



BUILDING LIFE SKILLS INC

2022 – 2023 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

Building Life Skills has maintained a strong presence at the Kalamunda Artisan markets this year.

In the first quarter of FY23, the new pedestrian area off Haynes Street, 'The Mall' was undergoing significant building works and therefore presence at the markets each month was limited to a select few stall holders.

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, Herbal salts, dried herbs and wood turned items. In addition, a local store Replenish stocked 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 regular review of websites and products refresh.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dianne Owen".

Dianne Owen
Chairperson, Building Life Skills



OUR IMPACT in FY23



12 Volunteers



11,052 Containers donated



7 Market Stalls attended

OUR BOARD

2023 saw a change to our board and membership.

Beverley Wotzko joined our Board as Finance Manager in April 2023.

Our constitution requires a minimum of six board members and at present we have 9 board members who are:

Executive Board members:

Chairperson	Dianne Owen
Deputy Chairperson	Emily Howells
Secretary	Jodie Howells
Finance Manager	Beverley Wotzko

Ordinary Board members:

Dr Rob Cameron	Martin Piasecki
Lisa Henderer	Judy Kinnear
Ray Kinnear	



FINANCE MANAGER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

I am pleased to present the finance report for Building Life Skills for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

This year we generated \$12,294 in sales as well as recognised a liability written off of \$561 and received bank interest of \$2. This resulted in a total income of \$12,857.

As the cost of materials used to produce the goods sold was paid for by Building Friendships, expenses were limited to accounting and bank fees totalling \$332. The net result was a surplus of \$12,525. As of 30 June 2023 cash at bank was \$27,297 and there were no outstanding debtors or creditors.

The majority of sales were made at the monthly Kalamunda Artisan Markets.

Thank you to all who volunteered to make the items for sale and the volunteers who attended the markets and staffed the stall.

As a very small organisation the accounts are not audited. I would like to advise the meeting that all financial records are available for any member to view upon request.

I joined the Board in April 2023 and have enjoyed this short time as Finance Manager. I would like to thank the Executive board members, Dianne, Emily and Jodie for their support I am sure they did not expect the amount of work I generated for them and I hope they are not regretting their decision to accept me on to the Board to fill a casual vacancy.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bev Wotzko".

Bev Wotzko
Finance Manager, Building Life Skills