



BUILDING LIFE SKILLS INC

2021 – 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Acknowledgement of Country In the spirit of reconciliation, Building Life Skills acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our Respect to their Elders past and present and emerging and extend that Respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.



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CHAIRPERSON REPORT

It was pleasing to see an increase in activity in this financial year despite the pressures of WA government opening the borders. Covid-19 has had an enormous impact during 2021-2022 and despite the challenges faced Building Life Skills strove to continue activities and attendances at markets as much as possible. With the safety of the people we support as a priority we ensured we met all State and Federal health instructions.

During this year we had a presence at 7 market stalls and sold the following products: dried citrus fruit, herbal teas, pickled onions, pet treats, chopping boards, heat packs and wood turned items. In addition a local store Replenish stocks some of our products. For special events we also created gift hampers to sell at the stall and directly.

Participants design and create these products alongside volunteers. The aim of the market stall is to develop a micro enterprise that enables participants to develop their communication, cash handling and social skills as well as build self confidence and greater integration with the community.

Other activities undertaken during the year included a website refresh and grant submissions.

The board continues to provide strategic oversight and I would like to acknowledge the ongoing expert contribution of all our Board members and acknowledge that these are unpaid voluntary positions.

We continue to work towards our vision of a purpose build community in Kalamunda.



OUR BOARD

2022 saw some changes to our board and membership. Two new members accepted were Judy Kinnear and Ray Kinnear and Anna Courtman joined the board part way through the year.

Our constitution requires a minimum of six board members and at present we have 8 board members who are:

Executive Board members:

Chairperson	Dianne Owen
Deputy Chairperson	Emily Howells
Secretary	Jodie Howells
Finance Manager	Stephen Kinnear

Ordinary Board members:

Dr Rob Cameron	Martin Piasecki
Deborah Pack	Anna Courtman