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OBJECTIVES

- To further the interests and well-being of the community of Milang and its surrounding districts
- To encourage all residents of the area to show a pride in their community
- To give support to those progressive works and services which may be inaugurated by Local, State and Federal Government bodies, that could prove advantageous to Milang
- To give consideration to any proposal brought forward by any member of the association
- To work as a group to promote Milang and its community
- And to do all such things as may be incidental to the attainment of these objects



WHAT'S IN A NAME

For many years there has been a reduction in the number of volunteers available to work on the various projects in the town. Following discussion with members of the Institute committee it was decided to call a meeting of all Associations to see if we could put together a "Milang Association" the purpose being to concentrate our efforts and to use the human resources we have to the best effect. Consequently a meeting was held earlier this year and arising from this a proposal has been put together to merge the Progress Association and Institute Association. This led to a small committee being established to draft a Constitution which will shortly be put to both organisations.



Most of the issues regarding the amalgamation were easily met; however the issue that confronts us all is what to call the new body. In the interests of having something to hang our hat on we came up with the "Milang and District Community Association Inc." We see this as an all embracing title due to the changes that have taken place over the years regarding the services being offered by the Progress Association. We are no longer Milang centric. Through the Milang Old School House Community Centre programs we extend our services to the wider district including Clayton Bay, Langhorne Creek, Ashbourne, Finniss and Strathalbyn. The committee felt that this should be reflected in the name of the new organisation. There will be some who do not agree but all is not lost. The new constitution will be put to both organisations and to a general meeting before it will be finalised and members of the community will have their opportunity to express their thoughts on this.

This year has been a year of change and proposed change. The Association has been instrumental through its members in dealing with the many issues regarding the Lower Lakes and Government Policy and programs relating to the needs of both the communities around the Lakes and the environment. We have tried to convince the Government that the best people to deal with the many issues relating to this are the communities themselves. With this in mind we developed the "Shoreline" project which would have dealt with many of the problems confronting us and would have provided many jobs within the community. This was not to be and we have had to adapt to the wishes of Government. The good news is that we are not out of the program altogether and the Progress Association is to be part of the "Shop Front" project which will mean that we will be able to establish an office and information centre in the shopping centre on D'Aranda Terrace.

This initiative has taken many hours of work and at times has been most frustrating but we do now see an outcome which will benefit the community. The Association will be employing two people to co-ordinate the project and to support community plant nurseries in the region.

One of the highlights of the year was the opening of the Memorial Gardens it was a memorable occasion and thanks must go to Bob Honor and Brian Wakefield for their hard work and dedication to the project. The Gardens have already been used for a band concert in the rotunda. Unfortunately the Anzac Day Service on the 25 April could not be held in the gardens due to the rain, but we managed to fill the town hall with very dedicated members of the community.

The members of the MOSHCC team have been working hard on many projects to benefit the community. MOSHCC is of great value and is led by Karyn Bradford who, as always, does a wonderful job.

And finally the great news that the following Awards were received at the Adult Learners Week Awards on Thursday 27th August 2009 at Regency Park:

- Milang Old School House Community Centre is the Learning Community of the year.
- Shirley Smith received an Award as Adult Community Educator of the year.
- Roweena Evans was the runner up in Adult Learning.

Congratulations All!!

As you can see we are a many and diverse community who work together for one purpose and that is to support our community in our District.

So what's in a name? Oh so much!

Mike Linscott

President



SECRETARY'S REPORT

I accepted the position of secretary of MPA in 2008 as the association was unable to find another secretary to fill the position.

During this period:

- ❖ Many letters and responses were sent regarding the many water and lake bed issues affecting the Lower lakes.
- ❖ The MOSHCC Shed was completed.
- ❖ Policies and Procedures were drawn up by Milang Old School House Community Centre and approved.
- ❖ Negotiations were held with the Government regarding water availability through the new Creeks pipeline for community parks and recreation areas in Milang that would normally have sourced water from the Lakes.
- ❖ A further 5 year lease was signed with Eastern Fleurieu School for the use of the Old School House.
- ❖ Work has been completed on the Milang Soldiers Memorial Gardens and Anzac Park.
- ❖ The Milang Progress Association was able to send a supporting letter to assist in the steps to make the Milang Post Office more accessible for residents
- ❖ The first steps have begun to amalgamate the Milang Progress Association and the Milang Institute Committee.
- ❖ Milang Progress Association was successful in obtaining a grant to run the "Life with Gusto" program which has lead to the employment of a full time project officer, and part time community gardener.
- ❖ Progress was also successful in receiving three Adult Community Education grants which has enabled the community to receive "Learning Community of the Year" for a third time in four years.
- ❖ A Jet Creche was successful again this year enabling parents to return to training or employment.



Roweena Evans

MILANG OLD SCHOOL HOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Community support at the Milang Old School House Community Centre is all about making lives better by making things happen, listening to the community, and responding the best we can. Thanks to our outstanding staff and volunteers our programs open doors, change lives, and create hope by building our community one relationship at a time.

VISION

An inclusive, innovative and healthy community that embraces its diversity and values the roles of all people within the region.



MISSION

- To engage and empower individuals within the community.
- To respond to both individual and community needs.
- To provide services which develop a sense of community pride.
- To provide opportunities for social interaction within an ethical, caring and supportive environment.

The Milang Old School House Community Centre is a major project of the Milang Progress Association Incorporated. We have in place a Community Involvement Policy with a focus on fostering community ownership and involvement in all aspects of our operations. The Centre achieves this by:

- Being community based;
- Being community managed;
- Having a philosophy of empowerment;
- Involving people from disadvantaged groups;
- Maintaining an understanding of community needs; and
- Being accountable to the community.

MOSHCC HIGHLIGHTS OF 2008/2009

- Launching “Our Shed” which gives the Centre some much needed extra space
- Hosting international visitors including Professor Jane Goodall and Maude Barlow, Senior Adviser to the United Nations on water issues.
- Receiving a commendation award in the Community Idol Awards at the Our Communities Conference in Melbourne.
- MOSHCC Open House in May, celebrating Community & Neighbourhood Houses and Centres Week, National Turtle Day and Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea.
- Attracting over \$250000 into the community through grants which provides employment, local spending and low cost activities and programs.
- The great Christmas lunch for seniors and volunteers
- Our participation and leadership on several community networks including housing, transport, positive ageing , environment, early childhood and water issues
- Our strong partnerships with Alexandrina Council, Eastern Fleurieu School, Community & Neighbourhood Houses and Centres Association and TAFE SA
- The commitment and enthusiasm of over 100 volunteers
- Presentations at State and National Conferences including Adult Learning Australia, Learning Communities, Connecting-Up and Community & Neighbourhood Houses and Centres and International Community Development Conferences
- Over 300 students enrolled in Adult learning and participating in over 6000 student contact hours
- Pathways for learners from Adult Community Education to Vocational Education and Training with TAFE
- Increased computer and internet usage throughout the community and the support of the Telstra Connected Seniors Program





The Value of Community

No one comes into this world alone. From the moment you are born, you are part of a community. Your mother, father, relatives and their friends, neighbours and acquaintances are all part of your community.

In a broader sense, the whole world is your community; both the people in it and the earth itself.

In the personal sense, community refers to the people that you interact with and the spaces and places in your very own part of the world.

As one of a whole, it is a mistake to think only of yourself at the expense of the community.

You owe your community, at the very least, a commitment to do no harm to yourself, others or the earth.

COORDINATORS REPORT

This year the Centre has had another successful year as it continues to grow and provide programs to meet the growing local needs. In October 2008 we celebrated our fifth birthday and the official opening of “Our Shed”. Who would have thought that in five short years we would have developed into an organisation that supports so many.



MOSHCC has traditionally had a focus on the provision of a wide range of activities to over 900 residents of the Milang and Clayton Bay district. However over the past year activities have expanded to include the whole of the Alexandrina Council region.

This expansion has in part been in response to the considerable stress placed on the region over the past 2 years as it comes to grips with the effects of continued drought in the Murray Darling Basin, over allocation, dwindling water resources, loss of livelihood and the emergency responses to these issues that the government is implementing. The community has been required to work together in new ways to respond to these



changes, manage the immensity of the challenges and work towards a healthy and empowered future for individuals and communities. Learning and partnerships have been crucial to enabling the community to cope and move forward.

The Centre has been called upon to act as a focal point for the dissemination of information from

Government Departments and local action groups. The Centre continues to use all of the local talent to provide innovative and creative ways of working together and I continue to be inspired by the continued commitment and involvement of so many community members. The Centre could not function without the amazing support of our volunteers and I thank you all for the work that you do and the support that you give me personally.

This year we have prepared a Strategic Plan which provides some guiding principles for the programs and activities for the next 3 years. We have wonderful partnerships which continue to grow and strengthen. Alexandrina Council continues to encourage and support us in the provision of services as does Eastern Fleurieu School and the Milang Institute Management Committee. We couldn't provide the wide range of activities and services that

we do without the use of the Milang Institute and Supper Room. Our shed is a wonderful asset to the Centre and further extends the range of activities available.



The Centre has been fortunate to receive a number of grants and donations from government agencies in the past 12 months and they have enabled us to provide a range of relevant and timely programs encompassing adult community education, health and nutrition, community arts and childcare.

We continue to promote lifelong learning throughout the community and endeavor to share the importance of learning at events such as activities for Adult Learners Week (Plug into Learning at Victor Central Shopping Centre) Community and Neighbourhood House Week and other special weeks and days during the year. This year we celebrated International Turtle Day at our Open Day in May with environmental activities such as a bird watching tour, heritage walking tour and web weaving workshop which has created a climbing web for use at community functions throughout the region.



The combination of staff at MOSHCC with their commitment, diligence and dedication, volunteers who give unstintingly of their time, energy and enthusiasm and a management committee who provide support and direction, ensures my role is one which is both satisfying and very rewarding.

Karyn Bradford

DAILY CENTRE ACTIVITY

For those of you who visit the Centre you will know that it can be a very busy place. It serves a major role in providing information and referral to other services. Below are figures which indicate for a 12 week period how many contacts the Centre has across a wide range of areas

Accommodation	2
Education & Training	12
Employment	10
Environment & Conservation	22
Finance & Income	5
General Information Service	9
Health	4
Info re Volunteering	14
Law & Justice	2
Local Government	4
Material Needs	34
New Residents	5
Personal & Family Support	4
Transport	90



CENTRE BASED SERVICE

Photocopier/laminating	82
Computing / Internet Access	117
Genealogy/Family History	8
Tourist Info	3
Environment & Conservation info	22
Program Booking/Inquiry	126
General Administration	
.. receipting monies, phone calls	424
Liaise with providers/organizations	34
Facilities Hire	20
Unspecified Visit	77
Social Visit	109



This year has also seen us acting as a distribution point for Government information regarding Referrals, Environmental Impact Statements, and the Long Term Plan.

PROGRAMS

LIFE WITH GUSTO – HEALTHY ACTIVE COMMUNITIES

"LIFE with GUSTO" aims to improve the health and well being of adults, young people and children in the Eastern Fleurieu region (Strathalbyn, Milang, Langhorne Creek and Ashbourne) using innovative strategies which increase physical activity levels and healthy eating.



Strategies include the following:

- Employ project coordinator & establish reference group.
- Surveying community attitudes to physical activity & nutrition.
- Establishing kitchen/community gardens at schools and community centres and employing a community gardener as a resource.
- Engaging community in shared activities around food.
- Providing alternative activities at lunchtime at schools and in the community.
- "Something to do on Saturday" for those children who don't participate in organized sport.
- Promotion of healthy food choices in the community.
- Encouraging participation from all organisers of physical activity and healthy lifestyle programs in a "Life with Gusto" program of activities which is available on the internet and advertised jointly in the local paper.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Ongoing promotion of nutritious eating & physical activity; funding of \$3,000 for Go for 2&5
- Seasonal "Get Active" Eastern Fleurieu Calendar of physical activities and healthy eating
- Supporting Hills Foodies volunteers through partnership with the Adelaide Hills Community Health Service
- "Put Us In The Picture Survey" of physical activity & nutrition
- Healthy Weight Week 2009
- Weaving Community Webs funding Country Arts SA \$1150
- Ashbourne Family Festival promotion including *be active* 28 February

FUNDING

*Healthy Active Australia,
Community & Schools
Grants Program, Australian
Government Department
of Health and Ageing*

*\$177000 OVER 18
MONTHS*

BEGUN NOV 2008.

*DUE TO BE COMPLETED
MAY 2010*

Project Coordinator:

- *Don Chapman*

- Community gardens underway at Milang, Clayton Bay and in negotiation at Strathalbyn; secured excellent sponsorship Peats Soil & donations; school garden built (35 participants)
- On-line personal trainer
- Eastern Fleurieu Healthy Active Communities Forum established August 2009
- Coordination of “Ride the Angas” November 14 Langhorne Creek, November 15 Strathalbyn Memorial Park with Strathalbyn Bicycle User’s Group; partnership with Strathalbyn Rotary Duck Race; \$3800 funding from Alexandrina Council; sponsors include Crystal Springs, B.-d. Farm Paris Creek, Strathalbyn Pharmacy (est. 500 participants)



Young participant at the Ashbourne Family Festival crushing some apples with Gusto. Photo Don Chapman

QUICK STATS

- 500 *Life With Gusto* information brochures distributed
- Numerous articles in *Milang Community News*, *Clayton Bay Chronicle*, *The Southern Argus*, *The Courier*, *The Times* promoting projects
- 656 surveys distributed; 66 surveys completed
- 3280 seasonal “Get Active” calendars distributed
- 49 people participate in *Healthy Weight Week 10 Week Challenge*
- 100 *Healthy Weight Week Newsletters* distributed
- 23 people attend *Community Weaving Webs* workshop to make a community climbing web
- 30 people actively engaged in community gardens
- 35 people and 22 organisations involved in *Eastern Fleurieu Healthy Active Communities Forum*
- Over 250 people attend *Life With Gusto* at *Ashbourne Family Fun Day*

LIFE WITH GUSTO - COMMUNITY GARDENS

'Life with Gusto' employed a Community Garden Coordinator in May 2009 to work two days a week, facilitating gardens in the Clayton Bay, Milang, Strathalbyn and Langhorne Creek areas. The community gardens aim to build peoples opportunity to access social physical activity within their own community and build their knowledge of nutrition.



Our community's reputation and response to local environmental issues is innovative, admirable and pioneering. Our adaption and willingness to learn about change is envied across the broader region. Community Gardens are all about environment. Our community's resilience and 'can do' attitude has seen the members develop sustainable management ideas and partnerships across their region.

Community gardening can become a positive step toward action on the environment that decreases the whole community's carbon footprint, displays the proactive beliefs held by the community and offers a learning hub on gardening practices. The gardens provide a social environment for people to share skills and as all members are Police checked it can help people to feel safe, equal and trusted.



Mental health benefits related to community gardening

are tied to physical exercise, exposure to the outdoors and to the feeling of being involved within our community. Taking action to support ones community promotes a feeling of wellness and strength and encourages a positive outlook of opportunity. 'Life with Gusto' community gardens have received overwhelming support from businesses, community individuals, volunteer organisations and Alexandrina Council

QUICK STATS

18 active members

*69 volunteer hours =
\$ 1449*

*56 cubic metres of
organic grade soil
donated by PEAT SOILS*

*Links into accredited
training (3 members
enrolled)*

*Community donations
of pots, plants, books,
equipment, tools,
expertise and furniture*

*Local general store is
willing to sell produce*

ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION

We continue to maintain our commitment to providing Adult Learning opportunities to the community.

Funding from DFEEST ensures that our programs are provided at little or no cost to participants.

Our program has a focus on fun, relevance to the community, and on empowering individuals.

The Centre recognises the value of non-accredited learning opportunities, and incidental learning through a wide range of activities. Through these activities, participants have transitioned through to accredited studies (with RPL opportunities for their non-accredited learning), employment, and most importantly a passion for life-long learning.

COMMUNITY & NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSES AND CENTRES SUPPORT GRANT

Target Groups:

- Mature Aged Unemployed
- People with a disability
- People living in rural and isolated situations
- Single Parents
- People affected by drought

Key Outcomes of the CANH Project:

- People who have improved skills leading to increased employment opportunities.
- A more aware and educated community.
- A community with a more positive outlook on life and more confidence to pursue lifelong learning.
- Individuals able to make choices for their future.
- Mature aged people reengaged with learning

In the past year classes have included:

- Keep Fit
- Lakeliners' Writers Group
- WOW – Women's Group



FUNDING

Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology.

Community & Neighborhood Houses and Centres Support Grant

\$17400

July 2008 – June 2009

Community Learning Support

\$15000

July 2008 – June 2009

Coordinator

Stuart Jones

- Men's Group
- Technology A-Z – Computing, Digital Photography, Internet, Mobile Phones.
- Art & Craft, Leisure
- First Aid and CPR
- Manual Handling



People have gained in confidence and self esteem and this in turn encourages them to become more involved in their community through volunteering.

Feedback/Comments

Comments from Be Active Class evaluation;

- “I've learnt about the importance of keeping active, keeping joints supple – its good to join in and laugh”
- “Please keep these classes going as I think they are important”
- “The improvement in your mobility and balance that is taught to us is invaluable”
- “Keeping fit and being active is important for the body and the mind”

Comments from Writer's Group evaluation;

- I have learnt “to take constructive criticism. To read clearly. To engage in public reading”
- I have learnt “Punctuation. Life Experiences. Language”



Comments from Dealing with Difficult Behavior training

- I have learnt “How to make people feel comfortable and at ease to talk. How to ask questions without prying. How to find out the needs of people.”
- “Thank you – enjoyed the group discussions and activities and fresh knowledge”
- Why undertook activity “Decrease

fear in addressing challenging and long lived 'limbo' relationships. Re-learning rights to be heard”

COMMUNITY LEARNING

Target Groups:

- Mature Aged Unemployed
- People with a disability
- People living in rural and isolated situations
- Drought impacted primary producers, farm workers and service businesses around Lakes Alexandrina

Key Outcomes of the Project:

- Upskill and reskill primary producers and farm workers who may be facing lifestyle change due to drought conditions, lack of water and subsequent change of landuse.
- provide opportunities for people in drought effected community to learn new skills
- enable people to apply creative ideas and find

alternative ways of making a living from the land

- people more able to cope with change and look forward to the future
- people with increased resilience
- people with pathways to further study or employment

In the past year classes have included:

- Meditation
- Community Singing
- Clay Sculpture
- Bronze Casting
- Media Training: Press Releases/Press Photos/On Camera Interviews
- Dealing with Difficult People
- Acid Sulphate Soils Testing
- Web Weaving Workshops
- Basket Weaving
- Senior First Aid
- CPR Course

Our program “Creatively Facing Change together” enabled a range of activities which brought the community together and enabled the chance for people to share their responses to the immense



QUICK STATS

Community & Neighbourhood Houses and Centres Support Grant

185 Enrolments

3712 Student Contact Hours

19 Classes/Workshops

Community Learning

209 Enrolments

1899 Student Contact Hours

21 Classes/Workshops

changes that are happening to the region. The regular meditation and pottery classes have built people's coping skills. The Bronze casting workshop taught new skills in a very creative and hands on way. Other programs which built resilience were the opportunity to participate in basket weaving with the Ngarrindjeri community, a visit to the Art Gallery and Tafe to see the visual arts area and pottery exhibitions.

The "Rural to Eco" program provided a soils workshop which enabled landholders and those interested in the environment to come to grips with soil structure and acid sulfate soils. The plant ID workshop enabled people the skills to identify plants that are revegetating the lake bed and take vegetation transects with appropriate scientific methodologies. Participants will be able to use these skills to obtain RPL qualifications for competencies in Land and Conservation Management.

The "Changing Directions" program delivered a workshop about Climate Change and energy efficiency at home as well as some skills building in the areas of First Aid and Media Training. The media course covered aspects of writing media releases, live interviews and video and how to take great press photos.

Through participation and gaining knowledge people have increased in confidence and feel better about themselves and their circumstances.



Early in 2009 a survey was distributed to residents of Milang, Clayton Bay, Finniss and Langhorne Creek to ascertain what people thought about their future and the future of the region. Some of the results were;

REGARDING INDIVIDUALS SITUATION OVER THE NEXT 6 – 12 MONTHS

Part time workers would like more work

18% of participants said they would be looking for work in another field or industry

15% said they would be undertaking training to move into another line of work

12% felt that less paid work would be available for them

9% felt that there was a possibility that they would close their business

REGARDING INTEREST IN FIELDS OF TRAINING & WORK

34% Land and Conservation Management

18% Aged Care

13% Tourism

13% Community Services

These results were used to guide the planning for some of the programs in the 2nd half of the year.

Feedback/Comments

- “Makes me more confident that what I am doing is OK”
- “Particularly good field day for a Landcare group with some time on farming as well as native veg”
- “Enormously educational and worthwhile”
- “I’m really amazed by how creative people are when they don’t think they have any talents at all”
- “Meditation gives me a sense of understanding of how I fit into the bigger picture”



IMAGINE IF

Strengthening the River, Lakes & Coorong Communities via the Arts

Another important project which is currently ongoing is Imagine If. This project employs a Community Development Project Officer to bring together the Lakes Alexandrina and Albert Communities to plan, develop and implement a series of arts/cultural activities which will culminate in a weekend celebration event. This project was identified to support the drought affected communities of Milang, Clayton Bay, Raukkan, Meningie, Point Sturt and Narrung and aims to further fortify, building

resilience and strengthening these communities which are facing overwhelming challenges.



FUNDING

Community Benefit SA

\$17 950

April 2009 to 31st Dec 2009

Coordinator

Matthew Dowling

By encouraging each community to develop an arts/cultural event, it is anticipated that in the act of being creative, each community will collectively feel a reduction in social isolation and a consequent feeling of powerlessness. These events will allow the River Lakes & Coorong communities' to express their collective emotions, be it their sense of loss or their vision of a healthy new landscape for this region.

Projects

- Ecomark: during October and November, artists Gaynor Hartvigsen, John Bradford and Jane Hylton will create individual ephemeral installations on the exposed shorelines of Lake Alexandrina – community workshops will accompany each event
- Earth Sky & Water: Footprints in the Sand Arts Workshop run by Di Teasdale – this workshop will be held at MOSHCC in late October
- Ride the Angas 15th November – children will be encouraged to draw their vision of a future healthy landscape for the River Lakes & Coorong region by entering a drawing competition



Ecomark Artists; Gaynor Hartvigsen, Jane Hylton, John Bradford
Photo Matthew Dowling

LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Our approach called Empowerment Learning has resulted in participants developing self confidence, building networks and contributing to the operation of the Community Centre and other local projects. For some it included gaining employment. This approach of working with what people know[RPL] and moving into new learning experiences [gap training] has resulted in an enthusiasm for learning from all our participants.

Training has been delivered in a flexible, innovative ways. We have used a combination of different TAFESA staff, private contractors and in house workshops which are scoped to Vocational Education and Training (VET), creating pathways for the learners. An example of this is the combination of a private training provider with specialised training facilities working with our TAFE partners to ensure our HACC participants had the best possible training opportunity in the area of Personal Care.

In this program we achieved our objective of linking with other community agencies across the region and built a greater understanding of the role of RPL in delivery of VET. As the modules provided were in skill shortage areas the project worked closely with other agencies and service providers.

The sequence of mentoring/ training needs analysis combined with gap training and study circles has proved an extremely successful method of delivery and resulted in 100% attendance at the formal training events and completion of assessments.

Some of the stories from this project appear simple but signify huge achievements for individuals.

- A woman in her early sixties driving 50kms to attend an RPL interview for Active Volunteering. She had only had her drivers license for several months and this was the longest distance she had ever driven!



FUNDING

Department of Further Education and Training

\$50000 – July 2008 to June 2009

Training Options:

Certificate III in Aged Care/ Home and Community Care [HACC]

Certificate III & IV Active Volunteering

Certificate IV in Training and Assessment [TAA]

Staff

Shirley Smith

- Project Manager

- Active Volunteering and TAA

Marie Claire Levi

- HACC and Aged Care

- A TAA candidate, who had attempted this qualification previously in a formal TAFE environment and failed, found the structure, mentoring and group support invaluable in helping her to focus and complete the requirements.



- Following the drop in her casual hours, T came into the project to get 'a piece of paper' so she could think about what else she might do to get work. T has completed her Certificate III in Active Volunteering and is now seeking opportunities for further work.

Project Objectives:

- Provide an innovative blend of adult learning opportunities that provide training and up skilling for residents of Alexandrina Council
- Enhance and expand existing Adult Community Education programs through the providing accredited training
- People are trained to meet skills shortages in the region, particularly in home and community care, community services and business studies
- Improve the skills of volunteers



- Recognise existing skills of unemployed, under employed, mature aged, parents and volunteers [RPL]
 - Formalise and develop partnerships and collaborations that will manage the Alexandrina Community Learning Networks
 - Provide an environment conducive to, and supportive of interactive learning

JET CRECHE

JET Crèche is provided at the Centre on 3 mornings each week. The crèche gives parents the opportunity to look for work, undertake some training or



participate in some work. We have an average of 7 children participating each day.

Parents have undertaken training in: Aged Care, TAA, Dealing with Difficult People, Senior First Aid and Magic 123 Parenting.

Parents have used the Centre during crèche time to complete accredited training modules towards gaining

their certificates through the

Learning Communities Project, as well as other preparation towards returning to work, i.e.

Volunteering.

The Centre's facilities are also available to parents in support for families, job seeking, and further education.

Children who are often isolated in our community have had an opportunity to socialise and play with other children and also become comfortable being

cared for by someone else outside their immediate family. The MOSHCC's close ties to the Milang Campus (Eastern Fleurieu School) also aids the transition into Reception.

The installation of the instant turf and new sandpit has been a welcome addition to the outdoor playground. The crèche is well attended and even with the introduction of a third day in 2008 the crèche still often sees sessions fully booked.



FUNDING

*Department of Education,
Employment and
Workplace Relations*

\$17100 one year

Completed 30th June 2009

Creche Workers:

- *Stuart Jones*
- *Rosemary Evans*



Quick Stats

11 Families

*16 children attending
with an average of 7
each session*

*Available 9.30 am –
12.30 pm Mon, Wed &
Thurs.*

MOSH MATES

This youth program is facilitated by Roweena Evans.

MOSH MATES runs as an after school activity program during the school term for 8-16 year olds.

These are small group activities, provided by volunteers, assist young people to learn new skills.

Generally between 4 and 6 young people attend each different activity and it is a great opportunity for them to get together in a relaxed informal atmosphere.

This years program has included cooking, table tennis, pottery, sewing, arts and crafts. A highlight of the year was the Pet Care program



MOSH Mates receives support from Alexandrina Council for this valuable program.

QUICK STATS

11 Activity programs

Av. 5 children attending each program

11 volunteers

FUNDING

Alexandrina Council

\$6000 per year

Project Management:

- *Roweena Evans*



MEALS ON WHEELS

This program is supported by Meals on Wheels SA. The Meals are provided by the Meals on Wheels kitchen at Kent Town and are heated in the MOSHCC kitchen. A team of volunteers deliver the meals each day providing a valuable service which eases isolation and provides a nutritious meal.



Heartfelt thanks also to Langhorne Creek Soldiers Memorial Hall Committee for allowing the meals to be stored and heated there. It is a wonderful contribution to the program.

FUNDING

*Meals on Wheels SA and
User Contributions*

Project Management:

- *Roweena Evans*
- *Lyn Unwin*
- *Marie Claire Levi*

This program is dependent on volunteers to deliver meals and we sincerely thank them all for their efforts. A special thank you to the group of Langhorne Creek women, ably led by Marie Claire Levi, who have come together to provide meals in Langhorne Creek .

Quick Stats

9 consumers

2 Langhorne Creek

1 Point Sturt

3 Clayton

3 Milang

PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

MILANG & CLAYTON BAY COMMUNITY CARE

Milang and Clayton Community Care provides local access to services for our frail aged, carers and disabled population and builds community capacity through volunteer training and the building of a "Safety Net" that links members of the community.

The Milang and Clayton Home and Community Care Program has attracted a high level of community support as demonstrated by the number of volunteers who freely give their time to be involved in the program, thereby enabling services to be provided in a very cost efficient manner. The service provides a broad range of services which effectively meet the needs of the local communities it serves.

Domestic Assistance, Home Maintenance, Transport and Centre activities are the most frequently requested services. Feed back from customers indicates that they appreciate knowing there are services available if they need them and that they can seek information about other services in the region should the unexpected occur.

Some of the programs provided this year have assisted people to stay well through physical activity and social connections. The WOW womens groups is always well attended, Keep Fit and the Stepping on Falls Prevention Program aims to maintain or improve mobility and the Friday Feast is a festive activity to end each week.

Other one off activities and presentations during the year have educated about aged rights advocacy, wills, powers of attorney and positive mental health.

FUNDING

Department of Ageing

Home and Community Care

\$79600 recurrent

Alexandrina Council

\$42000

Auspiced by Alexandrina Council

Project Management:

- *Karyn Bradford*
- *Roweena Evans*





QUICK STATS

<i>Consumers</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>139</i>
<i>Milang</i>		<i>95</i>
<i>Clayton</i>		<i>28</i>
<i>Finniss</i>		<i>4</i>
<i>Langhorne Creek</i>		<i>6</i>
<i>Point Sturt</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Strathalbyn</i>		<i>6</i>

<i>Domestic Assistance</i>	<i>371 hrs</i>
<i>Social Support</i>	<i>522 hrs</i>
<i>Personal Care</i>	<i>15 hrs</i>
<i>Centre Based Activities</i>	<i>2256 hrs</i>
<i>Assessment</i>	<i>46 hrs</i>
<i>Coordination</i>	<i>107 hrs</i>
<i>Home Maintenance</i>	<i>347 hrs</i>
<i>Information, Counselling & Advocacy</i>	<i>285 hrs</i>
<i>Respite</i>	<i>52 hrs</i>
<i>Transport way trips</i>	<i>364 one</i>
<i>Meals provided</i>	<i>509</i>

SAVE THE TURTLES

An important program in conjunction with Milang Campus has been the “Save the Murray Turtles Project.

The increasing salinity in the Lakes and River has enabled a marine tubeworm to move into the water ways and build its home on the freshwater turtles. The weight of its coral like growth eventually kills the turtles.

The students and school community have been rescuing the turtles, removing the tubeworm and then caring for the turtles until alternative homes can be found for them. This program has created a learning experience for students at the campus, their families and the whole community.

Materials have been produced, regular media releases distributed and children and adults public speaking has improved. To fundraise for the project a range of promotional materials and a website

(www.savethemurrayturtles.com) have been produced and the program promoted at community events and weekend markets.



This has empowered the community and they feel that they can make a positive difference. The community has learnt about this disastrous environmental issue but they have also educated the broader community about the environmental issues that the area is facing.



MOSHCC has raised over \$7000 towards the Save the Turtle project.

Other exciting things around that project this year were the visits by Prof Jane Goodall and Maude Barlow UN representative on Water.

RESOURCES

STAFF

A committed, professional team delivers a diverse range of programs at the Centre

Karyn Bradford	-	Coordinator .4 FTE Milang & Clayton Community Care .6 FTE
John Toshach	-	Bookkeeper .2 FTE
Stuart Jones	-	ACE Coordinator, IT Support, JET Creche .8 FTE
Roweena Evans	-	Admin Assistant Milang and Clayton Community Care .5FTE MOSH Mates .05 FTE
Shirley Smith	-	Community Learning Partnership with TAFE .8FTE
Rosemary Evans	-	JET Creche Child Care Worker .15 FTE
Don Chapman	-	Life with Gusto 1FTE
Karen Barrett	-	Community Gardening .4 FTE
Marie Claire Levi	-	Community Learning .2 FTE
Matthew Dowling	-	Imagine If – Community Arts .2 FTE



VOLUNTEERS

There are now 134 volunteers registered across all of the programs at the Centre.

Volunteers provide 7321 hours per year across areas of administration, Milang and Clayton Community Care program, Friday Feast, Adult Community Education, MOSH Mates programs, transport and receptionist duties.

This equates to 38 volunteer hours per day for each day the Centre is open – equivalent of almost 5 full time staff per day.

For a community of our size this is an outstanding, dedicated effort which enables so many good things to happen.

We take every opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our volunteers with the Christmas Lunch, Alexandrina Volunteers Festivity, quarterly get togethers and visits to other Community Centres.

Training for our volunteers is a priority and there have been a variety of activities organized this year including extensive induction process, Senior First Aid, CPR refresher course, Mental Health First Aid, Community Mental Health forum, Manual Handling, Food Safety and Handling, Dealing with Difficult people and Good Customer Service. Four of our volunteers have this year completed TAFE Certificates in Active Volunteering.

We keep our volunteers in touch through distribution of the quarterly Volunteer Voice newsletter.



EDITOR'S REPORT

The production of the Milang Community News entered a new era in February 2009 with the production of the first full colour edition. This was made possible with the acquisition of a new photocopier / printer which not only prints in colour as well as black and white but also folds and staples as well.

The effect of the addition of colour to the *Community News* has been truly amazing and very gratifying to the editor, I must say. Knowing that the production costs would now be higher I have reduced the number of pages from thirty-two to twenty-eight but at the same time have included the monthly *Community Calendar* without chasing up sponsors for each month.

As always I am extremely grateful to all those who have contributed to the pages of the *Community News* with reports of the activities of local groups and organizations or with stories or historical reminiscences. Without their assistance it would be very difficult to maintain the number of pages and the great variety of subjects covered in the articles.

It has also been most gratifying to continue to receive the support of our advertisers during the year. Many of them have supported us for a number of years and have enabled us for some time to keep the requested donation to \$1 and still adequately meet our production costs. However it was decided by Progress that there should be an increase in the price from the July issue in order to ensure that those costs would continue to be met. The new price is \$1.50 and seems to have been generally accepted, although I gather that there have been a few grumbles about it.

The Community News is distributed in Milang through the General Store, Mel's, the Bakery and the Post Office and in Strathalbyn through the Newsagency and the Information Centre. I am grateful to all those involved for their kindness in making this possible. Fourteen copies are also posted out each month to a number of other subscribers and each month's edition is posted on the Milang website as a pdf file.

Finally, my thanks to my wife, Bev, for picking up various mistakes in my typing and to John Toshach for the way in which he manages the finances.

Alex Stone - Editor



MILANG WEBSITE

With the recent purchase of new web design software a start has been made to upgrading the Milang website. There is now a more modern appearance and new features such as a link to the Google map of Milang and the addition of a Blog.

Your assistance is requested with the gathering and updating of information about Milang's businesses and organizations so that this can be included for the benefit of those who want to know more about our town.

Alex Stone

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MILANG

The town of Milang is situated on the shores of Lake Alexandrina, just over 20 km from Strathalbyn.

The area was originally inhabited by the Punguratpular people, one of the eighteen tribes which made up the Ngarrindjeri nation.

European settlement in the district began in the 1840s as pastoralists began to take up land between Strathalbyn and the Lake.

The township was surveyed in December 1853 and January 1854 with the first lots being auctioned in July 1854,

Milang experienced its heyday between 1860 and 1880 when it was a thriving port connecting the river trade from the Darling River and Riverina regions with Port Adelaide.

Today the town is known for its unhurried lifestyle, as a holiday destination with wonderful facilities for families and for the community spirit of the townspeople in their support of many cultural, environmental and sporting organisations.

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South Australia's Historic Lake Port

PROMOTION AND LIAISON OFFICER

Brochures distributed between August last Year and July this year amounted to 1680.

The outlets the brochures are distributed to are:

Historical Society, Milang Railway Station, Milang Old School House Community Centre, Strathalbyn Information Centre, Signal Point, Goolwa Library, Jacks Café Strathalbyn.

I try to promote wherever possible and liaise with other groups

I keep people informed about events and courses available through;

Putting posters on notice boards and shop window in Milang, Clayton and Strathalbyn.

I've promoted books like "Alexandrina Shore", "Boats across the Lake" and the latest book called "Diary of Milang" authored by Vic Woodrow and Heather Pound and printed and distributed by myself. Since May 2007, 62 diaries have been ordered. More diaries will be printed as orders are placed. Diaries so far have gone to places like Milang, Strathalbyn, Clayton, Christies Beach, Morphet Vale, Western Australia, Victoria, Sydney, Goolwa Library, Strathalbyn Library, Milang School, Alexandrina Council.

Promoting Milang never stops.

Des Holderness



“The Opening of Anzac Park & The Re-dedication of the Milang Soldiers’ Memorial Gardens” ceremony on Sunday 28th September 2008 was the highlight of our year.

Following many hours of liaisons with staff at Keswick Barracks at Warradale, we were delighted to be offered the services of Chaplain Graham Pitman RANR along with the Naval Band, Catafalque Party, and junior Cadets.

Approx. 90 official invitations were sent out and those attending the service on the day included Alexandrina Council Mayor Kym McHugh & Mrs Heather McHugh, Mr John Coombe CEO & Mrs Carol Coombe, Councillors, Politicians, State President RSL Mr. Jock Statton, Wing Commander Rod Smallwood & Mrs Denise Smallwood, Colonel Craig McCarthy & Mrs Hilary McCarthy & sons, Commander Craig Pritchard & Partner, Chief Petty Officer Doug Antonoff & Partner & Mr Ray Scott representing his Father who was in hospital on the day. Open invitation was also extended to members of the local community and other interested persons via posters in Milang & Strathalbyn, the Milang Community News, the Argus, The Victor Harbor Times and the Mount Barker Courier. It is estimated that over 200 people attended the ceremony held in absolutely perfect weather conditions.

Following the ceremony a finger food luncheon was held in the Milang Institute to which everyone attending the service was invited.



The positive feed back from the general public and the invited dignitaries was absolutely overwhelming.

Only hours prior to the opening ceremony, the area was the target for vandalism, but was restored in time for the big day.

The opening ceremony was nominated & won the Alexandrina Council 'Australian Event of the Year Award'

The project involved new toilets, a rotunda, substantial tree and shrub plantings, lawn plantings, drinking fountain, flag poles & flags from allied countries, lighting & pathways.

Support from the Alexandrina Council, a \$10,000 donation from Mr. A. Scott of Scott Transport of Mt. Gambier, a 'Saluting their Service Commemoration' Grant, an Australia's Open Garden Scheme grant, extremely generous support from local businesses & individuals and fundraising by our committee saw our objective become achievable. We sincerely thank each & every one who assisted in this project.

Sadly Mr Allan Scott passed away 1 month after the ceremony & Bob & Zeala and Brian & Raelene represented the Milang Progress Assoc. at his funeral.

The once run down & uncared for park area and gardens, have been developed into a magnificent area which now attracts substantial usage, comments and admiration from both locals residents and also visitors to our town.

Work is still ongoing in the area with more seating, new playground equipment to be installed & new roses to replace the old bushes by the monument.

Brian Wakefield

Co-ordinator

FRIENDS OF THE MILANG CEMETERY

Restoration Work continues some what slowly, but we are proud of our progress thus far. Supplies of material from council have ceased for several weeks (pipeline). The last two graves to be restored are Saltmarsh and Honor, we are grateful for the interest and help from these two families namely Greg Saltmarsh and Bob Honor.

We have been very lucky to gain the services of Don Grieson who lives by the cemetery, his help is greatly appreciated in mowing, spraying and making him-self available for any work that we are doing. We expect to be able to connect the two information bays with a roof shortly. We have enough money in the kitty for this as our funds have been boosted by donations from Greg Saltmarsh and Bob Honor.

Turvey and Pavy graves are now in progress of restoration, our Rosemary hedge is thriving despite the dry conditions and most of our Proteas are flowering. Rabbits are a big problem and programs by the council to eradicate them have not worked at all. We may try to eradicate them ourselves as we don't like our work being spoilt, Rabbits create extra work for us, time that could be spent on other important work.

Gary Unwin is another faithful worker who has done much work in painting metalwork and keeping fencing around graves in good condition. We intend to reconstruct the old gate and pathway that led from the eastern corner of the cemetery to the graves area. This walkway was closed off some fifty years ago. Denise Quinn's work in researching old grave sites is invaluable, much work still to be done.

Mervyn Hopgood



MILANG PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

	2009		2008	
INCOME				
Progress				
Income	987.10		9,251.27	
Expense	<u>(7,618.43)</u>	(6,851.33)	<u>(8,853.13)</u>	398.14
Community News				
Income	4,903.10		5,893.81	
Expense	<u>(6,043.88)</u>	(1,140.78)	<u>(2,182.55)</u>	3,711.26
Milang Old School House Activities				
Income	110,677.17		88,534.48	
Expense	<u>(67,650.34)</u>	43,026.83	<u>(56,321.89)</u>	32,212.69
Grants				
ACE	86,374.88		47,753.50	
Alexandrina Council - Pedal Fest	3,800.00		0.00	
Be Active - Bike It	0.00		1,000.00	
Comm. Neighbourhood Houses - Anti poverty	0.00		500.00	
Community Benefit	22,950.00		2,345.45	
Creche	21,279.25		20,903.00	
Creche Equipment	0.00		15,000.00	
Dept of Further Education - Adult Learners	0.00		25,000.00	
E Learning	0.00		12,500.00	
Family Assistance Office	0.00		8,985.00	
Garden	0.00		3,881.82	
Healthy Active	82,440.05		0.00	
Out & About	0.00		1,500.00	
Parenting Week	550.00		0.00	
Portfolio Employment	0.00		15,000.00	
SA Community Drought Support	0.00		3,848.74	
Seniors - Keep Fit	0.00		800.00	
Streets of Learning	0.00		800.00	
Sustainability Workshops/Drawing Marathon	0.00		4,500.00	
Telstra	0.00		5,000.00	
	<u>217,394.18</u>		<u>189,317.51</u>	
Less Grant Expenses	<u>(78,538.70)</u>	138,855.48	<u>(53,396.62)</u>	115,920.89
Other Income				
Bank Interest	1,558.78		3,064.60	
Sundries	0.00	1,558.78	2,068.64	5,133.24
		<u>175,648.98</u>		<u>157,376.12</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Audit Fees	940.00		940.00	
Capital Items	181.16		24,300.99	
Creche Expenses	1,519.47		0.00	
Depreciation & Amortization	13,481.00		11,172.00	
Equipment	0.00		131.77	
Insurance	7,253.00		7,169.45	
Light & Power	2,276.94		1,892.96	
Membership	347.73		211.48	
Motor Vehicle Expenses	3,907.57		1,576.15	
Office Expenses	7,699.21		7,340.74	
Rent	0.00		1,200.00	
Repairs & Maintenance	540.18		556.53	
Salaries & wages	138,763.77		100,568.72	
Staff Amenities	951.07		510.94	
Superannuation	11,866.72		8,980.01	
Sundry	39.54		(489.09)	
Telephone	3,771.52		2,781.94	
Workcover	<u>2,855.94</u>	196,394.82	<u>2,214.02</u>	171,058.61
		<u>(20,745.84)</u>		<u>(13,682.49)</u>
Plus: Assets Capitalized		0.00		29,707.00
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR		<u><u>\$(20,745.84)</u></u>		<u><u>\$16,024.51</u></u>

MILANG PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC

BALANCE SHEET 30 JUNE 2009

	Note	2009	2008
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash on Hand	3	300.00	300.00
Cash at Bank	4	78,435.02	19,789.02
Trade & Other Receivables	5	<u>8,895.96</u>	<u>35,201.76</u>
Total Current Assets		87,630.98	55,290.78
NON - CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant & equipment	6	<u>59,677.00</u>	<u>59,853.00</u>
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>59,677.00</u>	<u>59,853.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		147,307.98	115,143.78
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Financial Liabilities	7	0.00	0.00
Trade and Other Payables	8	22,172.59	12,233.65
Unexpended Grants	9	<u>56,137.28</u>	<u>13,166.18</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>78,309.87</u>	<u>25,399.83</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>\$68,998.11</u>	<u>\$89,743.95</u>
EQUITY			
ACCUMULATED FUNDS	2	<u>\$68,998.11</u>	<u>\$89,743.95</u>

MILANG PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2009

2008

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act SA. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act SA and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 112 Accounting for Income Tax
AASB 1031 Materiality

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report is prepared, on an accrual basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

- a. **Income Tax**
The association is exempt from Income tax.
- b. **Fixed Assets**
The depreciable amount of all fixed assets are depreciated over their useful lives to the association commencing from the time the asset is held for use.

Note 2: Accumulated Funds

Balance 1st July	89,743.95	73,719.44
Add Surplus/(Deficit) for year	<u>(20,745.84)</u>	<u>16,024.51</u>
BALANCE 30 JUNE	<u>\$68,998.11</u>	<u>\$89,743.95</u>

Note 3: CASH ON HAND

Petty Cash	<u>\$300.00</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>
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Note 4: CASH AT BANK

Operating Account	12,251.21	8,356.79
Investment Account	35,964.46	11,432.23
Healthy Active	6,678.47	0.00
Healthy Active Investment	<u>23,540.88</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>\$78,435.02</u>	<u>\$19,789.02</u>

Note 5: TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES

Sundry Debtors	8,069.28	35,201.76
Prepayments	826.68	0.00
GST Paid	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>\$8,895.96</u>	<u>\$35,201.76</u>

MILANG PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2009	2008
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008		
Note 6: PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
At Cost		
Leasehold Improvements	29,393.00	21,501.00
Less Accumulated Amortization	<u>(2,150.00)</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	27,243.00	21,501.00
Motor Vehicle	17,300.00	17,300.00
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(6,553.00)</u>	<u>(3,932.00)</u>
	10,747.00	13,368.00
Computers	18,768.00	17,963.00
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(14,479.00)</u>	<u>(10,118.00)</u>
	4,289.00	7,845.00
Electrical	14,467.00	13,513.00
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(11,093.00)</u>	<u>(8,493.00)</u>
	3,374.00	5,020.00
Furniture	18,619.00	14,965.00
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(4,595.00)</u>	<u>(2,846.00)</u>
	14,024.00	12,119.00
	<u>\$59,677.00</u>	<u>\$59,853.00</u>
Note 7: FINANCIAL LIABILITIES		
Bank Overdraft	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Note 8: TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES		
Trade Creditors	21,517.32	2,541.00
GST	655.27	0.70
PAYG	0.00	0.07
Sundry Creditors	<u>0.00</u>	<u>9,691.88</u>
	<u>\$22,172.59</u>	<u>\$12,233.65</u>
Note 9: UNEXPENDED GRANTS		
MOSH Mates	0.00	1,635.72
HA Fruit & Vegetable Grant	3,000.00	0.00
Pedal Fest	3,800.00	0.00
Council Arts Funding	2,972.73	0.00
Imagine If	14,300.57	0.00
Healthy Active	31,686.71	0.00
Seniors	377.27	6,151.27
Telstra Connected Seniors	0.00	3,579.19
Bike It	0.00	1,000.00
Streets	<u>0.00</u>	<u>800.00</u>
	<u>\$56,137.28</u>	<u>\$13,166.18</u>

MILANG PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF MILANG PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC**

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report Milang Progress Association Inc, which comprises the balance sheet at 30 June 2009 and income statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the Board member's declaration.

The Responsibility of the Board for the Financial Report

The Board members of Milang Progress Association Inc are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the financial reporting requirements of the constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. This responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Boards financial reporting under the constitution. 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 for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Richard F Deane, Principal
Associates: Irene Christensen, Roslin Mann
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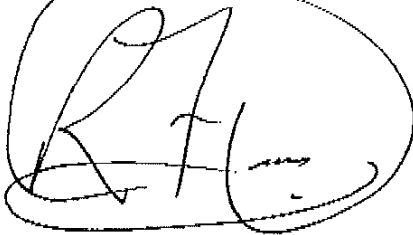
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF MILANG PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.**

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of Milang Progress Association Inc as of 30 June 2009, and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

DEANE & ASSOCIATES

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R F Deane', is enclosed within a hand-drawn oval border.

**Richard F Deane, Principal
Chartered Accountant**

Dated in Adelaide on 20th September 2009