

Healesville Community Renewable Energy Inc.

2022 Annual Report



Healesville
CoRE



Acknowledgment of Country

Healesville CoRE acknowledges and pays their respects to the Wurundjeri people as the original custodians of the Healesville lands and waters.

We honour their elders, past, present and emerging, whose knowledge and wisdom has ensured the protection of this place and the preservation of the cultural traditions practised within it.

Healesville CoRE acknowledges and respects the wide range of indigenous cultures throughout Australia and the Torres Strait and recognises their unique and enduring spiritual connection to the lands in which we live.

Healesville CoRE is committed to genuinely partner and meaningfully engage with the Wurundjeri people, and other local traditional owners, to further the protection of Aboriginal lands, help preserve indigenous cultural practices and support the broader aspirations of all First Nations People.



Winner!

Healesville CoRE is proud to have received this year's **Environmentalism of the Year Award** from Yarra Ranges Council

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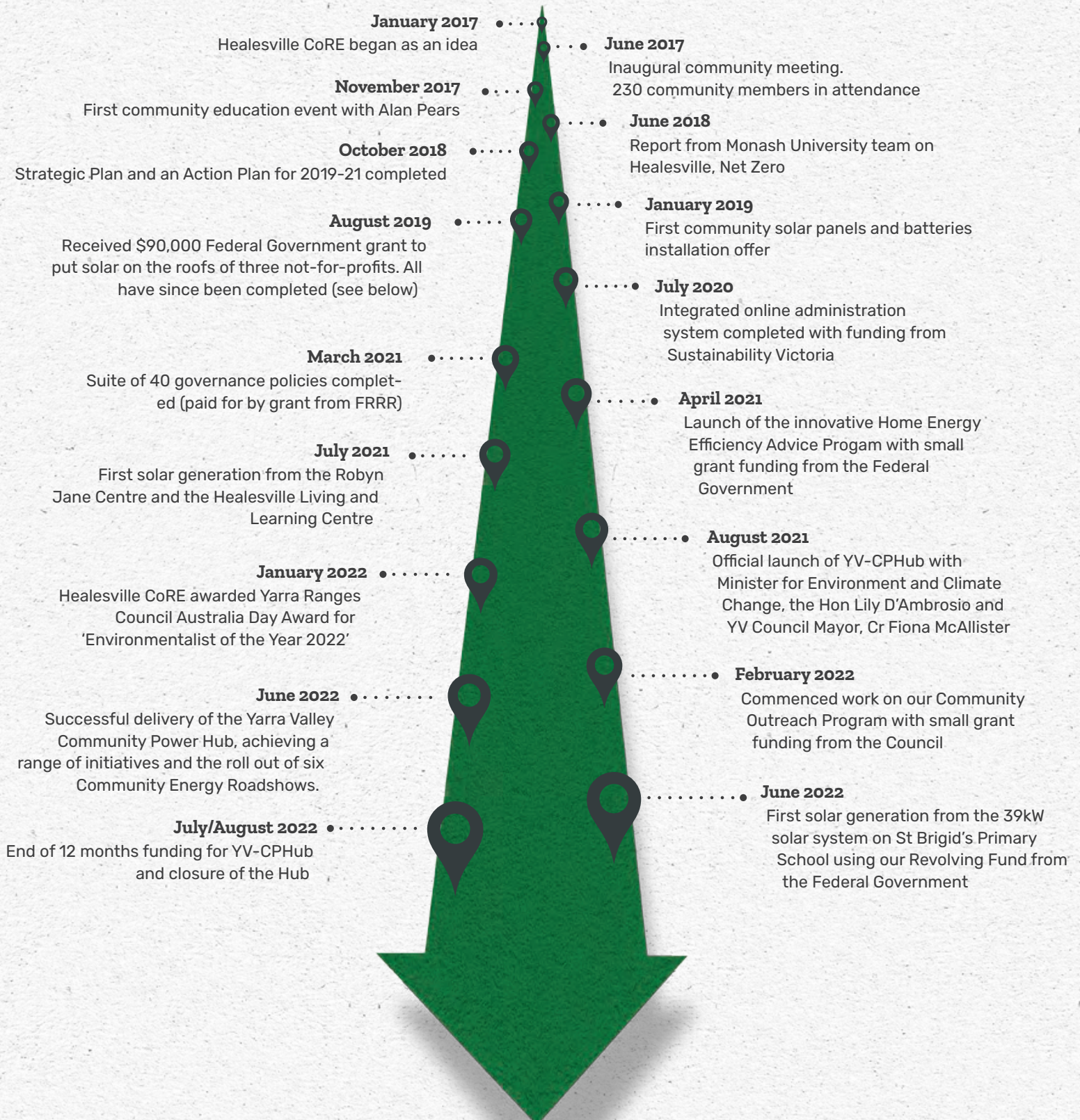
Our Vision:

We see Healesville as a conscious and resilient community that provides all its own energy - renewable and affordable.

Our Mission:

Healesville CoRE will engage and empower the local community to be energy efficient and increase production and use of renewable energy. Through partnerships, commitment to the environment and social equity, we will lower carbon emissions and retain money in the community. By working with the community on renewable energy, we will strengthen environmental and economic sustainability whilst building community resilience.

Our Journey So Far



Our Achievements in 2021-22



Grants Awarded

A Yarra Ranges Council grant of \$1,000 enabled us to run a Strategic Planning Day with a trained facilitator; from this we developed both a one-year and three-year Action Plan for the future. Yarra Ranges Council grants for both 2022 and 2023 have enabled us to plan the development of a promotional video as part of a community outreach program. With funds from the grant, we will also employ two people to market and promote the video over a wide range of media in the wider Yarra Ranges area.



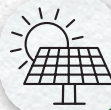
Website Refresh

A refresh of the website has occurred throughout the year. Our key focus with the refresh is to clearly present who we are and what we care about, to highlight our community offers, our projects and latest news, and to make the website more targeted and user friendly.



Consolidation

The make-up of our Central Committee over the year has been stable, with an ongoing role of IT Manager and an additional role of Newsletter Coordinator added to our Extended Management Group. We have consolidated and finalised our governance policies and these policies are now shared with other community renewable energy groups through the Yarra Valley Community Power Hub. Following the outcome of our Strategic Planning Day, we now have clear organisational direction both for the shorter and longer term.



Further Installations

The solar systems that had been installed on the Robyn Jane Children's Centre and the Healesville Living and Learning Centre are up and running, with outputs being monitored to assess their effectiveness from an energy and financial perspective. Additionally, during the year, a new solar system was successfully installed on St Brigids Primary School in Healesville. All three of these systems operate under a 'revolving fund', where savings in energy costs can, over time, be used by the organisations to repay their interest free loan to Healesville CoRE to fund further solar systems on not-for-profits in the community.



Community Options

We continued to offer renewable energy options to the community, from solar panels, to reverse cycle air conditioners, to heat pumps. Additionally, this year, we worked with the Good Car Company to provide EV options to members of the community. Our volunteer run Home Energy Efficiency Advisory Service has run very successfully throughout the year, responding well to high demands and receiving high levels of community satisfaction.



Interaction with Government

In August 2021 the Minister for Environment and Climate Change, the Hon Lily D'Ambrosio and Yarra Ranges Mayor, Cr Fiona McAllister launched the YV-CPHub. In January 2022, we received the Yarra Ranges Council's Environmentalist of the Year 2022 award at their Australia Day presentations. This was a significant achievement for Healesville CoRE. In June 2022, local state MP, Cindy McLeish, attended a meeting of Healesville CoRE Central Committee. We provided an overview of our organisation; this was followed by a positive discussion of the value of a low carbon future.



Industry Alliance

Our strong alliance with Komo Energy was maintained throughout the year through exploring the potential for a number of local renewable energy projects including a solar car park with battery storage and EV charging in the East End of Healesville.



What Lies Ahead



We will continue with our dynamic focus on the local community

in delivering renewable energy initiatives such as information events with keynote speakers, community offers and bulk buys of solar panels and batteries, solar hot water (heat pumps), RC/AC, and our home-grown Home Energy Efficiency Advisory Service, with our trained community volunteers.

We will continue working with our Industry Partner, Komo Energy,

to deliver a solar car park with battery storage and EV chargers in a convenient location in Healesville and we will look for opportunities to develop a solar farm and possibly a community battery in a suitable location.

We will recruit new volunteers. With fewer people choosing to volunteer for not-for-profit groups, Healesville CoRE may have to source new personnel for our committee and other work, as well as sourcing funding to pay for paid labour for services where volunteers are not available to do the work.

We will continue our community advisory work with Monash University's Net Zero team as they develop their feasibility study for a Healesville Active Energy Precinct microgrid using some of the funding they received from a Federal Government grant of \$1.934 million.

We will strengthen our work with the community through a community engagement professional and a marketing specialist,

using Yarra Ranges Council grant funding, to assist us in our community outreach work. We will communicate with a wider and more diverse community in our municipality, with a view to increasing our impact and the adoption of more energy efficient homes and more renewable energy products.

We will continue to explore opportunities for ongoing funding to support our administration costs including administration labour costs.

We will reorganise the work of Healesville CoRE.

With our founding President Jeff Barlow, retiring from active committee work at the 2022 AGM, our next 12 months will be spent reconceptualising and reorganising the work of Healesville CoRE. A paid administrator could be a real possibility to significantly reduce work pressure on our volunteers.

We will work with community energy groups locally and throughout the municipality. Under our 'Collective Impact Strategy' we will engage and collaborate with the Yarra Ranges Council and, where appropriate, with State and Federal Government and our Industry Partner, Komo Energy, to develop creative community renewable energy solutions to face the challenge of the 'Climate Emergency'.





A Few Words from our President



It is with great pleasure that I write this report for the Healesville and broader community about the work of Healesville CoRE over the past 12 months. This year has seen an exponential growth of our community activities in renewable energy with the one-year State Government \$428,500 funding we received through Sustainability Victoria, to establish and run the Yarra Valley Community Power Hub (YV-CPHub).

The Hub was officially launched in August 2021 by the Minister for the Environment and Climate Change, The Hon Lily D'Ambrosio, MP, and our Yarra Ranges Mayor, Cr Fiona McAllister, at our first official YV-CPHub event, which we had to run online due to a COVID-19 lockdown. The Victorian Government deserves to be acknowledged for this visionary project but we need more of such initiatives funded over a longer period of time as some community energy projects take 2-3 years to develop to full production.

In addition, we were very excited to receive the Yarra Ranges Council's Environmentalist of the Year Award at the Council's Australia Day presentations in January 2022. I

felt proud accepting this award on behalf of our small group of volunteers who have been working very hard to transition our community to renewable energy since the inception of Healesville CoRE in 2017.

There was to be only one grant awarded for a Community Power Hub in the Melbourne Metro region and we were delighted that our grant application was sufficiently persuasive that we became the second Community Power Hub in Melbourne Metro, representing communities in outer eastern Melbourne. This enabled us to set up the YV-CPHub with four paid part-time

staff and with our industry partner, Komo Energy, to provide support for six community energy groups across our Greater Yarra Valley and Ranges region. We then set about implementing, through our collaborative governance structure with our Steering Group and community Advisory Group:

- community offers for heat pumps, RC/AC, home energy efficiency advice and energy efficiency upgrade programs, purchase of EV cars through the Good Car Co,
- capacity building for all six community energy groups across five LGA's,
- a training course for volunteer home energy efficiency advisors, which we designed with the course teacher, Lucinda Flynn, run through Box Hill Institute,
- the expansion of this course to two other Community Power Hubs in north-east Victoria and Gippsland,

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- a trial of a community renewable energy public education program run through Emerald Community House and two Living & Learning Centres at Eltham and Pakenham,
- triaging a long list of possible community renewable energy projects with our industry partner, Komo Energy, and preparing feasibility studies for a solar farm with battery and EV charging at Bunyip, a solar car park with battery and EV charging in Healesville and small micro grid in Chum Creek, all now awaiting funding opportunities,



- a number of events promoting these activities, which were run at regular intervals, finishing up with six Community Energy Roadshows at Healesville, Emerald, Bunyip, Box Hill, Eltham and Yarra Glen to promote the activities of our six community energy groups.

This was all achieved during a difficult time for all the world with COVID-19, a tiny virus, seemingly taking control of our lives. It has been difficult for our local community and for Healesville CoRE and the YV-CPHub as we have grappled, albeit successfully, with how we could maintain relevance in the time of lockdowns, uncertainty and social distancing.

There is, however, an even bigger existential crisis that we face, without any exaggeration, the greatest threat

something, even if only very small in the larger scheme of things. It is this empowerment and working for the good of all humankind and for the planet as a whole, that enables us to slough off apathy, despair, fear and the dark dog of depression, that can so easily overwhelm us when we feel helpless and powerless in the face of insurmountable difficulties.

Alone there is little we can do. Collectively, we have much more power, and when a community has leadership to bring us together, to engage with the issues, to guide and support, and to help find solutions, suddenly we begin to see how it is that big things can grow from small beginnings. But the key is in the collective impact – what we can do as a community and as a country when we all pull together.

...big things can grow from small beginnings.

to the planet, and to human kind, in human history – the Climate Emergency!

We are in a race against time to win back the planet from the devastating trajectory it and we are on. The question for each of us as human beings is, "What can I do?" The forces seem so great that it appears there is little that any one person can do. It is not surprising that some people react with apathy, some with fear and others with depression and despair. But these responses can be transformed!

At our first community meeting in June 2017, with 230 community members in attendance, we launched Healesville CoRE and we played a song, 'From little things, big things grow!' At that community gathering I made, what I consider to be, two important points:

Firstly, we need to enable ourselves to work locally to transform our own local communities to renewable energy, but we need to think globally; and secondly, we need to feel empowered, to feel that we can do

Healesville CoRE is a community group that arose from the community, that works with the community to support everyone in the community, for the common good. We have seen that when leadership is provided, the community will respond. People do want to attend information and educational events, will discuss issues to do with climate change and renewable energy, will install solar panels and batteries and will try to create energy efficient homes. We see how people get excited about the changes they can make.

However, it is clear that a community group, working with volunteers, with very little money for the work and very little technical or social change expertise, can achieve only limited goals. A much bigger project needs to evolve and we are now beginning to see this happen. In my previous three President's Reports I addressed this issue by stating the following:

"It has become clear to us over the past two years that a new way of conceptualising community renewable energy and council interaction with community energy groups



is required.

The urgency and the size of the task in transitioning communities to Net Zero carbon emissions and creating resilient communities is too great for voluntary groups to achieve on their own. The work load is too high for volunteers to be able to achieve this goal without paid labour to run the administration and the projects. Healesville CoRE is of the view that community energy groups are still required, and that they need to be run by volunteers, BUT sufficient funding needs to be provided by Council or Government or both to enable community energy groups to hire administrators to do all the hard, time-consuming administrative tasks.

I am even more convinced of this view now and I would advocate establishing a 'Collective Impact' approach to the work of community energy groups. This is a way of working towards social change that involves a range of different 'players' coming together to work towards common goals to resolve difficult and complex social problems.

Community renewable energy is a social challenge just as much as it is an energy challenge and it is too important and too big a job to be left solely to volunteers. Central to a Collective Impact approach is having a 'Backbone' organisation with more resources, in particular financial resources, and power, to enable the Collective Impact work to progress and to succeed. Local and State Government could easily fill a Collective Impact Backbone role to support paid workers under a community-controlled board, but for this to occur, new relationships with the community and new ways of thinking about these new relationships will be required.

A new paradigm needs to emerge with a focus on collaboration, cooperation and collective intent."

I am delighted that
this vision is now
emerging as a very
real possibility.
The Victorian

Government's
funding of seven
Community Power Hubs
across the whole of Victoria during
2021-22 demonstrated how such a
Collective Impact can be mobilised very quickly
for significant impact.

In addition, the Independent Federal MP for Indi, Dr Helen Haines, has before the Federal Parliament a Bill called the Australian Local Power Agency Bill 2021. As Dr Haines states:

"My Local Power Plan will make sure that regional communities benefit from the huge boom in renewable energy that has already started. In Parliament I have been fighting to establish the Australian Local Power Agency (ALPA) which would simplify and supercharge the roll-out of community renewable energy projects across the country."

We keep saying as an organisation that we are at the beginning of a community renewable energy revolution in Australia. Many countries overseas, Denmark, Scotland, the UK and the USA have actually been developing community-based renewable energy projects over many years and we look forward to seeing the outcomes we can create with our local and regional communities as we embrace this revolution, that we hope will eventually have an impact on the devastating effects of climate change.

To all of you who continue to support this work, thank you!

Jeff Barlow
President

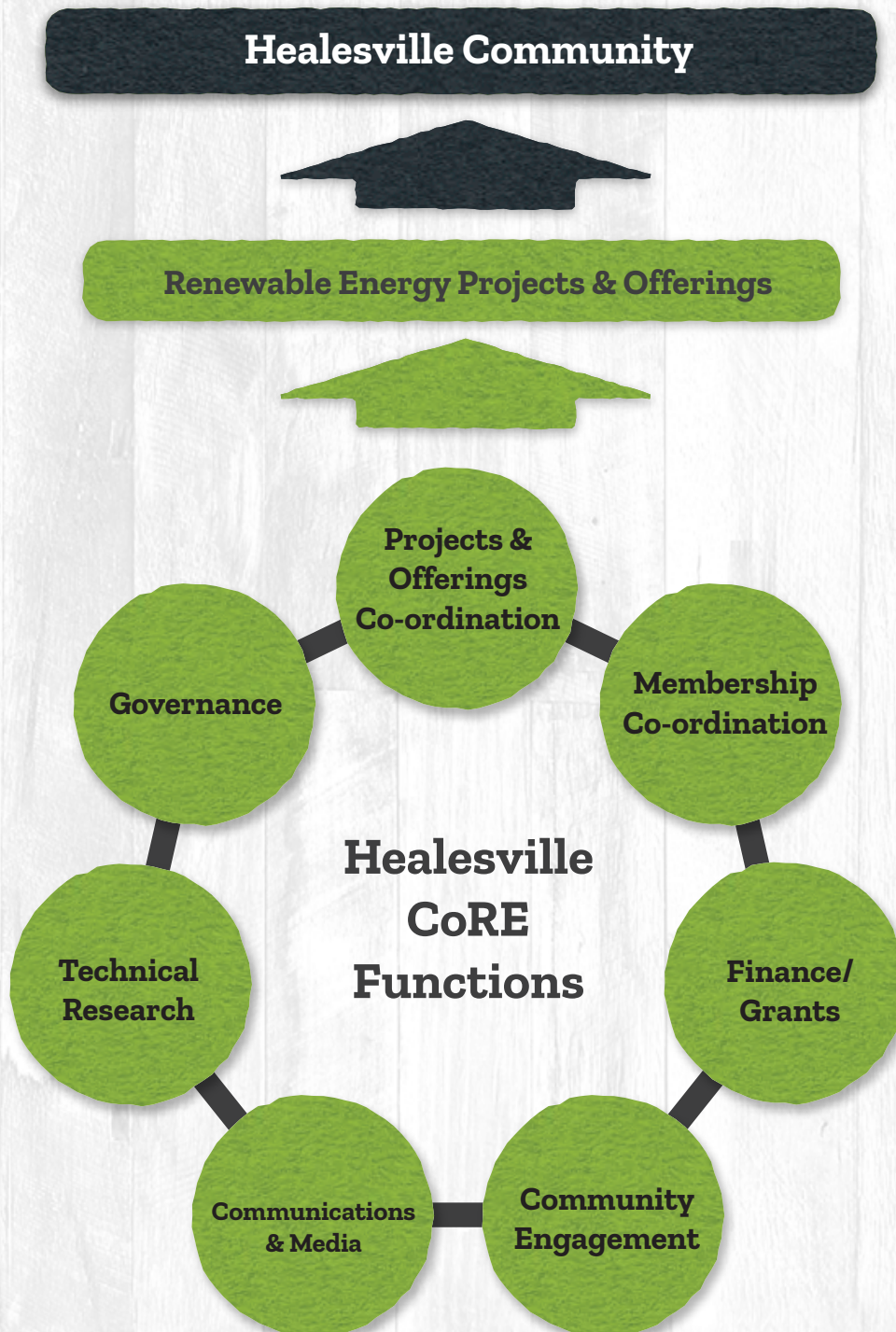






Our Organisation

Our organisation consists of a team of volunteers who together provide innovative offerings and projects to the Healesville community to advance the local adoption of renewal energy.



The following sections of our report will provide more detail on our organisation

Our Values



Leadership

Provide leadership to inspire and empower the community to implement renewable energy initiatives.



Environment

Create a sustainable environment at a local level and provide a model for other communities.



Trust

Achieve community trust through integrity, authenticity, and professionalism.



Access

Ensure fair and equitable access to renewable energy solutions for all.

Our Team

Members who held office in 2022:



Jeff Barlow

President



Carol Taylor

Secretary



Michael Nardella

(to February 2022)
Vice President



Chris Sagewood

Media Manager



Julian Higgs

Treasurer



Elly Hanrahan

Membership
Coordinator



Leo De Jong

Technical Projects
Manager



Walter Skilton

Governance



Karen Roberts

Grants Officer



Rod Hysted

IT Manager



Lauren Star

Newsletter Coordinator



Nathanael Hrabe

Committee Member



Our 2021-22 Achievements for the Community

2021-22 has been a busy year for Healesville CoRE. As well as our local initiatives, we took on a leading role in the Yarra Valley Community Power Hub. We have continued our engagement with the community, through provision of a range of community offers, through interaction with members of the community on individual energy saving initiatives, running events and through exploration of potential small-scale energy infrastructure with key stakeholders, industry partners and via grants from a range of different sources.

Community Offers

We have continued to provide a range of community offers to the community, including solar panels and batteries in collaboration with Solar Savers, solar hot water (heat pumps) through Reclaim Energy, RC/AC through Air Fusion and the ongoing roll out of the Home Energy Efficiency Advisory program with the support of a number of local volunteers, through the year as well as promoting the Victorian Government's free home energy upgrade offer with Homelab. In collaboration with the Good Car Co, we rolled out an EV offer, which included being able to purchase a range of EVs to suit the varying transport needs within the community at discounted prices.

Reaching out to the Greater Yarra Valley and Upper Ranges Region

Continuing our collaborative work with Komo Energy in 2021, through

Sustainability Victoria we were successfully granted \$428,500 to run the Yarra Valley Community Power Hub. Through the YV-CPHub we have accomplished significant initiatives throughout the Greater Yarra Valley and Ranges area. Initiatives have included the roll out of Home Energy Efficiency Advisory training through Box Hill Institute (to train community volunteers to provide advice), Community Renewable Energy courses run through Eltham Living and Learning, Emerald Community House and Pakenham Living and Learning, and a rolling Community Energy Roadshow throughout the Greater Yarra Valley and Ranges region promoting a wide range of community offers and initiatives.

Governance

Healesville CoRE has operated very successfully as an organisation since its inception in 2017 and its first AGM in 2018. Healesville CoRE recognised the importance of having a clear strategic direction to effectively develop and manage the business to achieve our goals. We held a 'Grass Roots Governance' workshop in August 2018 and established a Strategic Plan 2018 – 2021 to guide our business in these initial years.

At the beginning of 2022, the organisation committed to evaluate the business situation, look at the current circumstances and plan for the next three years. We held a 'Strategic Planning' workshop in March 2022 to review and formally document our Vision, Mission, Values and Goals. From that basis, Healesville CoRE has established a Strategic Plan 2022 – 2024.

The Strategic Plan 2022 – 2024 has documented important matters that the organisation should work on over the next three years. This is based on our current business situation and considering the pressing matters that should be addressed for the organisation to continue its successful operation. Five priorities, known as our Key Result Areas, were





agreed. These are:

- Growing volunteers and membership
- Robust succession planning
- Marketing and communication
- Ensuring our financial sustainability
- Leveraging our collaborations and partnerships

Healesville CoRE has an Action Plan for each year of the Strategy Plan. The Action Plan lists priority goals, as were identified at the March 2022 'Strategic Planning' workshop, for each Key Result Area. Each goal has a set of tasks and due date for completion. There will be regular reporting to the Central Committee of the Action Plan progress for that year.

Alongside our three-year Strategic Plan and annual Action Plans, we continue to reference the set of 43 policies that govern the way we run the organisation. The policies are grouped into the subjects of Communications, Events, Finance, Governance, Management, People and Values. They remain operational and contribute to the ongoing success of Healesville CoRE as a volunteer organisation. These have also been made available to other community energy groups involved with the YV-CPHub.

Community Solar System Installations

With a federal government grant and with the assistance of the Yarra Ranges Shire Council, continuing from the work commenced in 2020-21, we finalised the solar systems that had been installed on the Robyn Jane Children's Centre and the Healesville Living and Learning Centre. A key focus for these projects now is to monitor their solar production, use of solar and energy returned to the grid to ensure their effectiveness both from an energy and financial perspective.

This year we also worked on a new solar system

installation for St Brigids Primary School in Healesville. That is now up and running, providing energy and financial savings for the school.

Therefore, the Robyn Jane Children Centre, the Healesville Living and Learning Centre, and more recently St Brigid's Catholic Primary School now all get electricity savings from the solar panels on their roofs.

As part of a revolving fund, the installation costs are paid back interest-free to Healesville CoRE from the savings being created and the income from the loan repayments will then be used for further installations of solar on community buildings.

Home Energy Efficiency Advice (HEEA) Volunteer Service

Lockdowns delayed the commencement of the free HEEA home visit service, which we developed to help people improve the energy efficiency of their houses. As part of this service, trained H'CoRE volunteers visit homes to investigate their existing energy efficiency conditions and then prepare a report for the occupants with suggestions of how improvements can be made.

During the last year, we have visited 25 houses so far and have six more requests for visits on our books. After the first 15 home visits, we ran a survey which showed that our customers rated the service highly and that they had implemented some of our recommendations and, as a result, made savings on their energy bills.

Community Events & Community Engagement

Healesville CoRE ran an event in October 2021 that looked at how a Microgrid can offer greater disaster resilience for those connected to it. The Microgrid event was recorded and published online to our Youtube



account and was then embedded onto our H'CoRE website for everyone to freely access and to revisit the excellent educational material provided by the presenters at the event.

The recording of events and embedding them on the website has been a tradition of H'CoRE so as to create a library of information that can act as a public resource long into the future.

For the rest of the 2021 and throughout the first half of 2022, the community events schedule was run by the Yarra Valley Community Power Hub (YV-CP Hub) due to the grant funding provided to the YV-CP Hub from Sustainability Victoria. The events were run as a mix of online webinars and face-to-face formats, and the provision of amazing back-end and technical support continued to be provided by Kate Hunt-Sharman from Ozzinet, Jasmin Higgs, Rod Hysted, and Thom Baselier.

Our social media accounts have continued to see a steady growth of audience members, particularly with the number of followers we have on our Facebook page.

H'CoRE has maintained regular high-quality electronic communications with a large database of over 785 subscribers who receive regular email newsletters, updates, event reminders and other notifications direct to their inbox.

The healesvillecore.org.au website remains a constant resource of information regarding community bulk buy offers, upcoming and past events and other news that informs our community of what is happening and how people can get involved in the projects and programs we run.

Our Membership 2021-22

Healesville Community Renewable Energy (Healesville CoRE) has 90 current members. This includes 65 current members and 25 memberships still in grace until July 2023.

52 people renewed their membership in 2022.

Membership renewals have been strong, especially by those who first became members in 2017 to 2019. This shows that the messaging provided by H'CoRE during those years seems to have been especially effective.

The membership prize draw that had been established to encourage members to renew membership by July 2021 was extended due to Covid and other issues, and was finalised during this financial year. The prize winner

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was very happy with their prize, a \$100 voucher provided by Matilda Bay Brewery to spend on their premises.

Membership data shows that membership accrual has begun to recover since the 2020 pandemic, however memberships have yet to recover to levels seen prior to 2019. This is a phenomenon being experienced throughout Australia with volunteer groups since COVID-19 and continues a trend over many years internationally where the number of volunteers seems to be reducing.

There is a large opportunity for H'CoRE to continue to grow memberships in the townships of Healesville, Chum Creek and Badger Creek; perhaps even



extending to Dixons Creek. This could potentially be boosted by partnerships with other local community groups or through the creation and advertising of large community-based projects that could garner community support and involvement.

The Grants that Enable Our Work

Grants are a critical part of our ability to achieve the goals we have set for our community. Our understanding of how to successfully apply for relevant grants has grown – during 2021-22 we successfully received the following grants:

- Yarra Ranges Council Small Grant – \$1000 received. Recognising the value of good governance, Healesville CoRE appointed a consultant to produce our next three-year Strategic Plan, using the consultant who had produced our previous plan. Once again, she coordinated a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) workshop with interested participants, fleshed out key priorities, and worked with our Governance Officer to develop a one-year Action Plan and a three-year Strategic Plan that will guide us into the future. The funding received went towards the consultant's fee.
- Yarra Ranges Council Grants for Community 2022 – we were successful in receiving the full \$10,000 applied for in 2021. The majority of this grant – 60% was allocated to pay a consultant to produce a promotional video. This is currently in development and outlines Healesville CoRE's vision, services and achievements, as part of our proposed Outreach Program. We intend to upload the promotional video on our website and to offer it to other community renewable energy groups to share on their websites. We plan to promote the promotional video in the community more vigorously in 2023.

The remainder of this grant – 40% – went towards paying an IT consultant to work with us to update and tidy up our website, in order to make it more relevant, professional and easier to navigate. Both of these projects are still in progress and expected completion is the end of 2022.

- Yarra Ranges Council Grants for Community 2023 – we have applied for a grant of \$9520 to go towards hiring two people to promote our new video, as referred to under 'Yarra Ranges Council Grants for Community 2022' above, within the community. One has a strong customer service/community engagement background, and the other is in marketing. We anticipate they will utilise a variety of channels such as social media, email, etc. to contact community and sporting groups directly and offer to share the video with their members. They will also promote it via other outlets such as local radio and newspapers. Our belief is that this is the most practical and efficient way of reaching a broader population in the Healesville community. This approach should hopefully encourage conversations about renewable energy options with people who may not have considered that their lifestyle choices can actually make a difference to the Climate Emergency on a local level.
- The Sustainability Victoria grant of \$428,500 was awarded in July 2021 to establish the Yarra Valley Community Power hub for the Greater Yarra Valley and Ranges Area to work with six community renewable energy groups on a wide range of initiatives as detailed in the President's Report.







Our Treasurer's Report

Financial Performance for FY2021/22

The formal Financial Statements are provided later in this report. To provide a more informative picture of our accounts two spreadsheets follow. To understand these, two developments that have impacted significantly on the accounts for 2021/22 need to be described.

The Revolving Fund

In 2020, the Federal Government awarded a grant of \$90,000 to Healesville CoRE to be used to install solar panel systems on three community buildings in Healesville. Healesville CoRE duly installed three systems on the Robyn Jane Children's Centre (RJCC), the Healesville Living and Learning Centre (HLLC) and the St Brigid's Primary School (SBPS).

Rather than just pay for these systems and leave it at that, Healesville CoRE set up a revolving fund. Under this arrangement, the funding of each system is treated as a loan or equivalent with the end client (e.g. RJCC) repaying the loan to Healesville CoRE using the savings made on their power bills. Once the loan is repaid, they have ownership of the system and get the full benefits from then on. Healesville CoRE can then, in turn recover the money to re-use on another, similar installation. Hence the revolving fund.

A separate bank account was set up to receive the funds from the three end-users and other future end-users, to quarantine these funds for future use.

Yarra Valley Community Power Hub

Sustainability Victoria awarded a grant of \$428,500 to set up a Community Power Hub, the Yarra Valley Community Power Hub (YVCPH). Because YVCPH has no legal standing, it could not accept the grant. The grant was paid to and accepted by Healesville CoRE on behalf of the YVCPH. This was an auspicing agreement.

Thus, this money has been received and managed by Healesville CoRE and as such forms part of our

accounts. A separate bank account was set up to manage this money. On the one hand it is just another grant. On the other it has been far more complex than that, for example:

- The grant involved hiring four employees for the duration of the grant. This meant payroll, superannuation, PAYG, Workcover etc.
- For various Hub activities, money had to be collected on behalf of and distributed to the six groups making up the YVCPH, Healesville CoRE being one of these groups.
- A requirement of the grant was that Healesville CoRE take out Professional Indemnity Insurance and maintain it for the next seven years.
- This moved us as an organisation to a 'Tier 2' level not-for-profit organisation, which required a full Accounting Review of our end-of-year accounts.
- The quantum and range of incoming and outgoing payments far exceeded that normally experienced by Healesville CoRE.

The first following spreadsheet breaks down the total (Consolidated) income and expenditure into General, Grants other than YVCPH, Revolving Fund and YVCPH Grant components. GST payments to and from Healesville CoRE are excluded from these figures.

The General component refers to General Income and Expenditure, those items that occur as a result of our day-to-day activities. General Income is from membership fees, donations and income from projects and programs we run. General Expenditure is for a range of items including venue hire, consultants' fees, website and general IT expenses, subscriptions and registrations. Our financial viability is dependent on our General Income at least matching our General Expenditure. Separating the General Income and expenses out from other income and expenses provides greatly enhanced visibility of our true financial situation



(viability) at any time. A separate bank account is in fact maintained for general funds to facilitate this.

Thus, the key result is the performance on our General Account Income and Expenditure, which shows we have made a small surplus of \$2,028 for the year. This is the true measure of our financial viability and is thus a satisfactory result.

The second spreadsheet provides data for General Account Income & Expenditure for both the 2021/22 financial year and the 2020/21 financial year, for comparison purposes. Some comments that can be made include:

- This year's surplus of \$2,028 is in fact remarkably similar to that achieved last year at \$2,152, as are many of the individual numbers.
- There are some variations in fee income, membership income, donations etc and in some expense items but these are all within the ranges typical of year-by-year variations.
- At June 30, the General Bank Account held \$5,658 compared with \$3,912 at June 30, 2021. This is a satisfactory situation.

Overall, we are in a healthy financial position and there is no reason at this stage to be concerned about our financial viability in the near future.

Donations

Donations are an important source of income for us. We received donations from a number of individual members and from attendees at our events. Of note for this financial year was a donation of \$2,500 from Kirsten Flannery. We thank all our donors greatly, large and small.

Grants

We receive and expend a variety of grants and the overall picture for those is included in the

financial reports. Our Grants Officer, Karen Roberts, is providing a separate report on our grants activities and we refer you to her report.

The 2022 YRC Community Development Grant and the Yarra Valley Community Power Hub Grant were the only grants that remained active at 30 June, 2022. Both grants were essentially on budget at that date and there is no reason to be concerned about these grants going over budget.

The Future

Our success with the Yarra Valley Community Power Hub grant and the setting up of a Revolving Fund to fund installations of renewable energy projects had a massive effect on the accounts and the reporting for this year.

Both have now settled down and the accounting requirements and reporting for FY2023 and subsequent years will be greatly reduced

Julian Higgs
Treasurer



Financial Report

Income and Expenditure Report

Financial year 2022

Account	General Account FY2022	Grants Account FY2022	Revolving Fund Account FY2021	YV Community Power Hub Account	Consolidated Accounts FY2022
Trading Income					
Campaign Contributions - Hot Water/Heat Pump	450				450
Grants Income		11,360		432,350	443,610
Interest Income (all accounts)	77				77
Membership Income	1,984				1,964
Other Revenue	23				23
Power Purchase Agreement Sales			708		708
Revolving Fund Admin Fees			147		147
RJCC Loan Assigned from YRC			20,000		20,000
SBCPS Loan Assigned from YRC			40,000		40,000
Fee Income – Solar Savers	20				20
Fee Income – YVCPH Community Offers	977			1,772	2,749
Total Trading Income	3,511	11,360	60,855	434,022	509,748
Other Income					
Donations	2,820				2,820
Donation – Assignment of HLLC System by YRC			20,000		20,000
Total Other Income	2,820		20,000		22,820
Total Income	6,332	11,360	80,855	434,022	532,568
Operating Expenses					
Advertising				23,879	23,879
Bank Fees				82	82
Bank Fees - PayPal	19				19
Bookkeeping				4,061	4,061
Catering				160	160
Consultant Fees	1,385	5,457		101,515	108,357
Depreciation			1,507		1,507
Donations Made				2,200	2,200
Entertainment				859	859
Equipment less than \$500				2,561	2,561
Equipment over \$500				5,578	5,578
Event Expenses		2,530		181	2,711
Filing Fees	60				60
Insurance				3,875	3,875
Legal Expenses				12,000	12,000

Motor Vehicle Expenses				1,366	1,366
Printing & Stationery				283	283
Promotional Expenses	680			32,035	32,715
Software Expenses	567	3		2,149	2,719
Subscriptions & Registrations	40			2,865	2,905
Superannuation				16,005	16,005
Training Expenses				2,091	2,091
Venue Hire	212	14		148	374
Wages & Salaries				161,025	161,025
Website expenses	1,340			2,309	3,649
Workshop Facilitator Expenses				687	687
YVCPH Commissions earned by CEG's				1,523	1,523
Total Operating Expenses	4,303	8,005	1,507	379,436	393,250
Net Surplus	2,028	3,355	79,348	54,586	139,317

Income and Expenditure Report

Financial year 2022 compared to the previous financial year

Account	General Account FY2022	General Account FY2021
Trading Income		
Campaign Contributions - Solar/Battery Offer	-	-
Campaign Contributions - Hot Water/Heat Pump	450	682
Grants Income		
Interest Income (All Accounts)	78	3
Membership Income	1,964	1,650
Fee Income - Solar Savers Program	20	550
Fee Income - YVCPH Community Offers	977	1,050
Other Revenue	23	
Total Trading Income	3,511	3,935
Other Income		
Donations	2,820	1,645
Total Other Income	2,820	1,645
Total Income	6,332	5,580
Operating Expenses		
Advertising	-	584
Bank Fees	-	-
Bank Fees - PayPal	19	24
Bookkeeping	-	-
Catering	-	-
Cleaning	-	-
Consultant Fees	1,385	542
Event Expenses	-	-
Filing Fees	60	244
Printing & Stationery	-	-
Promotional Expenses	680	-
Software Expenses	567	433
Subscriptions & Registrations	40	174
Training Expenses	-	-
Venue Hire	212	217
Website expenses	1,340	1,210
Workshop Facilitator Expenses	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	4,303	3,428
Net Surplus	2,028	2,152

Financial Statements

Balance Sheet

As at 30 June, 2022

Account	Note	30 Jun 2022	30 Jun 2021
Assets			
Bank			
Healesville CoRE General Bank Account		5,658	3,912
Healesville Core Mastercard		4,667	102
Healesville CoRE PayPal		24	49
Healesville CoRE Grants account		7,767	4,276
Healesville CoRE Revolving Fund Account		3,683	
Healesville CoRE Yarra Valley Community Power Hub Account		95,675	
Total Bank	3	117,474	8,338
Current Assets			
Accounts Receivable		3,958	154
Loan RJCC – Current		3,000	
Loan SBCPS - Current		7,992	
Sundry Debtor ATO			(148)
Total Current Assets	4	14,950	6
Fixed Assets			
Plant & Equipment		20,000	
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(1507)	
Total Fixed Assets		18,493	
Non-Current Assets			
Loan RJCC – Non-Current		14,000	
Loan SBCPS – Non-Current		32,008	
Total Non-Current Assets	4	46,008	
Total Assets		196,925	8,344
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable		42,493	
ATO BAS Account		6,383	(808)
GST		337	758
Total Current Liabilities	5	49,213	(50)
Total Liabilities		49,213	(50)
Net Assets		147,712	8,394
Equity			
Current Year Earnings		139,317	(1,476)
Funds Transferred from HCore Unincorp		4,647	4,647
Retained Earnings		3,748	5,224
Total Equity		147,712	8,395



Income statement

For the year ended 30 June 2022

Account	Note	2022	2021
Trading Income			
Grant Income		443,610	12,800
Interest Income		78	3
Membership Income		1,964	1,650
Power Purchase Agreement Sales		708	
RJCC Loan Assigned from YRC		20,000	
SBCPS Loan Assigned from YRC		40,000	
Revolving Fund Administration Fees		147	
Commissions – Solar PV & Heat Pump HWS		470	2,282
Commissions – YV Community Power Hub Sales		2,749	
Other Revenue		23	
Total Trading Income	6	509,748	16,735
Gross Surplus		509,748	16,735
Other Income			
Donations – General		2,820	1,645
Donation – Assignment of HLLC System from YRC		20,000	
Total Other Income		22,820	1,645
Operating Expenses			
Staff Wages and Salaries		161,025	0
Staff Superannuation		16,005	0
Advertising		23,879	584
Bank & PayPal Fees		101	24
Bookkeeping		4,061	0
Catering		160	131
Cleaning		0	41
Consultant Fees		108,357	12,237
Depreciation		1,507	0
Donations Made		2,200	0
Entertainment		859	0
Equipment less than \$500		2,561	0
Equipment Purchases		5,578	0
Event Expenses		2,711	910
Filing Fees		60	244
Insurance		3,875	0
Legal Expenses		12,000	0
Motor Vehicle Expenses		1,366	0
Printing & Stationery		283	510
Promotional Expenses		32,715	280
Software Expenses		2,719	433
Subscriptions & Registrations		2,905	562
Training Expenses		2,091	0
Venue Hire		374	485
Website expenses		3,649	1,615
Workshop Facilitator Expenses		687	1,800
Commissions Paid to Environmental Groups		1,523	0
Total Operating Expenses		393,250	19,856
Net Surplus (Deficit) for the year		139,317	(1,476)





Statement Of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 30 June 2022

Account	Note	2022	2021
Equity			
Opening Balance		8,395	9,871
Current Year Earnings		139,317	(1,476)
Total Equity at 30 June 2022		147,712	8,395

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 30 June 2022

Account	Note	2022	2021
Operating Activities			
Receipts from customers		509,670	18,320
Payments to suppliers and employees		(391,743)	(20,777)
Cash receipts from other operating activities		2,820	1,645
Net decrease/(increase) in debtors		(60,952)	0
Net increase/(decrease) in creditors		49,263	0
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities		109,058	(812)
Investing Activities			
Other cash items from investing activities		78	421
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities		78	421
Financing Activities			
Other cash items from financing activities		0	(808)
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities		0	(808)
Net Cash Flows	7(b)	109,136	(1,199)
Cash and Cash Equivalents			
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		8,338	9,537
Net change in cash for period		109,136	(1,199)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	7(a)	117,474	8,338

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

a. Statement of compliance

The committee has determined that the incorporated association is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. The financial report is a special purpose financial report which has been prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with following Australian Accounting Standards:

- **AASB 101** Presentation of Financial Statements
- **AASB 107** Statement of Cash Flows
- **AASB 108** Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
- **AASB 1031** Materiality
- **AASB 1048** Interpretation of Standards
- **AASB 1054** Australian Additional Disclosures

b. Basis of measurement

The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical cost and do not take into account changing money values except where specifically stated.

2. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

c. Impairment

At each reporting date the committee assesses

whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the income statement.

d. Income tax

The association is a not-for-profit organisation and is exempt from income tax under section 50-45 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

e. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits, held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities cash within three months.

f. Revenue

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

g. Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of an asset or as part of an item of expense. Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST.

h. Borrowing Costs

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to prepare for their intended use or sale are added to the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale.



All other borrowing costs are recognised in income in the period in which they are incurred

i. Trade creditors and other payables

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the company during the reporting period, which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days on recognition of the liability.

3. Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2022	2021
Cash on hand	-	-
Cash at bank	117,474	8,338
Total	117,474	8,338

4. Account Receivables and Other Debtors

Current:		
Trade receivables	3,958	154
Other receivables	0	(148)
Loan – RJCC	3,000	0
Laon – SBCPS	7,992	0
Total	14,950	6
Non Current:		
Loan – RJCC	14,000	0
Laon – SBCPS	32,008	0
Total	46,008	0

5. Trade and Other Payables

Trade creditors	42,493	-
GST	6,720	(50)
Total	49,213	(50)

6. Revenue

Grant income	443,610	12,800
Membership income	1,964	1,650
Donations	22,820	1,645
Campaign contributions	3,219	682
Sales	0	1,600
Revolving Fund Income	60,855	0
Other income	101	3
Total	532,569	18,380

7. Cash Flow Information

a. Reconciliation of cash

Cash at the end of financial year as shown in cash flow statement is reconciled to items in the statement of financial position:

Cash and cash equivalents	117,474	8,338
Total	117,474	8,338

Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to surplus:

Surplus from ordinary activities	139,317	(1,476)
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b. Changes in assets and liabilities

(Increase)/decrease in receivable	(60,952)	6,644
(Increase)/decrease in Fixed Assets	(18,492)	0
Increase/(decrease) in payables	49,263	(7,843)
Net cash provided by operating activities	109,136	(1,199)

8. Related Parties

Bookkeeping services are provided through ACCSP Pty Ltd a company owned by the President of Healesville CoRE. The Conflict of Interest Register was completed by the Secretary as instructed by the Chair on a motion passed by the Central Committee



Schedule 1

Regulation 15

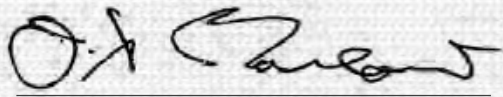
Form 1

Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012

Sections 94 (2)(b), 97 (2)(b) and 100 (2)(b)

**Annual statements give a true and fair view of financial performance
and position of Healesville Community Renewable Energy Inc.**

We, Julian M Higgs and Jeffrey N Barlow, being members of the Committee of Healesville Community Renewable Energy Inc, certify that the statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial performance and position of Healesville Community Renewable Energy Inc. during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending June 30, 2022.



Jeff Barlow

September 30, 2022



Julian Higgs

September 30, 2022

Report on the financial report

To the members of Healesville Community Renewable Energy Inc.:

I have reviewed the accompanying financial report of Healesville Community Renewable Energy Inc. (the association) which comprises of the balance sheet as at 30 June 2022, the income statement, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the committee's report.

Committee's responsibility for the financial report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. The committee determines that the internal control is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the financial report based on my review. I have conducted my review in accordance with auditing standard on review engagements ASRE 2410/ASRE2415 in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, anything has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial report is not presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. As the auditor of the association, ASRE2410/ASRE2415 requires that I comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial report.

A review of a financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable me to obtain assurance that I would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our review, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

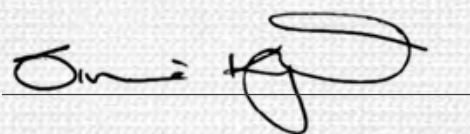
Conclusion

Based on my review, which is not an audit, I have not become aware of any matter that makes me believe that the financial report of the association is not in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the entity's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards as referred to in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Basis of accounting and restriction on distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Healesville Community Renewable Energy Inc. to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. As a result the report may not be suitable for another purpose.



Simone Knight CPA

September 17, 2022

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Acknowledgments & Thanks

Healesville CoRE, as a not-for-profit voluntary organisation could not achieve what we do achieve, without the generous support of many individuals and organisations who operate behind the scenes to create the organization's backbone.

It is with pride and great pleasure as President, that I thank all our financial members, our volunteers, our Central Committee and our Extended Management Group for your dedication and for your work during this past year. Together we have worked well as a team to achieve many projects for our community. It has been a deep privilege to work with you!

As an organisation we also thank the local Healesville and surrounding communities for your support. You have attended our events, read our newsletters and emails, provided encouraging words of support, with many installing solar panels, batteries, heat pumps, monitoring systems, RC/AC and using our free Home Energy Efficiency Advisory Program with our trained volunteers.

We also thank our many other supporters and stakeholders who have provided financial and/or pro bono support to enable us to pursue our vision of a Net Zero Healesville by 2027.

In particular, we owe a debt of gratitude to the Yarra Ranges Council, the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal and both the State and Federal Governments for your substantial financial contributions. Our special appreciation is expressed to Sustainability Victoria for the Community Power Hub funding and DELWP for special funding for our 'Community Energy Roadshow' program.

We have benefited greatly from the involvement of additional organisations and individuals, and in particular we would like to express our appreciation and our gratitude to the Yarra Ranges Council Sustainability Team, Solar Savers, Reclaim Energy, Matthew Charles-Jones from Totally Renewable Yackandandah, the Healesville Uniting Church, Jack from Homelab, Aaron from Air Fusion, Mary from Emerald Community House, Miriam

from Pakenham Living & Learning, Paul Newnham, Director Box Hill Institute, the Steering Group and the Advisory Group from the YV-CPHub and all who has assisted us with Letters of Support for our various grant applications.

This year we have been fortunate to have the professional, technical and legal support from our new industry partner, Komo Energy. We thank you for your ongoing advice, support and encouragement and for assisting us in our successful joint grant application to Sustainability Victoria for a grant of \$428,500 and for your work developing feasibility studies for a number of small renewable energy projects now ready for future funding.

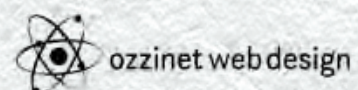
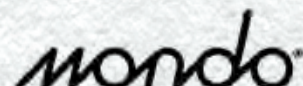
Additionally, we thank the staff of the Yarra Valley Community Power Hub for their dedication to our work throughout 2021-22 in delivering renewable energy services, offers and programs to our local communities as well as providing capacity building support for six community energy groups across the Greater Yarra Valley and Ranges area – John Brennan, Amanda Geshev and Zarina Borland. We owe a special debt to Julian Higgs, our Treasurer, who worked tirelessly for the whole of 2021-22 to manage the finances for the YV-CPHub as well as for Healesville CoRE.

For the first time a local business has joined us as a regular supporter – Matilda Bay Brewery. Thank you for your faith and trust in us and for your support and for the support of our Membership renewal program.

And a very special thank you to James McDermid for your pro bono design work, evident in our logo, posters and our Annual Report. We very much appreciate your professional contribution to our work.

**It takes a community
of supporters to enable
an effective community
renewable energy group
such as Healesville CoRE**

Partnerships



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