

Kids+

KIDS PLUS FOUNDATION

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN & CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Kids Plus Foundation provides family focused multidisciplinary programs including assessment, therapy and family support. We specialise in interventions across the life-span for babies, children and young people with cerebral palsy and similar neurological disorders. Our practice is to work in partnership with families to understand their individual needs, values and abilities. We value sharing our knowledge with families, early learning centres and schools to create more inclusive communities. Our service aims to empower families and improve capability to maximise potential and enhance participation in everyday activities. We care about improving quality of life. We love celebrating success as children learn, grow and develop. It is this shared mindset felt by all involved at Kids Plus that continues to drive our programs and our ambitions. Our year's work in 2016 was significant for Kids Plus in several key areas:

- **Therapy & Therapists:** During the year Kids Plus continued to expand our therapy programs. In addition to employing extra therapists to help meet growing demand, we added new therapy and support options, including music therapy, a social worker and a supported playgroup for parents with children using assistive communication devices. In addition, we put the first pieces together towards our goal of providing a dedicated sport and recreation program. Significantly, Kids Plus employed for the first time a full-time Clinical Director to oversee our growing therapy team and range of programs. Kelly Reynolds performed this role with dedication and distinction.
- **National Disability Insurance Scheme:** Whilst not without its challenges, Kids Plus continued to embrace the opportunities the NDIS makes available to children and families. The NDIS offers a new way of providing community linking and individualised support. The scheme offers the possibility of delivering individualised services at the required level and duration. Kids Plus continues to have an important role in helping families navigate their way through the NDIS with a view to maximising the outcomes for their child.
- **Community Support:** Kids Plus was again fortunate to receive wonderful support from our philanthropic partners and the broader community. Kids Plus received significant capacity building support from the William Buckland Foundation, Collie Foundation and Helen McPherson Smith Trust. Kids Plus is particularly appreciative of the support given by the team at Equity Trustees. Long term partners, the Percy Baxter Trust, Howard Glover Trust and Cecilia Kilkeary Trust, again supported key therapy programs. Kids Plus is committed to reducing over time our reliance on philanthropic grants to maintain core operations. In the interim, however, we are most appreciative of the ongoing support we receive from our philanthropic partners. The inaugural Surf Coast Trek was staged in 2016, a collaboration between Kids Plus and Give Where You Live Foundation. The Trek surpassed all expectations. In addition to raising valuable funds, it was a wonderful day for the local community. It is our expectation that the Trek will become a permanent fixture on the event calendar.



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- **National Centre for Therapy, Research and Training:** Having established a reputation as an excellent service provider, delivering a world class therapy program to families across Geelong and the greater Barwon region, Kids Plus is intent on establishing a new home from which to base and grow our operations. The concept of a purpose built 500sqm facility, enabling the provision of multidisciplinary therapy programs to 250 children and their families across the Greater Barwon region, along with training, tuition, mentoring, professional secondments, and research partnerships, is now within reach. During the year, Kids Plus secured nearly \$1.5million in in-principle commitments towards this capital project. We acknowledge and sincerely thank the A&M Costa Foundation, Give Where You Live Foundation and Geelong Christian Spiritual Church who have made significant funding commitments towards this project. We are committed to securing the balance of funds required in 2017.

Kids Plus is committed to putting the interests of the family first. Our strategic plan describes our mission “for every baby, child and young adult with a neurodevelopmental disability to have access to expert, individualised and family centred services and supports”, so we can be proud of our efforts and achievements across 2016 and look forward to more of the same in the years ahead.

B J Mithen
Chair

Shaun Cannon
Chief Executive



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KIDS PLUS SIX WORD STORIES

At a planning day during the year, Kids Plus team members created their own six word stories to describe themselves and their role at Kids Plus.

Play and participation.
Empowering and celebrating.

Bec +

Co-creating wellness through playing, singing, connecting.

Jess +

Helping kids put fun into functional.

Phoebe +

Focus on families.
Focus on function.

Sarah F +

Developing potential into participation with passion.

Lou +

Taking passion and making it happen.

Kelsey +

Making it fun, making it meaningful.

Nicole +

Happy, approachable, determined, passionate, family orientated.

Julie-ann +

Creating the play in the everyday.

Lauren +

Passionate, analytical, striving for Success.

Kelly +

Creating Opportunities.
Realising Potential.
Finding Purpose.

Shaun +

Dynamic, vibrant, happy, positive, loyal, creative.

Roxie +

Bright colours.
Bright personality.
Brightening lives.

Catie +

Continuous improvement through strategic support.

Titaina +

Strengthening families.
Building resilience.
Increasing knowledge.

Sarah K +



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MESSAGE FROM OUR FAMILIES

Mia's Story: In September 2013 our delightful little 'Miss Mia' came into the world. During her routine maternal health check-up at 9 months old, we discussed concerns with the Health Nurse that Mia was unable to sit up unassisted.

This is when the whirlwind began, appointments with her GP, Chiropractor, Occupations Therapist, Paediatrician, and Neurologist. No one could give us a definitive answer to why Mia was not able to sit. We were scared of the unknown.

In July 2014 we made our first trip from Colac to KidsPlus in Geelong, little did we know at the time this would become a weekly journey for Mia.

Mia was formally diagnosed with mild cerebral palsy, a dystonic hemiplegia through an MRI just after her first birthday. As parents we had mixed emotions- we were relieved we had an answer, we could now develop a plan and access the appropriate services to support Mia. However, we were still scared for Mia, would she walk? will she be able to talk?

Although scared, at no stage did we feel alone with the support of the KidsPlus therapists. The experience, knowledge, and dedication of the KidsPlus staff is world class. From our very first appointment, the KidsPlus team became part of Mia's family. She looks forward to her weekly 'play' sessions with her Physiotherapist and Occupational therapist.

We will be forever grateful for the dedication, support, empathy, and commitment the entire KidsPlus team has given to Mia and our family over the past two years.

Jemma and Terry Harper



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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

Revenue	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
Events and Sales		170,078	44,653
Funding		541,400	406,587
Gifts and Donation Revenue		616,702	379,475
Other Revenues		7,779	8,139
Services		6,572	8,199
Total Revenue From Operating Activities		1,342,531	847,053
Expenses			
Administration Expenses		-353,257	-300,389
Depreciation Expense		-19,896	-14,791
Marketing and Fundraising Expenses		-54,849	-35,639
Therapy Projects Expense		-520,542	-388,337
Other Expenses From Continuing Operations		-527	-252
Net Result For The Year		393,460	107,645
Income Tax Expense	1a	-	-
Comprehensive result for the Year		393,460	107,645



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BALANCE SHEET FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2	813,972	444,075
Receivables	3	24,105	9,226
Total Current Assets		838,077	453,301
Non-Current Assets			
Plant & Equipment	4	80,694	68,274
Total Non-Current Assets		80,694	68,274
Total Assets		918,771	521,575
Current Liabilities			
Other Payables	5	28,648	24,912
Total Current Liabilities		28,648	24,912
Total Liabilities		28,648	24,912
Net Assets		890,123	496,663
Equity			
Retained Profits		890,123	496,663
Total Equity		890,123	496,663

