Alliance Française
Sunshine Coast

2026 Annual Report



November 2026

ABOUT US

The Alliance Française de la Sunshine Coast (AFSC) is a local nonprofit organization with a mission to promote the French language and culture on the Sunshine Coast of Queensland. It is part of the oldest and largest cultural network in the world.

The AFSC is primarily run by volunteers who organize events that celebrate the richness of the Francophone community and promote intercultural and intergenerational exchanges. We also offer French courses, both in person and online, contributing to the cultural and lingusitic diversity



OUR VALUES

✓ Respect : We seek to promote an environment which is respectful of differences, though communication, dialogue, cooperation, tolerance and solidarity.

✓ Accompany : We accompany each student in his/her learning process

✓ Innovate : We use the latest technology and supports

✓ Engage : we engage with our students outside the scope of the classroom to create the best immersion possible through our events and gatherings.

✓ Participate : we encourage participation in the local multicultural life.



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Our Team

Established 2008

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Clémentine de Jong
Président



Cécile Couper
Director



Caroline Mawditt
Events Coordinator
& Public Relations



Verity Newett
Course Coordinator
& Teacher



Jonny Symons
Vice-Président



Annette Spencer-Brown
Secretary



Chris Cantor
Treasurer





Christophe Veysseyre
Committee Member



Marg Flint
Committee Member



Ellen Reiner
Committee Member



Emilia White
Committee Member



Chase Becker
Committee Member



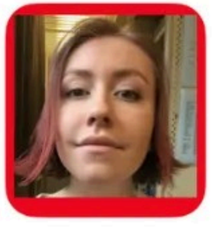
Marine Berthon
Teacher



Juliette Desquaires
Teacher



Laura Sable
Teacher



Elisa Azzola
Teacher

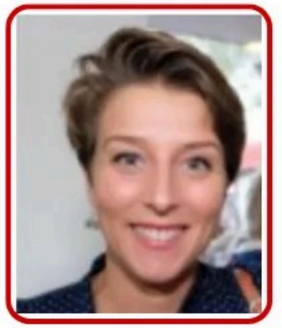
Committee

2026

Staff

Mission Bringing people together through language and culture

PRESIDENT REPORT 2026



Introduction
Serving as President this year has been a real privilege. In what has been another challenging economic year, our Alliance has delivered results we can all be **proud of, and none of it would have been possible without an exceptional team and a loyal, enthusiastic membership.**

Committee
My first thanks go to our Committee, whose support and good humour have made my role a genuine pleasure. Thank you to Jonny, our Vice President, for standing beside me throughout the year. To Annette, our Secretary, and Chris, our Treasurer: thank you for the careful, often unseen work that keeps our association running smoothly. It is valued by everyone around this table and beyond. Our general committee members, Emilia, Chase, Christophe and Marg, have rolled up their sleeves on countless occasions this year. I particularly want to thank you for helping build such a full and varied events calendar alongside Caroline, our wonderful events coordinator. Caroline is truly the heart of our activities, and she never stops finding fresh ideas to bring new members in and keep existing members involved. At the helm of our Alliance is our Directrice, Cécile. Her leadership keeps everything on track, and the detailed framework she has put in place through the Démarche Qualité, our five-year quality plan, is now well embedded thanks to her commitment and attention to detail.

Teaching
Our teachers are central to everything AFSC stands for. To Verity, Marine, Laura and Juliette, and of course to Cécile, thank you for the quality and warmth you bring to every class. Your passion for teaching is what draws students to us and keeps them coming back. All of our teachers have now trained as DELF/DALF examiners, giving up their own free time to build their skills for the benefit of our students and our Alliance. That says a great deal about their dedication. The results speak for themselves: overall class revenue has increased this year by 17.2%.

Membership
An organisation is only as strong as its members, and I am delighted to report that our membership remains healthy at around 310 members. Whether you come for our classes, our cultural program or our social events, please know that we never take your support for granted. Your feedback matters too: listening to members and acting on what you tell us is a core part of the Démarche Qualité, and it helps us keep improving.

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Cultural and Social Activities

The Sunshine Coast French Film Festival once again put our Alliance in the spotlight, with Murray's excellent program of films screened in Caloundra, Nambour, Noosa and Maroochydore. Our Café Conversations continue to bring members together for French conversation and culture in three locations: Twin Waters, thanks to our long-standing partnership with the Loose Goose, as well as Golden Beach and Peregian Springs. Spreading the venues across the region means that, wherever you live on the Coast, there is a Café Conversation within easy reach. The monthly Club Déjeuner, led by Caroline and her dedicated team of volunteers, has been a great success. These mid-week lunches at restaurants across the region capture exactly the spirit of "partage" that makes our community so special. Club Pétanque is another wonderful example of what our volunteers can achieve when they put their heads together, offering a unique mix of friendly competition and camaraderie here on the Sunshine Coast. With Caroline and her loyal volunteers leading the way, there is more to come. Special thanks to Anne for liaising with the venue.

Looking Ahead

All of these activities will continue in 2027, so keep an eye on our website and on Cécile's regular newsletters to be the first to know what is coming up.
A major focus for us is our charitable work, and in particular the SAFE project, Supporting Aging Francophone Engagement, which reaches out to older French speakers in our community. The project is supported by funding from the French government, and we have also launched a regular-giving appeal so that members and friends can help sustain it. I encourage you all to get involved.

Alliance Française Network

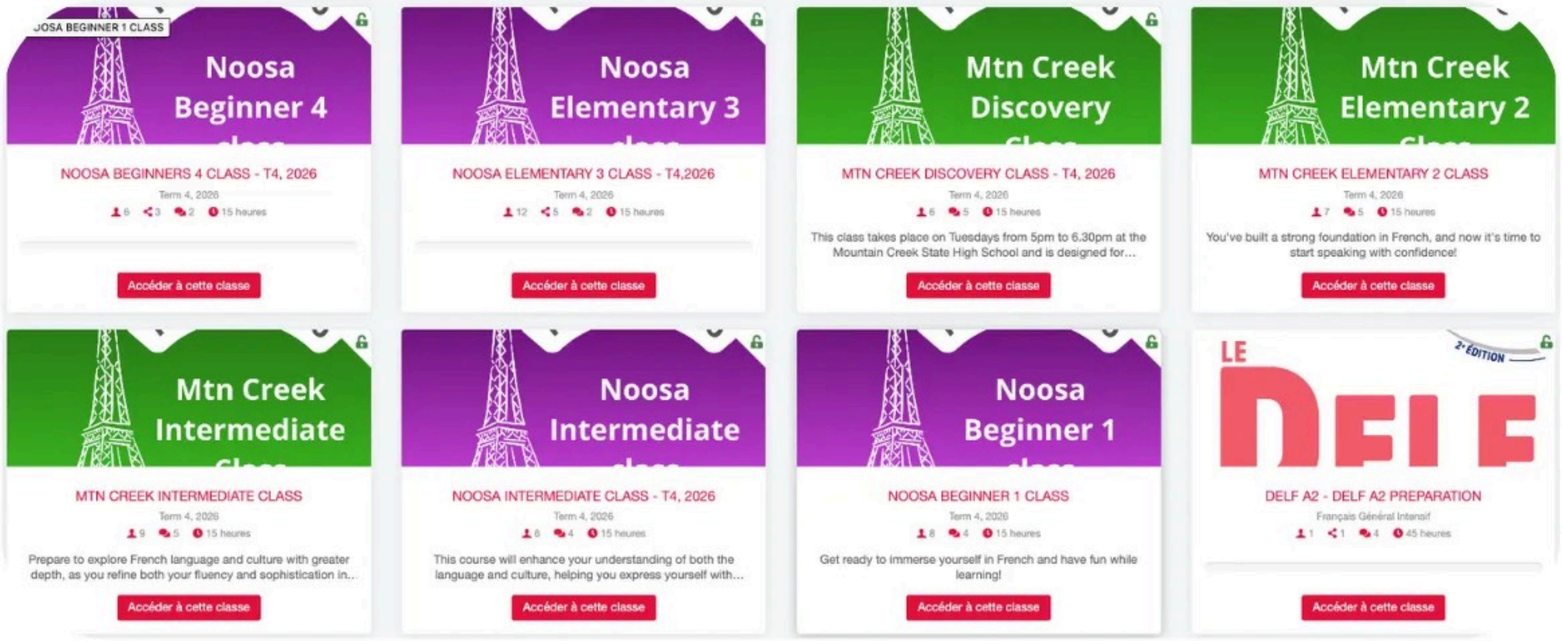
Each year, Directors and Presidents of Alliances Françaises across Australia meet for a national conference. This year it took place in Brisbane early october and Cécile and I were pleased to represent AFSC, share ideas with our colleagues and bring back fresh inspiration.

In Conclusion

None of what I have described today happens by chance. It is the result of countless hours given by our Committee, our teachers and our volunteers, who share their time and expertise so generously. Thank you, every one of you. It has been an honour to serve as your President this year. I wish you all a safe and joyful Christmas, and a New Year full of good company, new opportunities and, of course, plenty of francophonie!

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Education





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Education Highlights of the Year

In the classrooms

French Classes Revenue



↑ 5.5%

Students Enrolments

303



Online

Online Program



↑ 52%

Self-paced Program

75

available modules



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Working with local schools

DELF DALF

We are now able to host DELF DALF Exams for students enrolled in schools on the Sunshine Coast

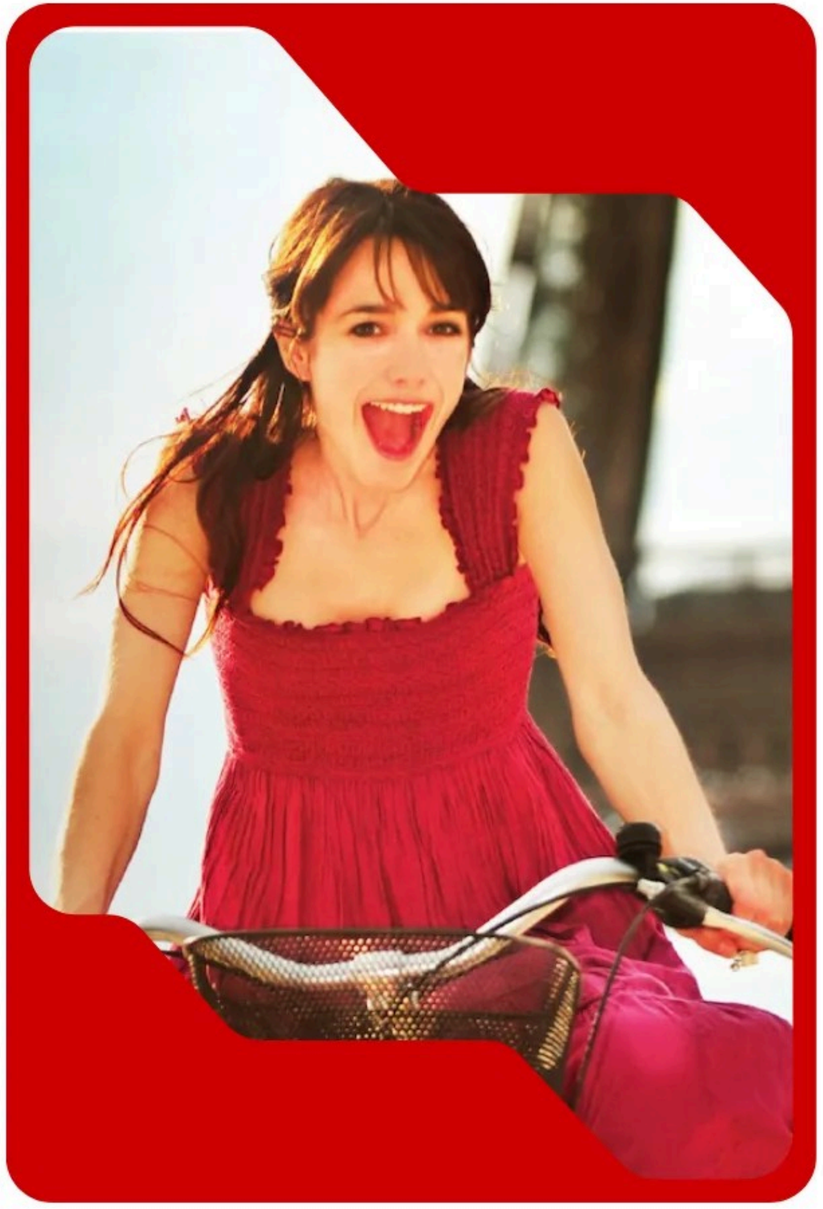


The AFSC is a major sponsor of the Speech Competition organised by Language Teachers Australia

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Cultural Events





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Cultural Highlights of the Year

Membership base



310

Cafés conversations

52

Café Conversations

Peregian Springs Golf Club

Club Déjeuner



8

Pétanque Games

9



The AFSC is a major sponsor of

The **Sunshine Coast French Film Festival** brought by Murray



Locations



4

Movies

9



Sessions



39

Patrons

4,500



Success Stories



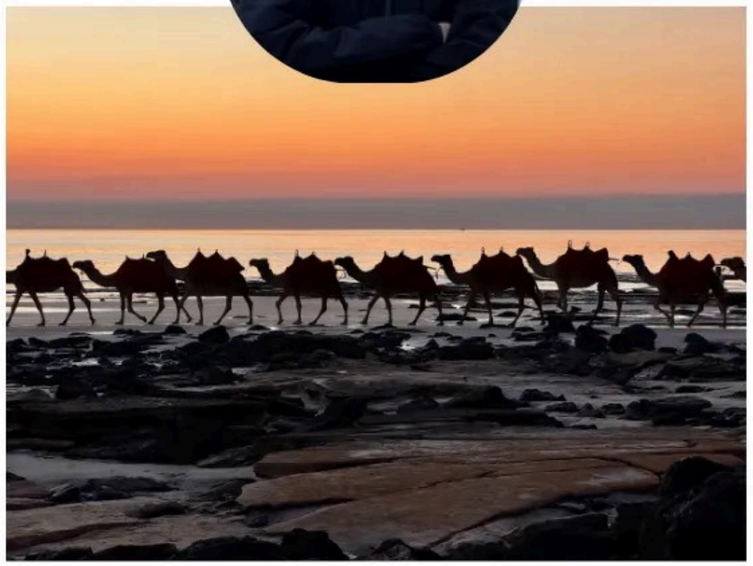
Belle - Winner of the Pacific Writing Competition 2026





Caroline - Nominee Community Leader 2026





Brandon - Winner of the AFSC/ French Embassy Photo Competition 2026

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Charity





Charity Projects





Assistance for Young Learners

experiencing hardship

Free Tuition to nurture their learning & cultural involvement

This is a charitable project whose objective is to establish, on the Sunshine Coast a support framework for elderly Francophone / Francophile people.

The project aims to provide mutual support and targeted measures designed to prevent and reduce their sense of isolation from the French-speaking community when age and/or health no longer allow them to attend the cultural events they used to participate in when they were younger.

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SUPPORTING AGING FRANCOPHILE ENGAGEMENT

Through its intergenerational dimension, this project helps create social connections through regular exchanges in French and acts as a protective buffer against isolation. It values the mother tongue (French) and promotes cognitive stimulation, personal identity, and emotional wellbeing.

With the Financial help of the French Governement

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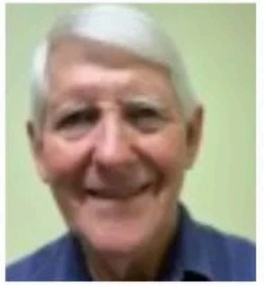
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Financial Data





TREASURER'S REPORT 2026



IThe report from our Auditor EARTH ACCOUNTING is enclosed **(1st July 2025 - 30th June 2026)**

While we expected that the full impact of the GST over the 4 quarters might translate in a deficit as at 30th June 2026, our capacity in diversifying our sources of income reversed this trend.

Accounting data shows :

Balance Sheet At 30th June 2026 we had **$130,900** Total Equity compared to $125,774 at 30th of June 2025. This takes into account liabilities associated with employee services.

Profit and Loss This financial year we show a small profit of **$5,126** compared to $3,883 last year (2025) and compared to $895 for the previous financial year (FYE2024).

1. **On the Income side :**

- The Trading Income has substantially increased from $170,386 last year to **$200,216** this year. While we note a significant profit increase generated by the Online classes **(+52.66%)** the income generated from main Classes including Kids Classes has also increased **(+5.47%)**
- We see a small increase in the income generated from Events : **$12,360** this financial year compared to last year $7,490
- It is encouraging to note that the income generated by the Memberships is remaining steady around the **$10,300** including automatic renewals and many new members.
- Our income from book sales is also similar as last year (around **$9,300**).
- The total income is $206,216 as it includes grants of **$6,000** ($2,000 from Dept of Social Services, $2,000 Embassy of France and $2,000 from Sunshine Coast Council).
- Other Income amounts to **$2,579** and is mainly thanks to interest income, donations and fundraising

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We continue to be in a comfortable financial situation, with net assets of **$130,900**.

My recommandations for the future would be :

- Continue to monitor the GST Turn-over calculation very closely for the new financial year (2026-2027)
- Accrued vigilance in making our classes more cost effective particularly in order for our classes to finally totally absorb the GST liability. To achieve this, a strong marketing plan needs to be drafted.
- Committee reflexion on how to increase / diversify our income now that we do not have a limit in terms of the turn-over we generated.
- Continue to nurture the Membership income which is the cherry on the cake and can cover some of our unexpected invoices.
- Continue to diversifying our sources of revenue (Grants, Fundraising, French government subventions).

In conclusion, this new financial year will be very interesting in terms of assessing the full impact of the GST transition for the second year running.

This Treasurer's Report including the Auditor's Report is proposed for endorsement by the Committee.

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Financial Performance at a Glance

Revenue Growth

↑ 20.6%

Compared to last financial year

Net Profit increase

↑ 32%

Compared to last financial year

Member's Funds

$ 131K

Net assets

Current ratio

19

Current assets/current liabilities

The 7 pillars of fundraising in

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Financial Year 2025-2026

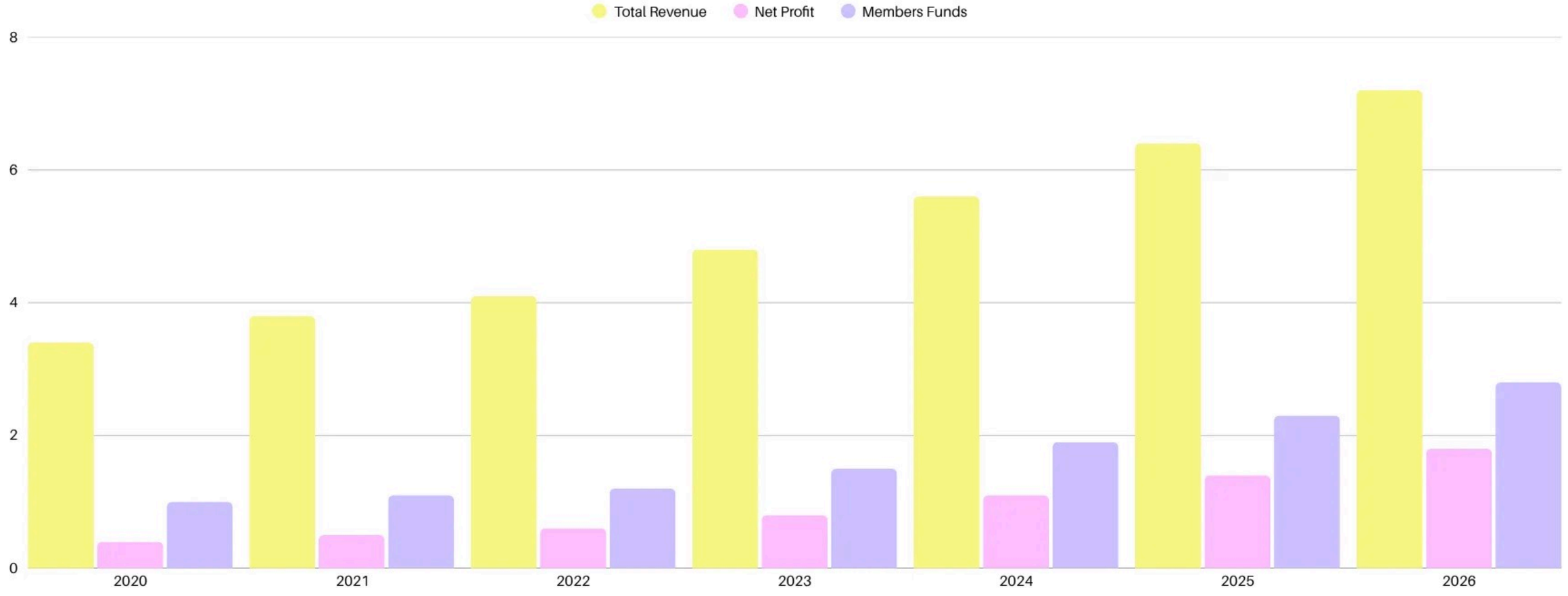
(% of total income)



Indicators matter most as trends

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Financial indicators trend, 2020–2026



Total Revenue

Net Profit

Members Funds

Thank you to our Partners

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Sunshine Coast Multicultural Communities Council



Caloundra Power Boat Club

Peregian Springs Golf Club

Flo's

FRANCE AT HOME
Online French Supermarket

Dr Wheatgrass
Helping EveryBody
Since 2002

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France in Australia

Sunshine Coast Council

SUNSHINE COAST FILM FESTIVAL

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Live your French!!!

Our Commitments for 2027



Make learning French an inspiring journey

We will continue to accompany our students every step of the way.

Develop our Charity Initiatives - give back

We will focus our efforts on our charity projects such as SAFE

Nurture our Community & our Volonteers

We will make sure our volunteers are nurtured and valued

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Thank You

for reviewing our 2026 journey.

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