



FACT Inc

Annual Report 2018

**Forgotten Australians Coming Together Inc
trading as Tuart Place**

Excellence in community service



Triumphant Tuart Place Board members, staff and volunteers at the 2018 Community Service Excellence Awards with Patron Senator Rachel Siewert and Greens WA MLC Alison Xamon (centre).

OUR CORE PURPOSE

Growing Strong Together

OUR VISION

Growing Together – Leading the Way

A place where participants build a better future

OUR VALUES

Our values are participant created and driven



T - Together.....we build

U - Understanding

A - Acceptance

R - Respect.....and

T – Trust

*Acronym developed by Tuart Place support group members
(March 2012).*

T – TOGETHER

“There is a family atmosphere at Tuart Place that I haven’t found with any other organisation”

U - UNDERSTANDING

“Coming to the group has helped me understand that I’m not alone.”

A - ACCEPTANCE

“Never before in my life, have I experienced a social setting, where I feel safe, accepted, and can truly be myself.”

R – RESPECT

“I am welcomed and treated with friendship and respect at Tuart Place. There isn’t a ‘them and us’ atmosphere.”

T – TRUST

“I can finally trust people to tell my story to and know that I’ll be listened to and be believed.”

FACT Inc. Annual Report

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Tuart Place

Growing Strong Together

*A resource service for people who experienced
out-of-home care during childhood*



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Chairperson's Report

FACT Chairperson Ron Love

My name is Ron Love and, as the Chairperson of Forgotten Australians Coming Together Inc. (FACT), it is with greatest respect that I offer my personal congratulations to FACT Board Members for their integral part in ensuring the continual safe support for Care Leavers and governance of Tuart Place throughout the past year.

All General Board Members and Co-opted Members are held in high esteem for volunteering their valuable time, individual skills and expertise for the benefit of Care Leavers and Tuart Place.

Thank you all for your high-level contributions to excellent discussions and decision-making as a team. Your work forms the basis for maintaining safe and lawful processes for Care Leavers and Tuart Place as we all rise to even greater heights. With our success during the 2017/18 financial year, Tuart Place and Care Leavers can confidently look forward to a future with adequate funding and a secure foundation.

Care Leavers, the FACT Inc Board, Tuart Place staff and valued volunteers continue to take pride in promoting Tuart Place as Western Australia's leading representative body for Care Leavers.

The terms 'Care Leavers' and 'Forgotten Australians' include people who in the last century were Wards of the State, Former Child Migrants, Forced Adoptees, Fostered Children, members of the Stolen Generations and non-Aboriginal Australians placed in institutional care during childhood.

I congratulate the FACT Inc Board, Tuart Place staff, volunteers and Forgotten Australians for their wonderful combined team effort, making real benefits available for those of us who were in institutions or other forms of out-of-home care during childhood.

Some of the highlights celebrated during the last 12 months include the success of our Christmas gathering in 2017, when we welcomed more than 120 guests to Tuart Place, and unveiled a plaque honouring the late Laurie Humphreys. Our 2018 mid-year event was another wonderful Winter Warmer lunch and included the unforgettable 'Have-a-Go' Talent Show.

Throughout the year Ginny has once again led the Monday Singing Group to ever greater heights, and always creating a wonderful welcoming atmosphere that makes everyone feel at ease. I express my appreciation of the wonderful Craft Group and their hard work this year in creating a great range of goods for our fundraising raffles.

I acknowledge the dedicated contribution of John Ryall in driving the bus for Care Leavers on our outings, including a most enjoyable picnic at Mundaring Weir. The Social Activities Group, under the leadership of Mike

Carroll, held very successful sausage sizzles which funded yet another great weekend trip to Moore River, the purchase of a blood-pressure monitor for Care Leavers, the Laurie Humphreys plaque, and a high quality PA system for Tuart Place.

In addition to activities designed to break down social isolation and help people feel connected, Tuart Place carries out important advocacy work for Care Leavers at the highest levels. This year marked the end of a five-year Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, to which Tuart Place made an enormous contribution.

In March, I appeared with our Director Dr Philippa White at Parliament House in Canberra to continue fighting for the rights of all Care Leavers regarding the National Redress Scheme.

Tuart Place also supported the WA Government's formal apology to survivors of institutional child sexual abuse in June 2018, and we appreciated Minister Simone McGurk's apology to survivors of all forms of institutional abuse and neglect. In her speech, Minister McGurk also acknowledged the harmed caused by Redress WA,

which meant a lot to those who suffered because of this scheme. We greatly value and appreciate Minister McGurk's ongoing support of our continuing struggle to 'Make Redress (WA) Right'.

To Dr Philippa White, our Tuart Place Director, I offer my congratulations and sincere gratitude for the inspirational leadership, caring and encouragement shown to me and all who visit and are connected to Tuart Place.

I offer my congratulations and gratitude to the Tuart Place staff, the volunteers and Care Leavers who offer their individual skills and team efforts in maintaining a great family atmosphere with a high standard of free services. Special thanks to Jo Hocking for extending her great efforts in coordinating the volunteers.

The continuing successes of Tuart Place are creating ever more opportunities for a genuinely improved quality of life and better future prospects for Care Leavers.

In closing, I thank the all Care Leavers, the Board, staff and volunteers for your much appreciated support throughout and efforts throughout the past year. I look forward to enjoying our team spirit and family atmosphere in 2019 as more Care Leavers safely improve their quality of life through the high quality services that are offered by Tuart Place.

Ron Love
Chairperson,
Forgotten Australians Coming Together Inc.



Snapshot of Service Activity

Over the last 12 months

**TABLE I: Tuart Place Demographic Statistics
1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018**

Age Group	Number of Clients	Origin Group	Number of Clients
18 - 30	2	Aust Non-Aboriginal	200
31 - 50	48	Aboriginal	95
51 - 70	184	Child migrant	208
71 +	261	Unspecified	32
Unspecified	40		

Gender Group	Number of Clients	Postcode Group	Number of Clients
Male	345	WA	471
Female	190	Interstate	56
		Overseas	4
		Unspecified	4

A profile of Tuart Place participants and clients is shown in the Demographic Statistics table above.

The data identify number of clients, age cohorts, gender, geographic location and population groups of people accessing services.

As shown in this table, a total of 535 individual clients received a direct service from Tuart Place during the 2017/18 financial year.

The statistics reveal a small increase in client numbers since the 2016/17 financial year, when a total of 527 people accessed services from Tuart Place.

During the last year the number of Aboriginal clients accessing services increased significantly – from 38 to 95.

The number of male clients decreased slightly (from 364 to 345), and the number of female clients increased from 159 to 190.

The number of interstate clients decreased from 65 to 56, while the number of clients living in WA increased from 444 to 471.

The number of clients in the 71+ years age group decreased from 300 to 261 over the last 12 months.

Over the last six years

The graph opposite shows a steady increase in the number of clients and participants accessing direct services from Tuart Place over the last six years.

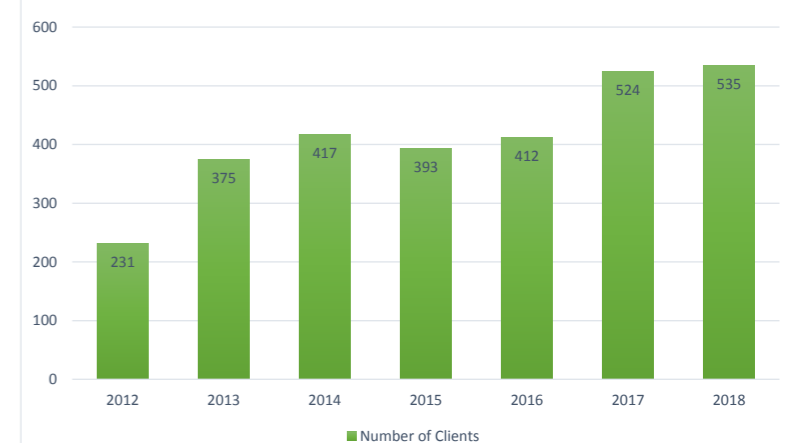
In 2013, during its first full year of operation, Tuart Place provided services to 375 people, compared to 535 people in 2018.

Only 25 Aboriginal people received a service in 2013, compared to 95 in 2018.

Tuart Place has always had more male than female clients, and worked mostly with older care leavers.

The geographic locality of our clients has changed little over the years.

**Tuart Place Number of Clients Graph
2012 to 2018**



Tuart Place celebrated its sixth year of operation in May 2018. The organisation has remained true to its Vision of *Growing Together – Leading the Way*, in creating a secure place where participants build a better future; staff provide highly professional support; and a Board of Governance fosters excellence and growth.

Tuart Place's contribution to the sector was recognised in May this year with a 2018 Community Services Excellence Award. Tuart Place won the award for a *Medium-sized organisation making a positive difference for individuals, families or communities through collaborative, innovative and creative programs or services*. We were humbled to win the award from a field of such dedicated finalists carrying out inspirational work in the community.

FACT Chairperson Ron Love's substantial contribution to our community has been recognised once again. At the time of writing, Ron is a finalist for the 2018 Connect-Groups Lifetime Achievement Award, which is presented in recognition of an individual's outstanding contribution to the philosophy of self help and peer support for more than 15 years. Our warm and hearty congratulations to Ron on his well-deserved nomination for this important award.

Tuart Place is well on course to achieve its strategic goals, meeting and exceeding many of those set in our 2016-20 Strategic Plan. Informed by ongoing feedback from care leavers, some of our primary strategic goals are designed to address aged care issues and unmet needs, and provide outreach for those unable to attend Tuart Place.

Responding to unmet aged care needs

Significant progress was made in responding to unmet aged care needs in 2018. Social Worker Jan Newman continued in her role as Tuart Place's Aged Care Issues Coordinator, forging important new connections with Government, aged care organisations, and other care leaver services. Jan is currently supervising a McCusker Foundation Intern tasked with working collaboratively with care leavers to develop ways to improve awareness and skills among aged care providers. This project utilises the Federal Government's 'Caring for Forgotten Australians, Former Child Migrants and Stolen Generations' Information Package, which includes training resources to help care providers to recognise and respond effectively to the needs of older care leavers.

Outreach

Providing outreach to those unable to attend Tuart Place is another strategic goal designed to meet the needs of an ageing care leaver group. Phone counselling/Phone support has become one of our main areas of service delivery, in terms of numbers of clients serviced and the number of hours provided on a one-to-one basis.

Over the last two years, a dedicated Phone Outreach Service, instigated and coordinated by Senior Thera-

pist Susy Vaughan, has steadily increased our capacity to respond to the needs of people who cannot access face-to-face assistance due to geographical location, age, health problems or social anxiety. The service is delivered by volunteer counsellors and Tuart Place staff.

Prominent themes in the concerns raised by Phone Outreach clients over the last year include: distress triggered by media coverage of abuse-related issues; questions about the National Redress Scheme and civil litigation; health concerns; social isolation; and family difficulties.

Tuart Place's capacity to reach those unable to attend the resource service in person is greatly extended through its publications: 'Ron's Gazette', created by participant and FACT Board Chairperson Ron Love; the 'What's On' flier; and the biannual 'Tuart Times'. All publications consistently attract positive feedback, with comments indicating that care leavers feel more connected and informed.

Building capacity in Tuart Place

Success in achieving the strategic goal of 'building capacity' is evidenced in myriad ways, perhaps most obviously in individual client numbers, which have grown from 384 in 2013 to 535 in 2018. Not bad for a small organisation with a limited number of staff. High quality service delivery and high levels of client satisfaction are reflected in data collected through regular evaluations.

Tuart Place relies heavily on support provided by volunteer workers – by both 'in-house' volunteers who are participants and peer leaders, and by external 'non-care leaver' volunteers from the wider community. Tuart Place's Program Coordinator and Volunteer Manager Jo Hocking has taken a fledgling volunteer program and crafted it into a well-organised, best practice system of recruitment, induction, and supervision of volunteer workers.

Building strong strategic relationships & alliances

Tuart Place is connected to a diverse network of external stakeholders and maintains a strong focus on community education and engagement. Chairperson Ron Love leads the way in offering and providing educational opportunities, such as annual talks to student social workers at UWA; and at community events, including the Connectgroups Self Help and Support Groups Networking Day and the Notre Dame Volunteering Expo. This year Ron also spoke at a National Senate Committee Inquiry and at State-level gatherings at Parliament House WA.

Tuart Place provided on-site educational opportunities for groups like the Fremantle Education Centre Com-



munity Services Students; and hosted individual fieldwork placements for Notre Dame Masters of Counselling Students and UWA McCusker Foundation Interns. Final year podiatry and dental students were supervised by highly qualified professionals to provide free sessions for participants at Tuart Place. This year Tuart Place hosted interviews for research on the Royal Commission undertaken by a PhD candidate from Western Sydney University; and a consultation for the forthcoming National Apology to survivors of institutional child sexual abuse.

Community education & public awareness raising

Tuart Place continues to have a strong voice in the record-keeping sector, following the highly successful 2017 State Records Workshop, which was hosted by Tuart Place in conjunction with Monash University's *Setting the Record Straight for the Rights of the Child* initiative. The workshop brought together 85 participants, comprising care leavers, major government and non-government record holders in WA and senior bureaucrats, archivists, service providers and academics.

Further work has taken place over the past year, leading to some significant improvements in records access and release at a local level. Following on from last year's Workshop, Tuart Place was represented on a panel of experts at the Annual Conference of the Australian Society of Archivists held in Perth in September 2018.

During my presentation I screened video excerpts of the powerful speeches made by FACT Chairperson

Ron Love, Board member Ann McVeigh, and Stolen Generations activist Marlene Jackamarra, at the 2017 Records Workshop.

Care leaver representatives also appeared via video in training sessions I provided to lawyers and senior government representatives at the State Solicitor's Office in August, and to lawyers attending a half-day Legalwise professional development workshop in July. The topic of both presentations was minimising re-traumatisation of survivors of abuse during civil litigation processes and minimising vicarious traumatisation of staff.

Links developed with the State Solicitors Office have led to further liaison and consultation to develop better systems within the WA District Court of WA for dealing with survivors of child sexual abuse participating in civil claims processes.

Tuart Place has some unique characteristics that distinguish it from other services, not the least of which is its effective model of collaborative leadership with care leavers.

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the Board, staff, volunteers, participants, supporters, and all those who have contributed to the Tuart Place community over the last 12 months and have helped to make 2018 another highly successful year. I feel very fortunate to be a part of the Tuart Place team.

Philippa White
Director, Tuart Place.

Spotlight on aged care



Among the aged care-related information sessions held at Tuart Place this year was a presentation by Roslyn Smith and Rebecca McIlroy from the Aged Care Branch of the Commonwealth Department of Health.

Roslyn and Rebecca said it was an honor to speak with a group at Tuart Place about Aged Care options. Our visitors enjoyed the great discussion and questions from participants, and gained some valuable information about things to be aware of in improving services for older care leavers. In turn, they gave us some very good contacts for educating other people working in the aged care sector about the needs and aspirations of older care leavers.

Service activity in 2018

Professional and clinical services delivered by Tuart Place in the last financial year included trauma-informed counselling and psychotherapy; phone counselling; therapeutic and life-skills groups; individual tuition; pro-bono health, financial and legal services; supported access to records; family tracing and connection; and individual advocacy.

Occasions of service and number of participants accessing professional and other non-administrative services in the 2017/18 financial year are shown in Table II.

Psycho-social Support

The largest area of service delivery (excluding social connection activities) in this period was psycho-social support, which is provided in a variety of ways by both clinical and non-clinical staff. Therapeutic interventions and interactions are customised for individual clients/participants. This reflects the Tuart Place therapeutic 'whole-of-service' model. Psycho-social support given with a therapeutic intent and using an informal, relational approach provides an important contribution to the positive outcomes achieved by many of our participants.

Counselling/Phone Counselling

Together, counselling and phone counselling make up the second largest area of service delivery (excluding social connection), in terms of numbers of clients serviced and the number of hours provided on a one-to-one basis.

The number of people receiving counselling and/or support via the phone outreach service introduced last year has grown from 30 to 39. The service caters for those people who cannot access face-to-face assistance due to geographical location, age, health issues or social anxiety. The service is coordinated by the Senior Therapist and delivered by volunteer counsellors.

Advocacy & Referral & Liaison

Demand for our advocacy and Referral/Liaison services remained high this year. Support and liaison continued for people engaging with UK Inquiries,

SERVICE	Occasions of service	No. of clients
Individual advocacy	314	98
Counselling	576	131
Family tracing & connection	80	31
Health/Legal/Financial	438	119
IT Skills/Computer Lab	588	61
Life skills & Literacy	1,247	197
Phone counselling	465	166
Psycho-social support	3,609	286
Records – supported access	318	99
Referral & liaison	1,087	244
Royal commission support	30	21
Support group	236	31
National Redress **	86	74
*NB: Many clients accessed more than one service (n = 535)		
** New category		

(including supported Skype sessions); as well as for people participating in new or continuing complaints of historic child abuse to a range of non-government past providers of care.

Individual liaison and advocacy for some of our most disadvantaged participants necessitates a significant commitment of time and resources to achieve positive life changes. A successful outcome for one person may seem quite small but can be the result of weeks of liaison, meetings and supportive counselling.

Systemic advocacy around the topic of Redress was also undertaken during this period with both State and the Commonwealth governments.

Life skills & Literacy

Opportunities to develop personal and life skills are provided wherever possible and include customised skills development sessions for individual participants; participation in community awareness and education activities; psycho-educational workshops; and invitations to share skills by delivering art and craft sessions.

Outcomes include enhanced interpersonal and communication skills and increased sense of self-determination, self-worth and self-confidence as evidenced by comments

collated from the 2018 Tuart Place 'Do we make a Difference' postal survey, available on the Tuart Place website.

Social connection

The largest area of non-clinical service delivery during the 2017/18 financial year was social activities involving Tuart Place participants. Our focus on personal interaction is underpinned by the knowledge that social isolation is one of the major difficulties facing many older adults who were separated from their families during childhood and experienced further disconnection and trauma in out-of-home care.

Many of the social activities organised via Tuart Place are instigated and coordinated by participants, and, in particular, the Social Activities Group. Independent networks and friendships among participants have strengthened and are taken outside Tuart Place. These are increasingly helpful in situations where illness or hardship means extra support is needed.

Comparative data on hours of service provided across the professional service delivery categories in 2017/18 are shown in Table III on page 9.

Funding and donations

Since its inception in 2012, Tuart Place has received a large proportion of its core operational funding from the State Government, and continues to receive essential financial support from the WA Department of Communities.

Equally important to the continuing operation of Tuart Place are the unconditional donations received from non-government organisations formerly providing institutional care to children. In addition to State Government grants, Tuart Place receives unconditional financial contributions from Catholic past providers the Christian Brothers, the Sisters of Mercy and the Sisters of Nazareth, and from non-Catholic former providers of care in Western Australia.

Financial support from all past providers is greatly appreciated by the people of Tuart Place, and is consistent with the Healing and Reconciliation agenda initiated by Tuart Place participants.

The importance of past providers funding support services is well recognised, and in its Report on Redress and Civil Litigation, the Royal Commission into

Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse observed that it is especially important for some survivors that support is 'funded by the institutions responsible for the abuse'.

In addition to organisational donations, Tuart Place also receives donations from care leavers and from members of the general public. Some care leavers make donations to Tuart Place as a way of 'giving back' to the organisation, and supporting the common goal of 'Growing Strong Together'.

To donate to Tuart Place

As a Public Benevolent Institution with Gift Deductible Recipient status, donations to Tuart Place are tax deductible. Donations can be made via PayPal on the Tuart Place website; by cheque, or Electronic Funds Transfer.

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Forgotten Australians Coming Together Inc

Bank: Commonwealth Bank

Branch: Fremantle WA

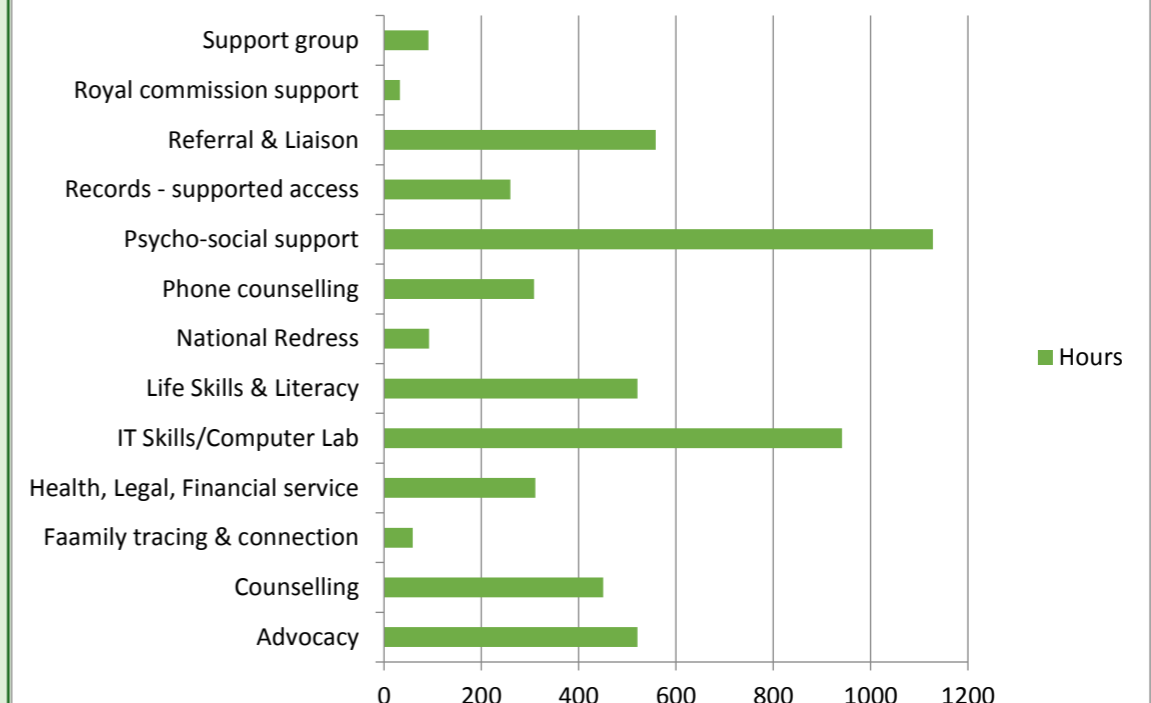
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Hours of service delivery in 2018

TABLE III: Tuart Place: Hours of Professional and Clinical Service Delivery 1-7-17 to 30-6-18



International links

Tuart Place continues to contribute to the various historic abuse inquiry processes underway in Northern Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales.

In collaboration with the Tardun Old Boys Association, Tuart Place has maintained lines of communication between former child migrants and those advocating for implementation of the Northern Ireland Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry's recommendations.

Similarly, English and Welsh former child migrants have been supported to access legal advice and information on the British Government's (non)response to the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse.

In September, 2018 we hosted two teams from the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry, who conducted formal hearings with Scottish child migrant witnesses at Tuart Place and other locations in Australia.

Parliamentary & Senate submissions

In 2018 Tuart Place provided three submissions to Parliamentary Inquiries into the National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse.

In March 2018, FACT Chairperson Ron Love and Dr Philippa White travelled to Canberra to give evidence by invitation at a public hearing of a Senate Committee Inquiry into the Commonwealth Redress Scheme Bill.

Tuart Place's most recent submission is to a current Joint Standing Committee's Inquiry into the oversight of the implementation of redress related recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

Tuart Place's submission identifies areas of the National Redress Scheme that require amendment and makes some specific recommendations for improving the Assessment Framework.

The three submissions are available on the Tuart Place website (Reports & Submissions), and on the Parliamentary websites for each of the Inquiries.

Tuart Place: A place of hope and healing

So many positive changes have occurred in my life since coming to Tuart Place. The first time I saw the faces of my childhood friends after 55 years was overwhelming. Ann, Mary, Margaret, Gwen, Jennifer, Elizabeth, Philomena, Vicki, Mary Rose, Frances. There they all were.

I met the Peter Pan Boys, the lost boys, the survivors, now stoic men. They have been given the courage to tell their stories, and gradually, I've told mine. I've cried most of the time in the telling, though this was the time I started to heal.

Tuart Place has become a precious haven to me. It's like a refuelling station, where I can come in for a service whenever I feel my spirits flagging. The support, the genuine welcome, the ease with which you can just blend in creates a sense of relief. You feel accepted, it's very

comforting and restores hope again.

Although Tuart Place is all inclusive, and everyone is valued equally, it still has the amazing ability to make you feel individually special. I love that and need it.

So many of our other needs are catered for. Physical, mental, legal, and there is one other I have not conquered – modern technology. I'm completely illiterate in that area.

Now I'm going to give it a shot. Thanks for the confidence. A restful, welcoming, and healing place, filled with butterflies and angels. I'm so glad you've come my way.

Tuart Place – a place where Hope Happens.

Gloria Nicolau



Three groups united

Representatives of the three care leaver groups were invited to speak to a gathering of Labor Members at Parliament House WA on 10 April 2018, to provide a detailed briefing on the Make Redress Right Campaign.

Speakers representing the 'Forgotten Australians', the Stolen Generations and their descendants, and former child migrants from the UK and Malta gave compelling accounts of their experiences during the one-hour presentation.

Standing united in their quest for justice, these three groups are a force to be reckoned with.



At a meeting with Minister Simone McGurk late last year, **Justice campaigner Marlene Jackamarra** (centre in photo above) suggested a morning tea to recognise the courage and strength of survivors of abuse.

On 17 May 2018, survivors from the three care leaver groups - members of the Stolen Generations, the 'Forgotten Australians', and former child migrants - gathered at Parliament House for a delightful morning tea.

We are grateful to Minister McGurk and her staff for graciously hosting this event.

As part of Tuart Place's commitment to continuous improvement, we conduct regular evaluations and surveys.

In 2017 we surveyed the care leaver readership of *The Tuart Times*, seeking feedback on the publication. Of the 142 responses received, 72% per cent of respondents indicated that the newsletter is a 'very important' service, and 27% thought it is an 'important' service. Only one person indicated that it was 'not important'. Comments indicate that receiving the newsletter helps people feel connected, and that they value *The Tuart Times* as a source of information.

Responses to the 2018 Tuart Place survey were overwhelmingly positive, including comments such as: "It's completely changed my outlook"; "I would not be alive today if it was not for the support of Tuart Place"; "I do feel at ease and have less hassle in my life"; "Communication skills have improved now that Tuart Place has been involved with making me feel confident in myself"; "Helps me not to isolate"; "Having more skills on

the computer now, it is easier to find more information if and when I need it"; and "Asking for help and support is not a shameful or scary thing anymore".

Eighty-five forms were returned in this anonymous survey, which was posted to 654 care leavers living in our local area. Over 88% of respondents said that as a result of support received from Tuart Place they feel more confident, more at ease, more able to communicate with others, more socially connected, more able to find/ask for information and support and more able to make changes in life.

Common themes included the friendliness and support at Tuart Place; a welcoming, warm, informal environment; a safe and caring connection with friendly and supportive staff; a sense of family and belonging; catching up with old friends; and meeting people with similar experiences.

It's nice to know we make a difference.

Thank you to our VOLUNTEERS

Tuart Place participant David Moir, Program Coordinator Jo Hocking, and FACT Chairperson Ron Love promoted Tuart Place so successfully at Notre Dame University's Volunteering Expo in March 2018, we ended up with the largest number of recruits!

Dave, Ron and Jo were kept busy throughout the day answering questions from enthusiastic students keen to volunteer at Tuart Place.



About Tuart Place

Tuart Place is a resource service for people who experienced out-of-home care in WA. It offers person-centred, trauma-informed professional services including counselling (in-person and by phone); therapeutic support groups; topic-specific life-skills classes; family tracing and research; supported access to records; computer skills and literacy classes; assisted referral to mainstream services; advocacy and support during abuse complaints processes; newsletters; and access to on-site pro bono services, including dental, legal and podiatry services.

Reaching out with top quality publications

Tuart Place is renowned for the high standard of its publications, and we receive an overwhelming amount of positive feedback on our newsletters.

The two-monthly *Ron's Gazette* is circulated in-house and by email to 250 recipients.

The Tuart Times is published biannually and is posted in hard copy to approximately 1,053 care leavers and a further 739 agencies and supporters.

The *What's On* flier and *Events Calendar* are published every two months and mailed in hard copy to 654 participants in the Perth metro area.

All publications are available on the Tuart Place website.

VALE

Edward Cogan

3-3-37 to 23-8-18

A founding member of FACT
A FACT Board Member from
2009 to 2018

A kind and gentle man
We miss you Eddie
Rest in Peace



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FACT Inc Financial Statements 2018



The following documents are provided in an insert:

- Special Purpose Financial Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2018
- Report on the Independent Audit of the Financial Statements

FORGOTTEN AUSTRALIANS COMING TOGETHER INC

ABN 65 313 893 450

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

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FORGOTTEN AUSTRALIANS COMING TOGETHER INC
ABN 65 313 893 450

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
		Restated
Revenue from government grants	330,000	323,745
Laurie Humphrey Fund	229,000	258,000
Donations and fundraising	18,653	19,829
Interest income	7,644	4,279
Total revenue	585,297	605,853
Employee expenses	445,103	462,683
Bookkeeping and auditing	15,679	15,830
Food and catering costs	21,734	20,251
Tuart Times printing and postage	13,200	11,185
General IT and computer equipment	14,760	16,897
Program costs and equipment	9,495	5,601
Office rent	7,715	7,697
Photocopying	5,210	6,212
Internet expense	5,789	5,014
Events and gatherings	4,495	8,492
Other expenses	31,965	34,550
Total expenses	575,145	594,412
Surplus for the year	10,152	11,441
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	10,152	11,441

FORGOTTEN AUSTRALIANS COMING TOGETHER INC
ABN 65 313 893 450

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$ Restated
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	490,621	306,006
Other financial assets	3	100,000	250,000
Prepayments		4,940	5,151
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		595,561	561,157
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Equipment	4	-	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		-	-
TOTAL ASSETS		595,561	561,157
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	5	14,007	14,295
Other liabilities	6	451,725	440,725
Provisions	7	31,778	24,385
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		497,510	479,405
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	7	26,025	19,878
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		26,025	19,878
TOTAL LIABILITIES		523,535	499,283
NET ASSETS		72,026	61,874
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		72,026	61,874
TOTAL EQUITY		72,026	61,874

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	Retained earnings	Total equity
	\$	\$
At 1 July 2016 - Restated	50,433	50,433
Comprehensive income		
Surplus for the year	11,441	11,441
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	11,441	11,441
Balance at 30 June 2017	61,874	61,874

	Retained earnings	Total equity
	\$	\$
At 1 July 2017	61,874	61,874
Comprehensive income		
Surplus for the year	10,152	10,152
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	10,152	10,152
Balance at 30 June 2018	72,026	72,026

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$ Restated
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from			
Government grants		363,562	350,914
Donations and contributions		258,652	273,099
Interest Income		7,645	4,279
Payments to suppliers and employees		(595,244)	(616,921)
Net cash generated by operating activities	10	34,615	11,371
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from disposal of term deposits		150,000	-
Payments for investments in term deposits		-	(250,000)
Payments for purchase of equipment		-	(3,967)
Net cash generated/(used in) investing activities		150,000	(253,967)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		184,615	(242,596)
Cash at beginning of financial year		306,006	548,602
Cash at end of financial year	2	490,621	306,006

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Board of Management of Forgotten Australians Coming Together Inc (the Association) have prepared the financial statements on the basis that the Association is a non-reporting entity, as defined by AASB 1053, because there are no users dependent on a general-purpose financial report. The financial report is therefore a special purpose financial report that has been prepared under Part 5 of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015* (Associations Act), Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and related regulations. Accordingly, these special purpose financial statements comply with the Associations Act, the ACNC Act and related regulations.

Entity details

Forgotten Australians Coming Together Inc is an incorporated association and domiciled in Australia. The address of its registered office and its principal place of business is as follows:

24 High Street
Fremantle
WA 6160

Basis of preparation

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical cost, except where otherwise stated and is presented in Australian Dollars.

Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements specified by all Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, AASB 107 *Statement of Cash Flows*, AASB 108 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors* and AASB 1054 *Australian Additional Disclosures*.

Revenue recognition

Revenue comprises revenue from government grants, donations and fundraising activities.

Revenue is measured by reference to the fair value of consideration received or receivable by the Association.

Revenue is recognised when the amount of revenue can be measured reliably, collection is probable, the costs incurred or to be incurred can be measured reliably, and when the criteria for each of the Association's different activities have been met. Details on the activity-specific criteria are described below.

Interest

Interest is recognised as the interest accrues.

Government grants

Revenue is recognised when the grant is received or receivable, unless the grant has been received on the condition that specified services be delivered or conditions fulfilled (reciprocal grants), such grants are initially recognised as a liability and revenue recognised as services are performed or conditions are fulfilled.

Donations

Donations collected are recognised as revenue when the Association gains control, economic benefits are probable, and the amount of the donation can be measured reliably.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position comprise cash at banks and on hand and short-term deposits with a maturity of three months or less, which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash at banks and on hand and short-term deposits, as defined above.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Other financial assets

Term deposits with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturity dates that the Association has the positive intent and ability to hold to maturity are classified as other financial assets. Other financial assets are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method less any impairment.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST except, where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the Statement of Financial Position are shown inclusive of GST.

The Statement of Cash Flows is prepared on a gross basis. The GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities are included within the relevant categories.

Equipment

Equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis to write-off the net cost of equipment over their expected useful life as follows:

Office Equipment	1 year
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Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are carried at amortised costs and represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Association prior to the end of the financial year that are unpaid and arise when the entity becomes obliged to make future payments in respect of the purchase of these goods and services.

Other Liabilities

Other liabilities represent the unutilised amounts of grants received on the condition that specified services are delivered or conditions are fulfilled. The services are usually provided or the conditions usually fulfilled within 12 months of receipt of the grant. Where the amount received is in respect of services to be provided over a period that exceeds 12 months after the reporting date or the conditions will only be satisfied more than 12 months after the reporting date, the liability is discounted and presented as non-current.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when:

- the entity has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event;
- it is probable that resources will be expensed to settle the obligation; and
- a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Provisions are measured using the best estimate of amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

Employee leave benefits

Annual leave and long service leave

Liabilities arising in respect of annual leave, long service leave and any other employee benefits expected to be settled within twelve months of the reporting date are recognised in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date. They are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. Liabilities for non-accumulating sick leave are recognised when the leave is taken and are measured at the rates paid or payable.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Long service leave- non-current

The liability for long service leave is measured as the present value of the expected future payments for the services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Consideration is given to expect future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service.

Critical accounting estimates and judgments

In the process of applying the Association's accounting policies, the Board of Management has made a number of judgements and applied estimates for future events. The key estimates and judgements which are material to the financial report are:

Useful Economic Life of Equipment

The Association's Board of Management determines the estimate of useful life and related depreciation charges for its equipment.

Long service leave

Assumptions are formulated when determining the Association's long service leave obligations. This requires estimation of the probability of current employees attaining the service period required to qualify for long service leave benefits as well as the usual pattern in which leave is taken once all service requirements have been met.

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	2018	2017
	\$	\$
		Restated
NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cheque Account	7,453	7,448
Keycard Bank Account	1,563	7,448
Savings Bank Account	8	54,207
Laurie Humphrey Savings Account	-	230,901
Term Deposit Credit Card	5,000	5,000
ING Savings Account	276,473	91
Term Deposit	200,000	-
Petty Cash	124	911
	490,621	306,006

NOTE 3: OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

ING Term Deposits	100,000	250,000
	100,000	250,000

NOTE 4: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Office Equipment – at cost
COST	
At 1 July 2017 - Restated	8,811
Additions	-
Disposals	-
At 30 June 2018	8,811
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	
At 1 July 2017	8,811
Charge for the year	-
At 30 June 2018	8,811
CARRYING AMOUNT	
At 30 June 2017	-
At 30 June 2018	-

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	2018	2017
	\$	\$
		Restated
NOTE 5: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
Trade payables	2,253	3,790
GST receivable	(90)	(89)
ATO Liability Clearing Account	2,087	1,009
Superannuation Payable	9,574	9,261
Credit Card	183	324
	14,007	14,295

NOTE 6: OTHER LIABILITIES

Laurie Humphreys Fund	451,725	440,725
	451,725	440,725

NOTE 7: PROVISIONS

CURRENT

Annual leave accrued	31,778	24,385
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NON-CURRENT

Long service leave accrued	26,025	19,878
	57,803	44,263

NOTE 8: EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING DATE

There have been no events subsequent to 30 June 2018 which have had a material impact on the financial position of Forgotten Australians Coming Together Inc.

NOTE 9: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS

Contingencies

There were no commitments or contingencies at the reporting date.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 10: RECONCILIATION OF SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR TO NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
		Restated
Surplus for the year	10,152	11,441
Depreciation	-	3,967
	<u>10,152</u>	<u>15,408</u>
 (INCREASE)/DECREASE IN ASSETS		
Prepayments	211	(10)
 INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	(288)	(4,229)
Grants received in advance	11,000	(4,730)
Provisions	13,540	4,932
Net cash generated by operating activities	<u>34,615</u>	<u>11,371</u>

NOTE 11: LEASE COMMITMENTS

Operating Leases

Payable – minimum lease payments		
Not later than 12 months	10,979	8,487
Between 12 months and five years	17,922	21,218
	<u>28,901</u>	<u>29,705</u>

Board of Management's declaration - *per section 60.15 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*

The Board of Management declares that in the Board of Management's opinion:

- (a) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and
- (b) the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013*.



Director
Philippa White

Dated this 4th day of October 2018

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Forgotten Australians Coming Together Inc.

Independent auditor's report to members

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Forgotten Australians Coming Together Inc. (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2018, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the board of management's declaration.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the financial report of the Association has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2018 and of its financial performance for the year then ended;
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*; and
- c) complying with the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015* and the *Association Incorporation Regulations 2016*.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

Cash receipts consisting of donations and fundraising activities are material sources of revenue for the Association. Although the Association has established certain internal control procedures over the collection of cash from donations and fundraising activities prior to entry into its financial records, there are no procedures that we could perform to ensure that all cash from donations and fundraising activities are banked. Accordingly, as the evidence available to us regarding cash from donations and fundraising activities was limited, our audit procedures with respect to donations and fundraising activities had to be restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. We therefore are unable to express an opinion on whether donations and fundraising activities of the Association as recorded are complete.

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We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act)* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Association's financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of the Board of Management for the Financial Report

The Board of Management of the Association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act)*, the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (Associations Act)*, the *Associations Incorporation Regulations 2016 (Associations Regulations)* and the needs of the members. The Board of Management's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Board of Management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Board of Management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board of Management either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board of Management is responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

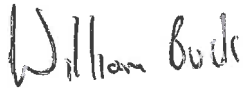
Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of these financial statements is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at:

https://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf

This description forms part of our independent auditor's report.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Buck".

William Buck Audit (WA) Pty Ltd
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Conley Manifis
Director

Dated this 4th day of October, 2018