

# The Regional Association of Neighbourhood and Community Houses

"Collaborating to develop our communities"

## ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT - TRACEY MOSS

Congratulations to all RANCH Houses on a fabulous 2022. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as RANCH President for the past year. It's been fabulous to see familiar faces, and some new ones at our July RANCH Forum, now we can meet up again and moving past the COVID19 pandemic.

I would like to thank our current RANCH Committee members for all your hard work and assistance throughout this past year. We have worked wonderfully well as a team since forming in 2022. My thanks to:

Secretary - Martyn Shaddick - Castlemaine CH  
Treasurer - Trevor Crane - Echuca NH  
Margaret Van Veen - Wedderburn CH  
Carolyn Palmer - Maldon NH  
Sarah Peake - Echuca NH

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### COMMITTEE 2022-23



L-R: KAZ WILLIAMS, MARG VAN VEEN, TRACEY MOSS, TREVOR CRANE, MARTYN SHADDICK.

## RANCH

Neighbourhood House Networks link Neighbourhood Houses and their communities to:

- Other Neighbourhood Houses and communities within the region.
- Other Neighbourhood House Networks.
- The Neighbourhood House's peak body, Neighbourhood Houses Victoria (NHVic)
- Local Governments.
- State Government.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT CONT.

I'd like to especially thank Martyn for assisting me with the operational and governance set up in our initial months. A HUGE thankyou to Sarah – who had to deal with floods in her region at the end of last year, but was still always there at meetings, on the phone or providing feedback when advice and/or assistance was needed.

Thankyou to Martyn and Marg for coming on Board in search of our new Network Manager. And we were all super thrilled when Kaz joined us in March (she had no idea what she was in for). Kaz has been the 'missing link' in the RANCH team and has been such a refreshing whirlwind of help and assistance moving RANCH forward and we can't thankyou enough.

This past year our RANCH Network blossomed to 32 Houses with the addition of three new members (unfunded): Macedon & Mt Macedon Community House; Harcourt Progress Association & Harcourt Neighbourhood House; Kooyoora Women's Network (Bridgewater).

The RANCH Committee's priority and focus for the past year has been on providing stability to our Network and the Houses within our region.

As a 'collective' Network our objective is to ensure our member Houses feel supported and empowered to achieve; we understand the pressures faced every day because, as House Managers, we are feeling those same pressures too. We recognise many Houses are still rebuilding after the COVID19 worldwide pandemic and floods, and now the added pressures of the rising costs of living and increasing demands from your communities for more assistance.

As Houses we are playing our part in building strong, resilient communities; we are community connectors; we are identifying the unmet needs of our communities and responding in positive ways.

As RANCH, we will continue to advocate at NHVic level sharing the 'real issues' we are all facing and the pressures on overworked Managers with limited resources.

The new RANCH Committee was established late last year (2022) and we have worked hard to deliver the following to our Network Houses:

- Child Safe Level 1 Training – RANCH has funded for two (2) senior members of each organization.
- Provided advice and updates regarding the new and ongoing Enterprise Bargaining agreement negotiations.
- Sharing information regarding the new ATO/ACNC reporting requirements.
- Advocating for better recognition and funding to deliver Food Relief, a major issue highlighted at the NHVic Conference in May 2023.
- Advocating for better funding to deliver Adult, Community & Further Education programs through Department of Education.

In the year ahead we aim to prioritize and develop a 'Directory' advising of the activities all RANCH Houses deliver as a clearer guide for other Houses, staff, volunteers, and community members. Throughout 2022, more than 39 million dollars equivalent in support was provided to Communities throughout our Network.

Well done RANCH Houses – feel VERY, VERY PROUD. Keep achieving for your Houses. But most of all – as a Community Leader who has an opportunity to make a real and significant difference within your communities – Do it for YOU!!

**Tracey Moss**



## NETWORK MANAGER'S REPORT - KAZ WILLIAMS

My new role as RANCH Network Manager started in March 2023 and I have undertaken an intensive listening and learning tour of our Member Houses since then. I have now visited 30 Houses and what is most interesting is the total uniqueness of each of you!

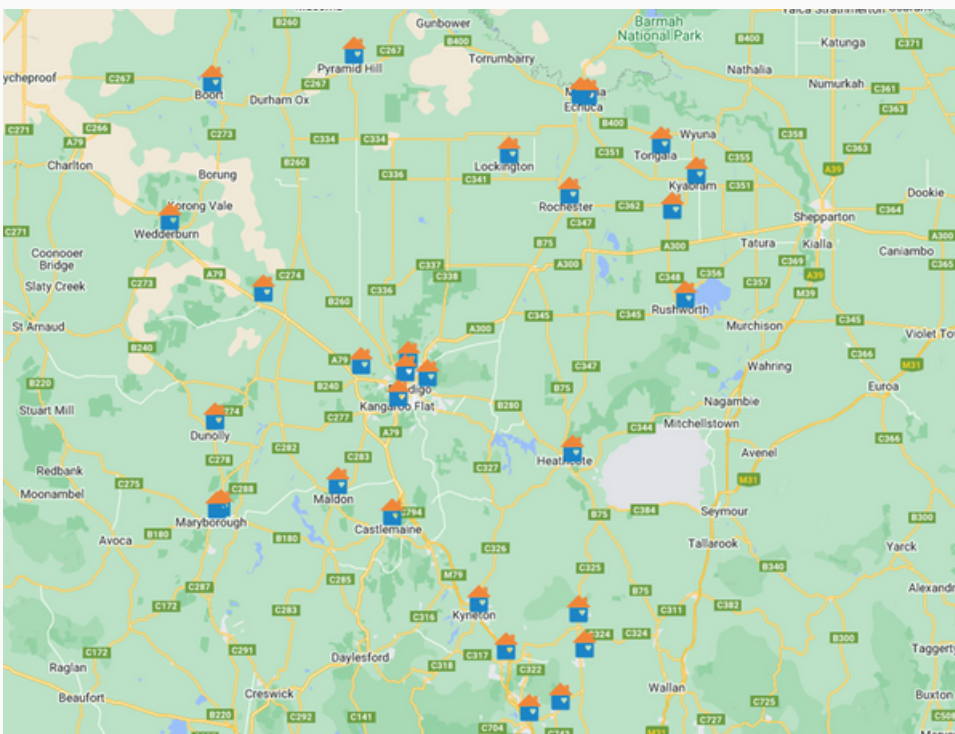
Thank you to all of the Managers and Committees who have warmly welcomed me into their Houses and generously spent time providing invaluable information and demonstrating the incredible work you all do for your local community.

Over the short time up to the end of this financial year has been one of consolidation for RANCH. With a new Committee of Management, and another new Network Manager, we have been working to develop an invigorated team, understanding the ongoing complexities of operating and governing Neighbourhood Houses in a challenging economic and social environment.

Your active participation in the Network is so important and informs my practice as to how RANCH can most effectively support you and advocate for your needs.

Moving ahead I will be providing many more visits and consulting regarding your priorities and how I can provide the best support to meet your needs. A lot more professional development sessions are coming your way, as is the opportunity to network with each other, to connect and provide peer support. I'm excited to continue to work with you all!

**Kaz Williams**



## NETWORKER

What is a NETWORKER?  
DFFH says:

Funded through a Service Agreement with 14 across the state.

Networks are funded in accordance with these agreements to provide the following services to neighbourhood houses within their network:

- governance and management support to committees and staff
- advice on programs and activity development training and training
- resources
- capacity building and links, with and between neighbourhood
- houses and other community organisations at the local and
- regional level including state and local government



The Regional Association of Neighbourhood and Community Houses respectfully acknowledges the traditional owners and elders, past and present, of the land on which our member neighbourhood houses are situated.

## TREASURERS REPORT - TREVOR CRANE

Resuming as RANCH Treasurer from October 2023. I present to you the Treasurer's Report for 2022/23 Financial Year.

This past financial year has been somewhat of an abnormal year. I have not been able to compare a budget to actual costs for the 2022/23 financial year.

The abnormality has been brought about because of a quite a few factors. Mainly because RANCH was without a Networker for a part of the financial year.

Although the revenue was down by \$10329 this financial year the Expenses were down by \$72822. This gave an overall profit of \$65763, for the financial year. This was compared with a \$3271 profit for the 2021/22 financial year.

There were three main areas of difference in the revenue figure decreasing. Whilst the DHHS Grants increased by \$5935 there was a loss of Project Grant funding of \$15000, as well as reduction of \$1281 for other income.

On the expenditure side there were a quite a few differences when we compare 2021/22 to this financial year. Firstly, the lack of Network Meetings, Committee Expenses and Travel Reimbursements resulted in a saving for this financial year of \$10934. Project Expenses were down by, \$10863. Because there was no Networker for almost 6 months salaries were \$43849 less than the previous year.

A variety of other increased expenses totalled a further \$7176. These amounts when combined exceeded the previous year's expenditure accounts for the total differences.

The 2023/24 Financial Year should see RANCH be back to normal operations. However, we must be careful to pay particular attention to monitoring our expenses and strive for additional Revenue where and when possible.

Thank you.

**Trevor Crane**

Treasurer RANCH

1st September, 2023



## NETWORK

RANCH is one of 14 Neighbourhood House Networks (NHN) across Victoria.

Our network consists of 32 Neighbourhood Houses (3 unfunded) located in the:

- Central Goldfields Shire
- City of Greater Bendigo
- Loddon Shire
- Macedon Ranges Shire
- Mount Alexander Shire
- Shire of Campaspe

# Profit and Loss

RANCH

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
<b>Trading Income</b>		
101 - DHHS NHCP Grants	134,953.35	129,018.24
102 - Membership Fees	3,654.54	3,636.36
103 - Interest	105.25	106.32
104 - Income - Projects Grants	-	15,000.00
105 - OtherIncome	-	1,281.82
<b>Total Trading Income</b>	<b>138,713.14</b>	<b>149,042.74</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>138,713.14</b>	<b>149,042.74</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
1001 - Insurance - Workcover	518.42	455.65
201 - Administration Expenses - Assets Purchased <\$5,000	-	1,235.45
204 - Administration Expenses - Membership Fees	915.00	1,337.72
205 - PO Box Renewal	157.27	-
206 - Printing & Stationery	232.30	-
207 - Telephone & Internet	1,387.03	1,552.67
208 - Accounting Fees	5,487.77	6,858.66
209 - Advertising	453.27	3,125.00
301 - Committee Expenses - Professional Development	-	8,684.00
302 - Committee Expenses - Travel Reimbursement DON NOT USE	-	1,027.67
303 - Committee Expenses - Catering	-	621.36
401 - Committee Expenses - Computer Expenses - Repairs	1,504.36	-
402 - Computer Expenses - Software Purchases/Subscriptions	1,482.30	685.46
403 - Computer Expenses - Webpage Hosting & Maintenance	545.53	437.80
450 - Depreciation	1,839.14	-
503 - Meetings & Networking Expenses : Travel Reimb- Members	-	1,852.64
601 - Travel Reimbursement	123.91	104.73
602 - Member Meeting Expenses - Catering	-	414.55
603 - Network Meeting expenses	754.54	652.28
701 - Professional Development.	2,753.63	-
802 - Networker Expenses - Travel Accommodation	127.27	-
803 - Networker Expenses - Sundry Expenses	-	88.14
850 - Project Expenses - Grant Funded	-	10,863.64
858 - Sundry Expense	2.40	-
901 - Salaries	51,382.23	95,231.67
902 - Superannuation	4,897.10	8,563.08
903 - Portable Long Service	690.67	1,978.93
905 - Annual Leave Expense	1,948.24	-
908 - Long Service Leave Expense	(4,253.06)	-
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>72,949.32</b>	<b>145,771.10</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>65,763.82</b>	<b>3,271.64</b>

# Balance Sheet

RANCH

As at 30 June 2023

	30 JUN 2023	30 JUN 2022
<b>Assets</b>		
Bank		
100. RANCH INC	142,499.64	76,865.9
101. Term Deposit Account no. 2	56,239.82	56,134.8
RANCH	2,418.82	3,216.17
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>201,158.28</b>	<b>136,216.96</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
662 - Accounts Receivable	157.50	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>157.50</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
670 - Plant and equipment	1,839.14	1,839.14
672 - Less Accumulated Depreciation on Plant and Equipment	(1,839.14)	-
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<b>1,839.14</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>201,315.78</b>	<b>138,056.10</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
810 - Long Service Leave Prov	24.02	4,277.08
812 - Provision for Annual Leave	1,948.24	-
860R - Rounding	-	(3.22)
868 - PAYG Withholding	3,885.00	3,795.82
883 - Accounts Payable	785.00	154.00
895.05 - GST	1,833.89	2,756.61
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>8,476.15</b>	<b>10,980.29</b>
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<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>192,839.63</b>	<b>127,075.81</b>
500 - Opening Bal Equity	96,084.5	96,084.5
Current Year Earnings	65,763.8	3,271.64
NoCode5 - Retained Earnings	30,991.3	27,719.67
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>192,839.63</b>	<b>127,075.81</b>