



Neighbourhood Watch
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Annual Report

2022/2023



Chris Coster
General Counsel

TOM NEWMAN OAM
FOUNDATION STATE PRESIDENT

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Incorporation Number: A0018739R
ABN: 41586 657 273
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From the President



The last twelve months have gone so quickly and Neighbourhood Watch has seen significant positive changes and growth.

In February 2023, a Forum was held at Victoria Police Headquarters at 311 Spencer Street. This was the first opportunity to host a forum in person and on Zoom since prior to the Covid 19 pandemic. The focus on the night was a brilliant and enlightening presentation on attracting volunteers as well as a networking opportunity for those who attended. We were delighted the Chief Commissioner of Police Shane Patton and the Hon. Anthony Carbin's Minister for Justice were in attendance and spoke about the significance and importance of Neighbourhood Watch.

The highlight of the year has been the celebration of Neighbourhood Watch Victoria's 40th Anniversary, importantly on the 15 June with a special afternoon tea hosted by the RACV.

This was the actual date in 1983 when the first meeting was held at Kananook and Neighbourhood Watch developed statewide from that date. To our surprise and delight the Chief Commissioner Shane Patton was able attend and with John Berger, MP representing the Justice Minister. To our delight the first Area Manager, Mr Tom Newman, OAM, and Mr Chris Coster (retired police officer) conversed about the first meeting at Kananook and the early stages of Neighbourhood Watch Victoria. The recognition of the importance of this meeting was not lost on those who attended.

This year the new membership computer platform was introduced providing Groups with the opportunity to keep their membership information up to date, a provision of an event calendar, ability to create newsletters and greater functionality for doing so many things. Nicoll presented a number of successful webinars on how to fully utilise the platform.

This year we have welcomed two new Directors to the Board.

Mr Stewart Cathie joined in October 2022. Stewart is the Aust/NZ Director, Customer Advisory (Data & Analytics) and brings significant experience in sales and marketing, technology, regulatory compliance and reporting and has a strong commercial acumen.

Ms Elizabeth Johnston joined the Board in November 2022. Elizabeth comes to the Board with considerable experience in local government having worked at Maribyrnong, Boroondara,

and Hume City Councils. Currently she is Road and Safety Officer at the City of Melton.

Both Board members have quickly become active members attending Neighbourhood Watch Victoria events and meetings with Groups.

Ms Louise Thiele, who joined the Board in 2021, was unable to continue with NHW Vic as a Board member due to her increasing workload she was undertaking for the Victoria government. We thank Louise for her commitment to Neighbourhood Watch Victoria.

This year we thank Inspector Scott Brennan and Inspector Ilena Pucar who have actively supported us and to date, and welcome Inspector Jacob Bugeja.

On behalf of the Board, I thank Bambi for her continued enthusiasm and initiatives she has created and continues to do so. Bambi's commitment to Neighbourhood Watch Victoria is notable.

The strong team Bambi has developed is seen not only behind the scenes providing ongoing support and assistance, but in the last 12 months have been present at a number of events introducing and promoting Neighbourhood Watch Victoria. Their contribution has been outstanding and we thank them.

As President I thank my fellow Board members for their interest, time commitment and support with the ongoing work of Neighbourhood Watch Victoria.

Finally, it is the ongoing passion, planning and involvement in the community with your local police who are the real heroes in crime prevention and safety. Being out in the community you are promoting the values of Neighbourhood Watch.

This is my last year on the Board and I look forward to seeing and hearing more about Neighbourhood Watch Victoria in years to come.

Suzanne Dunlop
President



From the CEO



Greetings, Neighbours!

We are thrilled to share with you the achievements and milestones that marked the year 2022/23 for Neighbourhood Watch Victoria. Reflecting on this year's journey, it's evident that the organisation's commitment to community safety, inclusivity, and innovation continues to drive us forward, with many new members joining us and more Groups forming.

Some highlights from this year include:

How Safe Is My Home Goes Multilingual: In a significant step toward inclusivity, we expanded our Australia-first "How Safe Is My Home" online crime prevention resource into multiple CALD (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse) languages. Our aim was to make vital crime prevention knowledge accessible to all Victorians, especially new migrants, ensuring no one is left behind in their pursuit of safety.

Connect Up Research Program Success: Collaborating with esteemed partners such as Victoria Police, RACV, Crime Stoppers, and Federation and UNE Universities, we successfully completed the "Connect Up" research program. This initiative focused on evaluating the most effective target hardening tactics for high-rise residential settings. The insights gained will be instrumental in launching "How Safe Is My Apartment" in 2024 and sharing crucial crime prevention knowledge with apartment dwellers.

Expanding Our Reach to Rural Victoria: The "How Safe Is My Place" program grew to include "How Safe Is My Farm." Responding to a request from rural and regional police, we created an online quiz tailored specifically to farmers and rural residents, addressing their unique concerns and challenges.

Meet Lionel - Our Promotional Vehicle: The acquisition of our promotional vehicle, affectionately named "Lionel," was a game-changer. Lionel allows us to transport our Mini House, signage, and materials to events hosted by our

Neighbourhood Watch Groups and pop-up events in new estates. This means we can engage with new immigrants, many of whom are young families, and help them build safer communities.

Celebrating 40 Years of Neighbourhood Watch Victoria: A true highlight of the year was the celebration of our 40th anniversary. This momentous occasion was marked at the RACV City Club on June 15, bringing together our dedicated community members and partners. For those who couldn't attend, a video of the event will soon be available online for your viewing pleasure.

Looking Ahead to 2023/24: We're excited to share that many new resources and inspiring community campaigns are already in the works. We invite you to be an integral part of our journey as we continue to foster safer, more connected neighbourhoods.

Thank you for being a valued member of the Neighbourhood Watch Victoria community. Together, we can achieve our vision of a safer, more inclusive Victoria for all. Stay tuned for more updates and exciting developments in the year ahead!

With heartfelt appreciation,

Bambi Gordon
CEO



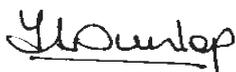
Statement Unaudited By Committee

In the opinion of the Committee:

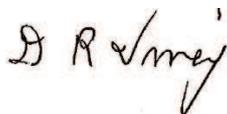
- a) The accompanying Statement of Income and Expenditure is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the profit (or loss) of the Association for the year ended 30 June 2023
- b) The accompanying Balance Sheet is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association as at 30 June 2023.
- c) At the date of this Statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Signed in accordance with the resolution of the Committee:

At Melbourne
Date 21 September 2023



Honorary President
Suzanne Dunlop



Honorary Treasurer
David Viney

Schedule 1

Regulation 15

Form 1

Associations Incorporations Reform Act 2012

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

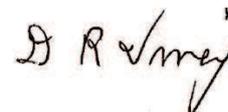
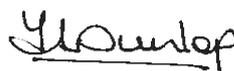
Annual statements give true and fair view of
financial performance and position of incorporated association

We, Suzanne Dunlop and David Viney, being members of the Committee of Neighbourhood Watch Victoria Inc, certify that:

The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial performance and position of the Neighbourhood Watch Victoria Inc during and at the end of the financial year of the association ended on 30 June 2023.

Signed:

Signed:



Suzanne Dunlop
Dated: 21 September 2023

David Viney
Dated: 21 September 2023



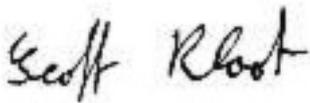
Submission of financial statements to Annual General Meeting

Associations Incorporations Reform Act 2012
Sections 94(2)(b), 97(2)(b) and 100(2)(b)

I, Geoff Kloot, being a member of the Committee of Neighbourhood Watch Victoria Inc, certify that:

I attended the annual general meeting of Neighbourhood Watch Victoria Inc. on 19 October 2023 and the financial statements of the association for the financial year ended on 30 June 2023 were submitted to the members of the association at that annual general meeting.

Signed:



Geoff Kloot
Dated: 19 October 2023



Statement of comprehensive income

For year ended 30 June 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Income		
Funding DOJ	(439,680)	(444,644)
Funding DOJ – specific projects	0	(15,000)
Funding DOJ – Street Engagement Project	(159,862)	0
Sponsorship	(21,364)	0
Property Developers	(25,000)	(41,000)
RACV Project	(100,535)	(133,998)
Branch closures	(10,187)	(1,302)
Interest	(503)	(92)
Sundry Income	0	(0)
	(757,131)	(636,036)
Expenditure		
Employee Expenses	440,615	386,684
Annual Leave	19,826	10,745
Long Service Leave	3,056	2,005
Consulting	0	0
Communications	1,424	1,634
AGM	0	0
Database and IT	15,790	12,140
Depreciation	4,557	4,569
DOJ - Street Engagement project	60,272	0
Financial Audit	2,110	0
Insurance	25,731	24,542
Marketing	85,101	99,407
Other Expenses	5,450	6,269
Printing and stationary	1,310	223
Training and Development	601	580
Website Development	10,800	3,351
Total Costs	676,643	552,149
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	80,488	83,887
Comprehensive Result	80,488	83,887
Surplus (Deficit) Carried forward	88,488	83,887

Statement of financial position

For year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Financial Assets			
Cash		80	70
Operating account		55,017	28,256
Cash management account		640,927	336,496
Term deposit		50,000	50,000
Receivables		0	276,500
Prepayments	4	5,513	6,121
Total Financial Assets		751,537	697,453
Non Financial Assets			
Property Plant and Equipment	5	7,461	7,623
Total Assets		758,998	705,076
Liabilities			
Payables	6	79,884	51,389
Provisions	7	355,729	410,790
		435,613	462,179
Net Assets		323,385	242,897
Equity			
Balance at beginning of year		242,897	159,010
Accumulated (deficit)		80,488	83,887
Net Worth		323,385	242,897

Statement of changes in equity

For year ended 30 June 2023

	Accumulated Surplus \$
Balance 1 July 2020	133,675
Surplus for year 2020/ 21	25,335
Balance 1 July 2021	159,010
Surplus for year 2021/ 22	83,887
Balance 1 July 2022	242,897
Surplus for year 2022/ 23	80,488
Balance 1 July 2023	323,385

Cash flow information

For year ended 30 June 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Cash Flow from Operating Activities		
Grant- Department of Justice - Grant	766,000	256,000
Department of Justice – Specific projects	15,229	235,000
Receipts for RACV Projects	100,535	126,498
Receipts for Property Developer Projects	51,500	30,000
Receipts from Donations and Sponsorships	21,364	0
Federal Government cash flow support	0	0
Interest Received	503	92
Grants received and paid for members	0	0
Monies for closed LGA's and Future Projects	556	1,302
Payments to suppliers and employees	(620,101)	(529,193)
Asset purchases	(4,394)	(2,995)
Net Cash provided by (used in) Operating Activities	331,192	116,704
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	0	0
Cash Flows from Financial Activities	0	0
Net increase (decrease) in cash held	331,192	116,704
Cash and Term Deposits as at 1 July 2022	414,832	298,128
Cash and Term Deposits as at 30 June 2023	746,024	414,832

Notes to the financial statements

For the period ended 30 June 2023

Note 1. Summary of significant accounting policies

The annual financial statements represent the audited general-purpose financial statements for the NHW Vic for the period ended 30 June 2023.

The purpose of the report is to provide users with information about NHW Vic stewardship of resources entrusted to it.

Comparative figures are reported for a 12-month period.

(A) Basis of Preparation

The general-purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Associations Incorporations Reform Act 2012 and applicable Australian Account Standards (AAS), which include Interpretations, issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB).

Where appropriate, those AAS paragraphs applicable to not-for-profit entities have been applied.

Accounting policies are selected and applied in a manner which ensures that the resulting financial information satisfies the

concepts of relevance and reliability, thereby ensuring that the substance of the underlying transactions or other events is reported.

(B) Basis of measurement

The accrual basis of accounting has been applied in the preparation of these financial statements whereby assets, liabilities, equity, income and expenses are recognised in the reporting period to which they relate, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

Judgements, estimates and assumptions are required to be made about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on professional judgements derived from historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars and prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention. Prior years' comparatives have been restated, where necessary.

(C) Reporting entity

The financial statements cover NHW Vic as in individual reporting entity.

The principal address is:
Neighbourhood Watch Victoria Inc.
Victoria Police Complex
311 Spencer Street
Docklands Vic 3008

(D) Objectives and funding

Neighbourhood Watch Victoria Inc is funded by a range of funding sources. Currently the main source is via accrual-based appropriations from Department of Justice and Community Safety "The Department".

The funding provided by the Department consists of:

Core funding agreement

3 years from 1st July 2022

The total funding for the general activities is \$1,569,000.

Crime Prevention Innovation Fund (Street Engagement Project)

Funding for the provision on a specific project, \$282,194 over 2 years from 1st July 2022.

(E) Scope and presentation of financial statements

Comprehensive operating statement

Income and expenses in the comprehensive operating statement are classified as 'transactions' as there are no 'other economic flows'. This classification is consistent with the whole government-reporting format and is allowed under AASB 101 Presentation of financial statements.

'Transactions' and 'other economic flows' are defined by the Australian system of government finance statistics: concepts, sources and methods 2005 and Amendments to Australian system of government finance statistics, 2005 (ABS catalogue No. 5514.0) (the GFS manual).

'Transactions' are those economic flows considered to arise as a result of policy decisions, usually interactions between two entities by mutual agreement. Transactions also include flows within an entity, such as depreciation where the owner is simultaneously acting as the owner of the depreciating asset and as the consumer of the service provided by the asset. Taxation is regarded as mutually agreed interactions between the Government and taxpayers. Transactions can be in kind (for example assets provided/given free of charge or for nominal consideration) or where the final consideration is cash.

'Other economic flows' are changes arising from market re-measurements including:

- Gains and losses from disposals of non-financial physical assets
- Net gain or loss from the revaluation of long service leave.

The net result is equivalent to profit or loss derived in accordance with AASs.

Statement of Financial Position

Assets and liabilities are presented in liquidity order with

assets aggregated into financial assets and non-financial assets.

Current and non-current assets and liabilities (non-current being those assets or liabilities expected to be recovered or settled more than 12 months) are disclosed in the notes, where relevant.

Cash flow statement

Cash flows are classified according to whether or not they arise from operating, investing or financing activities. This classification is consistent with the requirements under AASB 107 Statement of cash flows.

Statement of changes in equity

The statement of changes in equity presents reconciliations of each non-owner and owner changes in equity from opening balance at the beginning of the reporting period to the closing balance at the end of the reporting period. It also shows separately, changes due to amounts recognised in the 'comprehensive result' and amounts recognised in 'other economic flows - other movements in equity' related to 'transactions with owner in its capacity as owner'.

(F) Income from transactions

Income is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow into NHW Vic and the income can be reliably measured at fair value.

Income from grants is recognised when NHW Vic obtains control over the contribution and is amortised over the remaining period of the grant.

Interest income

Interest income is recognised in the period in which it is incurred.

(G) Expenses from transactions

Expenses from transactions are recognised as they are incurred and reported in the financial period/year to which they relate.

Employee expenses

These expenses include all costs related to employment including wages and salaries; fringe benefits tax and leave entitlements.

Superannuation

The amount recognised in the comprehensive operating statement is the employer contributions for superannuation plans that are paid or payable during the reporting period.

Other operating expenses

Other operating expenses generally relate to training courses, maintenance costs, and the day-to-day running costs, incurred in the normal operations of NHW Vic. These items are recognised as an expense in the reporting period in which they are incurred.

(H) Financial Assets

Cash

Cash comprises cash on hand and cash in bank accounts.

For cash flow statement presentation purposes, cash includes cash floats included as assets on the balance sheet.

Receivables

Receivables consist of contractual receivables.

Impairment of financial assets

At the end of each reporting period, NHW Vic assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired.

Receivables are assessed for bad and doubtful debts on a regular basis using professional judgment in accordance with AASB136 Impairment of Assets. At 30 June, the committee considered that no provision for the impairment of assets was necessary.

Property, plant and equipment

All non-financial physical assets are measured initially at cost and depreciation over the estimated useful life.

(I) Liabilities

Payables

Payables consist of:

- Contractual payables, such as accounts payable. Accounts payable represent liabilities for goods and services provided to NHW Vic prior to the end of the reporting period that are unpaid, and arise when NHW Vic becomes obliged to make future payments in respect of the purchase of those goods and services. The amounts are unsecured and usually paid within 30 days of recognition.
- Statutory payables, such as tax payables.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when Neighbourhood Watch Victoria Inc has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Provisions are measured using the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

Employee benefits

Provision is made for benefits accruing to employees in respect of wages, salaries and annual leave for services rendered to the reporting date.

(i) Wages, salaries and annual leave

Provision is made for the liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period.

(ii) Long service leave

Provision for long service leave has been provided in accordance with the applicable accounting standard.

(iii) Termination benefits

Termination benefits are payable when employment is terminated before the normal retirement date or when an employee accepts voluntary redundancy in exchange for these benefits. Neighbourhood Watch Victoria Inc recognizes termination benefits when it is demonstrably committed to either terminating the employment of current employees according to a detailed formal plan without possibility of withdrawal or providing termination benefits as a result of an offer made to encourage voluntary redundancy. At 30

June 2023 no provision has been made for any foreseeable termination benefits.

Employee benefits on-costs

Employee benefits on-costs such as workers compensation are recognised separately from provision of employee benefits.

(J) Commitments

Commitments for future expenditure include operating and capital commitments arising from contracts. These commitments are disclosed by way of a note (Note 2).

(K) Contingent assets and contingent liabilities

Contingent assets and contingent liabilities are not recognised in the balance sheet, but are disclosed by way of a note (Note 3).

(L) Responsible persons

For the purposes of reporting responsible person's remuneration, NHW Vic has complied with the requirements of FRD21B 'Responsible personal and executive officers' disclosures in the financial statements. AASB 124 'Related Party Disclosures' requires not-for-profit public sector entities to disclose of key management personnel compensation as follows

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Short Term Employee Benefits	\$159,332	\$146,347

The Victorian Government, has significant influence over Neighbourhood Watch Victoria Inc as 79% of the funding for is provided by the Department of Justice Community Safety "The Department". Thus Neighbourhood Watch Victoria Inc is exempt from the disclosure requirements of AASB 124 per paragraph 25, in relation to related party transactions and outstanding balances with the Victorian Government. The total funding received during 2022/23 from the Department was \$540,100 (inc GST). There were no other significant transactions with the Department during the financial year.

(M) Accounting for goods and services tax (GST)

Income, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, except where GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority. In this case, it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included with other payables in the balance sheet.

Note 2 Capital Commitments - Nil

Note 3 Contingent Liabilities – Nil

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Note 4 Prepayments		
Insurance premiums paid in advance	5,513	6,121
Prepayments	5,513	6,121
Note 5 Property, Plant and Equipment		
Computer Equipment	15,842	11,718
Less Accumulated depreciation	(9,068)	(6,409)
	6,774	5,309
Office Equipment	8,141	7,870
Less Accumulated depreciation	(7,454)	(5,556)
	687	2,314
	7,661	7,623
Note 6 Payables		
Tax Payable (Recoverable)	63,179	38,158
Superannuation payable	3,474	0
Accruals	13,231	13,231
	79,884	51,389
Note 7 Provisions and Funding in Advance		
Unexpired Funding - DOJ	176,320	0
Unexpired funding - DOJ - Street Engagement Project	75,366	220,000
Unexpired Income - RACV	0	100,000
Provision for Annual Leave	84,482	64,656
Provision for Long Service Leave	6,448	3,390
Monies held for closed LGAs	2,959	12,590
Grant held in future projects	10,154	10,154
	355,729	410,790
Note 8 Events after the reporting period		
No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2023 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the operations of Neighbourhood Watch Victoria Inc, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs in future financial years.		

Independent Auditor's Report

To the members of Neighbourhood Watch Victoria Inc

Neighbourhood Watch Victoria Inc. Reg. No. A0018739R

Report on Financial Report

I have audited the accompanying financial report of the Neighbourhood Watch Victoria Inc., which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2023, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity/statement of recognised income and expenses and cash flow statement for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

The responsibility of Neighbourhood Watch Victoria Inc for the Financial Report

Neighbourhood Watch Victoria Inc. is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian accounting standards (including the Australian accounting interpretations). This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. I conducted the audit in accordance with Australian auditing standards. These auditing standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting

policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by those charged with governance, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report of Neighbourhood Watch Victoria Inc. has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- (a) Giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30th June, 2023 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date: and
- (b) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for profits Commission Regulation 2013.



Robert Paul Briglia Principal

Briglia & Co.

Chartered Accountant

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Dated: 22 September 2023



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