



Annual Report 2025



OUR PURPOSE

To be the voice and champion of Victoria's Learn Local providers, supporting them to strengthen individuals and communities

OUR VALUES

Leadership | Collaboration | Accountability | Equity

The voice of adult and community education

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Board Chair Sally Brennan

Within an operating environment of constant change at a range of levels, ACEVic has demonstrated its organisational stability and enduring capacity for hard work on behalf of the Learn Local sector. It's common knowledge that the Learn Local sector is not as well recognised as it should be within the Victorian post-secondary education and training landscape. However, its work is vitally important to the prosperity of Victorians in providing foundational capability skills and learning to those adults who require a second go at learning who, without the opportunities provided at these organisations, would be unable to contribute meaningfully to civic life and the Victorian economy.

As peak body for Learn Local organisations, ACEVic has continued to work cooperatively with the Adult, Community and Further Education (ACFE) Board to ensure that this important work is collaborative and aligned. Riding the changes, ACEVic has demonstrated its leadership in working towards ensuring that the Learn Local sector delivers its important work providing quality outcomes for learners and delivering strategic collaboration with key stakeholders, such as the Minister for Training and Skills, DJSIR, Learn Local organisations and TAFE.

This has meant working hard to ensure fiscal equity for providers, the development of teaching and learning frameworks that focus on high quality learning outcomes over compliance and regulatory systems, and maintaining a strong voice for the Learn Local sector to industry, government and other important stakeholders.

We note the resignation of the Hon. Gayle Tierney as a champion of the Learn Local sector, and we thank her for her hard work over many years. It's impossible to quantify how many Victorians are better off because of her work as Minister for Training and Skills. We also note the resignation of Teresa De Fazio from her role as ACFE Board Chair in similar fashion, a champion of adult learning and the Learn Local sector. These two women will be missed.

We welcome the Hon. Colin Brooks into the role of Minister for Skills and TAFE, and look forward to working with him, our fellow peak bodies, the ACFE Board and most importantly Victoria's Learn Local sector to ensure that the opportunity for all Victorian adults to reach their learning potential is achieved.

Executive Officer **Nina Bekker**

2025 was a year of strong collaboration, sector leadership and meaningful engagement for ACEVic. Our work focused on strengthening the Learn Local sector, advocating for sustainable policy settings and supporting providers across Victoria. ACEVic worked closely with the ACFE Board, the ACFE Directorate and the Victorian Skills Authority to ensure Learn Local providers, including RTOs, were represented in key policy discussions.

Partnerships remained central to our efforts. Together with Neighbourhood Houses Victoria and Adult Learning Australia, ACEVic participated in quarterly Victorian ACE Peaks Network meetings with DJSIR and VSA representatives, providing a coordinated platform to address emerging issues and share sector insights.

Supporting providers on the ground continued to be a priority. ACEVic offered practical advice and mentoring to Learn Local practitioners, including new managers and coordinators. Engagement extended internationally through a meeting with a delegation from Shanghai's Pudong New Area, highlighting shared challenges and opportunities across global community education systems.

Professional development was strengthened through a collaboration with Swinburne University of Technology, delivering training focused on innovation in the Learn Local and TAFE sectors. ACEVic also contributed to key research and reviews, including Federation University's work on quality intercultural education.

A significant achievement was ACEVic's submission and presentation to the Victorian Economy and Infrastructure Committee's Parliamentary Inquiry into student pathways into in-demand industries, representing the ACE sector alongside TAFEs, universities and LLENs.

ACEVic visited more than 50 members and stakeholders across the state, using these insights to inform advocacy on Stronger by Design, funding, Reconnect, the ACFE Review and sector sustainability. We also contributed to the re-accreditation of the Certificate I in Work Education and Certificate I in Transition Education with Victoria University.

Our 2025 conference, Empowering Growth, Inspiring Futures, brought together more than 120 attendees, while Executive Exchange sessions engaged over 140 participants across the year.

I would like to thank the 2025 ACEVic Board for their time and commitment to the ACE sector. Particularly the Executive board comprising of Sally Brennan (Chair), Sue Geals (Deputy chair), Janet Claringbold (Treasurer) and Tina Bampton (Secretary) and to Melissa Martin, ACEVic's Administration and Communication Officer for their dedicated work throughout the year.

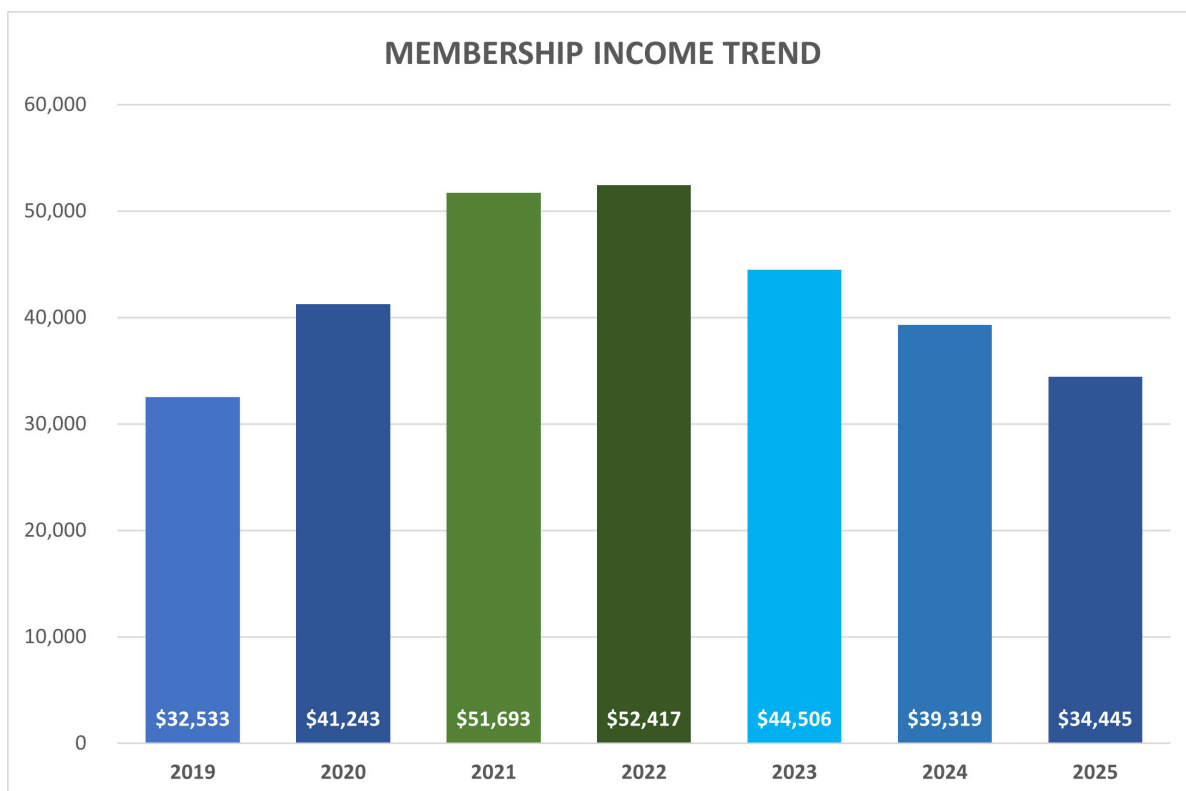
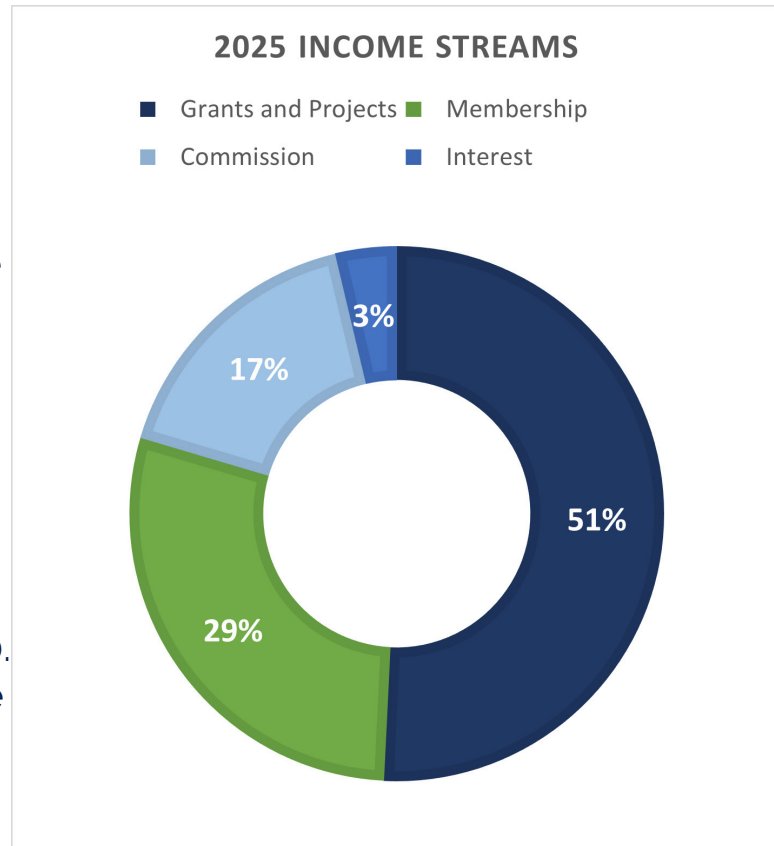
ACEVic remains committed to championing a strong, sustainable and recognised ACE sector for all Victorians.

TREASURER Janet Claringbold

ACEVic remains in a sound financial position with assets of \$206,308 at the end of 2025.

The year had some financial challenges, with reduced income from three revenue sources including membership, insurance commission and grants for projects. However the decline in this income was offset by increased revenue from a very successful annual conference and consulting work.

Although overall expenditure decreased, the result for 2025 was a deficit of \$72,500. The Board had anticipated a deficit for the year of \$62,000 so the final figure is in keeping with expectations. Our financial strategy is in accordance with ACEVic's strategic intent to prioritise services to members and to continue the very important advocacy work for the Adult Community Education sector in Victoria.



2025 INSIGHTS



REGIONAL MEMBERS
32%

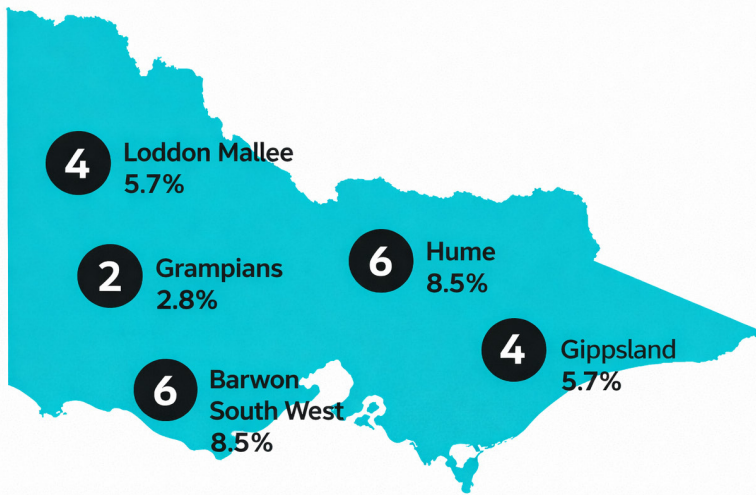


METRO MEMBERS
66%



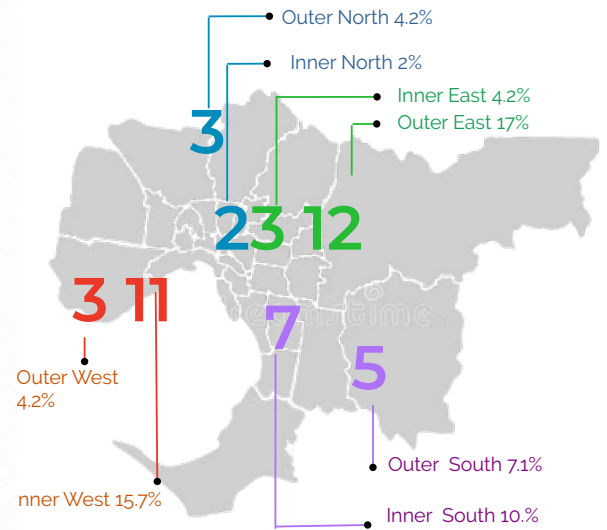
RTO MEMBERS
37%

REGIONAL MEMBER LOCATION BREAKDOWN



Victoria, Australia

METRO MEMBER LOCATION BREAKDOWN



MEMBERS BY CATEGORY BREAKDOWN

Membership by Category Breakdown



Category 0 - (15) 24%	Category 1 - (4) 6%	Category 2 - (6) 9%
Category 3 - (9) 14%	Category 4 - (11) 17%	Category 5 - (17) 27%
Associate (2) 3%		

KEY CONSULTATIONS 2025

International delegation from Shanghai exchanging insights on ACE.

29
1:1 meetings with senior Departmental staff and ACFEB members

Collaboration on the re-accreditation of Certificate I in Work Education and Transition Education

Parliamentary hearing on Student pathways into in demand industries impacts of ACE

ACEVIC CONFERENCE

Impact

- 120 Attendees
- 10 sessions
- Networking
- ACFE Board, DJSIR, VSA Representation

ACEVIC VISITS

Impact

ACEVic has visited over 50 providers & stakeholders

2700+ Kilometres travelled

SOCIALS SNAPSHOT


107 Posts


102 Posts

442 Followers
16,637 Views
354 Reactions

607 Followers
10,000 Impressions
436 Reactions

2025 ACHIEVEMENTS

ACEVic has had a productive and fulfilling year in 2025. We have continued to strengthen our support for members, building on established relationships with key stakeholders while advocating strongly for the growth and sustainability of the sector. As an organisation, we have continued to evolve and respond to emerging needs, ensuring we deliver high-quality services and offerings that provide meaningful value to our members



ACEVic worked closely with the ACFE Board, ACFE Directorate & Victorian Skills Authority to advocate for Learn Local providers including RTO's.



ACEVic provided support and practical advice to Learn Local practitioners and providers throughout the state. Including mentoring of new managers and coordinators



Together with Neighbourhood Houses Victoria and Adult Learning Australia, ACEVic represented the ACE sector at quarterly Victorian ACE Peaks Network meetings with DJSIR and VSA representatives



ACEVic advocated directly with the ACFE Board, DJSIR and Minister Gayle Tierney's office on behalf of the sector regarding Stronger by Design, funding, process changes, Reconnect, ACFE review and the sustainability of the ACE sector.



ACEVic met with an International delegation from China representing the Adult and Community Education sector in Shanghai Pudong New Area. Discovering aligned challenges and successes



ACEVic contributed to a range of education and training reviews and research papers. Including the Quality Intercultural education in a community setting conducted by Federation University



In collaboration Swinburne University of Technology, ACEVic delivered a series of professional development opportunities focusing on innovation in training for the Learn Local and TAFE sector.



ACEVic were honoured to contribute to the successful re-accreditation of the Certificate I in Work Education and Certificate I in Transition Education during 2025 with Curriculum Maintenance Managers at Victoria University.



ACEVic submitted a paper and presented to the Victorian Economy and Infrastructure Committees Parliamentary hearing on Student pathways into in demand industries. Representing the ACE sector alongside TAFE, Universities and LLEN's.



ACEVic visited over fifty (50) members and stakeholders across the state. Listening, connecting and learning from providers to represent and advocate for the ACE sector.



ACEVic hosted over 120 attendees including Learn Local providers, DJSIR, ACFE Board, Swinburne University of Technology and the VSA at our 2025 conference; Empowering Growth, Inspiring Futures.



Throughout the year ACEVic delivered professional development and networking Executive Exchange sessions with a range of topics and guest speakers. With over 140 participant engagement.



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2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Year:
1st January - 31st December 2025

Prepared by
Upper Yarra Valley Bookkeeping

Prepared on
9 April 2026

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2025 Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2025

	As of Dec. 31, 2025	As of Dec. 31, 2024 (PY)	Total Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Accounts receivable			
Accounts receivable	410	68	342
Total Accounts receivable	410	68	342
Cash			
BBL #6012	37,214	37,486	-272
BBL Card #5998	1,046	927	119
NAB #3451	27,638	58,840	-31,202
TD BBL #7940	40,000	0	40,000
TD BBL #9234	100,000	160,316	-60,316
Total Cash	205,898	257,568	-51,671
Total Current Assets	206,308	257,637	-51,328
Total Assets	A\$206,308	A\$257,637	A\$ -51,328

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY

Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable			
Accounts payable	165	-1	166
Total Accounts payable	165	-1	166
ATO BAS Lodged & Payable	5,797	11,242	-5,445
Grants in advance - VSA	9,159	0	9,159
GST Liabilities Payable	37	16	21
Leave Liabilities			
Provision for AL + TIL	15,322	12,898	2,424
Provision for LSL	4,775	2,890	1,885
Total Leave Liabilities	20,097	15,788	4,309
Prepaid Membership Income	11,739	0	11,739
Super lodged & payable	1,213	0	1,213
Total current liabilities	48,207	27,046	21,162
Shareholders' equity:			
Net Income	-72,490	-40,609	-31,882
Members funds	412	412	0
Opening Balance Equity	3,369	3,369	0
Retained Earnings	226,810	267,418	-40,609
Total shareholders' equity	158,101	230,591	-72,490
Total liabilities and equity	206,308	257,637	-51,328

2025 Profit & Loss

January - December 2025

	Jan. - Dec. 2025	Jan. - Dec. 2024 (PY)	Total Change
INCOME			
Conference Fees Received	5,471	6,579	-1,108
Conference Sponsorship Income	31,100	23,475	7,625
Consulting Income	11,119	250	10,869
Membership Income	34,445	39,320	-4,875
Total Income	82,135	69,624	12,511
GROSS PROFIT			
	82,135	69,624	12,511
OTHER INCOME			
Commission - Insurance	19,977	36,672	-16,694
GRANTS	13,000	48,318	-35,318
Interest income	4,414	8,654	-4,240
Total Other Income	37,392	93,644	-56,252
EXPENSES			
Audit Fees	550	500	50
Bank charges	40	545	-505
Bookkeeping Fees	10,341	9,761	580
Conference Expenses	3,547	8,830	-5,284
Dues and subscriptions	2,398	2,096	301
Insurance expenses	4,129	4,114	16
Marketing	697	2,250	-1,554
Office, general and administrative expenses	2,147	979	1,168
Postage & freight	27		27
Project Support		10,809	-10,809
Travel Expenses	60	162	-102
Wages & Superannuation	160,019	149,287	10,732
Wages - Accrued AL + TIL	2,424	9,755	-7,331
Wages - Accrued LSL	1,885	1,761	124
Workcover expenses	2,360	2,248	113
Workshop/Webinar Expenses	1,395	780	615
Total Expenses	192,018	203,877	-11,859
OTHER EXPENSES			
BAS Roundoff Gain or Loss	-1	-1	-1
Total Other Expenses	-1	-1	-1
NET EARNINGS	A\$ -72,490	A\$ -40,609	A\$ -31,882

8 April 2026

AUDITORS REPORT
ADULT & COMMUNITY EDUCATION VICTORIA INCORPORATED

To the Members

Scope

We have audited the attached special purpose financial reports in respect of the Adult & Community Education Victoria Incorporated for the year ended 31 December 2025 consisting of profit & loss report and the balance sheet. The Committee is responsible for the information contained therein and have determined that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit on the financial reports in order to express an opinion on them to the members. No opinion is expressed as to whether the basis of accounting is used is appropriate to the needs of the members.

The special purpose financial reports have been prepared for the distribution to the members of the entity for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee's accountability requirements. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial reports to which it relates, to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial reports, and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether in all material respects, the financial reports are presented fairly.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

AUDIT OPINION

In my opinion the financial reports of the Adult & Community Education Victoria Incorporated presents fairly the receipts and payments of the entity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Yours faithfully



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