



**Australian  
Community  
Philanthropy**

# Annual Report Summary 2015

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# Governance and Management Report

The past twelve months has seen community foundations in Australia continue to thrive, further strengthening community philanthropy as a vital and essential part of the Australian philanthropic landscape. Community philanthropy is an investment in progress; building a better place to live by responding to the challenges that communities face. Community foundations, as locally owned and embedded organisations, which are there for the 'long-haul', serve as a community anchor; the projects, initiatives and local organisations that community foundations support, provide local solutions to local issues, celebrate local achievements and drive social change.

A significant achievement for the year has been the completion of the 'Mapping the Community Foundations' project, undertaken by Louise Arkles for Australian Community Philanthropy with funding support from the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation and the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal. This report, for the first time, identified the size, reach and impact of Australian community foundations. Taken together, the 36+ community foundations identified in the report hold over \$310 million in funds under management and, during the 2013/2014 reporting period,

granted at least \$21 million dollars to their communities. Since the formation of the first Australian Community Foundation, The Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation, in 1923 community foundations have granted in excess of \$100 million dollars.

During the period, Australian Community Philanthropy has continued to lobby for a reduction in the complex regulations surrounding community foundations. We maintain that in order to facilitate community foundations to carry out their work in, with and for community benefit, DGR structures should be simplified

such that community foundations are able to receive tax deductible donations and grants from other private and public ancillary funds and distribute these funds within one structure or entity. Going forward, the continuing low interest environment is creating difficulties for many community foundations with respect to their capacity to source donations and generate a good return on their investment portfolios. For community foundations with public ancillary funds, the requirement to distribute 4% of the net value of the fund is onerous; the burden compounded by the current economic climate.

To date, ACP has largely operated through the support of volunteers, relying on the resources of our members. In April the Board addressed this by employing a part time Executive Officer, Kate Buxton, whose role includes:

- implementing new member services
- introducing mechanisms that make it easier for our members to come together to exchange information, share experience and support each other
- developing a range of new resources around governance, best practice, fundraising, donor engagement and marketing/communications.

The Executive Officer will work closely with the Board in order to implement the organisation's Strategic Plan which identifies five key priorities:

- supporting and developing community foundations – provide tools, resources, guidance and support to established, new and nascent foundations
- communication and promotion – increase the awareness and reach of community philanthropy
- knowledge and experience – leverage our network to share knowledge and experience and increase the capacity of community foundations
- public engagement and policy – improve legislation and policy affecting community foundations
- collaborative projects - develop collaborative projects, including Vital Signs, that create collective impact.

Financial sustainability continues to be a challenge for our organisation. The Board has begun the process of reviewing ACP's membership subscription fee structure with the intention of introducing a sliding-scale that is accessible, equitable and represents value for money. We will commence a consultation process with our members on this matter within the next few months.

Whilst the year has seen challenges, it has also been one of growth and achievement. ACP has a clear vision and an ambitious program. The strength of our organisation lies in the fact that, as a network of like-minded organisations, we are more than sum of our parts. We thank our members for their continued support and look forward to a busy and successful year ahead.

**Sue Charlton**  
Chairman

**Kate Buxton**  
Executive Officer

# Treasurer's Report

It has once again been a challenging financial year for ACP. With limited income streams from membership fees and no other regular sources of income, ACP has relied on grants and sponsorship from our major supporters who we thank for their generous assistance and their belief in the future direction of ACP.

In particular we thank:

- Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation
- Australian Communities Foundation
- Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR)
- Sydney Community Foundation

ACP has an ambitious and exciting strategic plan for the growth of community foundations in Australia

and has for the first time employed an Executive Officer to manage the operational aspects of the organisation and implement the strategic and operational plan. Kate Buxton was employed in April 2015 and has made an enormous impact in a short space of time.

Whilst we have sufficient funds to carry us through for the short term it is essential we seek and find other recurring sources of income to sustain and grow. The Board, together with the Executive Officer is reviewing how this can be

achieved and as advised by Sue Charlton and Kate Buxton, will be consulting and communicating with members on the options available and seeking member's ideas.

The ACP Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Statement and Auditors report are attached for your information.

**E. D Ehmke**  
Treasurer

# Financials

## Balance Sheet

	<b>June 30, 2014</b>
<b>Assets</b>	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Mecu Access Account	29,317.64
Total Chequing/Savings	29,317.64
Total Current Assets	29,317.64
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>29,317.64</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>29,317.64</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
Opening Balance Equity	3,670.92
Net Income	25,646.72
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>29,317.64</b>

## Profit and Loss

	<b>Jul 2014 - Jun 2015</b>
<b>Income</b>	
2014 Conference Income	11,684.59
2015 Conference Income	14,345.20
Grant Funds	27,000.00
Interest Community Access Account	468.62
Member Fees 2014/15	5,340.00
Vital Signs Licences	1,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>59,838.41</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
2014 Conference Costs	7,500.00
2015 CF Conference	4,100.00
Advertising & Promotions	95.00
Computing Expenses	968.00
Dev. Officer Remuneration	17,670.43
EO Remuneration	6,445.24
Events & Conferences Main A/C	
Events - Conferences - Income	-2,000.00
Events & Conferences, Main A/C - Other	3,420.70
Total Events & Conferences Main A/C	1,420.70
Insurance	1,753.87
Petty Cash	100.00
Printing and Stationery	77.00
Website	4,280.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>44,410.24</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>15,428.17</b>

# Auditor's Report

**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 2015 comprising the Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

**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.

# Auditor's Report

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

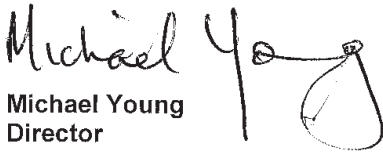
## **Independence**

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 2014, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations).

## **Second Innings Pty Ltd**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Young". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "Y" and a circular flourish at the end.

**Michael Young**  
Director

Date 23 July 2015

Mount Gambier  
South Australia

# Our Team

## Board of Directors

### **Sue Charlton** (Chair)

Sue Charlton is a founding member of ACP, and is the inaugural Chair and current Patron of the Stand Like Stone Foundation in South Australia. Sue is a paediatric physiotherapist, working with children and families in the Limestone Coast community for over 40 years. She is an Adjunct lecturer with both the University of South Australia and Flinders University, teaching clinical paediatrics. Sue is a member of the Expert Reference Group advising the Government on assistance for families with children with disabilities. Sue's family has established the L M Woodruff Memorial Scholarship fund in the Stand like Stone Foundation to support students to undertake nursing studies. In 2014 Sue was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia for significant service to the community of South Australia through a range of philanthropic and charitable organisations, and to physiotherapy.

### **Dylan Smith** (Vice Chair)

Dylan Smith joined the ACP Board in September 2013. He 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

### **Wayne Weaire** (Company Secretary)

Wayne Weaire was a founding Director of ACP. After resigning from the Board in 2009, Wayne returned to ACP as a Director and Company Secretary in 2013. Wayne was a founding Director of Tomorrow: Today Foundation in Benalla, Victoria, as company Secretary 2001-2004 and then Chair from 2004-2009. In 2009-2010 Wayne volunteered at the Southern Highlands Community Foundation in NSW. After moving to Timboon in the South West of Victoria he was appointed a Director of the South West Community Foundation in Warrnambool, Victoria. Wayne is Chief Executive Officer of Ballan District Health and Care and has held a number of Director positions on philanthropic, community NFP and education organisations in regional and rural Australia over the past 25 years.



## Our Team *(continued)*

### **Derrick Ehmke**

(Treasurer)

Derrick Ehmke has been a Director of ACP since September 2012 and was elected Treasurer at the September 2013 AGM. He is the Executive Officer and a founding member of the Mirboo North & District Community Foundation which was formed in January 2010. The Foundation was established from the proceeds of the sale of the Mirboo North Aged Care facility of which he is a former Chair.

Derrick's working life has been in the corporate world in South Africa, the UK and Australia where he was with the Coles Myer group for 20 years.

### **Paul Clark**

(Director)

Professor Paul Clark joined the ACP Board as a Director in 2013. He is currently Chair of the Board of the Buderim Foundation, a community foundation established in Buderim, Queensland in 2004 to enrich the quality of life in Buderim through the active leadership in community philanthropy. He is the third Board Chair and took up the position in March 2010. Professor Clark is a physicist by discipline. He has spent his working life in universities, especially those in regional areas. He retired from the position of Vice-Chancellor of Southern Cross University in NSW in 2009.

### **Annie Duncan**

(Director)

Dr Annie Duncan joined the ACP Board in 2014. Annie has a PhD in Biochemistry from the University of Western Australia. She spent many years teaching and undertaking medical research at Universities in WA. She became interested in the promotion of science to young people and worked in science centres in Perth and Canberra. She has also run her own consulting business where she developed competency standards, assisted groups with their strategic planning and taught TAFE courses both in person and via video link. She has worked with Our Community in Melbourne editing a newsletter for business on corporate social responsibility. In her "other" life Annie has been on the boards of NFPs in WA, ACT and Victoria including the Cancer Council, State Training Board and Family Planning. She is currently on the board of Shipley Consultants, Bendigo Science Centre, and is Chair of the Melbourne Leadership Council of The Funding Network

## Our Team *(continued)*

### **Chris Horton** (Director)

Chris Horton has been a director of ACP since its inception, and was its founding Chair. He lives in Yackandandah in Northeast Victoria, and has a variety of community roles, including the governance of a regional primary health care agency. He came to the philanthropy sector with a professional background in tertiary education and organisation development, and was instrumental in the establishment of Border Trust, the Community Foundation that works across eight local government areas around Albury Wodonga. Chris retires from the ACP Board at the end of August 2015.

### **Julianne Sanders** (Director)

Julianne is a Director of Sydney Community Foundation. She is an event management and communications professional, digital and social media specialist, strategic thinker, life-long learner, teacher, director and producer of large-scale public events and social marketing campaigns in the government, corporate and not-for-profit sectors. Julianne was Director, Corporate Communications at the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC), and chaired a number of ageing and disability advisory groups. She was seconded to Department of Premier and Cabinet in 2010 where she designed and implemented a sector-wide employee giving initiative for 370,000 NSW Government employees. Julianne was Director, Employee Engagement at Department of Family and Community Services, and is currently working with the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples to deliver a program of major events, campaigns and consultations about constitutional reform to Aboriginal communities.

Julianne is passionate about the community foundation model of collective impact and place-based community philanthropy effect long-term change and to solve complex, community issues through innovative grass root solutions.

### **Kate Buxton** (Executive Officer)

Born in the UK, Kate graduated from the London School of Economics in 1987. Before migrating to Australia she worked at a senior level in independent television production in the UK and is a former Executive Officer of Women and Film and Television (UK) and General Manager of Lifeline Gippsland.

Kate brings a strong commitment to the not-for-profit sector to her role. She has worked closely with the Boards of several non-profit and membership based organisations and has extensive experience in the development of government and philanthropically funded projects for a wide range of community and mental health organisations. As a past Chair and a current Director of the Mirboo North & District Community Foundation she has a passion for community philanthropy.

# Portfolio Roles

To ensure that ACP takes advantage of its opportunities for growth each Board member has taken on a portfolio role for our identified strategic priorities. Each Portfolio has a lead Director responsible for driving that portfolio.

## Supporting and developing community foundations

Lead Director:  
**Dylan Smith**

## Communication and promotion

Lead Director:  
**Julianne Sanders**

## Knowledge and experience

Lead Director:  
**Dylan Smith**

## Public engagement and policy

Lead Director:  
**Sue Charlton**

## Collaborative projects

Lead Director:  
**Paul Clark**

## Community Philanthropy - A global movement

ACP is part of a global movement and network which supports and promotes community philanthropy around the world:

Community Foundations of Canada  
**communityfoundations.ca**

Community Foundations of New Zealand  
**www.nzcommunityfoundations.org.nz**

UK Community Foundations  
**ukcommunityfoundations.org**

Council on Foundations (USA)  
**www.cof.org**

## Vital Signs

Vital Signs was first started by the Toronto Community Foundation in 2001, after a group of civic leaders came up with a new way to engage their community in understanding and monitoring the health and vitality of Toronto on an ongoing basis. In 2006, Vital Signs became a national program and it continues to grow every year, both across Canada and internationally.

Australian Community Philanthropy is the 'parent' of Vital Signs within Australia and manages the licensing of Vital Signs for community foundations within this region. We are committed to encouraging and supporting Australian community foundations to undertake Vital Signs.

