

ST KILDA GATEHOUSE
ANNUAL REPORT
2023

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connect
respect

OUR VISION


To provide people experiencing hardship, access to the space, support, and connections they need to respond to challenges and cultivate personal strengths aiding recovery and empowerment.

OUR MISSION

St Kilda Gatehouse offers a wrap-around model of support to deliver practical assistance, places of belonging and to holistically build on strengths and capacity to provide positive pathways for vulnerable people. We prioritise women reliant on street sex work and young women and girls affected by sexual exploitation.



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 St Kilda Gatehouse acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands where we dwell and pay our respects to elders, past, present and emerging. We are dedicated to ensuring safe and inclusive workplaces, services and support for all.

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OUR HISTORY

What began in 1992 as an intentional community of hospitality and support for those experiencing the cycle of homelessness and addiction, has evolved into a highly regarded community organisation and essential service that meets the needs of those who are often 'forgotten' and 'fall through the gaps' of more traditional service providers.

In 1992 the Drop In Centre was opened, strategically located in what was then the heart of Melbourne's Red Light District. The Drop In provides practical assistance and support and is often the first point of call for those living and working on the street who need a safe place of belonging, connection, and respect.


In 2015 the organization opened its Young Women's Program (YWP), operating in the South-Eastern suburbs, working alongside young women and girls aged 12-25 years old affected by child sexual exploitation (CSE). This program aims to intervene earlier in the life of a young woman, reducing the risk of CSE and its harmful impact on the long-term health, socio-economic and educational outcomes of vulnerable girls and young women.

In 2016 St Kilda Gatehouse began to develop 'ARISE'. This professional development resource equips frontline workers to understand and respond to the risk factors associated with CSE. Since its launch in 2018, ARISE has been delivered to over 200 practitioners, social workers, police officers and others who work with, or are in contact with at risk children and young people.

In 2017 Greeves St. Social Enterprise was established. The Greeves St. Boutique Op Shop has become a much-loved community hub in the heart of St Kilda and is home for the Craft Group, Greeves St. Voices and opportunities for women to engage in volunteerism, job readiness and skills development.

St Kilda Gatehouse has a long history of working collaboratively with the community sector, Government departments, key agencies, local community groups and individuals to address issues that limit a woman's options. For many who come from challenging backgrounds it's a source of dignity, hope and belonging.

Today St Kilda Gatehouse employs the equivalent of 8 full time staff, is governed by an independent Board and has the commitment of 48 dedicated volunteers across our various programs that help us create our vision and achieve our mission.

A black and white photograph of a wooden plank with handwritten names and dates, surrounded by papers and a clipboard. The plank is the central focus, with names like 'BOB', 'SUE', and 'BILLY' and dates like '12-10-15' and '26-8-15' visible. The background is filled with various papers, some with photos, and a clipboard with a pen. The overall scene suggests a record-keeping or archival process.

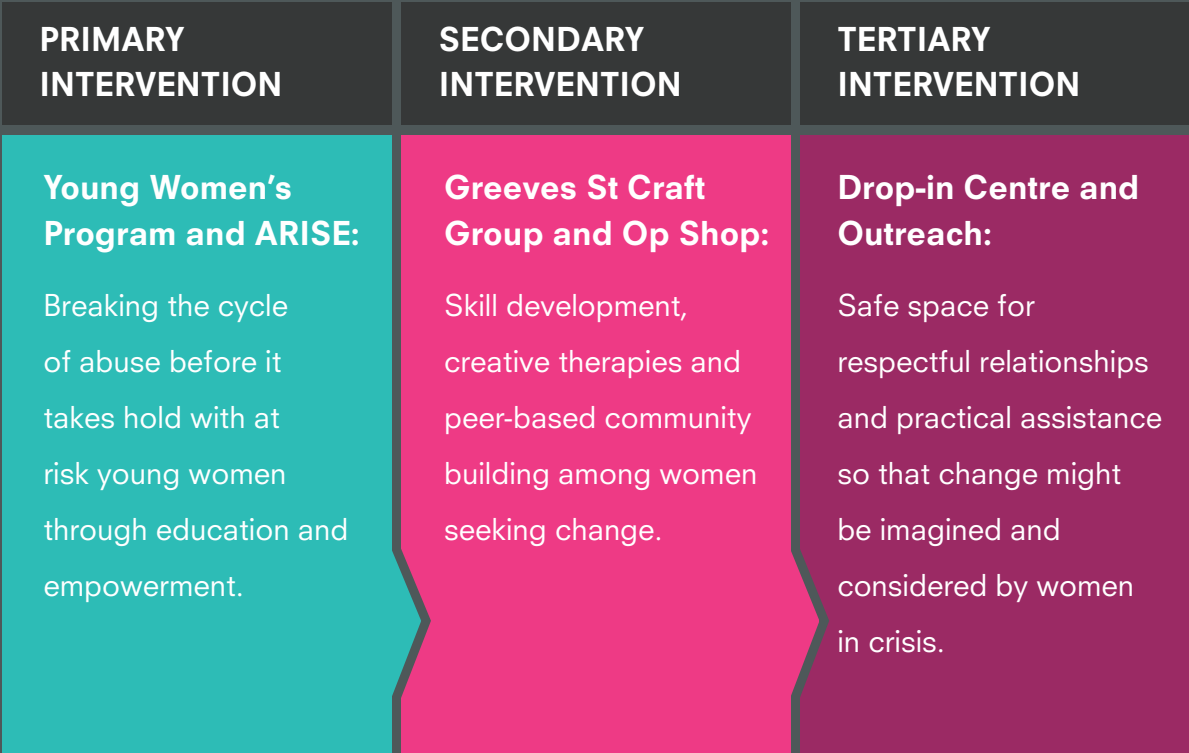
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STRATEGIC OVERVIEW 2022–2025

Our four strategic directions are:

- **Serve** – deliver high quality services
- **Connect** – build stronger partnerships
- **Promote** – raise awareness of St Kilda Gatehouse’s impact
- **Thrive** – secure a sustainable future

The St Kilda Gatehouse Social Impact Report (McGrow, 2022)* identifies how we are achieving our mission holistically through interventions aimed at women at different stages of life.



*Thank you to Dr Lauren McGrow PhD, Research Fellow Charles Sturt University.

All St Kilda Gatehouse programs and support services are concerned with safeguarding women and girls (she/her) from the negative impact sexual exploitation has on both short- and long-term health, education and socio-economic outcomes on an individual's life. We provide support and/or intervention at any stage of the sexual exploitation cycle.

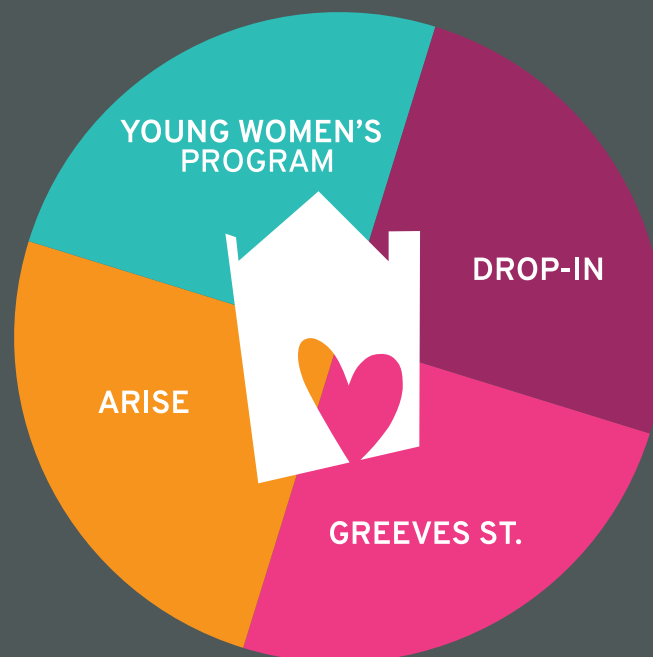
Our 360° model holds significant potential for breaking a cycle of exploitation. Providing long-term support and community empowers those reliant on street sex work to find hope and to seek support for self-care. Hence the St Kilda Gatehouse approach and mantra "belong connect respect" is integral to the way St Kilda Gatehouse provides support services.

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YEARS OF
SUPPORT OUTREACH
THROUGH DROP-IN

8
YEARS OF
EARLY INTERVENTION
AT YWP

6
YEARS OF
GREEVES ST SOCIAL
ENTERPRISE PROJECTS

5
YEARS OF
ARISE PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT



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continuous improvement
in the delivery of
our services

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

This has been a year of change on multiple levels, with farewells, new appointments and continuous improvement in the delivery and support of our outreach activities.

As you look through the pages of this annual report, you can read more about the holistic model of support that St Kilda Gatehouse provides to women and girls affected by sexual exploitation. Our long history spanning more than 30 years, supporting women involved in street sex work while giving attention to their stories, has enabled St Kilda Gatehouse to develop outreach and care, appropriate to their experience of exploitation. We have developed program logics that explain the nature of care provided in the delivery of outreach services. We can measure the outputs (refer social impact page 6) and are pleased that outreach returned to full operational capacity with regular service delivery throughout the past year. We also know the long-term outcomes we hope for – empowerment and freedom of choice for our clients.

Stacey Aslangul, our former CEO, ended her term of office as CEO at the beginning of October 2023. Stacey led St Kilda Gatehouse through more than 3 years of intense change, which included the challenges of the COVID lockdown years. Stacey enabled the successful implementation of our strategic goals to establish a more robust infrastructure and financial stability, allowing us to continue to build our outreach programs. Stacey leaves us with firm foundations for the future. We are so grateful for the commitment and dedication she gave, and we are excited for the legacy she leaves for building for the future.

During the year we also said farewell to three board members: Desiree Smit, Alan Marr and Catherine Hingley. We are grateful for each of these board members; for the wisdom they shared with us, and the time and effort they gave to overseeing St Kilda Gatehouse activities in past years.

We have welcomed three new board members this year: Simon de Bell, Rosie Camilleri and Beth Pocklington. We have been keen to build a diverse set of skills around the board table to establish strong governance, and believe we now have the range of expertise needed to ensure we continue to meet the goals in our business plan.

The board conducted an intensive search for a new CEO and we were happy to receive many good calibre applications. Our primary goal, through the CEO recruitment process, has been to find someone who not only has the appropriate expertise, but someone who would uphold our vision and values and would lead us into our next chapter with both compassion and determination. We are delighted to advise that we have appointed Nickie Gyomber as the next CEO of St Kilda Gatehouse. We are excited for you to meet her, as we start our next chapter in the life of St Kilda Gatehouse.

Having successfully relocated our boutique op shop, Greeves St., during the year, our next big project will be the extension of the Drop In Centre, which will extend the Drop In space and incorporate consulting rooms, to increase the proximity of health services available to our clients. We will embark on detailed planning, publicity and fundraising in 2024, with the hope that building can be completed during 2025. We hope that you too will join us in the pursuit of this vision.

I close with huge sincere thanks to all our staff, volunteers, donors and funding partners who make delivery of our mission possible. Thank you for all you do in support of the St Kilda Gatehouse mission, and we look forward to continuing this journey with you.



S. Dianne Azoor Hughes
Chair, St Kilda Gatehouse

INCOMING CEO

I'm delighted to be joining in the wonderful work of St Kilda Gatehouse!

As a health professional, I know that we get the best outcomes when we meet people where they are at: St Kilda Gatehouse exemplifies this approach both physically, with thoughtfully selected locations, and emotionally, by offering non-judgemental supports that address a person's "today need" while still holding hope for tomorrow. The passionate St Kilda Gatehouse team continues to create places of healthy connection, belonging, and hope. I am proud to join in with this mission.

Nickie Gyomber

CEO



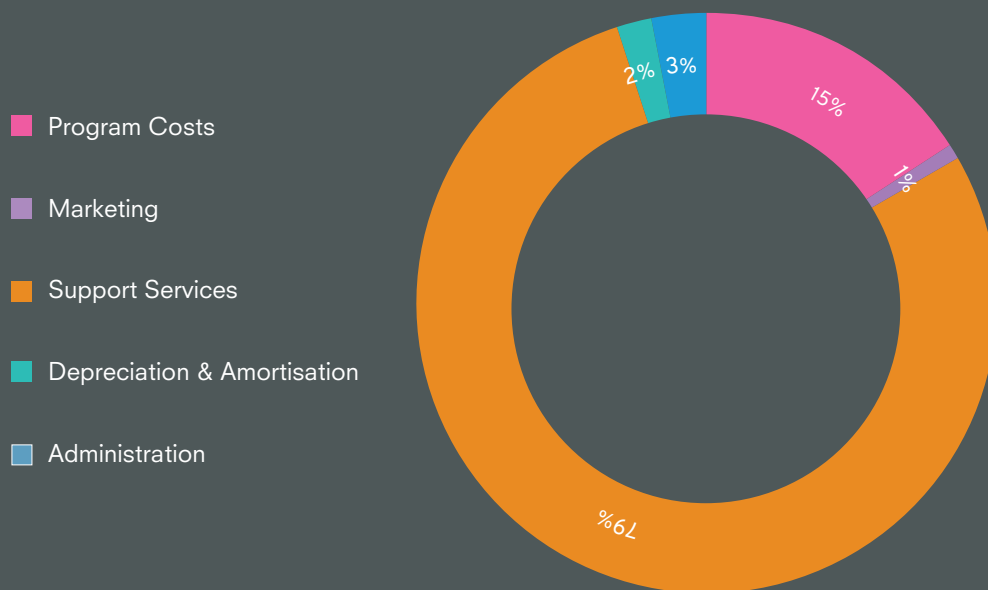
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EXPENDITURE

Program Costs	15%	\$	169,220
Marketing	1%	\$	7,587
Support Services	79%	\$	860,166
Depreciation and Amortisation	2%	\$	18,232
Administration	3%	\$	32,148
	100%	\$	1,087,353
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		\$	93,069

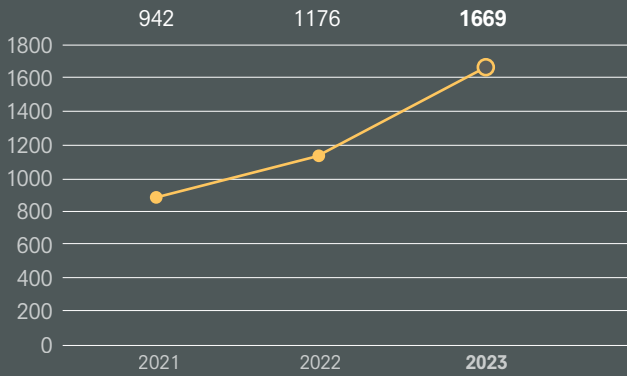


Our sincere thanks to RSM Australia for conducting our independent audit of our financial statements for the past 10 years.



Please see the ACNC or our website to download a complete set of audited financial statements

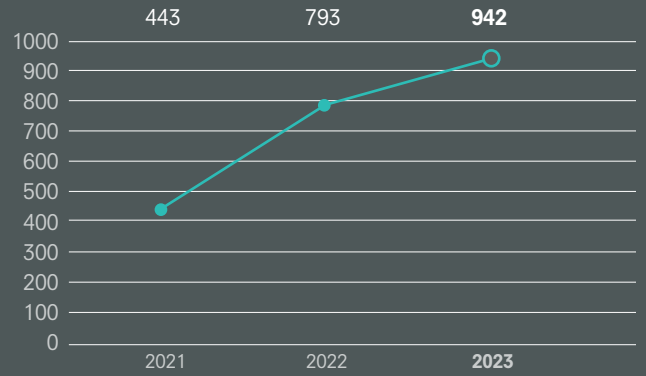
FORMS OF TARGETED SUPPORT



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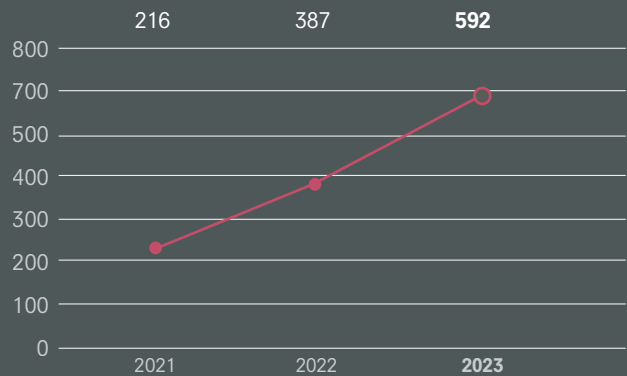


MENTORING & EDUCATIONAL



Drop-In: Approximately 1 in 15 visits seek crisis counselling
YWP: Almost every visit

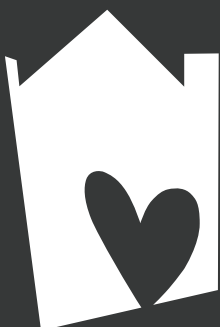
ADVOCACY & REFERRALS



Drop-In: Approximately 1 in 13 visits obtain referrals
YWP: Approximately 1 in 3 visits



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