



Annual Report 2023

Bright futures, thriving communities.

A message from our Board Chair and CEO

It is with great pride that we reflect on the year that was 2023 at *The Centre*.

We have achieved a strong financial rebuild while providing educational and support services to the communities of Victoria.

The hard work and dedication of both staff and board have made this possible. A committed team of people whom we both are extremely appreciative of and proud to lead.

We commend this annual report to you as a reflection of the achievements of *The Centre* in 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Nolan
Board Chair

Sue Geals
Chief Executive Officer



Our Board



Carol Nolan
Board Chair



Harry Westendorp
Deputy Chair



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Community reach

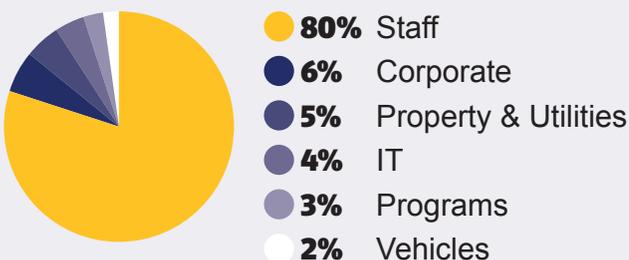


Financial performance

Income



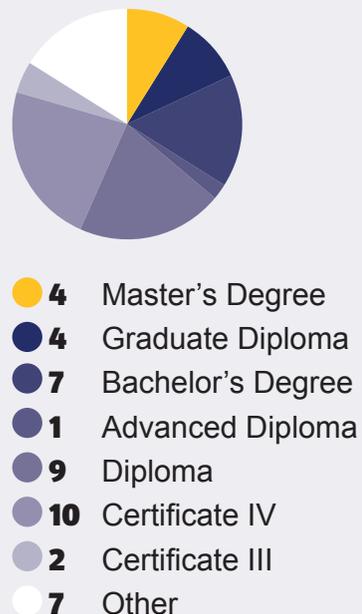
Expenses



Our staff



Staff qualifications



Education

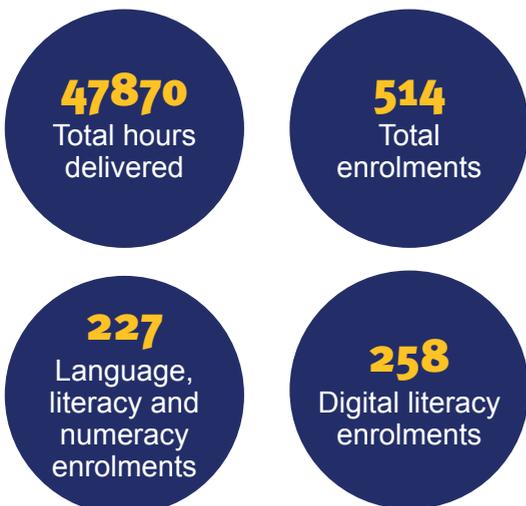
Accredited training



Pre-accredited training



ACFE: Adult Community Further Education



Anne Pennington awardee: Carolyn Tomlinson



The Centre's Anne Pennington Award celebrates adult learners who show exceptional dedication to learning new skills, teamwork and helping others, as well as persistence to overcome personal difficulties.

"After a lengthy Workcover claim, I was unemployable for 20 years, I wanted to explore the possibility of returning to some form of employment. I was referred me to The Centre in Wodonga to update my computer and digital skills. I never for a second thought I would win the award, I was pretty proud to even be nominated."

Carolyn Tomlinson, Anne Pennington Award Winner 2023

Community impact



81

People attended workshops

34

Students participated at school

64

Participants at total of 3 mental health sessions

110

Clubs supported

ACVVS: Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme

1685

Visits

92

Volunteers

38

Meetings/catch-ups

Seymour Foodshare

Hosted at our Seymour Campus

29

Consortium members

550

People accessed food

960

Household members supported with food

4210kg

Weight of goods distributed

JVES: Jobs Victoria Employment Service

2021-23 program

70

Job placements

31

6+ months sustained employment

Reconnect

Program to support people to get into training and/or employment

81

People registered

16

Clients sustained employment

38

Clients enrolled into training

Community feedback

"Overall, it's just been a really positive experience for me."

Chloe Dacre, student

"Seymour has also witnessed an exciting initiative to combat and help people under extreme financial pressure in the community— a new monthly food bank program. I extend my gratitude to the selfless community-led programs making a real difference"

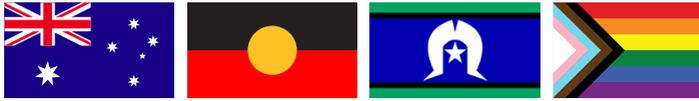
Annabelle Cleeland MP, Member for Euroa
From Hansard recording

"Reconnect helped me so much, they gave me support and advice and helped me onto a path that I'm really excited to be on"

Reconnect participant

"Reconnect has supported me through the toughest times, with no judgement, while continuing to show me what I can be truly capable of."

Reconnect participant



Acknowledgement of country

The Centre celebrates the lands and the waters that give us life, into which the stories, songs, ancestors, and dreaming's of First Nations People are woven. We pay respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, past and present, for their generosity and custodianship of country. They hold the memories, tradition and the culture



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