



**Australian
Community
Philanthropy**

Annual Report 2017 Summary

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Our Vision

A vibrant and growing Community Foundation sector which engages with, excites and supports local communities

Our Mission

Australian Community Philanthropy's role is to be the peak organisation which aims to build and support Community Foundations, and the communities that support them, across Australia.

Australian Community Philanthropy (ACP) is the peak membership body for Community Foundations in Australia and was founded by a group of Community Foundation practitioners as a means of offering much needed support to the voluntary boards and professional staff of new and established foundations.

As the community philanthropy movement grew, ACP recognised the value of collective effort, collaborative practices and shared resources.

“ a representative voice for the Community Foundation sector empowered by a national network of members ”

ACP exists to connect, support, represent and guide the Community Foundation movement and to strengthen its resources and impact. Its objectives are to:

- **Build the capacity** of Community Foundations; providing networking opportunities, tools and resources, links and connections, advice and assistance
- **Raise the profile** and increase understanding of Community Foundations within the community, the broader philanthropic sector, business and government
- **Advocate for structural and tax reforms** to clear a path for a stronger Community Foundation movement
- **Act as a central point of contact** for Community Foundations and other relevant organisations in Australia and overseas
- **Help identify and create the optimum operating environment** for the growth of Community Foundations in Australia.

Governance & Management Report

A year of building momentum for community foundations

As a valuable and unique form of community infrastructure, Community Foundations inspire communities to address local challenges themselves.

They seek to build social capital, catalyse development and strengthen community; they engage with their constituents as donors, advisors and volunteers.

Community foundations leverage their deep local knowledge to respond to the challenges facing their communities.

Empowered by a national network of members, in 2016/17 ACP has focused on creating the optimum operating environment for the growth of Community Foundations in Australia and to supporting our members in meeting the challenges of an ever-changing philanthropic sector.

The Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) framework continues to present unnecessary barriers to the growth and impact of Community Foundations.

In 2017, in collaboration with Philanthropy Australia, ACP has increased its role advocating for a DGR1 category for Community Foundations through the Prime Minister's Community Business Partnership, Submissions to Treasury and through direct contact with elected members. These efforts will continue over the next 12 months.

In 2016/17 ACP has extended its range of member service opportunities to include:

- Regular Fireside Chats for EOs/CEOs and for Board Chairs/Leading Directors
- Regular webinars on issues such as Collective Giving, Investment, Establishing a Professionals Advisers Network
- ePublications and resources including a 'What is a Community Foundation?' booklet

We are grateful to the Australian Communities Foundation and the Reichstein Foundation who provided support for a Masterclass event with Jason Franklin, the W.K. Kellogg Community Philanthropy Chair at the Johnson Center for Philanthropy.

The 2016 National Community Foundations Forum, hosted by the Bass Coast Community Foundation and the Mirboo North & District Community Foundation, was another outstanding success for the year.

Meeting the diverse needs of our members, building broad awareness of Community Foundations and effectively communicating ACP's role in our sector is of vital importance.

The recent membership consultation survey, which received an excellent response, will help shape the future growth and direction of our organisation.

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The membership subscription structure delivered last year has ensured greater sustainability for ACP which has led to improved services to Community Foundations.

However, ongoing sustainability remains a key challenge for ACP. The Board has prioritised the securing of funding to ensure the organisation's financial stability.

Australian Community Foundations are a thriving and growing movement.

ACP continues to work with several communities who are exploring establishing a Community Foundation or community funds and we look forward to welcoming them to the Community Foundation family soon.

We are particularly grateful to Australian Communities Foundation and The Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation whose continued support as Leading Members of ACP has significantly enhanced our capacity.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our retiring Board members for their tremendous contribution, and to particularly acknowledge both Andrew Lawson and Annie Duncan.

Andrew has been an ambassador and true champion of the Community Foundation sector in Australia and has made an enormous impact on our movement. He was a well deserved recipient of a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the 2017 Queen's Birthday Honours.

Annie has previously been the Chair of Australian Communities Foundation, Deputy Chair of ACP and given wonderful leadership and experience in her three years on the ACP Board.

We would like to acknowledge the efforts of all our members in the past 12 months to improve and inspire communities around Australia.

We will continue to challenge ourselves to do the best we can to promote and support community foundations in Australia.

Dylan Smith
Chair

Kate Buxton
Executive Officer

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Stronger Together

A representative voice for our sector, Australian Community Philanthropy is empowered by a national network of members.

Our focus is to create the optimum operating environment for the growth of Community Foundations in Australia and to support members in meeting the challenges of an ever-changing philanthropic sector.

A level playing field

Australian Community Philanthropy presents a united informed voice on our sector.

We are committed to bringing organisations and people together on the issues that matter to our members and the Community Foundation sector in Australia.

In 2016/2017 we have continued to lobby strongly for much needed reform to the Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) framework calling for a new DGR category within Division 30 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (Cth) specifically for Community Foundations.

- Participation at the Prime Minister's Community Business Partnership Community Empowerment Working Group meetings
- Formal and informal consultation with Government and Opposition Ministers
- Formal policy submissions
- Local advocacy by our members
- Collaboration with Philanthropy Australia and other leading peak bodies

Capacity Building

Supporting Community Foundations to become stronger and more connected is a core aim for ACP.

Our program of events provides opportunities for Community Foundations to share their knowledge, their resources to build their capacity:

- Annual National Community Foundations Forum
- Webinars
- Networking
- Fireside Chats
- Publications
- Access to Resources

The principles and beliefs that guide our organisation

- Inclusive
- Accountable
- Collaborative
- Supportive
- Transparent
- Sustainable

Financial Statements

BALANCE SHEET

As of June 30, 2017

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
MECU Access Account	5,409.76
PayPal Account	0.00
Undeposited Funds	800.00
Total Current Assets	A\$6,209.76
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LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY	
Current Liabilities:	
Payroll Liabilities	0.00
Total Current Liabilities	A\$0.00
Shareholders' Equity:	
Net Income	-28,981.74
Opening Balance Equity	3,670.92
Retained Earnings	31,520.58
Total Shareholders Equity	A\$6,209.76
Total Liabilities and Equity	A\$6,209.76

Cash Basis

PROFIT AND LOSS

July 2016 - June 2017

	TOTAL
INCOME	
Grant Funds	10,000
Interest Community Access Account	346.87
Membership Subscription Fees	22,787.50
NCF16 Income	41,894.80
Unapplied Cash Payment Income	-125.00
Total Income	A\$74,904.17
GROSS PROFIT	A\$74,904.17
EXPENSES	
CF Forum 16	37,317.75
Development & Training	1,668.18
EO Remuneration	39,616.72
Events & Conferences Main A/C	1,384.18
Insurance	4,001.91
Memberships & Subscriptions	425.00
NCF17	306.30
PAYG Withholding	7,811.00
Printing & Stationery	43.45
Superannuation	4,484.21
Telephone	1,215.52
Teleconference	1,480.25
Total Telephone	2,695.77
Travel	1,991.54
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expense	0.00
Uncategorised Expense	89.90
Vital Signs	1,950.00
Website	100.00
Total Expenses	A\$103,885.91
NET EARNINGS	A\$-28,981.74

Cash Basis

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY PHILANTHROPY LTD

Scope

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the Australian Community Philanthropy Ltd for the year ended 30 June 2017 comprising the Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet (Cash Basis).

The Responsibility of the Directors for the Financial Report

The Directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations). This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

The Directors are responsible for the financial report. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the Australian Community Philanthropy Ltd.

Auditors' 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. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

Liability limited by a scheme approved under Professional Standards Legislation 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 and fair presentation of the financial report 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 Australian professional accounting bodies.


Auditors' Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Australian Community Philanthropy Ltd as of 30 June 2017, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations).

Australian Community Philanthropy Ltd has posted a significant loss in the 2017 year which has in turn exhausted most of the cash reserves held by the foundation at the end of June 2016. The Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern based on the 2017 result will need to continue to be closely monitored.

The shortfall in cash reserves will need to be addressed as soon as practicable by the Board of ACP Limited, along with a review of major expenses stated in the profit and loss of the Foundation for the operation to meet its going concern abilities into the future.

Peter Young & Co Pty Ltd

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter A Young". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large loop at the end.

Peter Young
Director

Date 3 October 2017

Mount Gambier
South Australia

Our Board

Dylan Smith (Chair)

Dylan Smith founded the Fremantle Foundation in 2010 with the help of a high profile local steering committee and a Founding Donation from former Fremantle Dockers Captain Peter Bell.

Dylan has been instrumental in attracting major donors to establish Named Funds and raising the profile of the Fremantle Foundation through the highly successfully Fremantle Ball.

He also helped initiate the first significant local collective giving group, Impact100 Fremantle.

Dylan is now working to further grow connections with the financial adviser community.

Dylan has a Bachelor of Arts (Media) from RMIT Melbourne and delivers leadership and team building workshops in a consultancy capacity having previously played 5 years of AFL football with the North Melbourne Kangaroos and the Fremantle Dockers.

Sally Gamble (Company Secretary)

Sally Gamble is a founding director of Benalla's Tomorrow Today Foundation serving as Chair since 2009.

Tomorrow Today has grown significantly during Sally's time as Chair.

She recently led the establishment of Tomorrow Today Education Foundation, a public benevolent institution that is working alongside the existing community foundation to deliver Tomorrow Today's unique whole-of-community 'Education Benalla Program'.

Sally grew up in Melbourne and has a background in health education.

She has contributed to Benalla through numerous different organisations over the last twenty years.

Sally is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Andrew Lawson (Treasurer)

Andrew Lawson grew up and lived in country Victoria. He worked for the Huyck Corporation for 16 years serving in various capacities.

Andrew was instrumental in the formation and subsequent development of the Geelong Community Foundation, serving as their Executive Officer from 1999 to 2016.

In 2002, he took on the role of Development Officer for Community Foundations in Australia, employed by Philanthropy Australia. This work was undertaken as part of a Task Force that was comprised of the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, Community Foundations of Australasia and Philanthropy Australia.

Andrew is past President of the United Way Geelong Board and is a Life Governor of United Way. He is a member and Past President of the Geelong Rotary Club.

Our Board

Shelly Boyce

Shelley Boyce is the Chair of the Southern Highlands Foundation Inc (SHF) and has been in that role for the past 7 years and prior to that as a director on the board.

In addition to her work with the SHF, she also is the Chair of the Southern Highlands Arts Fund, and a member and former President of the Rotary Club of the Berrima District.

Shelley currently works as an Executive Fundraiser for a Not for Profit and over many years and has held many public offices and worked across a varied field of charities.

She is presently working on a project for Refugees and Carers in the disability sector in Western Sydney, providing workshops to improve their overall mental health and wellbeing.

She is also a very active fundraiser for adolescent mental health and women's crisis care.

Ann Lansberry

Ann Lansberry is a former Executive Officer for the Community Foundation for Central Victoria where she created Australia's first Community Giving Day – Big Give.

She is also an experienced business executive and change consultant who is deeply involved in her local community.

She holds Bachelor and Masters Degrees in Chemical Engineering, a Graduate Diploma in Business Administration and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors as well as holding qualifications in the Neuroscience of Leadership.

Ann is passionate about strengthening and engaging regional communities. She launched the local campaign to save Bendigo's Discovery Centre and is now their Vice President.

Ann also serves on the Board of Barwon Water and Heathcote Health.

Georgie McKay

Georgie McKay has served as Executive Officer of the Stand Like Stone Foundation since 2012.

She is a passionate community member who believes that we must "put in" in order to "get back".

She is regularly involved in public engagement and the lobbying of local council and State Government on various issues for the region and serves on many community based committees including Lucindale Area School Governing Council (current Chairman), Mayor's Community Consultation Working Group for the District Council of Robe and the Naracoorte Lucindale District Council Caves Connection Project.

Georgie has been a recent committee member of the Lucindale PA&H Society, Naracoorte & Districts Little Athletics Association and Robe Surf Life Saving.

Georgie is a financial member of Impact100 SA and is the 2016 Recipient of the Australian Community Philanthropy Award for Excellence & Achievement.

Our Board

Ben Rodgers

Ben Rodgers is the Executive Officer for the Inner North Community Foundation.

He has extensive experience in the not-for-profit sector in Melbourne and overseas and is keenly interested in the role of place in supporting individuals access opportunities in their lives and contribute to community life, and how public resources are used to accelerate broad impact.

Prior to joining the Inner North Ben worked in roles with local government, consulting and with place-based community groups.

Having lived in the inner north for most of his life, Ben is motivated by the area's tradition of local people responding to local challenges to ensure everyone has access to opportunity and choice in their lives.

When not at work, you can find Ben on a bike with his two small children heading to another playground.

Heinz Seeberg

Heinz is Chair of the Buderim Foundation and has been a Director since 2010. He has chaired its Youth Committee since 2011, initiating a 'Schools in Philanthropy Programme' and a 'Youth Sub-Fund'.

With over 40 years management experience in international companies, his most recent position (before retiring in 2008) was as Global Director of ESH, Regulatory Compliance and Systems Management, for the 60 manufacturing sites globally, of a multinational Swiss chemical company.

Heinz served as Commodore of Sunshine Coast Yacht Club (SCYC) and, in September 2016 Yachting Queensland presented him with the "Solo Award" for Outstanding Services to Sailing in Queensland.

He is a past president and committee member of a broad range of industry associations, community organisations and clubs over several decades reflecting his commitment to working with others to achieve common goals.

Maree Sidey

Maree Sidey is the Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Communities Foundation (ACF).

ACF distributes approximately \$8million through 500 grants annually and, in 2016, launched a National Impact Fund, aimed at helping to create positive social change in four areas of concern to Australians; Indigenous Communities, Democracy, Inequality and the Environment.

Maree is a Non-Executive Director of the Confident Girls Foundation, an affiliate of Netball Australia and is the recipient of a number of Scholarships including The Australian Graduate School of Management and Centre for Social Impact, MBA Social Impact Scholarship in 2017.

Maree has worked across health, education and youth sectors for the past 20 years. She was previously General Manager of Good Sports and spent four years as Director of Communications and Public relations at headspace, Australia's National Youth Mental Health Foundation.

Maree is currently undertaking an MBA (Social Impact) at UNSW.

Retiring Directors

The Following Directors retired from the ACP Board during the 2016/2017 Financial Year:

Sue Charlton
(retired October 2016)

Annie Duncan
(retired April 2017)

Derrick Ehmke
(retired October 2016)

Bill Mithen
(retired October 2016)

Julianne Sanders
(retired October 2016)

Role of the Board

The role of the Board is to govern ACP in such a way that it is able to pursue its purpose successfully and in compliance with relevant laws.

The Board is responsible for and has the authority to determine all matters relating to the policies, practices, administration and operations of the organisation.

The Board maintains an appropriate mix of skills and experience in order to ensure its collective capability and effective functioning.

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