



2022-2023 Financial Year Annual Report

West Moorabool Foundation Ltd

Our Mission

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

Our 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.

Our History

In December 2021, west Moorabool's community-owned bush nursing hospital sold to mecwacare. The hospital association members wanted to derive a health benefit from the residual funds. They voted to establish the West Moorabool Foundation Ltd to promote health-related initiatives in the Ballan and the West Moorabool Districts.

The Foundation was incorporated as a public company limited by guarantee under the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) on 19 April 2023. The Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission registered the Foundation as a charity.

Through its links to the bush nursing hospital, the foundation traces its origin story back to 1944. It was then that the people of Ballan and surrounds began fundraising to build a local hospital. In 1966, the Ballan and District Soldiers' Memorial Bush Nursing Hospital opened its doors and began caring for the west Moorabool community.

The foundation acknowledges the lives of those who served and died in World War II, to whom the bush nursing hospital was dedicated. We hope to honour that wonderful, practical memorial in our work.

About Us

Our People

Robert Eskdale Interim President	Ann Griffin Interim Director	Tor Roxburgh Interim Secretary
Robert was a Life Governor of Ballan’s bush nursing hospital and served on its board for over 40 years. Currently retired, he worked as a municipal engineer for the Ballan Shire before running a successful business with his wife Anne Eskdale.	Ann worked as Manager, People and Culture, at Ballan’s bush nursing hospital. She has extensive experience working in and managing not-for-profits, including psychiatric and disability services.	Tor worked as Communications Manager at Ballan’s bush nursing hospital. She has a background in family violence services, writing, publishing, and public art. Previously, she sat on the board of Writers Victoria.

Structure & Management

The West Moorabool Foundation Ltd is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).

The Foundation has no staff members and is managed by its board of directors who work on a voluntary basis.

President’s Report

I am honoured to have the opportunity to report on the West Moorabool Foundation Ltd.’s first few months as a registered health promotion charity.

The Foundation has not yet undertaken any activities or programs in the community. During our first few months, we concentrated our work on establishing the Foundation and ensuring its structure was fit for purpose.

On April 19 this year, we incorporated, and received a tax file number. On April 26, the board of directors held their first meeting, with James McComb, Ballan District Health & Care CEO, present as a visitor. The meeting appointed me as Interim President and Proper Officer, Tor Roxburgh as Interim Secretary, and Ann Griffin as an Interim Director.

During the following weeks, with support from James McComb, the board prepared a skills matrix for director nominations. We also investigated the Foundation’s scope. The directors needed to grasp the potential activities and programs that a health promotion can engage in. To answer the question, we consulted Russell Kennedy Lawyers. I invite Foundation members to examine the table of sample activities (upon request).

I want to thank the Ballan District Health & Care Association Members for their support and patience in establishing the Foundation. I also want to acknowledge the BDHC board, which funded the Foundation's modest start-up costs.

Your board will collaborate with health experts to ensure local initiatives improve health outcomes. To this end, we are meeting with Dr Sandro Demaio, CEO of VicHealth, and his team in December.

Robert Eskdale
Interim President

Treasurer's Report

During the 2023 financial year, the West Moorabool Foundation Ltd had no assets, no income, and no expenses.

The only activity involved opening an Easysaver account with the Bendigo Bank Group on 23 May, 2023. The account had a zero balance at opening and zero balance at 30 June, 2023. There were no transactions.

Tor Roxburgh
Interim Secretary (in lieu of the appointment of a treasurer)

Auditor's Report

The Auditor's Report is appended.

Financial Statements

The Financial Report is appended.

Acknowledgments & Thank You

It took a long time to create the West Moorabool Foundation Ltd. It required many meetings and many months of work before the charity could be incorporated and registered. We are deeply grateful to the members of the Ballan District Health & Care Association for their ongoing support. We are equally grateful to the community for its forbearance.

Throughout the financial year, community members, local businesses, Victorian philanthropic organisations, and not-for-profit financial experts all volunteered their time to advise us about starting a charity. Their help and support made it possible to establish the Foundation.

We wish to offer thanks to:

Seek Accounting Services
Ballan & District Community Bank
The Ballan District Health & Care
Association members
James McComb
The Ballan District Health & Care
Board
Patrick Bonello and the team at
GenesisFX

The Moorabool News
Leslie Fawlkner-Rose
Australian Philanthropic Services
Australian Communities Foundation
Community Foundations Australia
The Mirboo North & District
Community Foundation, and
The Foundation for Rural Regional
Renewal.

This annual report is limited to events prior to the end of the financial year, but we can look forward to a dynamic future, focused on improving health outcomes in the district.

How You Can Help

Become a member

It's easy to become a member. Just visit www.westmooraboolfoundation.com and apply online or request an application form by calling the Secretary on 0487 895 441.

Make a donation

The West Moorabool Foundation Ltd can receive tax deductible donations. Donating is easy. Just visit www.westmooraboolfoundation.com/donations-bequests to donate online.

Leave a bequest

To learn more about leaving a bequest, we encourage you to get in touch. For an overview of the steps involved, you can visit www.westmooraboolfoundation.com/donations-bequests.

Contact Us

Volunteers run the West Moorabool Foundation Ltd. We're always happy to hear from you, but please be patient.

It may take us a week or so to get back to you.

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