

West Moorabool Foundation Ltd

2025 - 2026 Annual report

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About Us

We are a health promotion charity focused on improving local health outcomes through awareness, prevention, and stronger connections to services. Following two years of careful set-up and planning, 2025–2026 was a year of full delivery. Our projects reached more people, our partnerships deepened, and our first Executive Officer completed her first full year in role.



Vision

To raise community awareness to take action on important health matters by engaging partners to promote or deliver programs and services to West Moorabool community members.

Mission

To improve the health and wellbeing outcomes for West Moorabool community members.

Our People

- Robert Eskdale, President
- Peter Mayall, Treasurer
- Tracy Shirreff, Director
- Ann Griffin, Director
- Matt Romania, Director (June 2026)

Our Executive Officer
Kim Dennis, Executive Officer (contract ended August 2026)

President’s report



Robert Eskdale

President

It is a privilege to report on a year in which the West Moorabool Foundation delivered on the promises of its early planning.

Two years ago, we set out to build strong foundations. This year, we put those foundations to work. With Kim Dennis completing her first full year as Executive Officer, we expanded our health promotion projects, deepened our partnerships, and connected more residents with the information and support they need.

I thank our directors for their continued volunteer service and their dedication to our mission. I also thank Kim for the energy, skill, and care she has brought to her role. As Kim’s contract has ended, we have split her role and thank you to WMFL Member Roni Nix who has taken over the Company Secretary role, while local resident Tomas Graca has been appointed to the contract position of Health Promotions Support Officer. Together, we are building a healthier and more connected community, guided by the needs of local people.

Key achievements this year:

- Delivered our ongoing Mental Health and Chronic Illness Awareness project, reaching residents across West Moorabool with practical information and clear links to local services.
- Continued our valued partnership with Community Foundations Australia, with regular catch-ups and sharing of knowledge
- Redesigned our website to be more aligned to community needs
- Recognised valued contribution of young people to health promotion in the west of Moorabool through a community award.
- Strengthened relationships with mecwacare, the Primary Health Network (PHN), Black Dog Institute, and local organisations.
- Worked towards supporting community events that brought people together around important health conversations.

Treasurer’s report



Peter Mayall

Treasurer

IIt is my pleasure to present the Treasurer’s Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2026.

The Foundation maintained a prudent and stable investment approach throughout the year, while significantly expanding its delivery of health promotion activities.

Summary

- Investments: The capital derived from the sale of the Ballan & District Health Care facility remains invested in line with Board approvals. Our investment strategy balances security with reliable income, allowing us to fund charitable works while protecting our long-term capital.
- Income: Investment income continued steadily during the year.
- Expenditure: Operating costs reflect a full year of Executive Officer salary, active project delivery, community engagement, governance, and compliance. This represents a planned and healthy increase as we moved from set-up into full operation.
- Result: The Foundation ended the year in a sound financial position, with the capacity to continue and expand its health promotion work in 2026–2027.

The audited financial statements are attached, and I request that they be formally accepted and approved.



Auditor’s Report

The signed Auditor’s Report for the year ended 30 June 2026 is provided as a separate document.

Financial Statements

The Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2026 is provided as a separate document.



Our Work in 2025–2026

This was our first full year of active health promotion delivery. Our two flagship projects reached more people, and our partnerships helped us extend our impact across the community.



Mental Health and Chronic Illness Awareness (Ongoing)

Our first project continued to grow throughout the year, connecting residents with information and support.

Focus: Awareness of anxiety, depression, and type 1 diabetes, along with community engagement around dementia.
Approach: Targeted Facebook outreach, open community conversations, practical signposting to local services, and resources for caregivers.
Impact: Increased engagement on mental health topics, reduced stigma, and stronger connections between residents and the support available to them.

Community Foundations Australia Partnership

We gratefully acknowledge the continued partnership with Community Foundations Australia. This engagement played a key role in expanding our reach, supporting community engagement activities, and building programs that bring people together and promote wellbeing.

Community Events and Engagement

Throughout the year, we supported and encouraged open conversations about health and wellbeing. These gatherings aimed to connect residents with resources, foster support networks, and reinforce our commitment to a healthier, more connected West Moorabool. Our Annual General Meeting also provided members with clear updates on our progress, finances, and future plans.



Acknowledgments & Thank You

Our progress this year was made possible by the generosity and expertise of many people and organizations. We thank our members, volunteers, local businesses, philanthropic partners, and health providers who gave their time, knowledge, and support.

With gratitude to:

- Community Foundations Australia
- mecwacare
- Primary Health Network (PHN)
- Moorabool Shire Council
- Ballan & District Community Bank
- Patrick Bonello and the team at GenesisFX
- The Moorabool News
- Ballan Neighbourhood House

Your support helps us reach more people with timely, practical health information and services.



How You Can Help

There are three simple ways to support our work and help shape the future of health in West Moorabool.

- Become a member
- Membership costs just $10 and gives you a voice at our AGM. Apply online at www.westmooraboolfoundation.com or request an application form by calling the Secretary on 0487 895 441. Renewals can be completed the same way.
- Make a donation
- We can receive tax-deductible donations. Give online at www.westmooraboolfoundation.com/donations-bequests.
- Leave a bequest
- A bequest creates a lasting legacy for local health. To learn more about the steps involved, visit www.westmooraboolfoundation.com/donations-bequests or get in touch with us.



Contact Us

The West Moorabool Foundation Ltd is led by a volunteer Board and supported by our Health Promotion Support Officer. We are always happy to hear from you. Please be patient, as it may take us up to a week to respond.

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