

FIVE VILLAGES



Community Garden



ANNUAL REPORT

2022 - 2023

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OUR MISSION

Our mission is to provide our community and its visitors with garden spaces where they can connect, learn and relax.

OUR VISION

Our vision is to set an example of what a high quality, well-planned and inclusive community garden can teach, give and provide.

OUR VALUES

As a collective we value diversity, inclusivity, sustainability, community and education. These values are at the heart of all that we do and we ask our volunteers to be guided by these values when they work and interact with the garden.



ABOUT US

Five Villages Community Garden Incorporated is a community gardening group based in Manyana on the New South Wales South Coast. We are registered as an Incorporated Association in New South Wales under the *Associations Incorporation Act 2009* (Registration Number:2100397). We were officially registered on the 8th of April 2021 after several years of planning, community engagement and dreaming up big ideas for our small community.

OUR HISTORY

While we were Officially founded in 2021 the seeds for a community garden in our coastal villages were planted in 2018. However, with the unprecedented 2019/2020 black summer bushfires, the COVID pandemic and some intense local activism to save a local forest, the concept of a community garden was paused.

Analysis of a community survey conduct by Manyana Matters Environmental Association in November 2020 indicated that community gardening was the number one activity our community would like to pursue to support and facilitate healing from the trauma of the 2019/2020 bushfires. This motivated our passionate founders to form a small committee in early 2021 which led to the launch of the Five Villages Community Garden.



MEMBERSHIP

In 2022-2023 Five Villages Community Garden welcomed seventy-two named members. This consists of fifty-four memberships, which is twenty-eight family memberships and seventeen single memberships.

A big thank you to all members, without you the community garden would not exist.



THE COMMITTEE

The committee for 2022 / 2023 consisted of the following members: -

- Dennis Buttigieg - President
- Pat Byrne - Vice President
- Lynley Hughes - Treasurer
- Karin Mayer - Secretary
- Jimmy Woodriff - Public Officer
- Toni Johnson - Membership / Engagement & Web
- Vacant - General Committee Position

PRESIDENTS REPORT

I am delighted to present to you the 2022/23 annual Presidents report for the Five Villages Community Garden. It is with great pleasure that I share the remarkable progress and achievements we have made over the past year.

Our primary focus this year was the design and construction of the Yulunga Reserve Community Garden. You will have noticed that the project is now in its final stages, with only minor finishing touches remaining. This endeavour was a significant undertaking for our young club, and the collective experience and wisdom of our committee and general membership played a crucial role in bringing this project to fruition.

The Yulunga Garden was envisioned as a sustainable demonstration garden that would make our community proud. I am pleased to report that the garden has been received with great positivity by both the community and the public. From the tradespeople involved in the construction to the delivery drivers, council workers, visitors, and locals, we have received an abundance of positive feedback and admiration for what has been accomplished.

To me the impact of the Yulunga Garden extends beyond its physical presence. It serves as a symbol of unity and collaboration within our community. By working together, we have created a space that not only showcases sustainable practices but also fosters a sense of belonging and pride among our members and the community.

As we move forward, we remain committed to the ongoing maintenance and improvement of the Yulunga Garden, as well as the continued growth and development of our community as a whole. We are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead and look forward to further enhancing our garden and its positive impact on our community.

We would like to have organised more working bees while building the garden but as we were effectively operating within a construction site, this posed challenges. However, whenever we did manage to arrange these events, they were met with overwhelming support and participation. The enthusiasm, interest, and community spirit displayed by our members during these working bees were truly remarkable and made the experience incredibly rewarding for everyone involved.

The project would not have been possible without Federal Government funding under the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Program. So, I thank the Federal Government for the opportunity and for putting trust in a small, young, community oriented and spirited organisation. Their support has been instrumental in turning our dream into a reality, and we are immensely grateful for their contribution.

We are also indebted to the ongoing support and encouragement from Shoalhaven City Council. Last year Council provided a \$1,000 donation which funded our site rental and public liability insurance. This year Council donated \$2,000 which will once again fund our necessary outgoings. Through this support we can keep our

membership subscription fee at an absolute minimum, thus eliminating any financial barrier to participation by all the community in our spaces and projects.

I would also like to thank the Yulunga Reserve Committee, led by Graeme Ralph, for its support, encouragement, and assistance in getting the project completed. The collaborative approach adopted by the Reserve Committee has resulted in a functional and aesthetic integration of the garden within the Reserve for the benefit of the Community.

This year, we were fortunate to have been given the opportunity to run the sausage sizzle at the 2023 Manyana Easter Markets. This turned out to be a resounding success! We had a huge response from members willing to assist and our team sold out of sausage sandwiches by 11:00AM. The response from the community was overwhelming, and we managed to make a tidy profit of \$710. This exceeded our expectations and highlighted the immense support we have from the community.

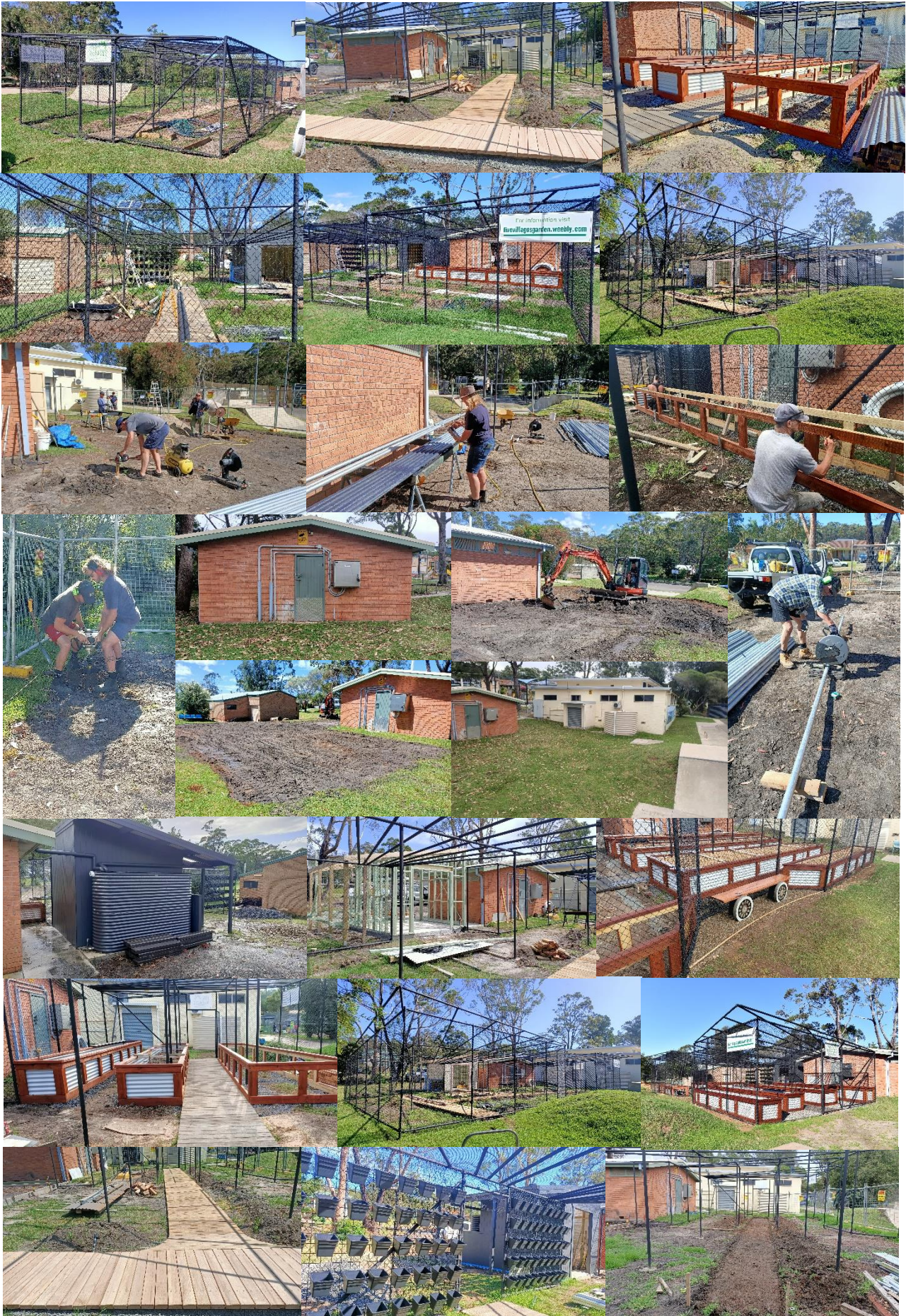
The funds raised from this sausage sizzle will go a long way in supporting our ongoing initiatives. We will explore future opportunities to host similar sausage sizzles in the hope that this fundraising activity has the potential to become a regular event.

The time and energy that members have brought to the building and maintaining of our gardens is gaining momentum. This collective work effort will produce a benefit for the community for years to come. As at 30 June we had fifty-four paid up memberships, I am sure this will continue to grow now that we have a space that we can truly call our own.

Looking ahead to the coming year, our focus will be on establishing systems and procedures for the smooth operation of Yulunga Garden. Over the past year, we have received many inquiries from both members and passers-by about how the garden will operate. Up until now, our response has been an honest admission of uncertainty. However, the committee believes that it is the general membership that should decide on the best approach in terms of what we grow and how we distribute the produce. We will do this together in the coming year.

Further, I strongly encourage all members to bring forward new ideas and projects for the upcoming years. Your input and creativity are invaluable in shaping the future of our gardens. Together, we can create a vibrant and sustainable community space that benefits us all. Also, if any members are interested in joining the executive team, please express your interest. However, if committees aren't your thing, you can still contribute ideas by contacting a committee member or by responding to our periodic call for ideas.

Finally, I would like to thank our committee for their commitment, good nature and selflessness; it is a pleasure to work with such great people. We are proud of what we have achieved and are committed to maintaining and enhancing the garden's sustainability in the future.



FINANCIAL REPORT

PROFIT & LOSS EOFY2023

Five Villages Community Garden
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26 The Foredeck, Manyana NSW
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Profit and loss report

Accrual mode
01 Jul 2022 - 30 Jun 2023

	Total
4-0000 Income	
4-1200 Membership	365.00
Total Income	365.00
Gross Profit	365.00
6-0000 Expenses	
6-1110 Accounting & Bookkeeping	341.96
6-1210 Contractor Fees	2,277.00
6-1420 Donations	-1,000.00
6-1540 Insurance Expenses	
6-1550 Insurance	191.41
Total Insurance Expenses	191.41
6-1620 Legal Fees	1,108.56
6-4310 Rent	631.30
6-4440 Subscriptions & Memberships	30.00
6-4531 Supplies and Consumables	77,068.63
Total Expenses	80,648.86
Operating Profit	-80,283.86
8-0000 Other Income	
8-0050 Grants Received	81,717.00
8-1000 Interest Received	7.43
Total Other Income	81,724.43
Net Profit	1,440.57

BALANCE SHEET EOFY 2023

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Balance sheet report

Accrual mode
Jul 2022 - Jun 2023

	Jul 22-Jun 23	Year-end adjustments
1-0000 Assets		
1-1000 Current Assets		
1-1100 Bank Accounts		
1-1110 Business Bank Account #1	40,662.79	0.00
1-1160 Petty Cash	350.00	0.00
Total Bank Accounts	41,012.79	0.00
Total Current Assets	41,012.79	0.00
Total Assets	41,012.79	0.00
Net Assets	41,012.79	0.00
3-0000 Equity		
3-9000 Current Year Earnings	1,440.57	0.00
Total Equity	1,440.57	0.00

PROFIT & LOSS 2021-2023

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Profit and loss report

Accrual mode
01 Jul 2021 - 22 Aug 2023

	Total
4-0000 Income	
4-1200 Membership	620.00
Total Income	620.00
Gross Profit	620.00
6-0000 Expenses	
6-1110 Accounting & Bookkeeping	401.96
6-1210 Contractor Fees	10,022.00
6-1420 Donations	-5,736.80
6-1540 Insurance Expenses	
6-1550 Insurance	835.09
Total Insurance Expenses	835.09
6-1620 Legal Fees	1,285.33
6-4310 Rent	639.30
6-4440 Subscriptions & Memberships	195.00
6-4460 Telephone & Internet	13.20
6-4531 Supplies and Consumables	92,377.66
Total Expenses	100,032.74
Operating Profit	-99,412.74
8-0000 Other Income	
8-0050 Grants Received	119,432.00
8-1000 Interest Received	8.48
Total Other Income	119,440.48
Net Profit	20,027.74

BALANCE SHEET 2021-2023

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Balance sheet report

Accrual mode
Jul 2021 - Aug 2023

	Jul 21-Jun 22	Jul 22-Jun 23	Jul 23-Jun 24	Year-end adjustments
1-0000 Assets				
1-1000 Current Assets				
1-1100 Bank Accounts				
1-1110 Business Bank Account #1	39,572.22	40,662.79	19,677.74	0.00
1-1160 Petty Cash	0.00	350.00	350.00	0.00
Total Bank Accounts	39,572.22	41,012.79	20,027.74	0.00
Total Current Assets	39,572.22	41,012.79	20,027.74	0.00
Total Assets	39,572.22	41,012.79	20,027.74	0.00
Net Assets	39,572.22	41,012.79	20,027.74	0.00
3-0000 Equity				
3-9000 Current Year Earnings	39,572.22	1,440.57	-20,985.05	0.00
Total Equity	39,572.22	1,440.57	-20,985.05	0.00



GET INVOLVED

BECOME A MEMBER

Five Villages Community Garden always welcomes new members, so if you are keen to get your hands dirty you can become a members via our website <https://fivevillagesgarden.weebly.com/join.html>

Membership is \$5 for a single or \$10 for a family and includes two adults or adults and their children under the age of 18 years.

BECOME A COMMITTEE MEMBER

At our Annual General Meeting all committee positions become vacant, so if you are interested in becoming a committee member in the future lookout for our yearly Annual General Meeting notices or contact us to discuss.



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