

# Kids+

KIDS PLUS FOUNDATION

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### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR AND CEO

The highlight of 2017 was confirmation that Kids Plus had secured the required funding to establish the Kids Plus Centre for Therapy, Research and Training, and in doing so, secure our long-term future. In a year in which we continued to increase the number of our clients and deliver strong therapeutic outcomes for them, the Foundation has had a solid year of achievement along with continuing operational and financial stability.

Funding for our landmark \$3M capital development came via a grant from the Federal Government's Building Better Regions infrastructure program, philanthropic support and community fundraising activities. Significantly, the Kids Plus Centre will be located at Deakin University's Waurin Ponds campus. The collaboration with Deakin is an exciting development for Kids Plus as we seek to deepen our involvement in research, teaching and professional development training. Testimony to Deakin's commitment to community engagement and support, Deakin provided the development site to Kids Plus over 20 years at no cost.

With construction due to start in late 2018, and with an opening date scheduled for early 2020, the Kids Plus Centre will enable us to provide more programs to more families. Since our origins in 2003, Kids Plus has provided valuable support to families across the Greater Geelong region. The Kids Plus Centre will provide us with a long-term home and the opportunity to take a leap forward in our organisational development and the range of programs we provide.

Kids Plus remains fully committed to working with families to understand their needs and help children and young people fulfil their potential. In this regard, Kids Plus remains reliant on our expert team of allied health professionals. We are fortunate to have a passionate and dedicated team and we acknowledge their contribution accordingly. In addition, we acknowledge the widespread support Kids Plus continues to receive from the community, volunteers and our own Board of Directors. Much of what we do is only possible because of their ongoing support and generosity.

The team at Kids Plus loves celebrating success as children and young people learn, grow and develop. We care deeply about improving quality of life. We are proud of our efforts across 2017 and look forward to further empowering families and improving capability and participation in the years ahead.

Bernie Mithen  
Chair

Shaun Cannon  
Chief Executive



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### KIDS PLUS STORIES

#### **Kelsey Jamieson, Senior Occupational Therapist**

I have 18 years experience working as a Paediatric Occupational Therapist, and have now worked at Kids Plus for over 7 years – with two stints on maternity leave thrown in! I love the team at Kids Plus. The therapists and other team members are the most engaged, passionate and skilled team I have ever worked with, and I find it a really inspiring and motivating workplace to be a part of.

As an Occupational Therapist I am particularly interested in maximising a child's functional independence skills, and their ability to participate within home, school and community. I love the holistic nature of Occupational Therapy, the way in which it considers the whole child within the context of their family and environment.

It is a very rewarding job in that we are very privileged to work alongside very determined and motivated children and families who are striving for the very best. We work as a team with the child and the family, to problem solve and to work together towards goals that are important for that child and family. To be part of this journey is a very humbling, challenging and rewarding process.

#### **Owen's story told by his mother Emma Roehrs**

Owen was still in hospital and we could finally see the light at the end of the tunnel that he would be getting discharged soon. We then realised that we were not just bringing home our baby, but that we still had a very long road ahead, with many doctors appointments and follow ups.

As we knew that Owen had suffered a brain injury due to his prematurity and his very poor health at birth, we soon learned the need to get very active with Owen's rehabilitation and early intervention. Owen's paediatrician recommended Kids Plus Foundation and I called and made an appointment to be scheduled in for Owen in the first few weeks of his discharge from hospital.

I know that starting his therapy so quickly has hugely improved his abilities and function. KPF are like family to us. Yes, over the seven years our therapists have changed, but they are all amazing and dedicated to not only just Owen but to the rest of the family.

There have been days that I have had no choice but to bring my older son to Owen's therapy sessions. The KPF therapists have always included Liam in the activities that they were doing with Owen. They have also always ensured my health and wellbeing. It's a scary ride being thrust into the world of having a child with special needs, as a parent you have no choice but to learn quickly. It's overwhelming and at times heart breaking, but I can honestly say that I have always felt kindness, respect and understanding from Owen's entire KPF therapists. I really don't know where we would be without all of the support of Kids Plus Foundation. Thank you just doesn't do it justice to how grateful we are.



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### Albie's story told by his mother Emma Moore

We've been really lucky to have Kids Plus on board pretty early in the piece when Albie was about three months old. We first saw Sarah Foley for our evaluation, and got a referral through Dr Peter Vuillermin at Geelong Paediatric Group. We'd spent four and a half weeks in ICU in Melbourne when Albie was first born and then he came back and we did a week in special care in Geelong while we got his medication under control. At that point we weren't under complex care at the children's hospital as it wasn't apparent then all the other things that were happening.

At that point we were self-managing all the specialists in Melbourne and then Peter was helping us in Geelong. Given Albie already had a couple of surgeries and will have a few more, Peter said, 'Look it probably would make sense to get some allied help on board. I'll send you to Kids Plus Foundation and see what they think'. Sarah did an evaluation on Albie and we've been there ever since.

All the therapists have come to our house to do his speech and physio, which is fabulous. When Sarah first had him he couldn't sit, couldn't roll, couldn't do anything. He's made huge progress in the physical sense. Having those same people involved all the time and that continuity of care really makes a difference. Even just things like being able to come out and see us in the home rather than me load the three kids up and take them. They arrive on the doorstep we do our session and get on with our day.



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#### STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

| Revenue  | Note | 2017<br>\$        | 2016<br>\$       |
|--|------|-------------------|------------------|
| Events and Sales                               |      | 124,881           | 170,078          |
| Funding  |      | 769,329           | 541,400          |
| Gifts and Donation Revenue                     |      | 437,191           | 616,702          |
| Other Revenues                                 |      | 29,496            | 7,779            |
| Services                                       |      | 14,203            | 6,572            |
| Training                                       |      | 37,091            |                  |
| <b>Total Revenue From Operating Activities</b> |      | <b>1,412,191</b>  | <b>1,342,531</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>                                |      |                   |                  |
| Administration Expenses                        |      | -383,667          | -353,257         |
| Depreciation Expense                           |      | -24,981           | -19,896          |
| Marketing and Fundraising Expenses             |      | -55,237           | -54,849          |
| Therapy Projects Expense                       |      | -675,061          | -520,542         |
| Other Expenses From Continuing Operations      |      | -1,009            | -527             |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                          |      | <b>-1,139,955</b> | <b>-949,071</b>  |
| <b>Net Result For The Year</b>                 |      |                   |                  |
| <b>Income Tax Expense</b>                      | 1a   | 272,236           | 393,460          |
| <b>Comprehensive result for the Year</b>       |      | <b>272,236</b>    | <b>393,460</b>   |



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### BALANCE SHEET FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

|                                  | Note | 2017<br>\$       | 2016<br>\$     |
|----------------------------------|------|------------------|----------------|
| <b>Current Assets</b>            |      |                  |                |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents        | 2    | 1,079,583        | 813,972        |
| Receivables                      | 3    | 48,060           | 24,105         |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>      |      | <b>1,127,643</b> | <b>838,077</b> |
| <b>Non-Current Assets</b>        |      |                  |                |
| Plant & Equipment                | 4    | 81,439           | 80,694         |
| <b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>  |      | <b>81,439</b>    | <b>80,694</b>  |
| <b>Total Assets</b>              |      | <b>1,209,082</b> | <b>918,771</b> |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>       |      |                  |                |
| Other Payables                   | 5    | 46,723           | 28,648         |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b> |      | <b>46,723</b>    | <b>28,648</b>  |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>         |      | <b>46,723</b>    | <b>28,648</b>  |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                |      | <b>1,162,359</b> | <b>890,123</b> |
| <b>Equity</b>                    |      |                  |                |
| Retained Profits                 |      | 1,162,359        | 890,123        |
| <b>Total Equity</b>              |      | <b>1,162,359</b> | <b>890,123</b> |

