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SUPPORTING THE KIRRIBILLI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

































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WHO WE ARE

The Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre (KNC) is an independent, non-profit, community-based organisation that delivers a range of programs, services and events that respond to a broad spectrum of local community interests and needs.

OUR MISSION is to provide services that strengthen and serve our community sustainably.

OUR VISION is to provide leadership in communities to ensure that people feel included and are recognised for their abilities, cultures and strengths.

OUR VALUES are respect, integrity, inclusion and innovation.

WHAT WE OFFER

The KNC is a welcoming place for the community of North Sydney to meet, relax, heal, create and learn. It offers heritage rooms for hire, an extensive library collection, a play group run by parents, art and entertainment events as well as a wide range of information and classes for all age groups. The KNC also manages the popular Kirribilli Market.

OUR COMMUNITY, OUR CENTRE

A Place to Connect, Contribute and Belong

At the heart of Kirribilli, KNC continues to be a place where people come together, build connections and support one another. As a not-for-profit neighbourhood centre, our focus is on creating opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to participate, feel welcome and be part of a caring community.

Our work is guided by a simple belief: connection matters. Having a place to meet others, share experiences, learn something new or simply enjoy a friendly conversation can make a meaningful difference to people's lives. That sense of belonging is central to everything we do at KNC.

Over the past year, we have once again seen the remarkable generosity of our community. Volunteers and members have stepped forward to help others in practical and personal ways, from providing transport and English support, to visiting neighbours who may be feeling isolated, preparing food for people experiencing hardship, and offering companionship when it is most needed.

We have also been fortunate to see community members share their knowledge, talents and time so generously. Legal guidance, JP services, language support, knitting, friendly visits and countless informal acts of assistance have all contributed to making KNC a place where people can both give and receive support.

These everyday moments are what make our community special. They remind us that wellbeing is not only about individual health and happiness, it is also about relationships, participation and knowing that there are people around us who care.

KNC is a place to meet, learn, share, volunteer, create friendships and feel connected. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who contributes to the life of our centre and helps make it such a welcoming part of Kirribilli.

We look forward to continuing to grow together and to providing a place where everyone has the opportunity to connect, contribute and belong.





SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

Building connections, fostering compassion and making a meaningful difference.

At KNC, community is at the heart of everything we do. It is reflected in the way we support one another, respond to those facing challenges and seek opportunities to make a positive and lasting impact on the lives of others.

Over the past year, our team and wider community have continued to demonstrate the value of coming together for a common purpose. Through fundraising, charitable giving, creative projects and practical support, we have contributed to a range of initiatives that reflect our shared commitment to care and connection.

Our annual Charity Yoga Class with Brij once again raised funds for Mary's House, helping to support its important work with women and children experiencing domestic and family violence. We also maintained our support for our Ukrainian refugee group, helping to provide connection, encouragement and a welcoming environment for those rebuilding their lives away from home. In addition, our ongoing relationship with the Blue Peony Foundation enabled us to continue celebrating and supporting Ukrainian artists, recognising the important role that art and culture play in bringing people together.

The generosity of our knitting group has continued to make a tangible difference. Through their time, skill and dedication, members have created scarves, beanies and blankets for those in need. Our Knit One Give One initiative has also continued to provide handmade blankets to people experiencing homelessness, offering both practical assistance and a thoughtful reminder that they are cared for.

We have also provided practical support to local seniors experiencing social isolation and living without family support. By assisting with transport to hospital, attending specialist appointments and arranging hospital visits, we have helped ensure that these community members feel supported and less alone when navigating important and sometimes difficult moments.

While each initiative addresses different needs, they are united by a common purpose: strengthening our community through kindness, generosity and meaningful action. Whether contributing time, sharing skills, donating resources or offering companionship, our members continue to show that even small acts of care can have a significant impact.

We sincerely thank everyone who has contributed to these efforts throughout the year. The compassion, commitment and generosity shown by our community are an important part of what makes KNC such a valued and caring community.

Together, we continue to build a community where people feel connected, supported and valued.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

After another excellent year for the Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre, my first duty as Chair must be to thank everyone who has made KNC what it is: a vibrant, thriving, welcoming haven right in the heart of the community.

Our dedicated and innovative staff, our volunteers, teachers, fellow board members, North Sydney Council and our local community, have all contributed in so many ways to ensure growth with stability so that young and old, visitors or regular participants in established or emerging courses and programs, can all enjoy the security of knowing that KNC will be there today and tomorrow.

This year has been a year of consolidation.

As chair it has been extremely gratifying to see how everyone at each area of the Centre has worked together to streamline processes, make savings where possible without compromising service, adjusted schedules and worked as a cohesive team to learn from the past, grow what is good and positive and keep our neighbourhood centre what it should be, a pulsing heart of the community.

CONSOLIDATION AND GROWTH

We have built on our community involvement in various ways.

Our Managing Director Jo Harvey will provide more detail in her report but briefly:

Several new community-oriented initiatives have been introduced such as Mahjong, Hip & Mobility, Mediation sessions & Arts for the Community.

The contribution of our volunteers is greatly appreciated. It was wonderful to hear that Gretel Jones, and Jean Martin, who have been volunteering at KNC for over 20 years were presented with the NSC Volunteer Awards by the Mayor Zoe Baker in September.

North Sydney Council have been extremely supportive of KNC, and their team has been invaluable to us with maintenance, support and collaborations.

Marketing initiatives such as articles in *North Shore Living*, extended editorial coverage in *Northsider Magazine,* Council noticeboards and digital platforms, Travel Guide and Sydney Travel Guide, most without any cost to KNC have helped to let people know about the Centre and all it offers.

As so much of our income derives from the Kirribilli Markets, showing what they have to offer on various platforms cross-pollinates interest in the stalls and their products and the Centre as the throbbing heart of the area.

In addition, by getting to know local businesses, Jo has the knowledge of what we can do for each other in these difficult economic times, which is extremely important.

COHESIVE TEAM

Again, nothing can be achieved without the hard work, dedication and knowledge of our team, led by Jo, our General Manager, Ari our Markets Manager, Dianne our Front Office administrator and Roger our Caretaker.

Our team is the backbone of KNC. So much of what they do happens behind the scenes, often without recognition, but their hard work, dedication and commitment are what keep everything running smoothly. Quite simply, KNC would not be the thriving, successful community hub it is today without them. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a wonderful team who make a difference every single day.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

And this year is very special. The 50-year Anniversary of the Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre and the Kirribilli Markets.

Again, our community has stepped up to join in the celebrations with North Sydney Council working with us and combining the Street Fair being held on Saturday 28 November 2028 to really mark the occasion. Jo is enthusiastically getting local business involved such as the Real Estate Agent with a 24-hour advertisement in their window for us.

North Sydney Council is also providing support for the Markets with an extra electricity outlet and Transport NSW is adding bollards for pedestrian protection.

THANK YOU

Yes, there is a lot happening and what is, so gratifying is the positive atmosphere that "this is just the beginning".

Thank you all.

In closing, I must thank my fellow Board Members whose varied expertise, support and guidance is invaluable. Irene's profound financial knowledge guarantees that we all understand how to manage KNC's cash flow, with Michael and Duncan's insights and suggestions, Ruth's skills as a secretary all combined to make a cohesive team.

I very much look forward to working together over the coming year as we build on the wonderful foundation of 50 years of Community involvement and support for the people that are the heart and soul of KNC and why we are here and what we do.

Here's to 2027 and all we can achieve.

David Cohen
CHAIR





MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

2026 marks a truly significant milestone for us, our 50th year.

Fifty years is about so much more than a number. It represents five decades of people, friendships, shared experiences and a strong sense of community. It is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the many people who have helped shape our organisation over the years, and to celebrate the place we have created together.

As we look back with pride at our history, we also look forward to the future with excitement, continuing to build on the strong foundations laid by those who came before us and ensuring our organisation remains a welcoming, connected and valued part of our community for many years to come.

What makes KNC so special is the people, the incredible team here at KNC and the wonderful community who come through our doors. I am extremely proud of the inclusive Centre we have created, and of our overarching goal to reduce social isolation and increase inclusion at a time when, sadly, social isolation is reaching unprecedented levels.

We have enjoyed another successful year at KNC and the Kirribilli Markets.

This achievement would not have been possible without the dedication of our team, volunteers, teachers, and board members, all of whom play an essential role in our ongoing success.

Thanks to these collective efforts, our Centre continues to reduce social isolation, foster meaningful connections, and build lasting friendships within our community. We have also expanded our support programs, introducing initiatives such as Seniors Socialise, Mahjong, Mediation, Mothers & Toddlers Group, and the extension of Creativity for Wellbeing.

We are delighted that the markets have now returned to their original location following the successful completion of the bike ramp. I am pleased to report that construction caused minimal disruption, thanks to our strong collaborative relationship with Transport for NSW, Arenco (our contractor), and the ongoing support of North Sydney Council. I extend my sincere thanks to all involved for their partnership and commitment.

Visitor numbers at KNC have grown significantly this year, accompanied by overwhelmingly positive feedback from our community.

Our volunteer-led programs continue to thrive, including Mahjong, Conversations in English, Italian for Beginners, Conversations in Italian, The Good Life Group, Chat and Morning Tea, Scrabble & Scones, Bridge, the Ukrainian Women's Group, our library, legal advice services, JP services, French Conversations, and knitting.

We are deeply grateful to our volunteers. Our Centre simply could not operate without your generosity and commitment.

Our unique location and beautiful heritage building have contributed to increased room hire, course enrolments, and workshop participation.

We have continued to deliver a wide range of free and low-cost programs, events, and services, including bridge, knitting, Scrabble & Scones, subsidised strength and balance classes, yoga and Pilates, writing for wellbeing, community lunches for those doing it tough, legal and JP services, language classes, and community art projects. These offerings are highly valued and play a vital role in reducing social isolation.

We were proud to provide significant funding support to KYDS, enabling the delivery of full-time counselling services at KNC. While we remain committed to supporting mental health and wellbeing as a key pillar of our strategy, we will continue to offer counselling in a more financially sustainable way moving forward.

It has been a privilege to witness the positive impact these services, and our broader programs have had on our community.

To our dedicated teachers and instructors, thank you for your expertise, passion, and ongoing support. Your contributions are instrumental in the success of our programs.

A special acknowledgement goes to our market day staff, who begin their work before dawn to ensure everything runs smoothly. Your dedication and teamwork are truly inspiring.

I would also like to thank our board, chaired by David Cohen, with our Treasurer Irene Bennett, Secretary Ruth Cohen, Directors Duncan Ramsay and Michael Satterthwaite for their continued guidance, support, and commitment. The expertise each board member brings is essential to the continued success of KNC.

Thank you to our accountants Refuse Accounting for your invaluable contribution to KNC.

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible KNC team, Arie, Dianne, and Roger who form the backbone of this Centre. Thanks to Bella and Husey for supporting our team. Your hard work and dedication underpin everything we achieve.

Thank you to our wonderful community. It is a privilege to be part of such a vibrant and supportive network. I truly appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to another successful year ahead.

It would be amiss of me not to mention our two longest standing volunteers, Gretal Jones and Jean Martin, who were both nominated and presented volunteer awards by Mayor Zoe Baker.

A very special mention goes to Aud (Audrey Tonkin), a much-loved member of the KNC family who managed our office on Friday afternoons. Aud passed away in February. Aud was cheeky, wise, full of laughter, and deeply cherished by us all. A Kirribilli local for over 40 years, she now has a seat dedicated to her at the front of our building. We will miss you Aud.

KNC was proud to be part of the successful Save the Post Office campaign. What a great example of everyone in the community coming together, from local businesses, residents, groups, Council and advocates for community.

I look forward to another year of growth and progress, with exciting projects on the horizon that will continue to strengthen our community, create meaningful opportunities, and bring us closer together. Thank you to North Sydney Council for their invaluable support.

Jo Harvey
GENEARL MANAGER









MARKETING, PROGRAMMING AND ROOM HIRE

HIGHLIGHTS

This year at KNC, we introduced several exciting new programs with a strong focus on community connection, reducing social isolation, and creating spaces for friendship, support, and creativity.

One standout initiative was our Sketch & Stroll program, which celebrated our Centre, our people, and our wider community. Designed to bring people together in a supportive and creative environment, the program not only produced stunning artworks for the community to enjoy but also fostered new friendships and a strong sense of belonging.

Due to the overwhelming interest and positive feedback, many participants have expressed a desire for Sketch & Stroll to become an annual program. It has been wonderful to see the group exploring both the Centre and the wider community. Their sketches have highlighted many local cafés, shops, and beautiful heritage buildings, while also helping to support local businesses. The group is currently helping us celebrate our 50th anniversary.

Health and fitness continue to be a key focus, with supporting the wellbeing of both young and old remaining a priority. We are committed to helping our community stay strong, active, and independent.

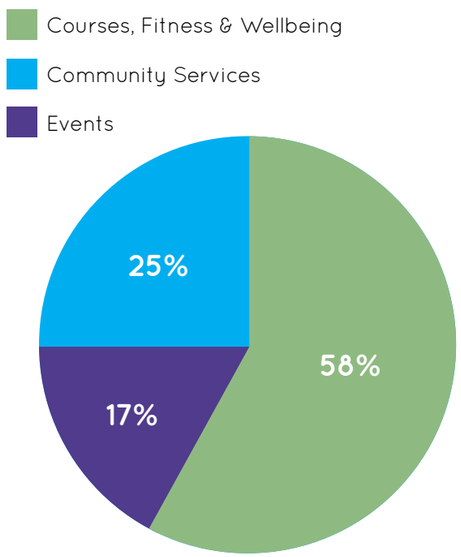
We have also been delighted to welcome Estelle Blair, who established our Mums and Bubs group. This volunteer-led program has quickly become a valued weekly gathering, fostering friendships, encouraging social connection for mums, and providing a safe and welcoming environment for babies to play and interact.

ROOM HIRE

Room hire remains high, with substantial and sustained use by community members and groups for meetings, events, talks, celebrations and other activities. This strong level of utilisation reflects the accessibility and versatility of our spaces, supported by our convenient location, seven-day availability and extended opening hours.

Our heritage rooms continue to be a particular drawcard. Their welcoming, homely atmosphere and distinctive historical character provide an environment that feels warm, accessible and community-focused, rather than sterile or institutional. Together with the flexibility of our opening hours and central location, these qualities make the rooms an appealing and practical venue for a wide range of community activities.

ROOM USAGE HOURS% FY 2025-2026



MARKETING

Kirribilli Markets' social media presence has seen a 28% increase over the past 12 months, growing from 25K to 32K followers through a strategic and consistent multi-platform approach. Delivering an average of 12 posts per market, content spans stallholder spotlights, product features, vintage and pre-loved fashion, and high-performing video content, contributing to approximately 450,000 monthly views.

This cross-platform strategy has significantly broadened audience reach, while maintaining a strong core demographic of women aged 25–44 (66% of Instagram followers).

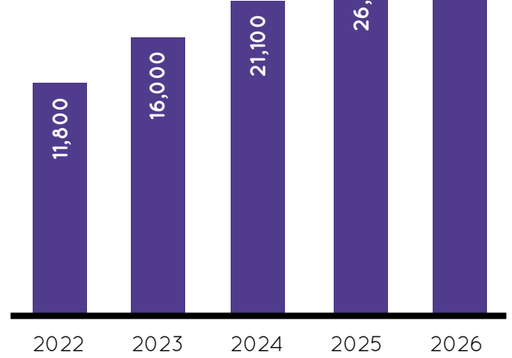
The community actively engages with this content, regularly commenting, sharing, and interacting across posts, with over 14,000 total interactions and 1,301,000 views recorded in the past 90 days alone. This includes 6,000 post likes, 200 comments, 300 saves, and 800 shares, alongside strong reel performance (2,000 likes, 36 comments, 700 saves, and 1,000 shares) and continued story sharing.

Feedback from audiences consistently highlights that "the socials have never looked better," reflecting both the quality and relevance of content.

Importantly, stallholders report tangible business impact from social media exposure, frequently noting increased foot traffic and direct sales driven by featured posts. It is common for customers to visit the market specifically to purchase items they have seen promoted that same day.

Stallholders value the visibility and inclusion, reinforcing the role of social media as both a promotional tool and a key driver of community connection and market-day attendance.

INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS - KIRRIBILLI MARKET



Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre's social media plays an important role in connecting the local community with its programs and services, using a consistent mix of class updates, program promotions, and engaging reels that showcase community activities and "what's on."

An average month of content generates 12,900 views, contributing to a total of 65,000 views over 90 days, reflecting a steady audience interest and reach. The current audience is primarily aged 35–64 (70%), with only 10% aged 65+, highlighting an opportunity to better reach older community members.

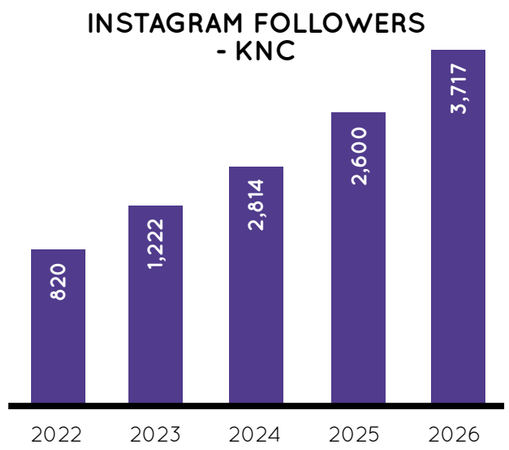
To support this, social media activity is complemented by printed flyers and handouts, ensuring programs are accessible to those not active on digital platforms. This integrated approach allows the Centre to extend its reach beyond social media, improving awareness and participation across a broader cross-section of the local community.







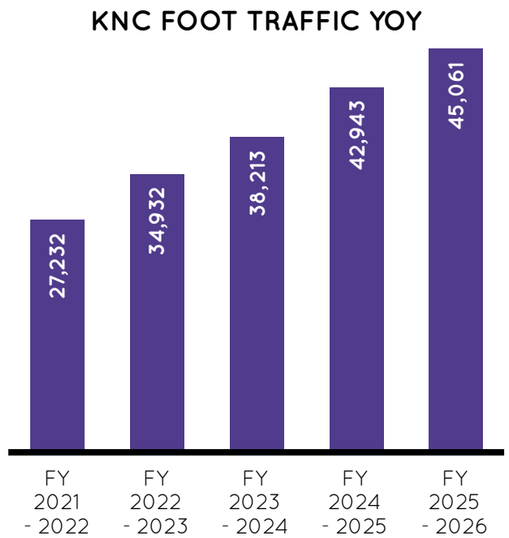




KNC FOOT TRAFFIC

Visitor numbers have increased by 5% year-on-year, reflecting the continued popularity of our services and programs, as well as the growing use of KNC as a valued community hub.

Since 2022, our visitor numbers have increased by an impressive 65%, highlighting the important role KNC plays as a welcoming and accessible space where our community can connect, participate and come together.



PROGRAMS

We are pleased to provide a diverse selection of affordable programs that promote both mental and physical wellbeing. With the ongoing support of our dedicated teachers and volunteers, the success of the Kirribilli Markets, and support from North Sydney Council, we have been able to grow our program offerings in response to the needs of our community.

Supporting wellbeing, fostering connection, and encouraging inclusion continue to be at the heart of everything we do, and we are proud of the positive impact we have made in these areas throughout the year.

In addition to our usual programs, the below were introduced (2025–2026):

- Sound Bath & Meditation
- Mahjong once a week
- The Chat Table has started. This is a great way for locals to meet with other locals, to help reduce social isolation.
- Qigong class
- Summer kids holiday program
- Guitar kids summer program
- Spanish immersion program for children
- Meditation sessions with Ruth Cohen
- Mums Group with pre-schoolers
- Suicide Prevention
- How to Navigate your New Life in Australia
- Sketch & Stroll
- Hip Mobility and Strength

FREE COMMUNITY SERVICES

Providing some essential services at no or little cost remains an important to us here at KNC, as it helps to ensure that everyone in our community can access the support, resources and opportunities they need, regardless of their circumstances.

- KYDS Counselling – 6 days per week
- Parent Counselling – 1 day per week
- Justice of the Peace – Weekly (Thank you to Terese and Catherine)
- Legal Advice Services – Weekly and monthly, provided by volunteer lawyers Duncan Ramsay and David Cohen

These services continue to be highly valued by our community, with strong and consistent participation throughout the year.

EVENTS

KNC hosted a variety of inclusive and engaging events, helping to bring our community together:

- Seniors Week Garden Party Luncheon
- Seniors Week in Colour
- Seniors Christmas Morning Tea
- Art Exhibition – Tony Maniaty
- KNC Art Group Exhibition – "Art for the Community"
- Sunset Concert
- D2 Production Concert
- Sydney Guitar School Concert
- Sound Bath & Meditation
- Barbara Courtille Art Exhibition
- Sydney Guitar School Workshop
- Winter High tea for Seniors
- Mother's Day Morning tea
- Christmas Extravaganza
- The Good Life celebration

ROOM HIRE

Our room hire facilities continue to be highly valued, with our welcoming heritage spaces regularly hosting community events, support groups, workshops and meetings. Unlike traditional clinical venues, KNC offers a warm, inviting and homely environment where people feel comfortable and welcome.

This unique atmosphere is consistently reflected in positive feedback from those who use our spaces, with many valuing the strong sense of belonging, connection and inclusiveness that KNC fosters. Our rooms provide more than just a place to meet, they are welcoming community spaces where people can come together, connect and feel at home.

CHARITY & COMMUNITY GIVING

Supporting others and giving back to our community remain an important part of KNC's values. This year, our community came together to support a range of charitable causes:

- Charity Yoga Class with Brij – Raised funds for Mary's House
- Share the Dignity – Supporting women facing period poverty
- Knitting Group Initiatives – Scarves, beanies, and blankets for those in need
- Support for Ukrainian Refugees
- Blue Peony Foundation – Supporting Ukrainian artists
- Knit One Give One – Blankets for the homeless

CONCLUSION

This year has been one of strong community connection, innovation and compassion at KNC. The continued engagement with our programs, high demand for room hire, breadth of services and success of our community events have highlighted the important role KNC plays as a welcoming and valued hub for the Kirribilli community.

Together, these activities reflect the strength of our community and the many ways people come together, connect and support one another at KNC.

KNC AND KIRRIBILLI MARKETS IN THE MEDIA

We are incredibly grateful for the wonderful editorial coverage our Centre and markets have received throughout the year. This support has been made possible through the strong and genuine relationships we have built with our valued media partners, who have generously helped share our story and celebrate the important work of our Centre. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has taken the time to support, promote and highlight our Centre and its contribution to the community.



Month	Art, Design & Fashion Market	General & Fashion Market
March	1st & 8th	28th
April	5th & 12th	25th
May	3rd & 10th	23rd
June	7th & 14th	27th
July	5th & 12th	25th
August	2nd & 9th	22nd
September	6th & 13th	26th









NEIGHBOURHOODS / *Kirribilli 2061*

Words by **Kate Farrelly** • *Photos by* **Vaida Savickaite**

Tourists might pile out of buses on Olympic Drive on Kirribilli's southern border to capture the world-famous views of the Harbour Bridge, Opera House and Sydney skyline, but this suburb is much more than a lookout for the icons across the water.

Ask the locals, and they'll tell you the place to be is on the fringe of the village, at the Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre.

Celebrating its 50th birthday later this year, the centre has long been the beating heart of this enclave. From scrabble and scones to Pilates and playgroup, there are activities and services for all age groups and interests. The centre operates and is funded by the Kirribilli Markets, which give it the scope to evolve with the needs of the community.

General manager Jo Harvey says it's a special amenity that proved a lifesaver when she moved to Sydney from New Zealand 14 years ago.

"I didn't know anybody, I was extremely isolated," she says. "I came [to the centre] because I needed to see people, I needed some sort of interaction, and I've never left! We're very much about creating community so people feel safe and connected.

"We offer so many things here: there's free counselling, then we do fitness, we do things for socially isolated seniors, for young mums and bubs."

Harvey also loves the neighbourhood itself, with its tree-lined streets, parks and village shops. "Pretty much everywhere you walk, there's a view," she says. "So, I think anyone who moves into this area has hit the jackpot, because it's so close to the city, but so far removed."

McGrath agent Nigel Mukhi says the proximity to the CBD is a drawcard.

"You can jump on a ferry and be in town in four minutes, you can walk into town, you can get a bus, you can get the train, there are lots of different options," he says.

FAST FACTS

Median price units
$1.3m

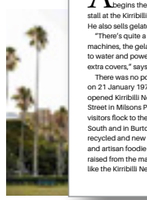
House price record
$41m

Population
3629

RECENT SALES

6/29 Waruda Street
$3.1 million
3/17 Holbrooke Avenue
$2.074 million
15/35 Fitzroy Street
$720,000
2/6 Stannards Place
$1.9 million





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To market, to market

As Kirribilli Markets celebrates 50 years, *Aoife Moynihan* visits one of Sydney's longest-running cultural institutions

At 1.30am while most of us are under the doona, Bruce Cort, 71, heads to Milsons Point from Belrose and begins the four-hour process of setting up his coffee stall at the Kirribilli Markets, which he has run for over 20 years. He also sells gelato and cold drinks.

"There's quite a lot involved, because you've got the coffee machines, the gelato machines, and they need to be attached to water and power. If it's going to rain, you need to put out extra covers," says Bruce.

There was no power for vendors at the first Kirribilli Market on 21 January 1976, in the back yard of the then newly opened Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre, at 16 to 18 Fitzroy Street in Milsons Point. Fifty years later, Sydneysiders and visitors flock to the markets, now at 70 to 72 Alfred Street South and in Burton Street tunnel under Kirribilli Station, to buy recycled and new clothing, jewellery, art and gifts, homewares, and artisan foodie delights from over 200 vendors. The money raised from the markets fund a variety community programs like the Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre.

Bruce says the markets are never cancelled 'unless there's a hurricane or something like that,' so the tunnel is an advantage.

"When it rains, it tends to wash people away, including vendors," Bruce says. "But it can get too hot and my gelato machine won't cope, and the gelato starts to melt."

Bruce has a number of coffee regulars and he's made many friends over the years. He says that even though it's mostly been known as a clothes market (especially for recycled clothing), there's a lot more on offer nowadays.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY KIRRIBILLI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE!

Marking five decades at the heart of the community

Established in 1975 and officially opened in January 1976, the Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre has been a cornerstone of the northside neighbourhood for more than 50 years.

The idea of a community space in the suburb was first initiated by Alderman Robyn Hamilton in 1971. A few years later, North Sydney Council purchased the historic 1840s building at 16-18 Fitzroy Street to provide a gathering place for locals.

Over the decades, the independent, non-profit hub has evolved into the thriving centre of creativity and community we know and love today.

"We're so proud to reach this milestone," says KNC General Manager, Jo Harvey.

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COMMUNITY MATTERS



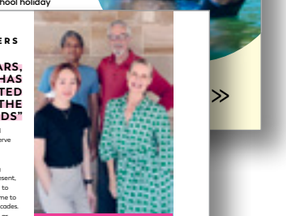
"We've all personally experienced the impact the KNC has had from reducing social isolation, creating community and providing a place where locals can meet, socialise, talk, create, keep fit and support one another."

The centre constantly adopts to meet the community's needs. This was particularly important during the pandemic, when the KNC mobilised one of its largest volunteer networks to assist vulnerable locals.

"We were there for people who had no one else," Jo says. "Whether through daily online updates, wellbeing resources, phone calls or volunteers delivering supplies, we came together in an extraordinary way. From that experience, we've developed programs specifically focused on reducing social isolation."

Today's schedule of activities and classes is as diverse as the community it serves.

"OUR CENTRE IS FAMILY TO MANY IN THE COMMUNITY WHO HAVE NOBODY AND WE'RE PROUD TO CONTINUE THAT INTO THE FUTURE."



COMMUNITY MATTERS

"OVER THE YEARS, OUR CENTRE HAS CONSTANTLY ADAPTED TO MEET THE COMMUNITY'S NEEDS"

stories of characters who have shaped our centre," Jo says. "These stories deserve to be documented and shared for generations to come."

A photographic exhibition, featuring long-standing volunteers, past and present, is also in development, and is a tribute to the individuals who have given their time to support the centre over the past five decades.

"Human connection has never been as important and will only get more necessary for people," Jo concludes. "Our centre is family to many in the community who have nobody and we're proud to continue that into the future." ●



The neighbourhood team
Kirribilli Markets Manager Ari Mutti; Caretaker Roger Hack; Office Administrator Dionne McMahon and General Manager Jo Harvey are supported by a team of volunteers.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

PEOPLE POWER

Meet Gretel Jones, one of the dedicated volunteers at the Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre

From language lessons to art classes, legal advice, fitness sessions, a free lending library and so much more, the Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre's range of initiatives, events and special interest groups bring all ages together to learn, socialise, share skills and feel at home. The local independent non-profit's dedicated team of dynamic volunteers help run the community hub, which is celebrating its 50th birthday this year.

One of those volunteers is 94-year-old Gretel Jones. For 14 years, she has helped keep the centre's much-loved library in order - sorting donations, researching new titles and assisting locals browsing for their next read.

"It's such a special resource to have at the heart of the community," Gretel says of the well-stocked space. "There are older residents who can find it difficult to get out and about so it's nice for them to be able to come in, choose some books and have a chat."

"IT'S SUCH A SPECIAL RESOURCE TO HAVE AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY."

Gretel, who has lived in Kirribilli for most of her life after her grandmother bought a plot of land in Holbrook Avenue in 1916, first came to the KNC around 20 years ago.

"My daughter brought the grandchildren to the Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre and that's when I discovered the library," she says. "I like helping other people and I've always loved books and reading so I decided to see if I could help out. It's nice to be useful!"

Mysteries, biographies and general fiction are consistently in demand in the library, which lends books for free and holds a range of publications. From the latest bestsellers to classics, historical fiction, travel, cooking, politics and more, there's something to appeal to almost every bookworm.

KNC General Manager Jo Harvey says the strength of the organization lies in the willingness of locals like Gretel sharing their time. "We are deeply grateful to our volunteers," she says. "This centre simply couldn't function without them. Many community members generously share their time and skills and it means we can offer a huge range of free, or very low cost, activities and services here, including a JP, legal advice, language lessons, knitting, gardening help, visits to isolated locals for friendly chats and so much more. It's this generosity and involvement that truly brings our centre to life. We're proud to be a space where people can gather, feel supported, make friends, have conversations, and most importantly, feel they belong. KNC is more than just a centre, it's the heart of our community."

Gretel, who loves fitness, swimming and travel when she's not on duty in the library, encourages locals to get involved.

"We're always needing more volunteers," she says. "It's a lovely place so come in, have a chat with the team and give it a go!" ●



PHOTOS: BELINDA EPLANE

People of the KNC
Some of the faces you might see on your next visit to the Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre

JULES KEECH
Local artist Jules runs a relaxed art class where students discover the local area through the joy of sketching on a creative walk each week.

GUISEPPE ZANGARI
Guitar teacher Guiseppe runs lessons at the centre as well as the popular beginner's Feel Good Guitar Group for those wanting to learn to play and feel part of a team.





THE POWER OF PROGRAMS AT KNC

FEEL GOOD GUITAR GROUP

The Feel-Good Guitar Group is about so much more than learning to play the guitar. It is about finding your place, discovering something you enjoy and sharing that experience with others. Each week, our participants come together at Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre to learn, practise, laugh, encourage one another and enjoy the simple pleasure of making music. For many people, having a regular place to go where they are welcomed and supported can make a meaningful difference to their week.

Music also creates a wonderful opportunity for creativity and self-expression. Perhaps most importantly, the group creates connection. Programs like this provide a natural and enjoyable way to meet others and form friendships. Participants are not simply attending a guitar lesson; they are becoming part of a team. They share the excitement of learning new songs, support each other when something is difficult and celebrate together as they work towards performing.

There is something especially powerful about making music together. A group of people who may have very different lives can come together around a shared passion, creating something that belongs to everyone.

THE GOOD LIFE GROUP

The Good Life program has been running for five years here at KNC. Each program spans 10 weeks of presentations and discussions exploring how great philosophical thinkers over the past 3,000 years have approached the question of how we can live happy and fulfilling lives.

The aim has been to make these ideas accessible, relevant and useful in everyday life. We use a variety of teaching and learning strategies designed to be engaging and enjoyable. Over time, participants are introduced to a smorgasbord of philosophical tools and strategies, with projects providing opportunities to apply them to day-to-day life.

Each week provides an opportunity for participants to share their experiences and reflect on how practical these ideas have been in their own lives.

One of the program's greatest strengths is the strong sense of community that develops and most rewarding is seeing participants become increasingly comfortable contributing to discussions, sharing ideas and learning from one another.

A special thank you to Giuseppe and Brent, who not only teach here at KNC, but also volunteer in various roles. We are extremely grateful.

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT KNC



Giuseppe

"It's a wonderful place to be and the team are so friendly. We all feel welcome and part of the community."



Pamela

"A warm and personal greeting to all, every day, all day from the Front Office. Jo and Dianne are the living testament for KNC's success. Everyone is a VIP. KNC is a happy and safe environment for everyone, it is a home away from home. There is a great feeling of optimism and care. Young people are offered support with their mental health and seniors supported with social interaction. Legal assistance and a JP is available to all. A special acknowledgement to the volunteers essential to the smooth running of the centre. To paraphrase a line from the Sound of Music, "the house is alive with happy place". And the frangipane tree in summer is a sheer delight"

Jean

"I value being part of the KNC 's community. I enjoy my time there and hopefully provide some benefit to the Centre."



Brij

"I love the beautiful venue! The golden sandstone and friendly staff really make it feel warm and inviting. There are heaps of spaces to choose from, like the well-stocked library, the kids' play area in the backyard, the stunning Gallery Room and the peaceful balcony where you can just sit back and relax with a cuppa. It's a pretty good neighbourhood centre for everyone."



Jules

"I love the friendly nature of the team at KNC, the warm welcome and that it is a joyful place to come and sketch."



Gretel

"Apart from the wonderful services that the KNC offers, it is also a delightful space to work in, with its spacious and airy rooms, natural light and beautifully weathered sandstone. It is a joy to visit and work in such surroundings"











Belinda and Anna

WHY COMMUNITY IS SO IMPORTANT

Community is truly at the heart of what makes the northside such a special place. It grows through the everyday connections that bring people together and turn streets into neighbourhoods. But community doesn't simply happen; it needs to be nurtured, supported and given space to thrive. That's why the work of Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre matters so much.

By creating opportunities for locals of all ages and backgrounds to meet, connect, get involved and look out for one another, the KNC helps to ensure that the spirit of community continues to flourish.

Belinda and Anna
FOUNDERS
NORTHSIDER MAGAZINE

FY 2025-2026

THE KIRRIBILLI MARKETS REPORT

During the financial year, Kirribilli Markets successfully delivered a total of 34 markets. One scheduled market was cancelled because it fell on ANZAC Day.

Market revenue decreased by 5.83% compared with the previous financial year, primarily due to the cancellation of one market. Weather conditions also presented a significant operational challenge, with 16 markets affected by rain compared with seven in the previous financial year.

A total of 7,265 stall bookings were recorded during the year. New stallholders accounted for 38% of all bookings, while returning stallholders represented the remaining 62%.

The composition of stall bookings was as follows:

- Pre-loved and charity stalls: 28%;
- Food stalls: 15%; and
- Small businesses and Start-ups: 57%.

These results reflect the dedication and hard work of the Markets team, supported by regular and engaging paid social-media campaigns, advertising in local publications and a full-page advertisement in Sydney Traveller Magazine, which has a readership of more than 85,000 people. The Markets also benefited from editorial coverage and exposure through the magazine's website.

A comprehensive market-day program further enhanced the visitor experience. This included live music and specially themed markets celebrating occasions such as Christmas, Mother's Day, Valentine's Day and Easter.

Demand for stall bookings remained consistently high throughout the year. This was supported by the team's prompt responses to stallholder enquiries, streamlined booking systems and an informative and interactive website.

The team continues to review its operational processes and stallholder mix to maintain the quality, diversity and overall appeal of the Markets. Construction of the cycleway was completed in March 2026, together with the installation of artificial turf in the surrounding area.

Despite the increased number of rain-affected market days, visitor foot traffic remained steady.

The quality and diversity of the products offered by stallholders remain central to the Markets' ongoing success. A strong and appealing product mix helps attract visitors, which in turn supports increased sales opportunities for stallholders. Accordingly, careful consideration is given to the products approved for sale in the tunnel and gravel areas. The Markets team also conducts inspections on each market day to monitor the range of products being offered and ensure compliance with approved product categories.

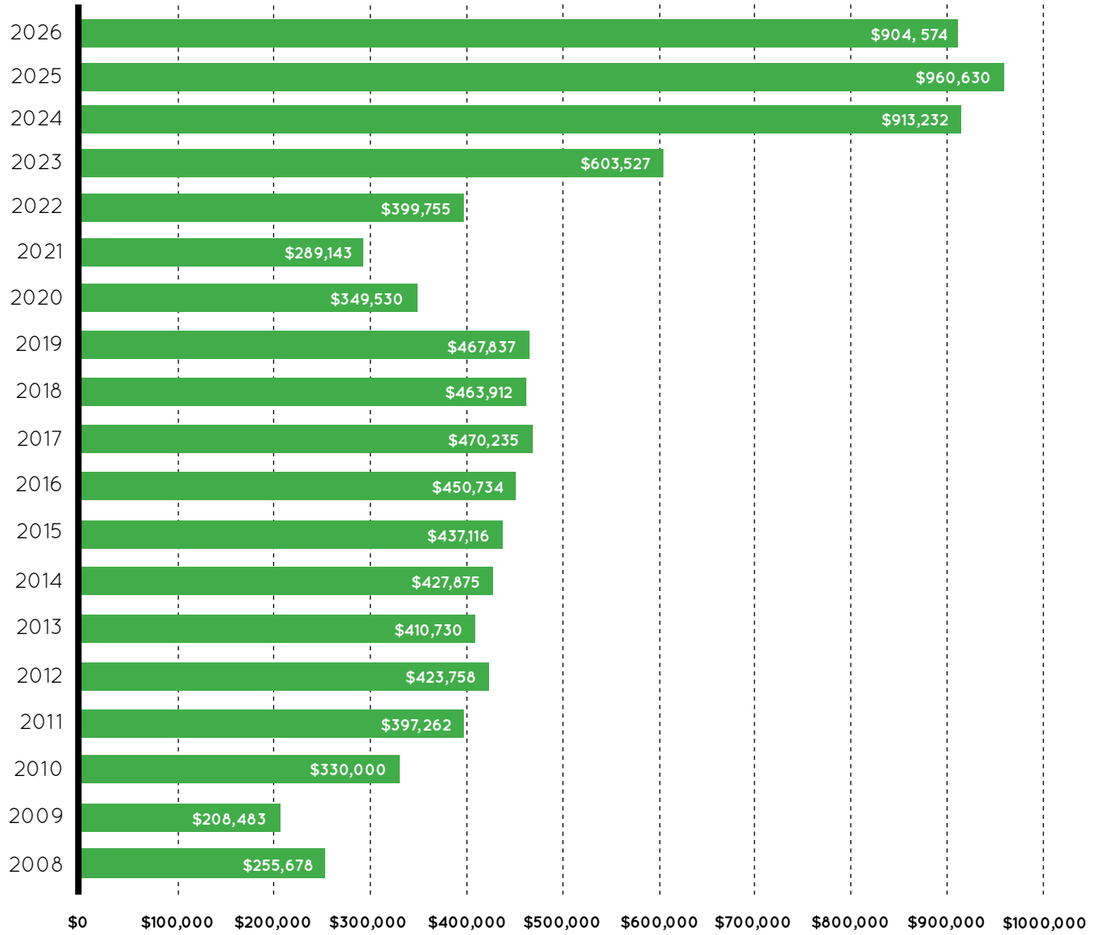
As part of our commitment to supporting the broader community, complimentary stalls were provided to the following organisations:

- Greenway Tenants Group;
- Transport for NSW;
- Encouraging People to Cycle;
- National Parks Association of NSW;
- North Sydney Council;
- Angel Network Charity;
- Australia Post;
- Cure Cancer Australia Foundation; and
- Drug Free Ambassadors Australia.



The smooth operation and continued success of Kirribilli Markets are made possible by the tremendous efforts of our dedicated market-day team and the valued support of the local community.

We sincerely thank all stallholders, visitors, Markets team members, The Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre management, North Sydney Council and members of the local community for their contribution to making each market a success.



WHY I LIKE THE KIRRIBILLI MARKETS



Eva Sarna

"I like Kirribilli Market because it's very professional organisation, one of the best markets in Sydney. I've been doing this Market for many years and I'm very happy with it and very successful."

"I love the Kirribilli Markets because they bring customers from all over the world to one spot with a stunning harbour backdrop, support Australian artisans, and bring together a community of regulars who feel like old friends."



Sanaz Wilding, Sanaz the label



Christine Woulfe

"I love the vibe, the community feel and the companionship of my fellow stall holders."



Maureen Wyer, Seaglass.Soul



Kate Gibson

"We love that we get to showcase our work to the beautiful people that come to visit, whilst being surrounded by our fun fellow creative stallholders. Big thanks to fab team that run the market - it's always a fun day out!"



Isabelle Boreham

"Because it is a 'Community' focused market, the management supports my artistic endeavours, I feel respected and valued,and it supports Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre!!"

"Beside the fact that Kirribilli markets provides a great platform for selling our art and providing exposure to potential clients from all over world -I like surrounding myself with other creatives/ entrepreneurs-over the past 17 years I have inspired so many creatives to take a chance and apply for a stall- love when i see them at a market and they are excited to be there."

KNC TEAM

Thank you to our talented staff past and present. The following people were employed by The Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre from 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026.



Left to right: Dianne, Roger, Jo and Arie

THE KIRRIBILLI CENTRE

Jo Harvey

GENERAL MANAGER

Our General Manager Jo is a proud local who is dedicated to her community. The position of General Manager at KNC is something she is very proud of. Jo has been with KNC for 13 years, having started at KNC as a volunteer, while commuting back and worth to NZ for work. Jo worked for many years in media/publishing in marketing, management & management consultancy before pivoting to community, community is by far her most rewarding role. KNC has a special place in Jo's heart. Jo is passionate about community wellbeing, mental health, reducing social isolation and bringing community together.

Arindam Maiti

MARKETS, FINANCE & VENUE OFFICER

Ari runs our Kirribilli Markets, while also helping with our finances in-house. Ari has been with KNC for well over 17 years in both a volunteer role, markets and now in our office. Prior to working in the community sector, Ari worked in the corporate accounts. Having moved to Kirribilli from India, while studying for an MBA. Ari brings a wealth of knowledge to our team. Kirribilli is a very special place to Ari and he is passionate about community.

Dianne McHattan

FRONT OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Dianne looks after our front office and events and has been with KNC for four years. Dianne's background in hospitality has been a major asset to our team, especially with our events. Dianne has worked with major hotel groups around Australia. She loves our community and enjoys her day-to-day interaction with locals who visit the centre.

Roger Hack

CARETAKER

Roger is a Kirribilli local who looks after our centre and is our caretaker. He started at KNC as a volunteer, then moved to the market and is now based at KNC. Roger is well known and loved by locals and centre visitors and takes great care of KNC.

Isabella Armstrong
Marketing Assistant

Huseyin Zincirci
KNC Support







THE KIRRIBILLI MARKETS

Arindam Maiti
Markets Manager

Anirudha Maiti
Markets Assistant

Zakir Irfan
Markets Assistant

Lewis Cavender
Markets Assistant

Huseyin Zincirci
Markets Assistant

Bilal Ahmed
Markets Assistant

Osan Zincirci
Markets Assistant/ Traffic Controller

Hamza Khan
Markets Assistant

Akira Nahas
Markets Assistant

Ramon Armstrong
Markets Assistant (October 2025)



Zak



Lewis



Husseyin



Osan



Bilal









OUR VOLUNTEERS

The People Who Make KNC Special

Our volunteers are an invaluable part of what makes KNC such a welcoming and connected place. Their generosity, enthusiasm and willingness to share their time and skills make a real difference to our community every day.

We are extremely grateful to Gretel, Joan, Audrey (who passed away in February), Jean, Wendy, Tony, Pamela, Therese, Fay Ma, Catherine, David, Duncan, Ruth, Brent, Carmen, Giuseppe, Estelle, Pauline, our wonderful knitting group and Juan Li. Each of you has contributed in your own special way, and we are incredibly fortunate to have you as part of the KNC family.

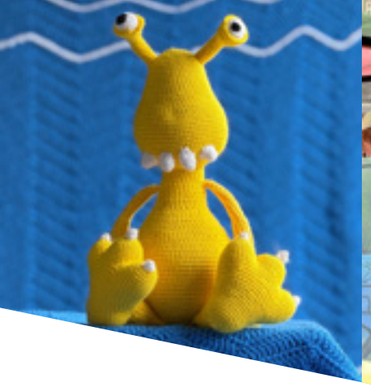
- **Gretel** continues to be the driving force behind our library as our long-standing head librarian. Her care and commitment keep the library organised, welcoming and well maintained. With the wonderful support of Joan, Wendy and Tony, the library remains a much-loved and valued resource for our community.
- **Audrey** was a much-loved presence at our Friday afternoon front desk. She greeted visitors with warmth and was particularly popular with members of our fitness groups. Audrey approached volunteering with great enthusiasm and always maintained that it was one of the things that kept her young. Audrey passed away in February, and her absence is deeply felt. It was especially meaningful to hold her celebration of life at KNC, the place she had been such an important part of.
- **Pamela** has stepped into Audrey's Friday role and has become a valued member of our Tuesday and Friday front office team. She has settled in beautifully and is helping to ensure the Centre continues to run smoothly.
- **Therese**, our local Justice of the Peace, has been generously volunteering with KNC for more than 20 years. She has a wonderful ability to make everyone feel comfortable and welcome. We are also very grateful to Catherine, who stepped in to provide JP services while Therese was in hospital.
- **Carmen** continues to bring energy and enthusiasm to our Italian lessons and conversation groups, while Brent leads our popular Good Life Group. Both programs remain strong and continue to attract enthusiastic participation because of their commitment and dedication.
- **Pauline** provides valuable one-on-one English lessons, offering practical support and confidence to members of our community. She is also a much-appreciated member of our Scrabble & Scones group. Juan Li contributes through Conversations in English for Chinese speakers, providing another important opportunity for connection and language practice.
- **David** Cohen and Duncan Ramsay generously volunteer their professional expertise as solicitors, providing an important service to our community. Their willingness to give their time and knowledge is greatly appreciated. Ruth Cohen also contributes through our Mediation sessions, adding another valuable service to KNC's range of community support.
- **Giuseppe,** from Sydney Guitar School, generously supports our annual Seniors Luncheon and entertains visitors at the Kirribilli Markets. His musical talent and enthusiasm bring plenty of enjoyment and are always warmly appreciated.
- **Jean Martin** is a familiar and much-valued face in our Saturday front office. She also generously shares her knowledge by teaching computer skills to seniors. As one of our longest-serving volunteers, Jean has played an important role at KNC and continues to be a wonderful source of support.
- **Fay Ma** dedicates her Tuesdays to our Mahjong program, where she teaches and guides participants in this much-loved and consistently popular class.
- **Our knitting group** has been part of KNC for many years and has become a much-loved part of Centre life. Their creativity and generosity extend well beyond the group itself. They make beautiful decorations for Christmas, Easter, Anzac Day and other occasions at KNC, as well as lovingly crafted blankets for people experiencing homelessness.
- **Estelle Blair led our Mums and Bubs group,** creating a welcoming opportunity for local mothers to meet, share experiences and build connections. The group provided a friendly and supportive space for mums and their little ones.

To all of our volunteers, we extend our sincere thanks. Whether through practical support, professional expertise, teaching, friendship, creativity or simply being a welcoming face at KNC, your contribution is deeply valued. You help create the sense of connection and belonging that makes our Centre such a special part of the community.

Gretel


Audrey


Giuseppe







With gratitude

Thank You to Our Supporters and Volunteers

OUR SUPPORTERS/ PARTNERS

Our community is made stronger by the people and organisations who believe in it and choose to support it. We are incredibly grateful to the individuals, families, local businesses, government and non-government organisations who have supported us throughout the year.

Your generosity, encouragement and involvement have made a real difference. Because of your support, we have been able to respond to the needs and interests of our local community, bring people together and create opportunities for our community to connect, grow and thrive.

Thank you for being part of our journey and for helping us make our community such a vibrant and welcoming place to live.

We are particularly grateful to our major supporters:

- North Sydney Council
- North Sydney Leagues Club
- Our local Kirribilli businesses
- Sydney Guitar School
- Crow's Nest Centre
- North Sydney Community Centre
- Neutral Bay Community Centre
- Northsider Magazine
- KYDS

OUR VOLUNTEERS

At the heart of everything we do at KNC are the incredible people who generously give their time, energy and skills to support our community.

Our volunteers are an essential part of the Centre. Whether helping behind the scenes, welcoming people through our doors or lending a hand with the many activities and programs we offer, your contribution helps make KNC a place where people feel connected, supported and valued.

We are truly grateful for the time and enthusiasm you bring to KNC, and for the difference you make through your ongoing commitment. Week after week, our regular volunteers show up and make things happen — and we want to acknowledge and sincerely thank each of you for being such an important part of our community.

We proudly recognise our regular volunteers:

- Jean Martin
- Gretel Jones
- Joan Brodie
- Giuseppe Zangari
- Therese Delanty
- David Cohen
- Fay Ma
- Catherine James
- Pauline Soon
- Audrey Tonkin
- Duncan Ramsay
- Brent Powis
- Carmen Langley
- Ruth Cohen
- Estelle Blair
- Juan Li
- Pamela Caldecoat
- Tony Batchlor
- Wendy Dodd

Volunteer Board of Directors

AS AT 30 JUNE 2026



David Cohen

CHAIR

David Cohen lives in Milsons Point after downsizing from Pymble. He is the principal of a boutique law firm in the city specialising in litigation involving family, criminal and commercial cases.

Born in Melbourne, David moved to Sydney when his late brother needed better weather to help his symptoms of Cystic Fibrosis.

David and his wife, Ruth share two children, a daughter who lives in Los Angeles and a son who is studying Psychology at UNSW.

David enjoys reading escapist thrillers, watching European movies and attempting to play golf. He loves the local sense of community and opportunities for involvement in maintaining the village atmosphere of our suburbs.

He particularly enjoyed helping on the entrances to the re-opened markets after COVID and hearing how much locals and visitors alike, have appreciated the chance to catch up, try some food and support our cottage industries.

David wants to bring his legal knowledge to help the centre to ensure all initiatives reflect our vision and values, protect our volunteers and grow our community involvement.



Irene Bennett

TREASURER

In February 2024, Irene Bennett returned to the KNC Board as Treasurer, after a two year absence where she travelled around Australia in a camper with her husband, Jonathan, and kelpie, Maisy. She is a long term resident of Kirribilli, and moved two blocks down the road into Milsons Point in November 2023. Her passion for the Centre was reignited by her mother Susanne's joy in being a regular at Scrabble and Scones every Tuesday. Seeing the difference this weekly outing made reinforced for her the vital role the Centre has to play in providing social connection for those in the community who struggle to get out and about.

Now retired, in her working days she was a commercially focused senior Finance professional in the pharmaceutical industry, and was most valued for her productive collaboration with internal customers, and contribution to decision making on strategic direction, revenue growth, profitability improvements, and day to day operations of sales and marketing based organisations.

She is delighted to again be on the team – with the rest of the Board, the Centre and Market Staff and the accounting team, and is committed to ensuring the future viability of the Centre and ensuring the delivery of valued program and activity offerings for the benefit of the local community.

She is often to be found walking Maisy locally, out and about with her Mum, or working out at Norths Fitness in Cammeray.



E. Ruth Cohen

SECRETARY

Ruth lives locally in Milsons Point and loves the feeling of walking out into a vibrant community where everyone is welcome.

After completing her degree in French, Latin, Classical Greek and Sanskrit, she ran into a friend at the art gallery who said, "IBM will love you. Coding is just another language." She went on to train in computers and marketing at IBM.

Marrying a lawyer, she went back to her original intention of doing a law degree and two children later, completed a JD at Sydney University. Working full-time with her husband she decided to learn some more and graduated with a Masters in Applied Family Law, then Business Law and Commercial Transactions and then Dispute Resolution when she became an Accredited Mediator.

Using both her legal and mediation skills, she has instituted the Preparation to Mediation sessions and is organizing a seminar to see how Mediation can become another resource for KNC and the local community.

She very much identifies with the core values of KNC that we be a safe haven for everyone, young and old, to enjoy fellowship, fun and be part of a welcoming community.





Michael Satterthwaite

DIRECTOR

Mike grew up in the English Lake District on a dairy farm.

Leaving The Lakes at 18, he obtained a degree in Physics and then joined Price Waterhouse London and became a Chartered Accountant. After 4 years in London, he transferred to PW Sydney and then left 3 years later to join a small advertising agency as Finance Director which was acquired by Saatchi & Saatchi two years later. Mike stayed with Saatchi & Saatchi for another 25 years including eight years as the CFO Asia Pacific.

After being a client of Pegasus Systems for 15 years, he became their Chairman and major shareholder and helped modernise the company and expand the client base to London and New York, ultimately selling the company to a major software company.

For the past 15 years, Mike has been drawn back to farming life and breeds beef cattle on the NSW Central Tablelands.

Mike has lived in Milsons Point for 11 years with his wife Catherine, after 26 years in Lane Cove. Their 3 children have their own families and so there is now time to give back to the local community. He hopes his experience in business and finance adds to the skill set of the Board.

Duncan Ramsay

DIRECTOR

Duncan is currently the Chief Legal Officer at the ASX listed Steadfast Group Ltd. Duncan worked for 20 years at QBE where he was Group General Counsel and Company Secretary. Duncans career commenced in 1986 with Freehills in Sydney. He holds degrees in commerce and law, and a graduate certificate in applied risk management. Duncan is a Fellow of ANZIIF and the Governance Institute of Australia, as well as being a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Duncan is passionate about community and has offered free legal advice here at KNC for a number of years.



TREASURERS REPORT

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

Summary - y/e June 30 2026 vs Forecast/June 30 2025

	2026	F/CAST	Act vs FC	%	2025	26 vs 25	%
Market Income (incl net car parking)	882,666	825,508	57,158	7%	907,318	(24,652)	-3%
Grants	1,818	0	1,818	#DIV/0!	90,235	(88,417)	-98%
Other Income	272,938	266,167	6,771	3%	279,670	(6,731)	-2%
Total Revenue	**1,157,423**	**1,091,675**	**65,748**	**6%**	**1,277,223**	**(119,799)**	**-9%**
Salaries & Wages	698,855	720,603	(21,748)	-3%	687,373	11,482	2%
Other Expenses	568,101	551,882	16,219	3%	597,789	(29,688)	-5%
Total Expenses	**1,266,956**	**1,272,485**	**(5,529)**	**0%**	**1,285,163**	**(18,207)**	**-1%**
Net Profit (Loss)	**(109,533)**	**(180,810)**	**71,277**	**-39%**	**(7,940)**	**(101,593)**	**1279%**

The year ending June 30 2026 has proved to be a somewhat more financially challenging one for KNC than that experienced in the past, especially with the North Sydney Council grant being withdrawn unexpectedly following their own financial difficulties. However, with a mostly "business as usual" outlook, results were still considerably better than original budget and revised forecast. The Markets are still settling after the disruption of the bicycle ramp construction, with the site now fully restored by Transport NSW. The demand for courses and room hire from the local community continues to be strong, with diverse programs offered that meet community needs and wants.

The year did end in a deficit of $109,533, which was an improvement of $71,277 over the revised forecast of ($180,810) but high compared to 2024-2025 result of ($7,940). Initial budget for 2025-2026 planned a total deficit of $268,961 so final result was pleasing. The Market revenue was down by 3% vs the previous year but was impacted by a correction of overstated Unearned Income that was only discovered after the initial close of the 2025-2026 financial year. Considering that, the market performance has been consistent, and the main revenue impact has been the withdrawal of $75,000 of NSC grant. Expenses are stable, with People Cost slightly down due to use of Leave Provisions, and also a reduction in small asset purchases, in line with reduced resources.

With a tightening cash situation we did find ourselves in a position where it was necessary to use cash reserves with $126,000 returned to cash from term deposits in April 2026. All remaining term deposits have been broken into smaller blocks and re-phased to allow more flexibility in the event that reserves need to be drawn on in the future. We are still in the enviable position of carrying $890,000 of reserves into the future. We have planned for a break even position for 2026-2027, but it is comforting to know that we will be able to maintain the Centre service offerings in the event of a deficit, thanks to these reserves.

The Board members are aligned on the main purpose of the Centre as a community hub, with focus on providing services and events that benefit the local community, and to bring people together who otherwise might feel socially isolated. The Markets are the funding vehicle to make this possible. We have also received the very welcome news that NSC will resume annual funding in 2026-2027. In the current environment, it is important to minimise deficit results, so it has been decided that the $100,000 allocated annually to the KYDS program should be pulled back to allow available funds to be spent on programs more directly targeted to the local area and its residents.

Through testing times, we are lucky to have a stable and hardworking team led by our General Manager, Jo Harvey, serving the Centre and the Markets. It is always a pleasure to work with this committed crew and as Treasurer and a KNC Board Member, I am grateful for them and all our stakeholders for their past and future support. Thank you to the staff, the volunteers and the many trainers/facilitators who show up for the community, my fellow board members, the North Sydney Council, Transport NSW, Kirribilli Markets stallholders, and our partners in accounting, tech, auditing and other services. Thank you for bringing your enthusiasm, expertise and empathy, to make KNC such a fantastic place for our community!

Irene Bennett

TREASURER

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

KIRRIBILLI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED
ABN 49 171 540 646

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your directors present their report on the Co-Operative for the financial year ended 30 June 2026.

Directors

The names and particulars of the directors of the Co-Operative holding office during or since the end of the financial year are:

Efi Farmakalidis (Resigned 17 September 2025)
David Harold Cohen
Simon Edward Collins (Resigned 28 October 2025)
Irene Bennett
Duncan Alexander Milson Ramsay
Michael James Satterthwaite
Elizabeth Ruth Cohen (Appointed 15 January 2026)

The directors listed above fulfil their duties in an honorary capacity and are not remunerated for their service.

Meetings of directors

	Eligible to attend	Attended
David Harold Cohen	6	6
Efi Farmakalidis	1	1
Simon Edward Collins	2	2
Irene Bennett	6	6
Duncan Alexander Milson Ramsay	6	6
Michael James Satterthwaite	4	4
Elizabeth Ruth Cohen	4	4

Principal activities and performance

The principal activities of the Co-Operative during the financial year were to provide services to the community.

There were no significant changes in the nature of the activities of the Co-Operative during the year.

The deficit of the Co-Operative for the year ended 30 June 2026 was $109,653 (2025: $7,940).

Review of operations

Uncertain economic events and conditions remain, including inflation, cost of living pressures and decreased interest rates on interest received. These factors will have separate and distinct effects on the Co-Operative's operations, its future results and financial position.

Dividends

In accordance with the Co-Operative's rules, no dividends, distributions or rebates may be paid to the members of the Co-Operative.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (Cont.)

Future developments

The Co-Operative expects to maintain operations and explore other developments in future financial years.

Environmental issues

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

After balance date events

Other than the uncertainty in economic events and conditions, no other matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may affect the Co-Operative's operations, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Co-Operative in future years.

Indemnities given to auditors and officers

The Co-Operative has not during or since the end of the financial year, indemnified or agreed to indemnity any current or former officer or auditor of the Co-Operative against a liability incurred as such by an officer or auditor.

Proceedings on behalf of the Co-Operative

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the Co-Operative or intervene in any proceedings to which the Co-Operative is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Co-Operative for all or any part of those proceedings.

The Co-Operative was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

Auditor's independence declaration

The auditor's independence declaration is set out on page 22 and forms part of the directors' report for financial year ended 30 June 2026.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors:

Irene Bennett

Director
Dated: 27/10/26

IRENE BENNETT
TREASURER

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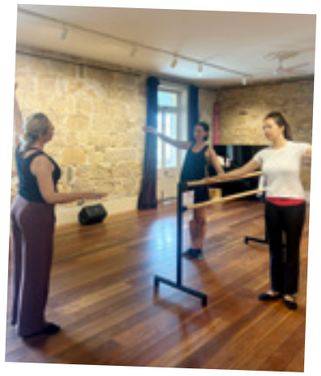
STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	Note	2026 $	2025 $
CLASSIFICATION BY NATURE			
Revenues from ordinary activities	2	1,157,423	1,277,223
Employee remuneration and benefits expense		(668,835)	(537,066)
Depreciation		(27,039)	(66,534)
Other expenses from ordinary activities		(541,081)	(531,743)
Surplus/(deficit) from ordinary activities		(109,533)	(7,940)
Accumulated funds at the beginning of the financial year		934,745	942,685
Accumulated funds at the end of the financial year		825,212	934,745







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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2026

	Note	2026 $	2025 $
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	1,079,127	1,179,859
Receivables	4	19,508	37,077
Inventories		2,036	3,561
Other	5	22,089	52,304
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		1,119,767	1,223,813
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	6	10,967	24,439
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		10,967	24,439
TOTAL ASSETS		1,130,734	1,248,253
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	7	188,889	193,821
Other	8	112,560	125,205
Provisions	9	79,410	79,085
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		297,349	308,110
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	9	7,573	5,398
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		7,573	5,398
TOTAL LIABILITIES		305,522	313,507
NET ASSETS		825,212	934,745
FUNDS			
Accumulated funds		825,212	934,745
TOTAL FUNDS		825,212	934,745

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	Note	2026 $	2025 $
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Receipts from members and customers		1 290,706	1,461,263
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1 371,690)	(1 384,162)
Interest and dividends received		57 812	17,878
Net cash from operating activities	10	(43,172)	14,979
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Payment for property, plant and equipment		(13,559)	(52,237)
Net cash (outflow) from investing activities		(13,559)	(52,237)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		(56,732)	62,742
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		1 129,859	1,067,117
Cash at the end of the financial year	3	1 073,127	1 129 859

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

In accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre Co-Operative Limited, the directors of the Registered Co-Operative declare that, in the directors' opinion:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 4 to 18, satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and:
   a. comply with Australian Accounting Standards applicable to the Registered Co-Operative; and
   b. give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Registered Co-Operative as at 30 June 2026 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Registered Co-Operative will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is signed in accordance with subs 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.*

Irene Bennett

IRENE BENNETT
TREASURER

Director

Dated: 27/10/26

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

Audit Report

We have audited the financial report of Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre Co-Operative Limited for the financial year ended 30 June 2026, as set out on pages 4 to 19 (the Registered Co-Operative), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2026, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion the financial report of Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre Co-Operative Limited is in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the *Co-Operatives Act 1992 (NSW)*, including

1. giving a true and fair view of the Co-Operative's financial position as at 30 June 2026 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
2. complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations), the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013* and the *Co-Operatives Act 1992 (NSW)*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the registered Co-Operative in accordance with the ACNC Act, the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Registered Co-Operative's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2026 but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Directors Responsibility

The directors of Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre Co-Operative Limited are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Accounting Standards as described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the *Co-Operatives Act 1992 (NSW)*. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS CONT.)

Directors Responsibility (Cont.)

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the ability Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre Co-Operative Limited, to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intend to liquidate the Co-Operative or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 internal controls of Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre Co-Operative Limited.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management committee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability for Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre Co-Operative Limited to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Co-Operative to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Benbow & Pike
Chartered Accountants
Suite 401, 64 Miller Street
NORTH SYDNEY NSW 2060

Gerard J Abrams
Director

Dated: 27 October 2026

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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 60-40 OF AUSTRALIAN CHARITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS COMMISSION ACT 2012
TO THE DIRECTORS

In accordance with Subdivision 60-C of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the directors of Kirribilli Neighbourhood Co-Operative Limited. As the lead audit partner for the audit of the financial report of Kirribilli Neighbourhood Co-Operative Limited for the year ended 30 June 2026, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

i. the auditor independence requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 in relation to the audit; and
ii. any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Benbow & Pike
Chartered Accountants
Suite 401, 64 Miller Street
North Sydney NSW 2060

Gerard J Abrams
Director

Dated: 27 October 2026





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