia grant project has been a fun activity for the volunteers. Preparing holes for 40 + camellias, moving new soil, planting, mulching, watering and labelling has been a weekly task for many months, particularly with irrigation issues requiring us to hand water. Seeing new flowers appear and with fingers crossed, we hope for a successful growing season ahead. This project was made possible by the generous financial grant from the Weston Creek Community Association, WCCA. They have provided much support to our group and thanks to lan Primrose and Yung Tran for their commitment to the gardens and our local community.

We have been collecting Camellia species based on our old planting plans and lost labels found in the gardens. Some have been difficult to source, and our thanks go to Stephen Utick from Camellia Ark for making available some of these rare treasures for us to replant back into Fetherston Gardens. Camellias have historically been planted in the garden, but predominantly in the woodland garden zones. Tony Fetherston had a strong interest in Camellias, enjoyed painting them, and many have been replanted back in the same location where those labels were originally.

These Grant funds have enabled us to make a significant contribution to the restoration of the woodland gardens through replanting these lost species and we are hopeful for their future survival. Thank you WCCA for enabling this project to become a reality and importantly to return the heritage value of these Camellias for the future.

It's always a delight to see the community enjoy the gardens, and we are often visited on Wednesday mornings, by small children in hi vis vests coming to explore and play. Many families are picnicking, playgroups are meeting, office workers are taking their lunch break, and many folks are just walking through the gardens, delighting in this unique space. It is used as a meeting place for many members of the community. We continue to host groups from gardening clubs and associations on walks and talks though the garden and arboretum. The CIT Horticulture and Floristry Dept continue to use their 'old site' here for classes and plant materials and student practicals. Thankyou to CIT for ongoing support and use of facilities.

The committee have had to monitor our time spent on admin issues, and challenges to our volunteering when it comes to plant protection and requests for assistance. Irrigation has been an ongoing issue, particularly for new plantings, and the system has been more off, than on over the last 12 months. This has resulted in many hours attached to hoses.

Rabbits are at high numbers and every new plant requires a tree guard and stakes to protect from damage and loss. Several trees and shrubs have been ringbarked and are at risk, as we don't have the capacity to protect every plant. The Herb Garden has been wired and staked multiple times and damage has continued. We have discovered rabbits don't like lavender, but these issues do pose a challenge to our volunteer commitments and at times much frustration.

### Regeneration Heysen Street

Our major project of 2023/24 'Regenerating Heysen Street' with native plants, has struggled with low rainfall over the last summer, and there has been plant loss and damage. However, we have some plants that are thriving and managing on little rainfall. We expect this new wildlife corridor to be an essential windbreak and connection to the gardens as well as the successful and significant woody weed removal program undertaken. We are looking forward to replanting again when we source new plants and guards.

Many ongoing thanks to the TCCS crew who deliver mulch, come and clean up our vast piles of fallen timber and weeds. Thank you to those who support our volunteers to do the tasks we do. We do generate a mass of plant debris, fallen trees, weeds and branches to be removed to the green recycling.

As always, our volunteers are so generous with their valuable time. Their efforts are truly amazing, and the gardens would not be where they are today without them. Our volunteers are kind, generous, friendly folk. We have many tasks to suit all abilities and gardening skills are never essential. Thankyou to all of you, for the time and fun we have, as we maintain and care for this significant unique garden space in Canberra. We welcome new volunteers and enjoy the company of others.

Fetherston gardens has a small but dedicated, friendly committee and together we attempt to steer the gardens onwards, as we plan and work on options for the future. I personally can never thank this team enough. The teamwork is a joy, and many hands and minds are essential to commit to our goals. Louise, Paulene, Rosemary, Peter, Helen, Wayne, and Glennis, thank you for being the A team.

And also, to those seen and unseen volunteers, leaf and rubbish collectors, members of the public, who come and participate in the care of our gardens, Thank you for your gift. These truly are your gardens, your time and energy given, is so evident here and have made way for the enjoyment of so many in our community. We look forward to next year's opportunities and plans, as we continue to restore Fetherston Gardens all to enjoy.

Lesley Pattinson

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# Fetherston Gardens Friends

### **Fetherston Gardens Friends**

### **Treasurer Report**

2024-25 Financial Year

Fetherston Gardens Friends (FGF) are pleased to present the Financial Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2025.

FGF is the volunteer group who maintain, replant and care for the beautiful Fetherston Gardens in Weston Creek.

Fetherston Gardens Friends fund our expenditure in the Gardens for plants, equipment and other expenses like on repairs, fertilisers etc. Our funds have come from Grant applications, fund raising and through the donations interested parties.

We are an Associate of the Weston Creek Community Association (WCCA) and are very lucky to have Mr Yung Tran, the Manager of the WCCA as the co-signatory of the Fetherston Bank Accounts and whilst the Treasurer of the FGF approves all expenditure, Yung pays all accounts and reimbursements.

### **Grant funds**

In the last 12 months, we have only applied from one Grant which was through the WCCA for the replanting of the Camellia Walk. We were successful in receiving \$2,160 for Camellias, medium sized shrubs as underplanting's and 10 cubic metres of topsoil. This work was completed, and a report was presented prior to the end of the 2024-25 financial year. Additional funds to complete this work is provided from the FGF funds.

### **Profit & Loss Statement**

July 2024 to June 2025

Bank Balance as of 30 June 2025		\$3,683.60	
Total Expenses			\$3,720.26
	WCCA Grant		\$2,164.42
	General Expenses		\$188.04
	Garden Hardware		\$448.47
	Garden Consumables		\$919.33
Expenses			
Total Income		\$7,403.86	
	Grant Income – WCCA	\$2,160	
	Bank Interest (1 July 2024)	\$130.72	
	Bank Balance (1 July 2024)	\$5,113.14	
Income			

I would like to take the opportunity to thank our Committee, Peter Ellerman, Lesley Pattinson, Rosemary Drabsh, Paulene Cornish, Wayne Napper, Helen Vaughan and Glennis Welsh. I especially thank our wonderful volunteers and the ACT Government City Services Staff. Finally, I would also thank the Weston Creek Community Association for their support in particular, Yung Tran and Ian Primrose.

Yours Sincerely,

Louise Hughes

Secretary and Treasurer

Fetherston Gardens Friends

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