

THE ANGANWADI PROJECT.

AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS ■ BUILDING ONE SCHOOL AT A TIME



Annual
Report
2017-18



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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



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.

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.



President's Message

2017-18 was a year of both consolidation and change for The Anganwadi Project. Due to an India-wide government requirement for NGO's to re-register to receive foreign funds, this last season TAP was unable to fund the design and construction of anganwadis until our partner NGO, Manav Sadhna, had completed this re-registration. The process was finally completed in February of 2018 and we are now ready to commence a new building season with two teams of volunteers.

Early 2018 also saw the development of a new and exciting collaboration opportunity. TAP was approached by the Vicente Ferrer Rural Development Trust, a large NGO based in Andhra Pradesh, to send a volunteer team to design and build anganwadis in disadvantaged rural areas surrounding Anantapur. This is the first time TAP has expanded our scope beyond Ahmedabad and into a rural context. A team of TAP volunteers will arrive in Andhra Pradesh in November to commence this collaboration with RDT.

2017-18 was also a year of change in TAP's Board. Jodie Fried, one of the co-founders of TAP, stepped down from our Board in June 2017 in order to set up another not-for-profit organisation focusing on communities in India with whom her business, Armadillo & Co, works. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jodie for her dedication and commitment to TAP over many years.

The current TAP Board have guided the organisation with professionalism and energy and have enabled us to consolidate our operations. We have taken time in 2017-18 to revise our constitution to broaden our reach to communities in need in India, redesign and refresh our logo and website which we will be launching in the New Year and create a more sophisticated financial management plan.

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



The Year in Review

Jane Rothschild's President's message already touches on some of the things TAP has achieved in the 2017/18 financial year.

What stood out for me this year was the far-reaching presence TAP has, not just in Australia, but in India and in fact worldwide. We received over 50 volunteer applications this year, significantly more than in previous years, and many of those were from overseas. This is largely thanks to the support of Architects Without Frontiers, who have been our faithful partner since 2007. Out of those applications, we have found four excellent volunteers to head over to India in the next few months, two of them to work with Rural Development Trust (Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh) and two of them to work with Manav Sadhna (Ahmedabad, Gujarat).

TAP is also regularly contacted by organisations and individuals in Australia and India who have heard of us and are keen to know more. We try as much as possible to share our knowledge and experience with people who are doing similar humanitarian work. Our volunteers are often our greatest ambassadors, and share their experience via presentations and seminars. Kali Marnane, one of the TAP architects who designed Bholu 15, has spent most of 2017-18 writing her thesis studying urban spaces in slums, a topic inspired by her time in Ahmedabad.

On behalf of The Anganwadi Project, I was invited to take part in a symposium at Sydney University in March 2018, called Architecture as Agency: Humanitarian Design which brought together representatives from various not-for-profit organisations to address the responsibility of practitioners in the built environment to provide creative solutions and positive action to address global humanitarian challenges.

My strongest impression of The Anganwadi Project for 2017-18 is there is a tremendous energy and enthusiasm for what TAP has been doing so well for 11 years now, and that energy and enthusiasm bodes well for the next 12 months.

Jane Johnson
Vice-President

Board Members



Jane Rothschild
President



Jane Johnson
Vice-President



Paul Barrett
Treasurer



Delwyn Everard
Board Member



Helen Lochhead
Board Member



Caroline Kite
Board Member







Profit & Loss
The Anganwadi Project Incorporated
1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

	30 Jun 2018	30 Jun 2017
	\$	\$
Profit / Loss before income tax	-\$6,580.61	-\$5,028.53
Income Tax Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00
Profit / Loss after Income tax	-\$6,580.61	-\$5,028.53
Retained Earnings at beginning of financial year	\$130,448.13	\$118,920.78
Total available for appropriation	\$123,867.52	\$135,476.66
Retained earnings at end of financial year	\$123,867.52	\$135,476.66

Profit & Loss
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1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

	30 Jun 18	30 Jun 17
Donations Adhoc - Corporate		\$9,300.00
Donations Adhoc - Other		\$9,401.45
Donations Periodic - Corporate		\$6,000.00
Fundraising - Events		\$6,893.96
Fundraising - Volunteers		\$3,562.64
Interest Income	\$146.84	\$146.24
Membership Fees	\$175.00	\$350.00
Total Income	\$321.84	\$35,654.29
Less Cost of Sales		
Bholu 14		\$10,839.82
Bholu 16		\$9,979.68
MS Volunteer		\$355.00
Total Cost of Sales	\$0.00	\$21,174.50
Gross Profit	\$321.84	\$14,479.79
Less Operating Expenses		
Bank Fees	\$118.18	
Base Camp Portal fees	\$1,949.43	\$537.90
Consultancy		\$7,620.93
Fundraising (events) expenses		\$492.15
GoFundRaise Annual Fee	\$330.00	\$660.00
GoFundRaise Merchant Fees		\$175.11
GoFundRaise Service Fee (6.6%)		\$689.85
Graphic Design	\$1,000.00	
Insurance - General Business	\$2,710.54	\$1,026.85
Insurance - Liability		\$1,608.75
Insurance - Travel		\$3,377.00
Travel & Accommodation		\$887.31
Volunteer Living Expenses		\$500.00
Web hosting & internet	\$752.08	\$1,677.47
Xero subscription fees	\$42.22	\$255.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$6,902.45	\$19,508.32
Net Profit	-\$6,580.61	-\$5,028.53

Balance Sheet
The Anganwadi Project Incorporated
As at 30 June 2018

	Note	30 Jun 2018 \$	30 Jun 2017 \$
Assets			
Bank			
The Anganwadi Project	2	\$100,006.77	\$0.00
The Anganwadi Project Incorporated	2	\$23,860.75	\$150,391.95
Total Bank		\$123,867.52	\$150,391.95
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Total Assets		\$123,867.52	\$150,391.95
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Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
MS Creditor	3	\$0.00	\$19,943.82
Total Current Liabilities		\$0.00	\$19,943.82
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Total Liabilities		\$0.00	\$19,943.82
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Net Assets		\$123,867.52	\$130,448.13
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Equity			
Current Year Earnings		-\$6,580.61	-\$5,028.53
Retained Earnings	4	\$130,448.13	\$135,476.66
Total Equity		\$123,867.52	\$130,448.13

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As at 30 June 2018

	30 Jun 2018	30 Jun 2017
2. Cash and Cash Equivalents		
The Anganwadi Project	\$100,007.00	\$0.00
The Anganwadi Project Incorporated	\$23,861.00	\$150,392.00
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	\$123,868.00	\$150,392.00
 3. Trade and Other Payables		
MS Creditor	\$0.00	\$19,914.00
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	\$0.00	\$19,914.00
 4. Retained Earnings		
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year	\$130,448.13	\$135,476.66
Net profit attributable to members of the company	-\$6,580.61	-\$5,028.53
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$123,867.52	\$130,448.13



Treasurer's Report

This is my first year as TAP's Treasurer and I am honoured to have been asked to help such a wonderful team of people with such a worthwhile endeavour. I would like to extend a thank you to TAP's outgoing treasurer, Pru Wood, who resigned in August 2017, for her professionalism and assistance in ensuring a smooth transition between treasurers.

TAP is in the very fortunate position to currently have \$123,868 of cash at bank. With the average project costing approximately \$10,000, we are in a good position to be able to fund new projects this season without the need to raise additional funds in the short term. Thanks to this capital, the previous TAP Board had agreed in late 2016 to not actively fund-raise until a foreign funds transfer to India issue had been resolved. No projects were commenced or completed during the financial year due to the Indian government delays with Manav Sadhna's re-registration to receive funds transfers from international charities. With the registration process resolved in February 2018, we were able to reimburse Manav Sadhna \$19,943.82 in March 2018 for the construction of Bholus 14 and 16 which were completed in the previous financial year.

Ahead of an expected increase in project activity in the coming financial year, we took the opportunity to:

- upgrade our subscription to Base Camp (our project management software)
- redesign and refresh the brand and website
- improve the investment of surplus cash by investing \$100,000 in term deposits

Paul Barrett
Treasurer



Looking to the future

In 2018-19 The Anganwadi Project is looking forward to an exciting new phase in our development. With our on-going relationship with Manav Sadhna and our new collaboration with the Vicente Ferrer Rural Development Trust (RDT), for the first time we will be sending two teams of volunteers to different parts of India to design and build anganwadis in very different conditions.

We will continue to work with the local community in Sabarmati to build more anganwadis for the children of Ahmedabad and their families. We will also continue to work closely with Manav Sadhna to determine the communities most in need.

In this new collaboration with RDT we will be working with the disadvantaged and vulnerable rural communities of Andhra Pradesh to design and build anganwadis within a very different cultural and climatic region.

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

We always welcome and encourage new partners and supporters to help strengthen TAP and its ability to positively impact the lives of so many.

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With gratitude,

The Anganwadi Project (TAP)



Thank you!