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ANNUAL REPORT 2021

ABOUT YARRA VALLEY ECOSS

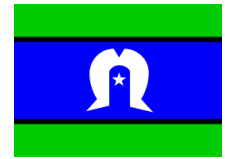
**We support the Yarra Ranges Council
Climate Emergency Declaration**

**With Sustainability at the CORE of everything
we do on site.**

Yarra Valley ECOSS acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of this land.

We pay respects to elders past, present and emerging.

We are committed to actively seeking ways in which to create a safe, inclusive hub, striving together for a thriving future for our Indigenous families.



Yarra Valley ECOSS is an inclusive workplace, we invite all genders and nationalities to come together and work for a better future for this planet.



OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT IS—an environmental and educational not-for-profit organisation committed to showcasing best sustainable solutions.

OUR ENVIRONMENTAL GOAL IS—aimed at restoring natural capital in our environment:

—A rural recreational and training facility that demonstrates innovation and best practice in regenerative land-use, renewable energies and resources, and the local production of food.

OUR LEARNING GOAL IS—aimed at developing human capital in our people is:

—A program of activities that inspires and enables the acquisition of the knowledge and skills needed to develop sustainable lifestyles.

OUR SOCIAL CAPITAL IS—aimed at improving social capital in our community is:

—A cooperative enterprise that is owned by the community, managed by the community, for the community and expresses the community's spirit.

OUR FINANCIAL GOAL IS—aimed at building financial capital and financial security in our community:

—A range of integrated enterprises that provides local employment, stimulates the growth of the regional economy and provides income to support our operations.

—Care for the Earth, its life forms and ecological processes, as stewards for future generations

—Care for People, through respect and the provision of opportunity for everyone to reach their potential.

—A Fair Share of the Earth's renewable and non-renewable resources for all members of current and future populations.

OUR VALUES ARE—

- We foster a culture of respect for the environment and community
- We work with honesty and integrity in our interactions
- We are committed to modelling best environmental practices
- We approach every challenge with enthusiasm and humour
- We are innovative and relevant in our thinking and practices
- We work together, everyone gets heard and we do what we say we'll do
- We strive for cultural and social inclusiveness

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Above Photo: ECOSS 'LIVING' Installation (Photo Credit: John Christie)

REPORTS

Executive Officer's Report

Who would have thought that after the 2020 Annual Report I would still be reporting on operating during Lockdown?! Here we are in 2021, out of lockdown and just getting back into events and school bookings.

I do feel very privileged to report that we still continued to thrive during the COVID Period. I understand that it was a very difficult time for the community and am glad that we were able to offer some reprieve from the sense of isolation many people experienced. The ECOSS Valley Market was a great place to purchase organic veggies, support local growers, but also connect incidentally which feedback says 'saved my sanity!' The Volunteers have kept on coming, keeping the place looking and feeling like a great place to be.

The highlight of our year was winning the 2 Premier's Sustainability Awards. One for Sustainable Places, and the other for Social and Economic Justice. This really gave us a boost with the recognition that we are focussing on something really valuable. It also acknowledged our volunteer Committee of Management and all the hours they invest in keeping the cogs turning in a great direction.

We have managed to keep 5 part time employees this year and employ lots of contractors for various jobs. Our Staff are a wonderfully cohesive team that are used to operating under the ever changing grant requirements and all assist in grant applications to fund their positions. We hope to attract some ethically minded Corporate Sponsors next year to reduce the stress of relying on grants and enable us to direct more energy towards getting on with our jobs.

We warmly welcomed Shlomit Moria - Bushwood Creations with her amazing wood carvings and The Dreaming Space Circus to the site. Another highlight has been the progression on UpCycles Hub, which will open soon offering a great youth and skill development space. It has been great to see the businesses on site get back to work post Covid restrictions, with the wonderful smell of chocolate emanating from Tonantzin, and the joy, laughter and thrills coming from the kids in the Dreaming Space Circus.

The Nursery is now an inviting space with an honesty box system for plants that is working well, lovingly tended by our all abilities Volunteers.

Overall the Circular Economy on site is actually working, from seed to harvest, donation and sale, we are starting to reap the benefits of years of work with the fruition of crops and infrastructure in place.

The vision before us, although a massive journey, is exciting with potential for growth and abundance.

We would like to thank all our supporters who have made this year so incredible.

Chelsea McNab
Executive Officer

President's Report

Another challenging year of lockdowns and restrictions but I am pleased to be able to say that ECOSS managed to function very positively through it all. Our weekly produce market run by Leanne Hall and volunteers was a stand-out community 'event' that gave people a Covid-safe outlet as well as providing local organic produce. We were also able to put on our annual Ecotopia Festival between lockdowns. This attracted its usual huge, delighted crowd. Our Crops for Community Program which involves all-abilities participants also continued on a restricted basis. These activities attracted a lot of new faces at ECOSS and solidified our position as a vibrant community hub. Unfortunately, of course, some events were cancelled due to lockdowns.

We are proud of the fact that our broad range of programs, events and activities with our emphasis on the environment and sustainability culminated in 2 Premier's Sustainability Awards – for 'Social and Economic Justice' and 'Sustainable Places'. As always at ECOSS there are several new projects developing or in the pipeline and these include a Youth Bike Hub and a Food Forest. We will see what 2022 brings!

None of this would be possible without the significant input of staff and Committee of Management. I would like to thank our staff for their outstanding commitment to the organisation and their invaluable teamwork. We are very fortunate as an organisation to attract the calibre of staff we have, Our Executive Officer, Chelsea McNab, Leanne Hall, Kylie Barnes, John Christie and Mel Daymond have all made significant contributions to the successful running of ECOSS during the year. Similarly I would like to acknowledge all the members of the Committee of Management – Bernie Lobert, Kellie Gee, Joe Butler, Tom Neil, Karina Doughty, Peter Preuss, Josh Tucker, Meg Lloyd, Julian Guess (the ex-officio Yarra Ranges Council Rep) and Cr Jim Child who also attends meetings on behalf of the Council. They form an excellent team with a broad variety of skills and their voluntary contribution has enabled ECOSS to meet its commitments and continue to expand over an extended period of time. I must also thank the Yarra Ranges Council, our volunteers, partners and sponsors for helping us to achieve our vision.

We look forward to an exciting and stimulating 2022.

Ric Butler
President



COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT



Left to right above:

Karina Doughty

**Committee Member
Warburton Environment Representative
Food Forest Sub Committee**

Joe Butler

**Secretary
Admin Sub Committee
Chair Community Engagement Committee
Food Forest Sub Committee**

Bernie Lobert

**Treasurer
Secretary/Chair Admin Committee**

Ric Butler

**President
Site Committee**

Peter Preuss

Committee Member

Cr Jim Child

Yarra Ranges Council Representative

Julian Guess

**Yarra Ranges Council
Sustainability Project Officer**

Kellie Gee

**Vice President / Upper
Yarra Landcare Representative
Site Committee**

Meg Lloyd

Committee Member

Tom Neil

**Natural Building Centre
Representative and Site Committee**

Joshua Tucker

**Site Committee and
Silvertine Farm Representative
Food Forest Sub Committee**



STAFF & VOLUNTEERS



John Christie, Melanie Daymond, Leanne Hall, Chelsea McNab, Kylie Barnes,

Staff Members

Chelsea McNab:
Executive Officer

Casual Staff

Kylie Barnes:
Earth Education Co-ordinator and Community Engagement

Leanne Hall:
Community Engagement, Market & Events Co-ordinator

Melanie Daymond:
All Abilities Volunteer Project Development Co-ordinator

John Christie:
Crops for Community Coordinator

Supporters and Consultants

Catherine Aulich of Upper Yarra Valley Bookkeeping:
Accountant

Karina Doughty:
Environmental Educator: Earth Education Program

Upper Yarra Community Enterprise Limited

Cire Services

Judd Zekas of Yarra Valley Hosting
Tech Support

Graeme George of Yarra Valley Permaculture

HICSA (Healesville Indigenous Services Association)
Aunty Kim Wandin - Wurundjeri Elder

Cultural Inclusivity Advice: Aunty Kim Wandin

Aladdin Jones
Men's Health Worker

Baya Litchfield
Caretaker, grounds maintenance

Volunteers

Our Volunteers are the backbone of ECOSS and we are deeply grateful to all those who have given generously of their time and skills throughout the last 12 months, including all of our Ecotopia, Valley Market Volunteers.

Special Thanks

Karen Meuleman Festivals Support, Yarra Ranges Council

Little Yarra Steiner School for advertising support

SPECIAL THANKS & VOLUNTEER STORIES

Brad Charman -Yarra Valley Signs for incredible generosity in signage support

Yarra Junction Opp Shop for grant support of our projects,

Mountain Views Mail

3VYV FM

Yarra Ranges Life TV

Julian Guess YRC - for generous support.

Healesville Indigenous Community Services Association- for community lunches and creating opportunities to connect with our Indigenous community.

Aunty Kim Wandin for advice and care

Be Seen Hire

Ruby Jane Stormer for support with the Warburton Time Out Tipi project

Sean Marler for always being there to help clean up

Akira Giddings-Hall young volunteer extraordinaire,

Nadine Imber for her ongoing support and volunteering since 2019

Cailie Coney who has been volunteering twice a week since April 2019, sharing her joy with everyone

Dan 'The Compost Man's for his constant dedication in collecting and delivering huge volumes of food scraps to ECOSS for building our compost.

And to our wonderful Valley Market volunteers who turn up, and remain utterly dependable, particularly: Pierre Rispoli, Evan Necker, Jackie Williams, Shona Rich, Andy Moyes, Dom McKay.



Kylie Barnes, Chelsea McNab and Leanne Hall with the Premier's Sustainability Awards for ECOSS

An Interview with Baya

ECOSS would like to thank our caretaker Baya who has worked tirelessly maintaining the grounds and is ever happy to help with a myriad of other jobs.

Have you always lived in the Valley?

I have lived for the majority of my life , arriving in Warburton at 6 years of age, after 5 years in the Bellinger Valley of NSW.

What do you enjoy about the local environment?

I love the trees, the river, the mountains, the climate, the opportunity to fish, to ride & to hike.



Baya Litchfield

What is your daily work?

I work full time as an arborist, part time as a pizza chef at Little Joes Pizza.

What do you do at ECOSS?

I work as a grounds & general maintenance person at ECOSS.

What do you appreciate about the local community?

I appreciate the smiling faces, friendly and helpful people, local food and community initiatives.

ECOSS COMMUNITY

Another year of Covid restrictions made 2021 a challenging year but ECOSS remained vibrant in its offering of inclusive community events and programs. This solidified its status as a dynamic local community hub.

By definition the 'ECOSS Community' involves people and groups within the internal organisation as well as participants from the external community.

Staff and Committee

To start within the organisation, 2021 was another year where Committee of Management had to resort to Zoom meetings and staff spent a lot of time working from home. As in the previous year a lot was still achieved. The Committee of Management maintained their significant voluntary workload and their commitment to fulfilling the ECOSS vision. Staff, likewise, maintained existing programs and worked on developing new ones. Our Executive Officer, Chelsea McNab, has continued to develop new community connections and Leanne Hall has solidified the weekly market as a local popular fixture.

John Christie was employed at the start of 2021 as an integral staff member in the Crops for Community Program. He has extensive experience in Horticulture and in working with people with special needs. He and the other Crops for Community staff member, Mel Daymond, have worked very successfully with the all-abilities participants to grow and distribute food and establish the ECOSS nursery. Kylie Barnes has continued to maintain the Schools Program despite Covid restrictions and interest in the program has remained high, especially since lockdown finished.

Volunteers

Volunteers remained an important part of ECOSS' programs, especially in the Community Garden, the nursery, at the market, and as part of all the organisation's other events. Volunteers are always warmly welcomed and we would like to acknowledge their significant contribution.

Events, Participating Organisations

In 2021 some events were successfully run and others were cancelled. Ecotopia was held in the brief interlude between lockdowns. It was a very successful community event with visitors celebrating the opportunity to enjoy an event together. There were 3 Twilight Markets with music and lots of delicious food, a Moonlight Cinema and Permaculture Week events. There were also Clay Play sessions in the Pottery Studio and Tall Trees workshops in the school holidays as well as African Drumming classes between lockdowns. All of these events attracted enthusiastic visitors to ECOSS.

ECOSS received many benefits from the participation of the varied groups and organisations which became involved with us over the year. The RMIT Industrial Design students were committed to ECOSS during the year as they developed their final assessable projects based on programs and infrastructure plans at the ECOSS site. A Permaculture Design course was also run at ECOSS during the year and many of the students became interested and involved in the ECOSS Food Forest project. Similarly the groups which have long been meeting or working at ECOSS continued to make their valuable contribution to the organisation. These include Yarra Valley Bee Group, Warburton Environment, Cire Community School, Yarra Valley Landcare and Beans and Bananas Food Cooperative.

Co-locating Groups

ECOSS continues to have several environmentally minded tenants which add to our community. These include Bushwood Creations, Tonantzin Chocolate House, Judy Lay Felting, the Melganics organic vegetable stall, Tiny House 2 Go, the Dreaming Space and Silvertine Biodynamic Market Garden.

We continue to be significantly supported by Yarra Ranges Council. Cr Jim Child attends our Committee of Management meetings and Julian Guess is our Council ex-officio representative on Committee. They both make valuable contributions to the decisions and plans we make at ECOSS. The Council also supports ECOSS financially through grants and a Partnership Agreement.

We feel very fortunate as an organisation to have the involvement and support of a wide variety of community members and groups and we would like to thank them for being part of our ECOSS community.

Joe Butler
Secretary



FESTIVALS, MARKETS & EVENTS

2021 saw a number of events being postponed once again due to Covid-19. We have learnt to be very adaptable and flexible with our plans and look forward to re-scheduling a number of events to occur in 2022! These will include Ngulu Festival & Sunfest!

By Leanne Hall

Ecotopia 2021

During a brief respite from lockdowns and restrictions Ecotopia was able to go ahead. It felt like a wonderful celebration and opportunity for all to come together again after what was a very challenging 2020. With reduced capacity limits and uncertainty it was decided to move Ecotopia to ECOSS. This was the first Ecotopia to be held on site at ECOSS and was such a success that we have decided to continue this into the future.

Ecotopia 2021 saw approx 80 stalls with a large variety of performers and the introduction of The Dreaming Space who entertained the children all day!

We had our Ecotopia mascot sing Ecotopiain! Yarra Valley Drummers performed with Kofi Kunkpe, The Anecdote, Neesy Smith and Friends and Dr Jazz who got everyone up dancing meant the stage was buzzing all day! All of this occurred on a solar powered stage!

We were also visited by the Electric Vehicle club who paraded their vehicles through the site. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers without which events such as this simply could not happen.



Ecotopia 2021

Creation Story Mural

The Creation Story Mural was continued with Aunty Kim Wandin and indigenous artist Nikki Browne working on this project between the restrictions. The mural depicts The Creation Story of the Wurundjeri People. Thank you to funding from Yarra Ranges Council to support this project. The mural opening was postponed along with the Ngulu festival and will hopefully be officially opened at the 2022 Ngulu Festival.

The Valley Market ECOSS

After a challenging time throughout 2020 we are grateful to have been able to continue running The Valley Market ECOSS on a weekly basis. As it is an essential service it has meant we were able to continue throughout the extended lockdowns.

The Market has continued throughout 2021 with great success! It has seen ongoing support from the local community as well as the continuation of wonderful fresh produce being available directly to the community.

We have had a number of Twilight markets - aiming to hold a different Twilight Market for each season. The Twilight Markets have provided live music and much needed respite and entertainment to the extended community! This seemed to be essential to people's well being and sense of belonging within the community. For our Autumn Twilight Market we had an all female line up with Chloe Amberfox and The Jam Tarts performing.

In November 2021 thank you to Yarra Ranges Council and The Art Attack program we were able to host an African Themed Twilight Market! We had a large number of stalls, African Music and dancing enjoyed by people of all ages! Including our very own resident Yarra Valley Drummers! This was then followed up by a Christmas Twilight Market in December, another wonderful evening enjoyed by all!

ECOSS hosted and supported many community group events:

Most of the following events were funded by various grants and organisations. We are incredibly grateful for this support, enabling us to offer our events to the community either free or very low cost.

- Permaculture Week
- Coop Hire
- Tall Trees Festival
- Outdoor film screening
- Kofi Kunkpe Music lessons weekly
- Dreaming Space Circus and Dance classes weekly
- School holiday program activities
- Open Studios
- Children's Week Activities
- Traditional Mexican Cultural Cacao Ceremonies
- Men's group weekly meeting

ECOSS EVENTS

WEST AFRICAN DRUMMING
WITH KOFI KUNKPE

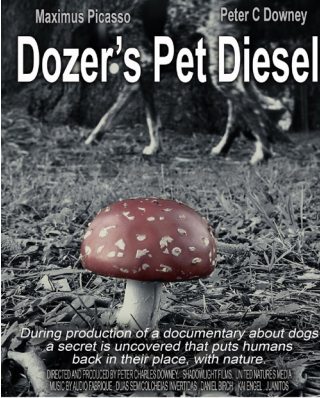


COME AND JOIN THE YARRA VALLEY DRUMMERS!
Term 2 starts ~April 19th 2021

KOFI KUNKPE MUSIC

Every Monday
5.30pm Beginners
6.30pm Intermediate
\$180 for term \$25 casual
Yarra Valley ECOSS
711 Old Warburton Rd Wesburn
Bookings: 0429 057 074
www.westafricandrumming.com.au

Maximus Picasso Peter C Downey
Dozer's Pet Diesel



During production of a documentary about dogs a secret is uncovered that puts humans back in their place, with nature.

Pre-Release Premiere Screening at ECOSS
Friday 12th Feb (after the market). 7.30pm start for an 8.30pm showing.
Outdoor cinema. BYO blanket, bean-bag, camp chair. Dogs welcome but their humans must be on a leash at all times. Onsite bar and food.
Meet the canine and human stars. Prize for best fancy dressed dog.
Bookings recommended as numbers are limited. \$20 adults \$15 youth/conc

Permaculture Week in The Yarra Valley 2021
20th - 28th March
Property Tours ~ Festivals ~ Talks
Walk ~ Dance & Movie night
Bookings & info.:
<https://permacultureyarravalley.org/events/>



Yarra Valley Permaculture ECOSS, Yarra Valley, Peace Farm, MOORA VALLEY MARKET

ecotopia
Celebrating sustainable living and the finale of Permaculture week.
EARTH FESTIVAL 2021
MARCH 28TH 10AM - 4PM
711 Old Warburton Rd, Wesburn

Yarra Valley **ecoss**

PRESENTS
TOURS
TALKS
MARKET STALLS
WELCOME TO COUNTRY
LIVE MUSIC
On Solar Powered stage
DR JAZZ
NEESY SMITH
THE ANECDOTE
KOFI & THE YARRA VALLEY DRUMMERS
LILY & KING
THE DREAMING SPACE CIRCUS

Adults - \$25
Concession & First Nations - \$10
Kids by Donation
ECOSS online

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY
Yarra Valley Permaculture, Yarra Valley, Peace Farm, MOORA VALLEY MARKET

NGULU FESTIVAL
RECONCILIATION WEEK 2021
WURUNDJERI CREATION STORY
MURAL & SOUNDSCAPE OPENING
with Auntie Kim Wandin, Artist Nikki Browne,
Ryon Tey & RMIT Industrial Design Students
WELCOME TO COUNTRY & SMOKING CEREMONY
with local Elders

CHENILE CHANDLER - NIKKI MADGWICK
- DRMGNOW with Neil Morris -
KEE'AHN - PIRIRITU

Sat. 29 May ~ 1pm-5pm ~ \$20/\$15
Yarra Valley ECOSS 711 Old Warburton Rd Wesburn

CELEBRATE
CHILDREN'S WEEK
23 - 31 October 2021

'Children have the right to choose their own friends
and safely connect with others'.

Come join the Funky Monkey Family in
The Dreaming Space
LIVE ONLINE- Make circus poi and staffs learn to spin,
juggle, giggle, dance and get funky!
Date- 29th Oct @ 11-11.45am
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/825129569412>
pwd=V2F1UjU1G1SR1Z40DV1QURmD3d0V0hGdGd09

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THE DREAMING SPACE CIRCUS

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 6-11

This is a mixed skills class with
Tuesday - Aerial Class 5.30pm
Wednesday 9.30am & Friday 2pm, 2-4hrs
Little Blossoms and Mini Monkeys Circus
Thursday- 3.45-5pm Circus P-3
4.45-6pm Circus grade 4-7
Friday 4.5pm Circus P-3 & 5-6pm Grade 4-7
The Dome @ ECOSS 772 Old Warburton Hwy
03000183452 | www.yarravalleyecoss.com.au | info@yarravalleyecoss.com.au

Warburton **ecoss**
Tall TREES FESTIVAL 2021
AUG 21
TICKETS ON SALE

Brett Mifsud
COMBAT WOMBAT
Simon Kerr
Ganga Giri

Peter Vadiveloo Pirritu (Brett Lee) Professor Yin Paradies
Charlie Mgee - Formidable Vegetable Stacie Piper Djerri Djerri Dance group
Dr. Elle Bowd The Trees Project, Dr Jen Sanger and Steve Pearce
Mal Webb & Kylie Morrigian Sioux Dollman
Mat Morgan Senator Lidia Thorpe
Chelsea Mc'Nab Belly Savalas

events.humanitix.com/tall-trees-festival-2021

The Valley Market ECOSS
Every Friday
3.30 pm - 6pm
Yarra Valley ECOSS
711 Old Warburton Rd
Wesburn

THE VALLEY MARKET

The Valley Market Warburton
First Sunday
of the Month
11am - 3pm
Behind The Arts Centre
along the Yarra River
Warburton



www.valleymarket.com.au

Yarra Ranges Council, Bendigo Bank, Yarra Valley Permaculture, Yarra Valley, Yarra Valley ECOSS, VICHealth, FRMR

The Valley Market ECOSS
Presents
African Spring Twilight Market
Roaming performers - Kofi Kunkpe & Yarra Valley Drummers
Art, Craft, Food & Local Produce Stalls




FRI. 19TH NOV. ~ 3.30PM-8PM
@ YARRA VALLEY ECOSS

711 Old Warburton Rd Wesburn ~ www.ecoss.org.au
Art Attack is a Yarra Ranges Council initiative to bring back the spark in your life.

Yarra Ranges Council, ARI ATTACK, Yarra Valley ECOSS, VALLEY MARKET, KOFI KUNKPE MUSIC

The Valley Market ECOSS
Christmas Twilight Market
Art, Craft, Food & Local Produce Stalls
Kofi Kunkpe & Yarra Valley Drummers



FRI. 17TH DEC. ~ 3.30PM-8PM
AT: YARRA VALLEY ECOSS

711 Old Warburton Rd Wesburn ~ www.ecoss.org.au

Yarra Ranges Council, VICHealth, Yarra Valley ECOSS, VALLEY MARKET, KOFI KUNKPE MUSIC

KEY PROGRAMS

The number of key programs at ECOSS have increased again this year reaching more people both in the local community and beyond. The variety of initiatives have attracted diverse audiences via events, workshops, schools projects and celebrations.

Crops for Community - John Christie

The Crops For Community (CFC) programme has achieved many of its stated aims over the course of the last year despite the many difficulties surrounding the COVID pandemic and extended lockdowns. I joined the programme in April and quickly found the programme to be well-designed and progressing along the path laid out. My role was to bring some horticultural and educational expertise to the growing of the crops and the setting up of experiences for our all-ability volunteers. Working closely with Mel Daymond we began by renovating the old community garden after it had been abandoned during the long lock down. The first stage involved getting the composting system up and running again and soil amelioration works in the many beds. Re-design work for the community garden area is an ongoing discussion but we decided to wait and watch, utilising the space through the year and carefully mapping out what improvements, if any, could be made; this partly to expand the productive area and partly to utilise existing structures and spaces more efficiently. As part of this contemplation two trial beds were placed outside the compound on the eastern side. Improvements during 2022 are planned.

Continued lock downs meant many of our volunteers were no longer able to access ECOSS but we still had a core group that fell within the 5 km limit and who were allowed to come under the regulations. As a result, the gardening activities were on a relatively small scale. We were still able to grow produce to donate to Koha and Oonah during those times when they were operating and we were able to deliver. Some produce was retained by us to value add through a cooking programme and we were able to sell curries and other food items at the various markets held by ECOSS with all funds being returned to CFC. The other major development was to re-invigorate the poly tunnel closest to the heart of operations at ECOSS. This meant we had a great opportunity to extend the germinating and growing times of targeted plants. Joe, through her contacts with the Carawah nursery, organised to source tube stock which the volunteers were able to transplant into bigger pots, grow on and then sell at a nursery area set up at the rear of the poly tunnel. Payment is through an honesty box which allows us to generate income even when we are not around. This proved to be very successful. Periodic stocktake matched with income generated suggests this is working as it should. Discussions concerning the possibility of expanding this to include indigenous stock with seed and cuttings sourced by us as part of the programme are ongoing. We are often asked about whether we have indigenous stock for sale, especially with the growth of new residents to the area. It would seem to be a natural extension to what we are already doing. Expansion into other areas including fire-retardant plants, pollinator plants, small bird attracting plants etc. will be explored through the coming year.

A CFC DL pamphlet was created to advertise and inform about the programme. We began a iNaturalist account to log the biodiversity encountered at ECOSS as an extension activity for the volunteers and as a means of educating about the interconnectedness of the garden with the wider ecosystem.

The main thing learnt over the course of the year was how much potential there is to continue to expand this programme. The output of produce grown could be raised, the experiences for our volunteers can be broadened and deepened. The numbers of volunteers and their carers able to access the programme could be increased. The list of plants propagated along targeted lines could be expanded and relationships with Landcare and Council in this space as well as other related organisations could be enhanced.



Cailie Coney with corn harvested from Crops for Community

KEY PROGRAMS CONTINUED

Practical Earth Education Program 2021 - Kylie Barnes

The ECOSS Practical Earth Education Program continued in 2021 between the lockdowns as and when it was possible. With an exciting start it was wonderful to be able to welcome students back on site. We had to adapt to unfolding conditions as the year progressed. We look forward to being able to offer a much more full program as restrictions ease and schools and community groups are able to attend more excursions again in 2022.

Yarra Ranges Council funded some Autumn school holiday programs for children and families where participants learnt about the Tall Trees of our water catchment area. There was also an Autumn Treasure Hunt and Nature Art session.

Sophia Mundi Steiner School bought their entire high school, years 7-12, for a big day of learning about Sustainability and environmental processes. Students began with a tour of ECOSS, and then worked in groups participating in earth building workshops, biodynamic farming, biofiltration systems and bush regeneration. They visited as part of their start of year camp.

Edmund Rice Camp Victoria bought students of all ages for some Nature Art Sessions in the Autumn school holidays.

The Melbourne Adventure Hub brought many groups of Year 9 students from some schools from the city as part of their camp program. The students participated in a number of sustainable earth building projects as well as farming, composting, bush regeneration, biofiltration and nature art.



Indigenous Artist Nikki Browne



Student with their hands in the mud at ECOSS

Ghilgai school came with their class 3 and 4 students to learn about Indigenous culture and also learnt how to do some basket weaving with a local indigenous artist.

Hoddles Creek Primary school visited for a number of excursions to learn about indigenous culture with local indigenous artist, Nikki Browne. They returned a number of times to learn about sustainable gardening, an ECOSS Discovery Tour and also came for a Nature Art and Upcycling session as well as a Pottery workshop.

Billanook College attended a full day program with their grade 4 students and worked on the biodynamic farm, learnt about composting in the community garden, had a tour and created some Nature art.

Kylie presented at the online Learning for Sustainability conference run by the Eastern Alliance for Sustainable Learning. This was a great day and a wonderful opportunity to network with other sustainability educators.

The Warburton Primary School Time Out Tipi project, supported in partnership with the Yarra Ranges Council, was able to be completed in Term 4. It was lovely to see the children playing in the space they co-designed and created in collaboration with YRC, and ECOSS facilitators Kylie and Jane.

We were grateful that the Yarra Ranges Council extended their grant to support the education program as it was unable to run to its full potential during lockdowns. This means that the remainder of the funds can be used in 2022 to offer a discount to school and community group excursions and education programs.

We were happy to partner with Re-think Recycling Co-op to begin collecting bottle lids that would otherwise end up in landfill to be repurposed into innovative recycled plastic products. We have established a bottle lid collection point at ECOSS for the community to contribute to creating more recycling opportunities and reducing problem waste in landfill.

Although there were many cancellations due to the pandemic restrictions, we are hoping that many schools and groups will reschedule in future and look forward to continuing to offer inspiring, practical educational experiences at ECOSS.

All Abilities Program - Melanie Daymond

A big thank you to all our volunteers, their support workers and the organisations that support our Crops for Community to Market program. With their time and dedication it is now a thriving, inclusive community and skills building program.

We value each individual, Melba Support Services, Interchange Outer East and Recovery Options for their partnerships.

Again, even during the 2021 restrictions we were happy to be able to continue to have our existing All Abilities volunteers work in the community garden on a one on one basis. Our community garden was well cared for and it was delightful to see after the restrictions were lifted how wonderful and loved it all looked. They kept the garden thriving during these difficult times, as well as throughout the year.



The ECOSS Community Garden

Benefits the volunteers have from their time at ECOSS include:

- Improved skill development opportunity, experience and knowledge. Propagating, growing, harvesting, preserving, cooking and retail skills.

- Increased sense of community, building relationships, giving back to the community

- Increase sense of wellbeing through enjoying fresh healthy food they have grown, participating in giving back to community and gaining new skills.



Volunteers Paul and Cailie selling ECOSS plants in Warburton

We welcome new volunteers of all abilities to join our program. Please email John at cropsforcommunity@ecoss.org.au or Melanie at allabilities@ecoss.org.au to enquire about joining our dynamic community volunteer team at ECOSS.



Melanie Daymond with Crops for Community produce

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And special thanks to The Yarra Valley Community Op Shop and Beans and Bananas.

ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

Our on-going environmental and sustainable projects are our priority. All activities and training on site must have a sustainable element as we attempt to engage the community and all ECOSS visitors in working towards a greener future.

We support the Yarra Ranges Council Climate Emergency Declaration

With Sustainability at the CORE of everything we do on site.

By Karina Doughty

Our environmental values and purpose are central and embedded in all of our programmes and activities, they are at the heart of what we do and who we are.

Food security is becoming a more pressing issue for our local and global communities and is a growing focus for ECOSS. Food shortages are an increased problem across the globe. In 2021 many global issues affected the transportation and access to food, including:

- the global Covid 19 pandemic and all social, economic and health problems which followed.
- increased impacts from climate change including more extreme weather events such as storms, floods, fires and difficult growing conditions.

The Aims of Food Security are to have less reliance on transport for food access, grow food locally, reduce our impacts on the earth (particularly carbon emissions) and make nutritious, affordable food available to all.

At ECOSS we are committed to supporting and demonstrating food security initiatives, examples of these in 2021 include:

The Food Forest

ECOSS is working with Permaculture Yarra Valley to design a food forest onsite. This food forest will be established on one acre of land between the Coop building and Silvertine Farm. It will rely on and grow through community members and volunteers being directly involved in the propagation, planting, mentorship, stewardship, harvesting and potentially swapping and cooking of the produce. The vision is that the Food Forest will become a beautiful, abundant forest which inspires visitation, learning, wellbeing, community resilience and future proofing.

Crops for Community

All abilities programs continued to propagate, grow and harvest vegetables from the community garden. Produce is also donated to food charities.

The Valley Market ECOSS

The ongoing success of The ECOSS Valley Market has increased the local resident's opportunity to buy locally grown produce and handmade/artisan goods. This includes selling locally made organic bread and chocolate products using sustainably sourced cacao.

Silvertine Farm

A biodynamic farm onsite. They sell their produce at the ECOSS Valley Market and supply Beans and Bananas food cooperative.

Beans and Bananas Food Cooperative

Beans and Bananas Food operates fortnightly onsite- providing community members the opportunity to get involved in packing wholesale (onsite, local and otherwise) organic, food boxes and receiving affordable produce in return.



Beans and Bananas Co-op

The Chicken Run

The chicken run within the Heritage Fruit Orchard continues to fertilise the orchard and provide local eggs, which are happily collected and used by the all-abilities groups.

Organic demonstration vineyard

The vineyard is growing well, is virus-free and will be used in pruning demonstrations next year.

ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY CONTINUED

Working with Environmental Organisations/Groups

ECOSS supported the following groups to have their meetings on our grounds, run educational stalls and fundraising at our events and courses:

- Permaculture Yarra Valley
- Yarra Valley Bee Group
- Warburton Environment
- Upper Yarra Landcare
- Community Alliance for Waste Reduction and Sustainability
- Re-think Recycling Co-op

Sustainable Enterprises

The sustainable enterprises co-locating at ECOSS provide opportunities for sustainable living exhibits and education. They also provide solutions to difficult social and environmental justice issues of our time. For instance, demonstrating affordable/sustainable/small footprint housing options, re-using timber to create art, sustainably sourced cacao, organically and biodynamically grown vegetables (decreasing the use of toxic, insecticides and pesticides), propagation of native plants.



Silvertine Biodynamic Farm

Zero Waste and Reducing Landfill

ECOSS used the Wash Against Waste (a kit of reusable cups, bowls, plates and cutlery) as much as possible in day to day use. However, with the pandemic, it wasn't always possible to safely use the kit for events and markets, and compostable options were used and composted in the ECOSS composting system. This resulted in ECOSS creating very little landfill waste onsite. The Wash Against Waste system was also hired out throughout the year by a number of individuals and organisations, reducing further waste in the community.

Earth Education

In all our education sessions we aim to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land past/present and emerging and recognise that there is still a lot we can learn about how they managed the land.

Environmental education is central to ECOSS's mission. The Practical Earth Education program which ran tours and education sessions with school children in 2021, shared crucial environmental principles about how to care for the earth, tend to the soil, grow/harvest food, build sustainable homes, live simply and understand the importance of healthy ecosystems, for all life.



ECOSS Community Garden

Native Forest Protection Advocacy/Activism

Warburton Environment continue to base themselves at ECOSS, holding meetings, participating in earth education about our endangered local plants and animals and holding information stalls. During this period, they have (working closely with WOTCH, Kinglake Greater Glider, and other environmental groups) protected native forests in and around Big Pats Creek, Warburton and Mt Bride through legal action, focusing on the endangered Tree Geebung (*Persoonia arborea*) and Greater Glider. They have worked closely with indigenous leaders to advocate for the protection of our local native forests from logging. They held the Tall Trees Festival in August as a successful online event which raised a lot of money for the court case. They are planning for the 2022 festival to take place on site at ECOSS.

Environmental Initiatives with Yarra Ranges Council

ECOSS worked with the Yarra Ranges Council on some environmental initiatives including; the solar farm meeting and planning, planting from the 'Ribbons of Green' project, Biochar educational opportunities.

A NOTE FROM OUR CO-LOCATORS

Silvertine Farm

Silvertine Farm is still growing good healthy vegetables. It is now our 6th year and we are still finding new and hopefully better ways to farm.

We grow around 40 varieties of vegetables and sell them at The Valley market at ECOSS and The Eltham Farmers Market.



Clancy at Silvertine Farm

Tonantzin Chocolate

Fernando has opened a beautiful and delicious traditional Mexican chocolate factory at ECOSS. Tonantzin Chocolate are keen to share their cultural knowledge and offer Traditional Sweat Lodges and Cacao Ceremonies. ECOSS is happy to support the sharing of healthy traditional practices that nurture and educate the community.

Vines at ECOSS

Peter Preuss has established a small vineyard at ECOSS to demonstrate organic grape growing techniques and exemplify the benefits of a unique grape variety - the Amazing Roohoodler. Roohoodler has proven to be extraordinarily disease resistant and the variety provides enormous potential from social, educational, financial, and certainly environmental perspectives as it requires little or no chemical disease prevention.

The Roohoodler grapevines at ECOSS have settled in well and even produced a small crop this year. The wine should be ready for drinking by August. There are still plenty of rooted cuttings for those that would like to plant this unique, disease resistant variety in their own backyards... just talk to Peter and Janet at any Friday Markets.

Yarra Valley Bee Group

The popular local group was unable to meet during the lockdowns but have continued to care for the hives at ECOSS and attend the Valley Market to sell honey. They also run educational sessions and attend ECOSS events, offering important information about bees.

Bushwood Creations

Shlomit Moria, local chainsaw artist, loves creating in her space at ECOSS and feels so grateful to be able to come into such a beautiful place everyday and be part of the lovely community. She held an open studio in December which was a wonderful experience and opportunity to share her work with the community. She has been busy working on commissions for various councils and projects.!



Community Pottery Studio

Community Pottery Studio Yarra Valley

Firstly I'm wanting to say how profoundly grateful we are for our space, nestled in so nourishingly amidst the beautiful surrounds and community that is being created and nurtured so wonderfully and organically at ECOSS. We are so honoured to be a part of that lovely weave!

Thinking back over the year past, it feels there have been many energies at play collectively that have thwarted flow and outer growth, but coming back into receiving groups and courses into the space feels so good and I feel we are on the cusp of some powerful outer growth.

I am planning on running weekly facilitated studio sessions as well as basic Wheel Throwing and Handbuilding Courses next year and we have had some new members join who are using the space independently. I feel like there is a persistent ask for more sessions for kids so I'm looking into how I can offer more in that regard.

We are feeling very inspired by the upcycling spaces next door and are renewing efforts to gather materials and labour costs to insulate and line our little space in order that we, the makers and our precious creations, can enjoy a more regulated temperature in the space. I am also looking forward to creating a cob wall along the front verandah. Any ideas or assistance in these matters would be so appreciated!

With deep gratitude and tender blessings,
Lucy and the Pottery Studio

CO-LOCATORS CONTINUED

Melganics

From January 2021 the Melganics team busily worked on building a permanent shop to operate out of and so on Friday 26th February at The Valley Market ECOSS we celebrated its' grand opening with our amazing community. It was a very special market day filled with food and fun. This little shop has continued to grow throughout the rest of 2021 into a thriving business that has been fully supported by our community and passing visitors and by adding a few additional weekly trading days it is able to provide more flexibility for its shoppers.

Melganics also trades on: Tuesday 2.30-6.30pm and Saturday 10am-1pm. We welcome you all!



Melganics Shop

Beans and Bananas

The co-op operates fortnightly onsite- providing community members the opportunity to get involved in packing wholesale (onsite, local and otherwise) organic, food boxes and receiving affordable produce in return.

The Dreaming Space

The Dreaming Space Circus at ECOSS is an ever morphing evolutionary process slowly maturing into a community hive of activity.

Not only does the 33 foot Dome continue to become more of a lively structure but also so does the connection to the wider local community with more dynamic educational courses.

Over the past year Claire and Chris James have been training all ages in Hip hop, Ballet, tap dance techniques on Tuesdays, Kinder Gym on Wednesdays with general skills Circus Classes on Thursdays and Fridays.

This amazing dome structure houses the courses which everyone is welcome to try out.

We look forward to seeing you in the Dome.

Kofi Kunkpe African Drumming Class

Kofi Kunkpe is running weekly African drumming classes at ECOSS on a Monday evening. This evolved after Kofi and The Yarra Valley Drummers performed at Ecotopia. The class is expanding with new beginners joining to create more performance opportunities at local community events. They are open to more participants joining them.

Judy Lay Felting

Judy has created a beautiful creative space in the Bottle Room at ECOSS to share her crafts and skills in felting.

Warburton Environment, Landcare and Upper Yarra Landcare

Kellie Gee and Anne Fitzpatrick from Landcare and Upper Yarra Landcare can be found in the second office at ECOSS. With Karina Doughty from Warburton Environment in the 3rd Office. This makes for great collaborative hot desk opportunities to work together on various projects.

Tiny House 2 Go

The Tiny House 2 go team is continuing to manufacture tiny houses at ECOSS, providing opportunities for local trades people. The group has a particular interest in providing emergency housing and involving council and authorities to change planning laws to be able to increase availability and affordable housing options.



Tiny House 2 Go

Upper Yarra Landcare

UYLC held online meetings this year. We are hoping to reinvigorate our group and plan future activities! We currently have a small online membership base, who receive landcare-themed emails; we also have a facebook page & group. People are welcome to join! Native local plants were also grown this year, as with other years, and are in the process of being planted locally.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Annual Financial Report for the 12 month period ending 31st December 2021.

The Treasurer and Committee of Management members submit the financial report of Yarra Valley ECOSS Inc. for the financial year ended 31 December 2021.

2021 was the first year that our financial year covered the period from the 1st of January to the 31st December calendar year. It was also again, a year impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Like most organisations and businesses across the country, Yarra Valley ECOSS was again thrown into uncertainty, knowing that the Federal government's JobKeeper program would be finishing at the end of March 2021 and we could no longer rely on this funding to buffer the financial impact of further lockdowns that would eventuate later in 2021. Fortunately, we started the year with a healthy balance sheet and had secured other grant funding across 2020, which assisted us greatly, as we navigated through the ups and downs of 2021.

Just like in 2020, we were locked down at various times, at which our staff transitioned back to working from home. Our usual activities were curtailed and there were again lengthy periods of time when there weren't many people on site. This time, we were financially supported by the Victorian State government through Business Victoria and also received COVID-19 support through Yarra Ranges Council. Thanks to these business support programs, we were able to keep Yarra Valley ECOSS running, support our staff, meet our overheads and maintain our balance sheet over a difficult period.

We are extremely grateful for the generous support from Yarra Ranges Council and from the Victorian State government. This support has meant that Yarra Valley ECOSS can continue with various infrastructure projects, continue to expand our activities and be there to support the community.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year have not altered.

Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating Result

The profit (loss) for 2021 (12 months) amounted to \$84,144. In 2019-20 (18 months): \$42,793.

Income from Grants, Partnerships, Sponsorships & Donations

In the 12-month period ending 31st December 2021, Yarra Valley ECOSS received extremely generous support from the Victorian government of \$48,400 through the Business Victoria, Business Costs Assistance Program. Separate to this,

Yarra Valley ECOSS obtained a further \$158,431 in grants, and \$7,147 in donations and sponsorships from various sources. We also continue to receive considerable ongoing support from our partner organisations, especially Yarra Ranges Council. They have been extremely generous in providing us with numerous grants including the renewal of the annual Connected & Healthy Communities partnership agreement funding until 2023 and the annual Creative Communities partnership agreement for our Ecotopia Junction Festival until 2023. We also received funding from Council to again hold the Ngulu Festival that honours our First Nations people, which unfortunately had to be cancelled in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Yarra Ranges Council provided funding towards an upgrade of the power infrastructure at the ECOSS site. We also received a grant through the Yarra Ranges Council Enhancing Existing Partnership Program to employ a Volunteer & Engagement Officer, which has been invaluable in increasing the number of volunteers on site and to engage with schools and other stakeholders. Yarra Ranges Council also funded various smaller grants to provide music and children's activities at our weekly market and to run Governance training for the committee of management and staff.

Our Crops for Community program received grants from Vic Health Reimagining Health, the Hugh Williamson Foundation, FRRR Grants for Resilience & Wellness, Yarra Ranges Council Grants for Community & Community Development, ANZ Seeds for Renewal Program through FRRR and the NAB Foundation Community Grant Program, which will allow the program to continue to the end of 2022.

Upper Yarra Community Enterprise Limited (Bendigo Community Bank branches at Warburton and Yarra Junction) provided a \$16,000 grant for the refurbishment of our Community kitchen.

It is interesting to note that we were successful in 90% of the applications that we submitted, which is a testament to the hard working efforts of all our staff.

Highlights:

- Jan-Mar 2021: Federal Government – JobKeeper [for staff wages] \$19,500
- Feb 2021: FRRR – Grants for Resilience & Wellness [for Crops for Community] (\$20,000)
- Feb 2021: Vic Health – Reimagining Health [for Crops for Community] (\$35,000)
- Feb 2021: Yarra Ranges Council – Arts & Heritage funding [for Ngulu Festival 2021] (\$10,000)
- Feb 2021: Yarra Ranges Council – Grants for Community [for Crops for Community] (\$7,800)
- Feb 2021: Yarra Ranges Council – Enhancing Existing 2018-22 Partnership Program [for Volunteer & Engagement Officer position] (\$20,000)
- Jun 2021: Yarra Ranges Council – Art Attack [for African Themed Spring Twilight Market] (\$1,334)

TREASURER'S REPORT CONTINUED

- Jun 2021: Business Victoria – Business Costs Assistance Program (\$5,000)
- Jun 2021: Vic Health – Reimagining Health [for Crops for Community] (\$5,000)
- Jul 2021: Business Victoria – Business Costs Assistance Program (\$2,000)
- Jul 2021: Business Victoria – Business Costs Assistance Program (\$2,800)
- Aug 2021: Yarra Ranges Council – Dreamtime Mural of the Woiwurrung People (\$1,000)
- Aug 2021: Business Victoria – Business Costs Assistance Program (\$2,800)
- Aug 2021: Business Victoria – Business Costs Assistance Program (\$5,000)
- Aug 2021: Business Victoria – Business Costs Assistance Program (\$2,800)
- Aug 2021: Business Victoria – Business Costs Assistance Program (\$5,600)
- Sep 2021: Hugh Williamson Foundation – for Crops for Community (\$35,000)
- Sep 2021: Business Victoria – Business Costs Assistance Program (\$5,600)
- Sep 2021: NAB Foundation – Community Grant Program [for Crops for Community] (\$10,000)
- Sep 2021: Yarra Ranges Council – Power Upgrade (\$15,000)
- Sep 2021: Yarra Ranges Council – Partnership agreement funding 2021-22 (\$15,000)
- Sep 2021: Yarra Ranges Council – Festival & Events sponsorship for the 2022 Ecotopia Junction Festival (\$12,000)
- Oct 2021: Upper Yarra Community Enterprise Limited – Community Grants [for Upgrade of Community Kitchen] (\$16,000)
- Oct 2021: Department of Education & Training – Sponsorship of 2021 Children's Week Activity: The Dreaming Space Circus at ECOSS (\$1,000)
- Oct 2021: Business Victoria – Outdoor Furniture Program (\$2,000)
- Oct 2021: Business Victoria – Business Costs Assistance Program (\$5,600)
- Oct 2021: Business Victoria – Business Costs Assistance Program (\$5,600)
- Oct 2021: Yarra Ranges Council – COVID Community Relief Fund [for Governance Training] (\$1,000)
- Dec 2021: Yarra Ranges Council – Arts & Heritage funding [for Ngulu Festival 2022] (\$10,000)
- Dec 2021: Yarra Ranges Council – Community Development [for Crops for Community] (\$10,000)

- Dec 2021: FRRR – ANZ Seeds for Renewal [for Crops for Community] (\$10,000)

Rental income

Silvertine Farm, Yarra Valley Community Pottery Studio, Tiny House 2 Go, Bushwood Creations, Tonantzin Chocolate and Judy Lay (craft and felting) continued as tenants on the ECOSS site. In 2021, we welcomed Melganics, an organic fruit & vegetable supplier and The Dreaming Space Circus.

Regular users of our site were the Yarra Valley Bee Group, Permaculture Yarra Valley, Beans & Bananas Co-Op, Kofi Kunpke African Drumming and Tipi Ceremony. Our bookings for The Coop, our large multi-purpose space and our Schools program were severely restricted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our rental and school program activities in 2021 brought in a combined income of \$42,022, which was an increase of \$8,185 from the 18-month period previously reported.

Auspicing

We were able to auspice the following grants over the 2021 year. This helped community organisations to obtain funds to undertake community and sustainability projects and to run various activities and events.

•Feb 2021: Yarra Ranges Council – Dozers Pet Diesel pre-release premiere screening event (\$1,000)

•Feb 2021: Yarra Ranges Council – Upper Yarra Community Collective Sound System (\$3,200)

•Aug 2021: Yarra Ranges Council – Quick Grant ((\$1,000) for Upper Yarra Valley Community Collective Sound System

Future income

The ongoing financial aim of Yarra Valley ECOSS has always been to become financially sustainable. We aim to generate sufficient income from all our various activities to be able to pay our ongoing wages and operational expenses and undertake further projects and activities for the benefit of our community. Thanks to the Business Victoria support we received over this pandemic affected year, we were able to weather a second year severely impacted by lockdowns and restrictions. This means we have managed to maintain a healthy balance sheet, which will enable us to now shift our focus to new projects as restrictions ease and we can move forward with our goals and visions. Our focus for the coming financial year will again be to keep applying for grants, which together with our rental income will allow us to keep providing opportunities for the community to engage with and be part of Yarra Valley ECOSS.

Thank you again as always, to Catherine Aulich our bookkeeper, who has worked tirelessly and provided invaluable support throughout the year.

Bernie Lobert
Treasurer

Yarra Valley ECOSS Inc.

Profit and Loss

January - December 2021

	TOTAL		
	JAN. - DEC. 2021	JUL. 2019 - DEC. 2020 (PP)	CHANGE
Income			
ATO Cashflow Boost Stimulus		20,452	-20,452
ATO JobKeeper Income	19,500	123,750	-104,250
Bank Interest Income	68	145	-77
ECOSS Shop	287	3,219	-2,932
Event Income	14,405	14,253	152
Grants / Sponsorships	213,978	156,026	57,952
Membership Income		105	-105
Misc. Income eg. utilities contributions	4,270	4,241	29
Rental Income	34,549	21,271	13,279
Schools Income	7,473	12,567	-5,095
Workshop Income		140	-140
Total Income	A\$294,530	A\$356,168	A\$ -61,637
GROSS PROFIT	A\$294,530	A\$356,168	A\$ -61,637
Other Income			
Accrued Income	14,372		14,372
Total Other Income	A\$14,372	A\$0	A\$14,372
Expenses			
Amenities eg. milk/tea/toilet paper	1,420	1,966	-546
Audit Expenses	550	550	0
Bank Fees	130	148	-18
Bookkeeping	16,044	18,700	-2,657
Communications eg phone/internet	1,260	2,699	-1,439
Community Engagement eg. volllie catering / planter boxes	683	1,138	-455
Compliance & Registrations ie. CAV fee / trailer rego	46	306	-260
Computers/Software	177		177
Cost of sales	1,544	1,910	-365
Depreciation of assets (refer balance sheet)	2,275	1,454	821
Electricity	5,461	3,020	2,441
Employment Expenses	130,133	198,770	-68,638
Event - Coordination	0	2,405	-2,405
Event - General Expenses	1,848	3,842	-1,995
Event - Performers	3,050	5,636	-2,586
Event - Signage/Marketing	1,233	3,055	-1,821
Gas	682	834	-151
Grants Expenses	27,579	29,422	-1,843
Insurance	1,882	2,429	-548
Legal Costs	2,329		2,329
Marketing eg. signage / printing	3,003	1,406	1,596
Office/Stationery Supplies	884	464	420

Yarra Valley ECOSS Inc.

Profit and Loss

January - December 2021

	TOTAL		
	JAN. - DEC. 2021	JUL. 2019 - DEC. 2020 (PP)	CHANGE
Postage	128	181	-53
Schools Program Expenses	2,645	683	1,962
Site - Maintenance & Repairs	13,105	25,226	-12,121
Subscriptions/Memberships	270	446	-176
Volunteer Expenses	729	139	590
Water	1,993	1,466	527
WorkCover Insurance	1,663	4,328	-2,665
Workshop Expenses	600	176	424
YRC Council Fees	1,414	576	839
Total Expenses	A\$224,759	A\$313,375	A\$ -88,616
Other Expenses			
BAS Roundoff Gain or Loss	-1	0	-1
Total Other Expenses	A\$ -1	A\$0	A\$ -1
NET PROFIT / (LOSS)	A\$84,144	A\$42,793	A\$41,352

Note

(PP = previous period. Note: this was an 18 month financial year therefore comparison does not represent a true 12 months v 12 months for the purposes of this report)

Yarra Valley ECOSS Inc.

Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2021

	TOTAL		
	AS OF DEC. 31, 2021	AS OF DEC. 31, 2020 (PP)	CHANGE
Assets			
Current Assets			
Accounts receivable			
Accounts Receivable	3,816	12,062	-8,246
Total Accounts receivable	A\$3,816	A\$12,062	A\$ -8,246
Total Cash On Hand	237,737	112,317	125,420
Inventory	1,615	3,159	-1,544
Total Current Assets	A\$243,168	A\$127,538	A\$115,630
Long-term assets			
Leasehold Improvements	105,197	45,944	59,252
Nursery Plant/Equip	1,447	1,447	0
Office Equipment / Furniture	2,653	2,653	0
Tractor / Farm Equipment	3,149	3,149	0
Total long-term assets	112,445	53,192	59,252
Total Assets	A\$355,613	A\$180,730	A\$174,882
Liabilities and shareholder's equity			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable			
Accounts Payable	3,698	4,388	-690
Total Accounts payable	A\$3,698	A\$4,388	A\$ -690
ATO Liabilities	5,352	1,478	3,875
Payroll Liabilities	7,402	5,952	1,451
Total current liabilities	A\$16,453	A\$11,818	A\$4,635
Non-current liabilities:			
Grants in advance	132,335	46,232	86,103
Total non-current liabilities	A\$132,335	A\$46,232	A\$86,103
Shareholders' equity:			
Net Income	84,144		84,144
Equity	7,685	7,685	0
Retained Earnings	114,996	114,996	0
Total shareholders' equity	A\$206,825	A\$122,681	A\$84,144
Total liabilities and equity	A\$355,613	A\$180,730	A\$174,882

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AUDITORS REPORT YARRA VALLEY ECOSS INC

To the Members

Scope

We have audited the attached special purpose financial reports in respect of the Yarra Valley ECOSS Inc for the year ended 31 December, 2021 consisting of statement of receipts and payments. The Committee is responsible for the information contained therein and have determined that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit on the financial reports in order to express an opinion on them to the members. No opinion is expressed as to whether the basis of accounting is used is appropriate to the needs of the members.

The special purpose financial reports have been prepared for the distribution to the members of the entity for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee's accountability requirements. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial reports to which it relates, to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial reports, and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether in all material respects, the financial reports are presented fairly.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

AUDIT OPINION

In my opinion the financial reports of the Yarra Valley ECOSS Inc presents fairly the receipts and payments of the entity for the year ended 31 December, 2021.

Yours faithfully

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