

MARYBOROUGH
COMMUNITY HOUSE Inc.

Annual Report

2002 - 2003

27th August, 2003

5,30pm

Agenda

27th August, 2003

1. Welcome
2. Present (list circulated)
3. Apologies
4. Minute of the last AGM (read out)
5. Business Arising from the minute of the last AGM
6. Annual Reports
 - 1) President - Kathy Hammel
 - 2) Treasurer - Ron Swaby
 - 3) Auditors Report - Peter Egan
 - 4) Co-ordinator - Cathy Thomas
 - 5) Art from the Heart - John Donaldson
7. Vacate office bearers positions
8. Election of new office bearers
 - For President Kathy Hammel
 - For Vice President Gus Hogg
 - For Treasurer Ron Swaby
 - For Secretary Elaine Meredith
 - For General Committee
 - Cecily Charter
 - Brendan Dwyer
 - John Donaldson
 - Sharlene Clugston
 - Re appointment of Public Officer
 - Cathy Thomas
9. Electronic Slide Show – (power point)
10. Birthday Cake and cuppa.

MARYBOROUGH COMMUNITY HOUSE INC
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2002.

Welcome: Meeting opened by Kathy Hammel at 13.35pm

Present: Gus Hogg, Bob Pollock, Trevor Sherry, Gordon Hiskins, Kathy Hammel, Cathy Thomas, Lesley Williamson, Dawn Hitchen, Maureen Strange, Ron Swaby, Bill Van Veldhoven, Irene Eastwood, Bev Donaldson, Pam Jenkins, Elaine Meredith

Apologies: Hilary Hunt – Maryborough Community Information Centre, Lorraine O'Dal – Joe Helper's Office, Lyn Turner – Department Human Services, John Doanldson, Sue Kelly, Glenda Rowland, Tanya Wterson – Maldon Neighbourh Centre, Sally Wright, Heather Trippet.

Minutes of the Last: Read out by Kathy Hammel and supplied in Annual Report

Motion: That the minutes of the last AGM be accepted as an accurate and true record.

Moved: Gus Hogg Seconded Pam Jenkins

Business arising from the last Minutes of the last AGM.
Nil

Annual Reports

Presidents Report : Supplied and read out

Treasurers Report: Supplied and read out

Auditors Report: Supplied

A call for comments was made from the floor regarding reports.
No comments forth coming.

Coordinators Report: Supplied and commented on

Congratulations to the exiting Committee Members for a year of a job well done.

Cathy Thomas announced the nominations for Committee of Management. Nominations for the Committee of Management closed 10th September, 2002. All positions were filled and no contest was made for any position.

The Successful nominations and duly elected are as follows.

Kathy Hammel	President
Elaine Meridith	Secretary
Ron Swaby	Treasurer

MARYBOROUGH COMMUNITY HOUSE INC
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2002.

General Committee members are

Gus Hogg
Lesley Williamson
Glenda Rowland
Gordon Hiskens
Robert Pollock

Reappointment of Public Officer Cathy Thomas

Kathy Hammel resumed the Chair role and thanked those in attendance.

The next Committee meeting of the Committee of Management is scheduled for the 15th October, 2002.

A warm invitation was then extended to every one to stay of for a cuppa and light luncheon.

Meeting closed 1pm.

Presidents Report 2003

Welcome to all, it's been another busy and eventful year. There are lots of projects on the go as the House continues to grow. New programs, such as Laughter is the Best Medicine, and Morning tea and Poetry, and legal aid sessions for the community. As well as the continuation of programs from the year before. Its been a very busy year for the coordinator and as president of the committee of management I would like to thank Cathy for all her hard work and support. She has given to the House and the community as well as to the Committee. Cathy works above and beyond her paid hours. Giving of her self to the House and community.

The Committee of Management is made up of volunteers who willing give of their time and support the Maryborough Community House in many ways. I would like to thank all the committee members and especially the executive committee.

Our Treasurer has worked very hard along side of our newly appointed book keeper we are pleased he is re nominating for the position this year.

To the exiting members of the Committee of Management I would like to say thank you for your input and encouragement through out the year.

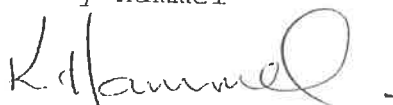
I would also like to thank everyone who has stepped through the doors of the Community House. With out your participation the House would be empty.

This is my forth year of involvement with the Maryborough Community House and I have noticed the increase of people and activities each year. I am looking forward to next year being even more vibrant.

The list of individuals to thank is too great to be written in my report, so a BIG thank you to everyone.

Enjoy the birthday party

Kathy Hammel



Treasurers Report 2002 - 2003

The past year has been both interesting and hectic, at least for the Treasurer of the Maryborough Community House. Interesting in that in previous honorary Treasurer positions I have held the books were kept manually. Now seeing a computerised system in a small organisation is a new experience.

It was hectic because at the beginning the financial year I experienced health problems. I am grateful to Sandra (our book keeper) for getting things started and keeping them rolling during the year. Also, I am grateful to Lesley Williamson for keeping the cash under control.

Sandra and I have had some difficulty with the accounting program to the extent that we have been unable to get the accounts to the auditor in time for the Annual General Meeting-hence a delayed auditors report.

We have now found that there is a glitch in the software program.

Thank you Cathy Thomas for typing my hand amended profit and loss account and balance sheet.

During the Year the House has received grants from:

DEET - Adult and Community Further Education	
Department of Human Services	12,725.20
Connecting Confident Communities	29,384.73
Central Goldfield Shire (Maintenance)	1,500.00
St. Lukes	557.63
	<u>4,719.00</u>
	48,886.56

In addition the House self generated \$5325.68 including \$155.48 bank interest. (refer other income in the profit and loss account.)

I wish to express my sincere thanks to Sandra. Due to my late arrival on the scene it took us some time to work out who was doing what, but when we did good will did a lot to make up for lost time. Again thank you to Lesley for keeping the cash under control early in the peace. As well I wish to particularly thank Cathy Thomas. I don't know where the House found her but I suggest we wrap her in cotton wool. She is totally irreplaceable. I believe that after God made her he broke the mould.

Regards

++ *RON SWABY*
TREASURER

CPA

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Audit Report
To the Members,
MARYBOROUGH COMMUNITY HOUSE INC.

Scope

We have audited the attached financial report of Maryborough Community House Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2003, comprising Profit and Loss Account and Balance sheet. The committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members.

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

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act.

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

Audit Opinion

In our opinion the financial report of Maryborough Community House Inc. presents fairly the income and expenditure of the Centre as at 30 June 2003 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

PETER M EGAN & ASSOCIATES PTY LTD
ACCOUNTANTS

20 February, 2004

Maryborough Community House Inc

Profit and Loss

July 2002 to June 2003

INCOME**Grants**

DEET (ACFE)

Adult Community Further Education	5,985.00
Ironbark Cluster	3,280.00
ACE Capital Works	1,960.20
ACFE Capital Equipment	1,500.00

Total DEET funding	12,725.20
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Dept. Human Services

Neighbourhood House	28,770.93
Housing week	613.80

Total DHS funding	29,384.73
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Connecting Confident Communities

Fence Post Art	500.00	
Out 'n' about Bus Trips	500.00	
Family Disco in the Park	500.00	1,500.00

Shire Maintenance Grant	557.63
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St. Lukes	4,719.00
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Total Grants	48,886.56
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Other Income

MCH Programs	1,619.25	
Membership dues	60.00	
Administration fees	677.65	
BBQ monies	18.40	
Room hire	1,737.00	
Raffles	96.00	
Miscellaneous income	<u>961.90</u>	
Total Other Income		5170.20

Bank Interest	155.48
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TOTAL INCOME	54,212.24
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Maryborough Community House Inc
Profit and Loss
 July 2002 to June 2003

EXPENSES

Administration costs		1,123.45
Advertising		262.92
Art Materials		
Fence Post Art	569.34	
Art Materials	195.24	764.58
Asset depreciation		2,313.00
Bank Service Charges		
State Government Tax	17.20	
Bank Service Charges Other	98.60	115.60
Catering		320.00
Groceries		620.41
Insurance		664.63
Ironbark Cluster expenses		2,837.00
Miscellaneous		89.18
Program Expenses		522.44
Repairs		
Building	2,771.06	
Computer	1,286.36	4,057.42
Resource purchases		452.63
Salaries		
Casual Salaries	448.00	
Gross Wages	23,778.08	
Super	2,140.02	
Work-cover	315.77	
Total Salaries		26,681.87
Soft ware expenses		100.00
Training		981.82
Travel		823.32
Tutor fees		1,264.00
Utilities		
Gas and Electricity	770.86	
Telephone	1,221.59	
Water	141.20	
Total Utilities		2,133.65
Total Expenses		46,127.92
Deduct from total income		-54,212.24
Surplus for the year (transfer to equity)		8,084.32

Maryborough Community House Inc.

Balance SheetAs of 30th June, 2003**ASSETS**

Current Assets

Commonwealth Bank		39,266.18
Total Current Assets		<u>39,266.18</u>

Other Assets

Computers	3,749.00	
Less accumulated depreciation (20%)	- 3,749.00	
Total Computers		nil

Ground Improvements

BBQ,	2,496.00	
Play ground	2,700.00	
Half court	4,343.00	
Less Accumulated Depreciation (10%)	6,056.00	
Total Ground Improvements		3,483.00

Office Equipment

Video Equipment	189.00	
Photocopier	2,097.00	
Less Accumulated Depreciation (20%)	-2,286.00	
Total Office Equipment		nil

Total Other Assets		3,483.00
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Total Assets		42,749.18
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Current Liabilities

Superannuation payable		440.77
Tax payable		
GST collected	791.01	
GST paid	-295.25	
Total GST	495.76	
PAYE tax	744.08	
Total Tax Payable		<u>1,239.84</u>
Total Current Liabilities		1,680.61

Equity

Balance as at 30/6/2002	32,984.25	
Net income (see profit & loss account)	8,084.32	
Total Equity		41,068.57

Total Liabilities & Equity		42,749.18
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Maryborough Community House Inc.
Bank Reconciliation as at 30th June, 2003
Attachment to balance sheet

Balance as per Bank Statement			39,590.18
Less unpresented cheques			
	1806	14.00	
	1912	100.00	
	1916	100.00	
	1918	22.00	
	1921	88.00	
			<u>-324.00</u>
Balance as per ledger			39,266.18

Annual Report 2002 - 2003

The Co-ordinator says :-

Has another financial year truly come to a close? Have the finances balanced? Will there be a tomorrow? And the answer is YES, YES, YES.

How fast time goes when you are having fun. This past year has been a treat, full of constant challenges and **loads of FUN**.



The year could never have been as much fun as it was without the many visitors to the Community House. Almost every one who comes here has a chat, and connects up with some one. At times I feel very fortunate to be getting a wage for the wonderful chats and connections I am a part of. But that is what a Community House is about. It's about creating a welcoming place for all; facilitating community growth; sharing resources and information. It's also about support networks; learning; empowerment and advocacy. As well it's about choices; finding options and opportunities; having fun and being part of the fun had. Or in the buzz words of the day it's about "community capacity building". It's about relationships in and about the Community. It's more than any one can say which is why a lot of my time during the year was about connecting with others and having a chat.



I'd like to thank all who made themselves available to support the Maryborough Community House in its busy year. The Committee of Management whose leadership and governance was much appreciated. A special thank you to the executive Committee for their availability, insights and flexibility in problem solving.

I would also like to thank the generosity of group facilitators.

- Anna Deviliers – Literacy and Language tuition
- John Donaldson – Art from the Heart
- Sandra Beamish – computers for beginners and book keeping for dummies.
- Gail Olive and Guss Hogg - Morning tea and Poetry
- Pam, Gus, Maureen, Bill, Dawn, Ron, Gordon – Community Action Group Maryborough.
- Ruth Murphy – House Games
- Kathy Hammel – Lunch with another mob
- Sally Wright – Fabric Craft
- Don - Clown Classes
- Cathy Thomas—Laughter is the Best Medicine

A very special thanks needs to go to the following people for their input in the Maryborough Community House and for the little things they have done that were much appreciated. Thankyou:-

Current Mayor Ian Robertson

RANCH

Mary Brady

Joe Helper's Office

Cameron Taylor

Cyril Collyer

Maryborough
Advertiser

Safeway

Steve's Fish and Chip Shop

Former mayor Valerie Andrew

ANHLC

Naturally Art

Bob Pollock

Phyllis and Eric – Social
Support Group

Legal Aid

Damien

Woopee Entertainment

Margaret Parsons

Sue Kelly

Maddison Mc Call

Margaret Faulkner

Public Tenants Referral Service

St Luke's

Connecting Confident Communities project

Bet Bet Community House

Karen Hollaway

Chris Gilfilan

Department of Human Services

Castlemaine Community House

IGA

Maffesconi Bus Lines

Maldon Community House

Adult and Community Further Education

Housing Department

Lance Reichstein Foundation

Wendy and Peter

Positive liv- Maryborough Community Health ing program

Alcoholic Anonymous

Paddy Toasty – Circus on Toast

Elizabeth Rider

Brett Parry

Paul Smith

Goldfields Employment and Learning Centre

Soul Stars – Mischelle and Alicia – Belly dancing

Melanie – Shire Youth worker

• Chris's Country Kitchen

Golden Wattle Butchers

• Not everyone is mentioned in this list. However, everyone is appreciated at the Maryborough Community House



In summary the year passed with the highlights below.

July 2002 – Xmas in July

Last year we held Xmas in July and the bonfire was lit a week too early. Pam and a hand full of others built up another bonfire, and the kitchen was busy busy as the estimated 25 for Xmas dinner grew into nearly 60 people. I can hardly believe we managed to pull the night together and go home before 9pm. The helpers in the kitchen did an amazing job, proving the spirit of Christmas lives on even in July 2002.



Xmas in July has become an annual event with a bonfire to warm the fingers and toes. From that 2002 event we learnt that we have to take bookings for dinner, to ensure no one eats cold meat, and in 2003 we had 37 people sit down for a hot roast meal with pudding.

Bus Trip to Kyneton – August 2002

Historic Kyneton was visited by a bus load of us leaving at 9.15am. The cost was \$5.00, and the trip was financed from funds gathered by the Community Action Group Maryborough (CAGM) and the Lance Reichstein Foundation.



September 2002 - Father's Day Car Rally

A navigational hoot.

Fathers and families competing for no loot.

They took right and left turns ending up near no man's land

Counting windmills and locating tomb stones.

Finding men buried top to tail – no sand.

All in all the signs were visible for the discerning eye,

The winners being happy with their prize.



A BBQ, followed enjoyed by all.

You are invited to the next Father's Day Car Rally held September 7th at 9.30am.

Circus on Toast - October 2002

Paddy Toasty with the help from the Community Action Group Maryborough accomplished Circus on Toast. Teaching primary school children how to juggle, walk on stilts, use hoola hoops, and clown around.

The finale of the 6 week program Circus on Toast brought Mrs Claus from the north pole. (Santa Claus was too busy making Xmas toys.)



November 2002 - Camp with YMCA

From littlies to oldies the camp catered for all. Many thanks go to Brett Parry of the YMCA. Swinging up 40 feet high, canoeing in murky dam waters, playing table tennis, and sitting round a camp fire. Two mini bus loads of people had a great time at the Lady Northcote Camp in Bacchus Marsh.

November 2002 - House Games -

Children competed against each other out doors in the sunshine.

It was the weekend of Melbourne Cup. Not everyone gets to go away.

The children filled in registration forms and for ten cents a game they competed fiercely against one another for awards and certificates.

The games included jelly sucking through a straw, shoe lace tying with no thumbs, chop stick sorting out, blindfold spaghetti eating in teams of 2 , three legged races and much much more.

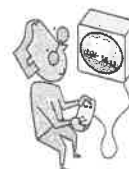
The parents and children had a ball.

Special thanks go to Ruth for being part of the whole organising and event.



November - Video and Pizza night

Melanie, the Shire's youth worker, in collaboration with us, held a video and pizza night. Apart from over dosing on cordial, the kids had fun. It's hard to select videos that everyone likes.



November – Breasts, Boobies, Bazoukas

Free luncheon was held for Breast Cancer Support in conjunction with the Maryborough Community Health Centre.

Xmas – December 2002

No funding bonuses from Santa this year.

Making the budget stretch this year was tough. We succeeded in avoiding overdosing on Christmas candies and cheer.



January – 2003

Room Hire for birthday party

Literacy classes recommence

February 2003.

Community Action Group Maryborough continue meeting and advocating for a fairer slice of the pie.



Art from the Heart commences after a Xmas Break

Morning tea and poetry commences.

Laughter is the best Medicine proves to be right as 8 people make the sessions hilarious. Come and join the fun.

February 2003. – Bus Trip to Ballarat

The Community Action Group Maryborough organised a successful bus trip to Ballarat for the cost of \$5.00



February 2003 – Lunch with another mob

St Luke's and our wonderful in-House chef Kathy cooked up a feast on a Summer's day.



March 2003. – Family Disco in the park

Utilising funds gained from the Connecting Confident Communities project and the Lance Reichstein Foundation, Woopee Entertainment wowed the “groovers” outside the Community House. It was estimated that 45 people came to the night. Before the night begun there were 30 children on the dance floor.



March 2003 – ANHLC conference.

Members of the Committee and the Coordinator attended the Association of Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres annual conference. The messages brought back were about quality houses and the quality work we do in communities with little funds but plenty of good will.

Community Houses are at the forefront of social and community capacity building and arguably should be given funds for community development workers. It is unfortunate that most research statements about healthy communities focus on health in terms of illness and not wellness. Recent research links “wellness” to social connectedness and self determination. The ability to influence decisions impacting on ones self brings about wellbeing. All said and done, communities at “grass roots” is where Community Houses operate and it is at this grass roots level that cultural shifts are affected and we can make a difference to our lives.

April 2003 – Picnic in the park

As part of Housing Week, local residents and community members came to a delightful picnic in the park. Scotch eggs, chicken and salads followed by fruit cake and chocolate cake were all enjoyed at Roscholler park. Fun and friendly competitions, with football kick offs, skipping competitions and basket ball goals along with best behaved dog were all awarded prizes and trophies.



April 2003 - Communities in Control Conference.

This conference was a first in Melbourne and was one of the best I had ever been to. It should have been attended by all our local government representatives and community workers.

Neighbourhood Houses were outspoken and well recognised by members of Parliament and international guests. If only the people who churn the powerful wheels of progress and development could stall and see and take time to nurture the greatest asset it has, the individual people of a community. Again the buzz phrase “community capacity building” comes into play and again “Neighbourhood Houses” are what they are really talking about.

April 2003 – Art from the Heart Exhibition

Another successful exhibition held by Art from the Heart. Guests were not counted but its estimated that over 40 people came to the exhibition. This exhibition was linked to the Fence Post Art project. The Fence Post Art project has given East Maryborough a higher profile. It is anticipated that this project will continue to grow.

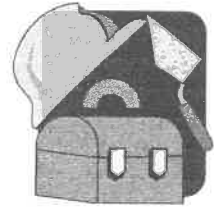


May 2003 – CAGM Lunch

The Community Action Group put on feast for the community. The meal was absolutely fantastic. Well done CAGM! What a shame more people didn't hear about it before hand.

■ May 2003 – Lunch with another mob

■ Another scrumptious lunch prepared for the St Luke's mob and ourselves. It's amazing how our cook Kathy can just whip up a meal in a few hours for 10 people.



■ May 2003

■ Computer classes start
■ Positive Living starts



■ June 2003

■ Legal aid sessions swap to a Monday.



■ 31st June Books are closed.



■ This year we also ran several new programs as well as our regular ones.

■ **Laughter is the Best Medicine.**

■ The laughter sessions are based on yoga. Twice a month we gather together on a Monday at 9.30 am and LAUGH. Even fake laughter is therapeutic according to researchers, as the body does not realise you are faking the laugh even when your head does.

■ Laughter is something we can all do, and no special training is required. When you laugh your diaphragm contracts forcing stale air out of your lungs, you vibrate your voice box and glands around your neck, your abdominal muscles contract along with most of you facial muscles – in effect you get a good physical work out. Not only that, your insides gets a work out too. Blood circulates faster as your heart pumps at a faster rate and you get more oxygen delivered to your brain helping you think better.

Cathy's Laughing Club!

By: Heather-mae Mowbray

A laughing Club, Cathy's started to run,
I've read all about it, sounds a lot of fun,
Originated in India, so I hear,
I've got a video and it's very clear.



It makes lots of sense, if you're laughing you know,
You're exercising from your head to your toes,
Releases endorphins, into your brain,
Works every muscle in the belly's domain.
It starts at nine-thirty and, I'm raring to go,
I enjoy a good laugh, it makes one glow,
Best go to the loo, before we start,
Or I might pee myself laughing, or even fart.

At least I've arrived, there's eight people here,
Some I know well, it would appear,
Some friends from Carisbrook, my'self Daisyhill
We're all raring to go and laugh until.

The tears down our faces, have started to run.
And the ache in our bellies have finally begun,
So Cathy says "That's enough for today,
You've done really well, you're doing okay"



"Now there's coffee or tea, if you'd like a cup,
I don't have to remind you, to tidy it up",
The first Monday in April, we'll once again meet,
I've thoroughly enjoyed this wonderful treat.

Literacy and Numeracy

Anna our Tutor, made such marvellous inroads to learning with our small team of students that they came back during school holidays to learn more.

The students have since moved out of town and classes have stopped. We miss both students and tutor about the place.

Discussion Group

A trial discussion group was undertaken. A small group of people meet to discuss topical issues of the day. They are clear that the group is not about debating but rather it's about discussing points of view.



Morning Tea and Poetry

Gail Olive left us in the winter of 2002. We were sorry to have her leave and wish her very best for her life in the warmer climates. The poetry group continue to recite works by others as well as recite and write their own poems.

Each second Monday of the month a friendly group of people meet and share their love of the English language. Visiting poets join us from time to time from as far away as Kyneton. It's a small group of people at this point in time and everyone is made welcome.



Christmas in July

By Jill Osborn

It was Christmas in July
Oh what a sight to behold!
A sea of smiling faces
Of ages young and old

The Christmas Carols sung
With New Friends we did meet
Our tummies were a rumblin,
Sighting glorious food to eat

There was port and lamb abundant
And tasty vegies on the menu
Followed by yummy plum puc,
With lavishings of custard too

We praised the grateful meal
Then ate with ravenous delight
Later we gathered around the bonfire
The finale to a wonderful night

A big thanks to all those involved
At Maryborough Community House
For the joy of Christmas in July
A special gift from you to us.

My Community House

By Heather-mae Mowbray

What does the Community House mean to me?
A place where I can relax and feel totally free,
Acquire new skills, my knowledge extends,
Join in discussion group, make new friends

Laugh with the laughter club, does me good,
Anyone can join in, you'd enjoy it, you would,
After each session, I say my good byes,
And enjoy the rest of the day on a high.

The discussion group where I can have my say,
Gives me something to think about each day,
For people have different points of view,
I can see things form their prospective too.

Our poetry reading is really fun,
And painting classes are regularly run,
Uplifting and positive, fulfils many needs.
Our Community House is an asset indeed.

And how about the dinners and bus trips away,
I can go on the internet, have a play,
Everything's affordable, so very cheap,
And the friends I've made I'll cherish and keep.

So to the Community House I come along,
I'm proud to say I feel I belong,
I can always drop in for a coffee and chat,
A great place to be, there's no doubt about that.

The Year of nineteen eighty-two
Was an exciting time, for quite a few,
The Community House, where people could meet,
Was finally finished, the project complete.

Built of mud-brick, by a willing band,
Of tradesmen, volunteers, children, who'd lend a hand,
It had to fit in and naturally preserve,
The feel and the look of the parkland reserve.

Extensions were added ten years ago,
As a result of the commitment, to see it grow
Sixty—seven residents, women and kids
Worked like "Trojans", that's what they did.

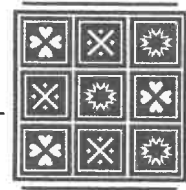
With the water truck and council grader,
They rendered the mud, then two days later,
It was "All hands on deck", the mudbricks were made,
When dried were placed on, the foundations laid.

A wonderful effort, the cheers were loud,
When the task was finished by the labouring crowd
A place where people can exchange points of views
You can drop in most days, there'll be something doing,
The jug's always on for a coffee brewing,
There's laughter and poetry, courses you can do,
Paint a picture, or relax , there's something for you.

Fabric Craft Group.

A friendly group of women who come as much to socialise, as they do to further their craft skills. Most days they have a laugh. As needs arise tuition is sought for new projects undertaken. Mostly the women are able to help each other with problems as they arise.

New members and new craft ideas are always welcomed.



Computer basics

Computer basics is a popular course for beginners in computers. This program is funded through Adult and Community Further Education and is offered to the general public at a very low price.



Community Action Group Maryborough. (CAGM)

A handful of people regularly met to promote community spirit. Members volunteer their time.

The group established a newsletter, which combined the regular projects of the Maryborough Community House with the activities of the Community Action Group.

The group participated in the Central Goldfields Shire Wellness guide. They also invited the Commonwealth Carelink Centres based in Bendigo to give an information session on the services they provide to Maryborough. A community Lunch was held, and fund raising activities embarked upon. Funds have been set aside for improvements to Roscholler Park. The vision for the park is to have seating and to build play ground areas for primary school aged children.

At CAGM's insistence the Shire has placed tables and chairs at the South end of the Park.

The group have been active in lobbying for a bus shelter for the school children and was successful in tendering for \$500.00 from the Connecting Confident Communities. With the funds they have been organising bus trips both near and far.

The group has no membership fees and is very supportive towards the Maryborough Community House.



Legal Aid Sessions

Legal aid from Bendigo made a commitment to provide free sessions to the general public. We were pleased to be able to facilitate this happening at the Maryborough Community House. These sessions will continue for the remainder of the year.

Tenancy Support and Referral Services.

Jackie from the Tenancy Support and Referral Service in Bendigo outreached to the Central Goldfields Shire and attended monthly at the Maryborough Community House.

Public Tenants were encouraged to bring their maintenance and housing issues to Jackie.



Art From the Heart

How proud we are to have John Donaldson on our team. The Art from the Heart group come each Thursday and paint. This year apart from their painting exhibition they also embarked on another project. The "Fence Post Art" project. Many thanks go to the people involved in this project. A special thank you needs to be said John Donaldson for coordinating the whole project for us. I am sure you will agree the art produced is something to be proud of.



Clown Classes

Don from Bendigo alias Ko Ko the Clown came to the House to teach 5 women how to be clowns. As well as being a clown Ko ko was also a magician. Classes went well for the first 3 weeks, and they stopped due to ill health. We wish Don good health and thank him for the inspiration to be clowns.



Belly dancing

Finding tutors who were willing to teach and willing to travel was hard, but having found our tutors the women who come love it. They love to twirl, swirl and hip swing about. Their outfits look fabulous and although belly dancing is for many a private dance, many of the women have gone on to perform in public. Thank you needs to be said to the women that come on a Monday night.



Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

AA is not affiliated with any group and simply rent our space. We are pleased to be able to support this group in East Maryborough.



General Internal Information.

- We cater to the whole community. People come to the Community House from all around the Shire of Central Goldfields. Some activities attract people from outside the shire eg Avoca, Clunes and Ballarat.
- Pre school Children visit the Community House with their parents. The infant welfare sister visits the House and conducts her duties as the need arises.

- Primary school age children often drop in at the house and participate in programs they are attracted to such as “Picnic in the Park”, Family Disco, and “House Games”, Art from the Heart during school holidays.
- Some children just drop in to see if we have lollies or other yummy food treats.
- Teenagers make themselves at home when the coast is clear. There is evidence of them having sat and nattered in the late hours on warm nights. (Summer 2002)
- Young adults visit with their children.
- Adults of all ages visit and participate regularly. Whilst most Neighbourhood Houses have difficulty attracting men to their Houses, the Maryborough Community House has a number of men who visit the House. However, the women still outnumber the men.
- There is no shortage of ideas for new projects and events. Only the time and money slows us down.
- We received two complaints about the kitchen being left untidy. These complaints were dealt with by discussion with the “offending parties”.
- We received one letter of appreciation. It came from Elizabeth Rider and the Wellness guide project.



Wrapping up

I have had a fun year this last financial year and I enjoyed it all.

Thank you to all who helped and supported me in my endeavours at the Maryborough Community House and I look forward to more fun and creativity. This is a Golden House on the edge of a park on top of a hill.



ART FROM THE HEART 2003 ANNUAL REPORT

By: John Donaldson facilitator of Art from the Heart.

The year 2002 - 2003 has been a most successful year for our "Art from the Heart Group". We had a couple of visiting artists join us from other art groups, and our regular artists enjoyed coming each week.

The group accomplished quite a lot this year including 2 exhibitions.

We received a small amount of funds from the "Connecting Confident Communities" Project and developed "Fence Post Art" in the format of children. Our "Art from the Heart" Participants painted the fence posts and where ever possible local businesses were patronised in the purchase of equipment and services. The figures sculpted in the "Fence Post Art" project represent children and can now be viewed in the Grounds of Maryborough Community House and the Maryborough Flour Mill Gallery.

Currently our group is working on a new project entitled "A Show of Hands" We propose that this project will feature at the House's 21st celebrations. I am pleased to say I am proud of our artist's efforts.

We participated in the Central Goldfield Shire "Better Living" Festival and had a great time with the public drawing of animals on a farm scene with marker pens.

During the year some members of the group missed classes with short or long stays in hospital. I wish each better health in the future.

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I am proud to say that we have remained within our budget. We have purchased new equipment and advertising, as well as covering the costs associated with the exhibition held at the Community House.

Thank you to all our supporters.

JD

M/B Community House

Depreciation Schedule for 2002/2003

Item	Supplier	Date purchased	Cost	Accum deprn	Opening WDV	Dep'n	Closing WDV
Computers 20%							
Acer Acros	Peter McKnight Retravision	30-10-96	2299	1839	460	460	0
Teco	Peter McKnight Retravision	24-06-98	1450	1160	290	290	0
Total Computer			3749	2999	750	750	0
Ground Improvement 10%							
Half Court			4343	2490	1853	434	1419
Playground			2700	1550	1150	270	880
BBQ			2496	1062	1434	250	1184
Total Ground improvement			9539	5102	4437	954	3483
Office Equipment 20%							
Photocopier	Southern Cross Bus Machin	Apr-95	2097	1677	420	420	0
Video equipment	Peter McKnight Retravision	19-02-02	189		189	189	0
Total Office Equipment			2286	1677	609	609	0
Total Assets			15574	9778	5796	2313	3483