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About Us

OUR VISION

That all children, young people and their families are empowered and supported to develop their full potential and have the life skills and opportunities to lead a full and active life in our community

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Burdekin Association works with young people and their families to:

- Reduce family breakdown and prevent youth homelessness
- Provide a range of accommodation and support options
- Work towards achieving client stated goals
- Co-operate and collaborate with local agencies and the community

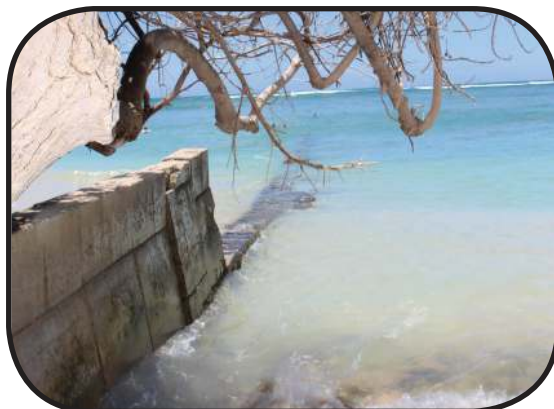
OUR VALUES

The Burdekin Association values:

- Self responsibility and self determination
- Working in co-operation and partnership
- Openness, honesty and integrity
- Effective, resourceful management of services
- Quality outcome focused service delivery

OUR AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- Provide a range of safe and secure accommodation and support services to young people aged 12 - 24 years in the Northern Beaches area
- Assist young people to pursue educational, training and employment opportunities
- Enable young people to develop interpersonal skills and practical living skills to equip them for independent living
- Work in partnership with local agencies and the community to ensure services are responsive, effective and of high quality
- Support, develop and reward staff and carers to maintain and improve client services
- Promote and effectively manage the organisation to ensure legislative, governmental and community expectations are achieved
- Advocate for and represent the interests of disadvantaged young people in the appropriate forums



Our Continuum of Care



Continuum of Case Management Care				
Early Intervention / Crisis Intervention			Stabilisation	Maintenance
Early Intervention & Outreach	Referral & Assessment	Community Care	Housing Streams	After Care
		24/7 Intensive Support	Targeting living skills development, educational attainment and departure planning to independence	
		Housing & Living Skills Development		

Our model of service delivery continues to provide the options, support and outcomes that children and young people deserve and require to ensure they continue to grow and develop into wonderful young adults that our community can be proud of. In the past twelve months our clients had a 60% increase in engagement with employment and education and a 28% decrease in unemployment upon exiting our service. Our continued success of ensuring young people complete education, develop living skills, enhance family relationships and exit our service with confidence and independence is assured of continuing for the long term.



Welcome

Over recent years we have ensured that our focus at The Burdekin Association has been to continue to provide services guided by community need and that our intervention, support and programs continue to reflect our aims and vision. On exiting the service, the majority of the children and young people we support enjoy improved relationships with their parents, increased skills and knowledge to function positively in the community and have attained a higher level of education and independence. We are investing in the development of robust reporting mechanisms to demonstrate these positive outcomes, including partnering with the University of New South Wales to develop an outcome measurement tool for our case management and accommodation program. This tool will enable us to better track the journey of our clients while they are with us; helping us demonstrate and celebrate the success of our young people and guide continuous quality improvement.

We aim to increase connection within our community; building the knowledge of all those that come into contact with children and young people to ensure that the whole community can contribute to effectively supporting and guiding our youth. We are investing in building our community profile on the Northern Beaches to maximise this community connection, increase service accessibility, and to drive the way our community responds to children and young people at risk. The Burdekin Association receives primary funding from a variety of government departments, in addition to donations and philanthropic support. We look forward to continued support and engagement with our funders as we work towards these common goals.

This year has seen a changing of the Guard. Karen Berman, who has been a part of the Association for the past 22 years, stepped down as Executive Officer to quite literally go fishing. She has guided and directed the Association through funding reforms, accreditation, changes in Management Committee, and the ongoing delivery of high quality services to our youth. We thank her for her dedication and skill, and the sacrifices she has made to ensure that The Burdekin Association can be proud of all that we deliver.



Anneliese Cooney
Chairperson

In May 2016 Justene Gordon stepped down as the Chairperson to take up the role of Executive Officer, with our Vice Chairperson Anneliese Cooney stepping into the role of Chairperson. This enabled us to move forward, and continue to seamlessly and confidently continue delivery across all areas of practice. Justene holds a Bachelor of Social Work, and was recently awarded Warringah Council Citizen of the Year for her work with The Burdekin Association. Justene has a great deal of knowledge and experience in working within the homelessness sector and brings a huge amount of enthusiasm and passion for children, young people, families and the local community.



Justene Gordon
Executive Officer

Anneliese is a psychologist who has been involved with The Burdekin Association in both paid and unpaid positions for 12 years. Both Justene and Anneliese are enthusiastic about increasing expectations for all young people in Northern Sydney to not only have safe and stable accommodation, but to have a place to call home, and to fulfil their potential to live positive and healthy lives.

Thank you to the staff for their support and to the Management Committee for their commitment and time that they have dedicated to The Burdekin Association. We farewell Irena Tasevska and Kate Stead, their skills and knowledge will be sorely missed. We invite you to review this Annual Report, as it demonstrates all that we are proud of for this last year.

Justene Gordon



Warringah Citizen of the Year

Earlier in the year we were very proud that our Executive Officer Justene Gordon was honoured with the 2016 Warringah Council Citizen of the Year award! Justene has dedicated over 16 years to the Burdekin Association as a worker and volunteer.

A staff member for many years, Justene resigned but became a member of the Burdekin Management Committee during 2008 and was appointed Chairperson in 2013. In 2016 she resigned from the Committee to take up the role as Executive Officer. She has worked tirelessly to ensure our continued existence and growth.

This is well deserved recognition of her hard work and commitment to The Burdekin Association, for which we are all very grateful!



Farewell Karen Berman



There is never a dull moment at The Burdekin Association and the past year was no exception. We experienced a change in leadership and farewelled our leader of more than two decades, Karen Berman and welcomed in Justene Gordon as the new Executive Officer, ensuring a smooth transition.

Karen oversaw many challenges and some significant changes here at Burdekin and left us in good shape. We are grateful to her for all she has done for the organisation and our young people and wish her all the best for the future. She will be truly missed by all our staff, management and clients. Thank you Karen.

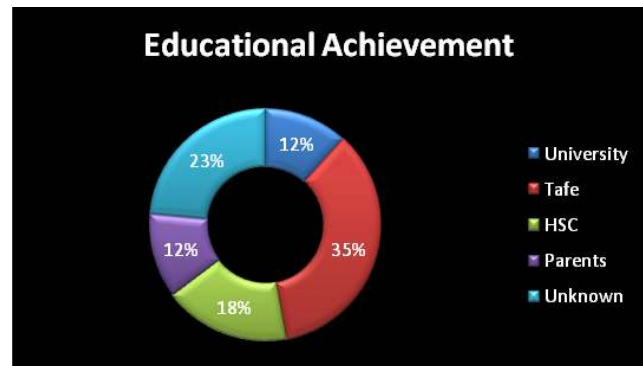
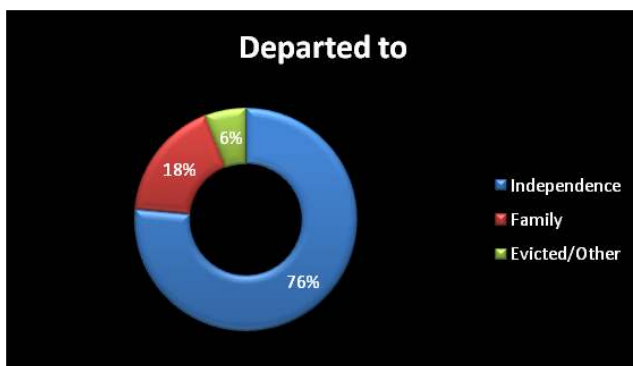


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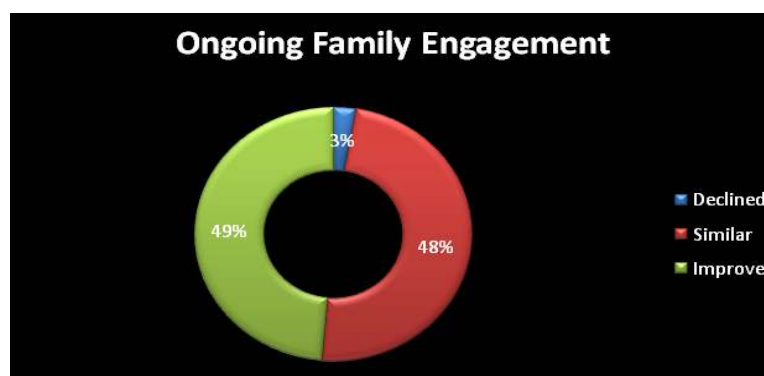
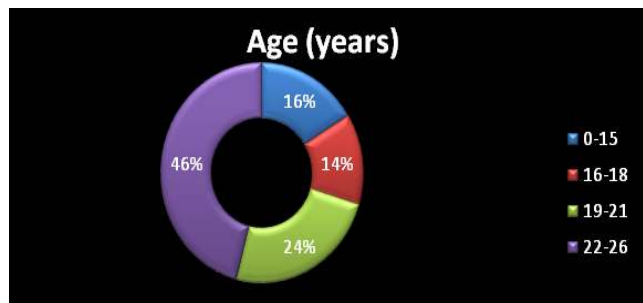
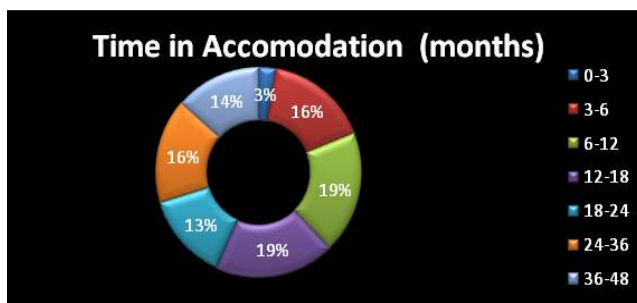
Outcomes Snapshots

Children, Young People and Family Support Periods July 1st 2015 - June 30th 2016

- Accommodation and Support Options for children, young people aged 12-24 and their families
- Lead Agency in the delivery and implementation of The Northern Beaches Project, engagement of over 2000 students across three high schools
- Workshop program
- Young Parents support program
- Engagement and collaborative approach with key services in the area
- Over 300 individual client support periods
- Over 90% of clients depart to independent accommodation or returned home
- 65% of young people exit with a higher level of education than when they enter
- 47% of our current clients have improved their relationship with their family



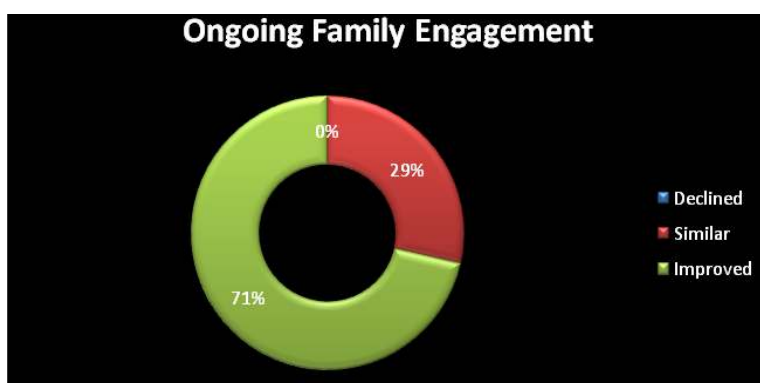
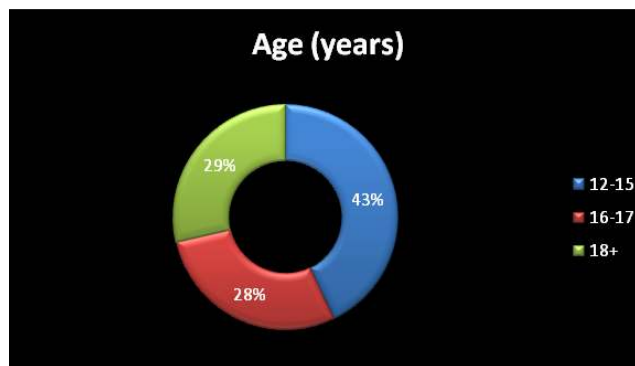
Snapshot - Current Client Profile in our Accommodation Streams (Transitional, Dispersed Foyer Model, Social Housing)



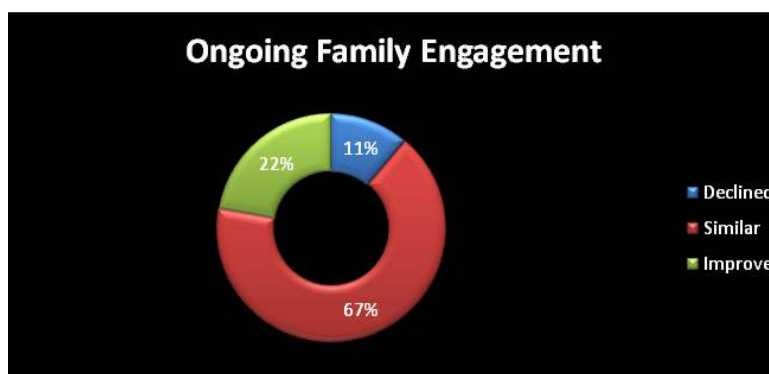
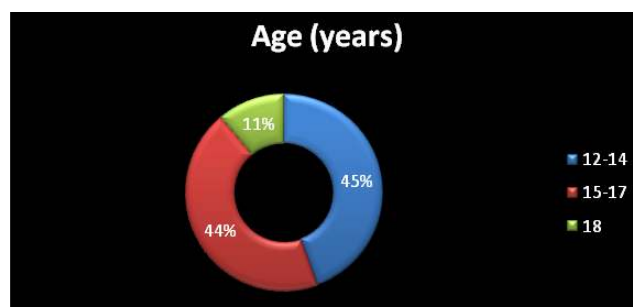
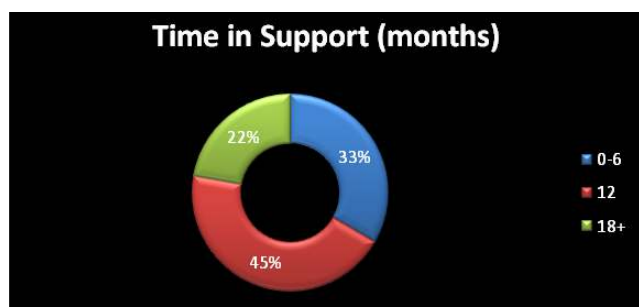
Outcomes Snapshots



Snapshot - Current Client Profile in our Community Care Program (Accredited OOHC providers)



Snapshot - Current client profile within our Early Intervention Streams (The Northern Beaches Project, Outreach, Brokerage, EI)



Caring for young people within the Community

Building meaningful relationships with young people is at the centre of our practice at Burdekin. Our team of case managers actively assist young people and families to develop realistic plans and work towards their own goals and dreams for a better future. We are privileged to spend a lot of time with our client group, by offering intensive case management and a flexible approach, based on need our young people can achieve real change in their lives. This also gives us the opportunity to identify strengths, celebrate them regularly and encourage people to build on these strengths across other areas of their lives.

Case planning includes the key areas of education and employment, health and wellbeing, family and relationships as well as building on independent living skills and planning for future housing. We know that some young people will move on to independence sooner than others and we continuously review and explore these options with our young people and offer extended stays where needed.

Our young people have realised many of their goals in the past year and we are thrilled for all of them and take this opportunity to share just a few.

Some young people come to Burdekin from crisis accommodation or other short term housing programs when it is clear to us that more support is required. This is particularly evident for young people that have no support or family connections and have started University or TAFE courses as part of their plan for a better future. We are accommodating several University students who fall into this category and along with the safe and stable housing we can provide financial assistance through our Youth Support Fund for internet connection or text books.

After spending almost 4 years in our Community Care Program then another 12 months in our Youth Housing program one young person has returned to their once alienated family. During their stay with Burdekin their case manager helped them to reconnect with family and build on the relationship with a confident approach to addressing the range of things that led to them being removed from their family. We were able to take the time to help this young person build the strength and the personal resources needed to work through the issues with the family so that the relationship would be different, it would be better. Along the way they completed Year 10, attended TAFE and left Burdekin in stable employment and with the independent living skills that most 19 year olds in the community don't have.

We have housed a young man with a partner and a child while he has worked towards completing an apprenticeship. Being on a very low income this young family struggled to get into the rental market on the Northern Beaches where their extended family lived and support systems were situated. Providing subsidised housing for 3 years has allowed him to complete his apprenticeship and move into the community in a much stronger financial position.



Out of Home Care



Our Community Care Program (CCP) cares for young people aged 12 - 18 who are in Out of Home Care (OOHC). Caring for these young people is a shared responsibility between case managers and our wonderful carers who provide them with a safe, supportive and stable home environment.

CCP enables local young people to remain living in their local area, close to their support networks, school, friends and family. Case managers work closely with these young people and offer support in areas such as education, employment, independent living skill development, health and mental health support, liaising with other services, planning for leaving care and managing family contact.

Over the last year we had 70% of clients in the program enrolled in school or TAFE. The other 30% were engaged in employment. We had two young people exit the CCP program at 18 years of age; one had spent three years in CCP and twelve months in our Youth Housing Program before returning home to live with her family. The other stayed in CCP for three and a half years and will remain living with her carer whilst studying at TAFE, and is still receiving aftercare support from her Burdekin case manager.

The Burdekin Association recognises the challenges faced by young people in OOHC when they turn 18 and 'leave care'. We are able to provide the young people in the program with a continuum of care and offer exit options into our Youth Housing program, where they continue to have the support and guidance of the same Case Manager. The service also offers case management and aftercare support to those who choose not to exit to our Youth Housing program, as we are aware that they still may require assistance and are often not ready to live independently without support at that age.

A big thank you to our amazing carers for all their hard work and unwavering support of these young people! We are always seeking new carers for our Community Care Program and encourage anyone who might be interested in this rewarding role to contact us.



Young Parents Project

What a wonderful year it has been for our young parents! We have had university students going on to their second and third year of a nursing degree. We have one young parent completing a real estate course and about to start work in her dream profession.

Being close to the beach, swimming is an important skill to learn. The Burdekin Association are proud to have been able to assist these young parents so that their children can learn this valuable skill. One child's dream of becoming a life saver has started; having already enrolled in nippers aged five.

We at The Burdekin Association are constantly in awe of how our young parents manage their work, study, children and busy lives. Through our case management, we are able to support our young parents to meet their goals around work education and parenting and we look forward to engaging with them again next year.



Easter Show



Once again we had an enjoyable day with great weather. One young girl who attended had never been to the Sydney Easter Show before and became very excited at the entry gates. This was an amazing experience for the girl who spent most of the day with the animals, she particularly enjoyed the dog grooming and dog show.

This young girl was amazed by the massive show bag selection and the size of the arena. She was very thankful for this opportunity. She purchased two show bags and some jewellery and this made the day even more special.



After enjoying a nice lunch and afternoon together we walked to our bus stop and enjoyed the ride home. Later that evening I received a text message from this girl: -

"Thank you for today, I really enjoyed it and I love my necklace. I am very tired now!"

Workshops



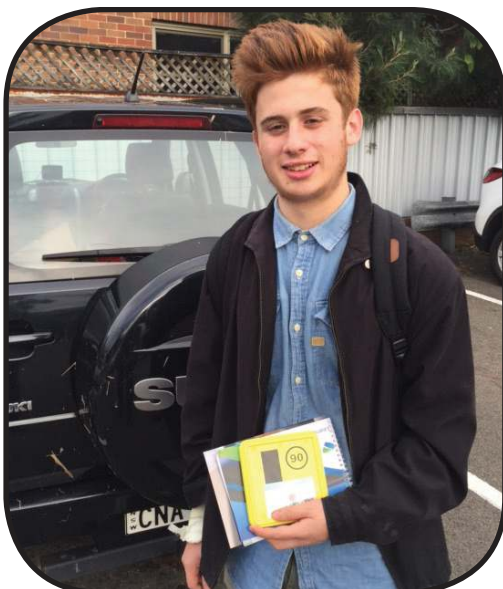
The Burdekin Association has taken a number of steps to increase the participation rate and opportunities for our young people to have input into the running and development of programs and services.

A survey was developed and distributed to our housing clients to gauge their wants and needs in regards to life skill education in preparation for independence. A partnership with Northern Beaches Community College (NBCC), was developed, and a number of life skill workshops are planned for the future focusing on issues such as communication, money matters and mental health.



"The fact is that there are homeless children and young people dying in Australia, some from suicide, others from neglect. That is not something our nation can ignore."

Brian Burdekin



A week in the life of a Case Manager

A week in the life of a case manager can be remarkably varied and require flexibility, ingenuity and creativity to get the job done. All young people at Burdekin have a case manager assigned to them. In the interest of continuity the young person's case manager, where possible, is the same person who carries out the initial process of assessing the fit between what a young person requires and what Burdekin offers. This involves interviewing the young person and where appropriate speaking with significant others to assess a young person's circumstances and capacity to live independently with support.

In collaboration with their case manager all young people housed by Burdekin develop an individualised case plan. This important document informs much of the work undertaken by a case manager. The case plan establishes a number of goals in relation to important areas of life including daily living skills needed in order to live independently, personal health and well being, family and social relationships, employment and education. Each young person's case plan will be different and the work each case manager does to assist each young person to achieve their goals will be different.

The case management role is very 'hands on'. When a young person moves into a Burdekin/ LINK Housing property they will need all manner of practical assistance. This can include help with moving small personal belongings or assisting financially and otherwise with ensuring that a young person has enough groceries when they first move into their new abode. Many young people move in with very little by way of furniture. This might necessitate a trip with their case manager to one of the local charities to procure items such as a bed, bedside table, study desk or lounge. Young people will require assistance with signing a lease, paying a bond and setting up a system for ensuring that rent is paid regularly. Budgeting can be challenging for some young people. Thus a case manager may advocate on the young person's behalf or help them formulate a repayment plan if sorting out rental arrears becomes a difficulty.

A case manager may need to help a young person negotiate their way around government services such as NSW Housing or Centrelink. Where appropriate a case manager may transport a young person to important medical, dental or counselling appointments. Case managers facilitate regular house meetings with young people to identify and address problematic household issues. These are particularly important in a shared residence.

The overarching aim in case management is to equip a young person with the skills and knowledge necessary to eventually move to independent accommodation. Good case management requires one to be flexible, have a varied skills set, an ability to relate well to different personality types, a cooperative spirit, a sound capacity for problem-solving, the interpersonal skills needed to negotiate conflict and a willingness to 'roll up your sleeves' when practical tasks need to be done.



"I was homeless for nearly a year and everything changed once Burdekin took me on board. I am really comfortable with them and there is nothing they are not willing to help with. With positive reinforcement they build me up. I am now studying and working part time. When my case manager found out that I got a job she insisted on taking me to buy some work clothes."

J.D

"My case manager was extremely easy to talk to, I felt very comfortable and she genuinely cared for me, always advocating and acting in my best interests. I feel so grateful for the support services that she linked me in to; this enabled me to continue with my studies in University. I benefitted 100% from being involved with Burdekin and don't know where I would be without their support."

C.J

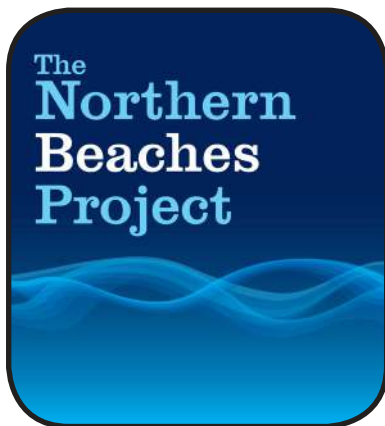
"Just to let you know that things are all good at home. My daughter came home earlier in the year and we are now living peaceful lives. Barely a raised voice in the house in the last six months and we are all enjoying each other's company, holidays together and having fun. The last three years have been difficult but we now have our lives back. Thank you for your help and support throughout this time."

L.J

"I just wanted to write a little note to say thank you for all that you have done as my case manager. I honestly can't thank you enough! If it weren't for you and The Burdekin Association I would have never had the opportunity to have my own space to live in. To learn coping strategies to deal with my panic attacks and stay focused on studying and also to go on a life changing trip to Kokoda with amazing young people and mentors. So thank you again."

N.A

The Northern Beaches Project



The Burdekin Association was the lead agent in The Northern Beaches Project, the first cross collaborative early identification model between schools and services in NSW. The Project targets young people and families who require additional support to prevent disengagement which can lead to homelessness.

In 2015 the Minister for Family and Community Services, the Honourable Brad Hazzard launched the Northern Beaches Project where 1446 students were surveyed in the three participating schools. The surveys covered areas such as psychological stress, disengagement and self esteem. As a result, 237 students were identified at high risk of psychological stress, with a further 30 considered very high risk, 81 students identified as likely to disengage while 169 were perceived as having low self esteem.

Students had access to a range of specialist services including: physical and mental health, drug and alcohol counselling, accommodation, disability support, employability skills and other workshops, case management, mentoring and parenting support.

In 2016 the Department of Education introduced the Wellbeing Framework for schools. Family and Community Services, Education and Health have held discussions to take a holistic evidence based approach to providing support to young people and their families. As a result, the Northern Beaches Project will look different as processes will need to be aligned.

The excellent collaboration between local schools and services will continue to provide the necessary support to ensure we target young people at risk of disengagement and potential homelessness.

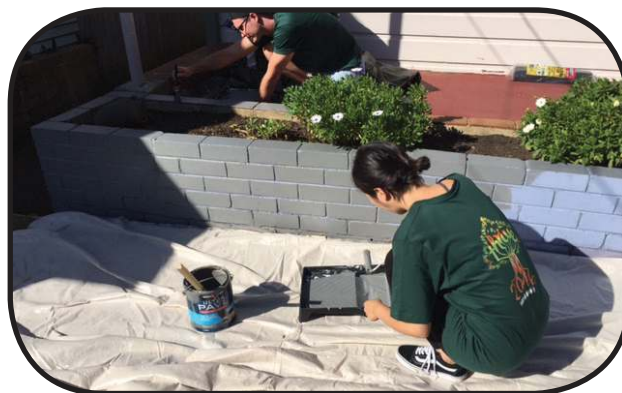
Headspace

We have continued our co-location at headspace Brookvale over the past 12 months. Burdekin staff are regularly available at the headspace office to meet with any young person who is in need of housing or extra support via case management. Burdekin can also provide family support to parents of young people engaged with headspace who may be experiencing difficulties at home.

We value our relationship with the headspace team at Brookvale and applaud the wonderful service they provide to young people on the Northern Beaches. The Burdekin Association is privileged to be a member of the headspace Brookvale consortium and we look forward working closely with the headspace team in the year ahead.



Community Support



We have had a number of highly successful community working bees during the year, with more in the pipeline. As we gain more corporate support we have been able to secure the impressive services of Firmenich International and Ben & Jerry's on their annual community support days.

We have also continued this year to receive great project support from Bunnings and in particular the team at the Warringah Mall store headed up by the wonderful Jen Baglin. In April we spoke of the work of The Burdekin Association at Ben & Jerry's Australasian conference and we were then able to secure a really hard working and enjoyable crew of their staff to assist in the external painting of a large residential property at Manly along with some much needed landscaping and gardening. Coupled with the freshly painted front fence, the finished product looked amazing. The neighbours and young people at the property were all pretty impressed with the free ice-cream dished up during the BBQ lunch break and throughout the afternoon!

Late last year Firmenich assisted us in an award winning backyard blitz at another of our properties coupled with some fabulous bedsit makeovers. The backyard was transformed into a wonderful peaceful haven complete with fruit trees and a productive veggie patch. We offer our greatest thanks to these organisations for allowing their wonderful staff to assist us. Their staff were both impressed and moved by the stories shared by some of the young people they met and their personal journeys. We encourage other socially mindful corporate and community organisations to join us as community supporters.



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Community Partners



We need to extend a big thank you to our Community Partners who generously donate to The Burdekin Association year after year.

Every Winter our case managers make sure our tenants are coping with the cold and ensure that they have enough doonas, blankets, clothing and bedding. This year we again received a fabulous array of age and colour appropriate quilts and rugs, warm beanies, multiple pairs of socks, scarves and gloves for our young people.

Thank you to Vee and Barry Cardiff, Pins and Needles at St John the Evangelist Church in Dee Why, St Faiths Quilting and Needlecraft Club and the Property Industry Foundation (PIF).

Every December we are amazed at the generosity of our Community Partners when the beautiful Christmas Hampers arrive. The hampers are always so gratefully received by our young people and their families. The hampers are packed with tinned food, pamper packages, gift vouchers, biscuits and gifts.

Thank you to St Anthony in the Field Catholic Church, Blackmores, the Rotary Club of Manly and the Rotary Club of Upper Northern Beaches.



Bridge to Bridge

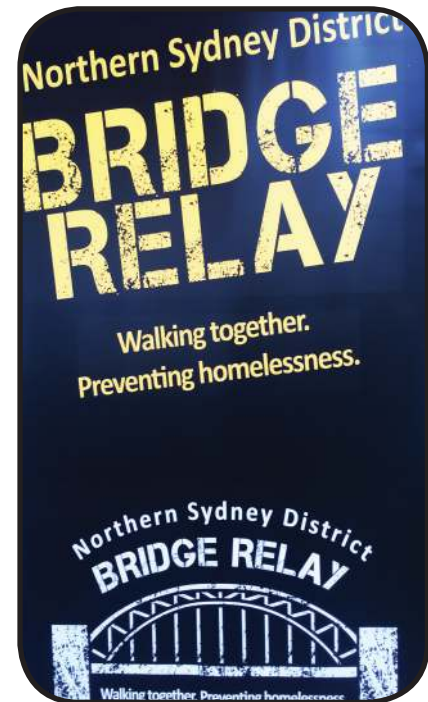


If the inaugural 24 hour Harbour Bridge Relay was considered a success in 2015, this year's event organised by Northern District Homelessness Interagency Group surpassed all expectations in raising awareness of homelessness as part of youth homelessness week.

This year we almost doubled the amount of people walking across the bridge and although the wet weather conditions gave us a little indication of what it might be like for homeless people looking for shelter on any given night, the cold and windy conditions did not dampen the spirits of the services who volunteered their time to get involved in this very worthwhile event.

Once again the camaraderie and networking between services, especially in the small hours, was testament to the dedication and commitment of services working collaboratively to achieve the same goal of raising awareness of homelessness.

The event attracted media attention from Sam Mac and the television crew from Channel 7's Sunrise program who broadcasted live from the Bridge into thousands of homes across Australia.



180 Degrees

We were very fortunate to be approached by 180 Degrees, a committed group of research students from the University of NSW who offered to develop an outcomes measurement system as part of a project. This dedicated team of students aimed at streamlining our existing processes and utilising their skills in research and technology to develop a robust outcomes measurement tool.

The result is amazing where we now have a streamlined paperless system that is user friendly, a better system to track and monitor the effectiveness of our service and capture the journey of all our clients.



Golf Day



In May this year we held our second Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Cromer Golf Club. The weather was great, the greens looked good and the competition was on. On arrival, players were greeted with a gift bag and a wonderful breakfast spread. After a short briefing, the teams headed off to play an Ambrose game on the beautiful lush green course.

The day was all about raising awareness and funds for Youth Homelessness (and of course having fun)! We were thrilled with the turn out from the community with many local businesses and individuals sponsoring holes and taking part in the silent auction and raffles. We had many fantastic prizes donated and it was wonderful to see so much support for The Burdekin Association.

This year local photographer Michael Mannington from Volunteer Photography took some wonderful photos of the golfers enjoying the day. We also had local celebrity Andrew Daddo join us.

After a tough course, the day finished up with lunch, drinks and prizes awarded to the winners. The day was another tremendous success and we look forward to working closely with Cromer Golf Club and all our supporters and sponsors again next year.

The day would not have been possible without the help of our fabulous sponsors, The Burdekin Association is so grateful for their support.



Melbourne Cup Lunch



Peninsula Pals was established by Manly identity Jean Hay and a group of community minded friends. They decided to raise funds for local charities, organising a Melbourne Cup lunch. This event continued to grow and over 30 years later we are still enjoying their legacy. The current patron is Kerry Baird.

The Northern Beaches community has been amazingly supportive of this event, and it is now a favourite on the Beaches social calendar. The work all our charities do in the community makes a huge difference to so many. This is reflected in the support the event has received over the years.

Currently the Burdekin Association is in the esteemed company of the BeCentre, Sunnyfield, and the Gidget Foundation as members of Peninsula Pals. The 2015 event was held at the wonderful Novotel Manly Pacific was an enormous success raising both awareness and dollars for each of the charities represented and a great day was had by all.



Peninsula Pals Cocktail Evening

On a beautiful Sydney evening in May we were invited to host a select few of our corporate sponsors and supporters to a reception at the amazing Government House to thank them for their ongoing support. We were guests of his Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor of New South Wales and Mrs Hurley in recognition of Burdekin's work. Our fellow Peninsula Pals charities were also invited.

Our Executive Officer Justene was formally presented to His Excellency and Mrs Hurley in the State Ante Drawing Room prior to formalities commencing. Kerry Baird spoke in the company of her husband the Hon Mike Baird Premier of NSW about each of the four charities represented and her speech about Burdekin was very well received.

The Honourable David Hurley and his wife were incredibly welcoming to all the guests and we enjoyed a wonderful evening on the beautiful harbour foreshore gardens of government house.



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Manly Warringah Sea Eagles

Game Day Community Partner

The Burdekin Association is proud to have become a community partner of the Manly Warringah Sea Eagles who have a huge following on the Northern Beaches as a major contributor to our local community. Burdekin were the game day community partner for the game against the Parramatta Eels at Brookvale Oval earlier this year. We were thrilled to have the opportunity to share our stories with the large crowd and collect donations on the night.

A large contingent of Burdekin management, staff, carers, young people and partner agencies attended the game as guests of the club. We thank them for this fabulous opportunity and look forward to growing the relationship in the future.



Player Community Engagement Program

Manly Sea Eagles players Dylan Walker and Api Koroisau joined Burdekin staff as part of this program to build a better understanding of youth homelessness and the range of support and accommodation options Burdekin provides young people and their families. Both Dylan and Api joined the Sea Eagles in 2016 and are very interested in what is happening for young people on the peninsula. They have visited our carers' homes and other properties and have spent time with our staff building on their own personal resources so that they can connect with young people and share some of their own life journey in a meaningful way.

After giving some of their precious spare time over the last few months they have also committed to an exciting project that will see them put their decorating flair to work in a house that we will be providing to a foster carer and a young person. It has been a pleasure having them both at Burdekin and we thank them for giving their time to our organisation.

A special thank you to Meg and the team at Fantastic Furniture Balgowlah who kindly donated all the furniture for the make over.

Seaforth Art Show



In August last year several staff attended the Seaforth Art Show at Balgowlah RSL Club. The 13th Seaforth Arts Festival featured the work of local artisans and was a wonderful opportunity to view or buy a range of stunning artworks at affordable prices.

All of the profits raised were generously donated to The Burdekin Association. We are delighted to say the night was a huge success and the proceeds were gratefully received so that we can continue to help those who need it. After an introduction by our Chairperson, one of our young people shared her story with the dinner guests and then Sophie Mills, artist, author and comedian, was the guest speaker on the night. The evening wound up with a fun Elvis Presley tribute performed along with pianist Ross Johnston and Virginia Rowlands on the flute.

We would like to thank Phillip Young and the entire Seaforth Arts Festival. We are enormously grateful for their generosity.



Youth Homelessness Matters Day

On the thirteenth of April, Burdekin staff assembled down at Dee Why Beach for Youth Homelessness Matters Day (YHMD) 2016. YHMD is an annual event aimed at promoting awareness of youth homelessness in Australia. Burdekin set up in front of the Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club and offered out free sausage sandwiches to the public. For this year's event we decided to focus on couch surfing as a key aspect of youth homelessness as well a key factor in its 'invisibility'. To do this we brought a second-hand couch to the stall to draw attention to the fact that 'a couch is not a home.' All organisations and individuals taking part in promoting YHMD were encouraged to utilise social media to gain traction for the campaign. To this end we encouraged passersby to jump on the couch, take photos of themselves and upload to social media using the hashtags #YHMD2016 and #ACouchIsNotAHome which widened the spread of exposure.

We spoke with young and old about Burdekin's programs, including our community care program, early intervention to prevent youth homelessness, and youth housing with wrap-around case management. Many in the public were surprised to learn that youth homelessness exists on the Northern Beaches and were moved to hear and read our young people's stories. We were heartened by the interest and compassion we witnessed in those we spoke with and the countless offers for assistance. The day was a great success and we look forward to further opportunities to engage with our local community about the work that we do.



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Our youth,
their future.

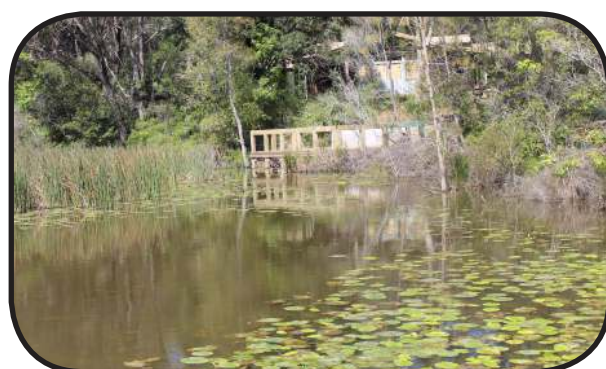
Ingleside

The Grandma's Refuge at Ingleside was entrusted to Burdekin as a refuge for homeless youth some forty years ago. Initially it was successfully run as such but, twenty years ago the logistics made it difficult for use in this way due to the isolation of the facility. The Burdekin Management Committee have remained the Trust Managers of the property and has allowed the buildings to be used by volunteer organisations such as the Bush Fire Brigade and more recently by the Northern Beaches Business Education Network (NBBEN).

Although they are paying minimum rent they are greatly improving the buildings and grounds. With the Government plan to develop the Ingleside area, allowing a more dense occupation will invariably lead to increased local services. These changes will lead to a more compatible environment for homeless youth. The Crown Land at present is divided by an existing road. It may be possible in the future to develop some low cost housing on areas of the site not currently used providing homeless youth housing. This would leave the current area and surrounds to provide better facilities for homeless youth, be able to be used by The Burdekin Association and maintain the presence of NBBEN.

During the last year we have been developing our plan of management for the future of the site in order to maximise the benefits to the people of NSW. We also applied for and received funding from Crown Land to install a fence around the public perimeter of the occupied site. This has produced some safeguards to the public to protect them from easy access to the dam. The next stage is to work with our neighbours so that the fence can be completed around the property. Not only have we checked that suitable insurances are in place, but a risk management plan is being reviewed and developed to ensure safety for the users and public. Emergency management plans are in place and are reviewed together with environmental needs and work health and safety. The future for Grandma's Refuge is an exciting challenge and with the Ingleside redevelopment. It is hoped that there will be a return to the provision of homeless support.

Chris Gordon
Management Committee Secretary



Ingleside Financial Summary



Ingleside

Income and Expenditure Statement - For the Year Ended 30 June 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Grants Income	<u>27,797</u>	--
Other Income	<u>470</u>	461
TOTAL INCOME	28,267	1,416,984
EXPENSES		
Chainwire Fence and Gates	(27,177)	--
Insurance	(150)	(150)
Salaries and Wages	(6,501)	(6,282)
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>(33,828)</u>	(6,432)
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>(5,561)</u>	(5,971)



Treasurer's Report

It is with great honour that I write another Treasurer's Report for The Burdekin Association for the 2015 - 2016 year.

The finances of The Burdekin Association Inc. remain in a sound position at the end of June 2016, with a \$32,647 deficit from our operating activities for the year. In 2015 we had a \$36,581 deficit. The major reason for the deficit in 2016 was higher than budgeted wages and recruitment costs due to some unforeseen staff turnover.

The Association held approximately \$955,000 in cash reserves as at 30 June 2016. This is significantly higher than the total cash reserves held at the same time last year. This is due to significant funding payments received in advance of 2016 - 2017.

We have budgeted for a deficit in 2016 - 2017 of approx. \$70,000. This currently includes the salary of a full-time Project Officer who is yet to be employed by the association, so we expect the deficit to be significantly less than \$70,000 for the full year.

A big thank you must go to the major ongoing funding sources of The Burdekin Association, including the NSW Department of Family and Community Services and Northern Sydney Local Health District, NSW Health. A special thank you to Mike Baird and Brad Hazzard for their continued support and to our local community supporters that have generously donated their time and money throughout the last year. Thanks especially to those who attended and gave generously at our annual Golf Day in May. Specifically, in 2016 we received a very generous donation and three year pledge of support from a local philanthropic foundation which went towards funding two case managers for the association. We are extremely thankful for this ongoing support.

Thanks to all staff and the Management Committee for so diligently completing all financial obligations of the association over the past twelve months. We look forward to another fantastic year of serving our community in 2016 -2017.

Phil Knox

Management Committee Treasurer

Statement by the Members of the Committee

The Committee have determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Committee the financial report: -

1. Presents fairly the financial position of The Burdekin Association Incorporated as at 30 June 2016 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that The Burdekin Association Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by: -

Anneliese Herman
Chairperson

Phil Knox
Treasurer

Dated this 12th September, 2016.

Auditor's Report



Independent Auditor's Report to the members of The Burdekin Association Inc.

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report being a special purpose financial report, of The Burdekin Association Inc., which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2016, the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information and the statement by members of the committee.

Committee Member's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee members of The Burdekin Association Inc. are responsible for the preparation of the financial report and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1, is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) 2009 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee members' responsibility also includes such internal control as the officers determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Burdekin Association Inc. as at 30 June 2016, and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) 2009.

Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to note 1 to the financial report which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared to assist The Burdekin Association Inc. To comply with the financial reporting provisions of the Associations incorporation Act (NSW) 2009. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

BDJ Partners

Chartered Accountants

Financial Summary

The Burdekin Association Inc. - ABN 98 571 551 434

Income and Expenditure Statement - For the Year Ended 30 June 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Grants Income	1,566,793	1,215,069
Donations received	32,863	115,722
Interest Received	10,222	23,088
Other Income	65,493	63,105
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TOTAL INCOME	1,675,371	1,416,984
Occupancy Expense	(180,773)	(148,885)
Administrative Expense	(166,017)	(229,113)
Depreciation	(45,725)	(22,556)
Employee Costs	(1,094,233)	(945,902)
Other Operating Expenses	(221,270)	(107,109)
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SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(32,647)	(36,581)
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NB: Detailed financial information available on request

Financial Summary



The Burdekin Association Inc - ABN 98 571 551 434

Balance Sheet - As at 30 June 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	954,728	789,790
Trade and other receivables	10,653	--
Other Assets	55,963	56,055
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	1,021,344	845,845
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, Plant & Equipment	148,041	187,369
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS	148,041	187,369
TOTAL ASSETS	1,169,385	1,033,214
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and Other Payables	218,570	75,580
Employee Benefits	85,771	113,910
Grants received in advance	160,000	121,115
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	464,341	310,605
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Employee Benefits	30,402	15,320
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	30,402	15,320
TOTAL LIABILITIES	494,743	325,925
NET ASSETS	674,642	707,289
EQUITY		
Reserves	459,501	459,501
Accumulated Funds	215,141	247,788
TOTAL EQUITY	674,642	707,289

Thank You

Andrew & Jacqui Daddo
Andrew Nesbitt
Anne Sutton
Avenel Gray
Ben & Jerry's – Matt Owens
Bernadette Miflin
Blackmores
The Hon. Brad Hazzard, MP
Brian Burdekin AO, Patron
Brookvale Rotary
Bruce Burdekin
Bunnings Warehouse
BWS Dee Why
Cap Money Course
Children's Promise – Ulrike Schuermann
Clement O'Grady
Clinton Charlie – Clint Webster
Col Crawford
Community Services NSW, Department of Human Services
Compass Project Management
Content Bank Australia
Cromer Golf Club
CVC Group – Sandy Beard
Edwin Hart
Fantastic Furniture Balgowlah
Firmenich Australia
Fridge To Go – Noelle Sadinsky
Frostbite Dee Why
Geagle Productions
Grace City Church
Grant Thornton Australia
Huawei
Image-On Pty Ltd – Alex Haran
Inky Designs – Lucy Mathew
InterContinental Sydney
Irena Tasevska
James Waley
John Mulquiney
Julie Flynn
Kids Giving Back – Cook for Good
Kinma School
Lane Cove Lawn & Gardens
LJ Hooker Frenchs Forest – Troy McKinstry
Lexem Pty Ltd
Link Housing

Thank You



Lions Club of Bondi
Lions Club of Frenchs Forest
Lions Club of Manly
Manly Community Centre
Manly Golf Club
Manly Warringah Sea Eagles
Northern Beaches Community College
Northern Beaches Council
Northern Beaches Credit Union
NSW Health – Office of Community Housing
Old Mate Media – Chris & Kate Stead
Paper2 – Colin Rockliff
Patricia Lorigan
Paul Lin
Peninsula Pals
Peninsula Personnel
Pittwater Sports Centre – Mark Forest
Premier Health and Fitness
Property Industry Foundation
Prudence Manrique
Rick Griffin
Robyn Trompf
Romejanic Development – Jack Davenport
Rotary Club of Brookvale
Rotary Club of Manly
Rotary Club of Pittwater
Rotary Club of Upper Northern Beaches
Sands Promotions – Cam Wyllie
Seaforth Arts Festival
Sharon Burdekin
Sharon Moss Legal
Shear Indulgence Salon – Sharon Winterburn
SJB Interiors
St Anthony In The Fields Catholic Church
St Faiths Quilting & Needlework Club
St John the Evangelist Church
The Construction Team – Neil Hardwick
The Hon. Tony Abbott MP
TP Dynamics
Vee & Barry Cardiff
Wakehurst Netball Club
Warringah Golf Club
Webcastcloud Hosting & Event Services
William Hill – Lawrie Chartres
WT Partnership

