

Forgotten Australians Coming Together Inc

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trading as Tuart Place

Annual Report 2020

“Growing Strong Together”



**Thank you to our newsletter
mail-out volunteers**

**The great team of volunteers who helped with a bulk mail-out
of 'The Tuart Times' newsletter in October 2020**

2020 Annual Report

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



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Tuart Place acknowledges the traditional custodians of this country, the Wadjak people of the Noongar nation. We acknowledge Elders past, present and future. We are happy to be living on Noongar country. With gratitude.

Chairperson's Report

FACT Chairperson Cevrina Reed

On behalf of myself and all FACT Inc Board members, I sincerely wish to acknowledge Pip and her dedicated Tuart Place staff who have carried on despite some extremely challenging times over the past six months.

Throughout these difficult times staff have continued the most important work of supporting care leavers. I would also like to thank the staff and our very valued volunteers for keeping Tuart Place running effectively, behind closed doors.

Much of Tuart Place's work happens 'behind the scenes', in areas such as phone counselling; National Redress applications and other claims; support with the different international redress schemes; as well as helping keep Tuart Place participants feel connected both by phone and regular chats via Zoom for people who wanted to join in.

I too have been working remotely for some of the year, carrying out my role as Chairperson from the North-West of WA for the past few months.

I am grateful to the staff of Tuart Place for their diligent communication with me, ensuring that I was fully informed and able to participate in FACT Board governance remotely.

I have been able to Chair our Board meetings via Zoom, and also joined Pip and Sarah Regan in giving evidence via teleconference to a public hearing of the Joint Select Committee on Implementation of the National Redress Scheme on 15th April 2020.

Prior to the hearing, I made the slightly uncomfortable decision to share with the Committee the fact that I am a survivor of institutional child abuse, and also a survivor of the Redress WA scheme. In Sarah's address to the Committee, she shared insights from her work with survivors directly engaging with the National



Redress Scheme, and Pip provided an executive overview, highlighting important policy issues.

Feedback since the hearing indicates that our combined evidence – given from three different perspectives – resulted in a powerful presentation. Tuart Place's input features strongly in the Committee's Interim Report.

The strength of our presentation to the Committee this year reflects three pillars of the Tuart Place model – in which survivor input is central to governance of the organisation; highly skilled professionals deliver clinical services; and our public advocacy seeks to improve the system for care leavers.

There is obviously a great need for Tuart Place's advocacy, especially at the present time, when there is confusion and uncertainty for many care leavers, especially around issues such as redress and aged care.

I know all of us – participants, staff, volunteers and everyone who enjoys coming to Tuart Place – will be looking forward to the days when the doors of Tuart Place can reopen and things get back to the way they were.

The current system of individual appointments is very different to the 'pre-COVID Tuart Place' we all know and love - with its open front door, singing and craft groups, and sharing of buffet lunches at the Centre. Hopefully we will be enjoying these things again very soon!

A huge thank you to Dale Lynch as my Vice-Chairperson, and to all Board members. You have been a great support for both Pip and myself, and together we make a very strong, effective and friendly team.

Cevrina Reed
Chairperson,
Forgotten Australians Coming Together Inc.

FACT Inc Board of Governance 2020

Office Bearers



Vice-Chairperson
Dale Lynch



Chairperson
Cevrina Reed



Treasurer
Ross Stagno
Accountant

General Board Members



Kevin Collins



Lyn McLaughlin



Ann McVeigh



John Ryall



Lyn Sherwood
Executive
career coach



Chris Williams
Lawyer



Dr Katrina Stratton
Social work
researcher

About our Board

Tuart Place is governed by the Board of Forgotten Australians Coming Together (FACT) Inc.

The FACT Board includes Australian-born care leavers and former child migrants, as well as professional members elected for their expertise in areas such as law, accounting and management. Board members contribute their time on a voluntary basis.

All Board Members are elected as individuals and are valued for their qualifications, skills and life experience. Board Members do not represent the interests of any other organisation with which they may have an association.

Snapshot of Service Activity

July 2019 to June 2020

COVID-19 safety measures

Tuart Place enacted a series of coronavirus prevention measures in response to the health crisis. All face-to-face service delivery ceased on 23 March 2020 in line with government directives and staff adhered to physical distancing and hygiene protocols as they prepared to conduct their work remotely.

Each staff member was provided with access to a mobile phone and the capacity to attend meetings remotely via Zoom. The practice of morning group briefings continued, and strategies were developed

and implemented for maintaining contact with participants/clients and providing services online and by phone.

From the last week of May a program of scheduled individual face-to-face appointments was introduced for clinical services such as counselling; national redress support and applications; facilitated apology meetings; engagement with international redress schemes; supported access to records; and individual IT support and skills development.

Demographic profile of Tuart Place participants and clients

Age Group	Number of Clients	Origin Group	Number of Clients
18 - 30	3	Aust Non-Aboriginal	213
31 - 50	50	Aboriginal	95
51 - 70	167	Child migrant	196
71 +	286	Unspecified	38
Unspecified	36		

Gender Group	Number of Clients	Postcode Group	Number of Clients
Male	333	WA	476
Female	206	Interstate	53
Unspecified	3	Overseas	6
		Unspecified	7

A profile of people accessing services from Tuart Place is shown in the table of demographic statistics above.

Despite the COVID health crisis and reduced capacity for in-person service provision over the last three months of the reporting period, the number of participants accessing our service remained high.

As shown in Table 1, a total of 542 participants received a direct service from Tuart Place during the 2019/20 financial year.

The above table also provides quantitative data on age, gender, geographic location, and the origin of people accessing services during this period.

I start this report by applauding the strength and caring shown by our participants, staff, volunteers and Board over the past year, and particularly in the last six months, since the COVID-19 pandemic became part of our world.

The advantages of Tuart Place's peer leadership model have never been so apparent, as care leavers and staff automatically swung into action and worked together to offer both practical and emotional support to others. Our IT volunteers also did an excellent job of assisting many people to connect electronically, in a very short space of time.

In the early stages of the COVID shutdown, Tuart Place moved from a face-to-face model to one of phone counselling and remote support. With the gradual easing of government restrictions, we have been able to recommence individual appointments and meetings at the Tuart Place centre.

The main impact of COVID restrictions has been the temporary suspension of group and social activities and the 'drop-in' service. Individual clinical support and counselling has continued, as has work on redress applications, advocacy, supported access to records, and assistance with historical abuse claims – both in Australia and overseas.

As mentioned in the Chairperson's Report, representatives of Tuart Place provided oral evidence to a parliamentary inquiry into the National Redress Scheme, followed by a formal written submission. More recently, staff and participants at Tuart Place provided evidence via tele-link to an independent statutory review of the Scheme, also followed by a formal written submission to this 'Second Anniversary' review.

It is essential that Tuart Place continues to have both public and non-public input into the policies and processes of the National Redress Scheme. Many care leavers – Forgotten Australians, former child migrants, and members of the Stolen Generations – are affected by it. Western Australia has the added complication of a previous scheme – Redress WA – which affected nearly 6,000 WA care leavers ten years ago. At present, the work of two of our staff largely involves working with people considering their options regarding historical institutional abuse complaints, including making applications to the Australian National Redress Scheme.

Aged care is another key area of concern for many care leavers, and we were pleased to be invited to join a National Roundtable on Aged and Community Care for Forgotten Australians this year.



Our first video-link meetings with the Roundtable in August and September 2020 gave us a sense of the tremendous work being done by this group to advance the interests of older care leavers navigating the aged care sector. The Roundtable has much in common with Tuart Place's goals and objectives in this area.

We feel very fortunate that Margo O'Byrne – a Facilitator, Coach and Mentor who identifies as a care leaver – has agreed to represent Tuart Place on the Roundtable. We also look forward to the aged care community education project, led by Margo and Jan Newman, restarting

once the COVID restrictions permit.

At the time of writing – 7th October 2020 – the Tuart Place centre is open for pre-booked individual counselling appointments, IT assistance, family tracing and access to records, redress applications, and limited volunteer activities on site. Phone counselling and support continues to be a large part of our work.

Some group activities are taking place off-site, including a very successful series of lunches at Cicerello's at Fremantle Wharf, where there is plenty of room to spread out. Tuart Place's annual Christmas party will take place off-site at the Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle, and our End-of-Year BBQ is scheduled to go ahead in Waterford in November. The 2020 Annual General Meeting of Forgotten Australians Coming Together Inc (FACT) will be held at the Navy Club in High Street in Fremantle.

We continue to monitor WA Government safety guidelines and look forward to the "2-square-metre rule" being lifted so we can once again have social and group gatherings back at Tuart Place.

Thank you to everyone who has helped this year – despite the difficulties and restrictions. To our Chairperson Cevrina and Vice-Chair Dale, and all the FACT Board – thank you for your individual contributions and your steady stewardship and governance of the organisation. To our many other volunteers – some of whom are participants with lived experience of institutional care, and others who are not – we greatly appreciate your work. I would also like to applaud the tremendous work of our staff team this year – they have been simply extraordinary. Thank you all.

We are optimistic and hopeful of positive developments in the coming year and look forward to seeing everyone in person.

Philippa White
Director, Tuart Place

Our dedicated team



Vicky Fox: Receptionist

Vicky is not only a friendly, welcoming presence in the front office, she has great skill and a real commitment to making people feel important and valued. Vicky's professional approach doesn't waver - even though she may be juggling many things at the same time. Vicky is currently facilitating social connection between participants via Zoom chats, which has been a great asset during COVID. Vicky also supports participants coming to the centre to learn how to download and use Zoom so they can use the technology at home.

Jo Hocking: Program Coordinator

As Program Coordinator, Jo's work is reflected in some of the most visible elements of Tuart Place: our drop-in service; information sessions; as well as all our events and social gatherings. Her role also includes managing the arrangements for the FACT Board; coordinating our team of volunteers; and managing our social media presence and website. Since COVID restrictions have prevented social gatherings on site, Jo has arranged several very successful external events and outings. There's been a big emphasis on enlisting volunteers to help with IT, both remotely and in person. Jo also keeps our Facebook page up to date with important updates; government health advice; and information about Tuart Place's outreach services.



Jan Newman: Social Worker

Jan is an absolute powerhouse and her commitment to furthering the interests of care leavers is inspiring. She is a fearless advocate for care leavers and works tirelessly on their behalf. Jan is passionate about improving the circumstances of care leavers engaging with the aged care system and fulfils a vital role in assisting care leavers to raise awareness among aged care providers. Jan has supervised a series of student social workers on fieldwork placements. During the period of COVID restrictions, Jan has focussed on advocacy and support for a large caseload of clients engaging with the National Redress Scheme.



Sarah Regan: Counsellor

Highly skilled and dedicated to her work, Sarah's counselling style is warm and professional. She engages sensitively with survivors, providing genuinely trauma-informed support. Sarah's substantial workload this year has included systemic and individual advocacy on behalf of clients engaging with the National Redress Scheme and other historical abuse claims. Sarah works to maximise opportunities for survivors to feel respected, validated, and heard. In response to COVID restrictions, Sarah has engaged with volunteer counsellors to ensure that our Phone Outreach Service expanded to meet the needs of participants experiencing social isolation.



Natalie Tonking: Admin Assistant

Natalie provides strong and efficient administrative support within Reception and the wider Tuart Place service. Natalie is very adept at tracking down historical information and accessing records for care leavers, and has developed systems for Tuart Place's management of records applications. Natalie also fulfills an important role in assisting former child migrants to engage with international schemes and programs. A talented photographer, Natalie is generous in sharing her knowledge about photography and editing, and is always happy to provide support and tuition to people interested in this area. During COVID restrictions, Natalie has played a key role in providing our Phone Outreach Service.



Susy Vaughan: Senior Therapist / Staff Manager

Susy's role is multifaceted and central to the operation of Tuart Place. Counselling, support groups, supervising students, OSH, risk management, service evaluations, budgeting, and staff management are all part of Susy's role. Susy provides staff with the opportunity to develop their skills and collaborate with participants, working together to build a supportive, thriving environment. Susy facilitates the participant-produced newsletter, *High Street Happenings*, lending support and encouragement to participants who are enjoying practicing their writing skills and having their voices heard. Susy led our initial response to the COVID crisis, keeping up to date with government advice and developing processes and procedures to ensure a speedy and effective approach to working remotely and continuing service delivery.



Service activity in 2019/20

Statistics and Report prepared by Susy Vaughan

Professional and clinical services delivered at Tuart Place in the last financial year included trauma-informed counselling and psychotherapy; phone counselling; therapeutic and life-skills groups; individual life-skills and IT skills development; pro-bono health, financial and legal services; supported access to records; family tracing and connection; support to engage with national and international redress schemes; and individual advocacy.

provides an important contribution to the positive outcomes achieved by many of our participants.

Counselling

All counselling is trauma-informed and provided in both formal and informal settings, in line with our client focussed, non-bureaucratic approach. The number of appointments provided for each individual is not capped and

and involve a significant commitment of time and resources. Internal liaison and case management by Tuart Place staff serves to maximise the outcomes of clinical and non-clinical support provided to individual participants.

Redress schemes

This year there were significant increases in the hours of service provision relating to the Australian National Redress Scheme and to schemes in the UK.

The therapeutic benefits of survivors' involvement in these schemes cannot be overestimated. Providing personal statements to authorities charged with inquiring and reporting on past abuse and making recommendations aimed at minimising future abuse, gives a sense of self-worth and empowerment; while being believed and validated helps develop trust and self-confidence. For the majority of our care-leaver participants, who are on pensions or low incomes, the support from a redress scheme can significantly enhance quality of life and wellbeing.

The work in supporting applicants engaging with the NRS often involves the provision of intense trauma-informed counselling; preparing comprehensive applications; and undertaking individual liaison and advocacy with the NRS and knowmore Legal Service. Support and assistance is also given on a range of broader welfare issues (health, legal, financial) as required.

Publicising redress initiatives introduced overseas; liaising with their representatives; sourcing records; preparing applications; and assisting people to identify needs and solutions; have resulted in significant therapeutic and practical benefits to former child migrants from the UK, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Apart from accessing advance financial payments, examples of the diverse practical benefits accessed from the Scottish Future

TABLE II: Tuart Place: Direct service delivery 1-7-19 to 30-6-20

SERVICE	Occasions of service	No. of clients
Advocacy - individual	658	119
Counselling & phone counselling	1098	269
Family tracing & connection	67	25
Health/Legal/Financial	490	130
International schemes	445	81
IT Skills/Computer Lab	593	107
Life skills & Literacy	965	142
National Redress	956	135
Phone outreach support **	677	152
Psycho-social support	4114	290
Records – supported access	583	145
Referral & liaison	1804	309
Support group	240	24
*NB: Many clients accessed more than one service (n = 542)		
** Category previously included in Counselling & phone counselling		

Occasions of service and number of participants accessing professional and other non-administrative services are shown in Table II. The largest areas of service delivery (excluding social connection events) were psycho-social support, counselling and phone counselling, and referral and liaison.

Psycho-social Support

Psycho-social support is provided in a variety of ways by both clinical and non-clinical staff. Therapeutic interventions and interactions are customised for individual participants, reflecting the Tuart Place therapeutic 'whole-of-service' model. Psycho-social support given with a therapeutic intent and using an informal, relational approach

people can access regular intensive counselling or 'dip in and out' as needed. The number of people receiving support and counselling by phone increased significantly during this period as we rapidly expanded our Phone Outreach Service after the COVID shutdown.

Advocacy/ Referral & Liaison

Intensive work with the most disadvantaged of our participants involves individual advocacy, warm referrals to and liaison with a wide range of specialised agencies and services. The majority of welfare-related advocacy on behalf of individuals has involved housing and the court system. Positive life changes often come slowly

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Pathways scheme include: household white goods; airline tickets to visit family members; veterinary bills; a hot water system; a new bed and ergonomic chair; concreting a driveway; and installing safety railings in wet areas – just to mention a few.

Life skills & Literacy

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

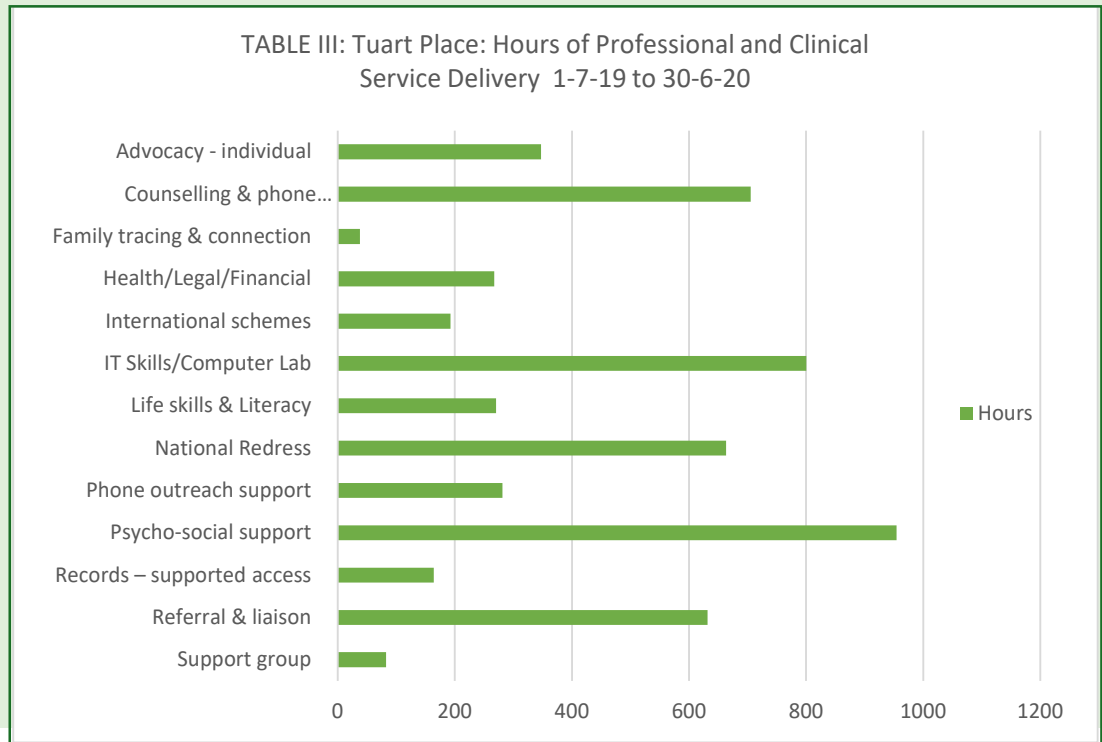
Participants often comment on the way they utilise new skills outside Tuart Place especially in the areas of positive

decision-making; communicating with confidence; and in exercising a greater degree of self-determination in their lives.

provided across the professional and clinical service delivery categories are shown in Table III below.

Comparative data on hours of service

Comparative hours of service delivery



Social connection



The largest area of non-clinical service delivery during the 2019/20 financial year was events and social activities involving Tuart Place participants.

Our strengths-based approach focuses on providing opportunities for people to engage in activities that encourage social connection and interaction. It 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.

Before the COVID shut down in March, these social activities included a ‘drop-in’ service and a variety of celebrations, reunions and other group-based social activities, many of

which are initiated and organised by participants, and, in particular, the Social Activities Group. Peer support networks and friendships are proactively facilitated and continue to strengthen and grow outside of Tuart Place.

Although necessary to safeguard everyone’s health, it was also very upsetting to suspend in-person contact with our participants, particularly those who depend on Tuart Place to help combat loneliness and social isolation.

For people who could access the basic equipment, we facilitated some group connection via Zoom. To maintain a sense of connection with those already using social media, regular posts on the Tuart Place Facebook were increased.

Funding and donations

Since it was formally launched in 2012, Tuart Place has received its core operational funding from the State Government, and continues to receive essential financial support via the WA Department of Communities.

Equally important to the continuing operation of Tuart Place are the donations received from non-government organisations that formerly provided 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 other non-government past providers of institutional 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 has been widely acknowledged. For example, in its Report on Redress and Civil Litigation, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child

Sexual Abuse noted 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. People describe their donations to Tuart Place as a way of 'giving back' to the organisation, and supporting our 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.

Account name:

Forgotten Australians Coming Together Inc

Bank: Commonwealth Bank

Branch: Fremantle WA

BSB number: 066-107

Account number: 1048-4327



What happens at Tuart Place?

Tuart Place is the State funded service for care leavers: the Forgotten Australians, former child migrants from the UK and Malta, and members of the Stolen Generations and their descendants.

Tuart Place provides individual counselling, telephone counselling, support groups, social activities, assistance with the National Redress Scheme and other historical abuse claims, volunteering opportunities, IT support & training, visiting health & legal services, family tracing, assistance to access records, and help in dealing with other agencies.

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).

FACT Inc Financial Statements 2020



The following documents are available on our website:

- FACT Inc Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2020
- Report on the Independent Audit of the Financial Statements

Forgotten Australians Coming Together Inc

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2020

Forgotten Australians Coming Together Inc

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Auditor's Independence Declaration

To the Forgotten Australians Coming Together Inc.

In accordance with the requirements of section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, as lead auditor for the audit of Forgotten Australians Coming Together Inc. for the year ended 30th June 2020, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a. No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- b. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

William Buck

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Director
Dated this 29th day of September, 2020

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Forgotten Australian Coming Together (FACT) Inc

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income
For the Year Ended 30 June 2020

		2020	2019
	Note	\$	\$
Revenue	5	680,110	537,000
Other income	5	134,874	60,700
Employee benefits expense		(504,014)	(462,720)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(2,403)	-
Insurance expenses		(3,446)	(3,482)
Telephone expenses		(4,971)	(4,011)
Bookkeeping and auditing		(21,481)	(17,629)
Food and catering		(21,011)	(24,478)
Tuart Times printing and postage		(15,263)	(16,419)
General IT and computer equipment		(23,655)	(12,747)
Short term lease expense		(7,814)	(7,736)
Office expenses		(18,588)	(16,227)
Internet expense		(4,845)	(5,644)
Events and gatherings		(5,936)	(4,917)
Other expenses		(8,846)	(10,541)
Program costs and equipment		(8,059)	(5,689)
Profit before income tax		164,652	5,460
Income tax expense		-	-
Profit from continuing operations		164,652	5,460
Profit for the year		164,652	5,460
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		-	-
Items that will be reclassified to profit or loss when specific conditions are met		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		164,652	5,460

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Forgotten Australian Coming Together (FACT) Inc

Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 June 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	537,987	362,893
Trade and other receivables		99	-
Other financial assets	7	250,000	250,000
Prepayments		6,506	6,278
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		794,592	619,171
Property, plant and equipment	8	4,662	-
Right-of-use assets	9	10,484	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		15,146	-
TOTAL ASSETS		809,738	619,171
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	10	11,698	24,733
Lease liabilities	9	10,069	-
Provisions	12	30,942	28,769
Other liabilities	11	15,000	300,000
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		67,709	353,502
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lease liabilities	9	2,238	-
Provisions	12	42,818	33,348
Other liabilities	11	-	154,835
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		45,056	188,183
TOTAL LIABILITIES		112,765	541,685
NET ASSETS		696,973	77,486
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		696,973	77,486
TOTAL EQUITY		696,973	77,486

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Forgotten Australian Coming Together (FACT) Inc

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 30 June 2020

2020

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2019	77,486	77,486
Surplus for the year	164,652	164,652
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Adjustment to retained earnings due to change of accounting policy	454,835	454,835
Balance at 30 June 2020	696,973	696,973

Due to a change in accounting policy described in Note 2, \$454,835 has been reclassified to retained earnings. Had the new accounting policy been used in 2019, \$454,835 would have been shown as revenue, not as deferred income.

2019

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2018	72,026	72,026
Surplus for the year	5,460	5,460
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2019	77,486	77,486

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 30 June 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Grants		409,231	355,339
Payments to suppliers and employees		(637,242)	(603,878)
Interest received		8,638	17,359
Donations and contributions		412,016	253,451
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		<u>192,643</u>	<u>22,271</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Payments for investments in term deposits		-	(150,000)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(5,242)	-
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>(5,242)</u>	<u>(150,000)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Payment of lease liabilities		(12,307)	-
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities		<u>(12,307)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held		175,094	(127,729)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		<u>362,893</u>	<u>490,622</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	6	<u>537,987</u>	<u>362,893</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Forgotten Australian Coming Together (FACT) Inc

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2020

The financial report covers Forgotten Australians Coming Together Inc as an individual entity. Forgotten Australians Coming Together Inc is a not-for-profit Association, registered and domiciled in Australia.

The principal activities of the Association for the year ended 30 June 2020 were providing professional clinical services and peer support and leadership opportunities to 'Forgotten Australians', Former Child Migrants, and members of the Stolen Generations, collectively known as care leavers. All services are free of charge, and include counselling, support groups, supported access to records, family tracing, peer-led social activities, and a drop in centre.

The functional and presentation currency of Forgotten Australians Coming Together Inc is Australian dollars.

The financial report was authorised for issue by the Board of Management on 11 September 2020.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

2 Change in Accounting Policy

Leases - Adoption of AASB 16

The Association has adopted AASB 16 *Leases* using the modified retrospective (cumulative catch-up) method from 1 July 2019 and therefore the comparative information for the year ended 30 June 2019 has not been restated and has been prepared in accordance with AASB 117 *Leases* and associated Accounting Interpretations.

The impact of adopting AASB 16 is described below:

Under AASB 117, the Association assessed whether leases were operating or finance leases based on its assessment of whether the significant risks and rewards of ownership had been transferred to the Association or remained with the lessor. Under AASB 16, there is no differentiation between finance and operating leases for the lessee and therefore all leases which meet the definition of a lease are recognised on the statement of financial position (except for short-term leases and leases of low value assets).

The Association has elected to use the exception to lease accounting for short-term leases and leases of low value assets, and the lease expense relating to these leases are recognised in the statement of profit or loss on a straight line basis.

Revenue - Adoption of AASB 1004

The Association has adopted AASB 1004 - *Contributions*. The impact of adopting AASB 1004 is described below:

Under the previous accounting policy, the Association deferred income until it could be matched against the corresponding expenses when they occur. Since adopting the accounting standards for recognition and measurement of its financial statements, the Association had determined that it has no contracts with customers and is receiving no income where the consideration to acquire an asset is significantly less than fair value principally to enable the

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2 Change in Accounting Policy

Revenue - Adoption of AASB 1004

Association to further its objectives. Therefore, it accounts for its income under AASB 1004 which requires recognition upon receipt of income. Comparative information for the year ended 30 June 2019 has not been restated and has been prepared in accordance with the former accounting policy.

The impact of adopting AASB 1004 is described below:

Under AASB 1004, the Association has shown all income received during the year as income. All deferred income at 1 July 2019 has been put to retained earnings. No income is deferred in the liabilities section of the statement of financial performance.

3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Revenue and other income

Grant revenue

Grant revenue is recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income when the Association obtains control of the grant, it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the entity and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably.

When grant revenue is received whereby the Association incurs an obligation to deliver economic value directly back to the contributor, this is considered a reciprocal transaction and the grant revenue is recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until the service has been delivered to the contributor, otherwise the grant is recognised as income on receipt.

Forgotten Australians Coming Together Inc receives non-reciprocal contributions of assets from the government and other parties for zero or a nominal value. These assets are recognised at fair value on the date of acquisition in the statement of financial position, with a corresponding amount of income recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Donations

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

Other income

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis when the Association is entitled to it.

(b) Income Tax

The Association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

(c) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payable are stated inclusive of GST.

Cash flows in the statement of cash flows are included on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows

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3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

- (c) **Goods and services tax (GST)**
arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

- (d) **Property, plant and equipment**

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment.

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are measured using the revaluation model.

Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment, excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the assets useful life to the Association, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable asset are shown below:

Fixed asset class	Depreciation rate
Office Equipment	100%

- (e) **Financial instruments**

Financial instruments are recognised initially on the date that the Association becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

On initial recognition, all financial instruments are measured at fair value plus transaction costs (except for instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss where transaction costs are expensed as incurred).

Financial assets

All recognised financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial assets.

Classification

On initial recognition, the Association classifies its financial assets into the following categories, those measured at:

- amortised cost
- fair value through profit or loss - FVTPL
- fair value through other comprehensive income - equity instrument (FVOCI - equity)
- fair value through other comprehensive income - debt investments (FVOCI - debt)

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3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(e) Financial instruments

Financial assets

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Association changes its business model for managing financial assets.

Amortised cost

Assets measured at amortised cost are financial assets where:

- the business model is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

The Association's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other receivables, term deposits with a maturity of greater than 3 months from balance date and cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position.

Subsequent to initial recognition, these assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less provision for impairment.

Interest income, foreign exchange gains or losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial assets has increased significant since initial recognition and when estimating ECL, the Association considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis based on the Association's historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward looking information.

The Association uses the presumption that an asset which is more than 30 days past due has seen a significant increase in credit risk.

The Association uses the presumption that a financial asset is in default when:

- the other party is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Association in full, without recourse to the Association to actions such as realising security (if any is held); or
- the financial assets is more than 90 days past due.

Credit losses are measured as the present value of the difference between the cash flows due to the Association in accordance with the contract and the cash flows expected to be received. This is applied using a probability weighted approach.

Trade receivables

Impairment of trade receivables are determined using the simplified approach in AASB 9 which uses an estimation of lifetime expected credit losses. The Association has determined the probability of non-payment of the receivable and multiplied this by the amount of the expected loss arising from default.

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3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(e) Financial instruments

Financial assets

The amount of the impairment is recorded in a separate allowance account with the loss being recognised in finance expense. Once the receivable is determined to be uncollectable then the gross carrying amount is written off against the associated allowance.

Where the Association renegotiates the terms of trade receivables due from certain customers, the new expected cash flows are discounted at the original effective interest rate and any resulting difference to the carrying value is recognised in profit or loss.

Other financial assets measured at amortised cost

Impairment of other financial assets measured at amortised cost are determined using the expected credit loss model in AASB 9. On initial recognition of the asset, an estimate of the expected credit losses for the next 12 months is recognised. Where the asset has experienced significant increase in credit risk then the lifetime losses are estimated and recognised.

Financial liabilities

The Association measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

The financial liabilities of the Association comprise trade payables, bank and other loans and lease liabilities.

(f) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

(g) Leases

At the lease commencement, the Association recognises a right-of-use asset and associated lease liability for the lease term. The lease term includes extension periods where the Association believes it is reasonably certain that the option will be exercised.

The right-of-use asset is measured using the cost model where cost on initial recognition comprises of the lease liability, initial direct costs, prepaid lease payments, estimated cost of removal and restoration less any lease incentives received.

The right-of-use asset is depreciated over the lease term on a straight line basis and assessed for impairment in accordance with the impairment of assets accounting policy.

Exceptions to lease accounting

The Association has elected to apply the exceptions to lease accounting for both short-term leases (i.e. leases with a term of less than or equal to 12 months) and leases of low-value assets. The Association recognises the payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

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3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(h) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

(i) Other Liabilities

Other liabilities represent the unutilised amounts of unconditional grants received in advance to enable the Association to generally fulfill its charitable objectives. The Association may invest such funds received as it considers appropriate, benefiting from any interest received and retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the funds. Accordingly, the Association continues to recognise the unconditional grant funds as a financial asset and recognises an equal amount as a financial liability to expend such funds at its discretion, as required by paragraph 3.2.15 of AASB 9.

The services provided by such unconditional grants are usually provided within 17 to 25 months of receipt of the grant. The financial liability is reduced as and when revenue and corresponding expense is recognized in accordance with the Association's revenue recognition policy and when the criteria for each of the Association's different activities have been met.

(j) Adoption of new and revised accounting standards

The Association has adopted all standards which became effective for the first time at 30 June 2020, the adoption of these standards has not caused any material adjustments to the reported financial position, performance or cash flow of the Association or refer to Note 2 for details of the changes due to standards adopted.

4 Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The Board of Management make estimates and judgements during the preparation of these financial statements regarding assumptions about current and future events affecting transactions and balances.

These estimates and judgements are based on the best information available at the time of preparing the financial statements, however as additional information is known then the actual results may differ from the estimates.

The significant estimates and judgements made have been described below.

Key estimates - Useful Economic Life of Equipment

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

Key judgments - 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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5 Revenue and Other Income

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Revenue		
- Government grants	330,000	330,000
- Laurie Humphreys Fund	350,110	207,000
	<u>680,110</u>	<u>537,000</u>
	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Other Income		
- donations and fundraising	24,252	33,601
- interest	8,638	17,359
- Jobkeeper subsidy	79,330	-
- other income	22,654	9,740
	<u>134,874</u>	<u>60,700</u>

6 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Cash at bank and in hand	332,987	157,893
Short-term deposits	205,000	205,000
	<u>537,987</u>	<u>362,893</u>

7 Other Financial Assets

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
ING Term Deposits	250,000	250,000
	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>

The term deposit matures on 2 October 2020.

8 Property, plant and equipment

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Office equipment		
At cost	14,053	8,811
Accumulated depreciation	(9,391)	(8,811)
Total office equipment	<u>4,662</u>	<u>-</u>
Total property, plant and equipment	<u>4,662</u>	<u>-</u>

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9 Right-of-use assets

	Buildings \$	Office Equipment \$	Total \$
Year ended 30 June 2020			
Adoption of AASB 16	9,767	2,540	12,307
Depreciation charge	(977)	(847)	(1,824)
Balance at end of year	<u>8,790</u>	<u>1,693</u>	<u>10,483</u>

10 Trade and Other Payables

	2020 \$	2019 \$
CURRENT		
Trade payables	1,653	3,881
ATO Liability	(1,033)	10,369
Superannuation payable	11,018	10,420
Credit card	60	63
	<u>11,698</u>	<u>24,733</u>

The carrying value of trade and other payables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

11 Other Liabilities

	2020 \$	2019 \$
CURRENT		
Laurie Humphreys Fund	15,000	300,000
	<u>15,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>
	2020	2019
	\$	\$
NON-CURRENT		
Laurie Humphreys Fund	-	154,835
	<u>-</u>	<u>154,835</u>

Due to a change in accounting policy described in Note 2, \$454,835 is being shown in retained earnings in 2020 where as it would have been shown as deferred income under the former accounting policy.

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12 Provisions

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Current liabilities		
Annual leave	30,942	28,769
	<u>30,942</u>	<u>28,769</u>
	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Non-current liabilities		
Long service leave	42,818	33,348
	<u>42,818</u>	<u>33,348</u>

13 Contingencies

In the opinion of the Board of Management, the Association did not have any contingencies at 30 June 2020 (30 June 2019:None).

14 Events after the end of the Reporting Period

The financial report was authorised for issue on 28 July 2020 by the Board of Management.

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

15 Statutory Information

The registered office and principal place of business of the association is:

Forgotten Australian Coming Together Inc
24 High Street
Fremantle WA 6160


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Responsible Persons' Declaration

The responsible persons declare that in the responsible persons' opinion:

- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and
- 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*.

Responsible person  Responsible person
ROSALIE STAGRO

Dated 29/9/2020

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 2020, 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 responsible persons' 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 Forgotten Australians Coming Together Inc. 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 2020 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

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.

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 (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit

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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.

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 ACNC Act 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.



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Director

Dated this 29th of September, 2020