



Disabled Children's Foundation – President's Annual Report 2017

"Dedicated to Enhancing the lives of Children with Disabilities"

The Disabled Children's Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the lives of children with disabilities. Our continued support of a wide range of organisations is testament to this goal.

Since our inception in 1997 the Foundation has raised and allocated \$2,593,422 to those who require our financial assistance. The Foundation is extremely proud of the support we have been able to provide to those organisations and in 2017 funded programmes for 42 organisations.

Whilst the Foundation have provided support financially to 42 entities we have also enhanced our interaction with current and new partners to form an alliance to meet the needs of the service providers of disabled and disadvantaged children.

The introduction of the National Disability Insurance Scheme has only served to highlight the confusion within the sector. The need for our support continues to grow.

The Board was cognisant of the need for change. The traditional protocol to raise funds, the changes in the community and the on-going impact of social media meant we had to develop a new strategic plan.

We enlisted the services of the ANSON Group to collaborate on all process of evaluation and planning.

The Foundation identified Key Past Projects, and embarked on Vision Directional Pathways

- ❖ Enhanced Social Enterprise pathway this vision will provide long term stability to the organisation and its programmes and be achieved by:
 - expanding fundraising activities
 - providing more Peer to Peer networking opportunities
 - engaging in more cross promotional activities

With the broad message of awareness, inclusion and acceptance being the forefront of the Foundation aims. The Foundations vision for the next three years is to

- ❖ Provide ongoing and increased sponsorship to
 - WA Disabled Sports Association,
 - Riding for the Disabled Groups
 - Education Support Schools.
 - Other Organisations on an as needs basis as assessed by the Board

- ❖ Increase the number of Education Support schools currently assisted from 22 to 73 throughout Western Australia.
- ❖ Increase the number of Riding for Disabled Groups currently assisted from 7 to 19 throughout Western Australia.
- ❖ Expand the level of financial support to organisations that are providing a service to disabled and disadvantaged children.
- ❖ Expand the integral non-financial component of our programme and increase our interaction with current and new partners, alliances, and service providers of disabled and disadvantaged children.
- ❖ Increase and grow grant work and provide this skill to other organisations on an as needs basis.
- ❖ Escalate our capacity building and sector development work
- ❖ Increase the types of programs that are supported to include,
 - Art Therapy
 - Swimming
 - Dance
 - Music

Members of the Board attended various events throughout the year. Our presence was important to see the outcomes and impact of the service/s provided. Also to learn the difficulties they have to overcome so that we can work together for their future development.

Fostering relationships and partner organisations members of the Board attended:

- RDAWA State Games
- RDAWA Awards Presentation- D.C.F sponsored the Young Volunteer Award
- RDAWA Gala Ball
- Kenwick School Playground Opening - " Play for all Playground" D.C.F issued a Grant for "The Inclusive Orbit" facility

Emerging Programs funded within the financial Year

- 1st swim centre to be funded by Disabled Children's Foundation - Rainbow Club
- Woolkabunning Kiaka – sponsored Come n Try Community engagement workshops
- Limb Difference Youth Camp (AMP Camp)

In order to achieve the vision and strategic direction identified during the review and build on our ability to provide financial and non-financial support to our partner organisations the Foundation have embarked on an internal capacity building programme. This capacity building includes:

Compiling a Board Matrix review identifying current skills and abilities

Recruit potential additional Board members to add to our existing strengths and skill sets

Increase and widen our base of enthusiastic and skilled Volunteers

Identify opportunities for additional fundraising to complement our existing income streams



The Foundation strives to achieve the highest standards and best practice. These goals reflect the quality and support of our staff and volunteers. Tracey Honeycutt is dedicated to running the Disabled Children's Foundation office and does so in a manner that belies the enormous work load. We have many volunteers and with Tracey's guidance their hard work and dedication is a testament to the Foundation and bodes well for our future.

The Foundation engages in an annual audit, along with complying with the requirements of the Department of Racing and Gaming, and pass scrutiny from our stakeholders and donors alike that monies raised are used in a responsible manner.

Our future is the alliances fostered over many years with our stakeholders and donors, working together to enhance and increase awareness, peer to peer support through inclusion, with other organisations catering to the welfare of disabled children. We share information, we combine efforts to help each other not only in the quest to raise much needed funds but also to provide the necessary services in this sector.



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