



## Junortoun Community Action Group

# Report to the community 2025

Includes financial statements for the financial year ending 30 June 2025

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## About the Junortoun Community Action Group Inc.

*Incorporated: 2014.*

### Statement of purposes

- To improve the community of Junortoun, Victoria by developing activities and initiatives in accordance with the wishes of those who live and work in Junortoun.
- To achieve a friendly, safe and peaceful, semi-rural environment, with a sense of community and a focus on families.

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### Social media

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/junortoun](https://www.facebook.com/junortoun)  
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*The Junortoun Community Action Group acknowledges the Dja Dja Wurrung people as the traditional custodians of Junortoun and surrounding areas.*

Cover: A misty morning on the O'Keefe Rail Trail, which passes through Junortoun on the path of the former Sandhurst – Heathcote railway.

## Report on JCAG activities

Ian Stephens – JCAG President

Junortoun Community Action Group (JCAG) was formed 14 years ago as a volunteer group. When JCAG initially formed it was in response to Mclvor Highway safety issues and there were quite a few people who attended the early meetings. JCAG found that there were many community issues and interests, and an initial community plan was developed. Now the existing *Junortoun Community Plan 2023-2027* provides an ongoing focus for our core activities.

JCAG continues to have a sound reputation within our community, City of Greater Bendigo, our local Ward Councilor, contractors and other stakeholders.

### Membership:

Our membership has remained stable over the past twelve months after we saw several members decide not to continue their involvement, whilst we have also welcomed several new members. Our Honeyeater Bushland Reserve (HBR) volunteer numbers dropped right away late last year, and we are still rebuilding albeit slowly.

### Activities:

Our last AGM was held in October 2024, many of the activities that were reported at that time are still in progress.

The activities that JCAG continues to support are:

- **Honeyeater Bushland Reserve**
  - At our AGM last year, our members approved the establishment of the HBR Works Sub-committee, and the election of the committee (Lindsay Jolley (Chair), Colin Smith, David Ballard, Geoff Day and Tony McEniry). The Sub-committee has operated very effectively in developing the annual works plan, coordinating working bees and implementing the Weed Management Plan and resultant actions. NB: The regular working bees at Honeyeater Bushland Reserve (HBR) usually (1<sup>st</sup> Monday each month) have been very productive in terms of work outcomes.

- The Works S/C has also progressed the development of a HBR Landscape Plan from obtaining a grant, to determining the scope, to advertising, shortlisting and with JCAG approval, engaging a Landscape designer to commence preparing a landscape plan, which will include community consultation.
- Junortoun Fire Brigade continues to use HBR for Fire training and JCAG is pleased to be able to support them.
- The **Interest Groups** - Book Club, Walking Group, and Gardening Group have continued to be very active.



- **Newsletters** – are produced for each season (Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer) and we thank the contributors that make them interesting reading....if you are not receiving our Newsletter, please visit our website and register. Our website is regularly updated and accessed.
- **Social Media** - The JCAG Facebook page and other socials are regularly updated with current events, or of interest information, being advertised.
- **Australia Day – Flag Raising and Breakfast**

JCAG decided not to proceed with this event in January 2025, given the 26<sup>th</sup> fell on Sunday, in the middle of the long weekend. Several of our

organisers were unavailable as well as one of the key participants. NB: We are keen to hold this event on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026, but the location is currently under discussion and further details will be advised in our Summer Newsletter, due out at the end of November.

**Welcome to Summer community picnics** – Despite some dark clouds and intermittent light rain the 2024 *Welcome to Summer* event was held at Mclvor Forest Estate, with Our Sense of Community team setting up 2 x marquees adjacent to the existing shelter and stoked the BBQ – sausages and onions. The aroma worked and within a short while we had parents and children enjoying the facepainting, coffee van, lollies, sausages, onions, watermelon, drinks and frozen flavored ice sticks. Over the course of the afternoon, some 100+ (parents and children) stopped in for a chat, refreshments and to enjoy the playground equipment.



The Junortoun Fire Brigade attended with three volunteers and had lots of information about being fire ready, with absolutely no threat imminent on the day. Some new residents also stopped in to have a chat, keen to meet some other residents as well.

- We are looking forward to the 2025 *Welcome to Summer* event, scheduled for

Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025, 4.00pm to 6.00pm.

Huge thanks to Denise and Glenys together with other volunteers for their great work in organising this event.

We also extend our thanks to:

- Junortoun Fire Brigade for their continued support of this event with their trucks, equipment and their team.
- Bendigo Baptist Church volunteers for providing and supervising children's activities
- **Tree Planting:** Our annual tree planting was originally postponed then cancelled due to the extended dry conditions. Following winter rain we have managed to plant 120 trees in conjunction with Girton Grammar, by way of two separate classes attending HBR and literally getting their hands dirty, as part of their outdoor education program.
- **Advocacy** - JCAG held a strategic meeting with City of Greater Bendigo staff in February and strongly advocated for a structural plan for Junortoun, since then we have prepared further information, and we look forward to some positive news on this, our number 1 priority.

### Grants:

In late April 2024 we submitted a detailed Grant Application to Landcare towards the development of an extensive *Weed Management Plan and Actionable Strategy*, which was subsequently approved. The purpose of the Plan was to catalogue existing weeds within HBR, then prioritise the management of the weeds going forward.

### Some facts identified:

- A total of 180 plant species were recorded during the September 2024 survey, of which 117 (65%) were indigenous and 63 (35%) were introduced.
- 23 high-threat weed species were identified, including *Acacia baileyana* (Cootamundra

Wattle), *Phalaris aquatica* (Toowoomba Canary-grass) and *Oxalis pes-caprae* (Soursob), which pose a risk to native vegetation and are a risk of spreading into local bush.

- Weed presence was most significant in disturbed areas, particularly near soil fill zones and wetlands, while remnant bushland areas had low weed coverage.

The *Honeyeater Bushland Reserve – Weed Management Plan* can be found at:

<https://www.junortoun.vic.au/honeyeaterreserve/>

At the launch of the Plan earlier this year, Karl Just, Ecologist provided an overview of the plan and its findings, as well as outlining the benefits in following the Plan for the next five-years. A gathering of about 15 attended the launch on-site and enjoyed light refreshments at the conclusion.

JCAG was also successful in applying for the COGB Essentials Grant, which was approved and helps us defray our operating costs such as Post Box, Insurance, Consumer Affairs Victoria, Facility Hire etc.



### Junortoun Flood Recovery:

Following on from our activities last year in supporting those impacted by flooding and inundation late 2023 and early 2024, we have met with the Department of Transport and set out a list of areas where we are looking for their assistance, action and response. We continue to provide regular updates from COGB via our Newsletter and in September, we helped organise the first of three workshops on Flood and Emergency Planning, the

remaining two workshops will be held later in 2025 and early 2026.

### Neighborhood Watch:

In 2025, we have tried to be active in helping residents be more security conscious by promoting awareness through our Newsletters, with the key message being... Lock it, Lock it, Lock it.

### In closing

JCAG Newsletters have reports from various other organisations that call Junortoun home and we thank them for their continued support.

I would like to thank all the members of the JCAG Committee; HBR Works Sub-committee, the community volunteers who work on JCAG projects, action groups and special interest groups; and all the members and volunteers – without you JCAG would not be able to support and respond to our Junortoun community.

In particular, I would thank:

- Lindsay Jolley (Chair – HBR Works S/C'tee), for his leadership and significant commitment to progress the HBR Landscape Plan.
- Colin Smith (JCAG Past President 2019 - 2023) for his ongoing commitment to JCAG and his tireless work in the background on JCAG related activities, including representation on Nature Network.
- Catherine Stephens for the onerous and often unrecognised role of minute secretary – continuing to do a fantastic job.
- Kevin de Vries (JCAG Governance Secretary and Treasurer) for his support, help and guidance as he balances his voluntary responsibilities with his paid work and family needs.

JCAG will continue to strive to represent the Junortoun community and we will endeavour to achieve the best outcomes for our community. We would welcome more interested people who want to be involved in their local community.

JCAG through our social media presence, is always happy to receive feedback on Junortoun issues, future activities or anything that affects Junortoun.



## Honeyeater Bushland Reserve

Lindsay Jolley – Chair, HBR Works Sub-committee

### History and background

The Junortoun Community Action Group (JCAG) has been the committee of management for the 17-hectare Honeyeater Bushland Reserve (HBR) since 2019, when it embarked on decades of work to ensure the restoration and protection of the Reserve. The core of this work involves the rehabilitation of the quarry site which later became a disposal dump for many things but generally excess earth fill.

HBR is an important accessible natural outdoor area for Bendigo, being located only about eight kilometres SSE of the Bendigo city centre. The Reserve carries two Ecological Vegetation Classes, Box Ironbark and Grassy Woodlands. The former is depleted in the Goldfields Bioregion and the latter is vulnerable. The Reserve complements an adjoining forty hectares of bushland (the Strathfieldsaye Bushland Reserve of 24 hectares and a City of Greater Bendigo park of sixteen hectares). A restored wetland of about 0.5 hectares holds the Bibron's Toadlet (*Pseudophryne bibronii*), listed as endangered in Victoria under the Victorian Advisory List and as threatened under the *Fauna and Flora Guarantee Act 1988*.

Management of the Reserve is within the scope of its Management Plan approved in May 2021 and its Weed Management Plan finalised in March 2025. JCAG enhanced its management capacity by establishing the HBR Works Sub-committee in October 2024. The aim is to preserve and restore the

Reserve through a program of revegetation and earthworks, primarily in the quarry and adjoining areas, while providing for passive public access and enjoyment. Early work was undertaken to:

- repair the dam wall.
- stabilise the large area of erosion prone sodic soil on the south face of the quarry with a covering of non-sodic soil.
- enhance the nearby wetland.

Work in the Reserve is guided by a budgeted annual Works Plan, which fortunately is primarily supported by a \$12,000 annual lease payment from the NBN Corporation which has built a tower in the Reserve.



### Objectives

The Junortoun Community Action Group has agreed on the following objectives for Honeyeater Bushland Reserve.

- Objective 1: Preserve, protect and rehabilitate the natural environment.
- Objective 2: Develop the reserve as a place that people enjoy and value.

### Work undertaken at the Reserve since October 2024 includes:

#### Soil landscaping

Several hundred truckloads of clean fill (not topsoil) were provided to form a ridge line running down into the quarry floor. Some of it was also used to improve batter stability for the eastern section of the Rim Track. We are particularly appreciative of the work undertaken by Avard Civil and O'Keefe Plumbing for providing the soil and using their machinery to shape the ridge line, all at no cost. If any weeds appeared in this soil, they were quickly dealt with.

#### Weed control

Weed control continued with the spot spraying of Stinkwort and the removal of several woody non-indigenous plants identified in the Weed Management Plan. Cootamundra Wattle (*Acacia baileyana*) is a particular problem because of its ability to readily spread in bushland. It is being removed over three years to reduce the impact of its removal on small birds, such as the Superb Fairy Wren (*Malurus cyaneus*), using its habitat. Some of the cut material was used to construct two-metre high and one-metre wide cylinders of vegetation held in ring lock fencing. These were intended to supply temporary habitat for small birds. Other weeds removed included:

- Sallow Wattle (*A. longifolia*)
- White Sallow-wattle (*A. floribunda*)
- Ovens Wattle (*A. pravissima*)
- Early Black-wattle (*A. decurrens*)
- Callitris.

The annual slashing program in the grassed areas was undertaken to reduce fire fuel loads.



#### Visitor and school use

- Visitors use the Rim Track every day and the south westerly section was made available for the 2024 annual Bendigo Cyclist Classic.
- A new walker's entrance gate was installed on Binks Road, and more corflute entrance signs were erected, either as additions or replacements.
- JCAG encourages school groups and others in the community to take part in tree planting. Unfortunately, the planned planting for Autumn 2025 had to be deferred because of a lack of rain. With better Winter rains, JCAG was able to host two planting sessions in September, each of about 20-24 students from Girton Grammar School. They planted 120 Red Ironbark and Grey Box seedlings in the upper area to the east of the main entrance track leading down to the roundabout.
- In mid Spring, JCAG hosted an Outdoor Education teaching training day for twelve LaTrobe University Outdoor Education students. They delivered teaching sessions to a planned group of 70-75 Bendigo Senior Secondary College students over six hours. HBR volunteers provided four activities for the secondary students between the formal LaTrobe University sessions. These were:
  - surveys of nest box activity.
  - the assembly of pre-cut nestboxes.
  - the construction of more silt traps.

- the re-location erection of a wire barrier fence above the escarpment below the NBN tower.

### Preparation of a Landscape Plan

JCAG is appreciative of being awarded a \$10,000 Community Grant by the City of Greater Bendigo for the preparation of a Landscape Plan for the Reserve. This plan will assist JCAG in determining and prioritising future work, as well as in seeking further funding support, by answering the Where, Why and How as per the following:

- repair the dam wall locate and define development.
- plan basic visitor facilities (i.e. seating, picnic tables, etc.).
- guide the provision of information (including signage).
- assist with access management (including walking track locations, fencing and gates).
- help with wetland management; and,
- help with landform modifications within the former quarry.

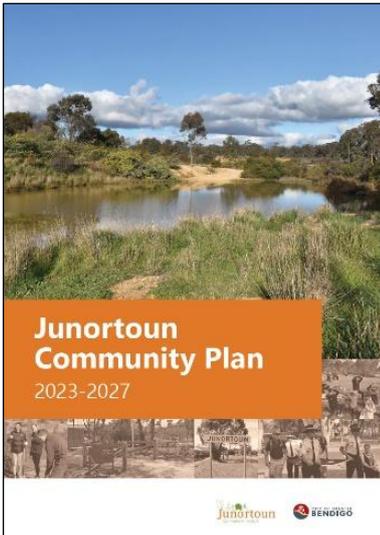
After an extensive two-stage review, Harcourt-based landscape consultant Karoline Klein was selected to undertake the work. This will include a community consultation session on the draft, possibly in November or December 2025.

### Working bees

Notwithstanding a temporary hiatus in the twice monthly working bee program, this has continued monthly or as needed at other times. JCAG thanks all volunteers for their help and contribution to the management of the Reserve. The long-term management of the Reserve is dependent on the community valuing it and using it. JCAG is seeking two more members for the HBR Works Sub-committee.



## Junortoun Community Plan



The activities of the Junortoun Community Action Group are guided by the objectives established in the **Junortoun Community Plan**. The plan reflects the priorities of the community, established through surveys, social media interaction, public meetings and community committee representation.

There have been three community plans, the first was developed in 2012, the second plan was launched in 2017.

The third Junortoun Community Plan was launched in 2022 to guide the activities of the group and the Junortoun community from 2023 to 2027. The plan contains 63 projects or campaigns we wish to pursue, including 12 priority actions.

A copy of the community plan may be viewed at the JCAG website.

[www.junortoun.vic.au/community-plan/](http://www.junortoun.vic.au/community-plan/)

### Priority actions from the Junortoun Community Plan

- Advocate for a structure plan to be commissioned for Junortoun to guide future development. No major project should be approved by Council until a structure plan is completed.
- Install identity signage for Junortoun along Mclvor Highway.
- Construct a separated walking and cycling path along the south side Mclvor Highway from Harley Street to the O'Keefe Rail Trail
- Advocate for construction of an underpass where the O'Keefe Rail Trail crosses Mclvor Highway
- Undertake drainage works on St Vincents Road where it crosses Splitters Creek to prevent flooding during heavy rain, to ensure emergency vehicle and community access, and allow volunteer fire fighters to respond to call-outs
- Provide safe cycling connections from Homebush Estate to the Strathfieldsaye bicycle network to support children cycling to/from school in Strathfieldsaye
- Produce a 'newcomers pack' to welcome new residents to Junortoun
- Install a shared cycling and walking path on Trotting Terrace between Mclvor Forest Estate and La Valla Court
- Continued safety improvements for Mclvor Highway through Junortoun, particularly at the intersections of St Vincents Road, Somerset Park Road and Bennetts Road
- Continue to deliver the objectives and projects of the Honeyeater Bushland Reserve Management Plan
- Install wayfinding signage along the O'Keefe Rail Trail and key routes to support their use

## Communication and engagement

### Newsletters

The preparation and distribution of Community Newsletters continues each quarter.

To subscribe to the JcAG Community Newsletter visit: [www.junortoun.vic.au/newsletters/](http://www.junortoun.vic.au/newsletters/)

JcAG also keeps the community informed of news and activities via social media.

### Social Media

Junortoun is represented on two social media channels – Facebook and, Instagram.



[www.facebook.com/Junortoun](http://www.facebook.com/Junortoun)



[www.instagram.com/junortoun/](http://www.instagram.com/junortoun/)

Our Facebook followers have grown from 1,607 to 1,627 in the past 12 months, with continuing strong engagement from users.

Our Facebook page is used to communicate “All things Junortoun” in a real time communication channel for Junortoun locals. The Facebook page also allows for direct messaging option from other users, business directory, option to sign up to our newsletter mailing list, and direct links to the Junortoun website.

The group commenced a presence on Instagram in 2019 which has grown further this year, which shows the popularity of this medium.

Special acknowledgement and thanks to Sam Spence for preparation of Junortoun community newsletters.

### Website

The Junortoun Community Action Group maintains an informative community website at:

[www.junortoun.vic.au](http://www.junortoun.vic.au)

## Social media statistics

	June 2015	June 2016	June 2017	June 2018	June 2019	June 2020	June 2021	June 2022	June 2023	June 2024	June 2025
<b>Email subscribers</b>	Not recorded	Not recorded	229	262	270	277	276	293	319	310	294
<b>Facebook followers</b>	325	437	679	824	947	1,077	1,202	1,295	1,486	1,607	1,627
<b>Instagram followers</b>	-	-	-	-	44	86	123	135	133	138	137

## Engagement and community connections

In order to achieve our statement of purposes, and improve facilities and services for the community of Junortoun and realise the objectives of the Junortoun Community Plan, it is important that the Junortoun Community Action Group forms and maintains strong links with local agencies and service providers.

### Organisations with which JCAG regularly works include:

#### **The City of Greater Bendigo**

This includes the Community Planning team, the staff of the Planning department, staff of the Presentation and Assets directorate, and staff of the parks and open space unit.

#### **Junortoun CFA Fire Brigade**

*JCAG Community partner*

The Junortoun Fire Brigade generously provides use of its venue to JCAG for meetings of the JCAG executive. The Brigade is an enthusiastic supporter to JCAG activities.

#### **Bendigo Baptist Church**

*JCAG Community partner*

The Baptist Church provides use of its facilities to JCAG for community events and meetings. We sincerely appreciate the support provided for our activities.

#### **Strathfieldsaye and Districts Community**

##### **Enterprise**

SDCE is a valuable partner in local community projects. We acknowledge their past contribution to the Rim Track works and dam repair at Honeyeater Reserve and their support of JCAG activities.

#### **Catherine McAuley College Bendigo and Bendigo Domain Village**

Key organisations within our community.

#### **Friends of Bendigo-Kilmore Rail Trail and Bike Bendigo**

Passionate advocates for safer cycling infrastructure.

#### **Regional Roads Victoria**

RRV provides continued engagement with JCAG on Mclvor Highway safety issues. Their safety initiatives on Mclvor Highway and Strathfieldsaye Road will contribute to community road safety in the long term.

#### **Public Transport Victoria**

For helping deliver more bus services for the residents of Junortoun, Longlea, Axedale and Heathcote.

#### **North Central Catchment Management Authority**

#### **Longlea and District Landcare**

#### **Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation.**

## Political engagement

JCAG acknowledges and thank our local councillors and political representatives:

- Lisa Chesters MP
- Hon. Jacinta Allan MP
- Cr Shivali Chatley
- Cr Andrea Metcalf

for their interest in the affairs of the Junortoun Community and willingness to discuss and engage on local issues.

## Governance secretary's report

Kevin de Vries

The Junortoun Community Action Group Inc. (JCAG) is a not-for-profit incorporated association registered with Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV), Incorporated Association A0061568U.

The members of JCAG voted to incorporate on 31 July 2014, adopting the model rules provided by Consumer Affairs Victoria. The Action Group registered with CAV on 5 August 2014.

The association maintains public liability insurance cover of \$10,000,000 and volunteer worker insurance through Berkley Insurance Australia.

The Association had fifteen (15) paid members during the 2024-25 year.

Members of the Executive Committee during the year were:

- Ian Stephens  
President
- Angela Ballard
- Kevin de Vries  
Governance secretary, treasurer
- Denise Johns
- Lindsay Jolley  
Chair HBR Works Subcommittee
- Ken Pata
- Robin Patton
- Glenys Rahill
- Colin Smith
- Catherine Stephens  
Minutes secretary
- Mal Ward  
Correspondence secretary



## Financial report

Kevin de Vries

The Junortoun Community Action Group completed the 2024-25 financial year with an operating surplus of \$4,993, and with net assets of \$27,979.

Income and expenses during the year was in line with budgeted expectations.

The most significant expenditure for JCAG during the year was for works totalling \$24,341 at Honeyeater Bushland Reserve.

The general (unrestricted) funds held by JCAG ensures the ongoing operations of the Association. This balance was \$6,631 this year, compared to \$5,064 last year.

The financial statements presented on the following pages have been prepared by Kevin de Vries and reviewed by JCAG committee member Ian Stephens.

- The accounts of the Association are constructed to comply with the Standard Chart of Accounts for not-for-profit associations.

- The Junortoun Community Action Group is registered for GST and reports and pays GST on an annual basis.
- As at 30 June 2025 there are no mortgages, charges or securities affecting any of the organisation's property.
- During the financial year to 30 June 2025 the organisation did not act as the trustee of any trust.
- A GST refund of \$608 was received from the Australian Taxation Office.
- To assist in efficient record keeping JCAG uses the commercial accounting software package Reckon One®.

JCAG is solvent, and able to pay its anticipated expenses as and when they fall due.

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## Grant income and activity

During the 2024-25 financial year the Junortoun Community Action Group received the following grants:

From the City of Greater Bendigo.

- Grant CGE56 Community Group Essentials (2025): \$1,275.00
- Grant MGFeb0212025 Honeyeater Reserve landscape plan: \$10,000.00

From Landcare Victoria.

- Grant VLG2024-073 Honeyeater Reserve weed management plan: \$9,143.00

We thank the partner organisations that provide support for our community projects over the years.



## 2024-25 financial statements

### Income statement

For the year ending 30 June 2025, accrual basis, excluding GST

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2023-24</b>
Grant – City of Greater Bendigo	11,275.00	6,978.60
Grants – other		
-- Grant – Australian Plants Society Bendigo	0.00	256.36
-- Grant - Landcare Australia	9,143.00	500.00
Donations	299.40	116.00
Membership fees	34.55	27.29
Sales (events)	444.54	975.00
Interest Received	32.81	1.40
Honeyeater Reserve NBNCo rental	12,000.00	12,000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$33,229.30</b>	<b>\$20,854.65</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2023-24</b>
Accounting fees	409.08	308.22
Advertising and promotion	29.45	509.32
Bank charges	2.10	1.82
Event expenses	402.62	848.01
Honeyeater Bushland Reserve expenses	24,341.55	6,207.35
Splitters Creek project expenses	0.00	5,791.13
Community support and services	666.00	122.00
Computer expenses	0.00	209.09
Fees and permits	49.00	47.70
Insurance	1,226.48	1,167.46
Meeting expenses	509.13	340.00
Postage, freight, courier	164.55	158.18
Printing and stationery	421.99	546.14
Telephone and internet charges	13.64	22.73
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$28,235.59</b>	<b>\$16,279.15</b>

<b>NET RESULT</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2023-24</b>
Income	33,229.30	20,854.65
Expenses	28,235.59	16,279.15
<b>SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$4,993.71</b>	<b>\$4,575.50</b>

## Balance sheet as at 30 June 2025

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2023-24</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Bank - JCAG Account (Bendigo Bank)	22,555.90	22,479.50
Sandhurst Select 90 account	4,631.78	0.00
Prepaid Mastercard	186.03	357.62
Accounts receivable	0.00	282.00
GST Refundable	605.92	177.00
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>27,979.63</b>	<b>23,298.12</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$27,979.63</b>	<b>\$23,298.12</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
GST payable	0.00	0.00
Accounts payable	0.00	310.20
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$310.20</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$310.20</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$27,979.63</b>	<b>\$22,985.92</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Opening Balance Equity	\$22,985.92	\$18,410.42
Current year earnings	\$4,993.71	\$4,575.50
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>\$27,979.63</b>	<b>\$22,985.92</b>

## Activity centre balances

Balances of JCAG activity centre accounts as at 30 June 2025

<b>ACTIVITY CENTRE</b>	
Honeyeater Bushland Reserve	11,347.72
Restricted by grant funding (HBR landscape plan)	10,000.00
JCAG general account (unrestricted)	6,631.91
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$27,979.63</b>

## Notes

For financial reporting purposes under Consumer Affairs Victoria requirements, JCAG is a 'Tier one' association, having a total yearly revenue of less than \$250,000. Tier one associations have an obligation to prepare financial statements that "give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance" of the organisation.

There is no requirement under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act for a tier one organisation to have its financial statement independently audited or reviewed. However, members can vote at a general meeting to require the organisation to have its accounts reviewed. In some circumstances, Consumer Affairs Victoria can direct a tier one organisation to have its financial statements reviewed.

JCAG declares it is a non-charitable not-for-profit organisation, exempt from paying income tax, as it is established for community service purposes. This is reflected in its rules of association, purpose and operations.

JCAG finances are deposited with the Bendigo Bank in a Not-For-Profit Cash Management Account.

The Junortoun Community Action Group is registered for GST (ABN: 39 913 173 432) and reports annually.

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## Review of financial statements

In accordance with Schedule 1, Regulation 15, Form 1, *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*  
Sections 94 (2)(b), 97 (2)(b) and 100 (2)(b)

### **Annual statements give a true and fair view of financial performance and position of incorporated association.**

We, Kevin de Vries and Ian Stephens, being members of the committee of the Junortoun Community Action Group Inc. certify that –

"The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial performance and position of the Junortoun Community Action Group during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending 30 June 2025."

*Kevin de Vries*  
9 October 2025

*Ian Stephens*  
9 October 2025

## Finance report: Honeyeater Bushland Reserve operations

The report below on income and expenditure at Honeyeater Bushland Reserve is provided for information and transparency.

### 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

The budget and operations year for works at Honeyeater Bushland Reserve runs from April to March. This coincides with timing of rental income received from NBNCo and allows JCAG to plan works and planting at the reserve for when the weather is more favourable.

	\$ (excl GST)
<b>Income</b>	
Carried forward from 2023-24 operations	610.25
NBNCo rental	12,000.00
Grants	5,256.36
Donations	137.20
<b>Total income</b>	<b>18,003.81</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Earthworks	14,010.00
Fencing	143.06
Fire prevention	435.00
Revegetation	545.45
Storage container related	215.00
Tools	1,421.65
Weed control	64.99
General expenses	591.05
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$17,426.20</b>
<b>Carried forward to 2025-26 operations year</b>	<b>\$577.61</b>



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