



Safe, Valued, Heard and Respected

Alice Springs Youth Accommodation & Support Services

A Place of Respect, Safety, Caring & Wellbeing

Annual Report 2017/18





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Alice Springs Youth Accommodation and Support Services (ASYASS)

ASYASS is a non-profit, community focused organisation that has offered assistance to young people in Central Australia for over twenty-eight years.

ASYASS staff work in partnership with a wide range of local organisations and individuals to deliver a number of programs and services that assist young people and the community.

Vision

The human, social and economic rights of all young people are promoted and respected within the community.

Mission

To create a community where young people are treated equitably and have appropriate access to goods and services that will allow them to live safely and comfortably as valued and respected members of our society.

Values

We value a way that will increase the sense of belonging and connectedness to community.

We value and respect the people we work with.

We are flexible in our response to people's needs.

We believe that people have the power to change their situations.

We respect people's differences.

We view people in the context of their situation, their environment and their communities.

The ASYASS Team Board of Management and Head Office Staff

Head Office

Janet Wright

Chief Executive Officer

Tania Warren

Senior Program Manager

Karen Smith

Finance Manager

Lizzinna Ford

Accounts Officer

Michelle Lechleitner

Housing Officer

Iwi Williams

Reception



Board of Management

The Board of Management is made up of committed voluntary members who have generously given their time, knowledge and experience throughout the year.

Adrian Scholtes

Chair Person/ Public Officer

Katherine Broadbent

Secretary

Nicholas Simmons

Treasurer

Ashlea Begg

Ordinary Member

Margo MacGregor

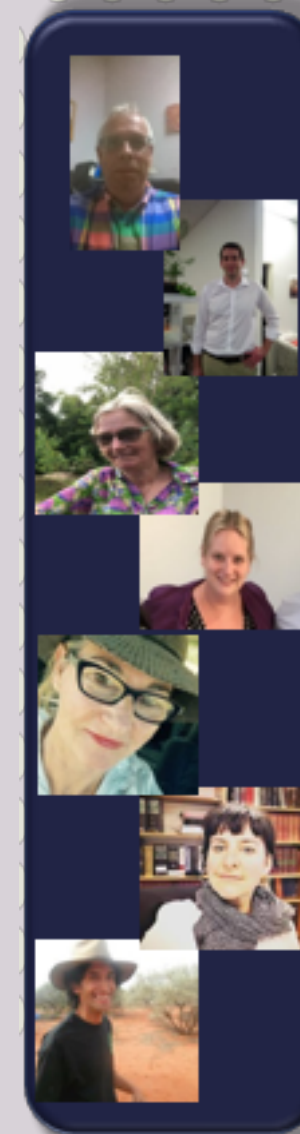
Ordinary Member

Fiona Wearing-Smith

Ordinary Member

Nirajan Dharel

Ordinary Member



Message from the Chair

Better Futures for Young People

Reflection on 2017/18 From Adrian Scholtes, Chair



The past 12 months have been a very busy one for ASYASS with some major changes occurring within the agency around process and programs. The organisation has been well lead by Janet, Tania and the Board. It has been a typical year for the BOM with some people leaving and it has been good to recruit and welcome new members.

It has been gratifying to see the development and release of good Policy and Procedures and the huge improvements in our financial reporting and procedures. Despite some added significant expenditure in regard to upgrading of the IT and phone systems and much of our vehicles we remain in a relatively healthy financial position.

The other program areas continue to provide needed services to young people experiencing homelessness and it was excellent to hear the number of babies brought safely into the world for a number of young women at Ampe Akweke.

I would like to thank Janet and the entire ASYASS team for their work this year in bringing about the changes that have produced a solid framework for the organisation to consolidate and grow the range of programs available to young people requesting services and support.

Adrian Scholtes - Chair

ASYASS

Message from the CEO

Hello from the CEO: Janet Wright



It has been an amazing year! I would like to Thank the Team and all of our collaborating partners, without whom we would not be able to provide important services to young people.

This year we tackled a number of building issues and capital replacements of vehicles, the IT system centralization and extra security measures. We completely repainted and upgraded the interiors of all of our housing and shelters making it a warm and inviting space for young people in crisis.

Unfortunately, once again this year we have seen a marked rise in homelessness and access by young people under 14 is on an alarming increase, the other concerning factor is lack of food security and young people going hungry. To address this, we have joined a working group which is creating a plan to improve food availability, and we have also increased the number and healthy content of meals served at the shelters.

With each adversity, we as an organization and a community come together with innovative and collaborative ideas to improve the lives of young people and I couldn't be prouder of the ASYASS Team and the Young people who enter in adversity, and exit with confidence and self-determination.

Integrated Service Delivery

Entry into service



Evaluation and Assessment
Emergency Accommodation
Emergency Support
Emergency Relief
Legal Assistance & Support-
ed Accommodation
Young Mothers Programs
Drop-in Centre; After School
and Holiday Programs

Specialist Youth Homelessness Support Services

Case Management
Life Skills Training
Outreach Services
Training
Education Assistance
Parenting Skills Training
Computer and internet access
to Centrelink

Transitional Accommodation

Property Management
Repairs and Maintenance
Property Inspections
Tenancy Management
Rent Management
Bond
Sign up and exit from service

Sustaining Tenancies
Tenancy Education
Tenancy Reviews
Transition to Community
Housing, Reintegration of family
Private Rental

Crisis Refuge

Emergency Homelessness Support for young people.
- Ages 11 to 17



Undoolya Rd. Resource Centre & Brown St. Drop-in

Safe, respectful space where kids can be kids in a supportive environment.



Ampe Akweke (Mothers and Babies Place)

A safe, nurturing environment for pregnant young women, from pre-birth, birthing support, and post birth.
- Ages 12 to 24



On Track

Support for transitioning to independent living

Housing Support and Tenancy Program

- Life Skills
- Budgeting
- Centrelink Support
- Maintaining a Tenancy Support



Parke Lodge Young Women's Justice Shelter & Marle Lodge



For young women, aged 12 to 18, who need ongoing support through the Justice system.

Programs and Services Delivered by ASYASS

For more information go to www.asyass.org.au



Our Ampe Akweke Team:

Nikki Totani - Team Leader
Michelle Sparks - Case Worker
Kathryn Campbell - RSW
Keiana Palupe - RSW
Michelle Kukla - RSW

Ampe Akweke has had an exciting year we started the year with a makeover in the house and introduced bright vibrant colours into the bedrooms and common areas. Now making it a warm and inviting space.

We had a landscape gardener from Sydney volunteer his time to do a complete garden renovation that has totally transformed our back yard. And our clients now really use this space.

We said goodbye to Jasmine and have welcomed Mel to our team.

We had the great pleasure of celebrating Michelle Kukla's Young achievers award for health and wellbeing in Darwin. Both Michelles have signed up for study with Apprenticeship's Australia, and will be starting very soon.

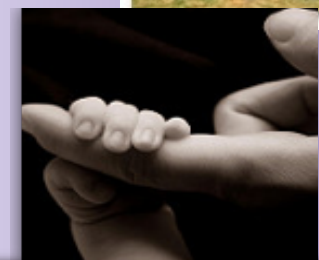
We have had the opportunity to do group training, workshops, and training days. Totalling 10-15 training sessions for our staff.

We have had a consistent amount of clients throughout the year and have been blessed with many babies.

We have three young mums currently enrolled in school and are doing classes with a teacher at Ampe Akweke.

We have been thankful that we have been able to maintain consistent staff over the years as this makes it easier for clients as they know who to expect is working on each day.

Focus on...
AMPE AKWEKE



Crisis Refuge

The Crisis Refuge has been very busy this year! We have had a number of girls and boys stay this year. We've had a full re-furbishment of the building and have a new basketball court that everyone loves. I would like to Thank my staff for another great year!

Courtney Walsh, Team Leader

- In 2017/18 a full evaluation of the property and a list of requested improvements by the kids and staff were undertaken.
- Improvements in the outside area and activities available outside in the open yard have been actioned; which included a new half court basketball space.
- A general clean up of the yard and new painting, new bedding, new beds and furniture were also welcomed by staff and clients.
- A new imax for weekend group activities was also purchased
- A community benefit funded mural project was completed at the back of house.
- In 2017/18 new outdoor furniture and a mural project improved the space. The crisis refuge had every room occupied 95% of the time, and there was a significant increase in girls being housed at the "Ref" - It has been 50% girls since March.

Our Crisis Refuge Team:
Craig Thorogood - Case Worker
Wes Powell - RSW

Awhina Royal-Hemopo - RSW
Elizabeth Albinini - RSW
Anthea Brescianini - RSW

Cynthia Naidu - RSW
David Wright - RSW
Colin Lagah - RSW



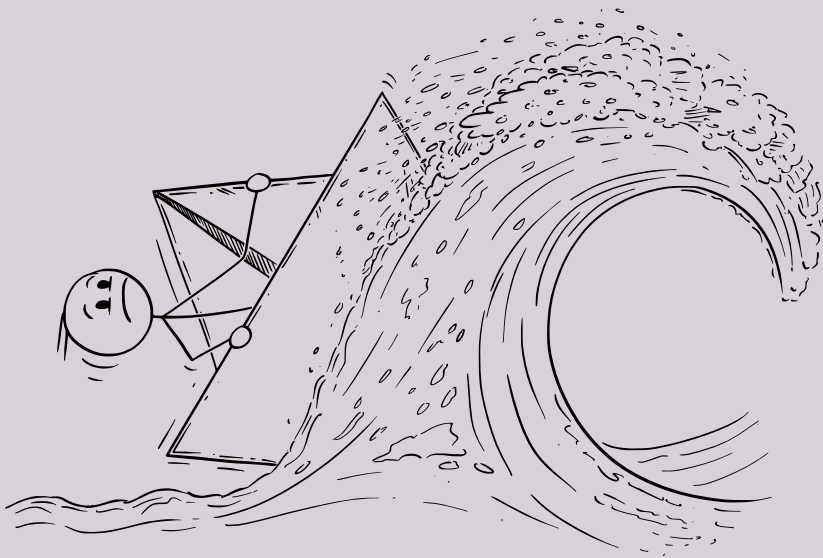
The Resource Centre was unfortunately subject to too many break-ins and damage in 2017/18. We tried to add security features; lighting a new alarm system, and locks for gates and premises - but the area was too isolated, so we moved to 3 Brown St. at the end of 2018.

The Resource Centre has adjusted its hours so that we could accommodate after school programs and a safe space between 3:00PM to 6:00PM. With the move we have been given funding to run a longer night program along with Tangentyere Council.

We have offered on site Case Workers, implemented a training program to prepare young people for work, educational and fun activities and sports.

We have also maintained the other aspects of the space including: food and laundry facilities, Housing Support and referrals for medical or mental health needs.

The Resource Centre Team:
Karina Akarana - Team Leader
(stepped down April 2018)
Pathi Raj -Team Leader
L-J Voris - Case Worker
Taylor Tanui Ford - RSW



Big Move: The Undoolya Road Resource Centre is now located at 3 Brown Street!



Programs, Events and Camps...

STRONG YOUNG WOMENS PROGRAM OUTLINE					
Week	Date	Theme	SESSION OBJECTIVES/QUESTIONS	SESSION OUTCOMES/UNDERSTANDING	Activities
1		Introduction to SYWP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal Introduction Program introduction (Topics / Individual folio's) Group Rules (Creating a safe space) 'Getting to know each other' activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants will have an understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong Young Women's Program Upcoming session topics Group Rules Incentives for ongoing participation 	Affirmation wall
2		Inner Health Care: Stress Less	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why talk about stress? What does Chronic Stress do to your brain? (Video) Brain Map ways to relieve feelings related to stress (group) Create individual Mind Maps (place in folio's) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants will have an understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What chronic/longing stress does to the brain Various strategies to help relieve stress 	Clip Indiv. Mind maps breathing exercise
3		Body Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity: Simple Stress reliever How do you look after your body? Why is it important to eat healthy and drink water? Talk about personal cleanliness (body/clothes/home) 4 Quick and easy exercise moves for overall toning etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants will have an understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dietary contribution to healthy bodily functions and outer health Ways to maintain personal cleanliness The importance of staying active for mental and physical agility 	Physical exercises
4		Puberty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stages of puberty Menstruation Sanitary Products 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants will have an understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Naturally occurring changes during puberty (body & mind) Sanitary Products 	Show & Tell
5		Sexual Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age of consent in the NT Contraception types and how they work Types of common STI/STD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants will have an understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age of consent NT Types of contraception STI/STD's symptoms Local clinics 	Show & Tell
6		Respectful Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is a respectful relationship? Boundaries and consent Unhealthy vs healthy relationships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants will have an understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What a healthy relationship looks like, how you are typically meant to feel in a 	Poster creation



ASYASS Resource Centre 12 Undoolya Road Alice Springs NT 0870 08 8952 1666		karina.akaranai@asyass.org.au Community Engagement Officer (0447 125 576)	Get Back To School Program	
Monday 1st January CLOSED	Tuesday 2nd January KG Hip Hop Dance Workshop YORET Building 2 Railway Tce 10am-12pm BBQ Lunch Provided	Wednesday 3rd January KG Hip Hop Dance Workshop YORET Building 2 Railway Tce 10am-12pm BBQ Lunch Provided	Thursday 4th January KG Hip Hop Dance Workshop YORET Building 2 Railway Tce 10am-12pm BBQ Lunch Provided	Friday 5th January KG Hip Hop Dance Workshop YORET Building 2 Railway Tce 10am-12pm BBQ Lunch Provided
Monday 8th January CLOSED	Tuesday 9th January CLOSED	Wednesday 10th January **Drum Zone 9am-4pm with Relationships Australia (Meals Included)	Thursday 11th January **Drum Zone 9am-4pm with Relationships Australia (Meals Included)	Friday 12th January **Drum Zone 9am-4pm with Relationships Australia (Meals Included)
Monday 15th January 9.30am-12.30pm Sport at the YORET Building 2 Railway Tce BBQ Lunch Provided	Tuesday 16th January 9.30am-12.30pm Sport at the YORET Building 2 Railway Tce BBQ Lunch Provided	Wednesday 17th January 9.30am-12.30pm Sport at the YORET Building 2 Railway Tce BBQ Lunch Provided	Thursday 18th January 9.30am-12.30pm Sport at the YORET Building 2 Railway Tce BBQ Lunch Provided	Friday 19th January 9.30am-12.30pm Sport at the YORET Building 2 Railway Tce BBQ Lunch Provided
Monday 22nd January Film Making Program with Pethi Raj 1pm-3pm (Bookings Essential) 3pm-6pm Drop In Open	Tuesday 23rd January Film Making Program with Pethi Raj 1pm-3pm (Bookings Essential) 3pm-6pm Drop In Open	Wednesday 24th January Film Making Program with Pethi Raj 1pm-3pm (Bookings Essential) 3pm-6pm Drop In Open	Thursday 25th January XBOX Tournament and Movie on the Big Screen 12pm-6pm	Friday 26th January CLOSED
Monday 29th January School Returns for 2018 PosterMyWall.com		**Film Making Program must be pre-registered only 7 spots available please email pethi.raji@asyass.org.au	**Drum Zone must be pre-registered only 15 spots available please email karina.akaranai@asyass.org.au	

ASYASS with Freedom Music PRESENTS

HIP HOP SATURDAYS

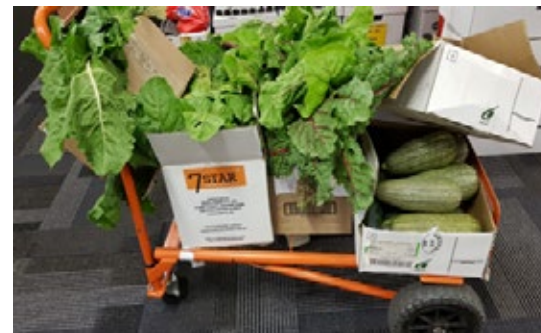
SATURDAY 6th JANUARY
 Alice Springs Youth and Community Centre
 6PM - 10PM
 KG - Freedom Music | ASYCC 8952 1649



On Track Program

After being dormant for several months, the On Track Program has been re-evaluated and restructured to offer greater supports for staff and clients.

Since the re-structure Staff and Clients have had a successful, therapeutic and comprehensive program for transitioning young people preparing to leave care into the community



On Track Team:
 Gregory Dixon- Team Leader
 Craig Curry- RSW
 Will Carlile- RSW
 Melina Anderson-RSW
 Michael Ahmet-RSW



Youth Housing Program

In this past year we have been busy, new tenants have come into the program and we are almost at full capacity. The Youth Housing Program has had great outcomes with Territory Housing. An old unit has been fully renovated and has new tenants settling in with their little child. Most of our units have had a fresh coat of paint to update them.

On many occasions the Youth Housing Program has assisted with support letters and private rental applications. We communicate with other agencies for clients needing alternative accommodation and give guidance when clients are making decisions on housing affordability, especially when clients venture into the private market. I have had several conversations with working clients advising of the real possibility of purchasing a home through the first home buyers scheme. This has opened the eyes of many young people wanting to make a difference in their lives.

We in Youth Housing hope for more available longer- term housing in the future.

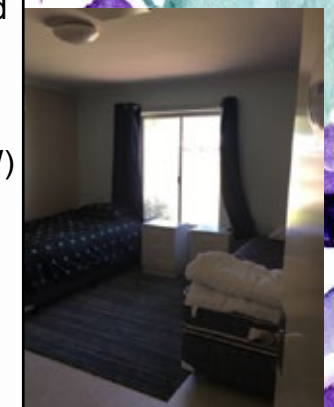
Marle Lodge / Parke Lodge Bail Supported Accommodation

What a year for our girls Bail Supported Accommodation program! We've had many girls come and go, enjoying our safe accommodation space and friendly, healthy environment. With 6 great staff members to support them to transition out of the justice system, the program has been a success. At any time there are 2-4 girls in our 4 bed house, where they can cook and clean for themselves, have access

to a green garden, chickens, and our staff available on site 24/7 helping to coordinate the needs of a positive lifestyle. The middle of 2018 gave us the opportunity to move to a brand new living space with the support of Territory Families! We moved from Parke Lodge to a brand new, very safe, and well equipped house called Marle Lodge. All our girls and chickens came with us and we are loving the new space.



Staff!
 Courtney Walsh (Team Leader)
 Karyna Jansons (Case Worker)
 Samantha Ahmat (RSW)
 Samantha Ballard (RSW)
 Awhina Royal-Hemopo (RSW)
 Nancy Taipari (RSW)
 Chirag Patel (RSW)



Highlights!

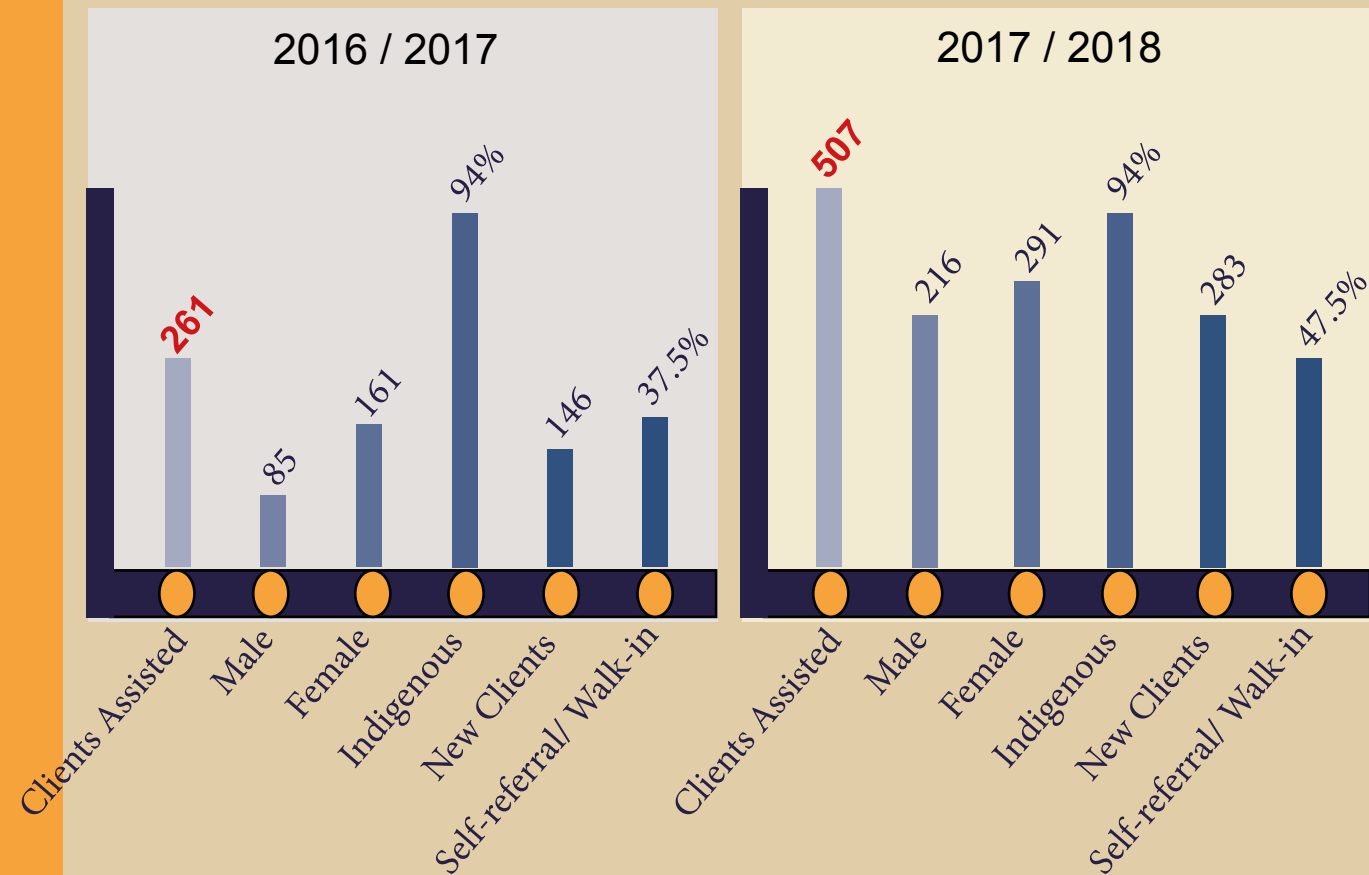
One of our lovely girls got to share her hopes and dreams with the Office of the Children's Commissioner. She has aspirations to become a Foster Parent when she grows up so that she can help young people like herself – and she's well on her way with such a positive future ahead!

We've built up a great rapport in the last year with legal staff from NT-LAC. They've offered legal advice and assisted our girls on many occasions. Working hard with our staff to find the best outcomes to keep girls out of the Justice system!



"The difference a home makes: no place safe, no food, no way to get to school. ASYASS gave me where I feel respected and safe, has made a big difference to me." - Client from the Crisis Refuge.

ASYASS STATS & STORIES



2016 / 2017 81 Clients list financial difficulties as reason for referral.
142 Clients list reason for accessing services as lack of family or community support including family violence and relationship breakdown.

2017 / 2018 142 Clients list financial difficulties as reason for referral.
139 Listed inadequate accommodation or housing crisis.
124 Clients list reason for accessing services as lack of family or community support including family violence and relationship breakdown.

94% Increase in Clients from the previous financial year!

We have had a number of individual success stories this year. At ASYASS we measure success by what the individual client views as important and whether they feel there has been an improvement to their lives. Over the last year we have been very lucky to get to know a young man, he was referred to the Crisis refuge when he had no other place to go, after having been exited from a drug and alcohol facility for bad behavior. My first interaction with him was to break up a fight, he was a scared, sad young man with anger issues. Over time and with alternatives to violence education and "Love Bites" respectful relationships training, he became re-engaged with school, and worked through school programs to attend main stream school. He developed long-term friendships and won awards. He has since exited the homeless shelter and has moved back to Darwin to live near family. He calls and comes by to visit us when he is in town. We are very proud of him and know that he has a bright future.



ASYASS Community Events, Advocacy and One on One Support



Audited Financials & Treasurer's Report

Alice Springs Youth Accommodation & Support Services Incorporated

*SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018*

ALICE SPRINGS YOUTH ACCOMMODATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES INCORPORATED
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Grant		2,233,341	1,464,765
Interest		18,295	14,007
Rent		94,225	97,589
Other revenue		497,246	457,096
Total revenue		<u>2,843,107</u>	<u>2,033,457</u>
Employee costs		2,172,148	1,312,546
Depreciation		65,807	41,357
Other expenses		801,036	534,063
Total expenditure		<u>3,038,991</u>	<u>1,887,966</u>
Operating Surplus	5	(195,884)	145,491
Accumulated funds at beginning of financial year		1,222,095	1,076,604
Accumulated funds at end of financial year		<u>1,026,211</u>	<u>1,222,095</u>



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27 August 2018

The Committee of Management
Alice Springs Youth Accommodation Support Service Inc
Unit 5, 82 Todd Street
ALICE SPRINGS NT 0870

By Email: ceo@asyass.org.au

Dear Committee,

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
Pursuant to Section 60.40 of the
Australian Charities and Not For Profits Commission Act 2012.

In relation to the audit for the year ended 30 June 2018, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of the audit independence requirements of:

1. The Australian Charities and Not For Profits Commission Act 2012.or
2. The Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board.
3. Any applicable code of professional conduct.

This Declaration is made in respect of Alice Springs Youth Accommodation Support Service Inc during the period of the audit.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Gilbert FCPA MBA
Registered Company Auditor
Macleod Corporation Pty Ltd



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CERTIFIED PRACTISING ACCOUNTANTS

ALICE SPRINGS YOUTH ACCOMMODATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
CASHFLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Grants Received		3,509,655	1,464,765
Receipt from Activities		328,530	522,143
Interest Received		18,295	14,007
Payments to Employees		(2,095,346)	(1,334,206)
Payments of Interest		-	-
Payments to Suppliers		(593,459)	(478,285)
Net Cash flows from / (used in) Operating Activities	B	<u>1,167,675</u>	<u>188,424</u>
CASHFLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment		500	1,118
Purchase of Plant & Equipment		(185,325)	(56,142)
Net Cash flows from / (used in) Investing Activities		<u>(184,825)</u>	<u>(55,024)</u>
CASHFLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Grants for purchase of Assets		-	-
Proceeds from Borrowings		-	-
Repayment of Borrowings		-	-
Net Cash flows from / (used in) Financing Activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH HELD		<u>982,850</u>	<u>133,400</u>
Add: Opening Cash Balance Forward		941,930	808,530
CLOSING CASH CARRIED FORWARD	A	<u>1,924,780</u>	<u>941,930</u>
A) RECONCILIATION OF CASH HELD			
Cash and Bank balances		1,924,579	941,930
Add: Clearing Account		201	-
Cash held at end of year	Above	<u>1,924,780</u>	<u>941,930</u>
B) RECONCILIATION OF CASH FROM OPERATIONS WITH OPERATING RESULT			
Operating Surplus after		(36,767)	145,494
Depreciation Expense		65,807	41,358
Loss / (Gain) on sale of plant & equipment		7,715	12,059
(Increase) / Decrease in accounts receivable		(262,617)	4,795
(Decrease) / Increase in accounts payable		1,365,465	6,378
(Decrease) / Increase in provisions		28,072	(21,660)
Net Cash flows from Operating Activities	Above	<u>1,167,675</u>	<u>188,424</u>

Full Audited Financials are available on the website at www.asyass.org.au or on the ACNC Website



Treasurer's Report

For the financial year ending 30 June 2018

In the opinion of the Board, and as set out in the audited financial statements; the accounts of the Association have been properly prepared and demonstrate that there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

The net surplus / (deficit) for the financial year was (\$195,884).

Total assets of ASYASS were \$2,576,335 compared to 2017 of \$1,394,590 and increase in total assets by \$1,181,745.

Total liabilities of ASYASS were \$1,550,124, which includes a Grants in Advance amount of \$1,117,223 and a GST payable due to the Grants in Advance of \$195,525

Property, Plant and Equipment including improvements to buildings and Capital Purchases were \$446,049 compared to \$334,570 an increase in assets of \$111,479.

These improvements to property and equipment, plus the GST payable due to the Grants received in advance account for the deficit for the financial year.

As ASYASS Treasurer for the above financial year, I certify these balances are an accurate account of the ASYASS annual audited financial statements.

Kathryn Broadbent (Acting Treasurer)
Treasurer
ASYASS Inc

Thank You

All of our work would not be possible without our funding bodies and the support of other agencies.

We would like to thank NT Housing, who is the major funder of our services, Commonwealth Government for the Emergency Relief Funding and Territory Families.

Other Community Organisations who have offered support through the year are:

**Alukura
Anglicare
Alice Springs Hospital
BushMob
CAAC
CAALAS
CAWLS
Centrelink
Children's Commissioner
DASA
Jesuit Social Services
GAP Youth Centre
Lifeline NT
MHACA
MiFANT**

**Mission Australia
NPY Womens' Council
NT Legal Aid
NTCOSS
NT Women's Shelter
NT Royal Commission
Red Cross
Relationships Australia
Tangenyere Council
Youth Outreach & Re-engagement Team Territory Families
Wesley Mission
Roger Oakden at Alice Springs
Prime Cut Meat Supplies**



Thank you, from the team at ASYASS