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ANNUAL REPORT

2015 - 2016

BRIEF OVERVIEW

STRATEGIC PLAN

The new Strategic Plan for Carers WA covers the period 2015-2018 and was developed by the Board, staff and key stakeholders including carers.

Our Vision – An Australia that values and supports carers.

Our Purpose – We work to:

- Improve the health, wellbeing, resilience and financial security of carers.
- Ensure that caring is a shared responsibility of family, community and government.

THANK YOU TO OUR BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Carers WA wishes to acknowledge our voluntary Board of Management for their contribution during 2015/2016.

Helen Charlesworth - Chair	Michael Cahill
Dr Anne Butorac - Vice Chair	Dr Ros Morrow
Diane Kubicki - Treasurer	Bruce Ross – Adams
Jane Irwin	Elizabeth Barnes
Mary Dinneen	Dr Susan King (co-optee)
Clare Masolin	Lydia Gallant (co-optee)

LIST OF KEY FUNDERS

- Department of Local Government and Communities
- Department of Social Services
- Department of Health
- Department of Health WA
- Disability Services Commission
- Home and Community Care Program
- Lotterywest
- Mental Health Commission
- Telethon
- Woodside Energy Ltd



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CHAIR AND CEO'S REPORT

Last year we published our new Strategic Plan 2015-18 and have now completed the first year. Progress against the three year strategic objectives has been significant at both a state and national level. We have made progress in a nation-wide project to enable the Carer Associations around the country to work together more closely. One of the key objectives of this project is to enhance governance and decision making across the network and establish systems that will generate greater cost efficiency and effectiveness in service delivery. The results of this work should be evident during 2017.

At a state level the Association has been working in partnership with the Department of Local Government and Communities (DLGC) and the Carers Advisory Council to develop and publish the inaugural WA Carers Strategy. The published Strategy has a foreword by The Hon. Tony Simpson MLA and provides a blueprint for DLGC to develop an implementation plan to address the priorities outlined in the document. The Strategy outlines a vision whereby carers in WA are recognised and valued within the wider community and by service providers in the health and disability sectors. The vision also seeks outcomes whereby carers have access to appropriate services and supports to balance their family responsibilities while maintaining their own wellbeing and life outside of caring.

In addition to providing input to the WA Carer Strategy we have also undertaken a range of policy and advocacy work with state and federal agencies. The objective of this activity is to promote systemic change for the benefit of carers. As ever, this work has been wide ranging and includes consultations and submissions to the Department of Health WA, the Mental Health Commission, the Disability Services Commission and federal agencies including the Department of Social Services. Our policy contributions range from specific topics, such as hospital parking, to broader system developments including the ongoing National Disability Insurance Scheme trials in WA.

Although most not for profit agencies are working within a tight fiscal environment we have had a few successes in the area of service development. Carers WA developed a Carer Peer Volunteer service delivery model and

training package. The resources developed are aimed at service providers to assist with the implementation of a model which links volunteers who have lived experience of being a carer with carers who would benefit from peer support. In addition to this project Lotterywest has provided funding to trial an initiative to develop carer support networks to enable carers to maintain employment. The project aims to test and develop processes which provide the carer with the comfort of knowing that, during work hours, systems are in place (technological and human) to ensure the safety of the person they care for. We are working with our new partner, Technology Assisting Disability WA, in this exciting project.

Another element of our Strategic Plan 2015-18 focuses on developing services to enhance accessibility for specific target groups who often find it difficult to access services appropriate to their needs. To achieve this aim we have increased our focus on the Aboriginal community guided by our Reconciliation Action Plan and have significantly increased the number of Aboriginal carers who access our services. We continue to enhance our work with carers from diverse backgrounds including cultural, religious, and sexuality.

Our success in 2015/16 is attributable to the hard work and commitment of our volunteers, staff and Board who we would like to acknowledge and thank. We are looking forward to continuing this united effort in the coming year to realise our vision of an Australia that values and supports carers.

FINANCIALS

The financial statements show a declared surplus for 2015/16 of \$93,129. The overall financial position remains stable and within the parameters that would be expected of a not for profit NGO and the balance sheet and cash position is sound. As ever the long term financial viability is dependent upon continued government funding both at state and federal level. A clear audit certificate for the 2015/16 accounts has been provided by our external auditors.



Helen Charlesworth
Chair of Carers WA Board



Paul Coates
CEO Carers WA

HIGHLIGHTS

WA CARERS STRATEGY

The Department of Local Government and Communities launched the first WA Carers Strategy in April 2016. Developed in partnership with Carers WA and the Carers Advisory Council, the state-wide strategy guides the Western Australian community on how to better support and recognise carers.

CHANGING THE SYSTEM

Carers WA engages in a significant body of work seeking positive changes for carers in the bureaucracy, programs and systems that affect their lives. Much of this work goes unnoticed by the general public unless it receives media attention. Please refer to page 6 for examples of our key advocacy work.

YOUNG PEOPLE WHO CARE AWARDS

The Young People Who Care Awards and Scholarship Program acknowledges, rewards and supports the outstanding contributions of young, compassionate people, between the ages of 8 and 18, who are providing voluntary care. Jointly presented by Carers WA and Woodside, the Awards are hosted by the Government of Western Australia.

YOUNG CARER CAMPS

The Carers WA Young Carer Program hosted 3 young carer camps in 2015-16.

- Eco Adventure Camp (Bolgart): held in October 2015 for young carers aged 13 – 17 years. Funded by Telethon.
- Wild Southwest Camp (Busselton): held in April 2016 for young carers aged 13 – 17 years. Funded by Telethon.
- Building Strengths Camp (Hillarys): held in May 2016 for young carers aged 8 – 12 years. Funded by the Disability Services Commission.



EXPANSION OF CARERS WA FACEBOOK PAGES

Carers WA now has a strong presence on Facebook as an organisation with almost 2,000 people “liking” and visiting the page. We also have a dedicated Young Carer Facebook page, offering young carers the opportunity to link together. This provides a further medium for raising awareness of carer issues, as well as publicising events being run to support families.

CARERS WEEK

A range of events were conducted across the state to celebrate the annual National Carers Week, held in the third week of October every year. Carers Week 2015 was launched with a Carers Gala Ball, held at the Novotel Perth Langley and attracting a range of high profile sponsors, including the Department of Local Government and Communities, Department of Health WA and Mental Health Commission. Lotterywest supported the provision of Carers Week Activity Grants, along with a Family Fun Day & Expo in Joondalup.

YOUNG CARER ADVISORY GROUP

A Young Carer Advisory Group was formed to assist with identifying and supporting young carers across WA. The group provided valuable feedback as part of the Department of Local Government and Communities WA Carers Strategy, identified gaps in service delivery in relation to young people, and assisted in the development of ideas and concept papers aimed at closing the gaps.

CARER PEER VOLUNTEER PROJECT

Carers WA were successful in obtaining a grant from the Department of Social Services to develop a Carer Peer Volunteer service delivery model and training package. Two documents were developed, ‘Guidelines for Planning and Operating a Carer Peer Volunteer Program’ and the ‘Carer Peer Volunteer Training Workbook’.

OUR SERVICES

SYSTEMIC ADVOCACY AND POLICY

As the peak organisation representing the interests of carers in Western Australia, Carers WA works to increase the recognition of carers and to improve the availability and quality of services and supports that carers require. Systemic Advocacy is therefore a central role of the Association and a wide range of systemic advocacy work is undertaken each year.

During 2015-16 Carers WA were involved in the design of two significant initiatives and changes to the carer service landscape in Australia. These were:

- WA Carers Strategy
- New Integrated Carer Support Service – draft Service Concept.

Additional examples of where Carers WA provided comment and information to government and other agencies are:

- Department of Health WA – Consent to Treatment Policy, WA Framework for Persistent Pain: 2016-2021, Principles for Home and Community Care (HACC) Service Provision in WA.
- National Health - 2nd version of the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards, Better Outcomes for People with Chronic and Complex Health Conditions through Primary Health Care, National Strategic Framework for Chronic Conditions.
- Mental Health – Child and Adolescent Mental Health: Shared Care Guidelines, Carer Information Booklet, Mental Health Act 2014 - Draft Handbook.
- Disability – National Audit of the National Disability Insurance Agency, Disability Health Core Capabilities Resource, Care Coordination for People with a Disability Report, Hospital Stay Guidelines for Hospitals and Disability Service Organisations.



- Social Services – Systemic issues raised with Public Trustee and Office of the Public Advocate, Department of Human Services Community Consultative Forum.
- Aged Care – Aged care issues paper outlining a range of systemic issues circulated throughout the sector.

Funded by the Home and Community Care Program, Mental Health Commission and Department of Health WA

COUNSELLING

Counselling services are provided through individual face to face sessions, workshops, support groups, email, skype and telephone. Carers WA has 5 metropolitan offices staffed one day per fortnight to improve accessibility for carers. There are also 9 contracts with regional counsellors providing face to face sessions with carers in their own community.

Funded by the Department of Local Government and Communities and Department of Social Services

CARER WELLNESS AT HOME PROGRAM

This program operates across the metropolitan area, through referrals made via the Regional Assessment Service. Carers are evaluated within the home environment and a range of supports are provided. Supports can include individual advocacy, in-home counselling, education, administrative support, and referral to other services. The focus of the program is to improve the health and wellbeing of the carer with a key objective to reduce social isolation. This program works in partnership with a number of service providers and educational institutions.

Funded by the Home and Community Care Program

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Workshops are provided free to carers and service providers state-wide. The carer education sessions feature a series of four workshops. This financial year new specific education and training workshops were held including manual tasks and legal issues. In addition, young carers and their parents/guardians were offered numerous workshops with a focus on improving resilience.

Funded by the Home and Community Care Program and Disability Services Commission

CARER REPRESENTATION PROGRAM

The Carer Representation Program supports carers to provide Carer Representation from both their own experience but also that of the wider carer community voice within the WA Public Health and Mental Health Sectors. Representatives have input into service/policy development, planning and evaluation.

The program provides professional development, sector updates and links Representatives to a supportive peer network. The Program also assists committees and other groups who are seeking to recruit Carer Representatives by advertising vacancies and matching carers with lived experience relevant to the committee or group.

Funded by the Department of Health WA and Mental Health Commission

SOCIAL AND PEER SUPPORT

This program is designed to link carers with others who have similar lived experience and understand the challenges of the caring role. The program aims to decrease social isolation, provide opportunities to participate in respite activities, and is a gateway to access appropriate information to assist them in their caring role.

A range of social support activities are provided across metro and regional areas, including social support groups, movie events, short breaks for carers grants, and free to low cost wellness options.

Funded by the Department of Local Government and Communities and Home and Community Care Program

CARER RESPITE

The Anne Bluntish Retreat in South Perth is a two bedroom apartment (with panoramic views of Perth City and the Swan River). This is a highly subsidised, low cost respite accommodation option for carers to use which is kindly donated by Ms Bluntish.

Funded by Anne Bluntish and fees

PREPARE TO CARE PROGRAM

A hospital based program offering education to health staff regarding the Carers Recognition Act 2004, Carers WA services and the benefits of carer engagement. There is also provision of resources for health staff to provide to carers, including the 'Prepare to Care Booklet' to assist carers to navigate the hospital stay when the person they care for is admitted, plus specialty information related to different caring situations. The resources link the carer and the person they care for to supports both during admission and following discharge.

Funded by the Home and Community Care Program

CARER ADVISORY SERVICE

The Carer Advisory Service provides specialist information and support to assist carers to navigate a range of services that will help them in their caring role, including the provision of guided referrals where required. The Advisory team also coordinate specialist information sessions for carers, in partnership with other support services across WA.

Funded by the Department of Social Services



INDIVIDUAL CARER ADVOCACY

This service provides support in the community for carers with complex caring roles who may also be in crisis. The program assists carers to identify key issues and to build advocacy skills to achieve resolution where possible. This service also links carers into other supports (such as counselling) to assist them during the advocacy process. Referrals are made internally following carers being assessed by the Carers WA Advisory Service.

Funded by the Mental Health Commission and Department of Social Services

YOUNG CARERS

The Carers WA Young Carer Program offers a range of services including information and advice, networking, school holiday activities and camps that support carers aged 8 to 25 years.

Funded by the Department of Social Services, Disability Services Commission and Telethon

BETTER START PROGRAM

Carers WA provide a registration service for children who meet the criteria for Better Start funding. Parents are also able to attend a workshop which provides them with information on NDIS, WA NDIS, choosing schools, and funding available once their child exits the program.

Funded by the Department of Social Services



PARTNERS IN RECOVERY - CARER REPRESENTATION

Carers WA provide Peak Body and Carer Representation to the Partners in Recovery Organisations in the Lower South West and Bentley/Armadale Regions.

Funded by Community First International (Formerly funded by South West WA Medicare Local) and Richmond Wellbeing.

NDIS TARGETED AND CUSTOMISED INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH PSYCHOSOCIAL DISABILITY AND THEIR FAMILY/CARERS

This project provided information sessions specific to people with Psychosocial Disability and their family/carers regarding eligibility for the NDIA NDIS and WA NDIS My Way Trial Sites, what the Scheme includes and how to apply.

This project was delivered in partnership with Consumers of Mental Health WA (CoMHWA), Helping Minds and Richmond Wellbeing.

Funded by National Disability Insurance Agency and Disability Services Commission WA, this project was completed in June 2016

WA NDIS MY WAY CONSUMER AND CARER NETWORK FOR PEOPLE WITH PSYCHOSOCIAL DISABILITY AND THEIR FAMILY/CARERS

This project provided a supportive Peer Network for participants in the NDIS My Way trial sites in the Lower South West and Cockburn/Kwinana areas of WA.

The project was delivered in partnership with Consumers of Mental Health WA (CoMHWA) and Helping Minds.

Funded by Disability Services Commission WA, this project was completed in June 2016

OUR PERFORMANCE IN 2015/2016

Counselling		Carer Representation	
Counselling minutes	314,610	Number of carer representatives	71
Sessions	2,878	Number of committees with a carer representative	45
Workshop attendees	338		
Carer Wellness at Home Program		Marketing and Communications	
Referrals	210	Newsletters and e-bulletins distributed	126,000
Hospital Program		Facebook likes (Carers WA)	1,981
Resource packs to carers	10,270	Facebook likes (Young Carer)	879
Hospital staff contacts	1,945	Website sessions (Carers WA)	41,174
Carer Advisory		Website sessions (Young Carer)	6,346
Total issues recorded	141		
Service Provider contacts	422	Volunteers	
Carer contacts	3,693	Volunteer hours	2,175
Individual Advocacy			
Number of carers referred	37	Better Start Program	
Number of cases closed	32	Registrations	173
Policy and Systemic Advocacy			
Number of submissions	58	Young Carer Program	
Education and Training		Events and camps	29
Workshops	27	Attendees	674
Attendees	399		
Social and Peer Support			
Events	598		
Attendees	5,738		

FINANCIAL, IN KIND AND ORGANISATION SUPPORT

As always we extend a special thank you to our supporters who through their generosity have allowed us to extend many of our programs and conduct extra special events throughout 2015/2016.

- 3 Geeks Digital Agency
- Aboriginal Alcohol and Drug Service
- ACTIV Foundation Inc
- Advertisers in Carers Quarterly Newsletter
- Advocare Inc
- Aged & Community Services WA
- Albany Community Care Centre (WA)
- Albany Community Hospice
- Anne Bluntish
- Armadale Home Help Service
- Augusta MPS
- Australian Buddhist Bliss
- Australian Professional Skills Institute
- Autism Association of WA
- Baldock (Bruce & Jenny)
- Baptistcare
- Bay of Isles Community Outreach
- Bentley-Armadale Medicare Local
- Bethanie Group
- Bloom Café
- Botanical Café
- Breastcare
- Brightwater Care Group
- Bunbury Community Home Care
- Bunnings
- Busselton Family Centre
- Cancer Council Bunbury
- Canning River Educational Centre
- Capel/Dardenup HACC
- Carnarvon Family Support Service
- Carvers
- CATA Group
- Chatters Midland
- City of Albany
- City of Bayswater
- City of Canning
- City of Cockburn
- City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
- City of Rockingham
- City of Subiaco
- City of Swan Community Care Services
- City of Wanneroo
- Clan WA Inc
- Cleandustrial Services
- Collie Day Care Inc
- Commonwealth Respite & Carelink Centres
- Community Home Care
- Connect Groups
- Consumers of Mental Health WA
- Creative Expressionismms
- Crown Casino
- Continence Advisory Service
- De Grassa Angels
- Developmental Disability Council of WA
- Down Syndrome Association
- East Pilbara Independence Support
- Empowering People in Communities
- Enable South West Inc
- Escare
- Esperance Home Care
- Essence Cafe
- Family Support WA
- Flex Health Service
- Fremantle Women's Health Centre Inc
- Friendlies Chemists
- Future Living Trust
- Gelare Applecross
- Gloucester Park
- Goldfields Individual & Family Support Association
- Good Guys Osborne Park
- Gosnells Community Support Service
- Government of Western Australia
- GRAI
- Grand Cinema
- Greenwood Yoga Academy
- Hair by Jooj
- Health Consumers Council
- Heartkids
- Helping Minds

- Hoyts Cinemas
- Identity WA
- Indelible Imprint
- Independent Living Centre
- Individual Donors
- Injury Control Council of WA Inc
- Ishar Multicultural Services
- Italo-Australian Welfare & Cultural Centre Inc
- Jack Healey Centre
- Kalamunda Shire
- Kalbarri Beach Resort
- Kids Are Kids! Therapy and Education Centre Inc
- Kimberley Aged & Community Services
- Kimberley Individual Family Support Association
- Kings Inn, Belmont
- Lamp Inc
- Life Without Barriers
- Looma HACC Service
- Mandurah Mobility
- Masonmill Family Restaurant
- Melting Pot
- Melville Cares
- Mental Health Law Centre
- Mental Illness Fellowship of WA
- Mercy Care
- Midland Womens Health Care Place
- Midwest Community Living Association
- Morrissey Homestead
- Motor Neurone Disease Association of WA Inc
- Mount Lawley Golf Club
- MS Society
- Multicultural Services Centre WA
- Muscular Dystrophy Association WA
- My Place
- Nicholsons Bar & Bistro
- North Metro Child Health Services
- Northam Library
- Northcliffe Family and Community Centre
- OKRA Lexia
- Older Adult Mental Health Unit
- One2One
- Palliative Care WA Inc
- Panorama Health Network
- Partners of Veterans Association
- Pathways Southwest Inc
- Perth Asian Community Centre
- Pink Duck Rockingham
- Pronk (John & Di)
- Pulmonary Hypertension WA
- Red Cross

The Board and staff would like to acknowledge the contribution Anne Bluntish has made in supporting and enhancing the life of carers through the provision of subsidised respite accommodation. Her unit, the Anne Bluntish Retreat, provides carers with an outstanding location overlooking the Swan River and the Perth City skyline. In an act of amazing generosity Anne has donated the unit to Carers WA, thereby providing a legacy for carers well into the future. A heartfelt thanks to Anne from the Board and Staff at Carers WA.

- Richmond Wellbeing
- Rockingham and Districts Alzheimers Inc
- Rockingham Village Chinese
- Roseworth Child & Parent Centre
- Royal Agricultural Society
- SECCA
- Share & Care Northam
- Shire of Kalamunda
- Solaris Care Foundation
- Source Food (Mt Lawley)
- South West Rural Respite Services
- Southcare
- Southern Cross Care
- Southern Districts Support Association
- St Basil's Aged Care Services
- St Ives North Shore
- Sudbury House
- Surgical House
- Technology Assisting Disability WA (TADWA)
- The Ability Centre
- The Western Australian Deaf Society
- The West Australian Newspaper Group
- Tomato Lake Café
- Tutti Fruitti Claremont
- Tyrepower
- Ultratune
- Umbrella Multicultural Community Care Services Inc
- Uniting Church Homes
- University of Western Australia
- WA Association for Mental Health
- WA Country Health Service
- West Australian Ballet
- West Australian Symphony Orchestra
- West Coast Institute
- Wongan Community Care
- Workpower
- Yorganop Association Inc
- Zamia's Kings Park

VOLUNTEERING

During the year Carers WA volunteers have contributed a total of 2,175 hours. This equates (according to the national benchmark value of \$27.45 an hour) to a dollar value of \$59,703.75. The work of the office volunteers ranges from administrative support, including the preparation and distribution of information packs to carers, and a range of other mailouts that advertise our services or upcoming events. Volunteers provide a huge amount of support at our Linking Together, Young Carer and Education and Training events.

LIST OF VOLUNTEERS

- Aloma Knuckey
- Angela Hobson
- Anjali Abbott
- Bethany Good
- Bharati Mahatekar
- Bill Coates
- Bruce Finkelstein
- Carol-Lee Dutton
- Carolyn Buchanan
- Christine Bazen
- Eileen McLaughlin
- Gail Colmer
- Genny Budas
- Glenys & Paul Hopkin
- Jacob Soden
- Jane Churchill
- Jenny Steer
- John Gardyne
- Kate Stephens
- Kathleen McNally
- Lesley Kaiser
- Loc Nguyen
- Margaret Hatfull
- Mary Stedman
- Muriel Barron
- Nancy Stephens
- Norman Westacott
- Olivia Di Florio
- Pam Soh
- Patricia Rice
- Rex Waddell
- Sam & Claudia Madaffari
- Sarina Cinquegrana
- Sharyne De Young
- Steve Arnott
- Theresa Sutton
- Tracey Cole



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CARERS ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT

Your Board Members submit the financial report of the Carers Association of Western Australia Inc., for the financial year ended 30 June 2016.

BOARD MEMBERS

The names of board members serving during the year are:

H Charlesworth
Dr A Butorac
D Kubicki
J Irwin (resigned Feb 2016)
M Dinneen
C Masolin
M Cahill (resigned Oct 2015)
Dr R Morrow
B Ross – Adams
E Barnes (commenced Oct 2015)
Dr S King (co-op commenced Oct 2015)
L Gallant (commenced Oct 2015)

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The purpose of the Carers Association of Western Australia Inc. is to actively enhance the quality of life of carers in Western Australia.



SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

OPERATING RESULT

The profit from ordinary activities amounted to \$93,129.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Board

 H Charlesworth
 D Kubicki

Dated this 27th day of September 2016

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

In the opinion of the board of management the financial report as set out on pages 4 to 13:

- 1 Presents fairly the financial position of Carers Association of Western Australia Inc. as at 30 June 2016 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with accounting policies set out at note 1 of the Financial Statements.
- 2 At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Carers Association of Western Australia Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:


Chair H Charlesworth


Treasurer D Kubicki

Dated this 27th day of September 2016



**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE CARERS ASSOCIATION OF WA INC.
AS AT 30 JUNE 2016**

Report on the financial report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of the Carers Association of WA Incorporated, comprising the balance sheet as at 30 June 2016, and the income statement, cash flow statement for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement by the members of the Board of the Carers Association of WA Incorporated.

Management's responsibility for the financial report

The management of the Carers Association of WA Incorporated is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The management's responsibility also includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the association's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Board, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Board's financial reporting under the constitution. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

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THE CARERS ASSOCIATION OF WA INCORPORATED

Independent Audit Report to Members 30 June 2016

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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 Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Carers Association of WA Incorporated as of 30 June 2016 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

2020 Global Pty Ltd

**Bruce Donald
Director**

Dated this 28th day of September 2016

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INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

	NOTE	2016 \$	2015 \$
CLASSIFICATION OF EXPENSES BY NATURE			
Revenues	2	4,617,805	4,378,853
Employee expenses		(3,033,782)	(2,929,462)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(137,674)	(132,846)
Other expenses		(1,353,220)	(1,274,155)
Profit before income tax expense	3	93,129	42,390
Income tax expense relating to ordinary activities	1c	-	-
Net profit after income tax expense attributable to the association		93,129	42,390

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.

CASHFLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

	NOTE	2016 \$	2015 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from members		12,700	6,850
Operating grant receipts		4,031,292	3,936,412
Donations received		25,446	30,099
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(4,351,340)	(4,072,732)
Interest received		72,350	57,831
Other Income		254,761	260,623
Net Cash provided by operating activities	14b	45,209	219,083
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets		-	32,727
Purchase of Property, Plant & Equipment		(9,198)	(72,500)
Net cash used in investing activities		(9,198)	(39,773)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		36,011	179,310
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		2,405,779	2,226,469
Cash at the end of the financial year	14a	2,441,790	2,405,779

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2016

	NOTE	2016 \$	2015 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	2,441,790	2,405,779
Trade and other receivables	5	11,347	58,149
Other current assets	6	85,007	8,965
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		2,538,144	2,472,893
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant & equipment	7	551,910	641,261
Intangible assets	8	320,503	359,628
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		872,413	1,000,889
TOTAL ASSETS		3,410,557	3,473,782
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	9	216,688	365,151
Provisions	10	473,707	442,473
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		690,395	807,624
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Deferred Income	11	320,503	359,628
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		320,503	359,628
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,010,898	1,167,252
NET ASSETS		2,399,659	2,306,530
EQUITY			
Retained profits	12a	2,399,659	2,306,530
TOTAL EQUITY		2,399,659	2,306,530

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report that has been prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Carer's Association of Western Australia Inc. Constitution.

The committee determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Carer's Constitution and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

- AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements
- AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows
- AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
- AASB 110 Events after the Reporting Period
- AASB 1031 Materiality

No other Australian Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements on the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report covers Carers Association of Western Australia Inc. as an individual entity. Carers Association of Western Australia Inc. is an association incorporated in Western Australia under the Association Incorporation Act 2015.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values, or except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Association in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

a. Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment are carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis. The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the Association to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from those assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows which will be received from the assets' employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have not been discounted to present values in determining recoverable amounts.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over the useful lives of the assets to the Association commencing with the time the asset is held ready for use.

b. Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the Association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits expected to be settled within one year together with benefits arising from wages and salaries, annual leave

and sick leave which will be settled after one year, have been measured at their nominal amount. Other 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.

The Association is not required to make a provision for non-vesting sick leave in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 119 "Employee Benefits".

However, as this is a special purpose financial report, which the committee believes that the sick leave is a current liability to its employees, and facilitates the relevance and reliability of the financial report to granting bodies, the Association has resolved to raise this provision. The financial effect of this provision has been an increase in expenses for the year of \$5,135 (2015 increase \$1,479) and an increase in current liability at year end of \$5,135 (2015 increase \$1,479).

Contributions are made by the Association to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.

c. Income Tax

The income of Carers Association of Western Australia Inc. is exempt from income tax pursuant to Subdivision 50-5 Item 1.1-charitable institution of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

d. Cash

For purposes of the Cash Flow Statement, cash includes cash on hand, at bank and on deposit.

e. Revenue

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

f. Right to Occupancy/Deferred Income

Monies received from the government were used to acquire a share in a building in which ownership does not transfer until the end of a 20 year period. The Association is entitled during this 20 year period, to occupy the building, rent free. At the end of this period the building will revert in ownership (Tenants in Common with Helping Minds) to the Association. The Association has recognised this rent free period of 20 years as a right to occupancy/deferred income which will be amortised over the 20 year period. (see notes 8 and 11).

g. Lease

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 recognising 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. Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are recognised as expenses on a straight-line basis over the lease term. The Association has entered into operating leases for motor vehicles (refer to note 13).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
NOTE 2: REVENUE		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Member subscriptions	12,700	6,850
Operating grants	4,212,090	3,984,325
Donations	25,446	30,099
Other	251,095	260,623
	<u>4,501,331</u>	<u>4,281,897</u>
NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Capital revenue	39,125	39,125
Interest received	77,349	57,831
	<u>116,474</u>	<u>96,956</u>
Total Revenue	<u>4,617,805</u>	<u>4,378,853</u>

NOTE 3: PROFIT

Profit has been determined after:

a. Income		
Capital Revenue (refer note 8)	39,125	39,125
b. Expenses		
Depreciation of plant and equipment	98,550	93,721
Amortisation of property right to occupancy (182 Lord St)	39,125	39,125
Remuneration of Auditor audit or review services	10,080	7,770
Rental expense	-	-
Loss on disposal of property, plant & equipment	-	-
Profit on disposal of property plant and equipment	-	1,348

NOTE 4: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash on hand	2,400	2,578
Cash at bank	853,080	869,216
Cash on deposit	1,586,310	1,533,985
	<u>2,441,790</u>	<u>2,405,779</u>

NOTE 5: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Sundry debtors	<u>11,347</u>	<u>58,149</u>
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NOTE 6: OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

Prepayments	<u>85,007</u>	<u>8,965</u>
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	2016	2015
	\$	\$
NOTE 7: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Leasehold improvements - at cost	949,013	949,013
Less accumulated depreciation	(474,171)	(417,337)
Office equipment - at cost	465,661	456,462
Less accumulated depreciation	(444,924)	(417,709)
Motor Vehicles - at cost	72,500	72,500
Less accumulated depreciation	(16,168)	(1,668)
	<u>551,910</u>	<u>641,261</u>

a. Movements in carrying amounts

Movements in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year

	Leasehold Improvements	Office Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at the beginning of the year	531,676	38,753	70,832	641,261
Additions	-	9,198	-	9,198
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Profit on disposals	-	-	-	-
Adjustments	-	-	-	-
Depreciation/Amortisation expense	(56,834)	(27,215)	(14,501)	(98,550)
Carrying amount at end of year	<u>474,842</u>	<u>20,736</u>	<u>56,331</u>	<u>551,910</u>

NOTE 8: INTANGIBLES

Right to Occupancy	782,500	782,500
Less accumulated amortisation	(461,997)	(422,872)
	<u>320,503</u>	<u>359,628</u>

a. Movements in carrying amounts

Movements in the carrying amounts for each class of intangibles between the beginning and the end of the current financial year

Balance at beginning of year	359,628	398,753
Additions	-	-
Amortisation expenses	(39,125)	((39,125)
Carrying amount at end of year	<u>320,503</u>	<u>359,628</u>

NOTE 9: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

CURRENT		
Trade creditors and accruals	154,184	125,515
Grants received in advance	62,504	239,636
	<u>216,688</u>	<u>365,151</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
NOTE 10: PROVISIONS		
CURRENT		
Provision for annual leave	251,129	261,291
Provision for personal leave	30,787	25,652
Provision for long service leave	191,791	155,530
	<u>473,707</u>	<u>442,473</u>

Number of employees at year end	40	41
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NOTE 11: DEFERRED INCOME

Deferred income	320,503	359,628
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NOTE 12: RETAINED PROFITS

a. Retained Profits		
Retained profits at the beginning of the financial year	2,306,530	2,264,140
Net profit attributable to the Association	93,129	42,390
Retained profits at the end of the financial year	<u>2,399,659</u>	<u>2,306,530</u>

NOTE 13: COMMITMENTS

Operating lease commitments for minimum lease payments (Inclusive of GST) are payable as follows:		
Within 1 year	39,500	50,376
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	31,495	37,125
Later than 5 years	-	-
	<u>70,845</u>	<u>87,501</u>

The motor vehicle leases are non-cancellable operating leases with terms of between two and three years, with rent payable monthly in advance.



	2016	2015
	\$	\$
NOTE 14: CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
a. Reconciliation of cash		
Cash on hand	2,400	2,578
Cash at bank	853,080	869,216
Cash on deposit	1,586,310	1,533,985
	<u>2,441,790</u>	<u>2,405,779</u>

b. Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to profit		
Profit	93,129	42,390
Non-cash flows in profit:		
Depreciation	98,550	93,721
Asset adjustment	-	339
Amortisation	39,125	39,125
Deferred grant income	(39,125)	(39,125)
Loss/(Profit) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	(1,348)
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase)/Decrease in receivables and prepayments	(29,240)	35,163
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors, accruals and grants in advance	(148,464)	49,921
Increase/(Decrease) in provisions	31,234	69,223
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>45,209</u>	<u>219,083</u>

- c. The Association has no credit stand-by or financing facilities in place.
- d. There were no non-cash financing or investing activities during the period.

NOTE 15: EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD

In June 2016, Carers WA was advised by the legal representatives of a donor of their wish to effect a gift of property to Carers WA. The deed of gift was dated 9 June 2016, however the title transfer was not completed until 24 August 2016. Although the gift was known before the end of the reporting period, there was some uncertainty as to whether it would proceed. Therefore no provision has been made for this gift in the income statement or balance sheet of Carers WA as at June 30 2016. The estimated value of the property is approximately \$650,000, based upon the Duties Valuation issued by the WA Department of Treasury and Finance. If this transaction was recognised in the current reporting period, it would have resulted in additional income and surplus of approximately \$650,000 for the year ended 30 June 2016 and additional net assets of \$650,000 as at 30 June 2016.

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