

Annual Report

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Australian Childhood Foundation

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Please note that all children used in this report are models.



In 2014–15, there were **320,169 notifications of abuse and neglect** across Australia. That equates to one report of abuse **every two minutes**.

Of the notifications investigated, **56,400 reports** were substantiated.

The number of children who were the subject of substantiations has **risen by 35%** since 2010–11 (**from 31,527 to 42,457 in 2014–15**).



Reflections

of 30 years of protecting children



It is 30 years almost to the day that the Australian Childhood Foundation was first incorporated as an organisation. And it is 50 years since the first article on 'Battered Child Syndrome' was published in the Australian Journal of Medicine by Dr Robert Birrell and Dr John Birrell – two pioneering brothers who exposed the extent of child physical abuse in the community.

Both of these anniversaries are symbolically significant for all of us who have worked to protect children and support their recovery from the trauma associated with abuse and family violence. They marked a clear point in time that we declared that we would not live in a community that in any way tolerates the abuse of its most vulnerable – our children.

It was a modern declaration that was based on the most simple of principles. Children need adults to stand up for them. A just society advocates the loudest for its most silenced, not for its most powerful.

The Foundation grew out of this mission and has evolved into a national organisation that delivers

- **specialist trauma therapy programs for children, families and carers;**
- **parenting education and support programs;**
- **professional education and training for those who work with and support vulnerable children and young people;**
- **safeguarding children resources for organisations that provide a service or activity for children and young people.**

But our work is far from over. Our research has continued to show that as a community we continue to believe that child abuse is perpetrated by adults who are somehow different from us and in communities that are different from our own. In reality, child abuse and neglect are not problems that live in the margins of our community, but in our streets, schools and neighborhoods.

The community's ongoing avoidance of the issue undermines its willingness, confidence and ability to resource individuals to better recognise child abuse and take action to protect children. It makes it less likely that adults will believe children if they disclose abuse. It means that we will find it difficult to tolerate the distress of abused children and find the capacity to respond to them supportively.

It clearly suggests that people experience strong reactions when they come face to face with child abuse, mirroring the anger, sorrow and powerlessness most often experienced by the children and young people being abused.

We need to continue to work together to empower and resource the community to act when they are concerned that a child is being abused or is at risk of abuse, rather than feel impotent or a hostage to the problem.

Our aim is simple into our next 30 years. We want to continue to build a community that cares for children and is committed to ensuring their safety.

It is not a pipe dream to think we can achieve it. It is a realistic purpose that we can find in ourselves and make happen. Even children know it. One young boy in our counselling programs shared with me his views about how child abuse can be prevented. I will never forget them.

He told me that "...child abuse will only stop when children like me become important to everyone..."

I will never forget those words. They are the words at the heart of the Foundation now and into the future.

Joe Tucci, CEO

Map of our services



Where we work

- Trauma Counselling Team
- Residential and Foster Care Trauma Team
- Trauma Training Team
- Safeguarding Children Team
- Parenting Support Team
- Trauma Research Centre

The Australian Childhood Foundation



The Australian Childhood Foundation is an independent children's charity working in a number of ways to prevent child abuse and reduce the harm it causes to children, families and the community.



- Australian Childhood Foundation teams
- The people we support

Forged in the fires of advocacy

– the Australian Childhood Foundation timeline

1986

On October 6, the Victorian Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (VicSPCAN) is 'forged in the fires of advocacy,' says our CEO, Joe Tucci.

1988

VicSPCAN's first publication, *Victoria's Protective Services: Dual Track and Double Standards*, the book by Prof Chris Goddard based on his paper of the same name, has major impact. Media attention spurs radical reform of Victoria's child protection system, including establishment of a central register, a 24-hour crisis service, additional funding and staffing and the abolition of the tragically flawed 'dual track' approach.

1991

Our first specialist trauma centre is established, providing counselling and support to children who have suffered physical, sexual and emotional abuse. We have a staff of just one full-time worker and one part-time worker.

1992

VICSPCAN takes on a national focus and changes name to Australians Against Child Abuse. Pioneers in the field of child advocacy and protection, police surgeon Dr Robert Birrell and paediatrician Dr John Birrell, are our first patrons.

1995

Pioneer the first therapeutic program in Australia for children under the age of 12 years who engaged in problem sexual behaviour.

1998

Win the Australian Institute of Criminology National Violence Prevention Award for our efforts to prevent child abuse.

2001

Advocate for establishment of National Sex Offenders Register and compulsory Working with Children Checks.

2001

Launch and roll out national Every Child Is Important campaign with the support of singers Van Morrison and Rod Stewart. Over 1.5 million booklets are distributed to parents across Australia.

2002

Now have 14 staff and an operating budget of \$1 million.

2003

Change our name to Australian Childhood Foundation to reflect our status as an organisation with multiple and complex approaches to addressing the issue of child abuse across Australia.

Release *Tolerating Violence Against Children* - a report tracking community attitudes to child abuse in Australia



2004

Pioneer Australia's first trauma-informed Therapeutic Foster Care Program in collaboration with Anglicare Victoria and Department of Human Services Victoria.

Release *Do Not Turn Away* tracking Tasmanian community attitudes about child abuse and child protection.

2005

Win National Child Protection Award.

Release *The Changing Face of Parenting* report, tracking attitudes of parents in contemporary Australia.

2006

Pioneer the application of the emerging field of the neuroscience of trauma to providing therapeutic services for children affected by abuse and family violence.

Release *Out of Sight, Out of Mind* report on community attitudes to child abuse and child protection in Australia.

Release *Every Child Needs a Hero*, a report tracking Australian children's attitudes and concerns about childhood.

2007

The Foundation is instrumental in the introduction of Cody's Law in Victoria, which is designed to ensure child homicide offenders are jailed for much closer to the maximum 20-year term. The law is named in honour of 5-year-old Cody Hutchings who died violently at the hands of his stepfather.

2007

Establish Child Abuse Research Australia (CAPRA), a major research centre, in partnership with the School of Primary Health Care, Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, Monash University.

2008

With Monash University and Access Economics, we release a report, *The Cost of Child Abuse in Australia*, that finds that child abuse costs taxpayers up to \$30 billion

2008

Our Fresh Start Therapeutic Foster Care program is established in Adelaide in partnership with Anglicare SA and funded by Families SA.

2008

In partnership with Anglicare Victoria, we secure funding to pilot specialist therapeutic residential care programs in two metropolitan regions of Melbourne.

2008

Launch our national Stop Child Abuse Now prevention campaign.

2009

Establish Child Trauma Services in Hobart, Launceston, Canberra and Adelaide, our first outside of Victoria.

2009

Merge with the Australian Council for Children and Youth Organisations (ACCYO) to deliver the Safeguarding Children Program for child-based organisations.

Develop model of Family Violence Counselling Treatment Services for children and Young people for Tasmanian Government.

2010

Become a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and offer Australia's first Vocational Qualification in Developmental Trauma for health, welfare, education and legal professionals working with abused children.

2010

Establish therapeutic services in Perth in collaboration with WA agencies.

2010

Establish TRaCK, a Therapeutic Foster Care program in Canberra, in partnership with Barnardos and the ACT Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services

Release *Doing Nothing Harms Children* report on community attitudes to child abuse and child protection in Australia

2011

Present submission to inquiries in Tasmania and Victoria about improving child protection systems.

2012

Present submission to Victorian Inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and Other Organisations.

- Commence partnerships in Northern Territory, working with Aboriginal children and their families.

2013

The Foundation has Child Trauma Centres in 6 states and territories and provides education and prevention programs nationally.

Present submission to the development of the ACT Out-of-Home Care Strategy.

2014

Host our inaugural International Child Trauma Conference to educate, inspire and empower 2000 delegates to support traumatised children towards recovery.

2015

Present submission to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

Present submission to the Royal Commission into Family Violence

2016

We have 130 staff providing trauma-informed therapy and care for children, professional education and training, safeguarding children, parenting support, community engagement and fundraising across Australia to protect children and support their recovery from the trauma of abuse, neglect and family violence.



From 30 June 2011 to 2015, the rate of children aged 0–17 needing special care and protection orders to keep them safe rose from **7.7 to 9.1 per 1,000**. There were more than **48,700 children** on a care and protection order at 30 June 2015.



Highlights for 2015-16

Safeguarding Children Program



2015-16 has been a period of continued growth and development of our Safeguarding Children program. In addition to the unique, voluntary, accreditation scheme for organisations who have a duty of care to children and young people while delivering a service or activity to them and/or their families, the program now also offers child protection gap analysis evaluation, and development and delivery of training and workshops.

Safeguarding Children is currently working with 123 organisations with across Australia and New Zealand, and in 2015-16, we recorded a total of 9,973 training online logins used!

In addition, some significant achievements this year include:

Research Partnerships

- In March 2016, we officially launched our partnership with Mallee Aboriginal District Services (MDAS), which aims to strengthen responses to keeping children and young people safe within the context of Aboriginal and Torre Strait islander service delivery. The partnership will focus on the development

of next steps for implementing a culturally-competent and relevant safeguarding approach to children and young people, based on the endorsed standards of the Safeguarding Children Program. This partnership approach will promote a culture that protects children and young people from abuse and exploitation, and will enable this to occur within a framework that: promotes a positive attitude towards cultural differences; a strengthened knowledge of cultural practices and views; and the development of skills for communication and interactions aimed at protecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people. MDAS CEO, Rudy Kirby was also endorsed as a panel member in June 2016 by the ACF Board.



Joe Tucci, CEO and Rudolph Kirby



- In June 2016, we engaged in a research partnership with the Australian Centre for Health Law Research, Faculty of Law, Queensland University of Technology. This partnership is an Australian first, and has the overall aim of exploring how best to develop a customised external accreditation mechanism for organisations that deliver services to children and young people to prevent and respond to child sexual abuse. In doing so, we are acquiring new knowledge about the nature, content and implementation of the key components of the program, namely:
 - **enhancing and maintaining a collective culture that promotes the safety of children and young people;**
 - **reviewing, designing and implementing policies and procedures to protect children and young people;**
 - **designing and delivering training to management, staff and volunteers;**
 - **involving children and their parents in safeguarding practices;**
 - **implementing sound operational standards; and**
 - **ensuring appropriate responses to cases of abuse.**

Online management system

The Safeguarding Children Program is the only provider in Australia with a fully integrated online management child-safe system. Our system:

- **commences at the point of initial engagement and continues throughout the entire accreditation cycle**
- **comprehensively explores key elements that are required to keep children and young people safe in organisations from abuse and risk**

ACCC Certification

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) recently granted Certification of our Trademark (logo), making the Foundation the only safeguarding organisation in Australia with this certification.



Our International Childhood Trauma Conference

Following on from the success of our inaugural conference in 2014, we held our International Child Trauma Conference in Melbourne in June 2016, cementing it as the conference of choice for thousands of professionals in the trauma field from around the world. Held every second year in Australia, it hosts researchers and practitioners at the top of their field and showcases innovations from around Australia and internationally.

Held over 5 days, the conference comprises key note sessions, plenary sessions and daily closing panels. In addition, there are Master Classes with speakers who rarely visit Australia – some of whom only come to be part of this conference.

More than 2,500 delegates heard from world leaders including Dan Hughes, Jon Baylin, Pat Ogden, Allan Schore, Judy Schore, Dan Siegel, Michael Yellow Bird, Sue Carter, Marilyn Davillier, Ed Tronick, Stephen Porges, Judy Atkinson, Russell Meares, Vittorio Gallese and Martin Teicher

CEO Joe Tucci originally wrote this reflection on the conference for Prosody, our blog for professionals:

On the very day the 2016 International Childhood Trauma Conference came to an end, I heard a news story highlighting the release of a report by the Australian Child Rights Taskforce to mark the 25th anniversary of the Australian Government's decision to ratify the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

“ Dear Joe, Janise and all the staff at ACF, I just wanted to say a very heart felt thank you for organising the 2016 Childhood Trauma Conference. It has touched me deeply, both professionally and personally. It's an incredible conference to have in Melbourne. Thank you, thank you, thank you! ”



Ed Tronick

The report was launched by former head of the Family Court, Justice Alistair Nicholson. The report noted that “... *In Australia, many children have received the historical benefits of a developed economy, a high functioning health system, accessible education, a good social welfare system and labour force protection for working families. Yet there are a significant number of children who have missed out on these 'safety net' benefits through entrenched poverty, discrimination, social exclusion and disadvantage...*”

It was so timely. We had all spent a week exploring the impact of toxic stress and trauma on children, young people and adults. We had heard so many of the presenters emphasise how critical safety was to children. Steve Porges summed it up for me when he said in his opening plenary that “...the removal of threat was not the same as creating safety.”



Dan Siegel and Joe Tucci at the conference closing

Safety is a biological imperative. It opens up resources in children and their relationships to grow and function. Children's right to protection from violence is clearly enshrined in the Convention as is the right to family, the right to cultural identity, the right to education, the right to an adequate standard of living.

The Conference was full of conversations about trustworthiness, guardianship, and the power of relationships. Threading itself through such words, the nature of childhood found its way into the minds and hearts of delegates. We heard about the pain of abused and dislocated children and communities. We also heard about the creativity that is generated from playful, comforting and joyous experiences offered to children in relationships with adults who are open to such fun.

“ I applaud your vision and hard work to pull such an impacting and much-needed event together. It makes me pale just thinking about the organisation that would have gone on behind the scenes. So, well done to everyone. I have valued both conferences and 2018 is clearly in my diary. ”

Unfortunately, it remains true that in Australia in 2016 many vulnerable children who have experienced trauma cannot access the relational resources and specialist services that are able to support their needs being understood compassionately and met comprehensively.

The Conference itself was a reminder that healing from trauma generally comes from justice being secured, pain acknowledged and hope for change held onto. It was also a prompt to acknowledge that the abuse of children comes in many forms.

The logical conclusion of the Conference was that all children should be afforded their basic human rights – without reservation. It is a collective goal that I hope will resonate with all of us very strongly.



Woon-yah Ngullah Goorlanggass program, Perth

The Foundation is very thankful to the WA Department of Attorney General's Crimes Confiscation Fund and Lotterywest for funding it for two years to develop, deliver and evaluate an innovative, culturally-responsive, trauma-informed model of therapeutic placement support for Aboriginal young people who are subject to the involvement of child protection and/or juvenile justice and their kinship/relative carers across Greater Perth.

The focus on support for Aboriginal kinship/relative carers addresses a critical gap in service provision to this vulnerable group. The pilot program will use trauma-informed approaches embedded within a cultural framework, focusing on the strength that can be drawn from connection to culture.

The pilot program will draw on the extensive experience of the Australian Childhood Foundation in the provision of therapeutic models of Out-of-Home Care, including therapeutic kinship care in the ACT.

The model will provide assertive outreach and intensive support to the relative carers and young people. Involvement with the relative carers and young person will be goal directed and reviewed regularly.

It is anticipated that involvement may last from 3 – 18 months with the average involvement being around 8-10 months.

We would like to acknowledge and thank Nyungah Elders Doolann Leisha and Walter Eatts for their contribution to the name of our program. Woon-yah Ngullah Goorlanggass means 'Caring for Our Children' in the Nyungah language of the South West of Western Australia.



WA Department of Attorney General's
Crimes Confiscation Fund

Our new Perth Trauma Centre



Having worked in Western Australia for more than a decade, the Foundation opened our first permanent centre in Perth in April. The centre will:

- **provide a child-centred environment for counsellors to provide intensive counselling to children;**
- **run groups for carers;**
- **run professional training for individuals working with families and children; and**
- **support Aboriginal carers through our Woon-yah Ngullah Goorlanggass Project.**

Our staff are Shaun Chandran, Glenda Kickett, Donna Smyth and Pauline Lodge. Shaun and Glenda are pictured here with CEO Joe Tucci and Deputy CEO Janise Mitchell at the opening of the centre.



L-R: Joe Tucci, Glenda Kickett, Janise Mitchell and Shaun Chandran

NAIDOC Awards

The Foundation was proud and pleased to sponsor the Community Person of the Year Award at the NAIDOC Perth Awards 2016, in June. The two finalists, Corina Abraham and Janice McKewan, have shown great commitment, leadership and significant contribution to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community of Perth. Our CEO Joe Tucci was delighted to present the winner, Corina, with her award and to be part of the wonderful celebration of Aboriginal people, culture and community.



Joe Tucci at the awards presentation

Out-of-Home Care and Family Violence Counselling, Tasmania

In June 2016, the Foundation was awarded the tender to deliver counselling services for children and young people, under the State Government's *Safe Homes, Safe Families* action plan to respond to family violence.

The counselling services to be delivered by the Foundation form Action 8 of the 19-point plan that was announced by the Tasmanian Government in August 2015.

The family violence counselling service has been funded to run for three years and will integrate

with the broader response the government has put in place. It will operate from the Foundation's three Tasmanian centres in the south, north and northwest of the state.

Along with the awarding last year of a five-year contract to deliver therapeutic services to children living in Out-of-Home Care in Tasmania, this has seen the Foundation staff double the number Therapeutic Specialists, with bases in Hobart and Launceston and a new one to open soon in Burnie.

The Listening Project

In collaboration with Professor Stephen Porges at University of North Carolina (Prof. Porges is one of our 'regular' presenters at the International Child Trauma Conference), the Foundation is currently undertaking a world-first clinical trial to evaluate the effectiveness of the Listening Project Protocol (LPP) in children with a trauma history.

The LPP is designed as a 'neural exercise' to reduce auditory sensitivities, improve auditory processing of speech, and improve regulation in children. The project uses acoustic stimulation to exercise the neural regulation in the middle ear structures, to rehabilitate and normalise their acoustic transfer functioning.

The LPP involves listening to a computer-altered sequence of vocal music that has been processed to 'exercise' the neural regulation of the middle ear muscles. It has been demonstrated in peer-reviewed research to improve auditory processing and to increase vagal regulation of the heart of children on the autism spectrum. Our work with Professor Porges will investigate its application to children with a trauma background.

We sincerely thank Gandel Philanthropy for their support of this project.



From 30 June 2011 to 2015, the rate of children in Out-of-Home Care increased from **7.4 to 8.1 per 1,000**. On any night in Australia, around **43,400 children** cannot sleep at home because it is not safe for them to do so.



Our Ambassadors

This year, we were delighted to welcome several new ambassadors to the Foundation:

Eddie Betts

As a family man and proud Indigenous Australian, Eddie is passionate about helping to drive change and making sure not another child suffers abuse, violence or neglect, especially within the Indigenous community.

“Being a father of two, I am passionate about children and their wellbeing and I want to ensure that all children are emotionally, physically and environmentally safe,” said Eddie, who is Adelaide Football Club's star forward.

“I want to raise awareness about the current family violence rate in Australian Aboriginal communities and continue to work with children to emphasise the importance of education and being healthy for good life outcomes,” he continued.

According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare report Child Protection in Australia 2013-2014, Indigenous children are seven times more likely than non-Indigenous children to be the subject of substantiated abuse. We at the Foundation are passionate about advocating for the needs of all children and working to support and empower communities to safeguard their children.



“Eddie's appointment will help shine a much stronger spotlight on the issues surrounding child abuse and neglect within Australia, particularly in Indigenous communities. We are very much looking forward to working with him,” says our CEO, Dr Joe Tucci.

Eddie's motivation and positive influence are already proving to be a great asset to the Foundation, as well as the children and communities we support.

Clint Newton

As a White Ribbon ambassador, Clint has been highly vocal throughout his sporting career, serving as an empowered voice against domestic violence in Australia, and now is being the change he wants to see for children who suffer abuse.

“Our responsibility as parents and as a society is to not only look after our own children but all children, and keep them safe from abuse, violence and neglect,” says the former rugby league star and current Chair and General President of the Rugby League Players Association (RLPA).

Clint encourages the importance for men to undertake a role of responsibility and leadership and he utilises his standing within the game to help drive social change and awareness. As a committed family man with a young daughter of his own, Clint is motivated to be a positive influence in his community and says he is honoured to be associated with the Foundation.

National Rugby League. Clint represented the United States in the 2013 Rugby League World



Cup, helping the team progress to the quarter-finals in their first world cup experience.

“Honesty, respect and equality are all part of the rugby league ethos and with these values, players can be a positive asset in society and influence change,” he says. “As a community we can help raise awareness, spread the message and continue to make sure that not another child will miss out on their childhood.”

John Xintavelonis

Actor, singer and musical theatre star John X is an entertainment icon in his home state of Tasmania. On the national stage, he has made his mark in such roles as Mr. Braithwaite in *Billy Elliot: The Musical* and Pumbaa in *The Lion King* in Perth, Melbourne and Shanghai, for which he was nominated for a Mo Award. His television credits include *Winners and Losers*, *Tricky Business*, *Dance Academy*, *City Homicide* and *John Safran's Race Relations*.

“In my experience, many Tasmanian expats come back to Tasmania when they start their families, because they believe it's the best possible place to raise their children,” says John.

“But we can't ignore the fact that, like everywhere else, we face the same sorts of issues around child abuse and domestic violence and many children don't get those happy and safe upbringings. And we can't shake our heads in despair when we see it on the news without trying on a personal level to do something about it.



“This generation of children is our future, but what sort of future do we all have if our children come from a background of abuse and neglect? I want to use my role as an ambassador to help my community understand the issue and connect with ways of helping ensure that our children are safe and cared for, because that's what community does - we look after each other.”

Carolyn Creswell

Carman's founder Carolyn Creswell is an inspirational leader whose success proves that you can run a multinational business and still love what you do and have a genuine work-life balance.

Carolyn has grown Carman's to become the number-one-selling gourmet muesli brand on Australian supermarket shelves, while at the same time maintaining a successful relationship with her husband Peter and raising four children aged twelve and under.

From humble beginnings where, at age 18, Carolyn used to park her tiny Daewoo alongside semi-trailers in supermarket loading docks, Carolyn's determination has seen Carman's build a strong following in more than 32 countries around the world.

Carolyn's business acumen has led to a number of accolades, including being named the 2012 Telstra Australian Business Woman of the Year and the winner of 2007 Ernst & Young's Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award. She is also a graduate member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



Carolyn sits on the Boards of The Stephanie Alexander's Kitchen Garden Foundation and the Human Rights Law Centre. She is Patron of the St Kilda Gatehouse, an Ambassador for the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre, and of course, for the Australian Childhood Foundation.

"Every child deserves to feel loved and safe," says Carolyn. "As a mother of four, the work of the Australian Childhood Foundation speaks directly to my heart and I am honoured to be involved with such an incredible organisation."

Stefan Dennis raises \$30,000

In April, our beloved ambassador Stefan Dennis and his *Neighbours* cast mates Olympia Valance, Alan Fletcher and Jackie Woodburne competed in Channel Ten's All-Star Family Feud, hosted by Grant Denyer. Stefan and his team went head-to-head with the panel from *The Project* to vie for the chance to win \$30,000 for the charity of each team's choice. Stefan spoke with his usual eloquence and passion about his nomination of the Foundation as the *Neighbours* team's charity, and in a hilarious game that could have gone either way at any time, he and his team managed to eventually pull off a very convincing win.

We warmly thank Stefan for his unstinting commitment to our work, his team mates for their willing support, Family Feud for their generosity, and Carrie Bickmore, Waleed Aly, Steve Price and Peter Helliar for being such worthy - and entertaining - opponents.



At any one time, there are **600-800 children, their carers and families** receiving specialised trauma support from the Foundation.



Fundraising Highlights 2015-16

Hill Street Gala Dinner 2015

The Foundation is fortunate to have an incredible partnership in Tasmania to help us make our vision of a permanent, state-of-the-art child trauma recovery centre a reality.



The Nikitaras family - Nick and Natalia, Marco and Dianna, Niktar and Georgina and their business, Hill Street - are continually striving to help us achieve our goal for Tasmania's most vulnerable children. Together with the support of Mona, Tasmania's iconic Museum of Old and New Art, they hosted an extraordinary fundraising dinner on Saturday, 12th September, 2015. It's an evening that will live long in our memories as the night when around 250 guests gathered together to support Tasmania's most vulnerable children and help us towards our vision of building a specialist centre dedicated to their healing and recovery.



Flanked by Sidney Nolan's breathtaking 1600-piece artwork, Snake, our guests dined on an exquisite meal designed by chef Vince Trim to take guests back to their own childhoods, with courses such as 'Splashing in Mud Puddles' and 'A Day at the Beach.' Ray Martin was in his element as MC, and the generosity of guests pledging their financial and in-kind support to help make our vision of a Tasmanian Child Trauma Recovery Centre a reality, was a sight to behold. Inspired by the event, Cripps Bakery, led by Sales Manager Scott Alexander, devised with Hill Street an in-store promotion that resulted in \$5,000 being raised to support the Trauma Recovery Centre. It was truly an evening about community coming together to provide care and safety for its most vulnerable children. Heartfelt thanks to everyone involved.





In the Heart of the Sea Special Screening

A very special fundraising event with patron Chris Hemsworth set us on the path towards realising our vision of a specialist Child Trauma Recovery Centre in Sydney.



The screening was followed by a gala after-party and fundraiser, in which Chris put himself up for auction in three different ways. Guests had the chance to buy: a walk-on role in his next *Thor* film; dinner for 10 with Chris, Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Foreign Minister Julie Bishop, prepared by Guillaume Brahimi; and two nights' accommodation at Halcyon House, Cabarita Beach, for 40 people, including surfing lessons with 2012 WSL world champion surfing legend, Joel Parkinson and Chris - who is a keen surfer. He spoke passionately about the devastating impacts on children of abuse, neglect and family violence, and the importance of creating centres across Australia that are dedicated to healing, recovery and hope.

Journalist and dear friend of the Foundation, Ray Martin, once again hosted the evening, only two months after hosting our Hill Street dinner in Hobart.

Held in November 2015, the evening included a special advance screening of Chris' movie *In the Heart of the Sea*, directed by Hollywood great, Ron Howard. The event was supported directly by Chris, his international management company Roar, our Sydney Development Committee headed up by Skye Leckie, Will Ward, Les and Sam Owen and Trent Blasket, and Audi Australia, for whom Chris is an ambassador.

Guests opened their wallets and their hearts, donating almost \$300,000 to help bring us closer to making our vision a reality. We warmly thank Chris, Audi, the Sydney Development Committee and the many staff and volunteers who helped make the evening a truly memorable one.

Eight hundred guests walked the black carpet to the Hoyts cinema complex in the Entertainment Quarter in Moore Park, Sydney to watch the movie based on the book by Nathaniel Philbrick about the sinking in 1820 of the American whaling ship *Essex*, that inspired Herman Melville's tale of *Moby Dick*.



Our Patron, Chris Hemsworth

Chris has given an extraordinary level of support to the Foundation's fundraising efforts in the past year. In addition to the film premiere, he has:

- helped raise (and donated towards) a total of \$60,000 at an event held to launch him as the new ambassador for watchmaker TAG Heuer;
- participated in the ICAP Charity Day, helping raise \$196,000;
- collaborated twice with online fundraiser IfOnly to offer, in a worldwide sweepstakes, the chance to win a ride in a limousine, walk the red carpet and attend the LA premiere of *In The Heart of the Sea* – and then again with his next movie *The Huntsman: Winter's War* – raising a total of around \$155,000.

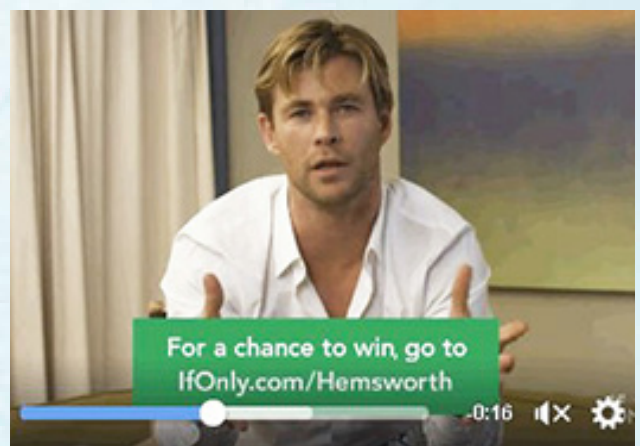
We sincerely thank Chris for his passion and commitment to supporting our work.



Chris Hemsworth - ICAP Charity Day 2015



Chris with TAG Heuer CEO Jean-Claude Biver and auctioneer Will Hampson at the TAG Heuer Charity Event.



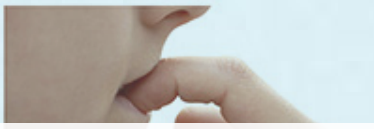
IfOnly Fundraiser



Last year, babies **under the age of 1** were more likely than any other age group to be receiving child protection services.

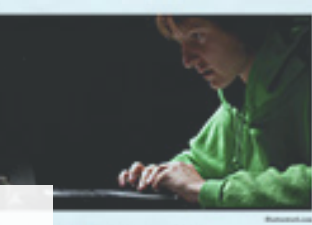


Smacking shows children that people are allowed to use physical force to achieve compliance, even when the reason for complying may be just, fair or otherwise understood



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Libby-Jane Charleston Associate Editor



PETER DANIELY If parents think their kids haven't seen porn, then they are in denial.

Pornography is now the most prominent sex educator for most young people, with widespread use of computers, tablets and smartphones making it impossible for them not to see it, says Australian Childhood Foundation CEO Dr Joe Tucci.

Dr Tucci, a child psychologist and social worker, is urging parents to stop being in denial and have an urgent talk with their kids about internet porn before more damage is done.

"If we want to tackle the domestic violence crisis head on we need to start from a young age," Dr Tucci told The Huffington Post Australia.

"The porn that is so widely accessible to children online is often violent and explicit. Let's not forget that a great majority of porn shows violence against women. And, to make matters worse, in a great majority of internet porn, the women are shown to enjoy it."

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We can help abused kids to heal

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Ms. Sharon Joyce, Program Chair with the Child Welfare Center, The Meadows, Fairfax, VA

It is increasingly being urged to support the creation of a center for children traumatized by violence and neglect.

Child Protection needs to establish the year's first community-based center to focus on giving children a safe, healthy life.

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Boy, 4, had to be chaperoned at Preschool to stop him assaulting other children in "sex games."

Shaina Anderson

Warning: This post deals with children and pornography and may be distressing for some readers.

Superheroes, Disney, and the end of the world. That's what your four-year-old is doing at preschool?

Playing in the sandbox, building blocks. Eating slices of cut-up fruit from his lunch box and giving slices of crisp paper and glitter into rolls of toilet paper to make funny faces on a girl's treasure box.

It's how we imagine the day of our four-year-old boy at preschool, innocent and safe. So compare it with this...

Compare it with the day of the four-year-old. A little boy from South Australia whose behavior is so sexualized he has to be chaperoned at all times in case he starts playing "sex games" with the other children. A child whose behavior has been so sexualized after his exposure to internet pornography that he plays at anal and oral sex.

Anal and oral sex instead of playtime. The shocking case has come to light in a Senate inquiry into the impact on children of online pornography.

Child safety expert Brad Bragg has accused teachers and children's centers of ignoring or covering up a spate of "what-shouldn't-be-there" sexual activities going on in the playground.

The case of the four-year-old who has to be chaperoned to stop him assaulting other children in "sex games" is the tip of the iceberg in a spate of incidents the says.

Pornographer Brad Bragg has told the Senate inquiry the South Australian case is "typical of what is happening elsewhere" across the world.

Pornographer Brad Bragg revealed that during one session with more than 150 children for an Australian Research Council study young boys between the ages of 7 and eight admitted that they and their dads watched pornography together for "fun" because "that's what goes on."

The Foundation in the media

certainly couldn't use the defense of "lawful correction" or "reasonable chastisement" to reflect society's expectations that citizens ought to behave civilly.

But put a child and his or her parent in this scenario and everything changes.

Psychological impact of hitting based on the results of a study published previously which linked harsh physical punishment with mental disorders and substance abuse later in life, we write an article The Conversation arguing it's never okay to hit your kids.

The "harsh physical punishment" studied was defined as "including acts of physical force beyond slapping which some may consider more severe than customary physical punishment (i.e. spanking)" but was not at the level of "physical abuse," defined as "being hit so hard it left marks, bruises, or caused an injury."

The study's authors concluded that "reducing physical punishment may help decrease the prevalence of mental disorders in the general population." This adds support to 20 years of research associating physical punishment with harmful effects in childhood.

Based on this evidence, we concluded that the defense of "reasonable chastisement" should be removed, giving children the same protection from assault as adults.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2016 AFL finals 2016: Adelaide's Eddie Betts thought he might repeat a disturbing past

Warning: mentions in passing of the deceased and the deceased's family.

It's the day after this richly gifted AFL footballer passed through his earthly plane that he made his way to heaven in Adelaide - so, under that Australia - that he already was.



Eddie Betts with wife Leanne and Billy. Photo: Kristine O'Hara

Australia-first push to protect Koori children

A GROUNDBREAKING agreement to protect and build Aboriginal children from the trauma of abuse, violence and neglect was signed in Melbourne yesterday.

In a first for Australia, the Australian Childhood Foundation's Indigenous Children's Program has entered a partnership with the Victorian Aboriginal Community Care Centre, which was formalized yesterday during a week for the region for NCP children and young people.

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Trauma centre for vulnerable children moves closer

Wendy Smith-Kerr, Sunday Telegraph

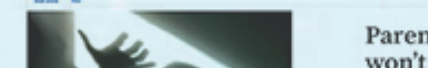
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From other homes in the city, the new centre will be a major benefit to our children and young people.

Kids' happiness at heart of film for Australian Childhood Foundation

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abuse cases



Parents who think their children won't be exposed to porn have their heads in the sand.

Shaina Anderson

Two eleven-year-old girls are at the bus stop as they wait to go home in the heat sun sucking on icy poles. They pull their smartphones from the pockets of their school bags.

There with them is a younger girl, a grade four girl she doesn't have an icy pole, nor a smart phone so she watches the older girls, she knows them from the playground as they are just one year ahead and she likes them, they laugh and make her feel important.



"Take a look at this" says an older girl. (Image via Stock)

"Take a look at this" one says to her as she thrusts her phone into the younger girl's hand.

There on the screen is a naked woman, her breasts shining with what looks like grease, her pubic hair shaved and her mouth wrapped around the penis of a dark haired man. Another man is naked top in the video she is being shown. His hands are touching the woman in places that confuse the 10-year-old watching.

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Is pornography a public health crisis? The evidence is piling up

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The Foundation social media

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The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's report 'Child Protection in Australia 2013-2014' found that for that year, there were 304,097 notifications of child abuse and neglect across Australia, which equates to 833 per day, or one report every two minutes. So here's what the end of our first week of 2016 might look like. To support the Foundation's ongoing work to heal and protect as many hurt and violated children as possible, please go here: <http://theaustrianchildhood.org.au/tonite>

February 1, 2016

50 far in 2016, around 2,833 notifications of child abuse and neglect will have been made across Australia

Australian Childhood Foundation
Published by Dani Cohen (17: 17 July 2015)

"Mandatory reporting laws have stopped working in Victoria and need to be revised to eliminate some of the hurdles to reporting possible abuse," says our CEO, Dr Joe Tucci.

"We need to have much clearer guidelines to the expectations of professionals are consistent and unambiguous and uncertainties over terms like 'reasonable belief' are eliminated."

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/.../story-e6f9f6e-1227446812>

Darcey Freeman's doctor wouldn't report dad, even in hindsight

A senior child protection official has questioned a GPs decision to stay silent when Darcey Freeman's mother confided fears for her children's safety last year.

<http://theaustralian.com.au>

Australian Childhood Foundation
Published by Dani Cohen (15: 15 May)

Children's easy access to online porn is "not a health crisis in the making, it is already a health crisis that we haven't woken up to," says Foundation CEO Joe Tucci.

"Parents need to talk to their kids and if they think their kids haven't seen porn, then they are in denial."

"Many adults today think of porn as Playboy magazines. Playboy is nothing compared to the sinister themes that children are exposed to now. It's all about abuse and power, about someone always being in... See more

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Published by Dani Cohen (16: 16 June)

A tiny child has died after presenting to hospital emergency rooms three times with very concerning injuries. How many more children will we lose before we prioritise the implementation of better information-sharing systems and provide greater support and education to medical staff so they can recognise signs of abuse and respond to make children safe?

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Parents must stop buying their heads in the sand and talk to kids about porn.

<http://9news.com.au>

We're delighted to announce that we have obtained funding from the WA Department of Attorney General's Crimes Confiscation Fund and Lottery West for a vital new project to support Aboriginal kinship carers in Perth. The culturally responsive, trauma-informed program is named Woon-yah Ngulhan Goolangass which means "Caring for Our Children" in the Nyungah language. It'll be coordinated by Glenda Kickett and will work in partnership with the Aboriginal community in and around Perth. Pic L-R: Our CEO Joe Tucci, MLA for Belmont, Glennys Godfrey, our Deputy CEO, Janise Mitchell, and Therapeutic Specialist Shaun Chandran. If you would like to donate, click here <http://bit.ly/20FF0n6>

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MP's emotional story of family violence

MP's emotional story of family violence often goes hand in hand with domestic violence and child abuse.

A Melbourne toddler died. Another little boy could have.

Questions arise about a man who was looking after one little boy who died, and was justifying another rushed to hospital after eating meat.

<http://theage.com.au>

Australian Childhood Foundation
Published by Dani Cohen (16: 16 August 2015)

The most vulnerable children in our community are all of ours to care for, and so we're turning to the community to help us achieve our vision of a specialist place of healing for Tasmanian children, and Hill Street Grocer is leading the charge to help <http://www.themercycurry.com.au>

<http://bit.ly/20FF0n6>

Australian Childhood Foundation
Published by Dani Cohen (16: 9 July 2015)

"All children have a right to be protected," says CEO Joe Tucci. "Adults should never be prevented from reporting child abuse." Her speaking in response to Hannah Ireland's Sydney Morning Herald comment piece on the Border Force Act, which limits the circumstances under which disclosures of child abuse can be made and the bodies to whom they can be reported. <http://www.smh.com.au>

Doctors Against the Border Force Act

Australia's reputation for child protection has crumbled with the Border Force Act

The Border Force Act fails to meet basic child protection standards that the government expects of every Australian funded development project. After years...

<http://theaustralian.com.au>

Australian Childhood Foundation
Published by Dani Cohen (16: 16 February)

The easy accessibility of graphic pornography is creating a generation of children that has a range of problems with sexual behaviour, says CEO Dr Joe Tucci.

Speaking at the UNSW Pornography and Harms To Children and Young People Symposium, Dr Tucci said: "We have dropped them in an adult world. We have created technology that has made this accessible to children and we're not interested in the impact it's having."

'Public health crisis looming' over accessibility of porn to children

The widespread availability of porn to children and young teenagers is a public health crisis in the making, a seminar into the impact of porn-addicted children...

Australian Childhood Foundation
Published by Dani Cohen (16: 16 March)

The Tasmanian State Government is to be commended for adopting all 29 recommendations made in a six-month review of the state's overburdened and under-resourced child protection system.

It has committed \$20 million over four years towards a restructure that will hopefully relieve some of the pressures and enable it to better meet the needs of the children relying on it for safety, care and good decision-making.

"While we know that this can only be the start of much greater and ongoing investment in the wellbeing of Tasmania's most vulnerable children, we thank the government for its commitment to better supporting at-risk families and to improving child protection responses and services," says CEO Joe Tucci.

Australian Childhood Foundation
Published by Dani Cohen (16: 3 February)

"Children in care need quality outcomes. They need stability. They need predictability. They need to feel like that they are connected to a community that wants to love them. Sustainable high-quality outcomes start with investing money in the right kinds of care. Well-supported and properly trained carers who are actively involved in collective decision making is an important basis to turn around the lives of abused children," says our CEO, Dr Joe Tucci.

<http://www.aedelaide.gov.au>

Australian Childhood Foundation
Published by Dani Cohen (16: 30 March)

SA's huge bill to house at-risk children

SOUTH Australia pays the most of any state to put a roof over the head of vulnerable children who are removed from unsafe parents - more than \$40,000 a year or about \$230 a night, latest figures show.

Australian Childhood Foundation
Published by Dani Cohen (16: 20 January)

"We have known it for years that child sexual assault attracts lesser sentences," says our CEO, Joe Tucci. "This needs to be remedied right now"

Men who rape children less likely to be jailed than those who rape adults

Adults who rape children are being sentenced to less jail time in Victoria than those convicted of raping adults.

<http://theage.com.au>

Australian Childhood Foundation
Published by Dani Cohen (16: 7 March)

How gratifying to see that language and geography don't have to be a barrier to the sharing of resources that support and promote trauma-informed practice in schools!

Pedagogica, a Tuscan-based not-for profit dedicated to the promotion of lifelong learning and education for personal wellbeing and improved social outcomes, recently asked if they could have our booklet Making SPACE For Learning, Trauma-Informed Practice in Schools available for download on their website. We agreed and the booklet has now been translated into Italian and is available here: www.associazionepedagogica.org

If your Italian isn't too crash hot, the original English version is still available for free download just by clicking on the link below

We can help abused kids to heal

The Tasmanian community has been urged to support the creation of a state-of-the-art centre for children traumatised by violence and neglect.

Australian Childhood Foundation
Published by Dani Cohen (16: 18 August 2015)

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sex Abuse has recommended in a report tabled in Parliament that every state and territory adopt uniform standards around Working With Children Checks (WWCCs) which would be portable across jurisdictions and which would remove 'conditions' and 'exceptions'.

CEO Dr Joe Tucci says: "While this is certainly a step in the right direction, these checks are not the be-all and end-all."

I agree with National Children's Commissioner Megan Mitchell, who says that just because a person passes a check, it doesn't mean they've not committed an offence against children or won't in the future, it could just mean they haven't been caught.

Organisations need to be much more thorough in their approach to the protection of children in their care. Learn more about our Safeguarding Children program: <http://safeguardingchildren.com.au/>

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Published by Dani Cohen (16: 20 January)

"I cannot stress how crucial it is for adults to respond to these silent cries for help... To this day, I still feel the wounds of people not stepping in to help me... My heart brims with compassion for other kids and teens stuck in abusive situations desperately hoping for an adult to care."

Thank you, Hannah, for so courageously sharing your own deeply personal story to remind us all how crucial it is for adults to really listen to the children in their care, and to act to protect and save them.

Read Hannah's story here: <http://www.childhoodtrauma.org.au/2015/august/hannah-baker>

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Published by Dani Cohen (16: 2 December 2015)

Two very important Human Rights Commission reports that place children's needs front and centre were tabled in Parliament this week - one by Children's Commissioner Megan Mitchell on the impact on children of domestic violence, the other prepared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, Mick Gooda, who confirms that indigenous children are 9 times more likely to be in out-of-home care than non-indigenous children.

<http://www.theguardian.com/>

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Tasmanian Government commits \$20m to fix child protection system

The Tasmanian Government will invest \$20 million over four years to relieve pressure on the state's child protection service.

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The Foundation supports Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews' announcement that Victoria will not only heed the advice of the Commission's report, but the State Government will implement all the recommended changes.

"We hope all states follow suit after the Royal Commission into Family Violence delivered its findings from a 13-month investigation today," said Foundation CEO Dr Joe Tucci.

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VIC To Adopt All Changes From Groundbreaking Family Violence Royal Inquest

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Welcome to Safeguarding Children

The Safeguarding Children Program is a unique voluntary accreditation scheme for organisations who have a duty of care to children and young people whilst delivering a service or activity to them within their families. It systematically builds the capacity of

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Kim Napier	Radio Presenter
Lindsay Field	Musician
Melanie Milburne	Author
Eddie Betts	AFL Footballer
Clint Newton	Rugby League Players' Association President
John Xintavelonis	Actor and entertainer
Carolyn Creswell	Company founder

Management, Supporters and Accreditation Panels

Management Team

Dr Joe Tucci	CEO
Janise Mitchell	Deputy CEO
Monique Blom	National Manager, Safeguarding Children Program
Craig McMillan	National Manager, Partnerships, Fundraising and Marketing Program
Marina Dickson	National Manager, Professional Education Services
Noel MacNamara	National Manager, Research and Policy
Angela Weller	Manager, Child Trauma Service Victoria
Jenny Wing	Manager, Therapeutic Care Programs
Deb Holmes	Manager, Safeguarding Children Program
Cate Airey	Manager, Administration Program

Key Supporters

Andrew Newbold
Julie Reilly
Judi Lay
Marilyn Kraner
Adam Tomison
Chris Goddard

Safeguarding Children Accreditation Panel

Susan Halliday	Former Chair of the Victorian Institute of Teachers
Anton Herman	Minter Ellison
Rudy Kirby	CEO of Mallee District Aboriginal Services
Superintendent Andrew Allen	Victoria Police



Our Heartfelt Thanks

The Australian Childhood Foundation is deeply appreciative of the following individuals and organisations for their support of our work throughout 2015-2016. We cannot thank them enough for their commitment to the safety and protection of children in Australia.

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Government and Community Supporters

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Department of Education and Children's Services, South Australia

Department of Health and Human Services, Tasmania

Department of Health and Human Services, Victoria

Department of Attorney General, Western Australia

Department of Children and Families, Northern Territory

Trusts and Foundations

Foundation of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies

Lotterywest

Rose and Andrew Lazar Trust

The Besen Family Foundation

Johnson Family Foundation

Become involved and support our work

The Australian Childhood Foundation relies on the support of the community to enable it to continue counselling children to help them heal from the devastating impact of abuse and neglect.

You can help transform the lives of children who have been severely traumatised by abuse, and assist the Foundation in running prevention programs that help stop abuse before it happens, by making a donation at www.childhood.org.au or by calling **1300 381 581**.

In addition, the Foundation is seeking to establish strategic partnerships with a limited number of corporate partners to contribute in meaningful ways to support the recovery of children traumatised by abuse, neglect and family violence.

Partnership with the Australian Childhood Foundation is aimed at helping to motivate and inspire staff; build brand awareness and engage the community.

If you can help or would like more information, our contact details are:

Australian Childhood Foundation
PO Box 525
Ringwood VIC 3134
Phone: 1300 381 581
Email: info@childhood.org.au

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible





Financial Report

for the financial year
ended 30 June, 2016



Directors' Report

30 June 2016

The Board of Directors of Australian Childhood Foundation (ACF) present this report on the company for the financial year ended 30 June 2016.

Directors

Background Information on Directors

Simon McCall	Social Researcher
Mark Thomas	Corporate Affairs Consultant
Simon Marsh	Accountant
Justin Smith	Media
Nick Pelham	Infrastructure Manager
David J Stephenson	Managing Director
Ciara Earley	General Paediatric Consultant
Rod Lamplugh	Solicitor
Cliff Weeks	Director General – WA Department of Indigenous Affairs

The following persons were directors of the company during the whole of the financial year and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

Simon McCall

joined as a Director in 2001 and was the chairperson of the Foundation until October 2015. His area of expertise is social research. He has worked in executive management roles and brings a business development focus to his role on the Board.

Mark Thomas

joined the Board in 2005. He has been a political adviser to a range of government Ministers. He has senior community and corporate communications experience.

Simon Marsh

is the Treasurer and Company Secretary of the Foundation. He is a Chartered Accountant and was a partner in the accounting firm BDO. He chairs the Finance and Governance subcommittee of the Board. He joined as a Director in 2011.

Justin Smith

is a senior producer and broadcaster with Fairfax Media. He brings significant media and communications experience to the Board. He joined as a Director in 2011.

Nick Pelham

joined as a Director in 2011. He has worked in infrastructure management for government and corporate sectors. He is a member of the Finance and Governance subcommittee of the Board.

David Stephenson

is currently the Chairperson of the Foundation having joined as Director in 2013. David was Managing Director of Aegis Media ANZ's Digital Creative division since January 2011 until June 2016. He has spent 25 years working in the Advertising and Digital world, with stints at some of Australia's most respected and biggest Advertising Agencies including Clemenger, Grey and Singleton.

Ciara Earley

joined as Director in 2014. She is a qualified Paediatrician and works as a Consultant at Monash Medical Centre. Ciara holds Masters in Forensic Medicine from Monash University and The Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine.

Rod Lamplugh

joined as a Director in 2015. He is a commercial lawyer and company director. He has over 25 years' experience assisting organisations with legal and media related matters particularly in the areas of acquisitions, contractual matters and compliance issues.

Cliff Weeks

joined as a Director in 2016. A former member of the Western Australia Police Service, Cliff has over 15 years of experience in the public sector and was appointed as Director General of the Department of Indigenous Affairs in 2011 in Western Australia.

Meetings of Directors

The number of meetings of the company's Board of Directors held during the year ended 30 June 2016, and the number of meetings attended by each director were:

Full Board	Attended	Held
Simon McCall	6	6
Mark Thomas	3	6
Simon Marsh	5	6
Justin Smith	3	6
Nick Pelham	5	6
David J Stephenson	5	6
Ciara Earley	5	6
Rod Lamplugh	4	6
Cliff Weeks	2	3

Principal Activities

The principal activity of the company during the financial year was to provide services which effectively reduced the incidence of child abuse and the harm it causes children, families and the community. It provided direct services to children who have suffered or were at risk of abuse and neglect and their families in the form of counselling, practical assistance, emotional support or material aid. It also conducted research, prevention and education programs aimed to raise public awareness about the problem of child abuse and family violence.

Objectives and strategy

The Australian Childhood Foundation's objectives are to:

- prevent child abuse in Australia;
- support children to recover from the trauma arising from experiences of abuse and neglect; and
- build the confidence and capacity of parents.

The Foundation's strategy for achieving these objectives includes:

- establishment of specialist therapeutic programs throughout Australia;
- provision of parenting education activities;
- undertaking research into child abuse and child protection;
- delivery of training to health, welfare, education and legal professionals;
- implementation of programs that build the capacity of organisations to protect children from harm and exploitation by volunteers and employees.

Performance Measure

The Foundation measures its performance through the number of children and families supported by its specialist programs, the amount of income funds raised and the number of projects delivered to the community.

Operating results

The net surplus of the company amounted to \$535,933. No provision for income tax is necessary, as the company is endorsed as an income tax exempt charitable entity under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

Significant changes in state of affairs

No significant changes in the state of affairs of the company occurred during the financial year.

After balance date events

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the company in future financial years.

Indemnifying officers or auditor

During or since the end of the financial year, the company has entered an agreement to indemnify each of the directors of the company named earlier in this report and has paid the insurance premiums as follows:

Directors and Officers Liability and Professional Indemnity Insurance	\$3,700 (2016)
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Under the agreement, the company has agreed to indemnify each of the Directors against liabilities for costs and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of director of the company, other than conduct involving a wilful breach of duty in relation to the company.

Contributions on winding up

In the event of the company being wound up, ordinary members are required to contribute a maximum of \$100 each. Honorary members are not required to contribute.

The total amount that members of the company are liable to contribute if the company is wound up is \$2,200, based on 22 current ordinary members (2015: 21 members).

Proceedings on behalf of the company

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the company or intervened in any proceedings to which the company is a party for the purposes of taking responsibility on behalf of the company for all or any part of those proceedings.

Rounding of amounts

The Foundation is a type of company referred to in the ASIC Corporation (rounding in financial/directors' reports) Instrument 2016/191 and therefore the amounts contained in this report and in the financial report have been rounded to the nearest dollar.



Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out on the following page.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of directors, pursuant to section 298(2)(a) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



David Stephenson
Chairperson

Dated this 28th day of September 2016



Australian Childhood Foundation

ACN: 057 044 514

Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Australian Childhood Foundation

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2016, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Nexia Melbourne Audit Pty Ltd
Melbourne

Geoff S. Parker
Director

Dated this 28 day of September 2016

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Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

for the year ended 30 June 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Continuing operations		
REVENUE		
Fundraising and Donations	3,019,158	2,584,408
Grants	6,711,743	6,055,385
Service fees	762,808	1,127,942
Education Programs	3,090,044	2,696,801
Membership	-	200
Interest	4,952	7,467
	<u>13,588,705</u>	<u>12,472,203</u>
EXPENSES		
Fundraising Expenses	(860,914)	(800,705)
Grants Program Allocations	(634,992)	(381,436)
Education Program Expenses	(1,112,229)	(971,000)
Depreciation	(189,714)	(260,562)
Occupancy	(474,004)	(385,768)
Finance costs	(8,158)	(9,037)
Employee Benefits	(8,361,096)	(7,490,266)
Administration and service expenses	(1,383,241)	(1,972,827)
Foreign exchange loss	(28,424)	(43,355)
	<u>(13,052,772)</u>	<u>(12,314,954)</u>
SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	<u>535,933</u>	<u>157,249</u>
Other comprehensive income		
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:		
Gain on revaluation of properties	779,293	-
	<u>779,293</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	<u><u>1,315,226</u></u>	<u><u>157,249</u></u>

Statement of financial position

as at 30 June 2016



	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	1,377,385	718,437
Trade and other receivables	4	1,698,092	538,061
Other assets	5	68,351	75,807
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>3,143,828</u>	<u>1,332,305</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	6	2,475,250	1,665,501
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>2,475,250</u>	<u>1,665,501</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>5,619,078</u>	<u>2,997,806</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	7	2,188,833	1,119,433
Borrowings	8	19,112	19,112
Short-term provisions	9	781,889	597,452
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>2,989,834</u>	<u>1,735,997</u>
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Borrowings	8	136,819	147,379
Long-term provisions	9	208,184	145,415
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>345,003</u>	<u>292,794</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>3,334,837</u>	<u>2,028,791</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>2,284,241</u>	<u>969,015</u>
EQUITY			
Reserves	16	1,679,716	900,423
Retained surpluses/(deficit)		604,525	68,592
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>2,284,241</u>	<u>969,015</u>

Statement of changes in equity

for the year ended 30 June 2016

	Retained Surpluses \$	Asset Revaluation Reserve \$	Building Appeal Reserve \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2014	(88,657)	600,162	300,261	811,766
Surplus/ (deficit) for the year	157,249	-	-	157,249
Other comprehensive surplus/ (deficit) for the year	-	-	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2015	68,592	600,162	300,261	969,015
Surplus/ (deficit) for the year	535,933	-	-	535,933
Other comprehensive surplus/ (deficit) for the year	-	779,293	-	779,293
Total comprehensive surplus for the year	535,933	779,293	-	1,315,226
Balance at 30 June 2016	604,525	1,379,455	300,261	2,284,241

Statement of cashflows

for the year ended 30 June 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from fund raising activities & customers, service fees and education programs		6,121,156	6,285,567
Receipts from grants		6,711,743	6,104,574
Payments for direct cost of fund raising, suppliers and employees		(11,932,192)	(11,835,150)
Interest received		4,952	7,467
Borrowing cost paid		(8,158)	(9,037)
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>897,501</u>	<u>553,421</u>
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payment for property, plant and equipment		(227,993)	(303,331)
Payment for intangible assets		-	-
Proceeds on disposal of PPE		-	-
Payment for short term deposits		-	-
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(227,993)</u>	<u>(303,331)</u>
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from borrowings		-	-
Repayment of borrowings		(10,560)	(9,681)
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(10,560)</u>	<u>(9,681)</u>
Net (decrease) /increase in cash held		658,948	240,409
Cash at beginning of year		718,437	478,028
Cash at end of year	11	<u>1,377,385</u>	<u>718,437</u>

Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended 30 June 2016

NOTE 1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Corporate Information

The financial statements are for Australian Childhood Foundation as an individual entity, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Australian Childhood Foundation is a company limited by guarantee.

The financial statements of Australian Childhood Foundation for the year ended 30 June 2016 were authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the directors on 27 September 2016.

Basis of Preparation

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board to meet the reporting requirements of the Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission Act 2012. For the purposes of preparing the financial statements the Australian Childhood Foundation is a not-for-profit entity.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the company's functional currency. The foundation is a type of company referred to in the ASIC Corporation (rounding in financial/directors' reports) Instrument 2016/191 and therefore the amounts contained in this report and in the financial report have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

Accounting Policies

a. Revenue

Revenue is recognised when the company is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Revenues are recognised net of the amounts of goods and services tax (GST) payable to the Australian Taxation Office.

Fundraising and donations

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.



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Grant revenue

Grant revenue is recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income when the entity obtains control of the grant and it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the entity and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably.

If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before it is eligible to receive the contribution, the recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

When grant revenue is received whereby the entity incurs an obligation to deliver economic value directly back to the contributor, this is considered a reciprocal transaction and the grant revenue is recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until the service has been delivered to the contributor, otherwise the grant is recognised as income on receipt.

Interest

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Education programs

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

b. Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair values as indicated, less, where applicable, accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Property

Freehold land and buildings are shown at their fair value based on periodic valuations by external independent valuers, less subsequent depreciation of buildings. This is reviewed every three years. Last revaluation date was 28 January 2016 by Charter Keck Cramer.

Fair value is determined by reference to market-based evidence, which is the amount for which the assets could be exchanged between a knowledgeable willing buyer and a knowledgeable willing seller in an arm's length transaction as at the valuation date. Fair values are confirmed by independent valuations which are obtained with sufficient regularity to ensure that the carrying amounts do not differ materially from the assets' fair values at the balance sheet date.

In periods when the freehold land and buildings are not subject to an independent valuation, the directors conduct directors' valuations to ensure the carrying amount for the land and buildings is not materially different to the fair value.

Increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation of land and buildings are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the revaluation reserve in equity. Revaluation decreases that offset previous increases of the same class of assets shall be recognised in other comprehensive income under the heading of revaluation surplus. All other decreases are charged to the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income except where a credit balance exists in the revaluation reserve, in which case it is debited to that reserve.

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As the revalued buildings are depreciated the difference between depreciation recognised in the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income, which is based on the revalued carrying amount of the asset, and the depreciation based on the asset's original cost is transferred from the revaluation surplus to retained earnings.

Any accumulated depreciation at the date of the revaluation is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset.

Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount of these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the asset's employment and subsequent disposal.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets in excess of \$1,000 including buildings and capitalised lease assets, but excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life to the entity commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the unexpired period of the lease.

The depreciation rates for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of Fixed Asset	
Leasehold Improvements	33%
Buildings	2 - 4%
Office Furniture & Equipment	10 - 25%
Computer Software	20%

The residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when there is no future economic benefit to the company. Gains and losses between the carrying amount and the disposal proceeds are taken to the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

c. 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 entity are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised by recording an asset and a liability equal to the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values.

Lease assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives where it is likely that the entity will obtain ownership of the asset. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the period.

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Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

d. Financial Instruments

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. For financial assets, this is equivalent to the date that the company commits itself to either purchase or sell the asset (ie trade date accounting is adopted). Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs except where the instrument is classified 'at fair value through profit and loss' in which case transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial instruments are subsequently measured at either fair value, amortised cost using the effective interest rate method or cost. Fair value represents the amount for which an asset could be exchanged or a liability settled between knowledgeable, willing parties. Where available, quoted prices in an active market are used to determine fair value. In other circumstances, valuation techniques are adopted.

Amortised cost is the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition less principal repayments and any reduction for impairment, and adjusted for any cumulative amortisation of the difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount calculated using the effective interest method.

(i) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

(ii) Financial liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities (excluding financial guarantees) are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Impairment

At the end of each reporting period, the entity assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired.

Derecognition

Financial assets cease to be recognised where the contractual rights to receipt of cash flows expires or the asset is transferred to another party whereby the entity no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset. Financial liabilities cease to be recognised where the related obligations are either discharged, cancelled or expired. The difference between the carrying value of the financial liability which is extinguished or transferred to another party and the fair value of consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

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e. Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the entity reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible 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 assets' fair value less costs to sell and its value in use, is compared to the assets' carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value of its recoverable amount is expensed to the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

f. Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the company's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may not satisfy vesting requirements. Those cash outflows are discounted using market yields on corporate bonds with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cash flows.

On-Costs

Employee benefit on-costs are recognised and included in employee benefit liabilities and costs when the employee benefits to which they relate are recognised as liabilities.

Superannuation

Contributions are made by the company to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.



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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. Bank overdrafts are shown within short-term borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

h. Goods and Services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

i. Income tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the entity is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

j. Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the entity has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

k. Comparative Figures

Where required by Accounting Standards comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

l. Trade and Other Payables

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of reporting period for goods and services received by the company during the reporting period which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.



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m. Significant Accounting Judgements, Estimates and Assumptions

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other various factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Significant accounting judgements

The company has entered into leases of premises, motor vehicles and office equipment as disclosed in Note 10. Management has determined that all of the risks and rewards of ownership of these premises, motor vehicles and equipment remain with the lessor and has therefore classified the leases as operating leases.

Significant accounting estimates and assumptions

The key estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing material adjustment to the carrying amounts of certain assets and liabilities within the next annual reporting period are:

Property

The freehold land and building at Mitcham was independently valued on 28 January 2016 by Charter Keck Cramer. The valuation was based on the market value.

Provisions for employee benefits

Provisions for employee benefits payable after 12 months from the reporting date are based on future wage and salary levels, attrition rate and periods of service.

The amount of these provisions would change should any of these factors change in the next 12 months.

n. Foreign Currency Translation

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded by applying the exchange rates ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Foreign currency differences arising on retranslation are recognised in profit or loss.

Foreign exchange gains and losses that relate to borrowings are presented in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, within finance costs. All other foreign exchange gains and losses are presented on a net basis within other income or other expenses.

Notes to the financial statements

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NOTE 2. APPLICATION OF NEW AND REVISED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

There have been no new or revised standards implemented since 1 July 2015 that have had an effect on these financial statements.

	2016	2015
	\$	\$

NOTE 3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

CURRENT

Cash at bank		
National Australia Bank Operating Accounts	1,099,225	615,018
National Australia Bank Donation Account	197,666	22,925
National Australia Bank Term Deposits	80,494	80,494
Cash on hand	-	-
	<u>1,377,385</u>	<u>718,437</u>

NOTE 4. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Trade receivables	931,500	180,646
Provision for impairment of receivables (a)	-	-
	<u>931,500</u>	<u>180,646</u>
Other receivables	766,592	357,415
	<u>1,698,092</u>	<u>538,061</u>

(a) Provision for Impairment of Receivables

Current receivables are generally on 30-day terms. These receivables are assessed for recoverability and a provision for impairment is recognised when there is objective evidence that an individual receivable is impaired. These amounts have been included in administration and service expenses.

Provision for impairment as at 30 June 2015	-	-
Charge for the year	34,440	-
Written off	(34,440)	-
Amounts recovered during the year	-	-
Provision for impairment as at 30 June 2016	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

NOTE 5. OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

Prepayments	24,567	57,882
Security deposit	43,784	17,925
	<u>68,351</u>	<u>75,807</u>

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	2016 \$	2015 \$
NOTE 6. PROPERTY PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
Land at fair value	1,516,169	736,876
Buildings at fair value	658,771	683,721
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(301,813)</u>	<u>(335,755)</u>
	1,873,127	1,084,842
Office furniture & equipment at cost	881,968	909,745
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(637,549)</u>	<u>(668,581)</u>
	244,419	241,164
Computer Software	873,707	764,203
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(516,003)</u>	<u>(424,708)</u>
	357,704	339,495
Total Property Plant & Equipment	<u>2,475,250</u>	<u>1,665,501</u>

6b. Movements in Carrying Amounts

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the financial year.

	Freehold Land \$	Buildings \$	Office Furniture & Equipment \$	Computer Software \$	Total \$
Balance at 30 June 2014	736,876	339,463	237,285	182,935	1,496,559
Additions at cost	-	34,991	96,824	297,106	428,921
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation expense	-	(26,488)	(92,945)	(140,546)	(259,979)
Revaluation increase/ (decrease)	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2015	<u>736,876</u>	<u>347,966</u>	<u>241,164</u>	<u>339,495</u>	<u>1,665,501</u>
Additions at cost	-	33,898	75,343	118,752	227,993
Disposals	-	-	(115)	(7,708)	(7,823)
Depreciation expense	-	(24,906)	(71,973)	(92,835)	(189,714)
Revaluation increase/ (decrease)	779,293	-	-	-	779,293
Balance at 30 June 2016	<u>1,516,169</u>	<u>356,958</u>	<u>244,419</u>	<u>357,704</u>	<u>2,475,250</u>

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	2016 \$	2015 \$
NOTE 7. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
CURRENT		
Trade payables	402,601	119,308
Accrued accounts	270,686	143,096
Education fees paid in advance	1,226,399	620,090
Other current payables	289,147	236,939
	<u>2,188,833</u>	<u>1,119,433</u>

NOTE 8. INTEREST BEARING LIABILITIES

CURRENT		
Bank Loan	<u>19,112</u>	<u>19,112</u>
	<u>19,112</u>	<u>19,112</u>
NON-CURRENT		
Bank Loan	<u>136,819</u>	<u>147,379</u>
	<u>136,819</u>	<u>147,379</u>
TOTAL BORROWINGS	<u>155,931</u>	<u>166,491</u>

Leased liabilities are secured by the underlying leased assets.

The company has in place a bank loan of \$155,931, secured against 579 Whitehorse Road with a floating charge of 5.00% at 30 June 2016. The loan is interest and principal over a remaining of 12.82 year term.

NOTE 9. PROVISIONS

CURRENT		
Employee Benefits	<u>781,889</u>	<u>597,452</u>
NON CURRENT		
Employee benefits	<u>208,184</u>	<u>145,415</u>
	<u>990,073</u>	<u>742,867</u>



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	2016 \$	2015 \$
NOTE 10. CAPITAL AND LEASING COMMITMENTS		
Operating Lease Commitments		
Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements		
Payable - minimum lease payments		
- not later than 12 months	546,291	495,132
- later than 12 months but not later than 5 years	609,821	401,210
- later than 5 years	-	-
	<u>1,156,112</u>	<u>896,342</u>

The property, motor vehicle and photocopier lease commitments are non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements. Increase in lease commitments may occur in line with CPI.

	2016 \$	2015 \$
NOTE 11. CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
Reconciliation of Cash		
Cash at bank	1,377,385	718,437
Petty cash	-	-
	<u>1,377,385</u>	<u>718,437</u>

NOTE 12. AFTER BALANCE DATE EVENTS

No matters or circumstances has arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the company in future financial years.



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	2016	2015
	\$	\$

NOTE 13. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The aggregate compensation made to key management personnel of the company is set out below:

Key management personnel	629,287	517,435
Indemnity Insurance	3,700	3,300
	<u>632,987</u>	<u>520,735</u>

NOTE 14. REMUNERATION OF AUDITORS

During the financial year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by Nexia Melbourne Audit Pty Ltd (formerly Hayes Knight Audit), the auditor of the company, and its related practices:

Audit services - Nexia Melbourne Audit Pty Ltd

Audit of the financial report	15,200	14,650
Other services	-	3,450
	<u>15,200</u>	<u>18,100</u>

NOTE 15. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

Management controls the capital of the entity to ensure that adequate cash flows are generated to fund its programs and that returns from the investments are maximised. The finance and governance subcommittee operates under policies approved by Board of Directors. The entity's equity consists of financial liabilities, supported by financial assets.



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	2016	2015
	\$	\$
NOTE 16. RESERVES		
Building Appeal	300,261	300,261
Asset Revaluation Reserve	<u>1,379,455</u>	<u>600,162</u>
	<u>1,679,716</u>	<u>900,423</u>

The Building Appeal represents fundraised money kept aside for Mitcham property.
The Asset Revaluation Reserve records the revaluation of freehold property at Mitcham.

NOTE 17. MEMBERS GUARANTEE

The company is limited by guarantee. If the company is wound up, the company's Constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$100 towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the company. At 30 June 2016 the number of members was 22 (2015: 21).

NOTE 18. COMPANY DETAILS

The registered office of the company is:
579 Whitehorse Road
Mitcham Vic 3132

The principal place of business is:
Unit 21/42 New Street
Ringwood Vic 3134



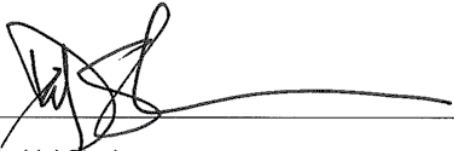
Directors' declaration



The directors of the company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 7 to 25, are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission Act 2012.
 - a. comply with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements;
 - b. give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2016 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the entity.
2. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the entity will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors and subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013



David J. Stephenson
Chairperson

Dated this 28th day of September 2016

Australian Childhood Foundation

ACN: 057 044 514

Independent Audit Report to the Members of Australian Childhood Foundation

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Australian Childhood Foundation, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2016, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view 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 entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

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Basis for Qualified Opinion

It is not practical for the company to establish total control over income from certain fund raising activities prior to its entry into the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit relating to such income was limited to the amounts recorded in the accounts.

Opinion

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial report of Australian Childhood Foundation is 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 company's financial position as at 30 June 2016 and of their performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.



Nexia Melbourne Audit Pty Ltd
Melbourne



Geoff S. Parker
Director

Dated this 28 day of September 2016



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