



ANNUAL SUMMARY 2024-25

ANOTHER YEAR OF PROGRESS....

This annual report is the first aligned to our current 2024-2027 strategic plan. It is also the ten year anniversary of Shepparton Community Share. Ten years of continuous commitment to our strategic pillars of collaboration, capacity building, innovation and advocacy. For the communities we serve, directly through service provision, and indirectly through our shared collective to better the environment and conditions we live in.

After 15 years as CEO of FamilyCare and 10 years with SCS we farewell our friend and colleague David Tennant. David's willingness to share his expertise and wisdom with this group has been invaluable. We wish him well in earning a long overdue deserved break and look

forward to hearing what the future may hold. We also look forward to welcoming his successor to Shepparton Community Share.

We held our collective breaths awaiting the 25/26 state budget. Unfortunately health and social services saw no increase; this disappointingly reflects government responses geared towards the acute sector with little regard or consideration for upstream preventative funding.

Again we thank and acknowledge Helen Macpherson Trust for our initial seed funding: the impetus for our collaboration and continued existing momentum ten years later.

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PROGRESS AGAINST OUR PLAN....

INNOVATION



- ♦ Ongoing representation at VCOSS Community Organisation Climate Network Meetings
- ♦ Contribution, via CEO panel representation, into VCOSS adaptation equity research project (released FY 25/26)

COLLABORATION



- ♦ An inaugural and annual combined meeting of the SCS CEO group and the SCS HR group. The aim to provide CEO commitment and support to the ongoing growth and sustainability of the SCS HR group.
- ♦ Ongoing support for the transition of Wise Well Women Community Educators to come under FamilyCare auspice. Support to other (potential) groups to consider governance assistance as appropriate

“I am privileged to participate in VCOSS’ ongoing climate change impact work—particularly with the varied climate impacts our local community have faced. We are at the coal face, and can provide accurate lived experience to VCOSS”

Tricia Quibell

CEO

Primary Care Connect

“Although we are CEOs we still seek to learn and improve from each other and our organisation’s improvements. This group exposes us to that opportunity.”

Jacinta Russell

CEO

Connect GV

BUILD CAPACITY



- ♦ SCS Member The Bridge Youth Service were successful with an employee applicant receiving a University of Melbourne Community Fellows Program position (Shepparton region)
- ♦ The one year project is titled: “Activating the CALD Youth Voice in universal Community Service Organisation engagement practices – A model of culturally safe CALD youth engagement for Regional Organisations.”

“SCS looks forward to continuing to seek opportunity to contribute and advocate in activities that benefit our communities. We celebrate both individual and collective success.”

Melinda Lawley

CEO

The Bridge Youth Service

ADVOCACY



- ♦ 50 federal government public servants participated in the Australian Public Servants (APS) SES Band 2 Leadership Program came to Shepparton in two separate immersion groups, investigating how policy intersects with delivery within a region. The four SCS CEO’s were invited to both immersion trips to lead a panel discussion on our collaboration.
- ♦ Connect GV and Primary Care Connect also co-ordinated small group listening sessions with clients of the services providing a lived experience account of their journey in the system.

“I leave SCS after 10 years of continuous participation; inception to sustainable, acknowledging that the collective is bigger than one person or organisation. There is always more to be achieved.”

David Tennant

CEO

FamilyCare