

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a young girl with blonde hair in a ponytail, wearing a blue school uniform, looking down at a book. An older woman with short white hair and glasses, wearing a dark jacket over a blue and white patterned shirt, is leaning over her, also looking at the book. The book has a bright yellow and orange cover with some text. The background wall is yellow with some papers and a colorful border.

ANNUAL REPORT 2021/2022

VOLUNTEERS HELPING STUDENTS THRIVE



Our students have become more **confident**, they are more **willing to speak up** when they have something to say rather than shying away and hiding behind their problem. They now **talk to us** [the teachers] and they are able to **trust us** which has been really nice.

- MARGARET MARRIOT, CHAPLAIN
COASTAL LAKES COLLEGE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

OUR VISION

Every community helping young people to succeed.

OUR MISSION

To prepare and connect volunteers with disadvantaged or at-risk young people for educational success and personal wellbeing.

OUR VALUES

Inclusiveness

We include all people regardless of their social background, ethnicity, gender or economic circumstances.

Excellence

We are committed to delivering our services to the highest possible standard and in an accountable manner.

Empathy

We listen, respect and respond to the needs of all our people.

Equity

We strive to treat people in a fair and equitable manner at all times.

Respect

We value the contributions, views and opinions of our people.

Trust

We conduct ourselves with integrity, reliability and fairness in all that we say and do.

2021-22

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Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer Address



Elena Mogilevski
EdConnect Australia
Chairperson



Gerri Clay
EdConnect Australia
Chief Executive Officer

"An extra pair of adult hands in a primary classroom is considered gold."

This is what Lucia Vorpasso, the School Coordinator from Monmia Primary School in Western Melbourne believes the partnership with EdConnect Australia has delivered to her school this year. The volunteers have provided the staff and students with invaluable support that the school would be unable to normally access. We know that all have benefitted from this rewarding partnership.

By the end of the 2021 school year, 1,519 volunteers had supported 17,875 students across primary and secondary schools with 890 students receiving one-to-one mentoring and 16,985 students benefiting from our learning support program. This was a mammoth feat during a period of Covid-19 related restrictions and uncertainty. Understandably our volunteers worked fewer hours due to the interruption to face-to-face learning. Schools in Victoria were impacted in the later part of 2021 whilst in WA the first half of the 2022 school year was the most challenging.

The Board undertook a mid-term strategic review of the 2000-25 strategic plan in April 2022. The result was a recognition and recommitment to the relevance of our five strategic priorities accompanied by a refresh of objectives to guide the organisations through to 2025. Financial sustainability remains paramount, alongside an appetite to extend the program into new geographical areas and expand our delivery mode to include virtual volunteering. As part of our post Covid-19 recovery we will be focusing on rebuilding volunteer numbers, connecting with schools, continuing to build our technology capacity to maximise efficiencies and strengthening our impact measurement.

We would like to thank Board Members for their committed leadership and strong guidance throughout the year. Our Board does an incredible amount of work in support of the CEO and the Chair, collaboratively guiding the organisation in its strategic direction – for this we are very grateful.

2021-2022

With regret, at the 2021 AGM we farewelled long-term Western Australian Board Member Dr Anne Mathews. Anne was appointed to the School Volunteer Program Board in 2012, the first Board Member to bring intergovernmental, governance and policy skills. Anne has been a consistent and committed Board Member, upholding the values of EdConnect Australia and she enthusiastically supported the transition from The School Volunteer Program to EdConnect Australia.

The Board has had a very productive year. The Nominations and Governance Committee convened with the aim of expanding the Ambassador group and recruitment of additional Board Members. We are thrilled that Graham Mabury and Cheryl Edwardes have continued as core members of the Ambassador group and four new respected members of the community were welcomed by the end of 2021. The Ambassadors group has helped EdConnect Australia to expand its reach and connection and raise greater awareness of the impact of our programs.

Two new Board Members were recruited, Sabine Dejeu commenced in January 2022 and was joined by Yawar Zueb in February 2022, both filling casual Board vacancies. Their appointment strengthens the Board's financial performance and risk management skillset. The Finance and Risk Committee welcomed Sabine's expertise.

We sincerely thank our funders and sponsors for their commitment and support. The funding is essential to the program reaching schools in Western Australia, New South Wales, and Victoria. Student learning has been negatively impacted by the pandemic leaving students behind academically, increasing evidence of mental health issues and affecting those already disadvantaged the most. The EdConnect Australia program is highly relevant and responsive, able to collaborate with schools to identify and address students' needs and supporting them to learn and thrive. We invite key stakeholders, government, philanthropic funders, and sponsors to continue to collaborate and support EdConnect Australia's endeavours.

Elena Mogilevski & Gerri Clay

Special Acknowledgement

A warm thank you to philanthropists Leonie, Rob and the Bunning family who have joined the EdConnect Australia community in 2022. The family made a generous donation at the end of the 2021-2022 financial year.

In September, Rob and Leonie were welcomed into the EdConnect Office to meet with CEO Gerri Clay and Operations Manager Carin McCashin.



Board of Directors



Elena Mogilevski
BA (Hons)
Non-Executive Director
Deputy Chair, Chairperson October 2020



Margaret Banks
AIT, TC, Grad Dip Soc Sc.
Non-Executive Director



Dr Anne Mathews
BSc, MSc, PhD, FLWA, AFAIM,
MAIFST, MASM, GAICD
Non-Executive Director
Departed October 2021



Joseph Hoe
JP, CFP®, FCPA, MTax, SSA SMSF
Specialist Advisor™
Company Secretary



Ben Peacock
BA Economics
Non-Executive Director



Sam Rosevear
MA and BA Politics
Non-Executive Director



David Barwise
LLB,LLM
Non-Executive Director



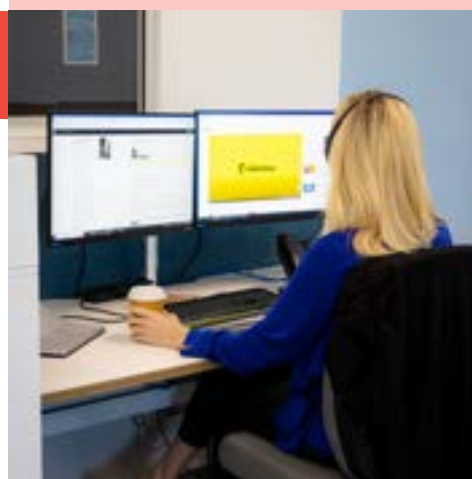
John Inverarity
BA Dip Ed MBE AM Cit WA
Non-Executive Director



Sabine Dejay
Master of Management, MBA, GAICD
Non-Executive Director
Appointed in January 2022



Yawar Zueb
FCPA, CISA
Non-Executive Director
Appointed in February 2022



EdConnect Australia is a not-for-profit non listed company limited by guarantee with no tradeable securities. Directors serve on a voluntary basis and do not receive remuneration. During the financial year six Board Meetings and the AGM were held along with regular finance and risk sub-committee meetings. A Nominations and Governance committee was established to recruit new Board Members and build a group of Ambassadors who are passionate about the work of EdConnect Australia. The Board participated in an external review of the organisation's risk strategy which involved the development of a risk management framework to ensure the organisation upholds strong governance in this area.

Board Attendance Eligible Actual

David Barwise	11	11
Margaret Banks	6	6
Sabine Dejay	5	5
Joseph Hoe	11	8
John Inverarity	6	5
Elena Mogilevski	6	6
Ben Peacock	6	5
Sam Rosevear	6	4
Yawar Zueb	2	2

National Presence, Local Response

We will help young people and their communities

Act Belong Commit

EdConnect Australia continues to partner with Mentally Healthy WA's Act Belong Commit campaign and participated in a Words to Live By series. In the series, four community members including one EdConnect volunteer told their story and the importance of acting, belonging and committing within their communities.

In October 2021, EdConnect Australia hosted a morning tea to launch our volunteer video. The volunteer Shelley McGinn, School Principal, Mentally Healthy WA staff and the EdConnect team came together to celebrate the Act Belong Commit message. A fun game of bingo was enjoyed where everyone got to learn about what activities each other had been participating in to stay mentally healthy.



Together for Youth

The Together for Youth Collective is a collaboration of like-minded, charitable organisations who share the vision for improving the lives of young people in high schools across Australia. During 2022, EdConnect Australia continued to actively contribute to the committee and the sub-committees focused on school implementation and advocacy. The summit, held in March 2022, was a great opportunity to strengthen the collaboration, connect with and update funders and focus on the impact that can be achieved for students and schools.



Listen to Kerry's story



“For many months the school hadn't been able to get this young man to be engaged in any activity for any length of time. He sat and sewed hearts and honestly for me, in that moment, it's like I knew that's where I was meant to be that day. That's the highlight for me.”

Kerry's Region is supported by:



Volunteer Story

1000 Hearts

Meet Kerry Davies just one of our wonderful volunteers here at EdConnect Australia. Her local Liaison Officer describes her as having a soft, caring way about her and that she is intuitive, intelligent and kind. Kerry participates in the 1000 Hearts program while volunteering at EdConnect Australia.

1000 Hearts is a kindness project. Initially one thousand pocket hearts were hand-stitched to be given away in random acts of kindness. Messages flooded in from people who received the hearts and the power of these little hearts was realised. A community started to grow from the small act of love; a community where kindness and connection are valued and hearts are healed.



Quality Outcomes

We will deliver services that are effective

For every

\$1.00

invested, EdConnect Australia
returned

\$2.57

back into the community.¹

EdConnect Australia work together with three important groups in the local community - Schools, Students and Volunteers. Our model is mutually beneficial and positively impacts each respective group.

A comprehensive approach to evaluating the program informs the impact of the program for the students, schools and the communities we support.

Understandably our volunteers worked fewer hours due to the interruption to face-to-face learning leading to lower return to the community than previous years.



Our 2021 Overall Impact

Students

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 890 & + & 16,985 & = & 17,875 \\ \text{Mentored} & & \text{Students receiving} & & \text{Supported} \\ \text{Students} & & \text{classroom support} & & \text{Students} \end{array}$$

Volunteers

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 1,519 & \times & 2,506 & = & \$3,456,870 \\ \text{Skilled} & & \text{Hours} & & \text{Value returned to the} \\ \text{Volunteers} & & \text{per week} & & \text{Australian community}^2 \end{array}$$

1. Determining the value we returned to the Australian community was calculated using Volunteering WA's Volunteer Benefits Calculator <https://www.volunteeringwa.org.au/resources/volunteer-benefits-calculator>. The figure of \$43.51 is used as the replacement cost of volunteers' labour in WA and is averaged out across all given age groups. Calculated using a weekly volunteer figure of 2,506 volunteer hours' x 31.70 weeks (the average weeks our volunteers were in schools - WA and Vic) to give a total of 79,450 hours per year. The total hours per year (79,450) is then multiplied by the hourly rate of \$43.51.

2. Return for every \$1 invested: Calculated by dividing the value returned to the community by the average expenditure of the last two financial years (2020/21 and 2021/22) which totals \$1,343,673.

Volunteer Impact

We survey our volunteers annually and it demonstrates a range of direct benefits that are a result of volunteering.

Benefits to mental health and wellbeing has consistently been the indicator rates most highly by volunteer in recent years.

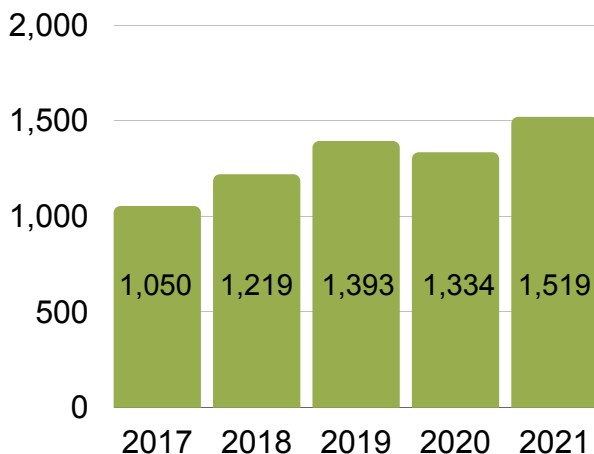


We also asked volunteers "what do you like best about volunteering with EdConnect?" and some of the themes that emerged were;



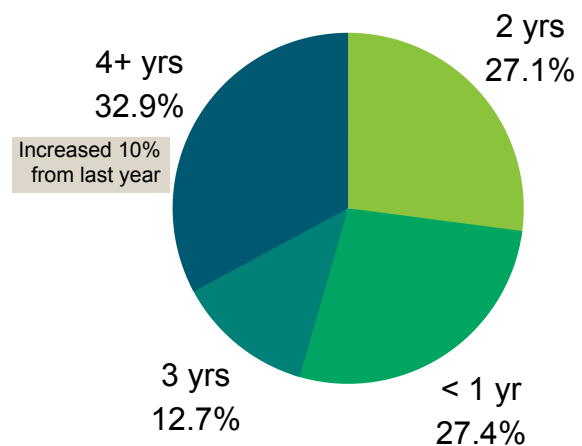
Number of Volunteers

The total number of EdConnect volunteers has proudly increased since 2015 with an increase of 466 volunteers over the last five years.

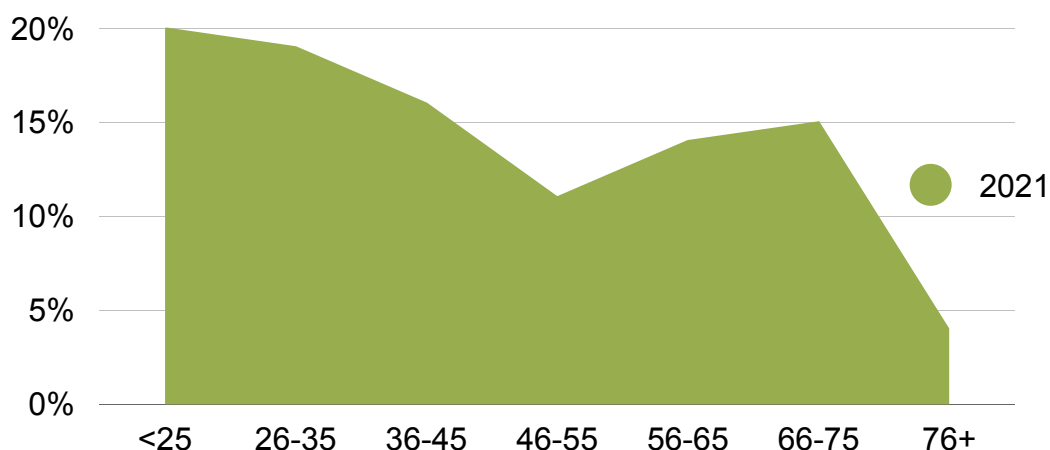


Active Volunteer Tenure

The majority of our volunteers stay with us for at least two years in long-term, committed roles.



"New" Volunteers Age Distribution



Addressing the Need

Focusing on disadvantaged or at-risk young people for education success and well being is fundamental to the purpose of EdConnect Australia. The range of factors that can contribute to disadvantage are multiple, both from a school and student perspective. Schools are impacted by such factors as the socio-economic status composition of the school, the size and/or location. Students can be disadvantaged by their personal circumstances, for example families needing government financial support, mental or physical illness and single parent homes. In addition the pandemic has, from necessity, increased the focus on how to improve student support, wellbeing and engagement and reduce isolation.

The Index of Community Socio Educational Advantage (ICSEA) is a scale used in Australia that allows fair and reasonable comparison among schools with similar students, providing an indication of the socio-economic background of students. In 2021, 44% of schools accessing EdConnect's Australia program had an ICSEA index of <1,000.

“EdConnect Australia has become an **integral part** of the well being program at Wedge Park. We have participated in this program for many years and have had the **pleasure of working alongside some fantastic volunteers** who not only give their time but bring with them the **values of community, citizenship and the importance of friendship**.”

- KATE HANNETT, STUDENT WELLBEING OFFICER
WEDGE PARK PRIMARY, VIC

Virtual Mentoring Pilot

In 2021 in Western Australia virtual mentoring was developed as a service model and was piloted for the first time in a primary school in the Rockingham area.

The pilot revealed that similar positive results can be achieved for schools, students and volunteers through mentoring online. Relationships were built surprisingly quickly; it was enjoyable for both mentors and students and the school could see the benefits in a variety of ways. The magic of mentoring that we see in face-to-face matches was evident even in this limited capacity.

“I like having a [virtual] mentor because she makes me **feel really happy**. My favourite day is Tuesday because [my mentor] **can talk to me**. I like having someone to help with Maths. Thank you so much for having me, **I'm really grateful** for someone to talk to, thank you!”

- VIRTUAL MENTOR STUDENT
PILOT PROGRAM, WA

The logistics of setting up and managing virtual mentoring programs however are more complex and time consuming than for a face-to-face program for the school, which was identified as a barrier to the ongoing success of a virtual program.

Based on the success of the pilot, virtual mentoring was trialled in an additional school during 2022.

Impact on Students

Each year we survey the member schools and receive valuable feedback from the teachers and school coordinators who rate the impact of the program on students.



- VOLUNTEER
NORTHERN REGION, VICTORIA

98%

increased self
esteem and
confidence

93%

improved
social skills

84%

increased
participation in
school activities

84%

improved
relationships with
teachers

Learning Support

In 2021 EdConnect Australia began to gather data for our Learning Support program and it was found that in total, just under three-quarters (74.9%) of volunteers were supporting students in English/literacy and in total, 43.7% were supporting students in Maths/numeracy. Smaller numbers supported Science/STEM, HASS, Drama, Art/craft, Library or Gardening.

For a copy of the full 2021 Impact Statement [visit our website](#).



Brand Awareness

We will promote the life-changing work that we do



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News Articles



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Ambassadors



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Donation
Appeals



4

Stakeholder
Newsletters



23

Events



1,654

Facebook
Followers



14

Videos
Uploaded



118

Instagram
Followers

The Power of Connection

In July 2021 EdConnect Australia held an online event titled 'The Power of Connection' which was open to all volunteers, schools contacts, stakeholders and staff on a national level.

65 people attended the online event, which hosted Graham Mabury as Guest Speaker and profiled four of our everyday heroes - mentors Brent Irving and Graeme Taylor, School Principal Blanche Denmead and Victorian volunteer Reno Democolli.

Attendees were shown a video introduction of each hero and then invited to ask questions. The first of its kind for EdConnect. Further plans to host a similar event are in place for 2023.



First Virtual AGM

Following a hybrid in-person and online AGM in FY19-20, EdConnect Australia held their first fully virtual AGM in October 2021.

Guest Speaker Andrew McConchie, Principal at Geelong High School delivered a brilliant and powerful speech.

It was told in a real yet positive manner and explained the remote learning narrative for schools, teachers and students throughout Covid-19 times.

Fundraising for EdConnect through Free Dress Days

In 2021 WA Member schools were encouraged to raise funds on behalf of EdConnect Australia by holding a free dress day.

An encouraging \$1,103 was raised in the 2021-2022 financial year and video promotion was created to widen the reach of this campaign.

Thank you to the staff and students at Hillarys Primary School in Western Australia for participation in filming of this video.



Ambassador Program

This year, the Ambassador Group was further expanded to assist the reach of the profile of EdConnect Australia.

In 2022, it was a pleasure to welcome our new Ambassadors Myriam Boisbouvier-Wylie, Annie Fogarty AM, Kim Hughes and Melodie Potts Rosevear OAM who joined existing representatives Hon Cheryl Edwardes AM and Graham Mabury OAM.

Our Ambassadors play a major role in the promotion of our program and we encourage each to bring their knowledge, expertise and enthusiasm to different areas of the organisation.



Annie Fogarty AM



Myriam
Boisbouvier-Wylie



Kim Hughes



Melodie Potts Rosevear
OAM



Image: EdConnect Ambassador Annie Fogarty as Guest Speaker at the 2021 Volunteer of the Year Award Ceremony.

2021 - 2022 Highlights

National Volunteer Week

To celebrate National Volunteer Week a number of morning teas were held across the country. All volunteers were invited to an online Laughing Yoga session, supported by Lotterywest, to bring a little light-hearted relief during a difficult year. Participating volunteers were sent an appreciation pin or pen to thank them for their ongoing commitment to EdConnect Australia.

Image: 2022 Staff Wave of Appreciation



Pilbara Mentor of the Year

In October 2021 the Pilbara Mentors, an initiative of the Roy Hill Community Foundation and delivered by EdConnect Australia, announced their 2021 Pilbara Mentor of the Year.

Leanne Ruston, a local Port Hedland resident, was celebrated at an awards ceremony at the Gateway Village. The highlight was the confident delivery from student Jesse Thompson on the profound impact Leanne had on his life.



Image: Pilbara Mentors Thankyou Event, October 2021

Supported by:



2021 - 2022 Highlights

Connecting in Person

As Covid-19 restrictions eased on the east side of Australia, volunteer catch ups returned to face-to-face. Strong catch up attendance indicated that this was a welcome change from the last years.



Transition Mentoring

Educational transitions have been identified by Government and Schools as a critical time for students as extra support is needed. Through the support of the Give Where You Live Foundation Pitch Up initiative, EdConnect Australia piloted a Transition Mentoring program in Geelong. Grade 6 Moolap Primary Students transitioned to Year 7 at Geelong High and at Northern Bay College for students in Year 8 as they transitioned to the Goldsworthy 9-12 campus. The pilot generated significant learnings and strong impact for schools, mentors and schools alike. 100% of the students surveyed in the pilot would recommend the program to other students. Thanks to the support of the Geelong Foundation, the Transition Mentor program continues in 2022-2023 in the Geelong region.

Mentoring Matters

Over the past three years, EdConnect Australia has partnered with the Inner Northern Local Learning and Employment Network (INLLEN) to deliver Mentoring Matters within the Vocational Mentoring Exchange, with support from the Ian Potter Foundation.

In the first two years the program faced some challenges, however in year three all mentoring returned face-to-face and on school grounds.

In total 13 Mentoring Matters programs were delivered and 68 mentors supported 188 students as they explored their career aspirations and prepared for the next chapter of life beyond secondary school.

Sharing our commitment and passion

Actively engaging with State and Federal members of parliament was a focus during the last twelve months with the aim of building awareness of the importance and value of the EdConnect program at a government level and to advocate on behalf of the volunteering sector as we recover from the impact of Covid-19.



Image: Shadow Minister Donna Faragher MLC (L), Operations Manager Carin McCashin (M) and CEO Gerri Clay (R) smile broadly at the camera underneath the Parliament of Western Australia sign.

WA EdConnect Volunteer Award Winners

After being delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions the WA EdConnect Volunteer Awards Ceremony was held on Tuesday 31 May 2022. The Master of Ceremonies Kim Hughes confidently addressed the audience of volunteers, corporate representatives, EdConnect Australia Board, member school representatives and staff.

The evening honoured the achievements of all the incredible EdConnect Australia volunteers as well as to announce the recipients of the four major awards for the evening. We were also overjoyed to have the previously announced Pilbara Mentor of the Year Leanne Ruston attend. Congratulations once more to;

Mentor Volunteer of the Year

Carmel has been volunteering at Greenwood College in WA for the last 9 years and she is adored by staff and students alike. She is dedicated and passionate in what she does and has made a huge impact on the students that she works with. Carmel has spoken at events and was also honoured with the Senior Citizen of the Year Award in Joondalup for her work mentoring students at the college.



Hear Carmel's Story



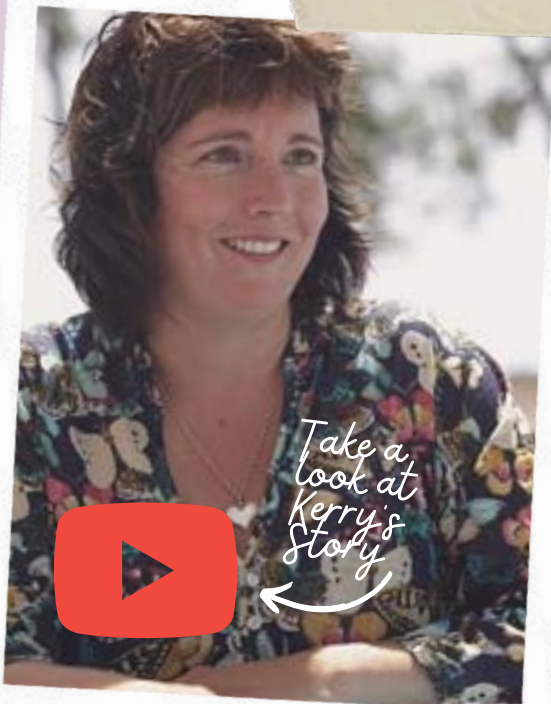
Learning Support Volunteer of the Year

Introducing Winnie Cheong. Winnie takes her volunteering seriously but has heaps of fun while she does it! Winnie is a fantastic example of the value someone who has English as their second language can bring to a school.



Hear Winnie's Story





Alcoa Foundation Mentor of the Year

Meet Kerry Davies - she connects with students who won't accept support elsewhere. Kerry has a soft, caring way about her and is intuitive, intelligent and kind. Kerry is a natural story-teller and often advocates for EdConnect Australia in the community, encourages volunteering and has assisted to facilitate further connections with the community.

This Award is supported by:



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This Award
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by:



**Roy Hill
Community
Foundation**



Desmond Heenan School Coordinator of the Year

Joyce Michael has been a loyal supporter of the EdConnect Australia program for nearly 20 years, she provides the volunteers at Lynwood Senior High School with huge amounts of support and is open to all volunteers. She supports at least 15 volunteers each year and spends time making sure they are all comfortable and enjoying their role.



Our People



Our Team

Finding creative ways to engage with our staff has been a highlight this year. The stable team of staff have worked closely with volunteers and schools keeping communication open and building supportive relationships.

The annual staff satisfaction survey indicated staff engagement has increased again for the third year running. It also demonstrated;

92%

overall staff engagement

100%

agreed that their colleagues are committed to doing quality work

93%

strongly agreed that the mission & vision make them feel their job is important

"I am proud of what we have achieved this year and proud to work for an organisation that makes such a big difference in the community."

"I am always willing to work hard, do a good job and support the organisation in whatever ways are needed to ensure that we are working well and towards our mission."

"Helping young people and teachers [makes me feel good about my work]. Progressing systems, meeting wonderful diverse people who want to be the change in the world."

EdConnect Australia strengthened its commitment to staff professional development. The team had the opportunity to engage in a minimum of twelve self-paced online training modules relevant to their roles.

Kathy Ameduri joined the team in the role of North East WA Metro Liaison Officer. Kathy quickly established strong relationships with member schools and volunteers and continued to build our presence in the region. The year ended with Administration Officer Serena Richardson's departure following two years working to support and strengthen administration practices and the departure of Kay Corda Pilbara Liaison Officer. Kay's tenacity and dedication to the role is to be commended and she worked diligently to effectively support the Pilbara Mentor Program.

Current Staff

Helen Anderson
Liaison Officer
Northern VIC

Kathy Ameduri
Liaison Officer
North East Metro WA

Karen Barden
Liaison Officer
Rural WA

Gerri Clay
Chief Executive Officer

Rachel Crisp
Communications Advisor

Kay Corda
Liaison Officer
Port Hedland WA

Sally Edgerton
Liaison Officer
Geelong VIC

Anne Fairbanks
Group Accountant

Helen Jones
Volunteer Administrator

Carin McCashin
Operations Manager WA

Danie McNeil
General Manager
East Coast VIC

Julie Mullett
Liaison Officer
South Metro WA

Serena Richardson
Administration Officer WA

Rhonda Velkovski
Liaison Officer
Western VIC & NSW

Sarah White
Liaison Officer
North West Metro WA

Financial Sustainability

We will be cost effective and financially secure for long-term success

Business Operations

Continuous business and service improvement was again a key objective for EdConnect Australia. Our improvement focus has been guided by the strategic Technology Roadmap developed in 2020. Timely implementation was greatly assisted through a service improvement grant from Lotterywest.

Several substantial system improvements were implemented including automation for gathering and reporting on feedback from volunteers and schools and significantly, the integration of the volunteers and school data that is provided to each school is now stored and automatically reported via the CRM system.

Policy and practises have been updated to reflect the changes and a new policy on data management was implemented.

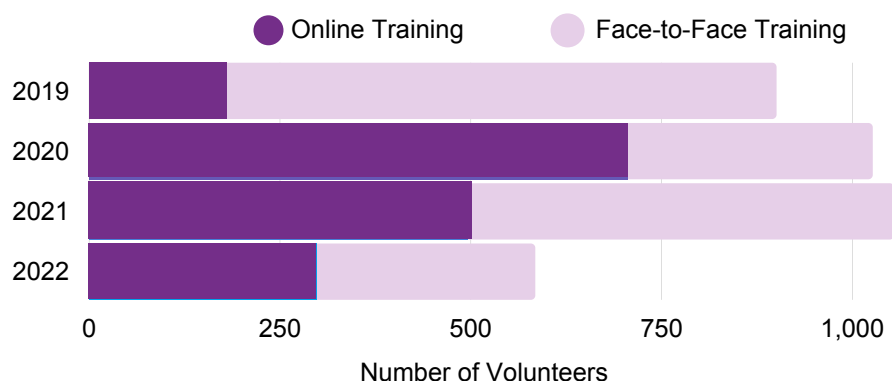
The organisation has adapted and demonstrated flexibility in response to the constantly changing requirements and government directives related to meeting Covid-19 requirements.

In addition to the heightened communication needed to keep volunteers informed of changing school status to allow volunteers on site, systems were implemented to record volunteer and staff vaccination and boosted status to meet schools requirements for each jurisdiction.

There is now increased access to the core mandatory training modules for Mentoring and Learning Support via online modules that can be completed individually, within a small group or via a webinar. Face-to-face training continues to be offered. An online refresher training module has been developed through financial support from Bendigo Bank and the Goal Setting Module has shifted online though support from the Give Where You Live Pitch up Grant. Work on converting the reading module has commenced and a series of workshops on Cyber Safety and ADHD have been offered to volunteers this year through support from the Fogarty Foundation.

The EdConnect Australia team is committed to improve operations, and look forward to increased efficiencies and the ability to present more opportunities for volunteers to extend their skills and enhance their capacity to support students, schools and local communities.

Volunteer Training - Online and Face-to-Face



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Operating Results

EdConnect Australia has returned a modest surplus for the financial year to 30 June 2022 of \$77,915. Revenue was less than the previous year, predominantly due to the end of Commonwealth Government Covid-19 support. Excluding government Covid-19 support, total revenue increased by 13% from the prior year, with expenses increasing by 14%.

Service agreements with the Western Australian Government Department of Education and the Victorian Government Department of Education and Training provided ongoing support; and the Sidney Myer Fund, the Kimberley Foundation and Wylie Foundation once again generously supported management and corporate level activity. The Good Guys continue their support of EdConnect Australia as a nominated charity.

Lotterywest funded projects to improve the efficiency of our core operations, allowing EdConnect Australia to target resources for maximum impact and to pilot online mentoring in schools.

EdConnect Australia also received a generous grant from Lotterywest to carry out refurbishment of the Maylands office and create a fit-for-purpose, functional and modern workspace for the head office and the Perth based staff.

EdConnect Australia is able to sustain our program in the Pilbara region of Western Australia through the ongoing support of the Roy Hill Community Foundation (RHCF), including a three-year extension of this grant agreement. Alcoa Australia are generous supporters of the program in the Peel region south of Perth.

Local governments have provided additional funding for events and activities in local communities including City of Armadale, City of Cockburn, Hobsons Bay City Council, Wyndham City Council and Hume City Council. Victorian activities were supported by generous grants from the Gandel Foundation, Ian Potter Foundation, Dawn Wade Foundation, Give Where You Live Foundation and DOW.

The Fogarty Foundation and Bendigo Bank provided grant funding to enable the delivery of face-to-face training workshops, as well as the creation of online training modules to ensure EdConnect Australia is investing in the skills and capacity of our volunteers.

EdConnect Australia ends the year in a stable financial position, an achievement following the pandemic related turbulence over the past two years and the subsequent impact on program and project delivery.

For a copy of the full audited financial statement visit our [website](#).



Financial Report

Concise Financial Report

REVENUE

	FY 2022	FY 2021
Service Agreements	792,786	711,770
Grants	546,136	428,603
School Program Membership	81,272	82,195
Fundraising and Sponsorship	64,051	91,695
Other	2,044	387,934
	1,486,289	1,702,197

EXPENDITURE

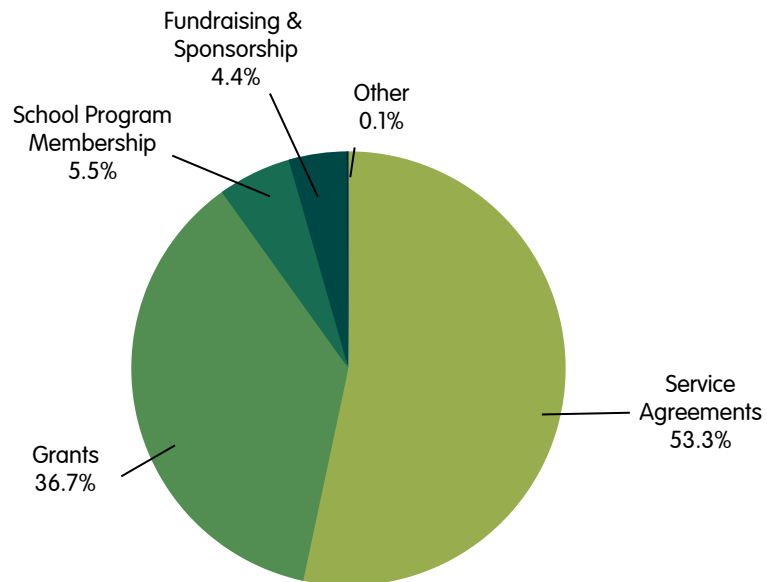
Consultancy Expenses	45,171	3,774
Administration Expenses	74,700	78,278
Operating Expenses	185,370	138,540
Employee Expenses	1,093,133	1,017,070
	1,408,374	1,237,662

Surplus / (Deficit)

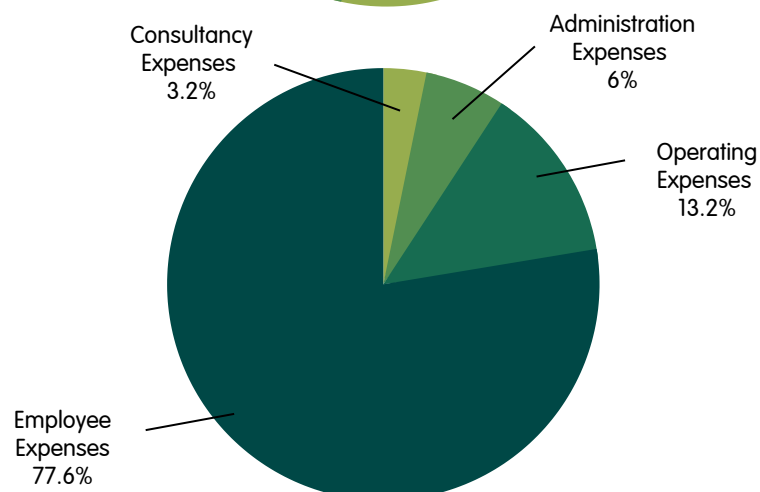
77,915

464,535

Revenue 2022



Expenditure 2022



We will be cost effective and financially secure for long-term success

Our Sponsors

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DIRECTORS DECLARATION

ACN 109 551 966
EDCONNECT AUSTRALIA FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2022

In the opinion of the Directors of The School Volunteer Program Ltd t/a EdConnect Australia:

- a) The consolidated financial statements and notes of are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including:
- (i) Giving a true and fair view of its financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013; and
- b) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Responsible Entities.



Elena Mogilevski

Chairperson

Dated this 5 October 2022

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

UNDER SECTION DIVISION 60 OF THE AUSTRALIAN CHARITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS COMMISSION ACT 2012

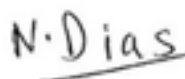
To the Directors of the School Volunteer Program Ltd t/a EdConnect Australia

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit for the financial year ended 30 June 2022 there have been:

- (i) No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Australian Charities and Not Profits Commission Act 2012 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



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Assurance Pty Ltd



Nigel Dias

Director

Dated this 5 October 2022, VIC



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