

# THE ANGANWADI PROJECT.

AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS ■ BUILDING ONE SCHOOL AT A TIME



## Annual Report 2016-17



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"According to our thoughts, we can transform each anganwadi into a clean and beautiful temple with basic amenities at a minimum cost. There are two benefits of this idea: the children get a nurturing environment and the children's family and community get indirect inspiration and guidance."

Jayesh Patel, co-founder Manav Sadhna

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## The Anganwadi Project

The Anganwadi Project is an Australian grassroots non-profit association, working in the urban slums of Gujarat, India. It was founded in Australia in 2007 by Jodie Fried and Jane Rothschild.

The Anganwadi Project (TAP) designs and builds 'anganwadi' or pre-schools in the slum areas of Ahmedabad, India. The existing schools are often located in tiny corrugated iron lean-tos with inadequate light and ventilation and are searing hot in the summer, making it impossible for the children to learn.

TAP recruits and trains Australian design professionals who volunteer their time to live and work in India for 4-6 months to oversee the design and construction of these schools.

We work in partnership with Manav Sadhna, (an Indian NGO) who is based in Mahatma Gandhi's Ashram and who carries out Gandhi's work.

The anganwadis are constructed by local labourers and use largely recycled materials. TAP's focus is on design considerations such as better use of space, ventilation, hygiene and natural light.

Since The Anganwadi Project commenced in 2007, 16 anganwadis have been built with the help of over 30 volunteer architects and designers from Australia, giving the community, particularly the children, women and young girls, a space for their education needs. Simple, beautiful, sustainable and child-friendly designs have been built in close collaboration with the local community.





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## President's Message

2016-17 marks the 10th anniversary of the founding of The Anganwadi Project. We are so proud to have designed and built 16 anganwadis (or pre-schools) during this time and to have sent more than 30 talented volunteer architects and designers to live and work in India.

This season saw the completion of two beautiful and very different anganwadis, Bholu 14 and Bholu 16, under the guidance of two teams of TAP volunteers. Bholu 14 was our first bamboo anganwadi and was built with the assistance of CHAAT, a bamboo specialist organization from VDA University in Gujarat. Bholu 16 also demonstrated an innovative design approach and was completed in June, a wonderful way to finish our 10th season.

2016-17 has also seen changes to the TAP board, with a new team joining the board to lead us into our next phase of operation. We would like to thank our resigning board members for their extraordinary contribution to TAP – without their vision, energy and expertise we would not be in the strong financial and strategic position we are in today.

Finally, TAP would like to thank all our wonderful donors, supporters and project partners. Without your support, we could not continue to make a difference in the lives of the children and families in the communities we serve.

**Jane Rothschild**  
President





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## The Year in Review

2016/17 has been a particularly successful year for The Anganwadi Project. We have completed 2 anganwadis this building season, with the help of 2 teams of volunteers over in Ahmedabad back to back from October 2016 to June 2017.

The first anganwadi completed was Bholu 14. This Bholu was a combined effort by several volunteers, firstly Gemma Cooke & Nikki Holdsworth in 2015, then Harshil Parekh and Shailaja Patel in 2016 and it was finally brought to fruition in 2017 by Janelle Campbell and Lorenzo Mauloni. The resultant beautiful bamboo building, inaugurated on 21st January is a testament to TAP volunteers' resilience and passion and a credit to them, the community around them and the building team headed up by Bakabhai. An integral part of the building team for this Bholu were the volunteers from CHHAT (Centre for Human Habitat and Alternative Technology).

The second anganwadi completed was Bholu 16. Our Australian volunteers, Leanne Cosio & Christina Fogale, arrived in Ahmedabad just in time for the very happy inauguration of Bholu 14 which no doubt helped inspire them in their own process. 4.5 months later they were able to experience the same satisfaction and joy when Bholu 16 was inaugurated. Leanne and Christina, with the ongoing support of Harshil Parekh, worked tirelessly alongside the community and Bakabhai's team to see this beautifully crafted building come together.

This season was the first time TAP has built in bamboo – it was an experiment to test the material and to see whether it would deliver a cheaper building, whether it could save time in erection and ultimately whether it could be dismantled and re-erected in case of slum land reclamation by the government. Feedback from Manav Sadhna and the current thinking is that whilst it was a very worthwhile experience and the community love their new Bholu 14, building in bamboo didn't actually achieve these aims and is therefore probably not the most appropriate material to be used in the Sabarmati slum environment. Bholu 16, a steel framed building with infill masonry walls, was erected just as quickly and for a similar cost. The construction is more durable and if demolition is necessary one day its components can easily be recycled.

The other important project activity this season has been the ongoing maintenance of TAP's Bholus, carefully coordinated by our local Indian volunteer Harshil Parekh.

**Jane Johnson**  
Vice-President/Architectural Advisor



# Board Members



**Jane Rothschild**  
President



**Jane Johnson**  
Vice-President  
Architectural Advisor



**Jodie Fried**  
Board Member



**Pru Wood**  
Treasurer



**Caroline Kite**  
Board Member



**Mary Andrew**  
Secretary/Legal Advisor



**Sally Pottharst**  
Board Member

With special thanks to Directors/Board Members Sally Pottharst and Mary Andrew who resigned in June this year.

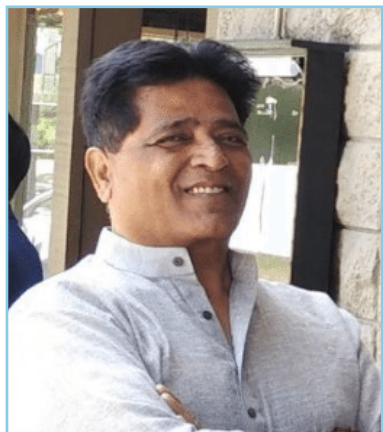
# India Team Members



**Janelle Campbell**  
TAP Volunteer  
Architect, Bholu 14



**Lorenzo Mauloni**  
TAP Volunteer  
Architecture Student Bholu 14



**Viren Joshi**  
Manav Sadhna Founder



**Christina Fogale**  
TAP Volunteer  
Interior Designer, Bholu 16



**Leanne Cosio**  
TAP Volunteer  
Architect, Bholu 16



**Mahesh Rathod**  
Manva Sadhna Coordinator



**Bakabhai**  
Local Construction  
Builder



**Shailaja Patel**  
Local Volunteer  
Student Architect



**Harshil Parekh**  
Local Volunteer  
Architect





# Bholu 14



## Project Report - Bholu 14

**PROJECT** Bholu 14 pre-school

**WORK** Design and Construction

**LOCATION** Gandhi Vas II, Sabarmati

**DATE** October 2016 - January 2017

**TAP VOLUNTEERS** Janelle Campbell, Lorenzo Mauloni

**LOCAL VOLUNTEERS** Harshil Parekh, Shailaja Patel

**STRUCTURAL ENGINEER** Harsh Soni

**BUILDERS** Bakaconstructions

**MANAV SADHNA COORDINATOR** Mahesh Rathod

**TOTAL BUILD COST** \$10,840 AUD

Bholu 14 is located in the Gandhi Vas slum in Sabarmati about 8 kilometres away from the Gandhi Ashram in Ahmedabad. Bholu 14 was originally started in 2014 by TAP volunteers Nikki Holdsworth and Gemma Cooke, however unforeseen conditions put Bholu 14 on hold. In 2015, local volunteers Harshil Parekh and Shailaja Patel, (architectural graduates from CEPT University) proposed an alternative concept using bamboo as the primary building material. Harshil and Shailaja developed the design and documentation and then in October 2016, two TAP volunteers, Lorenzo Mauloni Janelle Campbell arrived in Ahmedabad, tasked with overseeing the construction of Bholu 14. Due to land ownership issues, just as construction was about to begin, the volunteers discovered the original site was no longer available. They were left with no option other than to find a new site.









## Volunteer Report

The last minute change of site was an eventful start to our time in India, however after several weeks of adapting the design and redocumentation, construction began on 28th November.

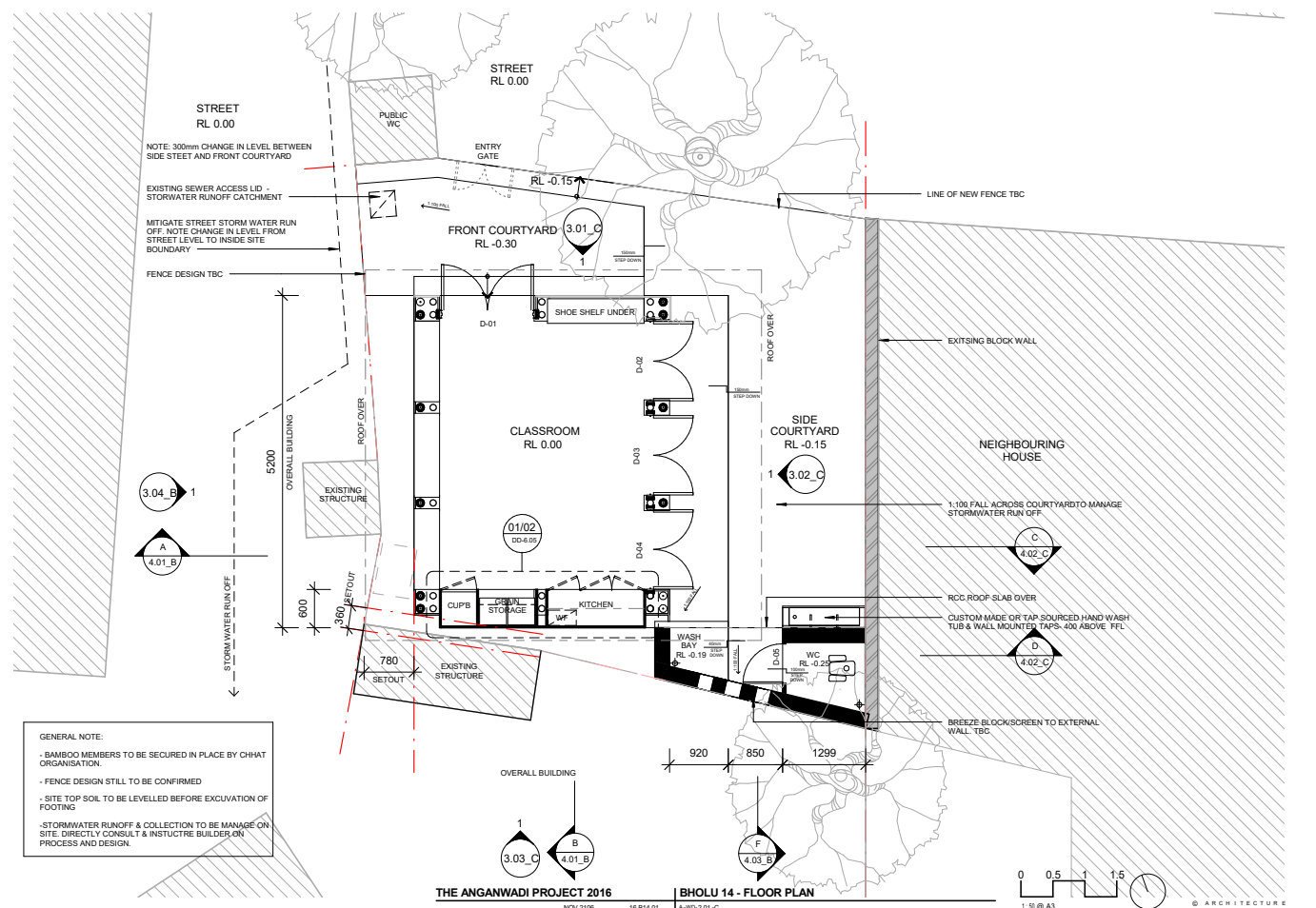
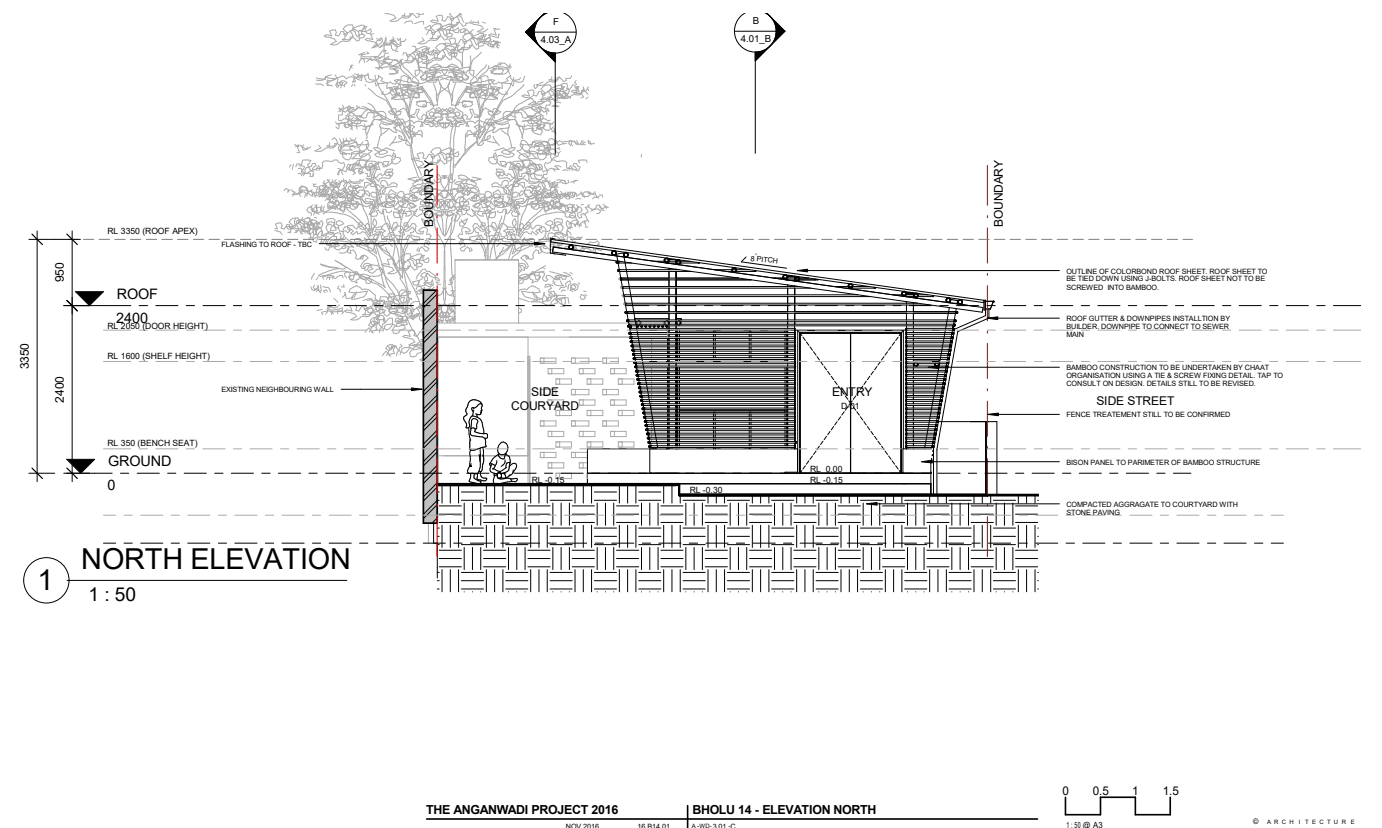
Every day working in the slums we would receive cheerful greetings from the locals. Whilst our presence gained a lot of attention, most of the attention was directed towards our decision to adopt a bamboo approach. The bamboo project presented challenges but our builder Bakabhai and his team and our amazing bamboo consultants worked together tirelessly and cohesively.

It didn't take much time for Lorenzo and I to bond with the community - we had never expected to feel such a strong sense of belonging and acceptance. Lorenzo created a particularly strong bond with the landowner and his sons, whilst I settled in amongst the young girls by braiding hair, sharing food, flying kites and playing badminton.

The 8 week construction period went by quickly, and it wasn't long before our inauguration was upon us. Our final days saw the construction site bustling with extra volunteers, wanting to lend a hand. We received an overwhelming amount of support from Manav Sadhna volunteers and the locals, amongst a wonderful community spirit and good will.

Lorenzo and I, on behalf of everyone involved in the creation of Bholu 14, are so pleased to have had the opportunity to give the children of Gandhi Vas a new Anganwadi. It has been a very special experience and we will continue to watch as TAP continues building one preschool at a time for the children of India.

**Janelle Campbell**  
TAP Volunteer







## Project Report - Bholu 16

**PROJECT** Bholu 16 Preschool  
**WORK** Design and Construction  
**LOCATION** Gandhi Vas II, Sabarmati  
**DATE** January – June 2017  
**TAP VOLUNTEERS** Leanne Cosio, Christina Fogale  
**LOCAL VOLUNTEERS** Harshil Parekh  
**STRUCTURAL ENGINEER** Harsh Soni  
**BUILDERS** Bakaconstructions  
**MANAV SADHNA COORDINATOR** Mahesh Rathod  
**TOTAL BUILD COST** \$9,960.AUD

Bholu 16 is located within the Sabarmati Gandhi Vas II area of Ahmedabad in close proximity to recently completed Bholu 14 and Manav Sadhna's recently established Kiran Community Centre. Relative to other slum areas, Sabarmati's residents generally have a higher employment rate due to local and nearby industries. Despite the perceived economic standing of this slum area, there is still a great need for community outreach and increased awareness of the values of education, nutrition, health, hygiene, sanitation and gender equality.

Bholu 16 forms part of larger community development program planned by Manav Sadhna around the Kiran Centre. Bholu 16 is considered to be a core component of this community outreach program. The new Bholu 16 school will relocate 40 children and 2 teachers in a bright and airy new nurturing learning environment from a previous 11.5 sqm space which was inadequate having no natural light, ventilation, sanitation and waste facilities, and having dilapidated building conditions.

“ I wanted to share the gratitude of Manav Sadhna and the Ashram as a collective for the work of TAP. In front of a few hundred people at the women's teachers training college in the Ashram all the Manav Sadhna board members spoke of their thoughts in celebration of the 100 years. When Virenbhai spoke he asked Leanne and I to come to the stage. His gratitude was directed at the hard work of TAP and no matter what the conditions we carry on and deliver a clean safe space for the children and community. This is such an achievement that everyone has worked so hard for.”

Christina Fogale TAP volunteer



# Bholu 16







Volunteers' Report

As Architect on this project we had to negotiate and synthesize many competing demands and stakeholders whilst honouring the integrity of the project brief. All this while working in the context of the slums of Ahmedabad, India, on a limited budget, extreme +40 degree climate, impending monsoonal pressures on project timelines, limited local language and cultural knowledge, and a world away from the comforts and familiarity of home, family and friends.

Having completed Bholu 16 so recently, the long hot days and nights working seven days a week for five months on this project still seem a blur. But what does come to focus now, are the (heart) connections made in the many small moments shared.

I sincerely believe that education has the power to break the cycle of poverty and create real sustainable change, not only for the children but for their families and for their communities. The Anganwadi Project is a wonderful catalyst for igniting brighter futures for these children and these people and I will be forever grateful to this organisation for this truly amazing, once-in- a lifetime experience.

**Leanne Cosio**  
**TAP Volunteer Architect**

I'm so grateful for my position on the Bholu 16, 2017 team. All the challenges that come with such a project, personally and professionally are exhausting and overwhelming at times but I have cherished each moment. This project is unique as it trusts two volunteers who have never met to represent the TAP in design, construction and community engagement. I feel this project flourishes when the design is kept simple, allowing space and energy for ideas of details to enhance the use of the space as an Anganwadi.

Being open and engaged with Manav Sadhna, the teachers and the community allows the project to be transparent and inclusive. By inauguration day, the community feel as though the space is theirs and that is exactly what this project is about.

Many of us in the design industry have entered the profession to create environments for the betterment for others. Designing and building an Anganwadi in the slum environment and learning about the specific site conditions is a special opportunity.

I sincerely hope this project can continue into the future to allow others to enjoy the Manav Sadhna family and engage with the slum communities. I look forward to staying involved and supporting TAP and the future volunteers.

Many thanks and smiles for enabling me to fulfil a dream.

**Christina Fogale**  
**TAP Volunteer Interior Designer**







# Fundraising

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## With Thanks

A big thank you to a team of runners and walkers including TAP volunteers, Armadillo & Co staff, family and friends who completed the City 2 Surf from Sydney City to Bondi. The team fundraised more than \$6,900 which went towards the 2016/2017 building season. We are very grateful for everyone who participated in the event and raised funds for TAP.

We would also like to thank the Sydney East Architects Network who generously presented a \$5,500 cheque to TAP at their monthly forum after a presentation given by TAP Board Directors, Jane Rothschild and Jane Johnson.

Our Australian volunteers' first contribution to TAP is fundraising before they arrive in India. For this we thank them wholeheartedly as the funds go a long way towards the completion of the Bholus which they design.

We are also very grateful to our corporate sponsors such as Armadillo & Co who have continued to support TAP.









Financials

Financials 2016-17

THE ANGANWADI PROJECT INCORPORATED  
ABN 12 314 134 057

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2017

Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
Profit/Loss before income tax	(5,028.53)	16,555.88
Income tax expense	-	-
Profit/Loss after income tax	(5,028.53)	16,555.88
Retained earnings beginning of financial year	118,920.77	118,920.77
Total available for appropriation	113,892.24	135,476.65
Retained earnings end of financial year	113,892.24	135,476.65



BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 30 June 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	150,391.95	135,476.66
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>150,391.95</u>	<u>135,476.66</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>150,391.95</u>	<u>135,476.66</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Manav Sadhna Creditor	3	19,943.82	-
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>19,943.82</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>130,448.13</u>	<u>135,476.66</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained Earnings	4	130,448.13	135,476.66
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>130,448.13</u>	<u>135,476.66</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>2. Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>			
Cash at Bank - Westpac *5287		150,391.95	135,476.66
		<u>150,391.95</u>	<u>135,476.66</u>
<b>3. Borrowings</b>			
Creditor - Manav Sadhna		19,943.82	-
		<u>19,943.82</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>4. Retained Earnings</b>			
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year		135,476.66	118,920.78
Net profit attributable to members of the company		(5,028.53)	16,555.88
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year		<u>130,448.13</u>	<u>135,476.66</u>



PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2017

Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>SALES</b>		
Donation - General	9,401.45	3,203.83
Donation - Corporate	15,300.00	12,300.00
Fundraising - Events	6,893.96	22,297.71
Fundraising - Volunteers	3,562.64	1,500.00
Association Membership	350.00	175.00
	35,508.05	39,476.54
<b>LESS: COST OF CONSTRUCTION</b>		
Bholu 14 costs	10,839.82	-
Land purchase - Bholu 15	-	3,800.00
Bholu 15 costs	-	10,200.00
Bholu 16 costs	10,334.68	-
	21,174.50	14,000.00
	14,333.55	25,476.54
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>		
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>		
Interest received	146.24	135.79
	14,479.79	25,612.33
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Admin and Stationery	-	-
Bank charges	-	192.00
Consultancy	7,620.93	
Fundraising (event) expenses	492.15	55.00
GoFundRaise Annual Fees	660.00	660.00
GoFundRaise Service Fees	689.85	411.34
GoFundRaise Merchant Fees	175.11	87.89
Insurance - Liability	1,608.75	1,608.75
Insurance - General Liability	1,026.85	1,026.85
Insurance - Corporate Travel	3,377.00	2,169.00
Volunteer Living Expenses	500.00	
Volunteer Travel & Accommodation	887.31	
Software subscriptions	792.90	1,593.20
Web Hosting and Internet	1,677.47	1,252.42
	19,508.32	9,056.45
<b>Profit before income tax</b>	<b>(5,028.53)</b>	<b>16,555.88</b>



## Treasurer's Summary

The financial position of the Anganwadi Project decreased slightly during the 2017 year, with an annual loss from activities of \$5,028.53 (2016 gain \$16,555.88)

The decrease in annual surplus in 2017 (compared to 2016) was mainly due to the fact 2 projects were undertaken (as opposed to 1 in 2016), higher construction costs and higher operating expenses.

Fundraising income was down nearly 50%, due to only one fundraising event (City2Surf) being undertaken. The Board made a decision in December 2016 to cease fundraising activities for the rest of the financial year. However income from donations was up by approximately \$9,000 due to generous corporate donations, including \$5,500 from the Sydney East Architects network.

Construction expenses in 2017 were higher compared to last year, because two Bholus were successfully completed. Bholu14 cost around \$10,800 which was over the budget of \$6000 with higher than expected labour costs. Bholu16 cost \$10,300 and was 15% over budget.

Operating and administrative expenses were higher compared to last year, mainly due to the fee for a professional consultancy which the Board decided to undertake into order to review Board strategy.

The accumulated surplus at the end of the 2017 year is \$130,448.13 (\$135,476.66 in 2016), so the Association is again in a very strong financial position at the start of the new year to commence building work on the next project.

**Pru Wood**  
Treasurer





## Looking to the future

After completing our 10th year of operation and a very successful season in which we built two new schools, The Anganwadi Project is looking forward to an exciting next phase. We will continue to work with the local community to build more preschools for the slum children of Ahmedabad and their families. With several slum areas currently being resumed by the Gujarati government, we will work closely with Manav Sadhna to ensure that we continue our support to the slum communities in areas of greatest need.

As the government in Ahmedabad have recently given Manav Sadhna the responsibility for an additional 30 anganwadis, (which brings the number of anganwadis in Manav Sadhna's care to 120) TAP will potentially be busy well into the future as many of the buildings in which these anganwadis are located are desperately in need of improvement.

As always, TAP continues to undertake the maintenance of earlier TAP anganwadis which are constantly in need of upkeep due to the punishing monsoon and slum conditions.

TAP will continue to strengthen our relationships with Manav Sadhna. We will also continue to work in collaboration with local architecture students, architects and builders and work sustainably in close consultation with the local communities.

TAP has also been contacted by other Indian organisations who are interested in collaborating with TAP, using our model to design and build anganwadis in other areas of India.

We would not be able to make such a strong contribution to livelihoods of these slum communities without the financial support of our donors and the wider TAP community, including Manav Sadhna, our Indian project partner and also our extraordinary and inspiring volunteers who generously contribute their time and expertise.

We welcome and encourage new members and donations to help strengthen TAP and its ability to positively impact the lives of so many ([www.anganwadiproject.com](http://www.anganwadiproject.com)).

With thanks and gratitude,

The Anganwadi Project (TAP)





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THE WORLD  
TO SEE IN  
"GANDHI

Thank you!