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ANNUAL REPORT

2025-26



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At Anam Cara we acknowledge the Gulidjan and Gadubanud peoples as the traditional custodians of the Colac Otway region including the land where we conduct our hospice. We pay our respects to their Ancestors and Elders past, present and emerging and acknowledge their cultural heritage, beliefs and connections to traditional land and waters.



Our

Mission

"To provide the South West community with excellence in respite and end-of-life care within a home-like environment; embracing respect and compassion for all people."



About Anam Cara

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Anam Cara Colac is a community-founded, not-for-profit hospice established in 2011 to support people and families across South West Victoria. The hospice complements care provided at home through personalised respite, palliative and end-of-life care for people living with a long-term or life-limiting illness. Our point of difference is the provision of compassionate, person-centred care in a welcoming, home-like environment surrounded by peaceful rural grounds.

Anam Cara Colac is an accredited health provider under the Quality Improvement Council (QIC) and delivers care in accordance with the National Palliative Care Standards. We are members of Palliative Care Victoria (PCV) and the International Association for Hospice & Palliative Care (IAHPC). The hospice is governed by a skilled, community-based Board of Management and supported by dedicated Registered Nurses, Personal Care Assistants and trained volunteers, all committed to the wellbeing of guests and their families.

Our care is available to everyone, regardless of their financial circumstances or ability to pay, and is tailored to meet the individual needs of each guest and their family. We support people experiencing isolation, vulnerability or financial hardship, recognising that everyone deserves access to compassionate care when they need it most.

We also recognise the important role of families and carers, providing accommodation, carer support and follow-up bereavement care. With 24-hour on-call capacity and access to timely care both at the hospice and in the home, Anam Cara Colac aims to provide flexible, responsive support that helps people remain at home where possible and ensures they and their loved ones are supported through challenging times.

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Our vision

Respectful, dignified, compassionate respite and palliative care for everyone.





Maryjane Crabtree AM

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Anam Cara House Colac began as a community-driven enterprise, and so it remains. In the early days, members of the Committee of Management were very hands-on, being closely involved in every practical aspect of the work of the hospice.

As the work of the hospice has expanded, the role of the Committee of Management has changed along with the growing scale and complexity of what Anam Cara does every day.

We now deliver more than 1000 episodes of care each year, operate our day respite four days a week, and are open at least 330 days each year.

We are also operating in a more complex regulatory environment.

We are now a Board, rather than a Committee of Management. This name change, while it does not alter how committed we are to our purpose and how accountable we are to the community we serve, reflects that now, the Board members focus more on governance, risk management and strategic planning, rather than the day-to-day running of the hospice. The running of the hospice we leave to our brilliant, committed and expert management team. Led by our Executive Manager, Naomi Lettieri, the management team reports openly and fully to the Board. We hold monthly Board meetings, monthly administration meetings, and periodic committee meetings which support management on critical matters such as finance and risk, policy development and quality and patient care.

Anam Cara Colac has been extremely fortunate to have been able to call on a dedicated group of community members who have devoted considerable time to their role on the Committee, and now the Board. Recently, Andrea Langdon retired after 15 years as a Committee/Board member, to be able to spend more time with family, in particular her adorable grandchildren,

and perhaps a bit of travel! Andrea has also been a regular volunteer at Anam Cara, a generous donor and true friend to the organisation. We know that she will remain deeply connected to us.

Michael Stewart, Patron, Life Member and long-term member of the Committee of Management, also a generous donor, came back onto the Board for a year to help us to reshape our fundraising strategy. He retired at the end of that period at last year's AGM but remains at the centre of the fundraising strategy that will underpin our next decade and beyond.

As Michael stepped down, we were incredibly fortunate to enlist local business leader Chris Meade to the Board at the 2025 AGM. Chris has been successful at everything he turns his hand to – farming, breeding quality Limousin cattle, timber growing, processing and pallet making, and more recently, developing Echidna Built, an innovative modular building company. Chris has brought entrepreneurial experience, business literacy, a huge network and unstoppable drive to our board.

We also had room to recruit (as a mid-term appointee), Simone Hay to the Board. Simone and her family will be well known to many of you. She and her family are deeply embedded in the fabric of our community. Simone is the driving force behind Talk To Me Allied Health, which provides a range of allied health services and is doing fabulous work in our schools and across the community.

Simone brings clinical care and governance skills, successful small business management skills, deep community understanding and networking, and fabulous energy and enthusiasm.

Andrea's departure enables us to welcome another local legend, Ross Higgins, to our board as a mid-term appointee. Ross is a successful businessman with a range of ventures in the Colac area and in Lorne. Ross has been involved as a significant financial supporter of Anam Cara Colac since the earliest days. Ross brings business nous, local connection, community spirit and a no-nonsense, can-do approach to getting big things done.

Together, the Board recently spent two days refining our strategy for 2026-2029, which we will be releasing soon. It was a great opportunity to re-confirm our commitment to the ethos that was launched by our founding group and led by Diane Wright, but also to assess where we are now, and where we hope to grow in response to our community's needs.

It is a huge privilege to be the chair of a Board made up of deeply committed, practical and giving people, and I look forward to working with them in another year of service to the Southwest community.

Maryjane



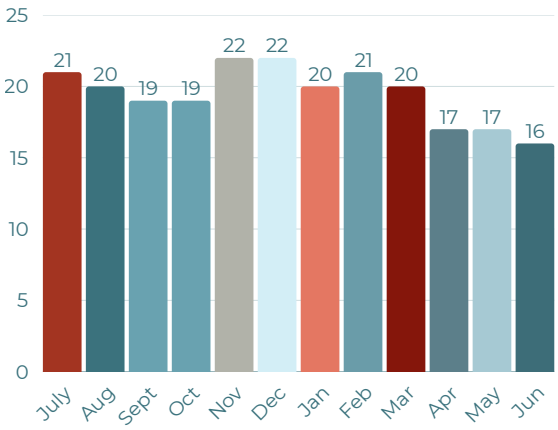
"We cannot put into words the extraordinary care, dignity and warmth you provided not only mum but our entire family and friends who came to be with mum in her final days."

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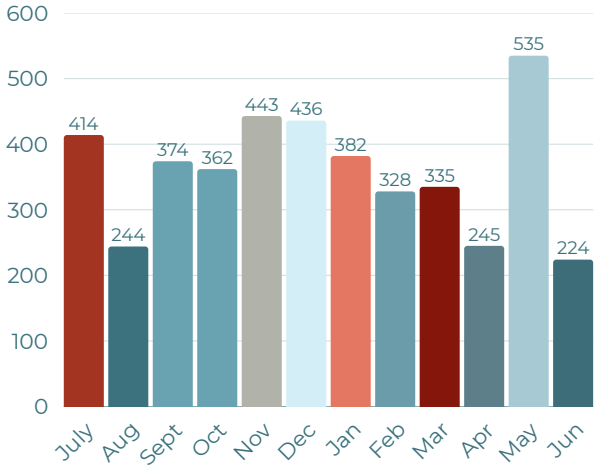
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GRAND MONTHLY TOTALS
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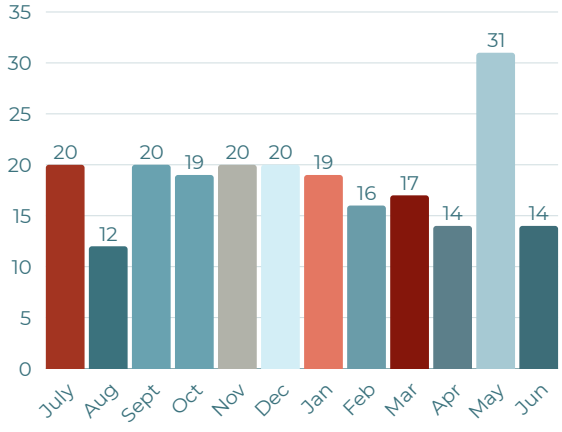
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Number of volunteers by month
(with logged hours)



Total hours volunteered by month



Ave hours per volunteer

Volunteer Coordinator Annual Report

My name is **Alison Woolley**, and I am the Volunteer Coordinator at Anam Cara House Colac.

When people hear that I work in palliative care and that a large part of my role is recruiting and supporting volunteers, I am often asked, "*Why would you volunteer with people who are palliative or dying?*"

The answer is simple. At Anam Cara, we care for people — someone's mum, dad, son, daughter, grandparent, friend or partner — right through to their very last breath. We strive to make that journey comfortable, safe and supportive, ensuring every person feels seen, valued and cared for. For some, we may even become their whole family. No one should have to face that journey alone.

While there are difficult and sad moments, Anam Cara is also a place of laughter, friendship, music, creativity, stories and sometimes a little mischief. Our volunteers play an important part in creating that balance.

My own journey at Anam Cara began nearly ten years ago when I started as a personal carer on student placement. I quickly discovered that here, we were able to care for people as people.

If someone wanted conversation, we talked. If they wanted a hand to hold, we were there. And if someone wanted ice cream for breakfast, we gave them ice cream for breakfast.

One moment in particular has stayed with me. I witnessed a manager sit beside a guest, stroke her forehead, hold her hand and tell her not to be afraid because she was not alone. There was no rush — just genuine empathy, dignity and connection. That was Anam Cara, and it was then I knew I wanted to stay.

For the past three years, I have had the privilege of working as Volunteer Coordinator, Food Safety Supervisor and Personal Carer. As Volunteer Coordinator, my role extends well beyond rostering. It includes recruitment, interviews, induction, training and education, supporting volunteers day-to-day, matching their skills and interests to opportunities, and being there when life outside Anam Cara becomes difficult.

Volunteers are people with lives of their own, and sometimes that means illness, family difficulties or grief. Supporting a volunteer may simply mean listening, checking in, adjusting a roster or reminding them that they are valued and that it is okay to step back when they need to.

Our **36 volunteers contributed 3,942 hours** during the last financial year, representing an estimated monetary value of **$184,958.64**. These figures demonstrate an extraordinary level of commitment, but the real value of volunteering is found in what happens during those hours.

Volunteers contribute across many areas of Anam Cara — guest care and companionship, respite activities, craft, music, gardening, community events, support groups, Stories for Life and bereavement support. Our bereavement volunteers also make follow-up calls to families three and six months after a death, providing an opportunity to listen and connect families with further support.

What makes our volunteer program special is its diversity. Some volunteers bring creativity and music, others practical skills, gardening, conversation, organisation or simply a willingness to sit beside someone.

I often hear volunteers say, “I didn't do much,” or “It was nothing.” I wish they could see what we see.

We see guests waiting for a particular volunteer to arrive because they have news to share. We see smiles, laughter and shoulders relax. We see someone forget their worries for a little while because another person has taken the time to sit beside them.

These conversations and relationships remind our guests that they are still part of a community.

Volunteers also provide important support to staff. They bring practical help, encouragement, life experience and a sense of connection to the workplace.

On weekends, their companionship and activities give nursing staff greater opportunity to focus on clinical responsibilities. Volunteer support does not replace nursing care — it complements it.

Statistics demonstrate the scale of volunteering, but the stories demonstrate its heart.

A daughter whose father was not expected to live until her wedding day arrived at Anam Cara in her wedding dress so her father could see her as a bride.

A woman who had been separated from her family for nine months during COVID restrictions arrived at Anam Cara and was able to meet her six-month-old grandchild and say goodbye to her family just 12 hours before she died.

A car enthusiast who was too unwell to attend the local Show 'n Shine had around 60 classic cars and motorcycles arrive at Anam Cara so he could see them from the deck, engines revving in his honour.

A group of friends came to dance for a former belly dancing enthusiast at sunset.

These are extraordinary moments, but some of the most meaningful moments are much smaller. One guest who had been too afraid to eat gradually gained confidence through the simple experience of sitting around a table with others. She now asks for the same-sized meal as everyone else — and it has become the biggest meal of her day.

A grieving guest has chocolates quietly tucked into her pockets because the volunteer knows exactly what will make her smile. One guest bursts into opera when the piano begins to play, bringing the whole room to a standstill. Another guest, missing his wife while she was away, found companionship through walking, picking strawberries and drawing.

And then there is the mischief — a plastic spider, a deliberately dropped item to make someone giggle, dancing around the lounge, bingo, trivia and fiercely competitive games of Scrabble.

These moments remind us that our guests are not defined by illness or circumstance. They are people with personalities, humour, interests, stories and preferences. Our volunteers take the time to discover those things.

An effective volunteer program is about more than filling a roster. It is about creating an environment where volunteers feel confident, supported and valued.

Throughout the year, I have continued to focus on recruitment, onboarding, education and training, while matching volunteers with opportunities where their skills and interests can have the greatest impact.

Daily support is equally important. Volunteers may need help navigating a difficult situation with a guest, clarification about their role, assistance with rostering or simply someone to talk to after a challenging day.

We have also continued to strengthen connections with the wider community. Participation in local volunteer networks and the Colac district Volunteers Week Expo provided opportunities to promote volunteering, share ideas, connect with other volunteer leaders and encourage new people to become involved.

As we move into the next year, the focus will remain on maintaining a strong, supported and sustainable volunteer program that responds to the needs of Anam Cara.

This means continuing to recruit people with different skills and interests, strengthening induction and education, supporting our volunteers and creating meaningful opportunities for our guests.
The goal is not simply to increase volunteer numbers.

It is to ensure that those who volunteer with us feel they belong, that their contribution matters, and that they have the confidence and support to make a meaningful difference.

Our volunteers continually demonstrate that volunteering is about choosing to be present, choosing to listen, choosing to help and often choosing to bring a little laughter into someone's day.

Perhaps Charlie Mackesy's words capture the essence of what our volunteers bring better than any measure:
“Nothing beats kindness. It sits quietly beyond all things.”
— Charlie Mackesy, The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse

Our volunteers bring that kindness into Anam Cara every day — often quietly, sometimes playfully and frequently without realising just how much difference they are making.

That is the true value of volunteering at Anam Cara.





Naomi Lettieri

EXECUTIVE MANAGER

As I reflect on the past year at Anam Cara Colac, I feel incredibly grateful to be part of an organisation that makes such a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals and families in our community.

Every day, I am reminded that Anam Cara is about so much more than the care we provide. It is about creating a place where people feel safe, supported and respected; where families can find some respite during difficult times; and where every person is treated with compassion and dignity.

In line with our purpose, our team provides person-centred respite, palliative and end-of-life care to people living with a life-limiting illness, while supporting the families and loved ones who walk alongside them.

This year, we have had the privilege of caring for people and families from across the region, from Port Fairy to Geelong. It is a reminder of the important role Anam Cara Colac plays in supporting people to receive compassionate, personalised care close to home.

Throughout 2025–26, our team continued to deliver this care with dedication and compassion. Behind every overnight stay, respite attendance and episode of care is a person with their own story, needs and wishes, and a family navigating what can be an incredibly challenging time. It is the opportunity to make a difference to these people that makes the work we do so important.

Our people make the difference

I am continually proud of the team at Anam Cara. The professionalism, kindness and commitment shown by our staff are evident in the care provided each day. Working in palliative and end-of-life care requires not only clinical expertise, but also empathy, kindness and the ability to support people through some of their most vulnerable moments.

I want to sincerely thank every member of our team for the contribution they make. I recognise the demands of the work and the many ways staff go above and beyond to support our guests, families and each other.

The contribution of Anam Cara's volunteers is truly incredible, from our dedicated day respite volunteers through to our Board of Management. Their generosity, time and willingness to help strengthen our organisation in so many ways and add to the warm, welcoming environment we strive to create.

I am incredibly grateful for the commitment and support our volunteers continue to give to Anam Cara. They are an important part of who we are and make a genuine difference to the experience of our guests, families, staff and the broader community.

A community that makes Anam Cara possible

One of the things I value most about Anam Cara is the strength and generosity of our community. From individuals and families to local businesses, community groups and philanthropic organisations, the support we receive enables us to continue providing care to those who need it.

As a community-owned and community-funded hospice, we are reliant on this generosity. I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who has donated, fundraised, volunteered, advocated for or supported Anam Cara throughout the year. Your contribution has a real and lasting impact.

At the same time, I recognise our responsibility to ensure Anam Cara remains sustainable into the future. We cannot take the generosity of our community for granted, and we must continue to explore ways to strengthen and diversify our income.

During the year, we began developing new opportunities to build financial resilience and support the future growth of our organisation. This work is important, but so too is ensuring that any development remains grounded in our values and does not compromise the quality of care we provide.

Strengthening our future

This year has also provided an opportunity to continue strengthening our clinical governance, quality and operational systems, invest in our workforce and consider how we can best respond to the future needs of our community.

As we look ahead, we will continue planning carefully for the next stage of Anam Cara's development.

This includes considering our service capacity, infrastructure, workforce, partnerships and sustainable sources of income.

While there are challenges ahead, I believe we have much to build on. Our community support, the commitment of our people and the foundations established over the years provide us with a strong basis for continued development.

Above all, I want to acknowledge the guests and families who place their trust in Anam Cara. It is a privilege to be involved in Anam Cara Colac, a service that supports people during such significant moments in their lives, and I never lose sight of the responsibility that comes with that trust.

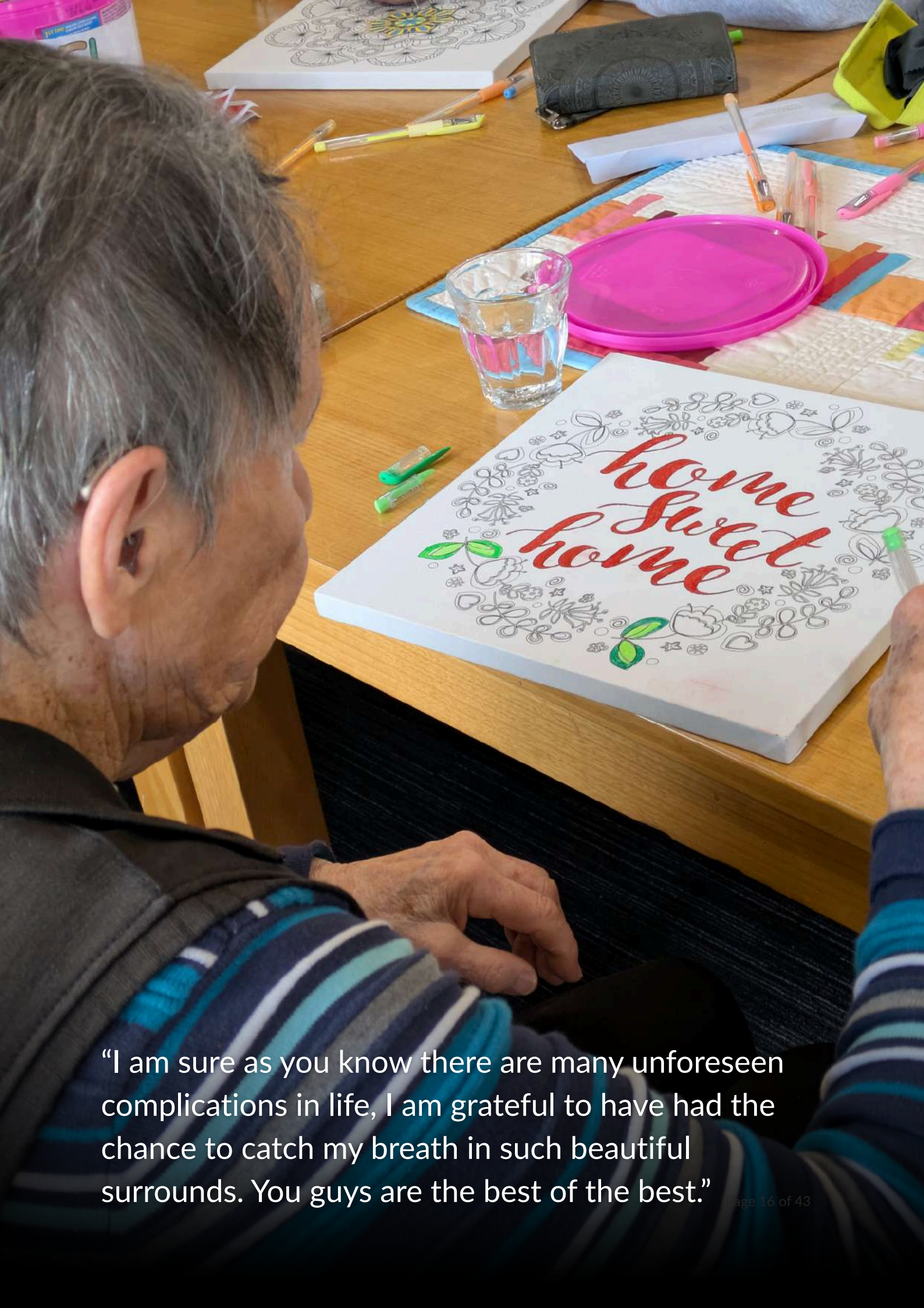
Thank you to our Board for its guidance and commitment, to our staff and volunteers for the care they provide, and to our supporters and wider community for standing alongside us.

Anam Cara exists because people came together with a shared belief that our community deserved access to compassionate end-of-life care. That belief continues to guide us today.

I look forward to working alongside our Board, team and community as we continue to strengthen Anam Cara, protect what makes it special and ensure that people and families can access the care, support and dignity they deserve when they need it most.

Thank you for being part of the Anam Cara community.





“I am sure as you know there are many unforeseen complications in life, I am grateful to have had the chance to catch my breath in such beautiful surrounds. You guys are the best of the best.”



Wayne O'Brien

TREASURER REPORT - FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

Anam Cara Colac has recorded a net loss of $72,229 for the year ended 30 June 2026. This compares to a net loss of $130,787 in 2025. Adding back the building and equipment depreciation of $111,719 results in an operating surplus of $39,490.

Anam Cara Colac's only significant liabilities are accrued employee entitlements therefore retains a strong net asset position of $6,593,917. We have strong cash reserves which includes over $2 million in the investment portfolio with our investment manager.

The executive management team has done an excellent job to outperform the budget set for the financial year. The notable revenue streams higher than budget were donations, philanthropic grants, NDIS income and the annual community appeal. Cost savings compared to budget were well spread but we continue to demonstrate a low-cost operation when compared to other hospices throughout Australia. An operating surplus (excluding depreciation) has been a great outcome in a year which was expected to be a challenging fiscal year.

Operating activity remains strong with over 1,000 episodes of overnight care for the year and more than 660-day respite attendances. New subcommittees established throughout the year have focused on organisational performance, workforce planning, quality improvement and governance with robust discussions and planning. It has also been a year of vibrant strategic planning with new funding opportunities tabled for consideration.

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The organisation is approaching 20 years since the concept was tabled for a community hospice and with over 15 years of quality service delivery, Anam Cara Colac is strongly entrenched in the local community and receives positive recognition throughout the Palliative Care sector.

Anam Cara Colac remains in a solid position to continue to service the region and face the ongoing challenges around workforce development, facility enhancements and new funding streams through a robust executive management team and guidance provided by the diverse skillset of the Board.

The passion and empathy shown by the whole team will ensure the community retains this much needed and appreciated service well into the future. This model of care in a homelike environment is a leading example of how a hospice fits neatly into a community, and we strive for continuous improvement.

At the date of this report no matters or circumstances have arisen which would have a material adverse effect on the financial health of the organisation.

Wayne

“Your support, kindness and guidance and the dignity you provided mum during her time at Anam Cara will be forever remembered.”



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Our

People

BOARD MEMBERS



Maryjane Crabtree AM
Chair of the Board



Lyn Harris OAM
Vice President



Diane Wright OAM
President Emeritus



Wayne O'Brien
Treasurer



Helen Gibson
Secretary



Andrea Langdon



Gavin Spokes



Chris Meade



Simone Hay



Ross Higgins

We thank our long standing Patrons for their continued commitment and service.



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Patron



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Kylie Stewart
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Kerrin Turner
Sandra Turner
Andrew Wright
Karen Eccles
Jodie Lemke

Our life members have made an extraordinary contribution to Anam Cara House

NEWLY APPOINTED MEMBER
Julie Rowland



Our Milestones

Gold Standard of Care
Our **"gold standard of care"** remains at the heart of Anam Cara Colac. We provide person-centred care that recognises the whole person and responds to physical, emotional, psychosocial, cultural and spiritual needs. Throughout 2025–26, we continued to build trusting relationships with guests and families and work collaboratively with doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, community services and other palliative care providers to support quality of life and continuity of care.

Quality, Clinical Governance and Accreditation
Our commitment to quality and continuous improvement is supported by our **Quality Improvement Plan 2025–2026.** During 2025–26, we continued to strengthen clinical governance, quality improvement, risk management and organisational systems, while progressing our longer-term accreditation planning and service development.

Palliative Care Outcomes and Benchmarking
We continued to participate in the **Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration (PCOC)** through the University of Wollongong. Our participation in national benchmarking and Communities of Practice provides opportunities to compare outcomes, share knowledge and identify opportunities to further improve the quality and effectiveness of our care.

Supporting More People Across Our Region
During 2025–26, Anam Cara Colac continued to provide respite, palliative and end-of-life care to people and families across **Southwest Victoria, from Port Fairy to Geelong.** Our relationships with Support at Home care partners, health professionals and community service providers continued to grow, helping us respond to the needs of people living in smaller regional communities and supporting access to care closer to home.

During the year, we provided:
- More than 1,000 episodes of overnight care
- More than 680 day respite attendances
- End-of-life support to 20 families
- Care and support to people from communities across the region.

Increased Day Respite
We continued to expand our **day respite** service, creating additional opportunities for guests to access meaningful activities, companionship and support while providing valuable respite for their carers. This flexible model enables Anam Cara Colac to respond to changing community needs and support people to remain connected with their families and community.

Guest and Carer Feedback
Our established **guest and carer feedback processes** continued to provide valuable insight into the experiences and needs of those using our services. Feedback is reviewed to identify opportunities for improvement and to ensure the voices of guests and families remain central to service development.

Strong Health and Community Partnerships
Our valued relationships with Community Palliative Care, Colac Area Health and other regional health services continued throughout the year. Collaboration across acute care, community nursing, allied health, rehabilitation and other services supports continuity of care for guests and families.

We continued to strengthen relationships **with Deakin University, Western Victoria Primary Health Network, Carers Victoria and South West TAFE,** creating opportunities for education, workforce development, student placements, community awareness and regional collaboration.

We have thoroughly enjoyed **welcoming and supporting students from Deakin University and South West TAFE,** providing opportunities for students to gain practical experience within a palliative and end-of-life care environment. Their enthusiasm, fresh perspectives and contribution to our workplace have been greatly valued by our team.

Community Support
The generosity of our community continues to be fundamental to the sustainability of Anam Cara Colac. During 2025–26, our longstanding relationships with service clubs, community organisations, businesses, farmers, families and individual supporters continued to provide significant financial and practical support.

We also progressed new independent funding initiatives, including the **Cattle Club and Dairy Cull for Care**, creating opportunities to diversify income and strengthen the long-term sustainability of our service.

Financial Sustainability
Financial sustainability remained a key priority throughout 2025–26. We continued to strengthen financial management, monitor expenditure and reserves, diversify income and develop new funding and partnership opportunities.

These efforts are focused on ensuring Anam Cara Colac remains financially resilient while continuing our commitment to providing care regardless of a person's ability to pay.

Life Stories
Our volunteers continued to complete **Life Stories** with guests, providing a meaningful opportunity for reflection, connection and celebration. The program remains an important expression of our holistic approach to care and the value we place on each person's individual story.

Mental Health and Wellbeing in the Workplace
During 2025–26, we commenced our Mental Health and Wellbeing in the Workplace initiative, recognising that supporting the wellbeing of our people is an important part of creating a healthy, sustainable and compassionate workplace.

The initiative focuses on building awareness, encouraging open conversations about mental health, reducing stigma and strengthening the support available to staff. It reflects our commitment to creating a workplace where people feel valued, supported and comfortable seeking help when needed.

Our People
Our people are central to delivering our gold standard of care. During 2025–26, we continued to invest in workforce development, clinical education, leadership and improved systems and processes.

Our focus remains on building a capable, supported and sustainable workforce that can meet the changing needs of our guests, families and community.

Major Funding Contributors since Establishment

$50,000+

Neil & Yvonne Stewart
Michael & Kylie Stewart
Ross Higgins
Department of Health & Human Services
Department of Fairness Families and Housing
Federal Department of Health & Ageing
Melbourne Gala Event 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017
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To all our valued donors, thank you for your generosity and support of Anam Cara throughout the 2025–26 financial year. Your kindness helps us provide compassionate care and dignity to people and families in our community.

If any corrections are needed, please get in touch so we can ensure this list is accurate and complete.

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Colac Central Bowling Club Inc
Colac Motorfest
Colac Otway Shire
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Hollis Family
J & E McMaster
J Barclay
J Monaghan
Joanne Hayes
John Burke
John Day
Kerren Wigley
L Porter
L Tippett
L & E Telford
Lions Club of Colac
M Rohde
M Spokes
Maryjane Crabtree
Meriba Service Club
Michelle Lloyd
Mortimer Petroleum
N Melville
Norman Griffiths
P & J Davis
Patricia Canning
Pauline Maunsell
Peter Lovell
Richard & Fiona East
ROTARY CLUB OF COLAC
RWH Investments Pty Ltd
S Rock
T Parker
T & H Bartlett
Terry & Lyn Harris
The Estate of GWA Griffiths
The Evans Family
The Forrest & District Lions Club
The Gall Family Foundation
The William Angliss Charitable Fund
Thomas O'Toole Foundation
V Smith
Victorian Women's Benevolent Trust
Wesley Bramwell
Western Victorian Primary Health Network

*"A sincere thank you to **Roly Skinner** for the many hours dedicated to keeping our grounds beautifully maintained, and to **Paul Davis** for his ongoing commitment to maintaining and monitoring our emergency generator. Your efforts ensure our facilities remain safe, functional, and welcoming for all."*

Grants & Major Donations 2025-2026

VICTORIA State Government

Collier Charitable Fund

open2view.com® Real estate marketing solutions

LAVANET

GWA GRIFFITHS ESTATE

MORTIMER PETROLEUM

FRRR Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal

StevCom Communication & Data Specialists

CAPONERO GRANT

Meriba Service Club of Colac

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H & L Hecht Trust

phn Western Victoria An Australian Government Initiative

McLaren Hunt Financial Group

Aged Persons Welfare Foundation

COLAC Show n Shine 2023

The William Angliss Charitable Fund

Support our work

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

Become a **Social Support or Palliative Care Volunteer** (full training provided). Alternatively you may like to volunteer in one of the following areas: Maintenance and Grounds Team | Fundraising | Committee of Management.

MAKE A DONATION

We appreciate any support you can offer. **Donations** can be made online at www.anamcarahousecolac.org.au, directly to the office or via direct deposit to our bank account (BSB: 633 000, Account No: 128 787 173).
Donations over $2 are tax deductible.

BUSINESSES - HOST A DONATION BOX

A business can display an Anam Cara Collection Box where patrons can donate their small change.

LEAVE A BEQUEST

Including Anam Cara Colac in your **will** is a wonderful way to help us continue our work.

FIND US

Visit the website - to find everything you need to know about Anam Cara House Colac, visit us at **www.anamcarahousecolac.org.au**

ANAM CARA CATTLE CLUB

Your support through donating towards the purchase of livestock or supporting the program, by hosting an animal. To learn more about the program, please contact Naomi or Board Member Chris Meade.

On Facebook - "Like" us on Facebook to keep up with the happenings at the Hospice, **www.facebook.com/AnamCaraHouseColac**



“Thank you for all the care and support you gave dad during his time with you, he loved the chats, care and support, you all went above and beyond.”

Matt Cirillo, 2025, Open to View Photography

In memory of Franco Vaccari



A LIFE OF GENEROSITY AND COMPASSION

Franco Vaccari was a visionary and hardworking person with enormous capacity and a huge heart for the wellbeing of others. A proud yet humble man, he and his beloved wife Rosalie were an indominable couple who made a difference in the lives of many people right across Victoria, including Anam Cara House Colac.

In 2013, Franco, along with his brother Carlo, made a generous donation to our Hospice from the Gualtiero Vaccari Foundation, with one of the largest single donations received in Anam Cara Colac's history.

Over the years, Franco and Rosalie Vaccari remained loyal supporters of Anam Cara House with their regular patronage of our Colac and Melbourne Annual Gala Events and their continued interest in Colac's Community Hospice.

Franco has been a thoughtful benefactor, a wonderful ambassador and a kind friend to Anam Cara House Colac. He will be remembered with great respect and affection as one of life's real gentlemen, who has quietly made a valuable difference in our world.

Our sincere condolences are conveyed to Rosalie and the family. Franco will be greatly missed and not forgotten. 'Riposi In Pace'

Vale Franco Vaccari 6.6.1948 – 25.4.2026

Community funded Hospice Care in the heart of the Great South West since 2011

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COLAC

RESPECT DIGNITY TRUST COMPASSION COMMUNITY

Overnight guests in 2025-26

1000+

10,000+ stays since opening in 2011

36 VOLUNTEERS

Last year 36 volunteers provided 3942 hours of their time in many different ways.

42 EMPLOYEES

Registered Nurses and Personal Care Attendants provide 24hr care.
Administration and maintenance staff.

Our care is accessible, supporting both those who are able to donate and those that cannot.

680 **Attendances to day respite program this financial year. That's 5983 attendees since beginning in 2011.**

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QIC Quality Innovation Performance ACCREDITED

Anam Cara Colac is an accredited service under the Quality Improvement Council's Health and Community Services Standards. In the 2025 accreditation findings, we received commendations from the assessors for Service Delivery and our Volunteer Program.

All donations are tax deductible

What do donations provide

$1,200 a donation of $1200 can provide One Night Of Overnight Care to a guests for with 24hr care.

$250 A donation of $250 can provide One Day of Day Hospice Care to provide relief to carers and their family.

Anam Cara means "soul friend," and that's the heart of who we are. We're here to care for our guests with warmth, understanding, and genuine compassion

OUR SERVICES

Respite Care
Short Term Transitional Care
In-Home Palliative Respite
Palliative care
End-of-life care
Advance care planning
Family & Carer accommodation
Bereavement Care

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ANAM CARA HOUSE COLAC INC

REG. NO. A0047930K

FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2026

Anam Cara House Colac Inc.

BOARD REPORT

Your Board members present this report on the incorporated association for the financial year ended 30 June 2026.

Board Members

The name of each person who has been a member of the Board during the year and to date of this report are:

Maryjane Crabtree - President
Diane Wright
Helen Gibson
Lynette Harris
Wayne O'Brien
Gavin Spokes
Chris Meade - appointed November 2025
Simone Hay - appointed April 2026
Andrea Langdon - resigned June 2026
Michael Stewart - resigned resigned November 2025
Ross Higgins - appointed August 2026

Board Members have been in the office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Principal Activities

The principal activity of the association during the financial year is to operate a Hospice for Charitable purpose.

Operating Result

The deficit from ordinary activities amounted to $72,229 (2025: $130,787).

Events Subsequent to the End of the Reporting Period

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the association, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the association in future financial years.

Environmental Regulation

The incorporated association's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a state or territory.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Board:

Wayne O'Brien

Maryjane Crabtree **Wayne O'Brien**

Dated 2 1 October 2026

Anam Cara House Colac Inc.

COMPREHENSIVE INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THEYEARENDED30JUNE 2026

	2026 $	2025 $
REVENUE		
Members subscriptions	1,600	2,000
Guest donations	60,231	75,451
Grants income	392,933	378,864
Fundraising, donations and bequest income	417,213	399,481
Funded guests income	239,809	169,125
Investment income	122,260	134,034
Gain/loss on sale of investments	77,367	60,475
Interest received	-	684
Other Income	9,208	4,196
TOTAL REVENUE	**1,320,621**	**1,224,310**
EXPENSES		
Advertising	(3,519)	(3,025)
Administration expenses	(30,452)	(26,948)
Accounting and audit fees	(43,190)	(3,900)
Utilities	(22,766)	(30,888)
Insurance	(24,551)	(22,379)
ATO interest expense	(3,963)	-
Operating expenses	(23,550)	(24,682)
Minor medical and equipment purchases	(593)	(2,731)
Professional development	(9,036)	(15,795)
Repairs and maintenance	(4,025)	(10,625)
Investments fees	(17,045)	(18,302)
Superannuation	(116,545)	(109,637)
Employee benefits	(948,090)	(978,585)
Workcover premiums	(41,089)	(57,375)
TOTAL EXPENSES	**(1,288,414)**	**(1,304,872)**
Result before capital items	**32,207**	**(80,562)**
Unrealised gain/(loss) on managed investments at fair value	(21,923)	37,566
Unrealised gain on silver bars at fair value	29,206	21,612
Depreciation expense	(111,719)	(109,403)
COMPREHENSIVE RESULT FOR THE YEAR	**(72,229)**	**(130,787)**

The accompanying notes form part of these financial accounts.

Anam Cara House Colac Inc.

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2026

	Notes	2026 $	2025 $
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	349,339	314,287
Receivables	3	37,823	76,367
Prepayments		17,025	16,910
Financial assets	4	2,161,577	2,148,109
Total Current Assets		**2,565,764**	**2,555,673**
Non Current Assets			
Property plant & equipment	5	4,244,745	4,319,167
Total Non Current Assets		**4,244,745**	**4,319,167**
TOTAL ASSETS		**6,810,509**	**6,874,840**
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Payables	6	110,074	103,553
Employee benefits	7	95,112	92,323
Total Current Liabilities		**205,186**	**195,876**
Non Current Liabilities			
Employee benefits	7	11,406	12,818
Total Non Current Liabilities		**11,406**	**12,818**
TOTAL LIABILITIES		**216,592**	**208,694**
NET ASSETS		**6,593,917**	**6,666,146**
MEMBERS FUNDS			
Asset revaluation reserve		2,838,455	2,838,455
Accumulated funds		3,755,462	3,827,691
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		**6,593,917**	**6,666,146**

The accompanying notes form part of these financial accounts.

Anam Cara House Colac Inc.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	Asset revaluation reserve $	Accumulated Funds $	Total Members Funds $
Balance 1 July 2024	**2,838,455**	**3,958,478**	**6,796,933**
Net result for the year	-	(130,787)	(130,787)
Balance 30 June 2025	**2,838,455**	**3,827,691**	**6,666,146**
Net result for the year	-	(72,229)	(72,229)
Balance 30 June 2026	**2,838,455**	**3,755,462**	**6,593,917**

The accompanying notes form part of these financial accounts.

Anam Cara House Colac Inc.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THEYEARENDED30JUNE 2026

	Notes	2026 $	2025 $
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Grants received		392,933	378,864
Receipts from donations & fundraising activities		766,605	585,505
Investment income		122,260	134,034
Interest received		-	684
Payments to employees & suppliers		(1,280,631)	(1,286,308)
NET CASH PROVIDED/(USED) IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES		**1,167**	**(187,221)**
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Redemption of financial assets		71,182	247,517
Payments for plant and equipment		(37,297)	(19,931)
NET CASH PROVIDED/(USED) IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES		**33,885**	**227,586**
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS HELD		**35,052**	**40,365**
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		**314,287**	**273,922**
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	2	**349,339**	**314,287**

The accompanying notes form part of these financial accounts.

Note 1: Statement Of Material Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The board of management have prepared the financial statements on the basis that the association is a non-reporting association because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. These financial statements are therefore special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in order to meet the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. The association is a not-for-profit association for financial reporting purposes under the Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the mandatory Australian Accounting Standards applicable to entities reporting under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the material accounting policies disclosed below, which the board of management have determined are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. Such accounting policies are consistent with those of previous periods unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

Revenue Recognition

Operating Grants, Donations and Bequests

When the association receives grants and other revenue, it assesses whether the contract is enforceable and has sufficiently specific performance obligations in accordance with AASB 15.
When both these conditions are satisfied, the association:
- identifies each performance obligation relating to the grant
- recognises a contract liability for its obligations under the agreement
- recognises revenue as it satisfies its performance obligations.

Where the contract is not enforceable or does not have sufficiently specific performance obligations:
-recognises the asset received in accordance with the recognition requirements of other applicable accounting standards;
- recognises related amounts (being contributions by owners, lease liability, financial instruments, provisions, revenue or contract liability arising from contract with customer)
- recognises income immediately in profit or loss as the difference between the initial carrying amount of the asset and the related amount.

Interest Income

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method.

Key judgements

Employee Benefits

For the purposes of measurement, AASB 119: Employee Benefits defines obligations for short-term employee benefits as obligations expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. As the association expects that all of its employees would use all of their annual leave entitlements earned during a reporting period before 12 months after the end of the reporting period, the association believes that obligations for annual leave entitlements satisfy the definition of short-term employee benefits and, therefore, can be measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid to employees when the obligations are settled.

Key judgements
Employee Benefits (cont.)

Employee benefit liabilities are classified as a non-current liability if the association has a conditional right to defer payment beyond 12 months. Long service leave entitlements (for staff who have not yet exceeded the minimum vesting period) fall into this category. The associations applies significant judgment when measuring its employee benefit liabilities and to determine when it expects its employee entitlements to be paid. With reference to historical data, if the association does not expect entitlements to be paid within 12 months, the entitlement is measured at its present value, being the expected future payments to employees. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures, and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields on government bonds at the end of the reporting period. All other entitlements are measured at their nominal value.

Note 3 : Cash and cash equivalents

	2026 $	2025 $
Cash on hand	4 16	2 55
Operating account	2,307	5 83
Capital and investment accounts	346,616	313,449
	3 49,339	**3 14,287**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits, short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

Note 3 : Receivables and other assets

Trade debtors	37,966	76,948
GST receivable/(payable)	(143)	(581)
	37,823	**76,367**

Trade and other receivables are measured at amortised cost.

Note 4 : Financial assets

JB Were Managed Investments at fair value	2,079,467	2,042,301
Silver bars at fair value	82,110	105,808
	2,161,577	**2,148,109**

Investments are recognised and derecognised on trade date where purchase or sale of an investment is under a contract whose terms require delivery of the investment within the timeframe established by the market concerned, and are initially measured at fair value, net of transaction costs.

Australian Listed Equity Securities are subsequently measured at fair value based on current share price. Management regards the current share price to be a reliable and relevant basis to determine fair value.

Note 4 : Financial assets (continued)
Impairment of financial assets

The association classifies its other financial assets between current and non-current assets based on the purpose for which the assets were acquired. Management determines the classification of its other financial assets at initial recognition.

The association assesses at each balance sheet date whether a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired.

All financial assets, except those measured at fair value through profit or loss are subject to annual review for impairment.

At the end of each reporting period, the association assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. All financial instrument assets, except those measured at fair value through profit or loss, are subject to annual review for impairment.

	2026 $	2025 $
Note 5: Property, plant & equipment		
Land at fair value	**3 95,000**	**3 95,000**
Land and buildings at fair value	4,053,723	4,053,723
Less Accumulated depreciation	(304,404)	(202,686)
	3,749,319	**3,851,037**
Plant and equipment	150,609	113,312
Less Accumulated depreciation	(50,183)	(40,182)
	1 00,426	**73,130**
	4,244,745	**4,319,167**

Land and buildings were independently revalued by Opteon to fair value as at 30 June 2023.

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

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

In the event the carrying amount of the plant and equipment is greater than the estimated recoverable amount the carrying amount is written down to the estimated recoverable amount and impairment losses are recognised in the profit and loss statement.

The depreciable amounts of all fixed assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over their useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Motor Vehicles	22% - 50%
Plant and Equipment	5% - 100%

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at each balance date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the income statement. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

	2026 $	2025 $
Note 6 : Payables		
Accounts payable	29,589	81
PAYG Payable	(1,064)	19,111
Credit card payable	1,444	680
Superannuation payable	29,272	40,576
Accrued salaries & wages	50,833	43,105
	110,074	**103,553**
Note 7: Employee benefits		
Current		
Annual leave	53,145	58,162
Long service leave	41,967	34,161
	95,112	**92,323**
Non Current		
Long service leave	**11,406**	**12,818**

Provisions for short-term employee benefits, including annual leave that are expected to be settled wholly within twelve

Provisions for other long-term employee benefits, including long service leave and annual leave that are not expected to be settled wholly within twelve months after the end of the reporting period, are measured at the present value of the expected benefit to be paid in respect of the services provided by employees up to the reporting date.

Note 8: Events after the Reporting Period
The association is not aware of any significant events since the end of the financial year.

Note 9: Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets
The association is not aware of any contingent liabilities or assets as at 30 June 2026 (2025: nil).

Anam Cara House Colac Inc.

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

In the opinion of the Committee the Financial Report comprising the Comprehensive Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to the Financial Report:

1 the Incorporated Association is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. Accordingly, as described in note 1 to the financial statements, the attached special purpose financial statements have been prepared for the purposes of complying with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012

2 the attached financial statements and notes thereto comply with Accounting Standards as described in note 1 to the financial statements;

3 the attached financial statements and notes give true and fair value of the Incorporated Association's financial position as at 30 June 2026 and its performance for the financial year ended or that date; and

4 there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Incorporated Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulations 2022.

Maryjane Crabtree **Wayne O'Brien**

Dated October 2026

RESPECT

DIGNITY

TRUST

COMPASSION

COMMUNITY

Financials

The full financial report is available on the website.

