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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Over the past twelve months the Healing Foundation welcomed several new Board members and I became Chairman in May. I'd like to thank and acknowledge the contribution and effort of Charles Passi as the outgoing Chairman. The establishment of the new Board has brought a fresh energy to the Healing Foundation and we have worked hard to bed down our governance policies and accountability frameworks. We appointed Mike Willoughby as the new Company Secretary, who succeeded John Williamson. Mike's appointment was the last piece of the plan the Board has been actioning over the last two years to strengthen its governance and administration of the Healing Foundation.

The Healing Foundation was heartened by the ongoing funding provided by the Australian Government. We were offered a three year agreement up to June 2018 at the same level of funding, which we are taking as encouragement to keep building on our work. We acknowledge and thank Minister Scullion for this vote of confidence in the Healing Foundation and we look forward to working closely with the Minister to support the Government's objectives for healing our people.

The new Board is focused firmly on the future of the Healing Foundation to secure its ongoing presence on the Indigenous Affairs landscape and to play a lead role in healing for our peoples and the nation more broadly. Healing is important for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the impact of trauma, particularly for the Stolen Generations, remains the elephant in the room that goes unaddressed in our communities and families. The Healing Foundation's goal is to elevate awareness about trauma and the need for healing to help overcome those impacts. To this end the Board will go into retreat for two days early in the new year to map out a longer term vision for the Healing Foundation that goes beyond the current funding cycle.

The Healing Foundation Board would like to thank all of our stakeholders for their continued interest, support and encouragement for our work. We look forward to the coming year to keep building on the work we have done to date.



Professor Steve Larkin
CHAIRPERSON



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Our healing work and engagement with the community over the last year has gone from strength to strength. We have further developed what it means to be trauma informed. We have supported members of the Stolen Generations, families, young people and men and women on their healing journeys.

The Healing Foundation has been successful under the IAS process. We came out of the uncertainty with a multi-year agreement up to June 2018 and without losing the amount of annual funding that we have been granted to date - \$6.6m per year.

Healing is a compelling concept for our people and we know the need for healing is great. The next few years will require a concerted effort to have healing elevated into policy and program areas, expanding the effort to address the effects of trauma in our communities and families.

The challenges of the last year have been well met by the staff of the Healing Foundation. The Programs team was well supported by our Communications and Corporate Services teams – this team effort has been one of the most pleasing aspects of the way we have worked over the past twelve months. I thank and congratulate all Healing Foundation staff for maintaining a strong work ethic and staying the course.

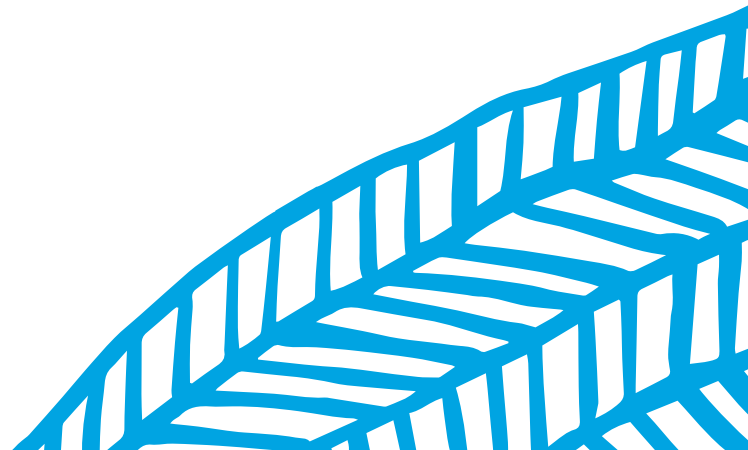
Our five new Board members bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the Healing Foundation. Their profiles can be found later in this report. Our Board is now led by Professor Steve Larkin as Chairman and Leann Wilson as Deputy Chair. Steve succeeded Charles Passi who stepped down from the Board in May to pursue other interests. We thank Charles for his contribution and for steering the Healing Foundation through the last two years.

As we go into the next few years with a multi-year agreement, a new Board to lead us and the challenge to address trauma and healing in our communities, it is a cliché to say we know that there is still much to do. But that is the reality we face. Undoing 200 years of colonising practice and policy is no easy thing and the Healing Foundation can only play its part in an effort that needs to expand and grow so that it is supported by our whole nation. So while the challenge before us is considerable, it is with a sense of purpose and resolve that we go forward to continue to support healing for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and families, honouring all of those that have gone before us who sought better outcomes for our people.

In the coming year the Healing Foundation is developing a 'Theory of Change' for healing to help us better articulate the positive impacts of healing and to identify gaps in our work that may need to be bolstered in order to keep improving the outcomes we have been achieving. The coming year, like all other years, promises to be busy but at the same time rewarding. We are looking forward to it.



Richard Weston
CEO



OUR STOLEN GENERATIONS

Our Stolen Generations Reference Committee continued their important work in ensuring that the Healing Foundation appropriately targets the unique need of our Stolen Generations and their families. We would like to thank these Committee members for their valuable contribution to the work of the Healing Foundation this year:

- ◆ Florence Onus, QLD (Birri-Gubba and Kairi/Bidjara clans), Chair
- ◆ Mark Bin Bakar, WA (Kitja/Gunian East Kimberly)
- ◆ Carolyn Fyfe, QLD (Juun Ju Warra woman from the Guggu Yimthirr tribe)
- ◆ Ian Hamm, VIC (Yorta Yorta)
- ◆ Aunty Lorraine Peeters, QLD (Wailwan/Bidgera)
- ◆ Cynthia Sariago, SA (Gurindji, Wave Hill/Malak Malak, Daly River)
- ◆ Michael Welsh, NSW (Wailwan, Coonamble, NSW)

Supporting our Stolen Generations

Healing Foundation support continues to provide valuable opportunities for Stolen Generations members to come together and heal and provide insights into the important ways healing works.

Stolen Generations funded projects

The importance and value of Stolen Generations members coming together as a collective cannot be underestimated. Almost all projects spoke of the community of care that Stolen Generations members provided for each other that was enabled through this funding round. It is a unique support system that cannot be replicated by any other professional means.

The centrality of culture as a tool for healing is consistently and strongly noted as a critical success factor in healing programs. Rather than being incidental or an added extra, connection to culture and spirituality are the key components through which healing takes place.

Projects reported that through involvement in collective healing activities, participants were developing skills to manage their trauma and grief in more positive ways. Stolen Generations members are developing and leading their own healing solutions. The Bringing Them Home report highlighted the importance of self-determination for healing for Stolen Generations members.



Reunion to Self - journey for Stolen Generations members

Reunion to Self is a new approach to healing for Stolen Generations members developed and piloted by Link-Up SA and supported by the Healing Foundation.

The program is designed for people who are not able to reunite with family or return to country due to inadequate records, as well as those who have not been able to establish an ongoing connection with family, community or country.

With the support of local leaders from the Kurna, Ngarrindjeri and Peramangk language groups, the program connects Stolen Generations members with Aboriginal people in their local area.

'Elders give permission for clients to connect with the local stories, history and cultures and provide opportunities to visit sites of significance, with a high emphasis on acknowledging local cultural protocols and cultural safety for all involved,' according to Link-Up SA Team Manager Lou Turner.

'People say they feel really safe and humbled to be accepted by the local mob.'

Drawing on the Kurna dreaming story of Tjilburke whose trail across the lands is followed, participants are led through a series of six day trips on Peramangk and Kurna country, culminating in an overnight stay at Victor Harbour on Ngarrindjeri country. They visit important cultural sites and take part in yarning circles on topics including colonisation and survival, grief and loss, the healing journey, spiritual healing, and cultural connections.

Coordinated by counsellors and supported by case workers and respected local Elders, the program offers an opportunity to reduce isolation and distress, connect with others in a similar position, learn skills to overcome the effects of trauma and grief, and strengthen identity. It provides a space for Stolen Generations members who cannot return home to grieve, learn and heal together.

The program was delivered over four cycles in 2014, allowing Link-Up SA to observe and reflect on the development of the program between cycles.



A list of our current projects can be found on the Healing Foundation website at www.healingfoundation.org.au

HEAL OUR PAST BUILD OUR FUTURE
APOLOGY 2015
TELLING OUR STORIES



“Many local members of the Aboriginal community did not know members of their own families and community were part of the Stolen Generations. This event gave a space for this to be spoken about – in many cases for the first time.”

COMMEMORATING THE APOLOGY

Heal our Past, Build our Future, Telling our Stories

To commemorate the 2015 anniversary of the Apology, the Healing Foundation supported organisations around the country to run their own local events through the Apology microgrants funding round, hosted a webinar in Canberra, and partnered with two organisations in New South Wales to run larger local Apology events.

Healing Our Stolen Generations Webinar

On the eve of the anniversary of the Apology more than 1000 theatre and online participants took part in the Healing Our Stolen Generations public forum and webinar. The event, with speakers Aunty Lorraine Peeters, Ian Hamm, Florence Onus and Mark Bin Bakar and MC Richard Frankland, highlighted the diversity of experiences and the incredible strength of our Stolen Generations.

Panel and audience members discussed issues related to the Stolen Generations such as:

- ◆ Developing a national understanding of what Stolen Generations members are healing from and ensuring the true history of Australia is understood and remembered by all Australians.
- ◆ The importance of including collective healing in the mix of responses provided for Stolen Generations members.
- ◆ Implementing the outstanding recommendations of the Bringing them Home report, particularly in relation to providing training on trauma and the history and impact of forced removals. This will help to prevent intergenerational trauma being misdiagnosed as a mental health condition.
- ◆ Developing a long term plan for healing Stolen Generations members and others affected by these policies.
- ◆ Understanding that trauma does not end when Stolen Generations members pass away. This trauma is transferred to extended families and we have to develop responses for the generations to come.
- ◆ The need for compensation for the pain and suffering caused, which continues to be an important issue for Stolen Generations members and their families.



Western Sydney Apology Event – Family Worker Training and Development Programme

The Family Worker Training and Development Programme hosted an Apology anniversary commemoration event at the Murru Mitigar Cultural Centre in Castlereagh in Western Sydney. Over 200 community members attended the event. A panel of Stolen Generations members spoke of their experiences about being institutionalised, adopted and fostered out, and the impact this trauma has had on their children.

Community members participated in a healing ceremony and yarning circles and were entertained by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dancers. The community also had the opportunity to watch *Victor's Story*, a documentary about a local Stolen Generations member.

Lismore Apology Event – Rekindling the Spirit

Rekindling the Spirit commemorated the anniversary of the Apology at a community event involving shared stories and skills, dance, music and poetry in Lismore NSW. Members of the Stolen Generations shared their stories, sometimes through their children if they weren't able to attend in person. Young women from Kadina High School's "Deadly Dubs" dance group performed for the crowd, two young men from the school read out published poems written by members of the Stolen Generations, and Stolen Generations members, local performers and recording artists provided live musical entertainment throughout the day.

A healing garden was planted to honour all the children who were part of the Stolen Generations, with everyone encouraged to write messages of love and support.



Microgrants

Under the theme *Heal our Past, Build our Future, Telling Our Stories* the anniversary of the Apology to the Stolen Generations was commemorated with 79 microgrant events organised by organisations around the country during February and March 2015. The events brought people together to hear and honour the very personal and unique journeys of Stolen Generations members. A total of 7875 people participated in these events.

Events were run in:

New South Wales	29
Queensland	13
Australian Capital Territory	3
South Australia	9
Victoria	15
Western Australia	8
Northern Territory	1
Tasmania	1

Six of the events were in remote locations, 42 in regional and 31 in urban areas. The total amount of grants was \$47,500.

Events including family fun days, organised walks, photo exhibitions, yarning circles, panel discussions, and men's and women's healing gatherings attracted strong national, state and regional media attention and significant involvement from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community organisations and people across every state and territory.

ACT

Journey of Healing (O'Connor)

Forty-two people attended this event at Canberra's Yurauna Centre where participants shared a meal, watched Healing Foundation video stories by Stolen Generations members and an extract from the 2008 National Apology. A workshop discussion found that intergenerational impacts of the removal of children were still being felt



NSW

Hunter River High School (Heatherbrae)

Eight hundred staff, students and community members attended a formal assembly commemorating the anniversary of the national Apology. Two local Elders spoke about their experiences and then candles were lit and the video of the 2008 National Apology was screened. A smoking ceremony was conducted by a Worimi Elder and the Hunter River High School dance group, Wonga Gee, performed.



Hunter River High School
**SORRY DAY
COMMEMORATION**
20 February 2015



You are invited to attend the 2015
Hunter River High School Sorry Day Commemoration.
A number of significant events will be taking place throughout the day including:

-  Sorry Day Assembly from 9am in the hall. We will be having a special guest speaking about her Stolen Generation Experience.
-  Smoking Ceremony & Wonga Gee Dance Group performance
-  Cultural Talk, questions & Stories
Meet & Greet BBQ
Bush Tucker

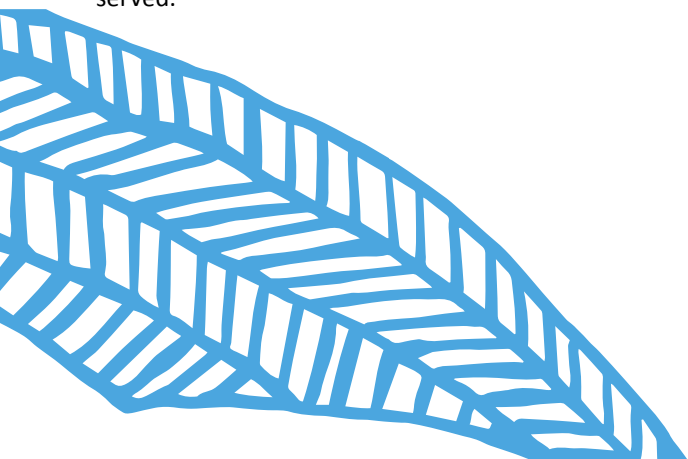


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NT

Katherine Regional Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation (Katherine)

Seventy people attended this commemoration. A Welcome to Country, performed by Jawoyn leader Ryan Baruwei, was followed by a series of guests speaking about what Apology Day meant to them. A photo and information exhibition on Stolen Generations history was exhibited and a BBQ lunch was served.



QLD

Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts (Kangaroo Point)

The Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts (ACPA) invited Mr Les Collins, a local Elder and cultural advisor, to visit the centre and work with students. Candles were lit and a minute's silence was held in memory of those who suffered. The event drew on the experiences of the Stolen Generations and Mr Collins in particular and included music, acting and dance to tell a story.



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ACPA will be inviting a local, well-respected elder of the Community to join us on **13th February** to celebrate 'Apology Day'. Mr Les Collins will appear and perform a couple of songs of his own as well as the Music Department in honour of the day to show the impacts that the stolen generation still has on youth today.

When: Friday 13th February, 2015
Time: 10:30am-12:00pm



- BBQ Lunch provided
- Yarning session with Uncle Des



ACPA
Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts

MC Bradley Chatfield
10:30am Uncle Des Sandy

- Acknowledgement to country
- One minute silence and lighting of candles

10:40am Les Collins

- Apology Song
- Panel Discussion (CEO and Les Collins)

11:00am Music Department

- Two songs

11:30am Yarning circle with Uncle Des

12:00pm BBQ Lunch

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SA

Ninkowar (Murray Bridge)

Twenty-five people participated in this event with two recently elected women councillors invited to discuss how the council can better connect with the Aboriginal community. Participation in a basket weaving class helped to encourage discussions between community women and the councillors.

Stories • Listening • Weaving • Sharing • Appreciating • Unity

Please join us from 10am til 2pm
Friday February 13
At Ninkowar 1 Wharf Rd
Murray Bridge
To
Talk about life
Listen to our stories
Meet your local female Councillors
Work on some basket weaving
Share some lunch



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TAS

Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation (Smithton)

A group of twenty-three community members attended art therapy workshops to provide them with the opportunity and inspiration to create art that would express their thoughts and feelings about healing of the Stolen Generations. The workshops were held at specific Aboriginal sites to enable participants to capture the history and the meanings behind the losses of culture, belonging and to better understand the connection to the land and family that were affected by removal of children.



VIC

Winda-Mara Aboriginal Corporation (Heywood)

A local Elder gave the Welcome to Country to the 65 participants before the Winda-Mara CEO spoke about the long term impacts of child removal on the local Koori community. The national Apology was read out, a smoking ceremony was conducted by Elder Ken Saunders, and dancers performed for the crowd.

WA

Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation (Broome)

Celebrating the Stolen Generations in Broome, the Kimberley Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation held an open day for community members, local schools and members of the Stolen Generations. Local organisations set up stalls to highlight their healing work, Elders shared their stories, art work by Stolen Generations members was displayed and there was even face painting for the kids.

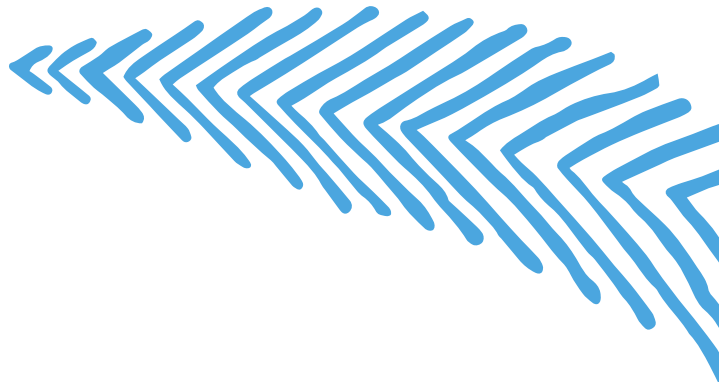


OUR PUBLICATIONS

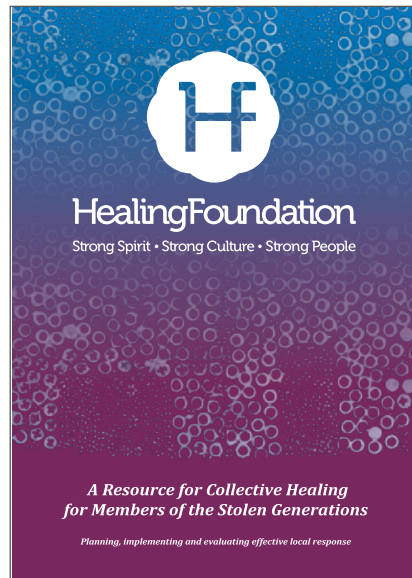
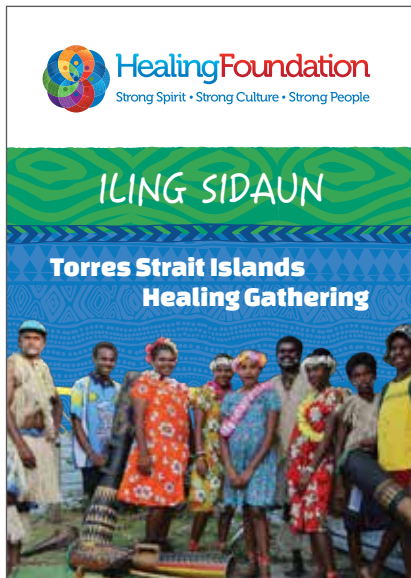
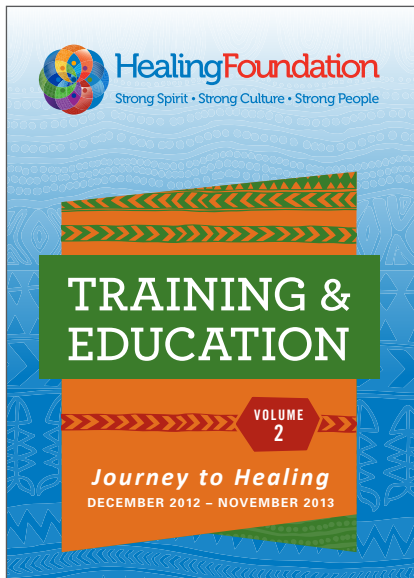
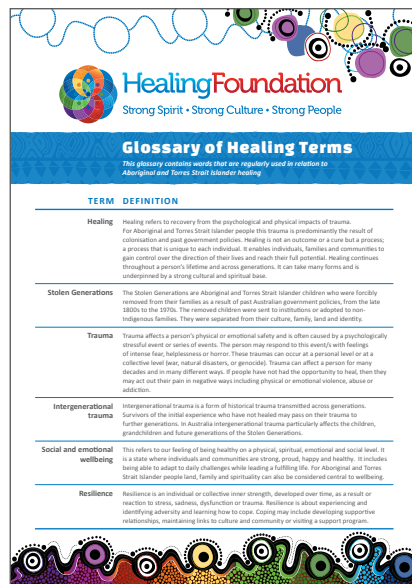
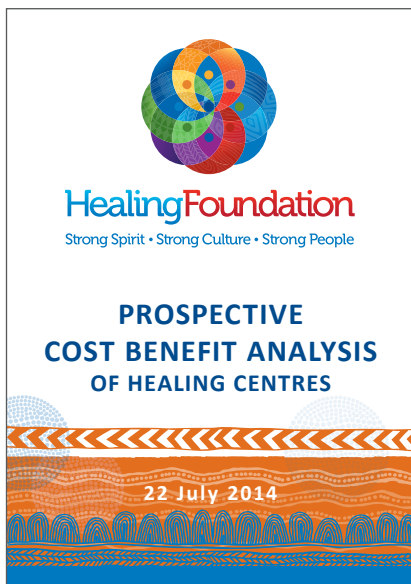
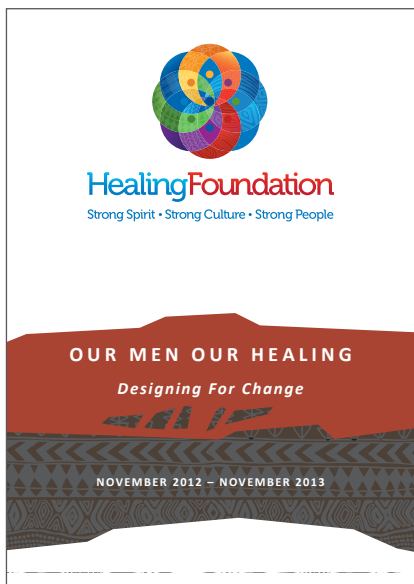
The Healing Foundation documents the evidence from our funded programs and makes this information available to assist with the development of quality healing services in our communities.

The key publications released this year are:

- ◆ Our Men Our Healing
- ◆ Prospective Cost Benefit Analysis of Healing Centres 2014
- ◆ Glossary of Healing Terms updated
- ◆ Training and Education *Journey to Healing Volume 2*
- ◆ Iling Sidaun Torres Strait Healing Gathering
- ◆ Resource for Collective Healing for members of the Stolen Generations



Healing Foundation publications are available for download from our website.



OUR HEALING WORK

The Healing Foundation has a primary role in funding and development of projects providing healing opportunities for our communities. Over the last twelve months we have supported 69 projects through funding initiatives that focus on:

- ◆ Stolen Generations members
- ◆ Healing centres
- ◆ Trauma education and development
- ◆ Community healing
- ◆ Intergenerational trauma

Across these 69 projects:

- ◆ Over 6300 people have participated
- ◆ 1257 healing activities have been provided
- ◆ 340 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders have been employed

HEALING WORK BY REGION



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Our Healing projects are providing the opportunity to meet the healing needs of our communities through locally-driven and designed services that incorporate our cultural knowledge.

Our Achievements

- ◆ Building our understanding of collective healing for Stolen Generations members and their families
- ◆ Working with communities to undertake program design to meet their healing aspirations
- ◆ Supporting the development of healing work including the Northern Territory *Our Men Our Healing* project
- ◆ 73% of children and young people participating in our intergenerational trauma projects have improved social and emotional wellbeing
- ◆ 84.5% of Stolen Generations members participating in collective healing reported having an increased sense of belonging and connection to culture
- ◆ 84.5% of all participants in our trauma education projects reported they can now better manage the impact of trauma

COMMUNITY HEALING

The Healing Foundation has developed a community healing strategy methodology to meet the healing needs across a community or region in a coordinated and localised manner.

Torres Strait Healing Strategy

Following on from the Iling Siduan, a healing gathering held in the Torres Straits in 2014, the report from the gathering has been published and work has progressed on the development of the Torres Strait Healing Strategy. A Healing Taskforce, made up of community leaders, non-government organisations, state, local and federal department representatives, has been formed to progress and inform this strategy.

East Kimberly Family Healing Gathering

The East Kimberley Talking Family Healing Gathering Woorrb Yarrenkoo Ninggooneng Ngoodengig Woonjoo-gerring was held in Kununurra in November 2014.

Over 90 participants including community members and agency representatives from East Kimberley communities were supported to:

- ◆ understand their shared history and make sense of their experiences in the context of colonisation and past government policies
- ◆ understand and explore key issues such as violence, suicide, spiritual health in a supported environment and engage with opportunities to heal and create change
- ◆ take ownership of their story and develop a strategy for healing in the East Kimberley allowing people to move towards a more positive future with confidence and purpose
- ◆ strengthen and build upon community networks, relationships and knowledge systems that can lead and support a healing movement in the East Kimberley

HEALING CENTRES

The Healing Foundation continued to supporting the establishment of 13 Indigenous healing centres. Five of these centres moved to stage two in development. Healing Centres continue to provide a significant means for culture to be at the centre of building social and emotion wellbeing and reclaiming our Indigenous knowledge nationally.

Mt Tabor Healing Centre

In 2014 the Bidjara people of Central West Queensland identified the need for healing in their community and conducted a scoping study to assess community support, the needs of a healing centre and models of successful healing centres in other places.

Mt Tabor Station or Goorathuntha in Bidjara language, has been chosen as the site for the healing centre. Goorathuntha is a place of great significance. It is the source of community and spiritual wellbeing and contains many sites of special meaning to the Bidjara people. It is envisaged that along with the Bidjara Aboriginal community, surrounding communities in Charleville, Augathella, Cunnamulla, Mitchell, Morven and Roma will also benefit from its services.

The group are now in the process of raising the required funds for infrastructure construction and for starting operations. Current activities include ongoing community consultation and engagement and promotion of the healing centre. Also in the works are training programs for Bidjara community members. The Goorathuntha Healing Centre will be owned and operated by Goorathuntha Traditional Owners Limited.

Gurehlgam Healing Centre Grafton

After 18 months of planning and development Gurehlgam Corporation opened the Clarence Valley Aboriginal Healing Centre in March 2015. The healing centre serves the five Aboriginal communities of the Clarence Valley in NSW (Grafton, Maclean, Yamba, Baryulgil and Malabugilmah). The centre is located in a Grafton old school building.

One of the main projects attracting attention is the centre's healing garden. Through a local job network provider a group of mainly Aboriginal volunteers, with an interest in bush medicine and bush tucker, have been working on establishing and maintaining the garden.

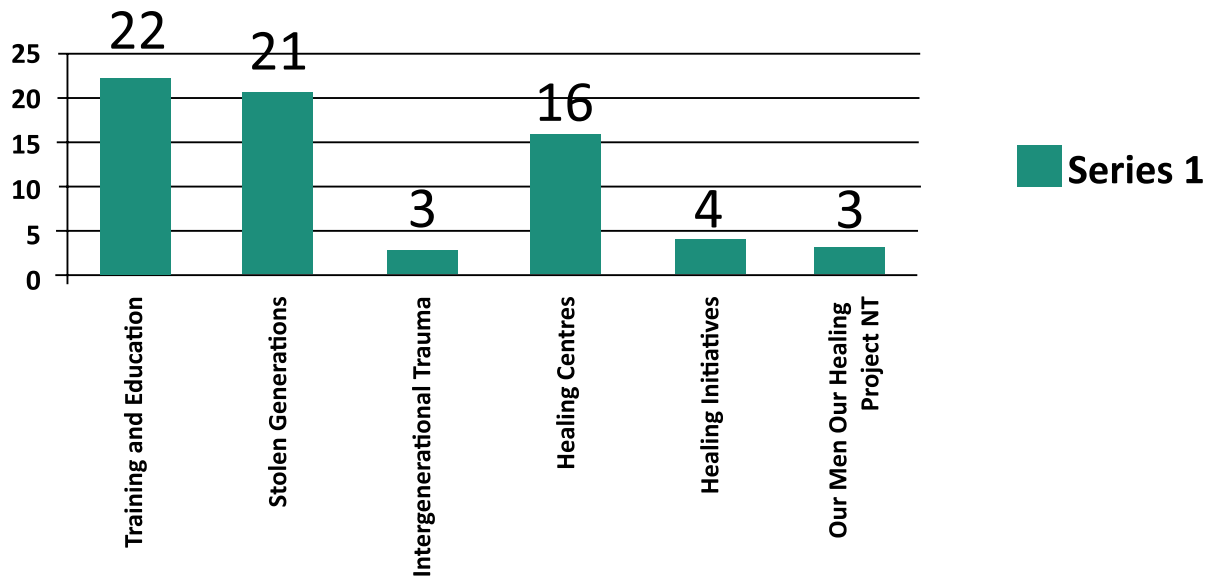
The healing centre sees the garden as not only paying respects to various people in the community but as a way of bringing people together in reconciliation. The garden will have three main garden beds, each dedicated to one of the three Aboriginal nations of the Clarence Valley: Bundjalung, Gumbaynggirr and Yaegl.

There will also be special monuments dedicated to the Stolen Generations, our Indigenous Returned Soldiers, and those community members who are living 'off country'. Plants that will be grown include lomandra that can be used for weaving, lemon myrtle which makes a great tea, and pig face which usually grows down on the coast.

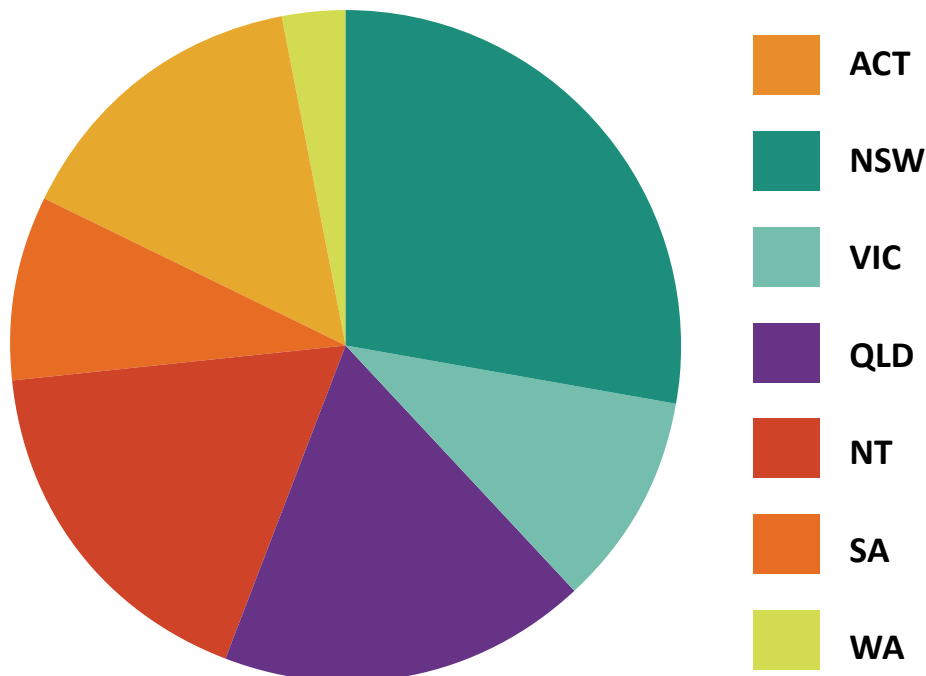
The garden has attracted a lot of interest from the wider Clarence Valley community. Anyone with an interest in gardening and/or bush tucker and bush medicine is welcome to join in. The garden acts as a way to bring people together to not only connect to culture but to connect to the earth and nature.

The centre runs the Grafton Aboriginal Wellbeing Women's Group. Workshops addressing grief, loss and trauma are another priority for the centre. They are currently planning a parenting and grief, loss and trauma workshop to talk to parents about how to deal with their own grief in order to help raise their children and help them with their grief. There are also plans for a gambling workshop and for a Seasons for Growth workshop to be delivered by Good Grief.

Number of Active Projects by Funding Round



Number of Active Projects by State



Note: Stolen Generations projects are funded in Healing Initiatives, Healing Centres and Training and Education funding rounds



“Our Indigenous knowledge is developing evidence that is driving change in our communities”

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION

Learning about how to create the best healing environment and what healing looks like for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander is an ongoing process. This year our evaluation and research includes:

- ◆ developing the healing evidence base for children and young people
- ◆ understanding our healing knowledge through the development of a theory of change
- ◆ understanding suicide to develop a healing environment, in partnership with the University of Western Australia and the Telefon Institute
- ◆ creating a trauma informed environment to promote healing in Indigenous organisations
- ◆ learning from our Stolen Generations members what works in healing
- ◆ creating renewal and hope for our men through evaluation of the NT Our Men Our Healing project

What have we learned

Our knowledge creation work continues to reaffirm the importance of these key themes of healing:

1. Identifying with our cultural lineage makes us proud and dignified.
2. Preserving and sharing cultural heritage gives us a sense of future.
3. Connecting with land, country and our history makes us strong.
4. Following our cultural ways makes us feel good and builds our spirits.
5. Strengthening our community gives us belonging and protection.
6. Acknowledging leadership allows us to mentor our future leaders.
7. Respecting self and others is an important cultural value that guides us.
8. Using our cultural skills in our work makes us feel valuable and rewards us.
9. Grieving space and healing time lets us take care of hurt.
10. Reconnecting with our spiritual selves is powerful and makes us whole.

Trauma Informed Practice

Our training and education projects build understanding about trauma in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and set people on a pathway to healing. This year we have worked on building enabled Indigenous organisations to become trauma informed through the healing informed organisations project. This project identifies four key elements for a healing informed organisation:

1. Developing a positive, healing orientated value system that is shared and promoted
2. Revising policy and procedures to directly reflect the values system
3. Maintaining the discipline to apply the policies
4. Ensuring that the leadership, management and governance of our organisations is in line with a healing oriented value system

“Reinstating and reconnecting communities to their core cultural value systems, enabling them to locate the solutions to their problems based on their thousands of years of knowledge, is key to the Healing Foundation’s approach”



ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITY

The Healing Foundation’s social media pages continue to be our greatest communications tool. Our Facebook, Twitter and YouTube channels connect us with our supporters, promote our work and raise the profile of healing in the wider Australian community.

YouTube

In February 2015 the Healing Foundation YouTube channel was a wonderful asset in promoting the 7th Anniversary of the Apology and our Telling Our Stories public forum and webinar. Prior to the event the Healing Foundation released a YouTube series called Telling Our Stories, Our Stolen Generations. The series featured Stolen Generations members sharing their experiences of removal, family and healing, and demonstrated the importance of celebrating the strength and diversity of our Stolen Generations members and their experiences. Our animation The Story of the Healing Foundation remains our most successful YouTube video with 6,868 views since its premiere in February 2013. It is used as an education tool by many organisations in explaining the effects of colonisation.

Facebook

Facebook is the Healing Foundation’s most successful social media account. By 30 June 2015 our page had attracted 21,770 likes.

Some of our Facebook highlights this year include:

- ◆ The launch of the Nguiu men’s shed on the Tiwi islands which took place in September 2014.
- ◆ Our #YouTubeFriday hashtag also did very well this year with many people responding to videos of Stolen Generations’ members sharing their stories.
- ◆ The most liked post this year was our Mabo Day post commemorating 23 years since the High Court overturned the untruth of terra nullius.

We have introduced new ways of engaging with our online community including webinars which people can contribute to through social media. This year we held webinars on #CulturalSolutions to suicide and the importance of #TellingOurStories.



Twitter

This year we engaged our twitter followers using new hashtags including #IHMAYDay15 and #InternationalWomensDay. One of our most popular tweets from the past year was this photo from the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Evaluation Project youth roundtable.





FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2015**

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DIRECTORS' REPORT 30 June 2014

Your directors present their report on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation Ltd (the Company) for the financial year ended 30 June 2015.

Directors

The names of the directors in office at any time during, or since the end of, the year are:

Names		Appointed / Resigned
Professor Steve Larkin	Chairperson	Appointed February 2012
Stephanie Harvey		Appointed June 2014
Noeleen Lopes		Appointed January 2010
Charles Passi		Appointed September 2010, resigned May 2015
Dr Aden Ridgeway		Appointed October 2014
Russell Taylor		Appointed June 2014
Leann Wilson		Appointed October 2014

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Principal Activities

The principal activity of the Company during the financial year was funding healing initiatives, funding education and training initiatives to build community capacity and conducting research and evaluation activities.

No significant changes in the nature of the entity's activity occurred during the financial year.

Objectives and Strategies

The Company's objective is to support healing in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across Australia that continue to deal with the impact of past government policies that have fractured communities and caused profound trauma and grief.



DIRECTORS' REPORT *continued*

Achievements and Challenges

The last twelve (12) months for the Company was affected by the restructure of Australia's Indigenous Affairs by the government. A multitude of programs, around one hundred and fifty (150), have been streamlined into just five (5) programs. The Company falls under the 'Culture and Capability' program that is administered by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C).

Since September 2013, the Company has been on an annual funding cycle which has made it difficult to do longer term planning and has affected staff morale over this period of uncertainty. Up until March 2015 our Commonwealth funding was only guaranteed until October 2015.

The Company participated in the inaugural Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) funding round along with many other Indigenous organisations. The IAS is a major plank in the Abbot Government's approach to Indigenous Affairs, with a focus on achieving outcomes in education, employment and community safety at the local and regional level.

It was a competitive process and the challenge for the Company was to align itself with the government's priorities and articulate how we would have a local and regional impact. This was a very challenging process for the Company because we are a national body that does not deliver services. The outcome of our submission to the IAS for the Company was successful. We were offered a three year agreement at the same funding level we have received since commencing five (5) years ago.

In light of the impact of the new IAS the Company came out of the process in quite good shape. Many other Indigenous organisations were not successful; in fact the proportion of Indigenous organisations funded under the IAS was less than 50% of all organisations funded. This indicates that Indigenous Affairs in Australia is taking a much different tack than it has in the past. It will be critical that the Company remains attuned to this shifting landscape.

This year the Company underwent its bi-annual Board Recruitment process and recruited 2 new Board members. In addition to existing Board Members Charles Passi, Noeleen Lopes, Professor Steve Larkin, Stephanie Harvey and Russell Taylor (AO), the Company added Dr Aden Ridgeway and Leann Wilson. In May Charles Passi resigned from the Board of the Company and Professor Steve Larkin was elected as Chair. Leann Wilson was chosen as Deputy Chair. The new Board provides a mix of skills and experience that will support the Company's development over the next few years.

In terms of program work the Company met all of its obligations under its agreement with PM&C. Highlights were:

- Establishment of a Healing Taskforce in the Torres Strait led by the local communities which will continue to develop a Torres Strait Healing Strategy.
- Supported the further development of five (5) Healing Centres around the nation.
- Completed evaluation of Intergenerational Trauma Projects at two sites (Brisbane and Darwin) – which showed a number of improved education outcomes for children.
- Commemorated the Apology at Lismore and Western Sydney in partnership with local communities. The Company also funded seventy nine (79) small community grants around the nation to assist local celebrations of the anniversary of the Apology.
- The Company completed, in partnership with Muru Marri (UNSW), a Resource for Collective Healing for members of the Stolen Generations to assist the planning, implementing and evaluating local responses.
- A number of Stolen Generations specific projects were funded with the support and advice of the Healing Foundation Stolen Generations Reference group.
- The Company implemented an internal audit plan and undertook its first internal audit.

Challenges for the Company going forward lay in developing a clear narrative about Healing and its positive impacts. There has been enough knowledge gained from our work to date to indicate that cultural healing processes enable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to exercise agency over their lives and begin overcoming challenges resulting from trauma caused by past policies and practices of governments.

In addition the Healing Foundation must be able to articulate how healing works, who it works for and in what circumstances. This is a critical step in moving policy makers to recognise the value of healing to Indigenous people and begin investing in healing practices and processes into the future. It is not enough for the Company to act on the intuition that healing is important to overcoming Indigenous disadvantage; it must be supported by robust evidence.

The Company is working on developing a Theory of Change for Healing which will be a critical piece of work in the coming year. The Theory of Change will assist the Company to better articulate the positive impact of healing and what priorities we need to pursue in the next few years in what is a shifting and uncertain Indigenous Affairs landscape.

Operating Result

The Company has reported an operating surplus of \$10,791 (2014: surplus of \$1,036).

Total grant funding of \$5,932,470 (excluding GST) (2014: \$8,410,000) was received/receivable during the financial year

(\$5,200,000 PM&C core funding, \$132,470 Royal Commission DSS, \$500,000 Far West NSW Medicare Local and \$100,000 Department of Education).

A total of \$4,919,557 (2014: \$5,288,105) was recorded as unspent committed funds at year end.

The Company gratefully acknowledges the financial support of the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, now the Department of Social Services and the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. We also acknowledge collaboration with the Department of Health and Ageing (now the Department of Health) and the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, along with agencies of the state and territory governments of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Northern Territory, and Queensland.

Members' Guarantee

The Company is a company limited by guarantee. In the event of, and for the purpose of winding up of the Company, the amount capable of being called up from each member is limited to \$50 towards any outstanding obligations of the Company.



DIRECTORS' REPORT *continued*

Information on Directors

Professor Steve Larkin
Chairperson



Qualifications and Experience

Doctor of Philosophy, Queensland University of Technology
 Master of Social Science, Charles Stuart University
 Bachelor of Social Work, University of Queensland
 Former Chair, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Higher Education Advisory Council (ATSIHEAC - then Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council)
 Former Chair, Northern Territory Board of Studies
 Service on numerous national advisory committees in Indigenous Affairs
 Pro Vice-Chancellor Indigenous Leadership and the Director of the Australian Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Education (ACIKE), Charles Darwin University
 Member, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Higher Education Consortium (NATSIHEC)
 Member, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Higher Education Advisory Council (ATSIHEAC)
 Member, National Indigenous Research and Knowledges Network (NIRAKN)
 Member, Bachelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education
 Director, Beyond Blue

Stephanie Harvey



Qualifications and Experience

Former Deputy EO, Indigenous Community Volunteers
 Former Director and Company Secretary, Indigenous Reading Project
 Former Member, Advisory Group - Australian Government National Compact with the Third Sector
 Service within community services sector for both government and not-for-profit organisations
 Member, Australian Institute of Company Directors
 CEO, Indigenous Community Volunteers
 Member, Advisory Group for the Indigenous Social Enterprise Fund
 Advisor, Indigenous Reading Project

Noeleen Lopes



Qualifications and Experience

Bachelor of Social Work, University of Queensland
 Accredited Mental Health Social Worker, AASW
 Certificate IV Business (Governance), Tropical North Queensland Institute of TAFE
 Member, Southern Queensland Parole Board 2001- 2013
 Founder, Gallang Place
 Founder, Ghungalu Aboriginal Corporation
 Director, Gearing Up Investments Pty Ltd

Charles Passi



Qualifications and Experience

Certificate IV in Leadership
 Studies in Anthropology, Indigenous Community Management, Language and Linguistics
 Member, Queensland Child Deaths Case Review Committee
 Member, Mura Kosker Sorority Inc
 Member, Lena Passi Women's Shelter Inc
 Member, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group for the Queensland Centre for Family and Domestic Violence

Information on Directors

Dr Aden Ridgeway **Qualifications and Experience**



Honorary Doctorate, University of Technology, Sydney
 Former Member of Australian Senate for New South Wales, 1999 – 2005
 Director, Creating Australia
 Director, Indigenous Tourism Assets
 Chair/Advisor, Austrade Indigenous Tourism
 Director, Paradigm Resources
 Partner ,Cox Inall Ridgeway, specialist Indigenous consultancy service

Russell Taylor AM **Qualifications and Experience**



Master of Business Administration, University of Technology, Sydney
 Graduate Diploma in Public Sector Management, University of Technology, Sydney
 Graduate Diploma in Arts (Anthropology with Merit), Australian National University
 Member, Australian Institute of Company Directors
 Fellow, Australian Institute of Management
 Fellow, Australian Rural Leadership Foundation
 Service with numerous complementary NGO and sporting associations in governance positions
 Principal, Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
 Board member, Lowitja Institute
 Board member, Nature Conservation Trust
 Council member, University of Technology Sydney

Leann Wilson **Qualifications and Experience**



Graduate, Australian Rural Leadership Foundation
 University Fellow, Bond University
 Former Chair, National Rural Women’s Coalition
 Inaugural Board member, Queensland Aboriginal And Torres Strait Foundation
 Inaugural Member, RIRDC R&D Advisory Committee for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Rural Development
 Member, The Gender, Mining and Communities Dialogue Minerals Council of Australia
 Director, General Manager, Regional Economic Solutions Pty Ltd
 Board Member, Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts
 Member, Australian Red Cross Divisional Advisory Board Qld



Meetings of Directors

During the financial year, 10 meetings of directors were held. Attendances by each director during the year were as follows:

Directors' Meetings			
Name	Number eligible to attend	Number attended	Partial attendance
Professor Steve Larkin	6	4	1
Stephanie Harvey	6	5	1
Noeleen Lopes	6	6	-
Charles Passi	5	5	-
Dr Aden Ridgeway	3	3	-
Russell Taylor	6	1	2
Leann Wilson	3	2	1



DIRECTORS' REPORT *continued*

Auditor's Independence Declaration

The auditor's independence declaration in accordance with Subdivision 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012, for the year ended 30 June 2015 has been received and is attached to this report.

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



Professor Steve Larkin
Dated 10 / 09 / 2015

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2015, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.




AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SUBSECTION 60 - 40 OF THE AUSTRALIAN CHARITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS COMMISSION ACT 2012 TO THE DIRECTORS OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALING FOUNDATION LIMITED

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2015 there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



Duesburys Nexia
Canberra, 10 September 2015



G J Murphy
Partner

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME *30 June 2015*

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
Revenue			
Government funding:			
- PM&C (Core incl DSS and FaHCSIA)		6,086,773	9,299,075
- DSS (Royal Commission)		162,106	17,424
- NT (Childrens and PM&C Darwin)		157,652	268,939
- Medicare Local		94,646	8,968
Other income			
- Donations		3,295	1,347
- Workers compensation		9,995	-
- Support services fees		7,500	-
- Sundry income		3,274	4,838
Interest income		76,359	81,370
Less: interest separately recognised as unexpended funds	7	(76,359)	(81,370)
<i>(Refer to Note 1(j) for details of accounting policy on revenue)</i>		6,525,241	9,600,591
Expenses			
Advertising and promotion		168,604	259,539
Audit and accounting fees		30,410	59,032
Communications		11,222	313,811
Contractors and consultants		478,273	795,042
Depreciation and amortisation expense		226,363	92,174
Doubtful debts		-	53,667
Employee benefits expense		1,953,349	2,299,213
Finance costs		5,161	3,487
General		26,943	55,689
Information technology		93,073	63,687
Insurance		36,231	27,539
Legal		45,951	31,031
Meetings		74,429	69,504
Office facilities		342,729	342,830
Printing and stationery		16,086	14,705
Programs		2,563,099	4,532,867
Telephone and internet		40,563	68,678
Subscriptions and memberships		8,087	6,664
Travel and accommodation		393,877	510,396
		6,514,450	9,599,555
Surplus/(deficit) before income tax		10,791	1,036
Income tax expense	1a	-	-
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		10,791	1,036
Total comprehensive income for the year		10,791	1,036

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION *As at 30 June 2015*

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	3,680,937	2,187,852
Other assets	3	134,328	93,823
Other financial assets	4	1,528,186	3,230,413
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		5,343,451	5,512,088
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	5	303,580	527,137
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		303,580	527,137
TOTAL ASSETS		5,647,031	6,039,225
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	6	621,355	555,151
Unexpended funds	7	4,795,757	5,288,105
Employee benefits	8	115,228	123,195
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		5,532,340	5,966,451
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Employee benefits	8	46,936	15,810
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		46,936	15,810
TOTAL LIABILITIES		5,579,276	5,982,261
NET ASSETS		67,755	56,964
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		67,755	56,964
TOTAL EQUITY		67,755	56,964

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

2015

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2014	56,964	56,964
Total comprehensive income for the year	10,791	10,791
Balance at 30 June 2015	67,755	67,755

2014

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2013	55,928	55,928
Total comprehensive income for the year	1,036	1,036
Balance at 30 June 2014	56,964	56,964



STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Receipts from:			
PM&C (Core incl DSS and FaHCSIA)		5,720,000	8,800,000
DSS (Royal Commission)		145,717	154,000
NT (Childrens and PM&C Darwin)		–	165,000
Medicare Local		550,000	132,000
Other			
Donations		3,295	1,347
Workers compensation		9,995	–
Support services fees		7,500	–
Sundry income		56,961	9,741
Payments to suppliers and employees		(6,780,679)	(10,084,867)
Interest received		81,169	85,510
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		(206,042)	(737,269)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(3,100)	(71,935)
Receipts from investments		1,702,227	2,188,837
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		1,699,127	2,116,902
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held		1,493,085	1,379,633
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		2,187,852	808,219
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	2	3,680,937	2,187,852

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

NOTE 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation (the Company) has elected to adopt the Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements (established by AASB 1053 Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards and AASB 2010-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Reduced Disclosure Requirements).

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012.

The Company is a not-for-profit public company limited by guarantee, incorporated in the Australian Capital Territory under the Corporations Act 2001. The financial statements cover the Company as an individual entity.

A number of new or revised Australian Accounting Standards are effective for the first time in the current financial year. These standards have had no material impact on the entity.

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 following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Company in the preparation of the financial statements. Unless otherwise stated, the accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous year.

Accounting Policies

(a) Income tax

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

(b) Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses. Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the asset.

Where a revaluation has been performed, 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 re-valued amount of the asset.

The carrying amount of property, plant and equipment is reviewed at the end of the reporting period by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets' employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation of assets are credited to a revaluation reserve and recognised in other comprehensive income. Decreases that offset previous increases of the same asset are charged against fair value reserves and recognised in other comprehensive income. All other decreases are charged to the profit or loss.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of the reporting period.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the profit or loss. When re-valued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation reserve relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *continued*

For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

NOTE 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies *continued*

(i) Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets and capitalised leased assets, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life to the Company commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings	10% - 20%
Office Equipment	10% - 33%
Fit-out	10%

(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 Company are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised by recording an asset and a liability at the lower of the amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property or the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the period.

Leased assets are depreciated on a diminishing value basis over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or the lease term.

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

Lease incentives under operating leases are recognised as a liability and amortised on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

(d) Financial instruments

Recognition

Financial instruments are initially measured at cost on trade date, which includes transaction costs, when the related contractual rights or obligations exist. Subsequent to initial recognition these instruments are measured as set out below.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets are classified at 'fair value through profit or loss' when they are either held for trading for the purpose of short-term profit taking, or when they are designated as such by management and within the requirements of AASB 139 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. Derivatives are also categorised as held for trading unless they are designated as hedges. Realised and unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of these assets are included in the profit or loss in the period in which they arise.

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 using the effective interest rate method.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *continued*

For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

NOTE 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies *continued*

Held-to-maturity investments

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets that have fixed maturities and fixed or determinable payments, and it is the Company's intention to hold these investments to maturity. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale financial assets are non-derivative financial assets that are either not suitable to be classified into other categories of financial assets due to their nature, or they are designated as such by management. They are reflected at fair value. Unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the investment revaluation reserve.

Financial liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost, comprising original debt less principal payments and amortisation.

Fair Value

Fair value is determined based on current bid prices for all quoted investments. Valuation techniques are applied to determine the fair value for all unlisted securities, including recent arm's length transactions, reference to similar instruments and option pricing models.

Impairment

At the end of each reporting period, the Company assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset has been impaired through the occurrence of a loss event. In the case of available-for-sale financial instruments, a significant or prolonged decline in the value of the instrument is considered to indicate that an impairment has arisen. Impairment losses are recognised in the profit or loss.

(e) Impairment of Non-Financial Assets

At the end of each reporting year, the Company 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 asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the statement of comprehensive income.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

(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 calculating the present value of future cash flows in respect of long service leave, the probability of long service leave being taken is based upon historical data.

Contributions are made to employee superannuation funds and are charged as expenses when incurred. Superannuation contributions totalling \$162,206 were made during the financial year (2014: \$185,806).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *continued*

For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

NOTE 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies *continued*

(g) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Company 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.

(h) 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 which are convertible to a known amount of cash and subject to an insignificant risk of change in value, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short-term borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

(i) Revenue

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

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised at the point of delivery.

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets. Where interest is earned on grant funds and must be used for the purposes set out in the relevant grant agreement, then the interest is recognised as unexpended funds until such time as the grant conditions have been met.

Grant revenue is recognised in the statement of 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 the entity is eligible to receive the contribution, the recognition of the grant as revenue is deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

When grant revenue is received whereby the entity incurs an obligation to deliver economic value 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, otherwise the grant is recognised as income on receipt.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(j) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive 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.

(k) Comparative figures

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

Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The directors evaluate estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the Company.

The directors do not believe that there were any key estimates or key judgments used in the development of the financial statements that give rise to a significant risk of material adjustment in the future.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *continued*

For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

NOTE 2 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Cash on hand	500	500
Cash at bank	3,680,437	2,187,352
	3,680,937	2,187,852

NOTE 3 Other Assets

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Prepayments	21,181	32,179
Accrued interest	2,023	6,833
Sundry receivables	164,791	108,478
Provision for doubtful debts	(53,667)	(53,667)
	134,328	93,823

NOTE 4 Other Financial Assets

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Held-to-maturity financial assets	1,528,186	3,230,413
	1,528,186	3,230,413

Held-to-maturity investments are term deposits with original terms of between 1 month and 7 months. Interest rates at year end vary from 1.54% to 2.3%. The balance at year end includes a term deposit that matures every 30 days, of which the amount invested may vary depending on future operational requirements. The intention of the Company is to hold this amount for a long term.

NOTE 5 Property, Plant and Equipment

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Furniture, fixtures and fittings – at cost	5,415	5,415
Accumulated depreciation	(2,343)	(1,742)
	3,072	3,673
Office equipment – at cost	170,590	179,607
Accumulated depreciation	(103,698)	(76,161)
	66,892	103,446
Program database - at cost	78,693	–
Accumulated depreciation	(15,739)	–
	62,954	–
Fit-out at cost	468,633	468,633
Accumulated depreciation	(297,971)	(127,308)
	170,662	341,325
Work-in-progress – at cost	–	78,693
	303,580	527,137

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *continued*

For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

NOTE 5 Property, Plant and Equipment *continued*

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 current financial year:

	Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings \$	Office Equipment \$	Program Database \$	Fit-out \$	Work-in- progress \$	Total \$
Balance at the beginning of year	3,673	103,446	–	341,325	78,693	527,137
Additions/Transfers	–	3,100	78,693	–	(78,693)	3,100
Disposals	–	(294)	–	–	–	(294)
Depreciation expense	(601)	(39,360)	(15,739)	(170,663)	–	(226,363)
Balance at 30 June 2015	3,072	66,892	62,954	170,662	–	303,580

	2015 \$	2014 \$
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NOTE 6 Trade and Other Payables

Trade payables	321,635	290,696
Sundry payables and accrued expenses	299,720	264,455
	621,355	555,151

NOTE 7 Unexpended Funds

Government funding:		
PM&C (Core incl DSS and FaHCSIA)	3,324,432	4,211,205
DSS (Royal Commission)	92,940	122,576
NT (Childrens and PM&C Darwin)	292,238	449,890
Medical Local	516,386	111,032
Department of Education	100,000	–
Interest	469,761	393,402
	4,795,757	5,288,105

NOTE 8 Employee Benefits

CURRENT

Provision for annual leave	115,228	123,195
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NON-CURRENT

Provision for long service leave	46,936	15,810
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NOTE 9 Leasing Commitments – Operating lease commitments

Payable minimum lease payments:

– no later than 1 year	–	267,125
– between 1 year and 5 years	–	527,562
	–	794,687

The operating leases relate to the Company's office premises. The total lease payments made during the year were \$266,709 (2014: \$255,828). The leases for unit 2.1 and 2.3 matured in May 2015 and the Company has an option to commit to May 2017. However, as at 30 June 2015 the option has not been taken up.

As at 30 June 2015, the Company was committed to making payments of \$1,601,469 (2014: \$2,329,394) relating to a number of programs as part of its principal activities.

NOTE 10 Financial Risk Management

The Company's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, short-term investments, and accounts receivable and payable.

The accounting policies and terms and conditions of each class of financial asset and financial liability at the end of the reporting period are consistent with those regularly adopted by businesses in Australia.

The Company is not subject to any significant credit, liquidity or interest rate risk, although it is recognised that a 1% movement in interest rates would have an annual impact of approximately \$52,091 on the profit and loss based on the bank and investment balances held at 30 June 2015 (2014: \$54,183).

The totals for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 139 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

		2015	2014
		\$	\$
Financial Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	3,680,937	2,187,852
Loans and receivables	3	113,147	61,644
Held-to-maturity investments	4	1,528,186	3,230,413
Total financial assets		5,322,270	5,479,909
Financial Liabilities			
<i>Financial liabilities at amortised cost:</i>			
- Trade and other payables	6	621,355	555,151
- Unexpended funds	7	4,795,757	5,288,105
Total financial liabilities		5,417,112	5,843,256

Net Fair Values

Financial assets and financial liabilities are carried at their net fair value at the end of the reporting period.

The carrying values of financial assets and financial liabilities approximate their net fair values due to their short term maturity or market interest rate.

No financial assets or financial liabilities are traded on organised markets in standardised form.

NOTE 11 Members' Guarantee

The Company is incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 and is a Company limited by guarantee. If the Company is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$50 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the Company. At 30 June 2015 the number of members was 7 (2014: 7).

NOTE 12 Related Party Transactions

Key management personnel is defined by AASB 124 "Related Party Disclosures" as those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the entity, directly or indirectly, including any director of the entity.

The aggregate remuneration paid to key management personnel during the year is as follows:

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Total key management personnel compensation	324,331	348,038

In addition to the above compensation, the Company has paid insurance premiums of \$5,670 for Association Liability insurance which incorporates directors' and officers' liability insurance.

Other Related Parties

The following transactions with director related entities took place during the year:

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Funding provided to Gallang Place as auspice for Healing Waters	55,000	75,000
Funding provided to Winangali Marumali Pty Ltd	33,550	–

NOTE 13 Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

In the opinion of the Directors, the Company did not have any contingencies at 30 June 2015 (30 June 2014: None).

NOTE 14 Events After the End of the Reporting Period

The financial statements were authorised by the Directors on the date of signing the attached directors declaration. The directors have the right to amend the financial statements after they are issued.

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.

NOTE 15 Economic Dependence

The Company is dependent on the Department of Social Services/Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet for the majority of its revenue used to operate the Company. At the date of this report the directors have no reason to believe the Department of Social Services/Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet will not continue to support the Company. The current funding agreement with the Department of Social Services expires on 31 October 2015.

NOTE 16 Company Details

The registered office of the company is:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation Ltd
Level 2
55 Wentworth Avenue
KINGSTON ACT 2600

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The directors of the Company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 and:
 - a. comply with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
 - b. give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2014 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the Company.
2. In the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



Professor Steve Larkin

Dated 10 / 09 / 2015



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the members of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation Ltd



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALING FOUNDATION LIMITED

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation Limited (the Company), which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2015, and the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the directors' declaration.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements 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 statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements 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 statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, 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 statements 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 statements.

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.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation Limited are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- i) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2015 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Regulation 2013.

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