

**ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21**

## FARM PATRONS

Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AC,  
Governor of Victoria and Mr Anthony Howard AM QC.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Collingwood Children's Farm respectfully acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung of the Kulin Federation as the traditional owners of the Abbotsford Precinct Heritage Farmlands, the lands we respect, care for and farm on behalf of all Victorians. The Farm thanks all Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Elders past and present, for their guardianship of these lands.



# our Reason for Being



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### EDUCATION

## NATURE CONNECTION with GREEN SPACE and ANIMALS

### OUR AIMS

- To develop self-esteem, self-worth and connectedness, particularly of children and those experiencing adversity.
- To facilitate participation of children and their families in broader community life and a connection to nature.
  - To provide educational opportunities around urban agriculture for students and community as well as pathways to further employment.



# Manager's Report



Last year I started my report like this: 2020. I don't think this is a year that anyone is going to forget in a hurry. With the global pandemic leaving the world in disarray, it is hard to think about much else whilst attempting to recall what happened prior (to the start of lockdown).

Let's just change that date from 2020 to 2021 and the statement stays the same. The only difference being today, as I write this reflection, it is the day Lockdown ends in Melbourne - after 262 days. The longest lockdown in the world. And didn't it feel like it?

262 days in lockdown meant even more than 262 days closed. The Farm has been significantly impacted by this - financially, emotionally, operationally. Our staff, our volunteers and our community have supported us through and here we are again, gearing up for reopening and we're OVERJOYED at the thought!

Prior to this last and arguably most challenging lockdown, the Farm opened and closed and reopened but the disruption along with the ongoing restrictions meant that all major events and programs - including our Winter Solstice Bonfire - were cancelled. We'd even gone so far as to build the bonfire this year and rescheduled 3 times before finally conceding it wasn't to be. We had a full calendar of school excursions for our new and improved tours - cancelled. Our new events manager had locked in some great arts and music events too! Cancelled. New programs ready to launch - postponed.

Sadly, we also had to temporarily close the Community Gardens to address significant safety issues. It has been a difficult journey for all, the gardening community, the CCF staff and the committee but we are now moving on towards a positive outcome. We're looking forward to working more closely with our community to design a safe and accessible space for all to enjoy.



Some GREAT things happened too! It's a long list in no particular order - STRAP IN!

- When we were open, we had huge numbers pouring back through the gate to gasps and shrieks of joy at seeing the beautiful improvements across the site.
- We smashed through a record number of the recommendations in the Landscape and Vegetation report started mid 2020.
- Our Horticulture team, Market Garden and our good friend and Yarra attraction, Salvatore the Seal, featured on Better Homes and Gardens.
- We 'pivoted' our education and school holiday program to online delivery, bringing the Farm into people's homes.
- We continued our work with the Narrap Rangers through our Indigenous partnership and training program.
- We completed the Big Green Shed build in partnership with Community Bank Clifton Hill - North Fitzroy and started community carpentry workshops.
- We ran a new and improved School Holiday program and during lockdown, a digital school holiday program too!





- We sadly lost our beautiful cow Daphne, but we welcomed her calf to the ‘family’.
- We’ve also had other animal additions - new lambs (goat kids on the way) and the gorgeous Finnegan the pony!
- We’re developing a new Equine Facilitated Learning program.
- We celebrated Volunteer Week onsite with our wonderful and wondrous supported volunteers.
- We trialled a pasta making workshop with the superbly talented Joseph Monroe in our newly renovated kitchen (made possible by the incredible women of the Collingwood CWA. Thank you!)
- We joined the conversation at the Urban Agriculture Forum around the topic ‘Care Farming and Gardening in the Climate Emergency’ and hosted a tour and workshop onsite with our amazing horticulture team and Narrap Rangers.
- Our partnership with Moving Feast saw the market garden explode with fresh veg, tonnes of which was donated to those in need. We’ve moved from the Grow Team to focusing on Engagement and the Green Jobs Pathways team and are preparing to welcome trainees of young people referred through the STREAT program.
- We started online sessions with our supported volunteer groups to stay connected and have begun development of virtual tours to meet the lambs etc.
- We ran weekly Social O’Clock for check-ins, catch ups, quizzes and laughs with staff on and off ground - staying connected while we’re apart.
- We developed a new regular social media program to focus on ‘bringing joy’ to our community
- We applied for grants to develop programs for disengaged students and young people impacted by the trauma of lockdowns through a new and improved ‘Hands On at The Farm’ program
- We applied for funds to access a small bus and driver to pick up and drop off for people facing barriers to accessing the Farm
- We continued our involvement with Yarra Assisting Families Network
- We developed a new Volunteer and Community Engagement Policy.
- We received DELWP funding and installed solar panels on farm buildings
- We received funding to run Farm Flow yoga at the Farm in 2022: free community yoga classes and workshops to improve mental, physical and social health outcomes.
- We built new fences and repaired structures across the site
- We’ve designed new gardens and planted out others
- We assisted with the births of new lambs and kept all the other animals healthy
- We’ve worked with Cultivating Community and City of Yarra on the compost plan and we’re getting a TAT G worm farm donated and set up.
- We had the lovely Emma Donovan filmed reading books by the Birrarung for Storybox Library
- We’ve begun exciting planning with neighbouring and partnering organisations to dream up new events in the Precinct
- We’ve continued refining IT and admin systems
- We participated in the Community Climate Action group (an initiative of Yarra, Darebin and Moreland councils) and forged many new friendships and project proposals
- We’ve built the Cut Flower Garden
- We’ve got GRASS GROWING in the Stables Paddock on patches that have been bare for years!
- We’ve implemented cell grazing and other measures to improve the pastures across the site



*Making the pasta and the simply delicious result*



Left: Birrarung Bank Restoration before and (right) after

- We've created a beautiful space for quiet contemplation and education with the Narrap Rangers as part of the Birrarung Restoration project
- We've started re-setting our swales to better manage our water and nutrient flows
- We're working on a new space for the goats
- We hosted new programs through partnerships with Outdoor Healthcare, Adventure Works and NatureConnect
- We've developed new corporate team building and engagement days
- We made new friends and developed new partnerships and dreamed big

AND we welcomed 12 new staff in exciting new roles through the Victorian Government's Working for Victoria (WfV) initiative. Despite the repeated impacts of COVID-19 and extended periods of closure, WfV funded positions delivered real benefits to our Farm community.

The Volunteer Coordinator had an immediate impact on CCF's volunteer cohort, implementing Better Impact program management software and coordinating the return to community programs in early 2021.

This impact became arguably more profound during this latest COVID-19 closure, with the volunteer coordinator instigating a digital outreach program, keeping isolated volunteers connected to the Farm and to each other. The volunteer coordinator delivered intensive support to volunteers with mixed abilities, overcoming technological barriers to inclusion.

Upon reopening in October 2021, the Volunteer Coordinator will continue to deliver lasting benefits to the community, coordinating a return to programs and continuing to expand the reach of CCF programs to include more schools and adult services and more at-risk individuals, while also redeveloping CCF's volunteer policy and code of conduct to ensure CCF's best practice community programs undergo continuous improvement.

The Community Engagement Officer has established community partnerships with aligned non-profit and local government services, including NatureConnect, VICSEG, City of Yarra's



'Family, Youth and Children's Services' and Ronald McDonald House. These community partnerships have seen CCF deliver no-cost experiences to cohorts including women and children survivors of family violence, seriously ill children and their families and refugees, asylum seekers and migrants.

The Community Engagement Officer has employed their expertise in counselling and mental health to lead CCF's staff wellbeing program and has been essential in maintaining connections between remote and onsite staff, with each cohort experiencing unique challenges during a period of repeated closures.

The Community Engagement Officer has played a leading role in community program development, securing funding to deliver new health and welfare community programming, and developing a community engagement matrix to guide the expansion of CCF programs and supports.

Additional horticulturists have played an essential role in CCF's food production program, a program that has contributed tonnes of fresh produce to Moving Feast, providing culturally appropriate food relief to tens of thousands of vulnerable people.

Our horticulturists have had a site-wide impact at CCF and have been instrumental in transforming what had become a tired and unsustainable environment into a vibrant and welcoming green space that will benefit generations of Victorians.

Our horticulturists are future-proofing CCF's capacity to deliver a community green space in the face of a climate emergency, planning tree plantings and garden spaces that can withstand increasingly hot and unpredictable conditions and putting in place proactive measures to manage the Farm's existing (ageing) tree population.

The woodworker has successfully established a new community program space, the Big Green Shed. The Shed hosts Community Shed programs that engage people in the community who experience adversity and while the latest COVID lockdown has interrupted programs, they will resume upon reopening in November 2021.

Education Officers have redeveloped the CCF education program, producing a suite of curriculum-aligned excursions and workshops that have proven to be extremely popular with local schools. The CCF education program teaches young people about farm and agriculture, introducing students to the realities of farm life, the impact of farming on the environment and educating children about where food and fibre comes from.

The Events & Marketing Manager has generated wide interest in CCF as a venue for a variety of events, in particular Arts & Music related events. While events scheduled have had to be cancelled or rescheduled due to COVID-19 restrictions, booking systems, relationships and Farm events have been developed and are ready to launch on re-opening. The ability to host revenue-generating events at the Farm in conjunction with local organisations is critical to both the







ongoing financial viability of the Farm and our ability to continue to offer and expand our low-to-no-cost socially inclusive programs for the community it is our mission to serve. A new social media policy and improved content delivery has also been developed and has been vital throughout lockdown in keeping our community connected and up-to-date on the happenings on ground.

Our new administration staff have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to review and improve our online platform, stay connected with the community during closure, reviewed and improved booking systems and delivered new ways to keep staff connected and informed while we've been separated.

The Farm Experience team has developed new activities and projects for the general public to engage with the Farm, animals, gardens and river and we cannot wait to share these with the public when we reopen.

Our Buildings and Grounds team have improved the site dramatically, regrouting the Barn, repairing run-down spaces and refreshing others. Issues that have taken a back seat for various reasons have all finally been addressed and the Farm looks deliciously shiny (yet always beautifully rustic) and this is largely due to the tireless work of the on-ground team.

More broadly, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused community-wide trauma in Victoria and the Collingwood Children's Farm will play a key role in the recovery of so many people. Our expanded team and skill sets of staff place the Farm in a strong position to deliver on that mission. In addition to the no-cost program support, our staff have been instrumental in transforming what had become a tired and unsustainable environment into a vibrant and welcoming green space that will leverage the relationship between wellbeing and spending time in nature. This generational transformation is informed by the climate emergency, ensuring the choices and changes implemented across the Farm today take into account the demands of increasingly hot and unpredictable conditions. This approach will ensure the Farm remains a green oasis, delivering the benefits of time spent in nature to the community for the long term.

It is through the WfV initiative, the Australian Government's JobKeeper program and our (once) healthy cash reserve that the Farm has been able to remain viable and will be reopening with a suite of new programs, new opportunities, new spaces and new friendly faces - welcoming our community back to enjoy the magic of the most beautiful community space in Melbourne.

As always, there are many people and organisations to thank for the support and good will. Our friends at Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation, Yarra City Council; the Moving Feast Collective - STREAT, Cultivating Community, CERES, Melbourne Farmers Market, Open Food Network, Common Ground Projects and Community Grocer; The marvellous women at Collingwood CWA; The Abbotsford Convent Foundation; Community Bank Clifton Hill - North Fitzroy; Lord Mayors Charitable Foundation and the Department of Land, Environment, Water and Planning (DELWP) are our stand out supporters this year (many more names are in our 'Thank Ewes' page).





Not only have DELWP continued to support us as we navigate the Covid-impacted Community Hub project, they've supported us with solar panels and assisted us as we have navigated the temporary closure of the Community Gardens to address safety issues. We must thank DELWP for their support in mediating these issues with the community.

A special mention must also be made to commemorate the life of the brainchild and founder of the Collingwood Children's Farm, June Bradbury. June sadly passed away earlier this year. She continued to stay abreast of the events at the Farm over the years. Once a Collingwood Councillor, June and her co-worker set the Farm up for young people to enjoy a green space and to connect with animals and growing food. The Farm has stayed true to this mission over the years and we were so thrilled to receive a card from June last year with the funds she'd raised at her nursing home through a raffle she'd orchestrated. June was worried about the Farm in the lockdown and let us know that she'd been receiving updates to keep tabs on the place. We hope to invite June's family to the Farm when restrictions permit to honour June's memory and to erect a fitting tribute. Her vision lives on and we're so grateful for the space she created.

To all our Volunteers, the Farm has missed you and cannot wait to have you back. Just you wait till you see all the new things! Your commitment to the Farm allows us to continue the work we do. A heartfelt thank you to you all.

To the staff! What an incredible group of humans. Our team has doubled in size since I started back in 2018 and we have grown into the corny but fitting 'family' that we are today. The pandem-





ic has been the hardest thing to live through and work through but you have all shown up, week after week, checking in on each other, dreaming up new ways to make the Farm better and more inclusive, working tirelessly either on ground or stuck at home to prepare the space to welcome Melbourne back to new programs, new spaces and new opportunities. I am blown away by your resilience and dedication to this organisation and cannot thank you enough for the transformation you have achieved.

*But sadly, the Great Pandemic Exit hit the Farm too!*



It is with a heavy heart that the Farm is saying goodbye to a number of staff who, like many people across the world, have had that time to reflect and have made the decision to move on. The Great Resignation is real! The Farm's loss but a new community's gain... guess we can't be greedy!

Our first resignation came from Bridget. Leaving us all reeling! Bridget worked at the Farm for almost 20 years!!! Doing the handover with Bridget was like looking into a bottomless well of knowledge. Bridget was Operations Supervisor and knew every nook and cranny - every tap and knob - every pipe and cable - every trench and hole - every plant and program - every tool and machine - every animal and tree - every volunteer, school group and regular visitor. Bridget was the go-to for every question - the Oracle of the Farm, if you will. Words can't really do justice to the impact Bridget has had on the Farm and the staff and community are forever indebted to her dedication, drive, massive heart and commitment to the mission and purpose of the Farm. You were the big sister to so many on the Farm. Always ready to help. Always prepared to teach and share. Always planning and preparing and dreaming and delivering. We miss you, Bridget and we cannot wait to give you the send off that you really deserve, now that restrictions are easing!

Next came the wonderful Paul! What a superhero this man is. Retiring the tools, Paul is taking it easy now but he has left his mark forever on the Farm with all the tinkering, fixing, constructing and designing across the site. Paul was our trusty 'can do/build/fix/weld anything you like' guy and we miss the 'no-worries' smile on site. Wishing you all the best in your retirement and hoping to see you down the Farm as soon as the rules permit!

Kate replaced Will who replaced Anita in our animal husbandry team but unfortunately it wasn't to last. We didn't have you for long but we loved having you! Luckily we got the amazing Tegan in and the Animals Team is whole once more!

Kettie joined us a few years ago as a work placement Vet student and loved it so much she stayed. Even with all the pressures of uni, Kettie was always available for weekends. Incredible in public engagement and always sharing tips of the trade through her studies, the enormous workload of studying meant we had to say goodbye. We'll miss your big smile!



Who loves the new-look loos and lovely carpentry work across the site? We do! And it's all thanks to our good mate Ollie who started as a volunteer and came on as our permanent carpenter through the WfV scheme. Unfortunately for us, Ollie couldn't stay on but we cannot thank him enough for the work he did, the beautification of so many spaces and the set up of the Big Green Shed! Enjoy your next adventure!

Opal joined us through WfV in the Education Team and what a whirlwind of new! Opal quickly whipped our programs into fine shape and, with the other Ed Team recruits, breathed fresh life into our school program. In the short time you were with us, you made such a lasting impression and the Farm's Ed programs and all our school groups cannot say a big enough Thank You! Good luck with the new posting!

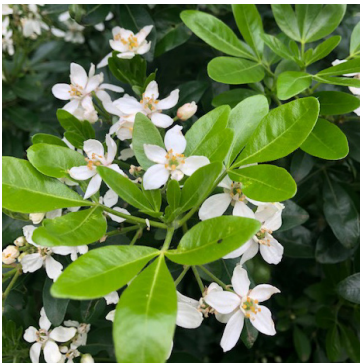
Then came Sim! Some of you may know Sim from 'Spoke and Spade' (if you don't, look him up). Sim joined the Farm as part of the new hort team and was instrumental in getting the Market Garden to where it is now. A font of Urban Farming knowledge, an inspiration to aspiring young farmers and a solid rock for our growing hort team, Sim has left his mark on the Farm. Escaping to warmer climes, Melbourne will miss you and your font of growing wisdom.

Tom! Joining the Farm whilst still at school, we welcomed Tom through the work experience program. Tom has been like everyone's little giggling brother. Always smiling, helping out, jumping in, inspiring children and entertaining the public, Tom was a regular joy in our Farm Experience team. Expertly working with Young Farmers, the market stall, welcoming folks in reception, taking school tours, Farm tours, running guinea-pig sessions, Farm craft or even teaching kids how to safely build a fire, Tom's positive attitude will be sorely missed. Good luck with your apprenticeship!!

Alex - another one to join us through work experience, Alex has been a regular on weekends, a hit with the Young Farmers and an all round delightful human being and public engagement wonder. Moving interstate, Alex leaves a big hole as someone who could jump in to any role - nothing was ever a problem and she always had a smile on her face - even when cleaning chicken poop! Best of luck in your next chapter!

The term 'all-rounder' could be defined in the dictionary with 'Farmer Andrew'. I'm not sure there was a job on the Farm that Andrew couldn't do. Reception, events, fixing, building, community engagement, history lessons, tours of the Farm (in a selection of languages!), care taker, animal welfare, markets, pancakes, weddings, Kids Teaching Kids, BBQs, Young Farmers... you name it, Andrew's done it. Not only that, Andrew was successful in linking CCF with the European Federation of City Farms (EFCF) and even got a spot on the Board! Andrew was instrumental in setting up bi-annual trips for CCF to visit the EFCF conference in Europe and as such, has developed an international relationship and network for knowledge sharing. CCF had our first International exchange - sending a Young Farmer to Europe and having a German City Farmer visit us! We're all still processing the news and wondering how on earth we will fill shoes so big. You better visit us!





And Sev... while he hasn't left yet, he's on his way out. Sev joined the Farm years ago as a weekend casual and gradually became a fulltime fixture. Moving to the country to get back to his farming roots, Sev is leaving the Farm in a better way than he found it. Jumping in to fill the gaps first as Community Liaison then filling the enormous task of taking on Bridget's role, Sev's 'can-do' attitude and super calm approach has steered the team through an enormous staffing restructure, new 'departments' and projects and a revamp and clean up of so many systems across the site. Operations, grants, maps, teams, solar, checklists, Covid-19, wipe downs, sunsmart and 'smile with your eyes'... we'll miss your morning meetings. Can't believe you're leaving when you've only really got going... And YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU!!!

If we have to say goodbye to you, can we at least keep Alfie?

A huge loss for the Farm, but we wish you all the very best on your next chapters! You've all contributed to the incredible place that this Farm is. Thank you all for your contribution! Don't forget to visit!

And last but not least - the Committee of Management. We have travelled a bumpy road these past two years but this team of dedicated volunteers are nothing short of a wondrous miracle bunch. A collection of skills, a passion and drive like no other and a love of the Farm that is palpable, I could think of no better group of people to work with. Our decision to temporarily close the community gardens on the back of a safety report upset many in the community. The Farm was subject to vitriolic attacks as a result, but we received an equal amount of support to improve accessibility and safety in the community gardens and to integrate the gardens back into the life of the Farm. This support encouraged us greatly and we stayed focused on delivering the Farm's primary aim of improving the lives of children, the disadvantaged and disabled people throughout this difficult time. Thank you to Nina, Andrew, Isabel, Sue, Chris, Lach C, Lach T, Jess, Evan, Kieran, Reph and Claudia. Biggest support and biggest lovelies.

- CCF will strive to provide program opportunities for people experiencing adversity, many of whom face significant barriers to inclusion.
- CCF will demonstrate best-practice farming, focusing on sustainable practices and will take a regenerative approach to agriculture.
- CCF will leverage public workshops, events and experiences to fund and support no-cost community programs.
- CCF takes its custodianship of these heritage farmlands with the utmost seriousness and is committed to passing on this community asset to the next generation in a state that is both environmentally and financially sustainable.
- CCF recognises that increased/diversified revenue is critical to supporting new ventures and programs and the staffing and infrastructure necessary for their successful delivery.

Come and see what we've been up to and here's to a WAY more connected 2022!

Conor Hickey  
*General Manager*



# President's Report



The 2020/21 year has been extraordinary for the Collingwood Children's Farm.

The ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic and the resulting lockdowns have had significant impacts on our Farm, staff, volunteers, community, partners and committee alike. Our gates were closed for 262 days with reduced capacity for many more, which has been felt keenly by our supported volunteers, Young Farmers, people planning their weddings and the general public to name a few. Our Committee watched the Farm's income stream drying up and with it the dreams of so many.

But thankfully, in this challenging time, the spirit of the Farm shone bright.

Our incredible staff truly made the most of a difficult time and threw all their energy behind revitalising the Farm while the doors were closed.

The Farm's skilled horticulture team turned the Barn Paddock into an abundant Market Garden. The new garden produced 3 tonnes of fresh vegetables which were then sold to our community via the weekly stall at the Farm's entrance, at our new stall at the Melbourne Farmers' Market, and donated to people facing food insecurity through the Moving Feast partnership. The word 'pivot' has been overused recently, but this was an extraordinary feat in making a tired paddock productive and beneficial for the broader community.

Some animals were agisted on other farms, to facilitate breeding, and also to allow for our paddocks to regenerate.

Despite the gate being shut, the staff did all they could to brighten the day of our community, by grazing animals close to the shared path, and regularly posting uplifting videos to our social media accounts. Small gestures, that in a bleak time, were warmly received.

In normal times, the Farm delivers low-to-no-cost community programs to cohorts including children and adults with disability / who are neurologically diverse, people from CALD backgrounds, women and children survivors of family violence, people living with mental illness, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and LGBTQIA+ people. Many people accessing our community programs have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19, experiencing extreme social isolation, repeated school closures and family impacts, and they rely heavily on the Farm to provide socially inclusive experiences and opportunities. This duty, to deliver on the Farm's mission, has been a driving force for all staff and the Committee, particularly during this challenging year.

Thanks to the Australian Government's Jobkeeper program, we were able to keep most of our staff on and those working from home were busy developing our education, volunteering and community engagement programs. We were also successful in receiving support from the State Government's Working for Victoria program which meant we were able to welcome 12 staff with



## COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT 2021

*President:* Nina Collins  
*Vice President:* Andrew Chan  
*Treasurer:* Isabel Schoen  
*Secretary:* Sue Zhang  
Lachlan Turner  
Lachlan Cook  
Kieran Dickson  
Evan Zly  
Chris Williams  
Jess West  
Raphael Lankri  
Claudia Nguyen (Yarra City Council)  
Conor Hickey



an extraordinary range of skills from event planning, to carpentry and teaching. As the Farm reopens, keep an eye out for their incredible work.

Towards the end of the 2020/21 financial year, the Committee received advice that the Community Garden part of the Farm was unsafe, and, under our duties as a Committee of Management, had to close that section of the Farm until it could be safely accessed by our community again. We appreciate that this news was felt heavily by our community, and while the project will stretch into the new financial year, we will continue to work with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning to ensure that the renewed Community Garden will open again as soon as possible for all users.

I would like to acknowledge the extraordinary work of Conor Hickey who, as General Manager, has been the glue that kept the Farm bonded this year. Through her leadership, partnerships were formed, grants were won, staff were inducted and engaged, relationships with volunteers were maintained, fruit and vegetables were donated and all with warmth and care. Conor understands the interconnectedness of land care, animal welfare, staff wellbeing and community engagement like few others, and we are lucky to have her at the helm.

Reflecting on the last 12 months, what stands out the most was the Committee's Strategic Planning day when staff came to speak to us about their aspirations for the Farm, and pitched







Goat kids helping to eat down the crop in the Market Gardens

key projects for the year ahead. The projects were valuable and exciting, but the highlight was the dialogue between staff and committee which was open, trusting, and demonstrated such respect for each other, our community and for our responsibility as managers of this special place. I have loved working with our Committee this year. Each member brings a unique skill set and perspective, is willing to respectfully debate one another, and is incredibly generous with their time. Like everyone, they each had enough challenges in their lives, but continue to volunteer out of love for the Farm. Thank you.

I would like to acknowledge Lachlan Turner who was the President of the Committee for four years until November 2020, and who enters his 10th year on the Committee. Lachlan has fundamentally shaped the Committee through his thoughtful approach and his genuine love for the Farm and we are indebted to him. Thanks in large part to Lachlan's foresight, the Farm had a modest 'rainy day buffer' in our budget, without which the Farm would have been at serious risk of becoming insolvent this last year.

We extend our sincere thanks to Councillor Claudia Nguyen who has been our Yarra City Council representative, and who has taken great care to understand the intricacies of the Farm and has supported us with her guidance and encouragement.

Having been denied entry to the Farm for so long, I am thrilled to be able to walk through the gates again and enjoy all there is to offer. I hope to see you down at the Farm.

Nina Collins

*President, on behalf of Collingwood Children's Farm Committee of Management, October 2021*

# Community Engagement



262 days.

It's a number that we will hear a lot but for the Farm and its Community, in reality it's been much longer than that.

In so many ways, it has felt like the Farm and the many people who rely upon this place for connection to community and to nature, have not been able to catch a break over the past 18 months.

And while the repeated challenges and traumas of 2020/21 have caused unimaginable hardship and isolation, especially for so many of Victoria's most vulnerable people, the end is in sight. As we compile this year's Annual Report, we're already looking forward to opening the Farm Gate, welcoming back our Farm Members, volunteers and visitors, relaunching our inclusive no-cost community programs and sharing this amazing urban treasure with the community once again.

Sadly, since reopening in November 2020, the Farm has been closed repeatedly due to COVID-19 restrictions and this has been an incredibly challenging time for so many people in the Farm community. A number of staff have been stood down or had hours reduced and for many, extended periods of remote work have been isolating and emotionally exhausting. Those essential workers who have remained onsite have carried a heavy burden and while everyone is grateful to have their jobs, they are exhausted. And for the Farm's treasured volunteers too, this has been a period of great difficulty and isolation. For many people, the Farm is more than a place to visit, it is their primary social hub - it's where their friends are (human and furry) and it's a place where people feel they belong.

To our volunteers, we CANNOT WAIT to welcome you back in early November!!

And as we look toward reopening in late October, we have to acknowledge the many people who have supported the Farm and helped to keep us going these past 18 months.

To our Farm Members, both new and renewing - thank you. As you all know, the Farm is a not for profit organisation that relies on income generated through gate entry, events and memberships to care for its animals, regenerate this heritage farmland, and deliver inclusive programs that support those experiencing adversity. With the gates closed for so long, your support is appreciated now, more so than ever.

To everyone who has donated, including the many of you who chose to donate the cost of your cancelled Winter Solstice Bonfire tickets - thank you. 2020/21 has been a period of such great uncertainty and hardship and we are so grateful that despite this, so many of you would choose to lend your support.

To everyone who will visit when we reopen - thank you in advance!! Your support will help us get back on our feet and back to doing what we do best - the Farm has been too quiet for too long and we can't wait to hear the sounds of children and families enjoying the place again!





To Yarra City Council, thank you. The Farm and its community is incredibly grateful for your continued support of the Young Farmers Program. City of Yarra Community Partnership support through to 2025 means that a cohort of Yarra's children and young people will continue to experience the social and therapeutic benefits of spending time in nature and in the community, supported by dedicated CCF staff. We know that the Farm and similar places have a vital role to play in the community's recovery from the pandemic emergency and we are especially determined to support children and young people in that journey.



To our Big Green Shed Program Partners, Community Bank Clifton Hill - North Fitzroy - thank you. Your Community Partnership support in 2020 turned this new program space from dream to reality and your continued support in 2021 has helped us to build in even greater capability. We can't wait to relaunch our no-cost community programs in November 2021 and we're thrilled that you're along for the ride!



To our community program funding partners - thank you. Our friends at the Inner North Community Foundation provided emergency COVID-19 funding support and have worked incredibly hard to support the community and community organisations throughout the pandemic emergency. We've also been working hard to diversify the Farm's inclusive programs and a successful appli-

Big Green Shed volunteers at work.





cation to the VicHealth 'Reimagining Health' scheme will see the Farm implement 'Farm Flow', a new no-cost program of fortnightly yoga session, as well as yoga workshops that will engage young people experiencing hardship.

To our partnering schools and adult services - thank you. Thank you for your patience and your flexibility in the face of repeated lockdowns and program interruptions, and thank you for all of your letters of support for our many, many funding applications. Apologies in advance, there will be more... We can only imagine what it's been like to deliver remote classes / programs over the past 18 months - we are in awe of you and we hope you're as excited as we are to relaunch community programs here at the Farm over 2021/22.



The world seems a very different place than it was when we sat down to write our 2020 Annual Report and the repeated hammer blows of isolation, anxiety, stress and tragedy have had an impact on us all. But as the weather warms, vaccination rates soar and restrictions continue to ease, the Farm and its community can look forward with a good deal of optimism.

The Farm is better placed than ever to deliver inclusive Community and Education Programs. A successful Working for Victoria application has seen an influx of skilled and dedicated people join the team and while these additions are discussed elsewhere in detail, we can't not mention the impact that this will have on the Farm and its ability to deliver inclusive, engaging and effective programs.



We welcome Renee, our Volunteer Coordinator and Nicole, our Community Engagement Officer to key roles coordinating and delivering the Farm's inclusive community programs and we say a big hello to James who along with Nick will deliver hands-on programs, both in the new Big Green Shed woodworking space and across the property. Beth and Danielle join our Education Team and together with Melina, they have already put in a power of work, redeveloping the Farm's education program, creating new workshops and excursions, both online and on-Farm. With even more new roles across the Farm, all filled by excellent humans, it's hard not to be excited.

So as we look forward to the remainder of 2021 and beyond, we do so with a great deal of anticipation, hope and optimism, but also a little anxiety.

We hope that as you return to the Farm to visit, to come for events or programs, you'll remember that the past 18 months (and especially lockdown 6.0) has been hard on the Farm and its people too, and while we can't wait to welcome you back and are determined to continue the Farm's good work, we are mentally and physically exhausted. We hope that you'll keep that in mind when you return, that you'll be gentle and kind to our people, and that you'll understand that navigating this post-vaccine COVID-normal world is new for us too.

It's been a long 18 months, Melbourne - but we can't wait to see you back.

Steve Costello, *Community Engagement Manager*



# Farm operations



From coming out of the big lockdown in November last year it's been another rollercoaster of a year constantly responding to changing restrictions. With new staff joining the Farm team earlier this year, it has been humbling to work alongside so many passionate individuals who all want to work at the Farm so that they can have a positive impact on their community.

Throughout the many lockdowns of 2021 we have seen staff on and off ground continue to work on strengthening the Farm's capacity to continue to support the community in the years of recovery to come.

Involved in growing food, caring for animals and carrying out maintenance, many of the Farm Operations Team have been able to remain working on ground and we have continued to work across the site.

The Maintenance team has also seen a few additions who both brought with them some great new skills. The whole maintenance team has done a lot of work this year supporting the Hort and Animals teams to get those big projects completed whilst improving the surrounding infrastructure. With the building and installation of fences, taps, buildings, roads, paths, water tanks, gates and much more, they have definitely been busy but have also found the time to address a few of those behind the scenes areas that have required a bit of TLC.





Another new addition to the team has been our Ride on Mower, this machine means that we need to use the big tractor less, which uses less fuel, has less impact on the paddock and takes less time to set up. The smaller mower easily follows behind the areas the animals have grazed and areas such as the Stables Paddock are looking much happier with a good mow and almost 18 months of rest. The mower can also help us better maintain the riding arena with small tow-behind equipment.



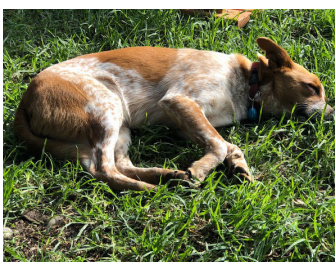
We were lucky to be successful in some funding which has allowed us to install 22kW of additional solar on the Farm buildings which adds on to the 5kW from the year before. Whilst we always look for ways to first reduce our energy consumption on the Farm, these panels will help reduce the impact our power consumption has on the wider environment. The panels will also be used as part of future education opportunities.



We are in the final stages of securing a worm farm from Healesville Sanctuary which we will install next to our compost area. This 'hub' will connect many of the Farm's activities through the lens of 'waste as a resource' and allows for opportunities to spark conversations and connections across and between all Farm spaces and animals and people.



For those of you who are local, we hope you have enjoyed walks along the Capital City Trail and seen the animals and gardens grow. It's been a tough road for all these past few months but it has been wonderful to see many of the improvement works from the previous year settle in and with those that were planted out burst into bloom. We have sorely missed our community, volunteers and colleagues and we just can't wait for you all to get back on ground so we continue to build, grow and love this little pocket of Melbourne together.



Sev Darwell, *Farm Operations*

Solar panels on the Reception building, the toilets and the Farm Cafe

Unloading the hay

Alfie having some down time...



# A year in the life of the CCF soils



As the soil that quite literally is the foundation of the Collingwood Children's Farm, I possess a unique perspective on all that takes place on my surface and provide infinite connection and network with the ecosystems within CCF as well as those in the broader surroundings.

I think we can all comfortably say that 2021 wasn't the year we were expecting. I'm not sure what we were expecting, but it definitely wasn't being locked down for a significant portion of the year again. Lockdown undoubtedly put the financial pressure of CCF (along with many businesses in Melbourne), however the staff at CCF managed to stay busy and productive, whether it be at CCF itself or by supporting me and the broader CCF and community by working from home. The regenerative approach to agriculture that was adopted last year is continuing to move forward and provide me with many great resources. Through the use of electric fences to make the paddocks smaller the pastures growing on my surface have flourished and provided nutrition for the range of animals that live upon my back. The increased pasture cover also provided key support to me by increasing the recycling of nutrients back down into my body and also by providing protection from wind and water erosion.

Sadly we said goodbye to our iconic cow, Daphne. Whilst she passed away on another farm, she remained connected to the CCF family through me. Daphne's calf (who is still unnamed) is growing bigger and bigger each day and returned to CCF after Daphne passed. He was then joined by our other cow, Finna. The two cows are enjoying each other's company and providing plenty of cowpats to help recycle the nutrients back to me. The pigs are also playing an important role with nutrient cycling, eating many weeds and vegetable scraps from the garden and then returning any undigested waste to the complex little ecosystems within the soil. The two pigs are getting on in years so are very much enjoying being able to snooze quietly in the shade between walks to and from their houses.

We have come a full circle with the lambs - last years flock (all with names beginning with 'P') are all grown up and with the main herd, but this years flock of lambs (with names beginning with 'Q') have arrived and are running around with little hooves on my surface and bringing joy to the CCF staff and community alike with their vim and vigour. They have been taking advantage of the good spring growth of pasture, which is nourished by the plethora of nutrients and microbes living within me. Sometimes the lambs almost disappear because the pasture is so tall! But, the fast growing lambs and lactating ewes eat it down quickly enough and once again it passes through the sheep and back to me to, in turn, nourish the ecosystems within the soil. This year the staff trialled borrowing rams rather than buying them in, so in early autumn new hooves were felt upon my back as an English Leicester and a Shropshire rams arrived at CCF. The English Leicester ram was accompanied by two English Leicester ewes who stayed on in the CCF herd to help bolster the English Leicester numbers. This year was also the first time in a while that there were pure English Leicester lambs born, which is great to carry on the genetics unique to that breed and also to foster connections with other farmers. It was a funny day when they arrived as the new English Leicesters were not as used to humans as the rest of the CCF herd. The farmers had an interesting few days as they tried to get the new sheep where they wanted to go without oversteering them. The two ewes are all settled in now though, and are enjoying being part of the





CCF family. We said goodbye to the two rams after a few months here as they were going back to their own farms, as not having to feed them all year round relieves some of the pressure off me and the pastures. However, those two rams and their farms will forever be connected through the lovely lambs and through me.

The goats at CCF have had an interesting year with the staff continuing to learn more about intestinal parasites and their management in goats. The goat herd has been removed from pasture, with two specialist paddocks with all pasture removed now housing our main goat herd and the buck herd. While it seems odd to keep the goats off pasture, it is actually for their health. Goats are more susceptible to intestinal worms as they have evolved as browsing species and not as grazing species. Pasture is a key element of the intestinal parasite life cycle, so by removing all access to pasture for the goats they are exposed to less parasites and can lead healthier and happier lives. The staff at CCF are careful to make sure that the goats' nutritional requirements are met through access to hay, grain feeds and forage from the gardens where possible. While the goats are not grazing or rotating through the rest of CCF anymore, they are still an integral part of the CCF family and remain connected to us all. Having the goats in one place also allows further pressure to be taken off the rest of the CCF landscape.

The guinea pigs have been pitter-patting across my surface throughout the year and have probably enjoyed the quiet times together with the Farm being shut. We have said goodbye to a few elderly guinea pigs who have passed on but have also welcomed some new faces (and feet) from the RSPCA. The new guinea pigs have had a splendid time hanging with the old muddle but are also looking forward to finally getting down to work with guinea pig cuddles once we reopen. The cats are continuing along as the queens of CCF (aka the world), but we won't mention which one is the queen of the cats. We wouldn't want it to get back to the other two! I think the cats are all also looking forward to being open again and having a little more variety in who they can interact with. That being said, they will still like their space so approach with caution!

The poultry and waterfowl continue to enjoy the puddles and dust baths provided by the soil. The farmers have been busy working on a poultry plan and also a peafowl plan. The peafowl in particular has been an interesting experience, as they have a significantly destructive effect on the beautiful gardens that the farmers and myself have worked so hard to nourish and support. As with any natural system, the peafowl are an ever evolving situation that the farmers are working hard to find a happy medium between the health and wellbeing of the peafowl whilst also preserving and honouring all the hard work that has gone and is going into the rest of CCF.

All in all it has been a busy, boring, wonderful, ever changing year. In these uncertain and unusual times it is important to remember to be kind to yourself, to one another and be kind to me. Through all this we have remained and will always remain connected, whether in person, online or through me.

Interpreted/transcribed/translated by  
Mia Sutherland, *Head Animal Husbandry*



# A Year in the Garden at CCF



It's been another progressive year in the CCF gardens. The biggest impact has been the Working for Vic staff that has boosted our team with Sam, Lucy and Taylor, who joined us in February. These extra staff brought with them rich knowledge, diverse skills, a strong work ethic and passion that has allowed us to achieve projects that were previously just ideas and plans for another day.

All the garden areas across CCF have been under restoration or renovation for the past few years, improving environmental goals, productivity and opportunity for engagement and learning or simply creating new places to sit, reflect and enjoy.

The Market Garden has expanded, one side of the orchard has had the paths upgraded and a cut flower garden is being planted this week. Access to the river has been improved with the Birrarung Bank Restoration Project whilst the swales in the centre of the Farm have started being reset and restored to capture and filter runoff before it hits the river. We have also restarted our compost system, focusing on just our site waste from animals and working with Cultivating Community on a commercial worm farm system for food scraps. Cultivating Community has secured a grant from Sustainability Victoria for waste management on site at CCF and we are all excited about creating good examples of organic waste streams turned into a usable product here on the Farm for our education tours and wider community workshops.

Thank you to all the staff and Volunteers who have helped and supported in the gardens we look forward to a much freer 2022. Also a massive thank you to our volunteer Committee of Management who give their time to help guide us and support our visions and work on ground, we really appreciate you and none of this would be possible without your generous support.

One of the visionaries and drivers behind all the improvements in the gardens, Simeon Ash, is moving away to a warmer climate and we will miss him dearly. Simeon is a leader in the urban agriculture community and has supported and created many food production projects across Melbourne. Here at CCF Simeon and the Hort team have created a great small-scale example



*Left: The Market Garden*

*Below: Simeon Ash with cover crop in the market garden before it was planted out - bye Sim*







of bio-intensive food production to showcase to our community a growing system with great techniques, hearty produce for the local community and more interactions for the public across further aspects of a working farm.

### QUICK STATS

Irrigation laid underground: 3/4 quarters of a km Irrigation

Trenches dug: 120m

Time saved from previously hand watered gardens: ... countless

New areas in vegetable / flower production: 750m<sup>2</sup>

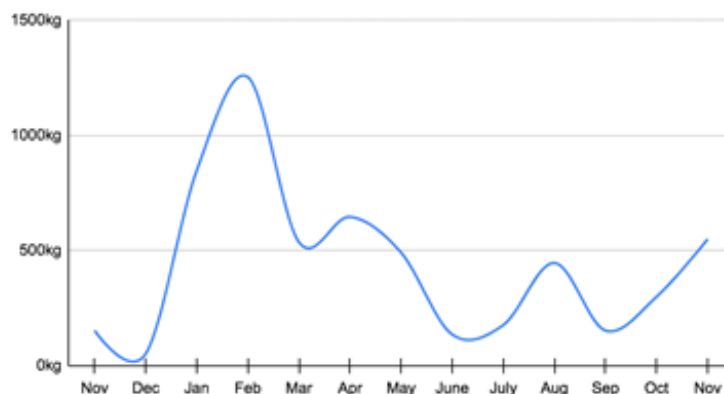
Moving Feast food donated (since July 20'): 3000kg or approximately \$30,000

Plants planted: 12,000 +

Seeds planted: 1 million +

Kg of food harvested Nov 20' to Nov 21': 5747 kg or (approximately \$65, 515 worth, inclusive of donated value)

### Harvest Tally





## NARRAP RANGERS AND CCF HORTICULTURE TEAM

Over the years there have been various collaborations between the Narrap Rangers and CCF, most recently the Birrarung Bank Restoration at the bottom of the Stables Paddock and the First Nations Showcase Food Garden.

In August the Murnong are blooming and their tubers swelling and we had our first day of the Narrap Ranger Trainee Program, co-funded by the City of Yarra and CCF. This program is a collaboration between CCF horticulture team and the Narrap Rangers, who are part of NRM unit of Wurundjeri Woi wurung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation,

This program aims to build horticulture skills, the science of growing plants, with a focus on indigenous species, providing two way knowledge sharing opportunities. Building capacity and understanding of diverse growing systems on Wurundjeri Country which in the context of CCF is an urban environment situated on Birrarung, with limited space, and how we represent first nations traditions and honour all aspects of agriculture that have occurred on the land we care for.

Initial tasks of this program have been on plant identification, seed collection, harvesting and discussing aims and goals for this garden into the future and how Narrap and CCF staff can develop this space and grow together and further share that knowledge with the wider community.

## PROJECTS TO WATCH

Cut flower garden - extremely exciting for the Farm, not only will it be a wonderful area to be in, but it provides learning opportunities for people to work in the garden in a micro agriculture system with us and revenue stream and possible discussions into how unsustainable the cut flower industry can be. Mostly though, flowers make people happy and we all need more of that at the moment, this season we will have Dahlias, Sunflowers, Scabiosa, Zinnias and cosmos for your enjoyment and to purchase at our Farm Gate and Farmers Markets stalls.

*Left: Narrap Rangers planting 'Milkmaids' (edible grassland plant)*

*Right: Narrap Rangers planting out Birrarung Bank Restoration Project*







*Top left: Farmers Market stall*

*Middle: Posies for sale at Markets*

*Bottom: Digging pipes under paths*

*Top right: Farm Gate stall outside Reception*

*Middle right: Restored paths in orchard*

Swales - Many years ago two swales were installed in the centre of the farm to slow and filter runoff and high nutrient leachate from the compost area. These swales were overdue for a reset and replanting to ensure they are functioning. In the future they will be planted out with thousands of rushes to filter the water and we hope to do water quality testing and education workshops for children and adults alike.

### **FRUIT TREE RESTORATION**

All of our fruit trees have been getting much needed TLC and as time allows we will be planting many more and next winter getting irrigation systems in to help them grow. We hope to get to a stage where we can once again offer pruning workshops and grafting workshops for everyone to learn new skills! Watch this space.

Rachel Freeman, *Head Gardener*



# Events 2021



- FRI 23 – SUN 25 APRIL – RISING Festival: *The Rivers Sing*

RISING Festival organised *The Rivers Sing*, a series of events where a vocal recording was played over directional loudspeakers. The events travelled along the Birrarung and Maribyrnong River, moving closer to the CBD as the Festival drew closer. The recording was broadcast across the Farm and the Convent over three nights in late April, with roughly 100 guests coming to the Farm to listen each night.

- SAT 24 APRIL – Urban Ag Month Workshop

We hosted a series of three information workshops for the Urban Ag Month this year, including talks by Glenn Clapton from the Narrap Rangers, Simeon Ash and Rach Freeman. The talks were received very well and the feedback was excellent.

- FRI 2 MAY – Pasta Making Workshop

Joseph Monroe ran a trial of his pasta making workshop in No 18 in May. Twelve staff attended and all helped with the preparation of the pasta and we all stayed for dinner. It was a grande successo! Joseph thinks 6-8 students will be ideal numbers to enable fully engaged participation. He is keen to run these in No 18 as soon as we are able.

- SAT 26 JUNE – Winter Solstice Bonfire

After four months of preparation and five reschedulings, the Bonfire was finally cancelled for 2022 in September. On Thursday 16th September it was lit before an audience of three (four, counting Stealer the magpie). Ticket holders were notified and given the option of requesting a refund or donating the cost of their tickets to the Farm. A heartening number of attendees chose the latter, and we've received enough money to offset the costs incurred. The date for next year's Bonfire is Saturday 25th June, and we have a Phoenix just itching to finally arise!

Bottom: The Bonfire burn off

Trial pasta making workshop





- FRI 9 JULY – SÜK Workwear Film Shoot

SÜK Workwear are a clothing company based in Carlton who work with sustainably sourced material to manufacture workwear for women and non-binary workers. They fitted out several Farm staff in their clothing and filmed a new campaign on the Farm over three days. The Farm will be featured in their advertising campaign and they've given us glowing mentions on their social media.

- THU 15 JULY – Emma Donovan Book Reading (Story Box Library)

Story Box Library filmed Aboriginal singer Emma Donovan reading two books on the Farm: *Don't Forget* by Jane Godwin & Anna Walker (filmed at the the Birrarung Bank Restoration Project), and *Found* by Bruce Pascoe and Charmaine Ledden-Lewis (filmed in the Stables Paddock). These can both be found on the Story Box Library website, acknowledging the Farm as the shoot location.

- THU 22 JULY – *Leaps and Bounds Festival*

The City of Yarra granted the Farm funding for live music to be held in the Barn for their annual *Leaps and Bounds Festival*. The one gig was scheduled on a Thursday in July; two house music artists Don Glori and Son of Rambutan, programmed by Colour Nightclub, with a pop-up food stall by Polly's Kitchen. The event was cancelled and will hopefully be rescheduled for same next year.

- FRI 24 & SAT 25 SEPT – Big Farma Spring Feast

Again co-presented by Polly's Kitchen and Colour Nightclub. Polly's Kitchen is a vegan kitchen operating out of space leased from The Tote, though Chris Polak (Polly) has pivoted to catering and operating as a pop-up food stalls. He lives in Abbotsford and forages on the banks of the river, mixing what he finds with produce bought from local suppliers. This event centres around a sit-down degustation dinner, with DJs and visual projections organised by Colour Nightclub. Like all such events booked for this year, it had to be cancelled. The promoters have booked two June dates in the Barn to run the same event next year.

- NOV - Wool Shearing Workshops

Pete the Shearer from Shear Delight will be shearing our sheep over three days in November. We're promoting these days as free events for the public to come and watch. The Handweavers and Spinners Guild will be joining him to help separate the fleece and answer any questions about what happens afterwards.

- NOV/DEC - Cultivating Community: Saturday Workshops

Cultivating Community has programmed a series of workshops to take place on Saturday. There will be two workshops every second Saturday, aimed at both adults and children. Topics are mostly hands-on and include making wicking beds, apartment blocks for Blue-Banded Bees, herbal tea, composting, propagating plants from cuttings and germinating seeds.

- THU 11 NOV – *Good Morning* Album Launch / Listening Party

Local indie band *Good Morning* are launching their album 'Barnyard' with a listening party in front of the Barn (the Picnic Area/the Barnyard?). Virgin Records and Our Golden Friend are hiring the space and inviting 150 people to the private event. Good Morning will play their new album live.





- THU 16 DEC – Virgin Records Christmas Party

Virgin Records are holding a private invitation-only Christmas party for staff, clients, family and friends. They're hiring the Event Space, organising catering for guests and a line-up of five bands.

- WED 1 DEC – Members Dinner

We will be holding a dinner for CCF Members in the Market Garden. Guests will receive one drink on arrival and can then purchase snacks and more wines from a mobile caterer set up in the evening. Conor will give guests a tour of the Farm.

- WED 8 DEC – Market Garden Dinner

We are partnering with Josh Nicholson from Nicholson Catering and Jam Shed Wines to present a Market Garden Dinner, showcasing produce from the Market Garden and livestock from the Farm. He will be working closely with our animals and horticulture teams on the menu. We are building a new 6.5 x 1.5m slab table in the Market Garden which will be used for the dinner.

- SAT 26 DEC – Cassettes For Kids

The three Cassettes for Kids gigs scheduled in the Barn for July have been combined to one event in the Event Space on Boxing Day from 6pm. The event will be co-presented by Untitled Group in conjunction with the Farm. The Farm will be running the bar. 600 tickets have already been sold to the three Barn events so we're expecting a good crowd..

- SAT 1 JAN – No Sleep Entertainment

No Sleep Entertainment is an Electronic Dance Music events group. They are hosting a large music event in the Stables Paddock on New Year's Day from 5pm, which will feature extravagant production, light shows, video projections and the animals tucked safely away as far from the ruckus as possible.

## OTHER THINGS

- Groundswell Fundraising Event

Groundswell Giving is a climate crisis activism and awareness organisation based in Sydney. They planned an evening event for October, with information workshops and live music in the barn, including a performance from Paul Kelly. Unfortunately, this had to be postponed until next year. We are currently aiming to host this event in February.

- Kids' Birthday Parties

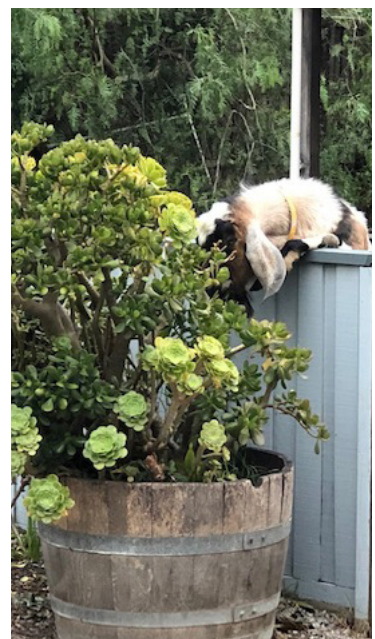
We're getting a lot of requests for kids' birthday parties and have a new package deal which centres around a wooden wagon, loaded with a picnic blanket, disposable bamboo cutlery, games for the kids and a present for the birthday child (a CCF t-shirt and a pack of 10 photos of the animals, like a set of trading cards). There is now a booking page up on our website which people can use to book parties.

- Community Radio Partnerships: Discounted Farm Entry

We are offering discounted Farm Entry to Triple R subscribers after reopening and are currently negotiating similar deals with 3MBS and 3PBS.

Richard Stanley, *Events and Marketing Manager*

Really I'm just looking....





# Horses 2021



This past year has been one of change for everybody- the Farm horses included.

The Farm has adopted a regenerative agriculture approach to pasture management and we have reduced the number of large horses living on site. Dr Chris Williams' Landscape and Vegetation Consultation Report from 2020 and an earlier pasture management report from SKM in 2014 both found that the Farm has been carrying well above its capacity in livestock.

The livestock carrying capacity of a property is measured in terms of Dry Sheep Equivalent (DSE). It refers to the pasture requirements of a 50kg non-lactating sheep. This measurement allows for comparing the grazing impact of different types of animals. Animals requiring more feed have a higher rating, those requiring less have a lower rating. One horse=15 dry sheep.



It was estimated that the Farm was carrying 200 DSE meaning the entire collection of animals was the equivalent of 200 dry sheep. The farm only has 4.3 hectares of usable pasture. So if it was run strictly in accordance with carrying capacity that would be 34.4 DSE over the whole Farm! This is the equivalent of only 2.293 horses OR 11.5 goats OR 14 ewes and lambs in total.

The Farm was running six times over the sustainable/optimum amount. While the Farm continues to have well above the sustainable number of animals on site, we have adopted cell grazing and other techniques to allow the paddocks to rest and regenerate and minimise the impact on the land and the river so everyone benefits, the animals, the pasture, the river and our visitors and the grass is green for years to come!



In order to provide safe and suitable horse options for a range of riders we actually needed more, not less horses. For a long time we had 8 horses to work with but unfortunately keeping this many on site is simply unsustainable for the Farm moving forward.

There will still be horses at the Farm, all this means is that we will be shifting the focus from riding to unmounted horse activities and Equine Facilitated Learning. This new program will be about respecting and appreciating the horses for what they are: incredible animals with so much to teach us. This is a change from our usual practice but one that is safer for participants and facilitators and more sustainable for the horses and the Farm's pastures. And it means MORE people can interact with the horses, win-win!



There will be grooming, groundwork and games! We wish to make horse time more inclusive for everyone. Traditionally riding and working with the horses at the Farm has been super beneficial, but only for a select few. Weight limits, staffing, horse availability/suitability and other restrictions severely limited who (and how many people) could get involved. An unmounted program will allow many more people the opportunity to get up close and hands on to a horse or pony.

From top Charlie and Mash; Charlie having dinner; Finnegan; Aussie, Ollie and Jim

RDA Collingwood have merged with a new centre at Knox to be able to continue their riding program. We look forward to continuing our long relationship with RDA as we work together to develop our unmounted programs to engage the many people on their waiting list!



Aussie and Ollie have joined RDA over at Knox. Just like humans, horses have different personalities and these two were clearly becoming a bit grumpy here. They will have a more consistent routine at their new home and they get to hang out together. We will miss the boys but they are a great fit for RDA's mounted program and it sounds as though they are settling in well. We look forward to visiting them once lockdowns are finished and life returns to normal.

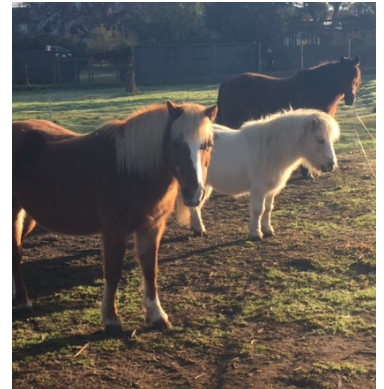
Sadly our old mate Charlie Benson passed away this year. He reached 30 years old which is above average for a horse. He was a gentle giant who helped encourage anyone who was nervous around big animals. He spent half his lifetime at the Farm! In his final months we got his old mate Zac back onsite to keep him company and it was lovely to watch them grooming and nuzzling each other. He will be greatly missed. Thankyou Charlie for everything you did for us at the Farm.

In happier news we have a new miniature pony gelding who is settling in well. He is 12 years old and his name is Finnegan. He's only 87cm tall and his colouring is "Palo pinto" which is a cream colour with golden splotches. He's a very snuggly little fellow but can get a bit headstrong when he sees food around. He's been living with Becky in the special pony diet paddock. If we don't restrict their access to grass they will both eat themselves sick!

Like everywhere else in Melbourne, we didn't have the chance to run many events or activities this last year. We did however manage to squeeze in a school holiday program and the horse's birthday fell between lockdowns (August 1st). We were lucky enough to have the Waler horses come to visit, put on a demonstration and teach us about what an amazing breed they are and their huge contribution as war horses. Farmer Andrew led a boisterous rendition of 'Happy Birthday' which is always a highlight. The Young Farmers even made a special carrot cake to celebrate.

From all of us horses (Becky, Brandy, Finnegan and Jim) we hope you had as good a year as you could and we can't wait to see you and have you join in our new program in 2022!

Michelle Jessop, *Horse Coordinator*



From top : Brandy, Finn and Becky;  
The carrot cake made by the Young  
Farmers; Brandy; Becky



# Young Farmers Program



This year we have sadly said farewell to some long time Young Farmers but also welcomed in some new Young Farmers who have fitted in very well and are a wonderful addition to the program.

Obviously, it's been a very shortened program this year with so many stops and starts and I'm always amazed at the resilience of young people and how easily they jump right back in and as keen as ever to participate in all areas.

We are very grateful to City Of Yarra for providing another four years of funding for the Young Farmers Program through the Community Partnership Grant. This funding is vital in keeping the program running and providing such wonderful experiences for young people in our community.



This year has seen the Young Farmers have the opportunity to work with new staff hired through Working for Vic in the areas of horticulture and maintenance. The horticulture staff have been able to provide excellent practical experience and knowledge in areas such as harvesting and planting seedlings in the market garden. The Young Farmers who have a keen interest in gardening have really been enjoying having this opportunity on a weekly basis.

Some of the older Young Farmers also had the opportunity to run a pop-up shop at xmas time and did an excellent job selling Farm merchandise to visitors and passers-by on the bike track. Providing these practical, work based skills is an important part of the program and it's wonderful to see the enthusiasm from participants.

Susan Pitman



# The Farm Shop



The Farm shop was sadly depleted of stock after the lockdowns of 2020. So a project to restock, rearrange and rethink was launched. The lockdowns of 2021 caused only a few minor hiccups - e.g. what to do with eggs that were nearly past their use-by date...

The strategy behind the shop range is to support local producers and artists (including the Farm itself of course), to stock items that are created in a sustainable way and to provide visitors with a fascinating array of goodies to browse through (and hopefully buy!).

We now have a good selection of stock including some old favourites - Farm-branded tea towels, cards, books and t-shirts, Farm-made honey and beautiful timber chopping boards made as part of our Big Green Shed program. Our newer stock items include soaps from Urthly Organics, a variety of lotions and balms that are handmade by a very talented local Naturopath and scented candles from The Karma Collective.

Our volunteers have contributed as well with such products as Harry's Healthy Treats for dogs made by Annika and some gorgeous hand-knitted guinea pigs and other animals. Both are extremely popular with visitors.

The perennial bestsellers are the t-shirts (particularly in the smallest sizes) and the picture book 'We went to the Collingwood Children's Farm'. Last Mother's Day we nearly sold out of soaps and body lotion. And there is a lot of cross-selling going on in both directions when the Farm Gate stall's fresh garden vegetables and flowers is open for business.

Visitors love the shop and already we need to find more room for new and interesting stock items! Next year we hope to launch a range of gift cards that can be used to buy shop products, garden produce, membership or Farm entrance. Come on down and have a browse.

Anne Becker





# Friends of the Farm



## COLLINGWOOD COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

In a year of plans frustrated by COVID the Collingwood CWA (CCWA) has been able to continue some rewarding work with much appreciated CCF support.

Collaboration with the Farm is at the heart of many of our activities.



This year the CCWA again processed fresh Farm produce for fundraising and community building activities. Our quince paste and jelly, and Seville Orange marmalade is sold at our stalls and at the Farm shop.

Our plans for cooking workshops at No 18 remain on hold but we envisage many more opportunities to 'share the farm surplus' in creative and engaging ways with the farm and local community...pesto pastes, pickles and pies spring to mind.



We relinquished our plot in the Community gardens at the end of March after volunteering to maintain the self wicking beds at No 18. Members did a great job keeping the compound weed free and replanting the beds. Our aim is to have herbs at hand for those using the kitchen and vegetables to share and bake. Being in the garden is very therapeutic and members of both CWA and Farm are encouraged to tickle the weeds and browse the leafy greens with us.

In April, we worked with the Narrap rangers and horticulture team in a bush revegetation project on the riverbank at the Farm. We will continue to support this project as we watch the vegetation along the riverside transform.

We thank the Farm for assisting our key fundraising Christmas and Mothers Day stalls at the Farm gate which raised thousands of dollars for our causes.

The CWA Wool Project has gained momentum. With some of the challenges in salvaging the raw and coarse wool resolved, the project is now set up for the postponed spinning, knitting and crochet workshop series at the farm in the year ahead.

Last April we hosted the Rising Festival Lantern making workshop at the Farm. CWA members and Farm staff together made star lanterns. These were contributed to the major community based project - the huge illuminated eel installation representing the annual migration of eels along Birrarung out to sea for their northern journey. Rising Festival was cancelled when Lock-down was imposed in late May but the spectacular outdoor installation was able to be seen by thousands of Melbournians during this time.

We are missing our monthly meeting place at No: 18 and hope to return soon. We have many plans afoot for cooking workshops and demonstrations and craft get-togethers and classes.



The Farm has been hit hard by COVID, losing major incomes streams over many months. When the call for financial help went out mid-year we were proud to contribute to and support the essential work that continued on at the Farm through the pandemic.

The CCWA values its partnership with the Farm which has connected us with many other local community groups.

We looks forward to another productive year ahead.

Margot Foster

### THE FARM CAFE

A second year of Covid19 dominating our lives was not what we had anticipated when we came out of lockdown 12 months ago. Last summer the café gradually returned to close-to-normal operation serving seated customers in the cafe and take away food from the farm side counter. The Yarra trail has been popular with people getting their daily exercise during lockdowns, providing us with a useful source of trade. We utilised a council grant to build a deck and covered counter to assist with serving to the bike track.

We experimented with a new outdoor dining experience on the farm last summer, booking small daytime functions on the terrace overlooking the market garden.

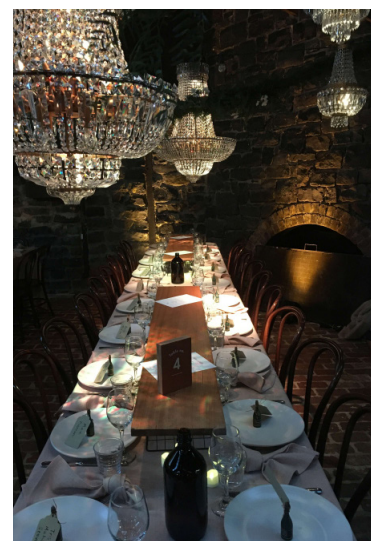
The Farm's market garden has supplied us with a regular supply of farm fresh greens and rhubarb for our menu and we look forward to expanding on this to offer one of the lowest food mile experiences in Melbourne.

In February just when dining density restrictions were finally set to lift, a new Covid outbreak sent us back into a two week lockdown. We have been in and out of lockdown oscillating between limited seated dining and takeaway-only sales ever since.

Juggling and postponing wedding and function bookings has been even more challenging this year with some of our couples on their 5th and 6th postponement. We managed to complete some weddings over the summer and each felt particularly special given the times and including one extravaganza celebration that transformed the barn into a truly magical space.

We also had strong bookings for the approaching wedding season with plenty of pent up demand. Unfortunately many who booked for the second half of 2021 have also faced restrictions and challenges.

In spite of the difficulties imposed by COVID-19 we are proud to have weathered the storm to date and to have retained our core staff and expertise.







We were pleased to finalise and sign a new lease, venue licence agreement and wedding exclusivity agreement with the farm in June and look forward to continuing to develop our partnership to provide great hospitality experiences on the Farm.

Carina and Mark  
Carina Watson <https://www.farmcafe.com.au/>  
Co-owner



### THE HANDWEAVERS AND SPINNERS GUILD

We at the Handweavers and Spinners Guild of Victoria have greatly missed our time at the Collingwood Children’s Farm over the past months. Many of our members have been following the Farms progress over lockdown and loved the way the staff have continued to keep their followers informed and amused with their constant updates. (loved the baby sheep and goats specifically).

It has been a difficult time for the Guild and our members with lockdown, we have created an Instagram page for sales from our [Gallery@spinweavevic.sales](https://www.instagram.com/gallery@spinweavevic.sales) where we are selling our members work. This has also been a bit of a challenge getting our members contributions across the 5klm limit. But when we get back to some normality, we will have some great new stock made by our members during lockdown.

We love our time at the Farm and miss our regular supporters and look forward to what is ahead in the future.

*Handweavers and Spinners Guild of Victoria*

### CULTIVATING COMMUNITY

Cultivating Community is stronger because of its conversations and collaborations with CCF. We want to say thank you to the team who have been part of the food system revolution helping sow, grow and harvest stunningly fresh food that our team have been able to distribute to hundreds of people across the public housing community of Yarra. We all continued to pivot but none more so than the amazing teams of growers across our partnership. Their energy and willingness to do so with purpose and joy is a credit to each one. We very much look forward to F22 with the Farm developing improved learning spaces around composting and other practical food-based services together.



Rob Rees MBE DL  
CEO, *Cultivating Community*



## MELBOURNE FARMERS MARKET

MFM is delighted to be announcing that we will be back in our St Heliers Street heartland more often than ever in future with the launch of a weekly farmers market, brought about by the energy of a three way collaboration with CCF and the Abbotsford Convent in 2022. October 2021 marks 19 years of the Collingwood Children’s Farm Farmers Market so it is a bittersweet time to not be returning onsite to the beloved CCF riverflats where it all began, but we completely understand the Farm’s decision for pasture care.

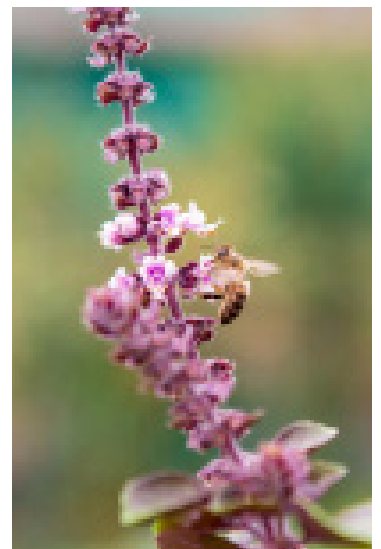
MFM’s work as an essential service provision has meant we have been able to trade throughout the pandemic: rain, hail, shine and multiple lockdowns. We have hosted around 200 outdoor public events with full COVID safe practises and protocols including our small but mighty St Heliers Street markets as often as we could.

MFM is a founding partner in the social enterprise collective Moving Feast with CCF, and we have spent our efforts sourcing around 30 tonnes of fresh, seasonal produce for distribution through community agencies while the need was most acute. As restrictions ease MFM is rebuilding our waste diversion initiatives through excess produce and kitchen production plus providing food growing space for the Moving Feast community. We wish the CCF community well and a much better 2022 to look forward to together.

## COLLINGWOOD CHILDREN’S FARM APIARY

Bees are still a wild animal, not a domesticated animal, that is prepared to tolerate human interference in their lives. As long as the bees have a cavity to build their comb, they don’t particularly mind if it is in one of the Collingwood Children’s Farm hives or a tree hollow somewhere on the farm. The bees collect their food, they raise their young, they defend their hive, they keep it warm or cool against the weather and they don’t object too much when we harvest some of their honey. COVID made small changes to the lives of CCF Apiary bees. Up to Christmas 2020, the visits to the apiary were for hive management and apiary management. The on-site education of farm visitors and the mentoring of new beekeepers ceased for the latter half of 2020. In some respects, the bees would have been happy, as their hives were less frequently opened for inspection and for shorter periods of time: this causes less disruption to the colony as it tries to keep a steady 34.5 degrees Celsius for the developing brood.

Zoom meetings kept the apiary ‘wannabee’ beekeepers involved and learning as the seasons flowed from Winter to Spring to Summer. Spring is a very active time for the bees. They build up forager numbers to take on the role of ‘accidental pollinators’ when the Spring Flora produces their colourful and aromatic best. The Farm gardens are great pollen and nectar sources for the bees. Bees need a variety of sources of both pollen and nectar and many plants we grow at the Farm have evolved with bees as their targeted pollinators. Definitely a win-win situation.







The apiary could not celebrate Australian Pollinator Week in early November owing to lockdown. Our festive days have been Urban Agriculture Month in April 2021 and World Bee Day in May 2021. The apiary team produced a great display of bee pollinated produce, beehives, a frame uncapper and frame spinner for extracting honey, other beekeeping tools and we even cleaned up the shed to make it COVID safe for inspections. Unfortunately the weather on both festival days was far from desired. The bees stayed inside their homes. And the volunteers and visitors wished they could be inside, too. Even on such cold and windy days we were able to provide passers by with sales of floral honey (such as Red Gum and Messmate), discussions on their own, and our, beekeeping and we made contacts to be followed up when normal Open days resumed.

The apiary group harvested honey at the end of February 2021. The 2020 harvest was still “frames in boxes in the shed” because the extraction was to occur on the weekend after the first lockdown of 2020. So in February 2021, we extracted honey for both years. 150Kg was collected and stored in honey drums in the registered kitchen at No 18. Farm staff bottled and labelled the honey for sale at Farm Reception. Volunteers were able to assist in the extraction, but the space was too small for public viewing of the process under COVIC restrictions.

In the year to June 2021, the Apiary had eight open days where we could tend to the bees, talk ‘beekeeping’ through the fence with visitors, and sell honey to fund equipment purchase and maintenance. The volunteers have persisted with thinking about the bees first, while trying to make the hands-off, pandemic beekeeping as interesting as possible.

Just like the bees, some of our long contributing volunteers have swarmed. Barry Cooper has provided about 10 years of coordination of apiary activity and we acknowledge his contribution to the bees and visitors of the CCF Apiary. The current group of volunteers is lead by Mike Love. Mike and Tony Wilsmore (both seasoned CCF Apiarists) provide extensive knowledge and experience for the new group of beekeepers in keeping the apiary healthy, productive and valuable to the CCF community.

The Young Farmers were invited to a candle making event in May 2021. Fiona Marantelli lead the group in rolling wax foundation into candles and dipping wicks into melted wax of various colours to make brightly coloured birthday candles. The Young Farmers’ regular activity of making frames, placing them in the hives and monitoring their use by the bees will resume next year. Young beekeepers will be welcomed back to the Apiary to learn about the bees once out of lockdown.

Big projects such as the Master Plan for the Apiary are coming back into focus when we can get around and consult with stakeholders and seek funding partners. The apiary has potential for revenue and educational outcomes that are still to be investigated. The value of the apiary is felt in the satisfaction of volunteers, the gasps from kids who don’t believe we have ‘half a million staff’, seeing new beekeepers make the most of their mentored hive inspections and being available for every sort of question about bees. And in making some contribution to the revenue of the Farm.

The next year will bee a good one!

Rob Kerr, *VAA Melbourne Section Secretary*

The VAA Melbourne Section manage the apiary under an MOU with the CCF.

# Thank ewes so much



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**We are sorry if your name is not there as we so appreciate all of your support, thanks.**





to 2022...



COLLINGWOOD CHILDREN'S FARM INCORPORATED

ABN 41 355 818 979

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021



**COLLINGWOOD CHILDREN'S FARM INCORPORATED**  
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**GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

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COLLINGWOOD CHILDREN'S FARM INCORPORATED  
ABN 41 355 818 979  
COMMITTEE'S REPORT

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The Committee of Management present their report on the Association for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

**Committee of Management**

The names of the members of the Committee of Management in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

|                               |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| President                     | Nina Collins       |
| Vice President                | Andrew Chan        |
| Secretary                     | Sue Zhang          |
| Treasurer                     | Isabel Schoen      |
| City of Yarra Representative. | Cr. Claudia Nguyen |

The members of the Committee of Management have been in office from the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

**Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the entity during the financial year were:

Collingwood Children's Farm supports social inclusion through a range of community programs, delivered on a working farm. These programs develop self-esteem, self-worth and connectedness, particularly of children and those experiencing adversity. The Farm facilitates the participation of children and their families in broader community life and encourages a connection to nature. Our school, work experience and volunteer programs provide educational opportunities around urban agriculture for students and community and offer pathways to further employment in the industry.

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

The Association's activities during the 2020 financial year had been impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic, smoke haze from the Victorian bush fires and inclement weather forcing the Farm to close to the public or lead to low visitor numbers all summer. The impact of COVID-19 continued into the 2021 financial year with extended closure to the public until November 2020 and limitations on visitor numbers on re-opening.

**After balance day events**

A matter has continued to evolve since 30 June 2021 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:


- (a) the entity's operations in future financial years, or
- (b) the results of those operations in future financial years, or
- (c) the entity's state of affairs in future financial years.


The COVID19 pandemic is likely to induce a significant changes in the state of affairs of the Association during the financial period ended 30 June 2022. The Committee of Management will take all necessary measures to preserve capital and reserves and shepherd the Association through this uncertain period.

**Auditor's Independence Declaration**

The auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 June 2021 has been received.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Committee of Management.

President   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Nina Collins

Treasurer   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Isabel Schoen

Dated this 3rd day of October 2021





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**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION  
TO THE MEMBERS OF  
COLLINGWOOD CHILDREN'S FARM INCORPORATED  
A.B.N. 41 355 818 979**

In accordance with the requirements of section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2021 there have been:

- i. No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 in relation to the review; and
- ii. No contravention of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

**Frederik Ryk Ludolf Eksteen CA**  
ASIC Auditor Registration Number 421448

**Collins & Co Audit Pty Ltd**  
127 Paisley Street  
FOOTSCRAY VIC 3011

Dated this 5th day of November 2021

**COLLINGWOOD CHILDREN'S FARM INCORPORATED**  
**ABN 41 355 818 979**  
**INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

|                                                   | <b>Note</b> | <b>2021</b><br><b>\$</b> | <b>2020</b><br><b>\$</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>REVENUE</b>                                    | <b>2</b>    | 1,825,415                | 1,723,212                |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                                   |             |                          |                          |
| Administration Expenses                           | <b>3</b>    | (204,832)                | (269,230)                |
| Depreciation and Amortisation Expenses            | <b>3</b>    | (93,191)                 | (106,616)                |
| Farm Related Expenses                             |             | (197,799)                | (341,062)                |
| Fundraising Expenses                              |             | (3,366)                  | (92,651)                 |
| Special Grant Expenses                            |             | (770)                    | (22,386)                 |
| Staff Related Expenses                            | <b>3</b>    | (1,410,961)              | (1,247,533)              |
| Surplus/(Deficit) attributable to the Association |             | <u><b>(85,504)</b></u>   | <u><b>(356,266)</b></u>  |

The income statement is to be read in conjunction with the audit report and the notes to the financial statements.



**COLLINGWOOD CHILDREN'S FARM INCORPORATED**  
**ABN 41 355 818 979**  
**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

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|                                                                   | <b>2021</b>            | <b>2020</b>             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
|                                                                   | <b>\$</b>              | <b>\$</b>               |
| Surplus/(Deficit) attributable to the Association                 | (85,504)               | (356,266)               |
| Other comprehensive income                                        | -                      | -                       |
| Net gain or loss on revaluation of non-current assets             | -                      | -                       |
| Other comprehensive income for the year                           | <u>-</u>               | <u>-</u>                |
| Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the Year                    | <u><b>(85,504)</b></u> | <u><b>(356,266)</b></u> |
| Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) attributable to the Association | <u><b>(85,504)</b></u> | <u><b>(356,266)</b></u> |

The income statement is to be read in conjunction with the audit report  
and the notes to the financial statements.

**COLLINGWOOD CHILDREN'S FARM INCORPORATED**  
**ABN 41 355 818 979**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2021**

|                                      | Note | 2021<br>\$       | 2020<br>\$       |
|--------------------------------------|------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                |      |                  |                  |
| Cash and cash equivalents            | 4    | 1,360,093        | 934,569          |
| Accounts and other receivables       | 5    | 21,379           | 23,540           |
| Livestock on hand                    | 6    | 21,658           | 20,600           |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>          |      | <b>1,403,130</b> | <b>978,709</b>   |
| <b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>            |      |                  |                  |
| Financial assets                     | 7    | 119,830          | 111,270          |
| Property, plant and equipment        | 8    | 428,241          | 427,048          |
| <b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>      |      | <b>548,071</b>   | <b>538,318</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                  |      | <b>1,951,201</b> | <b>1,517,027</b> |
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>           |      |                  |                  |
| Accounts and other payables          | 9    | 153,109          | 60,114           |
| Income received in advance           | 10   | 395,376          | 15,000           |
| Employee entitlements                | 11   | 182,946          | 136,639          |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>     |      | <b>731,431</b>   | <b>211,753</b>   |
| <b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>       |      |                  |                  |
| Employee entitlements                | 11   | -                | -                |
| <b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> |      | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>             |      | <b>731,431</b>   | <b>211,753</b>   |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                    |      | <b>1,219,770</b> | <b>1,305,274</b> |
| <b>EQUITY</b>                        |      |                  |                  |
| Accumulated funds                    |      | 960,947          | 1,046,451        |
| Capital surplus                      |      | 44,027           | 44,027           |
| Capital grants                       |      | 214,796          | 214,796          |
| <b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>                  |      | <b>1,219,770</b> | <b>1,305,274</b> |

The statement of financial position is to be read in conjunction with the audit report and the notes to the financial statements.

**COLLINGWOOD CHILDREN'S FARM INCORPORATED**  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

|                                                   | Accumulated<br>Funds<br>\$ | Capital<br>Surplus<br>\$ | Capital<br>Grants<br>\$ | Total<br>\$             |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Balance as at 1 July 2019</b>                  | 1,402,717                  | 44,027                   | 214,796                 | 1,661,540               |
| Surplus/(Deficit) attributable to the Association | (356,266)                  | -                        | -                       | (356,266)               |
| Total other comprehensive income for the year     | -                          | -                        | -                       | -                       |
| <b>Balance as at 30 June 2020</b>                 | <u>1,046,451</u>           | <u>44,027</u>            | <u>214,796</u>          | <u>1,305,274</u>        |
| Surplus/(Deficit) attributable to the Association | (85,504)                   | -                        | -                       | (85,504)                |
| Total other comprehensive income for the year     | -                          | -                        | -                       | -                       |
| <b>Balance as at 30 June 2021</b>                 | <u><u>960,947</u></u>      | <u><u>44,027</u></u>     | <u><u>214,796</u></u>   | <u><u>1,219,770</u></u> |

The statement of changes in equity is to be read in conjunction with the audit report and the notes to the financial statements.



**COLLINGWOOD CHILDREN'S FARM INCORPORATED**  
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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

|                                                                 | Note      | 2021<br>\$       | 2020<br>\$       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>                     |           |                  |                  |
| Grant income received                                           |           | 875,901          | 458,508          |
| Farm related income received                                    |           | 35,205           | 30,206           |
| Fundraising income received                                     |           | 29,395           | 115,430          |
| Tourism related received                                        |           | 531,213          | 621,634          |
| Rental income received                                          |           | 110,476          | 189,094          |
| Other income received                                           |           | 12,122           | 63,994           |
| COVID-19 Government Assistance Payments                         |           | 602,805          | 202,500          |
| Payments to suppliers and employees                             |           | (1,679,484)      | (1,940,337)      |
| Interest received                                               |           | 2,275            | 7,990            |
| <b>Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities</b>   | <b>14</b> | <b>519,908</b>   | <b>(250,981)</b> |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>                     |           |                  |                  |
| Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment         |           | -                | -                |
| Payment for property, plant and equipment                       |           | (94,384)         | (25,813)         |
| <b>Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities</b>   |           | <b>(94,384)</b>  | <b>(25,813)</b>  |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>                     |           |                  |                  |
| Proceeds from borrowings                                        |           | -                | -                |
| Repayment of borrowings                                         |           | -                | -                |
| <b>Net cash generated from/(used in) financing activities</b>   |           | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         |
| <b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash held</b>                     |           | <b>425,524</b>   | <b>(276,794)</b> |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year</b> |           | <b>934,569</b>   | <b>1,211,363</b> |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year</b>       | <b>4</b>  | <b>1,360,093</b> | <b>934,569</b>   |

The statement of cash flows is to be read in conjunction with the audit report and the notes to the financial statements.

**COLLINGWOOD CHILDREN'S FARM INCORPORATED**  
**ABN 41 355 818 979**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

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**Note 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies**

This financial report includes the financial statements and notes of the Collingwood Children's Farm Incorporated, a incorporated association, which is incorporated in Victoria under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

**Basis of preparation**

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, and the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Association in the preparation of the general purpose financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

**Accounting Policies**

**a. Income Tax**

No provision for income tax has been raised as the entity is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

**b. Property, Plant and Equipment**

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

**Property**

Freehold land and buildings are shown at cost less subsequent depreciation for buildings.

External independent valuations are obtained on at least a triennial basis to ensure that the carrying value is not less than fair value.

Freehold land and buildings that have been contributed at no cost, or for nominal cost are valued at the fair value of the asset at the date it is acquired.

**Plant and Equipment**

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets' employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Association and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

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**Note 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**b. Property, Plant and Equipment (continued)**

**Plant and Equipment (continued)**

Plant and equipment that have been contributed at no cost, or for nominal cost are valued and recognised at the fair value of the asset at the date it is acquired.

**Depreciation**

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including buildings and capitalised leased assets, excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful lives to the Association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements. The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

| <b>Class of Fixed Asset</b> | <b>Depreciation Rate</b> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Buildings                   | 2.00%                    |
| Furniture and fittings      | 12.50%                   |
| Office equipment            | 20.00%                   |
| Motor vehicles              | 20.00%                   |

The asset's residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period. Asset classes carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the income statement.

All capital items financed in whole or part from funds allocated by the Government of Victoria cannot be disposed of until DHS has agreed to the disposition of those items by any process. Any recoupment to DHS will be limited to the extent of the department's equity in the asset.

**c. Leases**

Lease or hire purchase of fixed assets, under which the Association assumes substantially all of the risks and benefits of ownership, but not the legal ownership, are classified as finance leases (this includes hire purchase contracts).

Finance leases are capitalised, recording an asset and a liability equal to the present value of the minimum lease payments (hiring instalments), including any guaranteed residual values. Leased assets are depreciated on a prime cost basis (straight line) over their estimated useful lives where it is likely the Association will obtain ownership of the asset, or over the term of the lease. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense (hire purchase charges) for the period.

Other leases are classified as operating leases. Minimum lease payments made under operating leases are charged as an expense in equal instalments over the accounting periods covered by the lease term.



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**Note 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**d. Impairment of Assets**

**Non-derivative financial assets**

Each financial asset is assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any objective evidence that it is impaired. A financial asset is considered to be impaired if objective evidence indicates that one or more events have had a negative effect on the estimated future cash flows of that asset. Objective evidence that financial assets are impaired can include default or delinquency by a debtor, restructuring of an amount by the Association on terms that the Association would not consider otherwise, indications that a debtor or issuer will enter bankruptcy, the disappearance of an active market for a security. In addition for an investment in an equity security, a significant or prolonged decline in its fair value below its costs is objective evidence of impairment.

**Non-financial assets**

The carrying amounts of non-financial assets, other than inventory, are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any objective evidence that they are impaired. If any such indication exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. An impairment loss for an individual asset measured under the cost model is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income, whenever the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. The reversal is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income to the extent that an impairment loss was previously recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

**e. Provisions**

A provision is recognised if, as a result of a past event, the Association has a present legal or constructive obligation that can be estimated reliably, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation.

**f. Employee Benefits**

**Short term benefits**

The provisions for employee entitlements to wages, salaries, annual and paid maternity leave represent obligations resulting from employees' services provided up to reporting date, calculated at undiscounted amounts based on wage and salary rates, including related on-costs, which the Association expects to pay at the end of each reporting period.

**Long term benefits**

The provision for employee entitlements to long service leave represents the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made resulting from employees' services provided up to reporting date.

Superannuation contributions are made by the Association to approved superannuation funds for all employees. The costs are charged as employee expenses as they are incurred. The Association has no legal obligation to cover any shortfall in the superannuation funds' obligations to provide benefits to employees on retirement.

**g. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

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**Note 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**h. Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

**i. Revenue**

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised at the point of delivery as this corresponds to the transfer of significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods and the cessation of all involvement in those goods.

**AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers and AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities**

The Association applies Australian Accounting Standards AASB 15 and AASB 1058.

AASB 15 involves the use of a five-step recognition model for recognising revenue, the steps are:

- Step 1 – Identify the contract with the customer
- Step 2 – Identify the sufficiently specific performance obligations to be satisfied
- Step 3 – Measure the expected consideration
- Step 4 – Allocate that consideration to each of the performance obligations in the contract
- Step 5 – Recognise revenue

AASB 1058 measures income by reference to the fair value of the asset received. The asset received, which could be a financial or non-financial asset, is initially measured at fair value when the consideration paid for the asset is significantly less than fair value, and that difference is principally to enable the entity to further its objectives. Otherwise, assets acquired are recognised at cost.

Where the asset has been measured at fair value, AASB 1058 requires that elements of other Accounting Standards are identified before accounting for the residual component. These standards are:

- AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers
- AASB 16 Leases
- AASB 137 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities & Contingent Assets
- AASB 9 Financial Instruments

Revenue from the rendering of a service are recognised upon delivering of the service to the customer.

Revenue is received from donations and bequests and is brought to account on a cash received basis.

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

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**Note 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**j. Intangibles - Software**

Software is recorded at cost. Software has a finite life and is carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation and impairment losses. It has an estimated useful life of between one and three years. It is assessed annually for impairment.

**k. Trade and Other Payables**

Trade and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Association prior to the end of the financial year, and which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

**l. Financial Instruments**

**Initial Recognition and Measurement**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. For financial assets, this is equivalent to the date that the Association commits itself to either purchase or sale of the asset (i.e. trade date accounting is adopted).

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transactions costs, except where the instrument is classified 'at fair value through profit or loss', in which case transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately.

**Classification and Subsequent Measurement**

Finance instruments are subsequently measured at either of fair value, amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, or cost. *Fair value* represents the amount for which an asset could be exchanged or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties. Where available, quoted prices in an active market are used to determine fair value. In other circumstances, valuation techniques are adopted.

*Amortised cost* is calculated as (i) the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition (ii) less principal repayments (iii) plus or minus the cumulative amortisation of the difference, if any, between the amount initially recognised and the maturity amount calculated using the effective interest method; and (iv) less any reduction for impairment.

*The effective interest method* is used to allocate interest income or interest expense over the relevant period and is equivalent to the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts (including fees, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life (or when this cannot be reliably predicted, the contractual term) of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. Revisions to expected future net cash flows will necessitate an adjustment to the carrying value with a consequential recognition of an income or expense in profit or loss.

**Financial assets at fair value through the profit and loss**

Financial assets are classified at "fair value through profit or loss" when they are held for trading for the purpose of short-term profit taking, or where they are derivatives not held for hedging purposes, or when they are designated as such to avoid an accounting mismatch or to enable performance evaluation where a group of financial assets is managed by key management personnel on a fair value basis in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy. Such assets are subsequently measured at fair value with changes in carrying value being included in profit or loss.



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**Note 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**I. Financial Instruments (continued)**

**Loans and receivables**

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Loans and receivables are included in current assets, except for those which are not expected to mature within 12 months after the end of the reporting period, which will be classified as non-current assets.

**Held-to-maturity investments**

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets that have fixed maturities and fixed or determinable payments, and it is the entity's intention to hold these investments to maturity. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Held-to-maturity investments are included in non-current assets, except for those which are expected to mature within 12 months after the end of reporting period. If during the period the Association sold or reclassified more than an insignificant amount of the held-to-maturity investments before maturity, the entire held-to-maturity investments would be tainted and reclassified as available-for-sale.

**Available-for-sale Financial assets**

Available-for-sale financial assets are non-derivative financial assets that are either not capable of being classified into other categories of financial assets due to their nature, or they are designated as such by management. They comprise investments in equity of other entities where there is neither fixed maturity nor fixed or determinable payments.

Available-for-sale financial assets are included in non-current assets, except for those which are expected to be disposed of within 12 months after the end of the reporting period.

**Financial liabilities**

Non-derivative financial liabilities are recognised at amortised cost, comprising original debt less principal payments and amortisation.

**Fair value**

Fair value is determined based on current bid prices for all quoted investments. Valuation techniques are applied to determine the fair value for all unlisted securities, including recent arm's length transactions, reference to similar instruments and option pricing models.

**Impairment**

At the end of each reporting period, the entity assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired. In the case of available-for-sale financial instruments, a prolonged decline in the value of the instrument is considered to determine whether an impairment has arisen. Impairment losses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

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**Note 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**l. Financial Instruments (continued)**

**Derecognition**

Financial assets are derecognised where the contractual rights to receipt of cash flows expires or the asset is transferred to another party whereby the entity no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised where the related obligations are either discharged, cancelled or expired. The difference between the carrying value of the financial liability, which is extinguished or transferred to another party and the fair value of consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

**m. Comparative Figures**

Where required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year. When an entity applies an accounting policy retrospectively, makes a retrospective restatement or reclassifies items in its financial statements, a statement of financial position as at the beginning of the earliest comparative period must be disclosed.

**n. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements**

The directors evaluate estimates and judgements incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the group.

The entity assesses impairment at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the entity that may lead to impairment of assets. Where an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. Value-in-use calculations performed in assessing recoverable amounts incorporate a number of key estimates.

**o. New Accounting Standards for Application in Future Periods**

Accounting Standards issued by the AASB that are not yet mandatorily applicable to the Association, together with an assessment of the potential impact of such pronouncements on the Association when adopted in future periods, are discussed below:

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|                                                                                                                                   | 2021             | 2020             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                                                                                                                   | \$               | \$               |
| <b>Note 2. Revenue</b>                                                                                                            |                  |                  |
| Local Government Grant Income                                                                                                     | 530,254          | 465,684          |
| Farm Related Income                                                                                                               | 35,205           | 30,206           |
| Fundraising Income                                                                                                                | 29,395           | 115,430          |
| Other Income                                                                                                                      | 20,796           | 29,664           |
| Rental Income                                                                                                                     | 75,747           | 189,094          |
| Tourism Related Income                                                                                                            | 531,213          | 621,634          |
| COVID-19 Government Assistance Payments                                                                                           | 602,805          | 271,500          |
|                                                                                                                                   | <u>1,825,415</u> | <u>1,723,212</u> |
| <b>Note 3. Profit for the year</b>                                                                                                |                  |                  |
| <b>Expenses</b>                                                                                                                   |                  |                  |
| Depreciation                                                                                                                      |                  |                  |
| Buildings & Shelters                                                                                                              | 70,782           | 70,782           |
| Farm Development                                                                                                                  | -                | -                |
| Fencing                                                                                                                           | -                | 5,706            |
| Office Equipment                                                                                                                  | 3,389            | 15,365           |
| Tools & Equipment                                                                                                                 | 19,020           | 14,763           |
|                                                                                                                                   | <u>93,191</u>    | <u>106,616</u>   |
| Employment Expenses                                                                                                               | 1,374,532        | 1,222,587        |
| Auditor's Remuneration                                                                                                            |                  |                  |
| Audit Services                                                                                                                    | 9,750            | 10,100           |
|                                                                                                                                   | <u>9,750</u>     | <u>10,100</u>    |
| <b>Note 4. Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>                                                                                          |                  |                  |
| Cash at Bank                                                                                                                      | 1,172,829        | 178,161          |
| Cash on Hand                                                                                                                      | 1,500            | 1,500            |
| Cash on Term Deposits                                                                                                             | 185,764          | 754,908          |
|                                                                                                                                   | <u>1,360,093</u> | <u>934,569</u>   |
| <b>Reconciliation of cash</b>                                                                                                     |                  |                  |
| Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the cash flow statement is reconciled to items in the balance sheet as follows: |                  |                  |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                                                                                         | 1,360,093        | 934,569          |
|                                                                                                                                   | <u>1,360,093</u> | <u>934,569</u>   |
| <b>Note 5. Accounts and Other Receivables</b>                                                                                     |                  |                  |
| Trade receivables                                                                                                                 | 21,379           | 23,540           |
| Provision for doubtful debts                                                                                                      | -                | -                |
| Other receivables                                                                                                                 | -                | -                |
|                                                                                                                                   | <u>21,379</u>    | <u>23,540</u>    |

No impairment was required at 30 June 2021.



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|                                                                   | 2021<br>\$     | 2020<br>\$     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Note 6. Livestock on Hand</b>                                  |                |                |
| Livestock on hand at beginning of year                            | 20,600         | 35,410         |
| Livestock Purchases                                               | -              | -              |
| Livestock - Donations in kind during year                         | -              | -              |
| Less: Sales                                                       | -              | -              |
| Increase/(Decrease) in value of livestock on Hand at balance date | 1,058          | (14,810)       |
| Livestock on hand at end of year (at fair value)                  | <u>21,658</u>  | <u>20,600</u>  |
| <b>Note 7. Financial Assets</b>                                   |                |                |
| Units in Public Funds & Trusts (at market value)                  | 119,828        | 111,268        |
| less: Provision for diminution in market value                    | -              | -              |
|                                                                   | <u>119,828</u> | <u>111,268</u> |
| Other Investments (at cost)                                       | 2              | 2              |
|                                                                   | <u>119,830</u> | <u>111,270</u> |
| <b>Note 8. Property, Plant and Equipment</b>                      |                |                |
| <b>Farm Buildings &amp; Shelters</b>                              |                |                |
| At cost                                                           | 1,215,833      | 1,205,776      |
| Accumulated depreciation                                          | (858,857)      | (788,075)      |
|                                                                   | <u>356,976</u> | <u>417,701</u> |
| <b>Capital Works-in-Progress</b>                                  | 14,290         | -              |
| <b>Farm Equipment</b>                                             |                |                |
| At cost                                                           | 227,470        | 170,989        |
| Accumulated depreciation                                          | (180,661)      | (161,642)      |
|                                                                   | <u>46,809</u>  | <u>9,347</u>   |
| <b>Fencing</b>                                                    |                |                |
| At cost                                                           | 52,018         | 52,018         |
| Accumulated depreciation                                          | (52,018)       | (52,018)       |
|                                                                   | <u>-</u>       | <u>-</u>       |
| <b>Office &amp; Canteen Equipment</b>                             |                |                |
| At cost                                                           | 86,569         | 73,014         |
| Accumulated depreciation                                          | (76,403)       | (73,014)       |
|                                                                   | <u>10,166</u>  | <u>-</u>       |
| <b>Total property, plant and equipment</b>                        | <u>428,241</u> | <u>427,048</u> |

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**Note 8. Property, Plant and Equipment (Continued)**

**(a) Movement in Carrying Amounts**

|                                                                                   | Farm<br>Buildings &<br>Shelters | Farm<br>Equipment | Fencing  | Office &<br>Canteen<br>Equipment | Capital<br>Works-in-<br>Progress | Total          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment: |                                 |                   |          |                                  |                                  |                |
| <b>Balance as at 1 July 2019</b>                                                  | 466,811                         | 23,430            | 5,706    | 11,904                           | -                                | 507,851        |
| Additions                                                                         | 21,672                          | 680               | -        | 3,461                            | -                                | 25,813         |
| Disposals                                                                         | -                               | -                 | -        | -                                | -                                | -              |
| Depreciation expense                                                              | (70,782)                        | (14,763)          | (5,706)  | (15,365)                         | -                                | (106,616)      |
| <b>Carrying amount at 30 June 2020</b>                                            | <u>417,701</u>                  | <u>9,347</u>      | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u>                         | <u>-</u>                         | <u>427,048</u> |
| Additions                                                                         | 10,057                          | 56,482            | -        | 13,555                           | 14,290                           | 94,384         |
| Disposals                                                                         | -                               | -                 | -        | -                                | -                                | -              |
| Depreciation expense                                                              | (70,782)                        | (19,020)          | -        | (3,389)                          | -                                | (93,191)       |
| <b>Carrying amount at 30 June 2021</b>                                            | <u>356,976</u>                  | <u>46,809</u>     | <u>-</u> | <u>10,166</u>                    | <u>14,290</u>                    | <u>428,241</u> |

| <b>Note 9. Trade and Other Payables</b>                                               | <b>2021</b>    | <b>2020</b>   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
|                                                                                       | <b>\$</b>      | <b>\$</b>     |
| <b>Current</b>                                                                        |                |               |
| Accounts Payable                                                                      | 33,686         | 30,358        |
| Other Current Payables                                                                | 35,812         | 22,769        |
| GST Payable to Australian Taxation Office                                             | 57,595         | (8,389)       |
| PAYGW Payable to Australian Taxation Office                                           | 26,016         | 15,376        |
|                                                                                       | <u>153,109</u> | <u>60,114</u> |
| <b>Financial liabilities at amortised cost classified as trade and other payables</b> |                |               |
| Accounts and Other Payables                                                           |                |               |
| - Total Current                                                                       | 153,109        | 60,114        |
| - Total Non-Current                                                                   | -              | -             |
|                                                                                       | <u>153,109</u> | <u>60,114</u> |

**Note 10. Income Received in Advance**

|                            |                |               |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>Current</b>             |                |               |
| Grants Received in Advance | 360,647        | 15,000        |
| Income Received in Advance | 34,729         | -             |
|                            | <u>395,376</u> | <u>15,000</u> |

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|                                       | 2021<br>\$ | 2020<br>\$ |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Note 11. Employee Entitlements</b> |            |            |
| Provision for Annual Leave            | 109,232    | 65,640     |
| Provision for Long Service Leave      | 48,454     | 51,299     |
| Provision for Personal/ Carers Leave  | 25,260     | 19,700     |
|                                       | 182,946    | 136,639    |
| <b>Analysis of Total Provisions</b>   |            |            |
| Current                               | 182,946    | 136,639    |
| Non-current                           | -          | -          |
|                                       | 182,946    | 136,639    |

A provision has been recognised for employee benefits relating to long service leave for employees. In calculating the present value of future cash flows in respect of long service leave, the probability of long service leave being taken is based upon historical data. The measurement and recognition criteria for employee benefits has been included in Note 1 (f).

**Note 12. Key management personnel compensation**

Any person having authority and responsibility for planning directing and controlling the activities of the Association directly or indirectly, including its committee members, is considered key management personnel.

Key Management personnel compensation

- Short term benefits

- Post-employment benefits

|  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
|  | - | - |
|--|---|---|

**Note 13. Related parties**

Transactions between related parties are on a normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

**Note 14. Cash Flow Information**

**(a) Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Profit after Income Tax**

|                                                       |          |           |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Profit after income tax                               | (85,504) | (356,266) |
| Non-cash flows in profit:                             |          |           |
| Depreciation                                          | 93,191   | 106,616   |
| Provision for Diminution in Value of Investments      | -        | -         |
| Changes in assets and liabilities                     |          |           |
| (Increase)/decrease in Accounts and Other Receivables | 2,161    | 42,320    |
| (Increase)/decrease in Livestock on Hand              | (1,058)  | 14,810    |
| Increase/(decrease) in Accounts and Other Payables    | 92,995   | (8,526)   |
| Increase/(decrease) in Grants Received in Advance     | 345,647  | (7,176)   |
| Increase/(decrease) in Income Received in Advance     | 34,729   | -         |
| Increase/(decrease) in Employee Entitlements          | 46,307   | (42,759)  |
| Cash flow from operations                             | 528,468  | (250,981) |



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**Note 15. Financial Risk Management**

**a. Financial Risk Management**

The company's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, local money market instruments, short-term and long-term investments, accounts receivable and payable, bank loans and leases.

The company does not have any derivative instruments at 30 June 2021.

The totals for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 9 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

|                              | Note | 2021<br>\$ | 2020<br>\$ |
|------------------------------|------|------------|------------|
| <b>Financial Assets</b>      |      |            |            |
| Cash and cash equivalents    | 4    | 1,360,093  | 934,569    |
| Trade and other receivables  | 5    | 21,379     | 23,540     |
|                              |      | 1,381,472  | 958,109    |
| <b>Financial Liabilities</b> |      |            |            |
| Trade and other payables     | 8    | 153,109    | 60,114     |
|                              |      | 153,109    | 60,114     |

**Financial Risk Management Policies**

A finance committee consisting of senior directors of the entity meet on a regular basis to analyse financial risk exposure to evaluate the company's management strategies in the context of the most recent conditions and forecasts.

The committee's overall risk management strategy seeks to assist the company in meeting its financial targets, whilst minimising potential adverse effects on the financial performance.

The finance committee operates under policies approved by the board of directors. Risk management policies are approved and reviewed by the Board on a regular basis. These include the use of credit risk policies and future cash flow requirements.

**Specific Financial Risk Exposures and Management**

**(a) Credit Risk**

Exposure to credit risk relating to financial assets arises from the potential non-performance by counter parties of contract obligations that could lead to a financial loss to the company.

The company does not have any material credit risk exposure as its major source of revenue is the receipt of grants. Credit risk is further mitigated as over 90% of the grants being received from State and Federal Governments are in accordance with funding agreements which ensure regular funding for a period of 5 years.

**Credit Risk Exposures**

The maximum exposure to credit risk by class of recognised financial assets at the end of the reporting period is equivalent to the carrying value and classification of those financial assets (net of any provisions) as presented in the statement of financial position.

Trade and other receivables that are neither past due or impaired are considered to be of a high credit quality. Aggregates of such amounts are as detailed in Note 5.

The company has no significant concentration of credit risk exposure to any single counterparty or group of counter parties. Details with respect to credit risk of Trade and Other Receivables are provided in Note 5.

Credit risk related to balances with banks and other financial institutions is managed by the finance committee in accordance with approved Board policy. Such policy requires that surplus funds are only invested with counter parties with a Standard & Poor's (S&P) rating of at least AA-. The following table provides information regarding the credit risk relating to cash and money market securities based on S&P counter party credit ratings.

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| Note 15. Financial Risk Management ( <i>continued</i> ) | Note | 2021<br>\$       | 2020<br>\$     |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------|------------------|----------------|
| <b>(a) Credit Risk (<i>continued</i>)</b>               |      |                  |                |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>                        |      |                  |                |
| AA rated                                                | 4    | 1,360,093        | 934,569        |
|                                                         |      | <u>1,360,093</u> | <u>934,569</u> |

**(b) Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk arises from the possibility that the company might encounter difficulty in settling its debts or otherwise meeting its obligations related to financial liabilities. The company manages this risk through the following mechanisms:

- preparing forward looking cash flow analysis in relation to its operational, investing and finance activities;
- maintaining a reputable credit profile;
- managing credit risk related to financial assets;
- investing only in surplus cash with major financial institutions; and
- comparing the maturity profile of financial liabilities with the realisation profile of financial assets.

The tables below reflect an undiscounted contractual maturity analysis for financial liabilities.

Cash flows realised from financial assets reflect management's expectations as to the timing of realisation. Actual timing may therefore differ from that disclosed. The timing of cash flows presented in the table to settle financial liabilities reflects the earliest contractual settlement dates.

**(c) Market Risk**

**(a) Interest Rate Risk**

Exposure to interest rate risk arises on financial assets and financial liabilities recognised at the end of the reporting period whereby future changes in interest rates will affect future cash flows or the fair value of fixed rate financial instruments.

**(b) Price risk**

Price risk relates to the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because changes in market prices of securities held.

The company is exposed to securities price risk on investments held for trading or for medium to longer terms.

Such risk is managed through diversification of investments across industries and geographic locations.

**Net Fair Values**

*Fair Value Estimation*

The fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities are presented in the following table and can be compared to their carrying values as presented in the statement of financial position. Fair values for those amounts at which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction.

Fair values derived may be based on information that is estimated or subject to judgement, where changes in assumptions may have a material impact on the amounts estimated. Areas of judgement and the assumptions have been detailed below.

Where possible, valuation information used to calculate fair value is extracted from the market, with more reliable information available from markets that are actively traded. In this regard, fair values for listed securities are obtained from quoted market bid prices. Where securities are unlisted and no market quotes are available, fair value is obtained using discounted cash flow analysis and other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants.

Differences between fair values and carrying values of financial instruments with fixed interest rates are due to the change in discount rates being applied by the market since their initial recognition by the company. Most of these instruments which are carried at amortised cost are to be held until maturity and therefore the net fair value figures calculated bear little relevance to the company.

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**Note 15. Financial Risk Management (continued)**

**(c) Market Risk (continued)**

|                              | Footnote | 2021                     |                      | 2020                     |                      |
|------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
|                              |          | Net carrying value<br>\$ | Net fair value<br>\$ | Net carrying value<br>\$ | Net fair value<br>\$ |
| <b>Financial Assets</b>      |          |                          |                      |                          |                      |
| Cash and cash equivalents    | (i)      | 1,360,093                | 1,360,093            | 934,569                  | 934,569              |
| Loans and receivables        | (i)      | 21,379                   | 21,379               | 23,540                   | 23,540               |
|                              |          | <u>1,381,472</u>         | <u>1,381,472</u>     | <u>958,109</u>           | <u>958,109</u>       |
| <b>Financial Liabilities</b> |          |                          |                      |                          |                      |
| Trade and other payables     | (i)      | 153,109                  | 153,109              | 60,114                   | 60,114               |
|                              |          | <u>153,109</u>           | <u>153,109</u>       | <u>60,114</u>            | <u>60,114</u>        |

The fair values disclosed in the above table have been determined based on the following methodologies:

- (i) Cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables and trade and other payables are short-term instruments in nature whose carrying value is equivalent to fair value. Trade and other payables excludes amounts provided for relating to annual leave and deferred income which is not considered a financial instrument.
- (ii) Fair values are determined using a discounted cash flow model incorporating current commercial borrowing rates. The fair values of fixed rate lease liability will differ to the carrying values.

**Note 16. Capital Management**

Management controls the capital of the entity to ensure that adequate cash flows are generated to fund its teaching programs and that returns from investments are maximised. The finance committee ensures that the overall risk management strategy is in line with this objective.

The finance committee operates under policies approved by the Board of Directors. Risk management policies are approved and reviewed by the Board on a regular basis. These include credit risk policies and future cash flow requirements.

The entity's capital consists of financial liabilities, supported by financial assets.

Management effectively manages the entity's capital by assessing the entity's financial risks and responding to changes in these risks and in the market. These responses may include the consideration of debt levels.

There have been no changes to the strategy adopted by management to control the capital of the entity since the previous year.

**Note 17. Subsequent Events**

There are no reportable subsequent events between balance date and the date of this financial report.

**Note 18. Contingent Liabilities**

The company has no contingent liabilities.

**Note 19. Company Details**

The registered office of the company is:

Collingwood Children's Farm Incorporated  
 18 St. Helliers Street  
 ABBOTSFORD VIC 3067

The principal place of business of the company is:

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**COMMITTEE'S DECLARATION**

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The responsible persons declare that in the responsible persons' opinion:

1. there are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and
2. the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013*.

**President**

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**Nina Collins**

**Dated this**

**day of October 2021**



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**COLLINGWOOD CHILDREN'S FARM INCORPORATED**  
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS**

### **Opinion**

I have audited the accompanying financial report of Collingwood Children's Farm Incorporated (the Association), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2021, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the statement by the members of the Board.

In my opinion, the financial report of the Association is in accordance with *the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012* and *the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*, including:

- i. giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its performance for the year ended; and
- ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards as per Note 1, *the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012* and *the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*.

### **Basis for Opinion**

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. I am independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

### **Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the applicable legislation and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report**

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.



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As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 registered entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the responsible entities.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the responsible entities use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the registered entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the registered entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal controls that I identify during my audit.

**Auditor:** Frederik Ryk Ludolf Eksteen

**ASIC Registration Number:** 421448

**Address:** Collins & Co Audit Pty Ltd, 127 Paisley Street, FOOTSCRAY VIC 3011

**Signature:**

**Date:** 5 November 2021



COLLINGWOOD CHILDREN'S FARM INCORPORATED  
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 INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

|                                                                | 2021<br>\$       | 2020<br>\$       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>REVENUE</b>                                                 |                  |                  |
| <b>Grant Income</b>                                            | <b>530,254</b>   | <b>465,684</b>   |
| Grants from State Government                                   | 171,257          | 94,556           |
| Grants from Local Government                                   | -                | 65,934           |
| Grants from Federal Government                                 | -                | 20,000           |
| Other Grants - Special Project                                 | 242,468          | 113,465          |
| Car Park Revenue                                               | 116,529          | 171,729          |
| <b>Farm Related Income</b>                                     | <b>35,205</b>    | <b>30,206</b>    |
| Garden Plot Hire                                               | 2,853            | -                |
| Proceeds from Sale of Livestock                                | 636              | 1,755            |
| Proceeds from Sale of Merchandise                              | 7,709            | 16,921           |
| Proceeds from Sale of Produce                                  | 24,007           | 11,530           |
| <b>Fundraising Income</b>                                      | <b>29,395</b>    | <b>115,430</b>   |
| Donations - General                                            | 28,250           | 43,596           |
| Fundraising Income - Farm Events                               | 1,145            | 71,834           |
| <b>Other Income</b>                                            | <b>20,796</b>    | <b>29,664</b>    |
| Interest Income                                                | 2,275            | 7,990            |
| Investment Income                                              | 10,678           | 2,433            |
| Other Income including Wage Subsidies                          | 7,843            | 19,241           |
| <b>COVID-19 Government Assistance Payments</b>                 | <b>602,805</b>   | <b>271,500</b>   |
| COVID-19 Government Assistance Payments: Business Support Fund | 10,000           | 10,000           |
| COVID-19 Government Assistance Payments: Cash Flow Boost       | 50,355           | 50,000           |
| COVID-19 Government Assistance Payments: JobKeeper             | 542,450          | 211,500          |
| <b>Rental Income</b>                                           | <b>75,747</b>    | <b>189,094</b>   |
| <b>Tourism Related Income</b>                                  | <b>531,213</b>   | <b>621,634</b>   |
| Bookings & Farm Tours                                          | 13,176           | 116,390          |
| Entry Fees                                                     | 457,575          | 451,217          |
| Farm Passes & Membership Fees                                  | 60,462           | 54,027           |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>                                           | <b>1,825,415</b> | <b>1,723,212</b> |

The income statement is to be read in conjunction with the audit report  
 and the notes to the financial statements.

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**INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

|                                                 | 2021<br>\$     | 2020<br>\$     |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                              |                |                |
| <b>Administration Expenses</b>                  | <b>204,832</b> | <b>269,230</b> |
| Advertising & Publicity                         | 4,408          | 25,236         |
| Accounting Fees                                 | 16,891         | 28,862         |
| Administration Expenses                         | 15,145         | 12,335         |
| Auditor's Remuneration - Audit Fees             | 9,750          | 8,500          |
| Auditor's Remuneration - Other Services         | -              | 1,600          |
| Bad Debts                                       | 4,830          | -              |
| Bank Charges                                    | 10,567         | 7,875          |
| Bookkeeping Fees                                | 29,921         | 33,003         |
| Business Development Costs                      | -              | 15,920         |
| Cleaning                                        | 11,601         | 19,383         |
| Computer Expenses                               | 14,988         | 23,376         |
| Donations                                       | -              | 2,705          |
| Electricity & Gas                               | 10,897         | 17,914         |
| Insurance                                       | 14,980         | 12,845         |
| Legal Fees                                      | -              | 4,620          |
| Merchandise                                     | 8,011          | 10,345         |
| OH&S                                            | 17,129         | 4,235          |
| Rates - Water                                   | 12,390         | 11,592         |
| Security Costs                                  | 919            | 3,822          |
| Subscriptions & Memberships                     | 8,632          | 16,673         |
| Telephone                                       | 13,773         | 8,389          |
| <b>Depreciation &amp; Amortisation Expenses</b> | <b>93,191</b>  | <b>106,616</b> |
| Buildings & Shelters                            | 70,782         | 70,782         |
| Farm Development                                | -              | -              |
| Fencing                                         | -              | 5,706          |
| Office Equipment                                | 3,389          | 15,365         |
| Tools & Equipment                               | 19,020         | 14,763         |

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 INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

|                                            | 2021<br>\$       | 2020<br>\$       |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Farm Related Expenses</b>               | <b>197,799</b>   | <b>341,062</b>   |
| Animal - Equipment Replacements            | 29,389           | 42,674           |
| Animal - Feed & Consumables                | 31,574           | 57,124           |
| Garden & Orchard Supplies                  | 52,169           | 65,852           |
| Motor vehicle & Travelling Expenses        | 1,458            | 2,018            |
| Repairs & Maintenance                      | 59,524           | 122,749          |
| Rubbish & Recycling                        | 5,930            | 16,722           |
| Revaluation of Livestock                   | (608)            | 15,690           |
| Sundry Farm Expenses                       | 6,538            | 4,844            |
| Veterinary Supplies                        | 11,825           | 13,389           |
| <b>Fundraising Expenses</b>                | <b>3,366</b>     | <b>92,651</b>    |
| <b>Special Grant Expenses</b>              | <b>770</b>       | <b>22,386</b>    |
| <b>Staff Related Expenses</b>              | <b>1,410,961</b> | <b>1,247,533</b> |
| Wages & Casual Staffing                    | 1,228,188        | 1,154,103        |
| Superannuation (Award)                     | 100,036          | 96,745           |
| Provision for Employee Entitlements        | 46,308           | (28,261)         |
| Insurance - Workcover                      | 24,789           | 14,865           |
| Staff Training & Welfare                   | 10,881           | 9,109            |
| Staff Recruitment                          | 759              | 972              |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>                   | <b>1,910,919</b> | <b>2,079,478</b> |
| <b>NET SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b> | <b>(85,504)</b>  | <b>(356,266)</b> |

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