

# BAY RIDERS COMMUNITY CENTRE



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**ANNUAL REPORT  
2017-18**





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The Bay Riders Community Centre respectfully acknowledges the traditional owners of the land, the Wotojobaluk and Gunditjmara peoples, on which we work and live and recognise the continuing connection to land, water and community. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and commit to working together in the spirit of mutual understanding and respect for the benefits of the broader community.



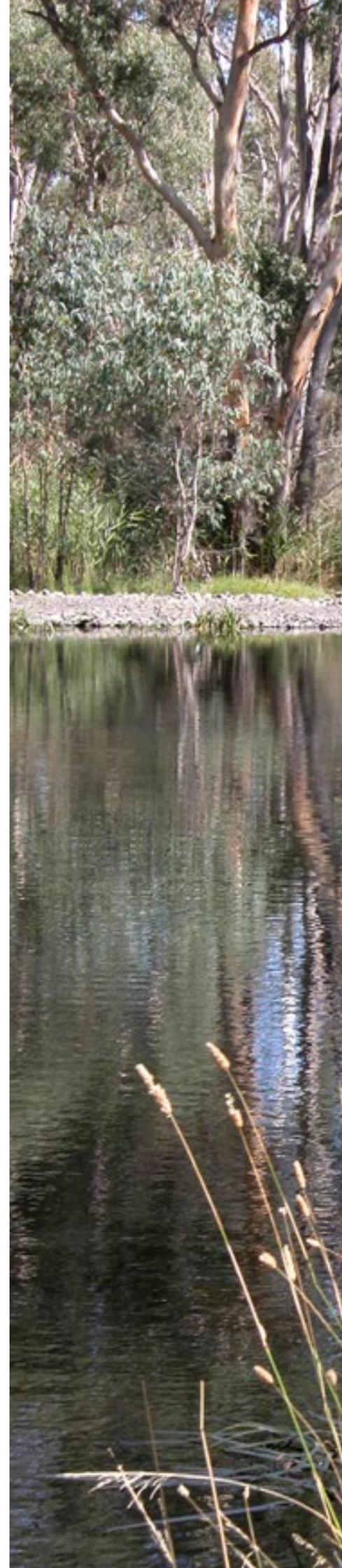
# HISTORY & PROFILE

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Harrow is claimed to be the oldest inland town in Victoria. On the banks of the Glenelg River, Harrow is nestled in a charming valley surrounded by Red Gums. Located in the West Wimmera Shire, 391 kms north west of Melbourne. In the 20016 Census, there were 200 people living in the township. The district specialises in wool, beef and cereal crop farming.

The Bay Riders Community (BRCC) was formerly known as the Harrow Neighbourhood House and was established in 2007. A steering committee was formed comprising of a committee of management member and community representatives. Staff members are also present at the meetings. During 2010-11, the house on Swanston Street used for programs could no longer meet the needs of the House and so it was demolished, the land leveled and the Harrow & District Men's Shed was built in its place and officially opened in March 2012. The Harrow & District Men's Shed program is now a program of the BRCC.

The BRCC programs are now conducted from the Harrow Bush Nursing Centre and master planning includes consideration of future capacity needs. The BRCC plays an important role in providing activities and programs to the community of Harrow and also the needs of the surrounding communities such as Culla, Pigeon Ponds, Coojar, Connewirricoo, Wombelano and Chetwynd.



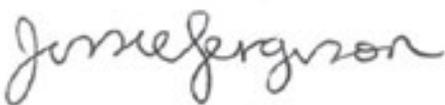
# REPORT FROM THE CHAIR...

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The Bay Riders Community Centre has again had another successful year. The programs offered have been able to provide a vast array of opportunities for all participants including book club, dancing, sketching, yoga, pilates and healthy eating for children. Activities are carefully programmed to cater for everyone's interests. Some committee members volunteered their time and skills for the highly successful first ever Harrow Long Lunch event in March, which was a dedicated fundraiser for the Bay Riders Community Centre.

The school holiday programs offered have again been well attended with many community members involved in a surf camp to Robe, cooking, golf, art and craft activities. The Harrow & District Men's Shed attendance rate has increased steadily throughout the year with several new members joining up. Through donations and fundraising new tools have been acquired including a carbatech saw, which will see an expansion of their project capabilities.

The Steering Committee welcomes suggestions and feedback especially when considering new programs or activities ideas. The committee again looks forward to working together to continue the success of the Bay Riders Community Centre in 2019.



**JESSIE FERGUSON**

Chair BRCC Steering Committee





# STAFF

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**Anita McGuigan** (left)  
Administration and Programs  
Coordinator

**Lynne Beaton** (right)  
BRCC Administration &  
Programs Officer

**Paul Robertson**  
Harrow Mens Shed Officer



# AUDITORS & GOVERNANCE

The Bay Riders Community Centre is auspiced by the Harrow Bush Nursing Centre which is a non for profit, charitable organisation.

## Auditors

The auditors for the 2017-18 financial year were Cogger Gurry Chartered Accountants, Hamilton.

## Details

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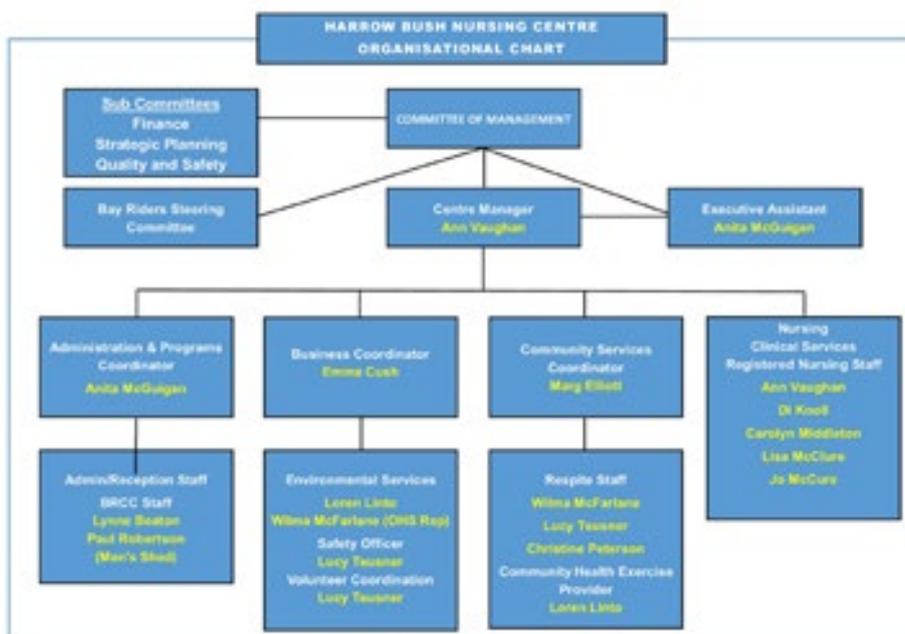
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The chart above shows the organisational structure of the Harrow Bush Nursing Centre which is the auspice organisation for the BRCC. HBNC is a Child Safe Organisation.

# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW 2017-18

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Bay Riders Community Centre [BRCC] is pleased to report a net profit after depreciation and asset purchases within budget of \$4,418 for the financial year ending 30 June 2018.

The BRCC had a financially stable year with a focus on fundraising to supplement its revenue. From this success, the BRCC was able to purchase some plant and equipment whilst also allocating some funds for the future development of the Harrow & District Men's Shed and other master planning focus areas. Programs continued to be financially well supported through client contributions, volunteer support, grants and with thanks to the funding from the RE Ross Trust for the school holiday program.

The BRCC operates under the auspice of the Harrow Bush Nursing Centre [HBNC] and acknowledges its re-current quarterly funding support from the Victorian Government's Neighbourhood House Coordination Program (NHCP) through the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). In October 2014, the BRCC was successful in demonstrating a demand for additional activities and the capacity to deliver additional activities resulting in an increase to its funding to provide an additional ten coordination hours of funding per week bringing its total Neighbourhood House Coordination Program funding to twenty hours per week. The increase in funding enabled more members in the local community to engage in additional activities at the BRCC and the efficient and effective coordination of these programs. Looking ahead, the BRCC has been successful in securing additional funding for the 2018-19 year and forward bringing the total funded program hours to 25 per week. This will support resourcing to facilitate stronger support in the execution of programs, improvement to the governance of the BRCC together with the opportunity for growth and partnering with other organisations to ensure the BRCC is meeting the needs of the community.

Please note the figures used in this financial overview are reported for the purpose of presenting this Annual Report. A full set of audited statements for the Harrow Bush Nursing Centre which includes the BRCC financials, will be presented and available at the Annual General Meeting of the HBNC.

# FUNDRAISING

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**In 2017-18, there were several fundraising events dedicated to raising funds for the Bay Riders Community Centre. We thank everyone who volunteered at these events most sincerely. These events included:**

## **Harrow Long Lunch**

The first Harrow Long Lunch held on 24th March, 2018 was a spectacular success. The event was scheduled to raise funds specifically for the Bay Riders Community Centre and it quickly sold out. Volunteers from the International Cooking Workshops generously donated their time to create a delicious lunch and tasting plates which were served and prepared by volunteer wait staff and kitchen assistants. We were fortunate to secure grant funding from the West Wimmera Shire Council to fund the Jazz band from James Morison Music Academy; Kalimna. Patrons were also able to access bus services to get home after the event thanks to the generosity of the TAC. The event is slated to return in 2019 due to its success. The Harrow Long Lunch raised a total of \$5397.

## **Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday)**

Thank you to Sloba Petrovic once again who volunteered her time and culinary expertise for her delicious range of pancakes offered for sale at the Pancake Day (also known as Shrove Tuesday) in February. The Pancake Day raised a total of \$140 for the BRCC.

## **Trestle Table Tender**

The Harrow & District Men's Shed carefully sanded and restored the timber of a door from the former Harrow Primary School which was then made into a trestle table and put up for tender. This raised a total of \$500 for the BRCC - Harrow Mens Shed program.

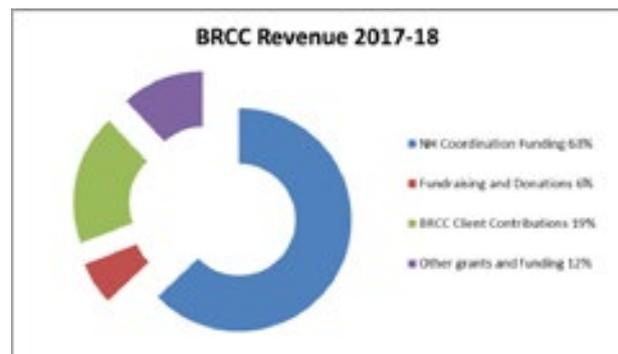
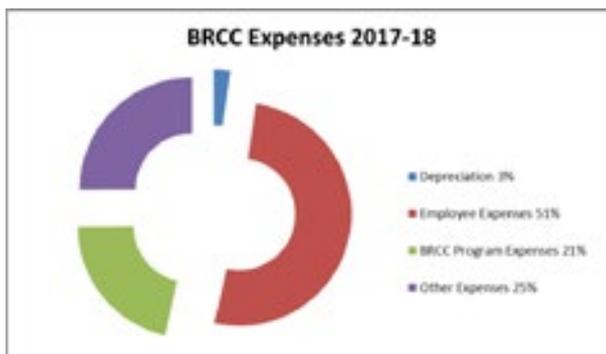
## **Sausage Sizzle**

We thank the members of the Harrow & District Men's Shed who donated their time to cook the sausage sizzle at the Defensive Driving program which raised \$168 for the BRCC - Harrow Mens Shed Program.

# BRCC FINANCIAL OVERVIEW 2017-18

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Revenue	95,435	80,723	93,605	71,039	55,786	36,593	79,297	54,059	27,165
Total Expenditure	91,016	71,855	81,597	74,173	56,228	34,685	30,092	23,445	27,037
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	4,418	8,868	12,008	(3,134)	(442)	1,908	49,205	30,614	128
Total Plant and Equip @ WDV	8,536	6,222							
NH Coordination Funding	60,007	57,207	54,234	43,280	29,266	23,190	22,247	21,650	21,174
Fundraising & Donations	5,902	735	2,238	861	583	1,984	100		200
BRCC Client Contributions	18,151	18,118	20,601	20,189	18,660	3,777	5,491	1,299	2,851
Other grants & funding	11,375	4,663	16,532	6,709	2,777	7,642	51,459	31,110	2,940
Depreciation	2,192	1,238	1,202	1,152	3,121	3,222			
Employee Expenses	46,577	38,159	39,904	39,187	20,789	11,801	11,547	11,498	14,047
BRCC Program Expenses	19,418	14,845	24,797	17,756	15,632	5,551	6,469	2,614	4,113
Other Expenses	22,829	17,613	15,694	16,078	16,686	14,111	12,076	9,333	8,877

The finance summary is shown in the table above for 2009-2010 through until 2017-2018 which is 9 years since commencement of the Bay Riders Community Centre. Graphs below show expenses and revenue for 2017-18 for the BRCC.



# OUR VOLUNTEERS

We are extremely fortunate to have such strong volunteer input for our activities and programs. Sincere thanks and appreciation is extended to all our volunteers for 2017-18. This year we recognise the generous contribution of both Ron Penrose and Rhonda Quigley for their voluntary service. Rhonda was presented with a certificate of appreciation and gift at the Centre for Participation sponsored Volunteer Morning Tea in May, for her service as a Yin Yoga instructor. Ron Penrose was also recognised for his monthly contribution teaching sketching at 'Sketch with Stretch' classes.

We are also thank the numerous volunteers who contributed to the Harrow Long Lunch including the cooks, set up and waitressing staff.

Volunteer contribution is spread across the majority of our activities including the school holiday program, defensive driving and international cooking. All our volunteers are registered with the Harrow Bush Nursing Centre and have all necessary checks including Working with Children and a National Police. Our volunteers are reimbursed for their extra costs such as materials provided and receive training as needed.



Above: Ron Penrose who has donated so much of his creative talent each month with children and adults alike.



*Pictured above:* Lynne Beaton (left) and Ann Vaughan (right) present Rhonda Quigley (middle) with her gift and certificate



*Pictured left:* Merna Zwar and Judith Johnson at the Volunteer morning tea.

# PROGRAMS REPORT

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PRESENTED BY

*Lynne Beaton*



The Bay Riders Community Centre has provided many wonderful opportunities for our community to participate in a wide and varied range of programs and activities in the past year. A total of 1,884 visits were calculated for 2017-18 across the range of programs and activities. The school holiday programs have been exciting with the annual surfing trip to Charlies Surf School in Robe extending to an overnight stay which was thoroughly enjoyed by children, staff and volunteers. Junior golf lessons with Golf Victoria and the Harrow Golf Club members were very popular once again this year as was art and craft lessons with Katrina Lodge and print making with Ron Penrose.

The school holiday program (with assistance from the RE Ross Trust) was very exciting with the first overnight surfing trip to Charlies Surf School in Robe which was thoroughly enjoyed by children, staff and volunteers. Junior golf lessons with Golf Victoria and the Harrow Golf Club were popular again this year as was art and craft with Katrina Lodge and print making with Ron Penrose. We held a makeup workshop for teenagers, cooking, art therapy and we encouraged participation in the WDHS school holiday program.

Now in its sixth year in Harrow, the Australian Driving Institute delivered the Defensive Driving program for L and P plate drivers with many young people experiencing first hand, adverse conditions on country roads. The training also includes learning controlled braking to keep them safer on our country roads. This is an invaluable course with all intentions to run the course again next year.

Throughout the year the Yin Yoga and Pilates Plus classes have continued to be well attended and we also offered contemporary dance classes for the younger children. The vegan and Arabic cooking evenings were promptly booked out and some of our long-time volunteer cooks and chefs who have been running the classes over the years came together to delight one hundred people with their culinary expertise at the Long Lunch in March. This was a magnificent day with great food, music and company to raise funds for the BRCC which will be utilised to offer more programs and opportunities to our community. Due to popular demand and the generosity of our volunteers, the Harrow Long Lunch will return again in 2019. Ron Penrose continued to lead Sketch with Stretch classes on a monthly basis and we thank Ron for his generosity in volunteering his time. book club, gun licence workshop, and *Understanding Centerlink* seminars have been well attended and the use of our public access computers for seniors and other community members as well as those passing through Harrow was well utilised.

I would like to acknowledge all of the volunteers that so generously give their time and share their many talents with those that enjoy the programs they provide. Thank you to all who contribute, the BRCC Steering Committee, staff and the management of the Harrow Bush Nursing Centre. We look forward to delivering many more exciting programs in the coming year and strive to make everyone feel welcome here at our Community Centre.

**Lynne Beaton**  
**BRCC Administration and Programs Officer**

# PROGRAMS REPORT CONT...

Below are some images from 201718 program and activities:



*Pictured above (from left to right): 1- Steph Schall - vegan cooking, 2-Surf Camp participants, 3- Contemporary Dance lessons with Anna-Lena Blinken, 4- Junior Golf at Harrow Golf Club, 5- Sloba Petrovic at Harrow Long Lunch, 6- Kevin and Roger volunteer the BBQ at Defensive Driving, 7- Pop Up Play, 8- Katrina Lodge and Ruby Cush at Cooking with Katrina, 9- Gun License Workshop, 10- print making workshop designs, 11- Craft with Katrina and participants, 12- Yin Yoga participants.*

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

We are pleased to report a successful School Holiday Program participation for 2017-18. This has been in part made possible through the generous assistance of the RE Ross Trust Grant.

The schedule was initially slated to commence with a Pets Christmas Picnic in December 2017, however was cancelled due to a heat alert which continues to be a risk factor in planning during summer. New activities introduced this year included Art Therapy and a Makeup workshop for teens; both of which were well attended. The annual Defensive Driving training conducted by the Australian Driving Institute saw a satisfying group of under 18 young people learn skills in defensive driving as Learner drivers accompanied by their parent or caregiver.

All other activities were well attended and in particular the Surf Camp at Robe was fully booked out and golf for juniors at Harrow Golf Club has steadily gained interest since last year. We have seen a pleasing uptake of interest for the WDHS School Holiday Program (which we are able to assist our school children to attend thanks to the RE Ross trust grant which included Barista, Art activities and Yoga. The summary of the activities and participation rates is shown in the graph below.



# HEALTH & WELLNESS

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## **Pilates Plus**

Loren Linto continued to lead Pilates Plus classes twice a week during term times. Pilates continued to be very well attended with **469** contact visits.

## **Yin Yoga**

Rhonda Quigley has continued her very generous service to the BRCC volunteering her time to instruct Yin Yoga twice a week throughout the year. Yin Yoga had **437** contact visits.

## **Pop Up Play**

Uniting from Horsham initiated the first Pop up Play in Harrow which was well received and as such they will be returning as required next year. Pop Up Play is a well designed play program with morning tea designed to support both parents and young children in a relaxed and informative environment.

## **First Aid Training**

Narelle Webb; instructor in First Aid, Asthma and Anaphylaxis ran a Provide First Aid (HLTAID003) course, formerly known as Level II First Aid. This was held in October 2017 and was an excellent opportunity for people to receive accredited training locally in Harrow. Participants undertook both theory and practical training. There were **6** participants for this course.



# GENERAL INTEREST

## **International Cooking Workshops**

International Cooking workshops have slowed in their momentum this year however we still held two workshops (Arabic and Vegan) with **42** contact visits. More workshops are scheduled for the coming year. We thank the volunteer cooks who share their skills with the community and continue to make these workshops possible.

## **Sketching and Art Classes**

Now in its sixth year, monthly sketching classes run by Ron Penrose have provided art tuition to both children and adults with **34** contact visits. Other creative programs include print making and craft with Katrina Lodge.

## **Book Club**

Monthly Book Club sessions received **26** contact visits over the year. Although a small group, they continue to enjoy the catch ups and sharing morning tea whilst revising the book of the month. Supported by the West Wimmera Library.

## **Pension Planning and Retirement Seminar**

Gavin Simmons from Horsham presented an informative seminar on preparing for retirement and the pension of which **14** people attended. This seminar was organised due to a request for us to provide this education and information.

## **Gun License Workshop**

Murray McInnes took **9** participants through the requirements necessary for obtaining their gun licence. This workshop was booked out and was hosted due to a request to provide this education and information. Murray kindly volunteered his time for this workshop and we thank Murray for his expertise.

## **Grant Writing Workshop**

Linda Grant from Hamilton presented an evening workshop on how to prepare and submit grant applications. This was scheduled due to an interest from the community.



# CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULT EDUCATION

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## **Centrelink Youth Allowance Seminar**

Gavin Simmons returned to present an informative seminar on understanding the complexities of Youth Allowance. This education has been requested consistently by members of the community and Gavin kindly donated his time to travel from Horsham for these evenings.

## **Contemporary Dance**

Anna-Lena Blinken visiting from Germany, approached us early in the year to offer her time and talent in dancing to help young children experience contemporary dance. We gladly took her up on this offer and a group of enthusiastic young children met once a week for terms 1 & 2 to practice the art and creativity of dance. We thank Anna-Lena for her time and generosity.

## **Defensive Driving (AustDrive 1 and 2)**

Now in its sixth year in Harrow, the Australian Driving Institute delivered the Defensive Driving program for L and P plate drivers with many young people experiencing first hand, adverse conditions on country roads. The training also includes learning controlled breaking to keep them safer on our roads. This is an invaluable course with all intentions to run the course again next year. The Defensive Driving training is also open to adults and fully experienced drivers including corporate groups.



*Pictured above: Instructors from the Australian Driving Institute teaching drivers how to maintain stability whilst driving their vehicles through a slalom course.*

# HARROW & DISTRICT MEN'S SHED

The Harrow & District Men's Shed has had a very busy past twelve months with many projects, improvements and activities undertaken. I took over the position of Mens Shed Officer in August 2017 from Tim Baines and would like thank him for all his enthusiasm and contributions to the Harrow Men's Shed during his time.

The membership and participation by members has increased steadily throughout the year and we have all enjoyed catching up each week. We have been kept very busy with a wide variety of project requests and activities from community members and organisations. We have continued to make a range of furniture items from recycled timbers and we were fortunate to be donated timber by Troy Shrive from the Brown's house demolition in Harrow enabling us to make some bench seats and picnic tables which are now located at various venues throughout Harrow. In November we were donated an old school door which was made into a trestle style table for tender which was a fundraiser for the shed. We also held regular social events including celebrating Men's Shed Week with a BBQ in September and a Christmas BBQ in December. Our work has included repairing a wide range of furniture items including tables, chairs and cabinets. Some of the other requests this year have included red gum coffee tables, farm signage and outdoor furniture items. We have also built items and signs for many of community events and organisations throughout the year.

As the cooler weather came, our clothes horses were once again in high demand with orders coming from far and wide. Our footy tipping competition kicked off in March and thanks to all those who have participated creating interest each week. We were involved in community activities such as the National Bush Billy Cart Races and the Wimmera Field Days to help assemble wooden toys with children at the Wimmera PCP site. A defibrillator was installed in the shed and Harrow Bush Nursing Centre provided the training on how to use it. In late June we spent a day at Ron Elliot's farm where he demonstrated his Lucas mill to members and kindly donated his time to cut our pine logs into slabs for future projects. We were fortunate to receive a grant to purchase a new thicknesser machine for planing timber. Recently we also received funding to purchase a new table saw which has been greatly appreciated and many thanks to the Vintage Enduro Committee and Women on Farms Gathering for their donations.

Finally, I would like to thank all our members for their attendance over the year. We all have greatly appreciated the community support and the assistance of the staff and management of the Harrow Bush Nursing Centre throughout the year.

**Paul Robertson**  
Harrow Men's Shed Officer



*Pictured above: outing to Ron Elliott's farm. Below: receiving the new Carbatech saw*



*Pictured above: Les Cassells with his handmade bird feeder project. Below: helping school children at the Wimmera Field Days*



# PLANNING FOR 2018-19

During 2018-2019, the Bay Riders Community Centre will continue to offer a diverse range of programs and activities for all ages, interests and abilities.

Program planning will be guided by the outcomes of the HBNC consumer survey 2018, evaluations completed by participants of the programs, the Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing plan 2015-2019 and the West Wimmera Shire Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021. The BRCC Steering Committee are also ready to commence work on a new Strategic Plan which is expected to be commence in November 2018.

The School Holiday Program will continue to be supported by funds from the RE Ross Trust grant ensuring improved accessibility for all school age children and young people. The program will continue its focus on the following key focus areas:

- Physical and mental health and well-being
- Skill building
- Environment and natural resources
- Social interactions

We will also continue to support and assist children from our district to attend the Western District School Holiday Program whilst the highly popular Defensive Driving program will return again in 2019 with thanks to the Australian Driving Institute.

Programs for adults will also be carefully planned with a focus on art, craft, education and well-being.



# PLANNING FOR 2018-19 CONT...

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The Harrow & District Men's Shed members will benefit from a building extension to the shed and refurbishment thanks to a Victorian State Govt. Grant through the Victorian Men's Shed Association. As a result of increased space and storage facilities, members will be able to increase their capacity for projects, work space and socialisation.

The Bay Riders Community Centre will continue to identify opportunities in adult education and general interest/hobbies. The BRCC will continue to support and encourage people who are interested in volunteering to lead and run activities and workshops.

Such activities and workshops planned for the coming year (but not limited to) are; well being for youth, media and technology, physical activity, cooking, arts and crafts and the continuation of the Harrow & District Men's Shed program and the Defensive Driving training.

A strong focus for the coming year is to form stronger connections and consultation with local groups working together for mutually beneficial outcomes for the community of Harrow.



# COLLABORATION

The Bay Riders Community Centre collaborates with the following key organisations in achieving strategic goals:

- Victorian State Government
- West Wimmera Shire Council
- Harrow Bush Nursing Centre
- Neighbourhood House Association Victoria
- Wimmera PCP
- West Wimmera Grampians Neighbourhood House Network
- Coleraine Community Bendigo Bank
- Good Things Foundation
- RE Ross Trust
- Victorian Mens Shed Association
- Australian Mens Shed Association
- Western District Health Service
- Uniting Horsham
- Australian Driving Institute
- Live Life Personal Training
- Harrow Golf Club
- Calico and Candles Harrow

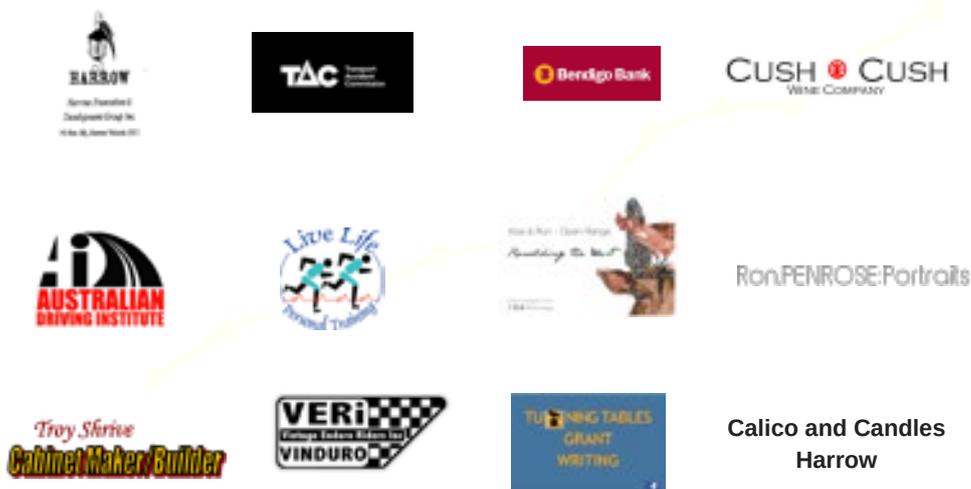


# SPONSORSHIP & DONATIONS

They Bay Riders Community Centre wishes to acknowledge the generous contribution of the following organisations in 2017-18:

- Australian Driving Institute
- Vintage Enduro Riders Inc. (VERi)
- Troy Shrive Cabinet Maker/Builder
- Bendigo Bank Edenhope
- Bendigo Bank Coleraine
- Calico & Candles Harrow
- Ron Penrose Portraits
- Kiss & Run Eggs
- Turning Tables Grant Writing
- Cush & Cush Wine Co.
- Di Giorgios
- Live Life Personal Training
- TAC

Harrow Promotion & Development Group



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