



Annual Report 2023-2024



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Dear members and supporters

The committee has hit the ground running this year, marking a busy and successful year for Bosom Buddies. The launch of a new website and branding has propelled the charity into the next generation. The pink and blue tones now represent all genders and sexual orientations, reflecting our commitment to diversity, as breast cancer does not discriminate.

Strategically, the committee focused on our core services, including support groups and the Younger Group support services. Recognising the vital role of the support crews and volunteers, we are committed to enhancing volunteer engagement in the future. While there is still work to be done, our focus remains on our core business of peer support services.

March was our busiest month, with four committee members and volunteers participating in the Hands Across Canberra Day Appeal. We also volunteered at the Pink Triathlon and were thrilled to receive an LGBTQI+ community grant over two years. This grant will help us deliver services aimed at empowering the LGBTQI+ community to enhance breast/chest awareness and early detection of breast/chest cancer.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the contributions of Julie and Martini who stepped down from their roles on the committee during the year. Each of these individuals has been instrumental in their support and dedication to making Bosom Buddies what it is today. I also want to recognise our dedicated support crews and working bee volunteers; without your continued contributions, Bosom Buddies would not thrive.

Also we'd like to acknowledge the work that our support team volunteers do to help those diagnosed with breast cancer in the community. We thank Theresa Kerby and Sylvia Nuttall who stepped down this year for their service.

We are eager to move into the new financial year with the goal of making our brand instantly recognisable in Canberra and the surrounding regions, while continuing to strive for strong peer and support services in the future.

Yours sincerely

Gail Murray
President



Gail Murray
President 2023 - 2024

Management Committee November 2023 : October 2024

- Gail Murray : President
- Lynn Bean : Vice President
- Jacklyn Ersan : Treasurer
- Justine Gibbings : Secretary
- Shantanu Bhattacharya: Public Officer
- Narelle Sargent
- Lyn Grigg
- Heather Jackson

We thank Julie Abbey and Martini Skidmore who stepped down from the management committee in early 2024.

Executive Officer

Catherine Rider-Aichholzer

Support Team Volunteers

Lynn Bean
Sarah Beasley
Vickie Hingston-Jones
Gemma Hoyle
Heather Jackson
Margaret Kent
Lyn Pincott
Kim Stewart
Marilyn Ward

*We would like to thank
Theresa Kerby and Sylvia Nuttall
who stepped down from the support
team this year.
We thank you for your service.*

Connecting People to Support

Bosom Buddies is an independent charity and is the only organisation in the ACT dedicated solely to providing personalised on the ground support services to help individuals in the ACT and surrounding NSW region affected by breast cancer.

Our history: A buddy group was formed in 1995 by *Shirley Fitzgerald* to support a friend who had been newly diagnosed and was about to start her breast cancer treatment. It was soon realised that there were other women in a similar situation who perhaps didn't have a group of supportive friends - and Bosom Buddies was established.

Today, Bosom Buddies remains a volunteer-driven organisation, primarily comprising individuals who have personally faced a breast cancer diagnosis. Together, we are united in our commitment to uphold the mission of supporting all those affected by breast cancer and their loved ones.

We provide a **community, support, and resources** to help people dealing with breast cancer, and their loved ones on this journey.

Our Programs



Our Priorities

Bosom Buddies depends on donations and does not receive funding from the major national breast cancer organisations or local or federal governments. As the world continues to recover from the pandemic, this financial year has again seen limited opportunities to promote the charity, resulting in financial challenges to raise funds to cover operating costs.

However, despite the challenges, several accomplishments have been achieved including:

Securing solid grant funding for specific activities to support breast cancer patients:

- *John James Foundation* grant - \$20,000
- *Midwinter Ball* funding - \$20,000
- *ACT Government* (LGBTIQA+ grant - \$15,000
- *Tour de Cure* grant - \$10,000

Volunteer participation:

- establishment of the Younger Support Team with interest and attendance steadily increasing,
- increased volunteer attendance at our working bee mornings,
- successful launch of a program supporting chemotherapy patients, resulting in a steady supply of beautifully crafted “warm hug” wraps, beanies and patients aids,
- improvement in event volunteer numbers over previous years,
- Strengthening connections through the new website: greater contact with the younger demographic, and
- increase in requests for one-on-one peer support.

Raise our Profile

Last year our aim was to raise the profile of the charity through rebranding. Our mission was for the Bosom Buddies logo to remain strong but to have a contemporary twist to reflect the changes that have occurred in the world post-Covid. Thanks to the pro bono support from *Branded Graphics* we successfully achieved an amazing logo reflecting the changes in the world - Pink = Women/Blue = Men/Pink+Blue = Purple for Diversity and Inclusivity.

This year, we focused on reinvigorating our website to attract and promote Bosom Buddies. With the pro bono support and guidance from *Leverage Management Solutions* and *FutureTheory*, the Executive Officer developed and launched a new Bosom Buddies website. These initiatives have proven successful, increasing community awareness, greater volunteer involvement and connecting with a younger demographic who have reached out for support.



Promote our Services

As a volunteer-based charity, our primary challenge is to establish a **sense of belonging** and a **strong community base** that is invested in ensuring Bosom Buddies continues to thrive in the future.

This year, our focus was to:

- Encourage greater involvement by members & volunteers
- Invite the community to be more engaged
- Create an inclusive and diverse environment
- Promote our ability to provide information on available regional services
- Encourage people to use our services
- Provide patient aids to breast cancer patients
- Attract corporate support and sponsorship.

Our Programs

This year we were able to continue to support the community through our five programs .

One-on-One Peer Support

Our Peer Support Volunteers provide emotional support to those diagnosed with breast cancer. Despite being of different ages and stages in their lives our support team all have one thing in common. The *get it*. They know how challenging navigating a breast cancer diagnosis can be because they have all had a breast cancer diagnosis of their own.

Our team provides on the ground one-on-one or group support to people – from when they are diagnosed and undergoing treatment to when they have finished treatment and have to return to ‘normalcy’.

Support Groups

Studies show that support groups can enhance participants' self-esteem, improve their relationships, and reduce depression and anxiety. (Cancer Council NSW)

Our breast cancer support groups are run and organised by volunteers with lived experience of breast cancer. Connecting with other people who have had a similar experience is a great way to share feelings and be part of a community who *gets it*.

Everyone's experience of breast cancer is different. We ensure that participants remember that any opinions expressed at support groups, things like symptoms and treatment, are particular to that person. We encourage them to consult their medical professionals when they have questions about their diagnosis or treatment because we cannot provide clinical advice.

There are eight established groups promoted across the ACT (Woden and Nicholls) and the surrounding NSW region (Yass, Goulburn, Braidwood and Queanbeyan), and one support group called “Mischief” that is by invitation due to its sensitivity towards the participants.

In September 2023, a new support group was established to support younger women in the ACT. Our friends at *So Brave* (Australia's Only Young Women's Breast Cancer Charity) joined with Bosom Buddies to support and promote this new group in Canberra.

We appreciate the support of the café owners who who invited Bosom Buddies to host a support group at their venue.

Braidwood Servicemen's Club - Braidwood, NSW
Canberra Southern Cross Club - Woden, ACT
Deakin & Me - Deakin, ACT
Gold Creek Café - Nicholls, ACT
Highroad Cafe - Dickson, ACT
Queanbeyan Leagues Club - Queanbeyan, NSW
Rodney's - Pialligo, ACT
The Duxton - O'Connor, ACT
The Tattersall - Goulburn, NSW
Tootsies - Yass, NSW

Helping People Get The Support They Need

When we secure grant funding, we support individuals diagnosed with breast cancer who face financial barriers in accessing post-surgery garments and treatments. We are able to do this through the generosity of our supporters. This year we were successful in winning grants from the *John James Foundation* and *Tour de Cure* to a value of \$30,000.

Breast Awareness

A Breast Awareness Induction session was held in September 2023 in anticipation of increased demand for information sessions leading up to Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October 2023. Five presenters, representing different age demographics and backgrounds, volunteered for these sessions.



Breast Awareness : Information Sessions

It is never too soon or never too late to reduce your risk of breast cancer. We want to spread the message about the importance of supporting yourself through regular breast checks. It's all about getting to know what your breasts normally look and feel like. We conduct breast awareness information sessions so that you are empowered to support yourself through Tender Loving Care and to know how to actively T.L.C. on a regular basis:

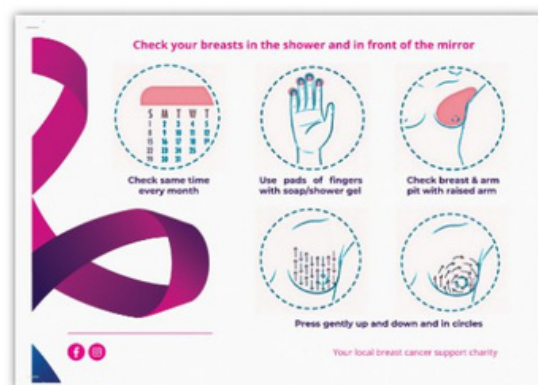
- **Touch** : know what your breasts feel like normally
- **Look** : know what your breasts look like normally
- **Check** : have the confidence to check with a medical professional when you detect anything that isn't normal.

Presenters at the information sessions are often breast cancer survivors who explain from lived experience why it's so important to advocate for yourself. They show how to early detect and do self breast checks.

We conduct our information sessions to everyone in the community - students, local businesses, corporate and government organisations, retirement villages, social and sporting groups etc. This year, we have started requesting donations to help cover our operating costs.

Breast Awareness : Spreading the Word

This year, we have focused on developing information that is inclusive of community members whose second language is English. These cards, featuring clear diagrams instead of text, have proven to be very popular with diverse communities due to their ease of understanding and reduced risk of misinterpretation.



Buddy Gifts

Our Buddy Gifts are lovingly crafted and generously donated by dedicated volunteers of Bosom Buddies. They represent a heartfelt gesture to show that we care. These gifts serve as a reminder to those navigating this challenging path that they are not alone and that we are committed to supporting them every step of the way.

In 2023, our dedicated volunteers crafted over 2,500 Buddy Gifts. These gifts were included in our Buddy Bags and Oncology Packs, which were provided free of charge to breast cancer patients receiving treatment in Canberra's public and private hospitals, as well as the surrounding New South Wales region.

Ever Heard of a Buddy Bag?

Our Buddy Bags is a key support activity that is associated with our charity

This year Bosom Buddies distributed over 850 buddy bags, packed by our volunteers, for breast cancer patients treated in Canberra's public and private hospitals at a value over \$12,000. Each year the demand for a buddy bag increases.

What's included in a Buddy Bag?

- Drainage bag - a pretty "Drain Dolly" bag that holds the bladder and drains after surgery so that they're not on display.
- Seat Belt Pillow designed to attach to a seat belt strap so that the cushion provides some comfort and protection when driving.
- Stress Ball : helps strengthen the arm after surgery.
- Post-surgery instructions from the medical staff and information on the services available in the region.
- Breast Care Cushion : gifted by our community friends at Zonta Canberra.

This year the CEO of *Fearless Women* popped into the office to drop off 50 cushions made by The Fearless Frogs These are young women who wish to make a contribution to society.



Additionally, we extend our support beyond Canberra by supplying our Buddy Bags to the *McGrath Breast Care Nurses* at no cost. These bags are then distributed to breast cancer patients in regional New South Wales, ensuring that individuals across the region receive our assistance. It's important to note that despite our outreach efforts, we do not receive financial assistance from the McGrath Foundation, other national cancer organisations, or the government. Our operations rely solely on the generosity of donors and the dedication of volunteers.



Neoadjuvant (Oncology) Packs

Oncology (Neoadjuvant) Packs contain items designed to provide comfort to breast cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy before surgery. Crafted by volunteers, these items are gifted to show that we care and are here to provide support should they need it.

We distribute Oncology Packs to breast cancer patients at the Canberra Region Cancer Centre (CRCC) and other hospitals throughout the Australian Capital Territory. The Oncology Nurses present these packs to patients on our behalf. We also supply our packs to the McGrath Breast Care Nurses at no cost.

What's Included in an Oncology Pack?

Each Neoadjuvant Pack includes instructions from medical professionals and on available services in the region. Additionally, the pack features a Brush Pouch specially designed to hold make-up brushes, which can be utilised during the workshop "Look Good.... Feel Better". Each Oncology Pack costs \$10.

In September 2023, we called for enthusiastic knitters to help create warm hug wraps. Over 100 have been created and been gifted to breast cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy treatment before their surgery.

Volunteers of Bosom Buddies dedicate their time and skills to create wraps made from various yarns to give a warm hug to patients and to provide comfort during treatment sessions. And we craft beanies to keep heads cosy and warm for patients experiencing hair loss due to chemotherapy.



At Bosom Buddies, we appreciate that the true worth of our warm hug wraps goes beyond monetary value. Each one embodies the care and creativity of its maker, making it a cherished and irreplaceable gift.



Resources

Our website includes an extensive amount of information to help breast cancer patients navigate the services and what is available to support them in the region.

People can also contact the office or send an email requesting information. If Bosom Buddies is unable to assist, we will endeavour to identify an organisation who can help.

Advocating for Better Services and Promoting our Charity

We regularly join our community partner *BreastScreen ACT* at expos, fairs and events to spread the word about being breast aware and the importance of booking an appointment with BreastScreen.

We also join forces with *So Brave* and *Pink Hope* and other organisations to advocate for better services and awareness for breast cancer and metastatic breast cancer. This often means attending forums at Parliament House.



We caught up with members of *Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA)* and *Dragons Abreast* before meeting with Rachelle Panitz, Managing Director, and Founder of *SoBrave* at Parliament House on 25th July. SoBrave is the only young women's' breast cancer charity in Australia after being diagnosed at a young age.



We met to discuss how our charities can connect to promote breast awareness to younger people and how we can work together on other projects in the future. SoBrave also held a lunch for the young women of Canberra and Sarah, one of our new support team volunteers attended.

During the pandemic, activities related to consumer committees and the support team's attendance at clinics at Northside Hospital were paused.

As things slowly resume, Bosom Buddies is reestablishing its presence, with our volunteers and committee members once again representing the organization in community and consumer committees. These include the ACT & SE NSW Breast Cancer Treatment Group, BreastScreen ACT Advisory Committee, and BreastScreen ACT Consumer Focus Group, ensuring that patient voices are heard and actively shaping breast cancer care and support services.

Members : Building a Community

Regular Support Groups

Bosom Buddies holds regular support groups that are facilitated by a member of the volunteer support team.

There's immense value in connecting with others and these events are a great source of support, sharing experiences and networking.

These groups are open to everyone and after stopping during the pandemic, it is encouraging to see that member involvement is increasing again.



Some of the groups moved venues during the year, such as the very popular Monday morning Woden group that moved from *The Mawson Club* to support the *Canberra Southern Cross Club* because Bosom Buddies is part of the club's Community Rewards program. Thank you to the coffee shop owners who invited Bosom Buddies to host a support group at their venue.

Support groups are open to everyone - you don't have to be a member to attend a support group. Attendees can subscribe to our newsletter, but they will not receive the benefits associated with membership or becoming a volunteer.

Membership Fees

Due to inactivity in the past couple of years, membership has declined and there has also been a marked increase in costs. This has meant that the charity has had to use its small reserves to sustain its core services to support the community and to hold regular support groups for members. So that we can continue to do the work that we do, there has been an increase in membership fees.

Membership fees contribute to the purchase of the Buddy Bags that are given post-surgery to breast cancer patients, they contribute to enabling a member of the the support team to facilitate the regular support group meetings and also contribute towards member events.

Member Events

This year has been financially challenging. This has had an impact on member events.

Events that were arranged and promoted to members, such as the visit to Tulip Gardens in Bywong, and the offer of free tickets from the Canberra Symphony Orchestra to attend one of their concerts, garnered little interest from members. This suggested that people were perhaps still reluctant to join larger group activities after the pandemic.

We were offered free tickets thanks to the Canberra City Lions Club - World Festival of Magic 2023. Several members enrolled to attend this event.



Through *Hands across Canberra*, the *Canberra Symphony Orchestra* donated tickets to our charity for their performance of *Living Green*. This was held at the Llewellyn Theatre on Thursday, 23rd November 2023. Twenty members attended.



Our Christmas party was fun!

Held at the Pearce Community Centre. Everyone was invited to bring along their favourite dish and share in the celebration of the festive season.

There was also music and karaoke courtesy of *Silvermongo Enterprises*.



Volunteers : A Sense of Purpose

Support Team

Our Support Team is the backbone of our organisation without whom Bosom Buddies would not be able to support the community. People contact the office to request support and may have heard of our services through various avenues such as through a friend, health professional or been recommended by the Breast Care Nurses.

Our trained team provides personalised support in the format that suits the person best; whether that be as a “buddy” through peer support, meeting up for a chat, online, via text, email or a ‘phone call. The team also facilitate the support group meetings. They are there to support a breast cancer patient at any point in their journey.

Our support team are not medical professionals or counsellors; they are various ages and are at different stages in their lives; but they have one thing in common – they have lived experience and have walked the same path and are ready to provide guidance and practical assistance.

Thank you to our support team for their contribution in 2023-2024

Lending a Helping Hand

Bosom Buddies is a volunteer-based charity and like many, the challenge this year has been to encourage new, and to welcome back, volunteers to the charity.

During and post-Covid there were few events for volunteers to lend a helping hand - however, our volunteers identified other opportunities and ways to help Bosom Buddies.

Drainage bags and seat belt pillows continued to be made because the buddy bag packing continued throughout the year, and other volunteers created beautiful items such as quilts, cushions and beanies in anticipation of future fundraising events.

A monthly *Working Bee* commenced in October 2022. Volunteers were invited to help with activities such as folding, labelling, and packing items for the buddy bags and oncology packs and for presentations. This has proven to be a very successful activity.



**Bosom Buddies couldn't do what we do for the community
without our volunteers.**

**Thank you for lending a helping hand,
it is really appreciated.**



In March 2024, we were again invited to be the charity that assisted at the inaugural *Ramsay Triathlon Pink* at Stromlo, ACT. Volunteers wore the sparrows to help at the annual Hartley Healthcare TriPink Triathlon. We received \$12/hr each and raised \$240 for the charity.

Raising Awareness About What We Do



13 – 15 March 2024: BreastScreen National Conference & Expo

We were very appreciative of *BreastScreen's* offer of a free space and an invitation to showcase our charity at the conference. Over three days our volunteers managed an information desk that raised awareness about our charity to the 400 delegates and vendors who attended the conference.

December 2023: Veterans and Families Inaugural Information Day

A huge thank you to our volunteers who helped at this inaugural event. Although quite a small event, we provided a lot of information on how to be breast aware to many people who showed interest in our stall. Hopefully in year's to come, we'll be there to see this worthwhile event grow in size.



Grants : Helping People Get The Support They Need

This year we secured \$30,000 in grants that provide support to breast cancer patients who are struggling to purchase essential post-surgery garments or to have active treatments due to financial hardship.

Grants are different to general fundraising in that they are allocated for specific support activities such as post-surgery garments etc. and cannot be used to cover operational costs such as salaries, rent or support group activities.

When a person has been diagnosed with breast cancer and has had surgery, it is imperative that they are provided with post-surgery garments such as mastectomy bras, compression garments and after chemotherapy with head wear such as wigs. There are many who decline to purchase these garments due to financial hardship. The *Bosom Buddies Support Program* was implemented to provide support to breast cancer patients in the community who are financially struggling to purchase garments essential for post-surgery recovery and healing and in turn for their ongoing mental health and wellbeing.

The funds were allocated across suppliers in the ACT who have expertise in post-surgery garments and practitioners who specialise in treating lymphoedema which often occurs after breast cancer surgery.

These grants were from the *John James Foundation* and *Tour de Cure*. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the relevant organisations and suppliers were made clearer for accountability and transparency purposes. Expectations from organisations receiving funds from Bosom Buddies were exact with a focus on collaboration and promotion of our charity.



For community awareness, each person supported was given a card advising that the financial support had been given by Bosom Buddies due to the generosity of either the *John James Foundation* or *Tour de Cure*.

Fundraising

Fundraising has become more challenging with opportunities becoming less frequent, and individuals are unable to donate as generously as they did before the pandemic.



Hands Across Canberra



Chief Minister's Charitable Fund

In March 2024, in the *Hands Across Canberra - Canberra Day Appeal*, we again through the generosity of the community exceeded our goal of \$10,000 to achieve \$11,383. A big thank you to *Capital Chemist* whose donation contributed to us reaching the \$5,000 mark that enabled us to receive the Chief Minister's contribution.

This year we applied to the Midwinter Ball/Press Gallery for a grant. On 2nd August 2023, the Executive Officer was presented with a cheque for \$20,000 by the Prime Minister.

It was a great promotion for our charity because we were seen on the local SBS news channel.



This is the first time that a Prime Minister has presented the cheques to the successful organisations.



20 April 2024: Goulburn Rodeo Club

Bosom Buddies travelled to Goulburn to be presented with a donation for \$1,000 from the Goulburn Rodeo Club. The club is small but does big things – they donated \$16,000 to local charities and Bosom Buddies was one of them because we hold a breast cancer support group in Goulburn.

The event provided the opportunity to highlight what our charity does and connect with other regional charities for future collaboration.

Canberra Quilters, Biggest Morning Tea (Cancer Council) : Wednesday, 19th June 2024

Canberra Quilters requested a Breast Awareness Information Session for the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser. Despite the oddity of asking a small local breast cancer charity to assist a large organisation, after discussions they sought contributions for us.

The event raised \$141 for Bosom Buddies, increased awareness among 80 quilters about breast checks, and resulted in donations of warm hug wraps, beanies, drainage bags, and seat belt pillows, filling five large bags!

Community and Corporate Relationships

We understand that this year has been challenging for everyone and we really appreciate and thank every organisation who generously held a fundraising event for Bosom Buddies or donated to our charity.



These contemporary businesses have come on board to help Bosom Buddies – ensuring we can continue to support everyone in the community who needs it in a way that is considerate and invigorating.

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To maintain our strong relationships, this year we started connecting again with our community partners including:

ACT Branch of Breast Cancer Network	Knitted Knockers
ACT Branch of National Breast Cancer Foundation	Leo's Place
BreastScreen ACT	Look Good.... Feel Better
Calvary Health Care	Pink Hope
Cancer Council ACT	ACT Health Care Consumers Association
Canteen	Australasian College of Road Safety
Casting for Recovery	Ink Printing Pty Ltd
Colleen's	Positive Motion
Heads Up	SHOUT

Thank you to the organisations who donated to help Bosom Buddies support the community:



Ngunnawal



Holy Family Gowrie



Chisholm



And we are grateful to continue our solid relationship with our supporters:

Blackwattle Alpaca Farm, NSW / Braidwood Servicemen's Club, NSW / Bunnings, ACT / Cafe Dolcetto, NSW / Cafe Injoy, ACT / Collector Cottage, NSW / Deloitte, ACT / Echidna Sewing, VIC / Friends & Family of Julie, ACT / Galutzi's Cafe, NSW / Gold Creek Cafe, ACT / Grill'd Canberra Centre, ACT / Grill'd Woden, ACT / Goulburn Rodeo Club, NSW / Gungahlin Bulls RLFC, ACT / Gunning & District Health, NSW / Highroad Cafe, ACT / Kaffeine Cafe, NSW / Lumus Imaging, ACT / Nancy & John Gregory, NSW / Peter Funnell Entertainment, ACT / Pinocchio's Early Learning Centre, ACT / Queanbeyan Leagues Club, NSW / REIACT, ACT / RSL Memorial Bowling Club, NSW / Rodney's Plants Plus, ACT / SLAM Pro Wrestling, ACT / Stitch & Bitch, ACT / The Duxton, ACT / The Mawson Club, ACT / The Rugby Union Club, ACT / The Sewing Lair, QLD / The Tattersall, NSW / Tootsies Cafe, NSW / Trader & Co. Cafe, NSW

Organisational Governance

Bosom Buddies is a member of SHOUT (Self Help Organisations United Together), and we maintain our office through SHOUT in the Pearce Community Centre.

The Bosom Buddies Constitution, updated in November 2016, defines our purpose and work to support those diagnosed with breast cancer and their loved ones.

The Management Committee comprises four (4) Office Bearers and five (5) ordinary members and boasts diversity, featuring breast cancer survivors and individuals from various professional backgrounds. Each member shares a passion for ensuring Bosom Buddies' ongoing ability to support the community for years to come.

It acknowledges the authority of the Management Committee to create Sub-Committees/Teams within which volunteers implement the policies, objectives and budgets established by the Management Committee.

The Management Committee works closely with and receives regular reports from the Executive Officer on our programs - support team activities, breast awareness, events, advocacy, fundraising and the general business of the organisation.

A Management Committee was appointed at the Annual General Meeting held at Pearce Community Centre in the ACT on 22nd November 2023.


If you would like information on how Not-for-Profit organisations operate, please check out: <https://www.acnc.gov.au/for-public/understanding-charities/charity-money-myths-facts-about-operating-not-profit>

Our Privacy and Code of Conduct policies can be found on our website.

Bosom Buddies complies with the requirements of the Office of Regulatory Services and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission - ACNC.

Bosom Buddies ACT Inc uses an external bookkeeper and supporting advisor to ensure all finances are properly handled.

Bosom Buddies ACT Inc was reviewed for the fiscal year 2023-2024 by Russell Hearne.



Auditor's Report

Bosom Buddies ACT Incorporated (BB) **Review Report for the year ended 30 June 2024**

I have reviewed the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2024.

The reviewer can be any person who is not an officer of the organisation or have prepared or assisted with the preparation of the accounts. They do not need to hold accounting or auditing qualifications.

I can confirm that, on the basis of the review:

- nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe the accounting records are misleading, and
- that the accounting records give a true and fair account of:
 - the income and expenditure of the organisation during the financial year under review; and
 - the assets and liabilities of the organisation at the end of the financial year; and
 - any mortgages, charges or other securities of any description affecting any property of the organisation at 30 June 2024.

Signed: Russell Hearne

Date: 7 November 2024

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