

ANNUAL REPORT 2013-14



*"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,
founder Manav Sadhna





The Anganwadi Project Annual Report 2013-14

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Bholu 13's community leader proudly holding the model of the new school.

The Anganwadi Project



Volunteer Jo Waterhouse conducting a painting workshop for the childrens time capsule to be buried in the foundation.

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 of Armadillo&Co/Bholu and Jane Rothschild of Architects Without Frontiers (Australia).

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 re-cycled 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, 13 anganwadi have been built with the help of over 22 volunteer Architects 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.



Bholu 13 children hiding in the shoe store



Bholu 13's builder.



Volunteer Susanne Pollman with the children of Bholu 13



President's Message

The 2013-14 season has been a very positive and successful year. Our focus this year has been on fundraising and project awareness, as well as building a wonderful new school Bholu 13.

Bholu 13 has been created by our two extraordinary volunteers Jo Waterhouse and Susanne Pollmann who have been in India since January 2014. Caroline Kite, a former volunteer, went back to India to introduce Jo and Susanne to the community and the project. This committed support by our volunteers is invaluable.

We made great steps in our fundraising campaigns, with a great effort from our corporate sponsor, Armadillo&Co who took a team to India to conduct a creative workshop and then auction the works in an event in Sydney.

Our partnership with Inspired Adventures "Steps For Schools" trek was launched in Jan 2014. We currently we have 9 participants, with one more place available. The participants will raise funds through sponsorship and the trip will take place in Nov/Dec 2014.

Positive awareness in the media has been raised this past year through a steady stream of social media channels direct from our volunteers in India, as well as help from a professional new film and photographs. Marketing from our Steps for Schools participants has also raised awareness of the project as well as ongoing exposure through supporting corporate sponsorship and their networks.

Without this financial and marketing support, our project would not be possible. Our primary sponsors include Armadillo&Co, The Sweet Shop and Total Balance. We would also like to thank our volunteers, the local communities both in India and Australia and our board members for their expertise, commitment and guidance to the project.

*Jodie Fried
President*



Bholu 13 Children watching their new school being built.



Volunteers lending a hand



Bholu 13 children and teacher



Bholu 13 Presentation to the community with Volunteer Jo Waterhouse and Manav Sadhna's Project Co-ordinator Neeta Jadav

The Year in Review



The 2013-14 season has been a very productive and exciting one for The Anganwadi Project on a number of fronts. In India, we have had a team of 2 dynamic and committed volunteers, Susanne Pollmann and Jo Waterhouse who have been working on Bholu 13 since January.

The ceremony for the inauguration for Bholu 13 will take place on the 23rd of July 2014.

Repair work to the roof and floor of Bholu 6 is also currently underway and will be completed in the next few months.

As an organization, it has been a very exciting year with very successful fundraising initiatives which will ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the organization into the future.

In the end of 2013, TAP formed an exciting new partnership with the dynamic Sydney-based company Inspired Adventures. IA create exciting fundraising trips for non-profit organisations like The Anganwadi Project. IA and TAP are running a fund-raising adventure in the desert of Gujarat.

Jane Rothschild
Vice-President



Bholu 13 children with volunteers Jo Waterhouse and Susanne Pollmann

The Anganwadi Project Board Members



Jodie Fried
President



Jane Rothschild
Vice-President



Warren Seeto
Treasurer



Jane Johnson
Architectural Advisor



Anne Skipper AOM
Board Member/ Governance



Alice Skipper
Secretary/ Legal Advisor



Project Report - Bholu 13

Project Report 2013-14

BHOLU 13 - New Design & Construction

Bholu 13 preschool is nestled within the Tahakar community on the western banks of the Sabarmati River in Ahmedabad in the state of Gujarat, India. This area is located approximately 2km from Manav Sadhna and the Gandhi Ashram. The Tahakar slum, also home to Bholu 4, consists of about 900 people with 94 children between the ages of six months and six years. The new Bholu will serve 25 of these children.

LOCATION Tahakar Slums, Ahmedabad

REPAIRS/RESTORATION January 2014 - July 2014

VOLUNTEERS Jo Waterhouse, Susanne Pollman



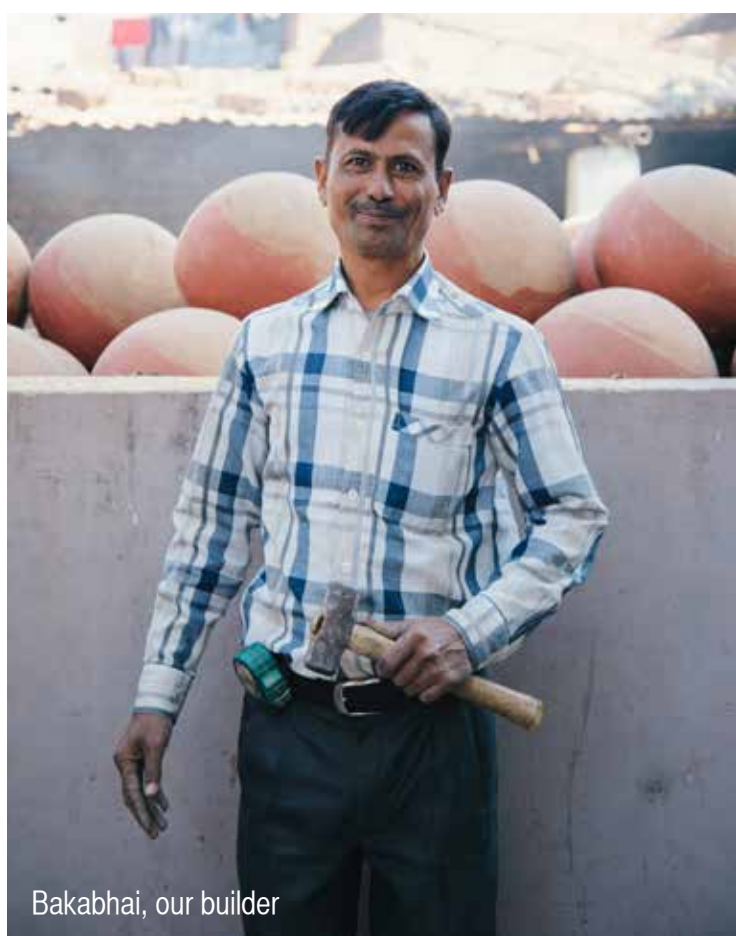
Bholu 13 teachers holding the new school design model



Painting at Bholu 13 with the Volunteers



Volunteer, Jo Waterhouse with Bholu 11 children



Bakabhai, our builder

Volunteer Report - Bholu 13



Bholu 13 Presentation to the community



Volunteer Jo Waterhouse & local children on site of Bholu 13

Susanne and I were fortunate to volunteer on the design and construction of Bholu 13 from January through until the end of July 2014. As the project draws to an end and we work frantically to complete the finishing touches, it is evermore emphasized to us that the community is not the sole beneficiary. As TAP Volunteers we will leave behind a beautiful new school, but take with us countless memories and lessons.

One of the most significant lessons was that the process was equally, if not more important, than the finished product. As any great adventure and indeed building process, things didn't go as planned or exactly as per the initial design. In hindsight this created a better, more inclusive outcome where everyone could leave their signature. The general community were always eager to help with the physical construction, whilst the Anganwadi children loved creating artworks to contribute to the finished space. In Australia we are accustomed to working in extremely regulated building environments so it was refreshing and inspiring to work alongside the community with such a hands-on approach. The language differences were certainly not a barrier for communicating the enthusiasm and appreciation we felt from the community.

The benefits of working with a local builder were twofold. Whilst he was able to expand and improve his professional building skills, he was also the primary catalyst for enabling us to utilize local knowledge, skills and contacts. As Architects, our skills of communication (written, drawn and spoken) were challenged in the most fundamental, yet important ways. Such skills we will strive to improve beyond this experience.

Rarely do opportunities arise where you can wholeheartedly immerse yourself both professionally and personally. Now, we are finishing this process in the knowledge that we have made a significant, and genuinely meaningful, contribution towards creating a better future for these children - an experience that is infinitely rewarding.

*Jo Waterhouse/ Susanne Pollmann
Volunteers*



Bholu 13 student



Bholu 13 interior



Bholu 13 exterior



Bholu 13 interior



Bholu 13 interior



Bholu 13 Inauguration



Bholu 13 Inauguration

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Fundraising Report - Inspired Adventures



Are you looking for the adventure of a lifetime in 2014?

Imagine trekking for five days through spectacular desert landscapes, camping each night under stars... your senses will come alive, and you will learn to expect the unexpected!

Best of all, each step you take will bring us closer to our goal of constructing a new anganwadi (pre-school) in the Tekra slums of Ahmedabad.

Places are limited! Find out more now.

Discover dramatic sunsets, diverse tribal groups, dazzling salt lakes and more.

Test your fitness and stamina as you trek for five days in the remote deserts of western Gujarat.

Meet diverse tribal groups who live harmoniously in a stark and barren landscape, despite their distinct language and customs. Their intricate, colourful textiles are the most beautiful in all India – and just think, you could see them for yourself!

To top it all off, you'll visit some of TAP's beautiful preschools, just like the one your fundraising will help to construct. You will also help give one of the anganwadis a fresh coat of paint, alongside the local community. There will be plenty of opportunity to meet and talk with the children and families whose lives are enhanced by your fundraising efforts.

Yes! I want to join Steps for Schools: India Trek 2014



Help change the lives of children like Puja

Puja was born and raised in the Tekra slums of Ahmedabad in Gujarat, India.

From the age of three, Puja was expected to learn in unimaginable conditions. Classrooms were cramped, dark and poorly ventilated.

With the funds raised by our supporters, simple additions were made to the existing structure of Puja's school, and Bholu 1 was born. The classroom became bright, spacious and clean – the perfect environment for Puja and her classmates to learn in.

Every year we visited Bholu 1, we witnessed Puja's dramatic development. Thriving in her new surroundings, she was learning, growing and eating a nutritious meal every day. Her eyes were bright and her weight was increasing.

Now 11, Puja stayed in Bholu 1 until she was able to attend a local municipal school.

With the support of people just like you, we are seeing a steady increase in anganwadi and school attendance. This ensures students can access at least one nutritious meal every day, monitor their growth and gives them the opportunity to a quality education.

— Jodie Fried, 2012



You won't be doing it alone. You'll get guidance and support to raise the funds to cover your costs, to help meet your fundraising goal and prepare you mentally and physically for your journey. You'll make new friends and a lifetime of memories.

I hope you can join us and be part of Steps for Schools: India Trek 2014! Together, we can improve the lives of underprivileged Indian communities, one school at a time.

Kind regards,

Jodie Fried and Jane Rothschild
Founders and Project Directors
The Anganwadi Project

P.S. The funds you raise will help The Anganwadi Project complete the design and construction of a new anganwadi (pre-school) in the Tekra slum area of Ahmedabad.



Inspired Adventures is a professional fundraising agency, working with Australian and international charities to create and manage fundraising events around the world. Since 2005, Inspired Adventures has run over 300 challenges for 4,000 adventurers and raised over \$14 million.

In November 2014, a team of 9 TAP supporters will be embarking on a fundraising challenge with Inspired Adventures, trekking for 5 days through the desert landscapes of western Gujarat, India. The team is aiming to fund the design and construction of a new anganwadi in the Tekra slums of Ahmedabad.

At the time of print the team had fundraised \$12,465. Each participant has pledged to raise a minimum of \$3,500 each with the team expected to raise in excess of \$31,000.

The team have held some fantastic, creative events already including a Tea Cosy Auction raising over \$4,000 and a Beer Tasting/Brewery Tour earning \$1,000. There are already plans in motion for a Movie Night, Bollywood Party, Garage Sale and Band Night!



Fundraising Report - Inspired Adventures



Inspired Adventures, Team Leader, Kate Young

As soon I heard about the work of The Anganwadi Project I had an irresistible urge to get involved and be apart of it. The team at TAP are an incredible bunch of people and their passion has inspired me to make a difference.

I am so unbelievably lucky to be joining the Steps for Schools: India Trek in November as the Inspired Adventures Team Leader. I have pledged to raise a minimum of \$3,500 and to date I've raised \$2,285. I have several other events planned to push me over the target.

The Anganwadi Project represents a future that I would like to see – equal access to education, nutrition, health and hygiene for all people, regardless of where they live in the world. It's a wonderful feeling to know my hard work is going towards this goal. I cannot wait to get to India, learn more about TAP and see first-hand the difference the anganwadi's make to the community.

Kate Young
Inspired Adventures Team Leader

Sponsor Report - Armadillo&Co



Bholu 3 Children and their artworks from The Collage Collection workshop



TAP President, Jodie Fried with the children of Bholu 13



Children of Bholu 13



The Collage Collection Workshop



Artworks being woven.



Armadillo&Co
"The Collage Collection"
Fundraiser



Armadillo&Co General Manager, Caroline Edwards.



Sponsor Report - Armadillo&Co

One of the most rewarding aspects of my work at Armadillo&Co is our annual visit to India. We travel to meet our skilled artisans and develop our new collections.

From the very beginning, Armadillo&Co is about giving back and supporting our communities and for me, there has been no greater joy than seeing first hand how we are contributing and supporting hundreds of unprivileged children in the slum of Gujarat.

To mark our fifth year, we wanted to raise awareness of our favourite cause, and also enough funds to build a new school. We ran a terrific workshop with the children of Bholu 2 and Bholu 11. Like Priti, Sunil or Vasanti, it was lots of fun - the children using papers and glue to spontaneously create fabulous collages. These creative collages were then transformed by our artisans into woven artworks.

Back in Sydney, we curated an exhibition, presenting each little artist and their work, which were offered up for silent auction. The event attracted 150 genuinely delighted guests who didn't hold back in showing their appreciation - bidding in a happily intense silent auction and raising nearly \$16,000 for a cause that always inspires passion and humility.

We're all very proud of what the children have allowed us to do. The money raised goes such a long way and goes into the right hands to create the right projects. There will be enough from a single night of warmth and generosity to allow The Anganwadi Project to afford and build two new schools, with enough left-over to begin the plans for a third.

This has only been possible thanks to our dedicated Armadillo&Co team, and their tireless commitment and obvious belief in the value of the project and these children's futures. Every team member has my eternal thanks and we look forward to seeing these schools come to life.

Caroline Edwards
General Manager



Kristen Masters, an Armadillo&Co volunteer conducting The Collage Collection Workshop

The Anganwadi Project

Financials 2013-14

THE ANGANWADI PROJECT INCORPORATED
ABN 12 314 134 057

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Profit before income tax		33,541.28	7,164.41
Income tax expense		-	-
Profit after income tax		33,541.28	7,164.41
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year		8,873.57	1,709.16
Total available for appropriation		42,414.85	8,873.57
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year		42,414.85	8,873.57

THE ANGANWADI PROJECT INCORPORATED
ABN 12 314 134 057

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	42,414.85	11,729.57
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>42,414.85</u>	<u>11,729.57</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>42,414.85</u>	<u>11,729.57</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Borrowings	3	-	2,856.00
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>-</u>	<u>2,856.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>-</u>	<u>2,856.00</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>42,414.85</u>	<u>8,873.57</u>
EQUITY			
Retained earnings	4	42,414.85	8,873.57
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>42,414.85</u>	<u>8,873.57</u>

THE ANGANWADI PROJECT INCORPORATED
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PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	2014 \$	2013 \$
SALES		
Donation - General	23,225.64	2,661.80
Donation - Periodic	12,375.00	7,583.71
Donation - Volunteer Fundraising	22,932.70	2,623.61
Association Membership	280.00	175.00
Donation - India	-	21,700.67
	58,813.34	34,744.79
LESS: COST OF GOODS SOLD		
Project - Bholu 10	-	4,331.79
Project - Bholu 11	-	10,179.33
Project - Bholu 12	-	6,638.94
Project - Bholu 13	6,144.00	-
Project - Repairs and Maintenance	-	3,344.70
	6,144.00	24,494.76
GROSS PROFIT FROM TRADING	52,669.34	10,250.03
OTHER INCOME		
Interest Received	84.31	21.83
	52,753.65	10,271.86
EXPENSES		
Bank Charges	77.24	0.50
Insurance - Liability	1,608.75	1,586.75
Insurance - General Liability	1,302.62	1,266.65
Insurance - Corporate Travel	2,876.50	-
Promotion	504.90	-
Subscriptions	11,830.00	-
Web Hosting	1,012.36	253.55
	19,212.37	3,107.45
Profit before income tax	33,541.28	7,164.41



Treasurer's Summary

The financial position for The Anganwadi Project Incorporated vastly improved during the 2014 year, with an annual surplus from activities of \$33,541.28 (2013 \$7,164.41).

The improvement in results is largely attributed to increased revenue from donations and fund raising activities. Construction expenses were lower than previous year, with construction activities limited to only one site.

However, with the increased donation and fundraising activities, the operating expenses also increased, with insurance being the main recurring expense to continue to rise.

At the end of the 2014 year, the accumulated surplus was \$42,414.85 (2013 \$8,873.57). It is anticipated that funds will continue to be accumulated for the ensuing years to establish sufficient capital so that the Association is less reliant on annual donations and fundraising activities to fund its charitable activities.

Warren Seeto
Treasurer



Tekra Slums, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, INDIA

Looking to the future



The Anganwadi Project is currently planning for our 2014-15 building season and recruiting new volunteers.

TAP's aim for the next season continues to be the design and build more preschools in order to create brighter futures for the slum children.

In 2014-15 we will design and build Bholu 14, and continue the maintenance of the earlier Bholus, to ensure their long-term sustainability. We will continue and expand our seven year close relationship with Manav Sadhna and the community.

Whilst we continue to grow and become a fundamentally stronger organization, our long term sustainability relies solely on donations from private individuals and companies for our funding. Our volunteers fund their own way to India and donate their time to the project free of charge.

We invite you to become a member of The Anganwadi Project by giving a small or generous donation, or alternatively sign up for our incredible 'Steps for Schools' trip on our website! (www.anganwadiproject.com). Thank you!

