Companion House

2017–18
Annual Report



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Mission

Companion House is a non government community based organisation.

We work with adults and children who have sought safety in Australia from persecution, torture and war related trauma.

We believe that people who have survived torture, trauma and human rights violations should have access to services that respect, empower and promote recovery.

Principles of Service

1. We acknowledge and respect the strength and resourcefulness of survivors of the refugee experience.
2. We respect and respond to diverse needs including those determined by culture, religion, ethnicity, gender and sexuality.
3. We promote client independence, self-determination and informed choice.
4. Our services are based on a holistic approach to health care.
5. We are committed to the confidentiality of all client information.
6. We work in strong partnerships with government and non-government agencies and individuals to ensure health care and other service systems and communities are accessible and sensitive to the needs of survivors of torture and trauma.
7. Our services are open and accountable to feedback and suggestions from clients and the community.
8. We promote and preserve human rights.
9. We as staff support each other in our work.

Patrons, Board, Staff and Funding

PATRONS

Justice Elizabeth Evatt AO
Professor William Maley AM

BOARD

Chairperson
Kim Ryan (until 22.8.18) **Ibolya Losoncz** (from 22.8.18)
Secretary
Veronica Blanpain
Treasurer
Rahul Verma
Members
Karen Middleton, Ibolya Losoncz (until 22.8.18), Melinda Tew, Michelle Fahy

STAFF

Director – **Kathy Ragless**
Operations Manager – **Jeannie McLellan**

COUNSELLING TEAM

Team Leader – **Deborah Nelson**
Counsellor – Children – **Sam Storey**
Counsellors – **Elizabeth Price, Ina Toumoua, Brenda Martin, Vaneitha Balakrishnan, Shahzad Shafaq** (until end March 2018)
Casework Coordinator – **Mutsumi Sakaguchi**
Complementary Therapy – **Patricia Jones**

TRAINING AND COMMUNITY TEAM

Team Leader – **Glenn Flanagan**
Project Officer – **Hongsar Channaibanya**

MEDICAL TEAM

Team Leader – **Lisa Clements**
Practice Nurses – **Tytti Makinen** (until March 2018), **Megan Enright**
Medical Coordinator – **Silvia Salas Meyer**
Support staff – **Andrew Sein** and **Pam Mitchell**
Clinical Director – **Dr Christine Phillips**
GPs – **Dr Katrina Anderson, Dr Joo-Inn Chew, Dr James Eldridge, Dr Sue Baglow, Dr Bernadette McKay, Dr Bethan McDonald, Dr Ying Ying Liew**
Physiotherapist – **Therese Keily-Wynter**
Psychiatrist – **Dr Phillip Keightley**

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Team Leader – **Loan Freeman**
Finance Officer – **Gen Jones** (until March 2018) and **Oki Widodo**
Admin/Reception Staff – **Andrew Sein, Pam Mitchell**
IT contractor – **Forward IT** with special thanks to **Hrovje Grabic**.

MIGRATION AGENTS

IAAAS – Jennifer Tode and James Brown

FUNDING

We acknowledge the following funding bodies for their financial support:

Commonwealth Department of Health – Program Assisting Survivors of Torture and Trauma (PASTT – counselling, training and community capacity building)

Commonwealth Department of Home Affairs – Immigration Advice and Application Assistance Service (IAAAS)

Commonwealth Department of Social Services - Emergency Relief and Prevention of Domestic Violence Project.

ACT Government Health Directorate – counselling and primary health services

ACT Government Community Services Directorate – children's program, community development program activities, work with young people, training and casework with families.

Snow Foundation – University fees

McNeil Family Trust – training and employment grants of assistance

Australian Practice Nurse Association (APNA) – establishment of nurse led liver clinic

KEY PARTNERS

ACT Dental Program
ACT Mental Health
ACT Health Community Pediatrics Registrar Program
ACT Council of Parents and Citizens Associations
Adult Migrant English Program (Navitas English)
Australia-Karen Organisation of the ACT
Australian National University Medical School Academic Unit (AUGP)
Asylum Seekers Transitional Accommodation Program and Everyman Australia
Calvary Hospital Refugee Mentoring Program
Canberra Institute of Technology
Canberra Refugee Support
Capital Pathology
Dickson College Refugee Bridging Program and Secondary Introductory English Centre
Forum of Australian Services for Survivors of Torture and Trauma (FASSTT)
Foodbank
International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT)
Legal Aid ACT
Multicultural Employment Service
National Capital Diagnostic Imaging
ACT Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA)
Relationships Australia
Refugee Council of Australia
Spectacle Subsidy Scheme
University of Canberra
Snow Foundation
Our Place Youth Accommodation Program
Psychiatrist Network: Dr John Saboisky, Dr Meredith Whiting, Dr Kate Lubbe, and Dr Ann Harrison
Migration Agents Network: - David Chen, Marianne Dickie, Marion Le, James Brown, Ruth Haig, Jenny Rae, Hugh Wyndham, Carly Saeedi, Jennifer Tode, Owen Harris
Global Sisters
St John's Care Reid
St Paul's Anglican Church, Manuka
Australian Red Cross, Canberra
St Vincent De Paul, Canberra

Companion House Goals

One:
Survivors of torture and trauma heal and rehabilitate from torture and trauma experiences

Two:
The community welcomes refugees and is sensitive to the needs and strengths of survivors of torture and trauma

Three:
Communities affected by torture and trauma are strong, resilient and skilled in ways that enable them to thrive in Australia

Four:
Human rights principles underpin our work and our expertise about human rights issues informs policy makers and the community at large

Five:
Companion House is a high quality and responsive service with excellent governance and management

From the Chairperson & Director

It was such a privilege and pleasure for Companion House to continue our work in support of survivors of torture and trauma over 2017-2018. The daily reminder in our work of the impact of persecution, torture and war is always sobering, and in fact often deeply shocking. Nonetheless, working with people to rebuild and recover is an honour and our clients' strength and humanity an inspiration.

Companion House worked hard over the year to provide services, ensure quality and focus on collaboration and partnerships. We sincerely thank funders, donors, partners and friends for their support.

Dr Ibolya Losoncz, Acting Chairperson
Kathy Ragless, AM, Director

"Our work brings us into people's lives when they are most desperate, alone, sad, afraid and wounded…", but for the most part we discover together "…stories of hope, survival, triumph. Surprisingly, it is often when wandering through the emotional carnage left by the worst of humankind that we find the best of humanity as well"

PERRY AND SZALAVITZ, 2006

"Companion House gives people new strength and we gain courage"

COUNSELLING CLIENT

"I would like to thank all of the staff in this place which gives hope to those who lost hope"

MEDICAL CLIENT

Service highlights over 2017–2018

Medical

1243
medical patients
used primary health care services at Companion House

We established a
liver clinic
for people with chronic liver conditions

The Medical Service was successfully
accredited
against the RACGP Standards for General Practice

We provided a weekly
paediatric clinic, physiotherapist
and
yoga for women
and monthly
psychiatric clinic

Counselling

244
adults and young people
used torture and trauma counselling services

27
children
participated in groups and counselling

We completed a successful mid term review against
Standards for Mental Health Services (NSMHS)

We ran regular
relaxation and therapeutic groups
for women and men

Migration Assistance

We worked with:

On site migration advice and application assistance sessions for

301

people seeking advice

on asylum seeker claims and family reunion issues

Worked with off site agents on a mixture of pro bono and paid work for

40

vulnerable asylum seekers

Casework

Casework and advocacy services were used by

148

asylum seekers

and people from a refugee background and were focused on housing, migration and a wide range of other life issues

Community work

Companion House:

Continued to facilitate

vegetable and flower garden plots

at Pialligo, with 33 households from Burma and Afghanistan

Ran workshops with young people to discuss

prevention of domestic violence

and formulate key messages for peers

Established a regular

LGBTIQ support group

for asylum seekers and people from a refugee background

Supported community initiatives:

Karen MasterChef, Karen National Cane ball Competition, Canberra Kangaroos Soccer team and celebration of African Australians Soccer Tournament

Facilitated regular **health** orientation sessions for newly arrived people from a refugee background

Granted approval documentation for asylum seekers to be eligible for

Asylum Seekers Access Cards

from ACT Government (321 cards over 2017-18)

Organised

Education Forum

with ACT schools to discuss best practice in work with students from refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds.

Service highlights over 2017–2018
continued

Training to other organisations

We provided
training to
298
participants in the funding period

We were able to reach
32
health and welfare providers
over the year for sessions focused on working with survivors of torture and trauma, cross cultural skills and interpreter use

Education and employment

Companion House:

Supported
6
tertiary students
on Safe Haven Enterprise Visas or asylum seekers with university fees and living costs

Supported
22
carers, young people and asylum seekers
to access vocational training, career planning and gain driver licences

Worked in close partnership with Multicultural Employment Service to source employment and training pathways for
32
job seekers
in search of employment.



Emergency Relief

Companion House provided food, bus tickets, donated goods, food vouchers, payment of essential medications, access to external medical services and rental payments for

150 **people in financial distress,**
mainly asylum seekers

Complementary Therapy

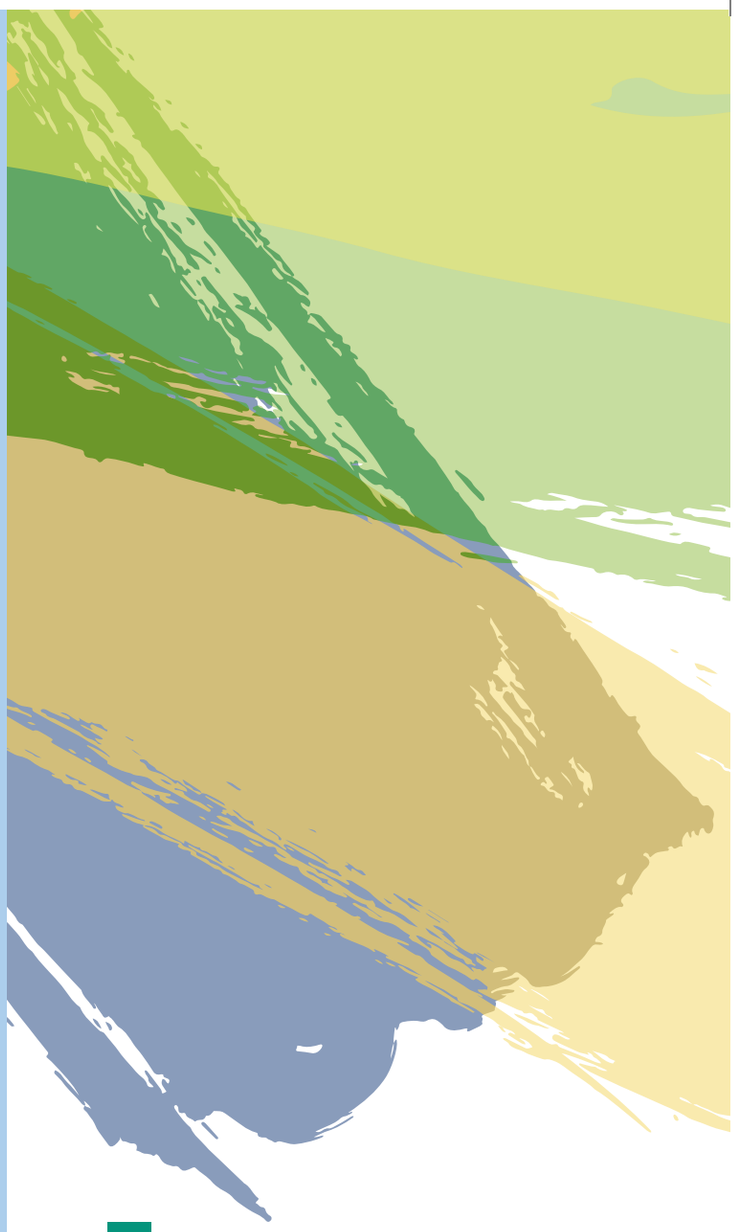
We provided Bowen therapy and Bach Flower Remedies to

25 **people**

Key advocacy and human rights issues

Companion House worked with services, policy makers and funders to advocate regarding:

- Access to social entitlements, particularly social housing
- Use of interpreters in service delivery across service systems, particularly in the health system
- Asylum seeker access to migration advice and assistance
- Health effects of long term detention on clients in indefinite detention
- Local service access for asylum seekers
- Anti-torture advocacy
- Citizenship law changes
- ACT schools' work with students from refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds
- Access to tertiary education for young people, particularly young people on Safe Haven Enterprise Visas (SHEVs)



2017 ACT Young Citizen of the Year

For his work with young refugees and asylum seekers in the ACT, Mustafa Ehsan was named 2017 Young Canberra Citizen of the Year.

Mustafa is a Hazara young man who arrived in Canberra in 2012 after fleeing Iran as an unaccompanied minor. Since then he has become a passionate advocate for those seeking refuge in Australia.

His ongoing passion to include all Canberrans through sport and social mentoring earned Mustafa the title of Young Canberra Citizen of the Year.

Key Performance Indicators

Organisational efficiency

100% of organisational expenditure is dedicated to achievement of identified strategic priorities each financial cycle achieved.

A minimum of 80% of total funds expended is dedicated to direct service delivery each financial year – achieved at 81% of expended funds.

Staff structure maintains 90% of staff in direct service delivery against strategic priorities each financial year – achieved at 92%.

Client to staff ratios are maintained and do not significantly decline in any given period each financial year – achieved, client to staff ratios remained within 5% variation.

Volume of service delivery to staff ratio do not significantly decline in any given period each financial year – achieved, total volume of service delivery remained within 2% of previous year.

Definitions

TRAUMA

For our clients trauma includes violence, loss, persecution, human rights violations and forced displacement. Typically forced displacement features extreme hardship, insecurity and prolonged uncertainty.

TORTURE

The intentional infliction of severe suffering and pain, for a specific purpose, such as to obtain information, as a punishment, to intimidate, or for any reasons based on discrimination by or at the instigation of or with consent or acquisition of state authorities.

Financial Report

Companion House

Assisting Survivors of Torture and Trauma Incorporated

ABN 98 349 936 816

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Board Report

The Members of the Board present their report on Companion House Assisting Survivors of Torture and Trauma Incorporated "the Association" for the year ended 30 June 2018.

The names of members of the Board in office throughtout the year and at the date of this report, unless otherwise stated are:

K. Ryan (Chairperson)
R. Verma (Treasurer)
K. Ragless
K. Woodward (until May 2018)
J. Spratt (from October 2017 until May 2018))
V. Blanpain (Secretary)
I. Losoncz
K. Middleton
M. Fahy
M Tew (from October 2017)

Principal Activities
Companion House provides counselling and advocacy for survivors of torture and trauma. There was no change to the nature of this activity during the year.

Significant Changes in State of Affairs
No significant changes in the Association's state of affairs occurred during the year.

Operating Results
The surplus of the Association for the year amounted to $25,163 (2017 - $11,606).

After Balance Date Events
No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the reporting period which significantly affected or may affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Association in future periods.

Likely Developments
The Association expects to maintain the present status and level of operations.

Ibolya Losoncz
(Board Member)

Date 5 October 2018

(Board Member)

Date 5 October 2018

Statement by Members of the Board

The Members of the Board have determined that the Association is not a reporting entity. The Board have determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Members of the Board of the Association the financial report including the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of financial position, statement of changes in members' funds, statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act); and

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Companion House Assisting Survivors of Torture and Trauma Incorporated as at 30th June 2018 and its performance for the year ended on that date;

2. Comply with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1; and

3. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Board and is signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

..... (Board Member) **Date** 5 October 2018

..... (Board Member) **Date** 5 October 2018

Auditor's Independence Declaration

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2018 there have been no contraventions of:

(a) the auditor independence requirements under section 60-40 of the ACNC Act in relation to the audit; and

(b) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Thomas Davis & Co.

THOMAS DAVIS & CO.

J. G. Ryan

J G RYAN PARTNER

SYDNEY, Date: 5 October 2018

Chartered Accountants

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Independent Auditors Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Companion House Assisting Survivors of Torture and Trauma Incorporated, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2018, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in members' funds and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the Board Members' declaration.

In our opinion, the financial report of Companion House Assisting Survivors of Torture and Trauma Incorporated has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including;

(a) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June, 2018 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and

(b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110: Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution and Use

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Association's financial reporting responsibilities under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of the Board Members for the Financial Report

The Board Members of the Association are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the needs of the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Board Members' responsibility also includes such internal control as the Board Members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Board Members are responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board Members either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board Members.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board Members' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Board Members regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Thomas Davis & Co

THOMAS DAVIS & CO.

J.G. Ryan

J G Ryan Partner

Chartered Accountants

SYDNEY
Date: 5 October 2018

Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2018

	Note	2018 $	2017 $
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	466,984	534,971
Trade and other receivables	3	5,230	13,838
Investments	4	29,156	28,496
Total current assets		501,370	577,305
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	50,287	53,157
Total Non-Current assets		50,287	53,157
Total assets		551,657	630,462
Current liabilities			
Creditors and accruals	6	60,087	37,618
Grants received in advance	7	93,542	223,635
Provisions	8	174,185	170,529
Total current liabilities		327,814	431,782
Total liabilities		327,814	431,782
Net assets		223,843	198,680
Members' funds			
Retained surplus/(deficit)	9	223,843	198,680
Total members' funds		223,843	198,680

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 30 June 2018

	Note	2018 $	2017 $
Revenue		2,065,447	1,972,147
Employee Benefits		(1,297,277)	(1,257,967)
Depreciation		(14,921)	(16,262)
Computer Expenses		(17,098)	(15,215)
Insurance		(60,659)	(56,406)
Medical Contracts and Expenses		(177,236)	(152,413)
Program and Donation Expenditure		(313,950)	(309,810)
Rental Expenses		(49,197)	(48,890)
Other Expenses		(109,946)	(103,578)
Surplus / (Deficit) before Income tax		25,163	11,606
Income Tax Expense	1(c)	-	-
Surplus / (Deficit) after Income tax		25,163	11,606
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
Total comprehensive income attributable to the members of the association		25,163	11,606

Statement of Changes in Members' Funds

For the year ended 30 June 2018

	2018 $	2017 $
Accumulated Surplus - Beginning of Year	198,680	187,074
Surplus / (Deficit) after Income Tax	25,163	11,606
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-
Accumulated Surplus at 30 June 2018	223,843	198,680

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 30 June 2018

	Note	2018 $ Inflows (Outflows)	2017 $ Inflows (Outflows)
Cash flows from operating activities			
Interest received		7,999	6,201
Grants received		1,705,840	2,018,749
Other receipts		229,463	122,822
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,999,238)	(1,902,577)
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	12	(55,936)	245,195
Cash flow from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(12,051)	(2,571)
Net cash provided by / (used in) investing activities		(12,051)	(2,571)
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held		(67,987)	242,624
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		534,971	292,347
Cash at the end of the financial year	2	466,984	534,971

Notes to & Forming Part of the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2018

NOTE 1 - STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting preparation requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act). The Members of the Board have determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis. It is based on historical cost, and does not take into account changing values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period, unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this report.

(a) Revenue recognition

Government grants

Government grants are recognised at fair value when there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received, and all grant conditions will be met.

Interest revenue

Interest revenue is recognised on a time proportionate basis that takes into account the effective yield on the financial asset.

Fundraising and other income

Fundraising and other income are recognised as revenue when received. Contributions in respect specific purposes whereby those funds have not been used at balance date are recognised when the funds are expended.

(b) Employee Benefits

The amount expected to be paid to employees for their entitlements to annual leave and long service leave is accrued annually at current pay rates.

(c) Income tax

Taxation has not been provided for as the association is exempt for taxation under section 23(e) of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 , as it is a public benevolent institution.

Notes to & Forming Part of the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2018

NOTE 1 - STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(d) Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are brought to account at cost, less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, including leasehold improvements, are depreciated over their useful lives commencing form the time the asset is held ready for use, to their residual values.

The depreciation rates for each class of asset are as follows:

Asset	Rate	Method
Office Equipment	20% to 40%	Diminishing balance
Motor Vehicles	22.5%	Diminishing balance
Improvements	5%	Straight line

(e) Impairment of assets

At each reporting date, the Association reviews the carrying values of its assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and the value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

(f) Leases

Leases of fixed assets, where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not the legal ownership are transferred to the Association are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised recording an asset and a liability equal to the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual value. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the period.

Leased assets are amortised over their estimated useful lives.

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

(g) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

Notes to & Forming Part of the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2018

NOTE 1 - STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(h) Goods and services tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods are services tax (GST),

(i) where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority, it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of an asset or as part of an item of expense; or

(ii) for receivables and payables which are recognised inclusive of GST.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables.

(i) Economic Dependency

The Association's continuing operations are based on the understanding that there will be future government grants to cover ongoing commitments.

	2018 $	2017 $
NOTE 2 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash at bank & on hand	466,984	534,971
	466,984	534,971
NOTE 3 - TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Trade Debtors	5,230	13,838
GST Receivable	-	-
	5,230	13,838
NOTE 4 - INVESTMENTS		
Term Deposit	29,156	28,496
	29,156	28,496

Notes to & Forming Part of the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2018

	2018 $	2017 $
NOTE 5 - PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Building Improvements at cost	17,215	17,215
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(5,924)	(5,127)
	11,291	12,088
Plant and Equipment at cost	105,817	93,766
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(82,119)	(72,437)
	23,698	21,329
Motor Vehicles at cost	68,934	68,934
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(53,636)	(49,194)
	15,298	19,740
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	50,287	53,157
NOTE 6 - TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	60,087	37,618
	60,087	37,618
NOTE 7 - OTHER LIABILITIES		
Grants Received in Advance	93,542	223,635
	93,542	223,635
NOTE 8 - PROVISIONS		
Current		
Annual Leave	121,467	124,512
Long Service Leave	52,718	46,017
	174,185	170,529

Notes to & Forming Part of the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2018

	2018 $	2017 $
NOTE 9 - RETAINED SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		
Balance at the beginning of the year	198,680	187,074
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	25,163	11,606
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Balance at the end of the year	223,843	198,680
NOTE 10 - RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOWS		
Operating surplus / (deficit) from ordinary activities after income tax	25,163	11,606
Non cash items		
Depreciation	14,921	16,262
Reinvested interest on investments	(660)	(713)
Change in operating assets and liabilities		
(Increase) / decrease in trade and other receivables	8,608	28,130
Increase / (decrease) in trade and other payables	22,469	10,809
Increase / (decrease) in income in advance	(130,093)	148,207
Increase / (decrease) in employee provisions	3,656	30,894
Cash flows provided by / (used in) operating activities	(55,936)	245,195

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