



# Bay Riders Community Centre Harrow Neighbourhood House

*A Place to Connect, Inspire, Belong*  
Annual Report 2016 - 2017

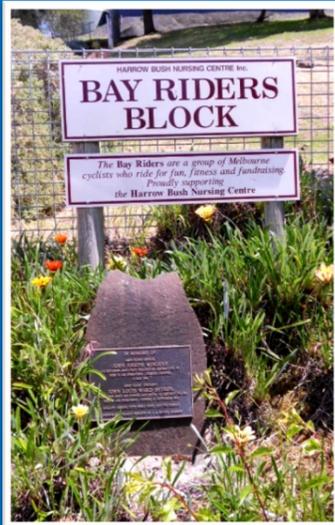
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## HISTORY

## PROGRAM PLANNING FOR 2017-2018



BAY RIDERS MURRAY TO MOYNE 2001  
GENEROUS DONATION GIVEN TO HBNC AND COMMUNITY



The Bay Riders Community Centre (BRCC) was formerly known as the Harrow Neighbourhood House and was established in 2007. A steering committee was formed comprising Committee of Management, volunteer and community representatives and Centre staff.

During 2010-2011, the Bay Riders house came to the end of an era and was demolished as it could not be converted to meet the needs of the programs.

The block of land was levelled to make way for the new Men's Shed and in June 2011, construction was completed and the Men's Shed officially opened in March 2012.

The Bay Riders Community Centre program's are now conducted in the Harrow Bush Nursing Centre. We will review the need to construct an independent BRCC building in the future.

During the 2017-2018 year The Bay Riders Community Centre will continue to offer programs suitable for all age groups, abilities and interests.

The Defensive Driver's Courses will once again be run in 2018.

We are pleased to announce that we have been successful in obtaining a R.E. Ross Trust Grant which will enable us to provide activities for the youth of our community, specifically a vibrant and relevant School Holiday Program.

Adult Education and social interaction will continue to be our focus with the provision of workshops including Computer and Technology Education. There will be many opportunities available in and through the Bay Riders Community Centre to enjoy the company of others while attending any of the workshops provided.

In June 2017, the BRCC was represented by Anita McGuigan at the Youth Advisory Council Victorian Rural Conference in Halls Gap which focused on issues affecting rural youth and how best to engage youth in programs and activities for the coming year. The BRCC aims to improve engagement with youth and we do thank YACVIC for providing assistance and resources.

**Focus areas for program planning for 2017-2018 include but are not limited to:**

- \* **School Holiday Activities Program**
  - Camps & Excursions
  - Physical & Mental Health Wellbeing
  - Skill Building
  - Environment & Wildlife
  - Arts & Crafts
- **Youth Mentoring**
  - Men's Shed Activities
  - Life skills
- **Adult Computer & Technology Education**
  - Broadband for Seniors
  - Introduction to Computers
  - Introduction to Drones
  - Youth Allowance & Centrelink Education
- **Defensive Driving Course** for L/P plate and more experienced drivers focusing on safe driving in rural areas. Courses to be on offer include (but not limited to) Austdrive 1 & 2, Corporate, Quad Bike, 4WD and seniors.
- **Arts & Crafts**
  - Makeover Workshop
  - Sketching Workshops
  - Forgotten Skills ie; preserving
- **Health & Lifestyle**
  - Book Club
  - Cooking Classes
  - Yin Yoga
  - Pilates



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## HARROW MEN'S SHED



The Harrow & Districts Men's Shed experienced another encouraging year with a further increase in participation from men within the district following on from an increase last year.

We have continued to make the Men's Shed a place for the men of the district to come; not just to keep busy and creative, but also as a social venue by creating an environment where blokes can call in for a coffee and a chat without feeling the pressure to feel they have to "make" something.

The footy tipping competition has been one of the ways that this has occurred this year with 33 people participating which is up from 24 in 2015/16. Occasionally this year, Harrow has experienced power outage, however we took these opportunities to hire the Community Bus to visit the Casterton Men's Shed, Dergholm Pub for a counter lunch and also a bit of sightseeing. Regular lunchtime bbq's have continued this year which were well attended.

Activities outside the shed has not meant the Shed has become any less productive. Whilst sales of the clothes horses have declined as expected, new projects have begun. Together with many smaller items, we have made six large outdoor table and chair settings, all made from timber and other materials that have been kindly donated. Four of these settings have found a home for use in the community.

The Shed has continued to be supported by Calico and Candles Craft Shop who kindly make available a place to sell our wares. Calico and Candles continue to support us with an annual donation which we are very grateful for. We were also more than happy to once again take on the job of manning the gate on the National Billy Cart weekend as a fundraiser for the Shed.

On behalf of all our members I'd like to thank the wonderful support from the community and the Staff and Management of the Harrow Bush Nursing Centre for their ongoing support and assistance throughout the year.

**Tim Baines**  
Harrow and District Men's Shed Coordinator



**362 visits to the Harrow & District Men's Shed**

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## LOCATION AND CATCHMENT AREA

Harrow is claimed to be the oldest inland town in Victoria and overlooks the Glenelg River valley in the heart of Red Gum country. It is located in the Shire of West Wimmera, 391kms north west of Melbourne. At the 2011 census, Harrow and the surrounding area had a population of 315.

It is a picturesque rural community that has existed without the support of infrastructures such as an acute hospital, ambulance, resident medical support and public transport. The farming district specialises in wool, beef and cereal crop farming. Recently discovered deposits of mineral sands have given rise to the development of a mining industry in the nearby area. The Bay Riders Community Centre plays an important role in providing activities to the township of Harrow and also for the needs of a rural community surrounding this of approximately 500 people.

### Distance from other centres:

Melbourne	4 – 4.5 hrs
Adelaide	5 – 5.5 hrs
Ballarat	3 hrs
Casterton	45 mins
Coleraine	45 mins
Hamilton	1 hr
Horsham	1 hr
Mt. Gambier	1.5 hrs





## FUNDING REPORT 2016-2017

Bay Riders Community Centre is pleased to report a net result after depreciation of \$8,868 for the financial year ending 30 June 2017.

Total revenue from operating and non-operating activities in 2016-17 was down on the previous financial year however annual performance was still ahead of budget expectations. Key positive outcomes included:

- A second full year of increased funding (20 hours per week) for the Bay Riders Community Centre together with indexation enabled it to expand on the growth from the prior year and continue with its positive output to the community.
- Increased support of a full year of community health fitness classes.
- Expending the final amounts of grants received in prior financial years to continue with successful and well attended school holiday programs and international cooking classes through the Bay Riders Community Centre and to provide defensive driving classes for the elderly for another year.
- Sponsorship of the well-supported Defensive Driving program from Bendigo Bank, Coleraine.
- Continued increased project output from the Men's Shed program.
- Stable community contributions for the BRCC programs on offer.
- Stable generous donations from local groups and organisations.

Total expenditure attributable to operating activities was reduced by \$9,742 from the previous year.

- Majority of this decrease is reflected in the program expenses area. This is in line with a slight reduction in client contributions received.
- Employment expenses reduced. Mainly attributable to some extended staff leave even though there were also employee award driven salary increases during the year.
- The contribution back to the Harrow Bush Nursing Centre costs remained stable.
- Savings made in cleaning, repairs and maintenance, printing, subscriptions and grounds maintenance, advertising/promotion.
- Increased costs in insurance, electricity, bank charges.

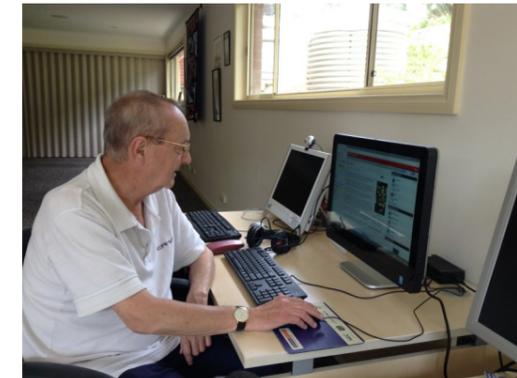
There was no capital expenditure for the BRCC in 2016-17, however plans are in place to look towards capital improvements in the 17-18 year to the Men's Shed Building and some replacement of tools.

The BRCC operates under the auspice of the Harrow Bush Nursing Centre (HBNC) and acknowledges its re-current quarterly funding support from the Victorian Government's *Neighbourhood House Coordination Program (NHCP)* through the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). In October 2014, the BRCC was successful in demonstrating a demand for additional activities and the capacity to deliver additional activities resulting in an increase to its funding to provide an additional 10 coordination hours of funding per week bringing its total Neighbourhood House Coordination Program funding to 20 hours per week. The increase in funding has enabled more members in the local community to engage in additional activities at the Bay Riders Community Centre and the efficient and effective coordination of these programs.

Please note the figures used in this financial overview are reported for the purpose of presenting this Annual Report. A full set of audited statements for the Harrow Bush Nursing Centre which includes the BRCC will be presented and available at the AGM of the HBNC.



23  
visits to  
Broadband  
for  
Seniors



25  
visits to  
Play Group



29  
visits to  
Centrelink  
Youth  
Allowance  
Seminar

38  
visits to  
Book Club



## ADULT EDUCATION Defensive Driving

This year saw us continue our Adult Education classes with the return of the Defensive Driving Program. This highly popular program was well supported and continues to attract both private and corporate drivers wanting to improve their rural driving skills. The course is presented by highly skilled trainers and is considered one of the most important programs we run.

The L Plate Drivers Course was generously supported again by the Coleraine and District Community Bendigo Bank.



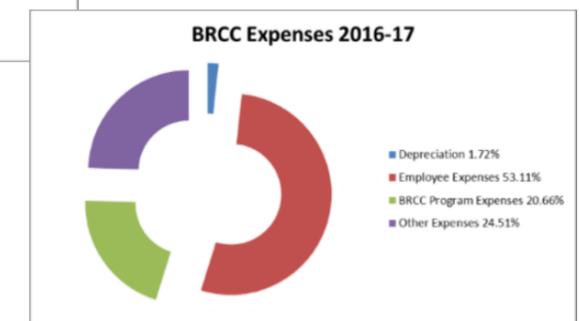
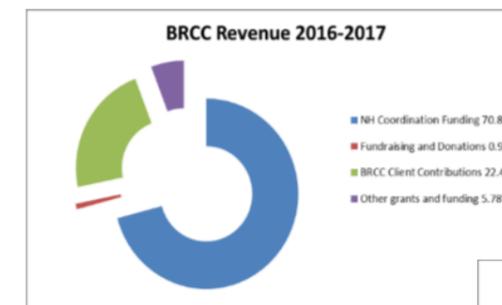
**42**  
people  
attended the  
Defensive Driving including the  
support drivers



## FUNDING REPORT 2016-2017

Finance Summary – 8 years since commencement of the Bay Riders Community Centre 2009-2010 through until 2016-2017.

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Revenue	80,723	93,605	71,039	55,786	36,593	79,297	54,059	27,165
Total Expenditure	71,855	81,597	74,173	56,228	34,685	30,092	23,445	27,037
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	8,868	12,008	(3,134)	(442)	1,908	49,205	30,614	128
Total Assets								
NH Coordination Funding	57,207	54,234	43,280	29,266	23,190	22,247	21,650	21,174
Fundraising & Donations	735	2,238	861	583	1,984	100		200
BRCC Client Contributions	18,118	20,601	20,189	18,660	3,777	5,491	1,299	2,851
Other grants & funding	4,663	16,532	6,709	2,777	7,642	51,459	31,110	2,940
Depreciation	1,238	1,202	1,152	3,121	3,222			
Employee Expenses	38,159	39,904	39,187	20,789	11,801	11,547	11,498	14,047
BRCC Program Expenses	14,845	24,797	17,756	15,632	5,551	6,469	2,614	4,113
Other Expenses	17,613	15,694	16,078	16,686	14,111	12,076	9,333	8,877





## AUDITORS & ACCREDITATION

### Auditors

The auditors for the 2016-2017 financial year were Capitis Accounting Solutions, Horsham.



### Accreditation

In 2014, Quality Innovation Performance (QIP) certified that the Centre met all accreditation requirements.



### Details

#### Contact Details

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...and you can find us on Facebook

#### Business Details:

The Bay Riders Community Centre is auspiced by the Harrow Bush Nursing Centre



## ART & CRAFT WORKSHOPS

Art classes continued with talented local Artist; Ron Penrose sharing his skills and practical advice in our *Sketch with Stretch* monthly classes. Themes ranged from colour, dots, charcoal, portraiture, various animals, techniques on shading and of course landscapes. We thank Ron for his most generous donation of time and skills as these classes are volunteered.

Crafty skills was once again encouraged by Neil Grigg with his Millinery Workshops at the Harrow Bush Nursing Centre which was well attended by 23 people. Neil who is a highly acclaimed Sydney based Milliner, continues to be a strong supporter of the Bay Riders Community Centre and we thank him for this support.

Basket weaving with Cheree Densley was once again strongly attended with 11 participants. This particular workshop was run for both teenagers and adults.

28  
visits  
to 'Sketch  
with Stretch'



28  
visits  
to Millinery





## HEALTH & WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

This has been a consistently busy year for health and wellness at the BRCC.

Yin Yoga was introduced this year on weekly basis and received a very strong attendance rate with excellent feedback. We are very grateful to our qualified instructor who has donated time for this activity.

Pilates Plus was also launched this year led by Loren Linto (qualified personal trainer and Pilates Instructor). This activity, like Yin Yoga is very popular and is expected to continue on a term by term basis.



345  
visits to  
Yin Yoga

331 visits to  
Pilates Plus



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Bay Riders Community Centre (BRCC) greatly appreciates and acknowledges the support of:

 Department of Health and Human Services	<p><b>Harrow Calico &amp; Candles</b></p>
 Commonwealth Staff Community Fund	 The Coleraine and District Bendigo Community Bank
Dept. Health Human Services Cultural and Linguistically Diverse (CALD)	 'Partners in Health'

...and our dedicated Volunteers of Harrow and surrounding Districts



## STAFF



**Lynne Beaton**  
BRCC Coordinator

**Tim Baines**  
Mens Shed Coordinator



**Marnie Baker**  
BRCC Administration

## STEERING COMMITTEE



**Marj Kennedy**



**Pauline Kelly**



**Allan Decker**



**Peter Johnson (outgoing)**



**Sloba Petrovic**



**Ilija Petrovic**



**Jessie Ferguson**



**Loren Linto (auspiced member)**



## INTERNATIONAL COOKING CLASSES

International Cooking Classes have continued this year proving to be one of our most sort after programs. This year we have again sourced local volunteers who have been more than happy to share their culinary skills and cultural diversity. This year the cooking classes were initially supplemented by the CALD Participation grant which was successfully acquitted in December 2016. Since then, we have not been supported by additional grant funding, but this has not deterred in the level of effort volunteers have given to ensure that they were able to continue. For 2016-17, the flavours of the world we all enjoyed were; Spanish, Afghani, and French. We also enjoyed re-visiting the 70's with a retro themed cooking night. It was our pleasure to invite and host members of the Afghani Hazara community in Narracoorte (S.A) who shared their food and diverse experiences with us.

**69**  
visits to  
International  
Cooking  
Classes





## SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

With the amazing support of the Commonwealth Bank Staff Community Fund, school holiday activities at the Bay Riders Community Centre have been anything but ordinary.

Activities this year included Charlie's Surf School in Robe, Archery, Healthy Days with Loren and Alex, Cooking and Art Classes and Woodwork with some members from the Men's Shed.

We were also pleased to host the ABC Backroads film crew member; Marc Eiden who generously donated his time to conduct a film making workshop for youth which was later published as a digital side story on ABC iView as part of the Harrow episode on Backroads. This was a fabulous opportunity for our young people and this clip is still able to be viewed in iView. The teenagers involved in this workshop learnt how to make clear, simple movies using even a simple iPhone camera.



**134**  
visits to  
school  
holiday  
activities



## COORDINATOR'S REPORT 2016-2017

The Bay Riders Community Centre has again this year been able to provide many people with opportunities to connect, learn, laugh and have a sense of belonging to the community of Harrow and surrounding district.

Our school holiday programs have provided a wide range of events which have been enjoyed by the youth of the district. These programs have included a bus trip to Charles Surf School in Robe, Clay target shooting at the Natimuk Field and Game Club, golf coaching with from Golf Victoria and members of the Harrow Golf Club, woodwork at the Men's Shed, archery with the Hamilton Archery club, health and wellness workshops as well as art and craft with Ron Penrose and Neil Grigg. This year, six lucky teenagers had the opportunity to be part of the ABC iView digital workshop which was a side story to the ABC Backroads episode on Harrow. Guided by the expertise of the ABCs, the participants interviewed each other and made a short film about Harrow. This was a wonderfully unique workshop. The school holiday program was partially funded by the generosity of the Staff Community Fund of the Commonwealth Bank.



Lynne Beaton

In the event that we cannot run a program here at the Centre or in Harrow, we endeavour to transport the children to such programs which is made possible by the generosity of our volunteer drivers.

Mums and Bubs playgroup met on a fortnightly basis which coincided with the maternal child and health nurse visit.

This year we ran a very informative Centrelink Youth Allowance information evening for parents of school students in their final years. We continue to provide Broadband for Seniors and offer computer tutoring when requested.

Throughout the year the cooking workshops have continued to be a highlight with the ongoing support of our volunteer cooks and participants who without them, these very enjoyable evenings would not be possible. These programs are in their fifth year which highlights their popularity.

The Australian Driving Institute defensive driving programs were once again a huge success. The program, now in its fifth year, had the ongoing and very generous



## COORDINATOR'S REPORT 2016-2017

financial support from the Coleraine Bendigo and District Bank which enabled many learner drivers the opportunity to partake in the program who may not otherwise have been able to do so. Every year the participants of the various programs from Austdrive 1 to Austdrive 2 Corporate, are quite impressed by the skills they learn. We are very proud to be the Victorian hub for the Australian Driving Institute and are so fortunate to have the highly experienced professional driving instructors who can equip us with all their knowledge and expertise to give us every opportunity to stay safe on our roads.

Our health and wellbeing programs have gained momentum with regular weekly Yin Yoga classes offered with both morning and evening classes and monthly Sketching workshops. Again thank you to these very generous volunteers who dedicate so much time to these programs. We also introduced weekly Pilates which have been very popular attracting many people from the surrounding districts. The Book Club group returned this year with enjoyable monthly get togethers.

This year myself and Gurjit Sondhu represented the BRCC at the Wimmera Field Days in the Wimmera West Grampians Neighbourhood House Network stand. It was great to showcase all our activities and distribute our programs.

With thanks and appreciation, I would like to acknowledge all of the volunteers that so generously give up their time and share their many talents with those that enjoy the programs that they provide. Thankyou to all that contribute; the Bay Riders Steering Committee, the staff of the Bay Riders Community Centre and the management and staff of the Harrow Bush Nursing Centre.

The Bay Riders Community Centre, our neighbourhood house—continues to provide many varied opportunities for everyone and strives to have a place for all to feel welcome and engaged in their community.

Such is our motto; a place to *Connect, Inspire & Belong*.

**Lynne Beaton**  
BRCC coordinator



## PROGRAMS 2016-2017

The Bay Riders Community Centre is part of the Victorian Governments Neighbourhood House Coordination Program. The Centre aims to support the provision of community development programs and activities that lead to community-strengthening outcomes by:

- Supporting diversity and promoting community participation and inclusion
- Facilitating community development and capacity building in support of individuals and groups within communities
- Supporting lifelong learning opportunities to improve their training and employment pathways and community participation

The BRCC actively seeks community consultation to ascertain agreed community responses to identified needs and priorities, including the establishment of community partnerships and identification of funding sources.

We actively search for philanthropic streams such as grants, donations and sponsorship.

**Programs offered in 2016-2017 included but were not limited to:**

- **School Holiday Activities**
  - Archery
  - Surfing
  - Clay Target Shooting
  - Basket Weaving
  - Cooking for Kids
  - Healthy Eating & Exercise
  - Arts and craft with Katrina Lodge
  - Wookwork with the Mens Shed
- **Adult Computer & Technology Education**
  - Broadband for Seniors
- **Playgroup (Mums and Mums to be)**
- **Defensive Driving Course** for L/P plate and more experienced drivers focusing on safe driving in rural areas. Courses offered include (but were not limited to) Austdrive 1 & 2.
- **Centrelink Youth Allowance Seminar**
- **Arts & Crafts**
  - Sketching Workshops
  - Basket Making
  - Millinery with Neil Grigg
- **General Interest Groups**
  - Book Club
- **International Cooking Classes**
  - Spanish (CALD funded)
  - French
  - Afghan
  - Thai
  - 70's cooking
- **Health & Wellbeing**
  - Yin Yoga
  - Pilates