



*Our youth, their future.*

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# ANNUAL REPORT

## OUR IMPACT 2020/21

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# PANDEMIC

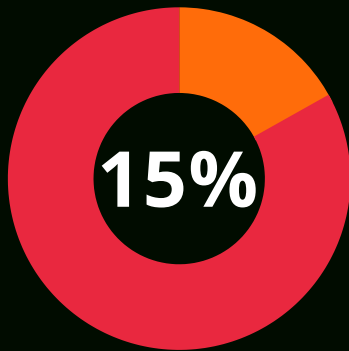
Evidence shows the pandemic has been an extremely stressful experience for many young Australians, particularly our most disadvantaged young people.

In 2020 a headspace survey found that 75% of young people reported their mental health deteriorated during the Covid-19 pandemic.

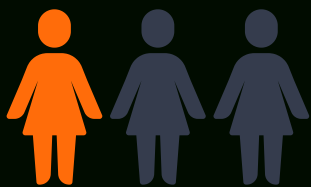


# 42,400

Almost 42,400 young people aged 15–24 presented on their own to Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) agencies during 2019/2020.



Young people presenting on their own made up 15% of all SHS clients but accounted for 73% of all SHS clients aged 15–24.



**1 in 3**

... reported family and domestic violence.

**3 in 5** were female;

**1 in 4** were 15–17 year olds;

**1/4** identified as Indigenous;

**1/2** reported mental health issues;

**17%** reported housing crisis as main reason to seek help;

**17%** reported family and domestic violence as the main reason to seek help.

# FROM OUR PRESIDENT

A year on and we are just starting to emerge from the impact and challenges of the Coronavirus pandemic and can feel life starting to regain a sense of normality. The last eighteen months has presented challenges on a global level impacting the lives of millions of people.

Whilst here in Australia, we have fared reasonably well with a strategy focused on saving lives and ensuring that the health system could cope with projected demand, this has not come without sacrifice. Closing borders and locking down businesses has led to increased isolation, unemployment, mental illness, homelessness, family and domestic violence and poverty. Young people, especially disadvantaged young people, have been impacted by the disruption to their education, training and employment opportunities and the mental health toll this uncertainty has caused.

Our key priority and the reason we exist is our shared concern for the well-being of young people and especially those at risk of being left behind in the areas we work in and beyond. Many young people were struggling prior to the pandemic which added significantly to their concerns and the challenges they face.

Our staff and volunteers have worked extremely hard to ensure that the young people in our care have the best possible support. This report is a testimony to their and the young people's efforts.

We are also one year on from introducing the Burdekin model of service delivery to the Inner West of Sydney. We were very fortunate to celebrate the official launch of the establishment of our Inner West presence in June 2021 with a face-to-face Covid-19 safe event. This was one of the highlights of the year as it underlined just how well received our services had been in the Inner West of Sydney and gave staff and volunteers a sense of accomplishment and belonging.

Alongside managing the service impacts of the pandemic, the organisation also grew enormously which led us to review how the Board and staff could best support the organisation's changing needs. This resulted in a new Strategic Plan underpinned by values that will support us in our future journey. This is set out in the document "Our Shared Future". It outlines who we are, our key priorities and what we aspire to be in the future – and indeed confirmed our wish to inspire a future full of hope for young people - #BRDKHOPE

# CONTINUED...

The Board conducted a skills audit and called for expressions of interest for new board members. This has resulted in the recruitment of Shoshana Wall, Marianna Brungs and Morri Young to the Board. In addition, we have established a good operating rhythm with the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee and Marketing & Fundraising Committees which are supporting the work of the Board. I acknowledge and thank my fellow Board members for stepping up and giving generously of their time and skills during a challenging year.

The review of changing organisation needs continued at the staff level and a new structure has been implemented. This resulted in the appointment of some new key staff members to better support the CEO and staff teams.

At the service delivery level, Burdekin continues to be able to provide more for our young people due to the generous financial assistance of old and new supporters. This support has enabled us to continue our outreach work, our therapeutic, trauma informed approach as well as many other activities aimed at enabling our young people to reach their full potential, as they would in a family setting. Our core services are funded by the NSW Government and I would like to thank the Departmental staff members who have worked with us and shared our commitment to always seek the best outcome for the children and young people in our care. Like many other organisations, we worked extremely hard in a year that presented many challenges especially in relation to the pandemic. This placed extraordinary demands on our staff and volunteers and I would like to thank everybody wholeheartedly for their professionalism, commitment and genuine care.

Last but by no means least, I want to say how proud we are of the young people in our care and of what they become with just a little extra support and commitment to their wellbeing.

I am excited about the forthcoming year, we have created solid foundations and look forward to exploring new partnerships and opportunities in line with our mission.

Ms Gill Lawrence  
President  
The Burdekin Association



# FROM OUR CEO

I would like to start my report with acknowledging the commitment and passion of each member of The Burdekin Association team over the past year. On 1st July 2020 we had the privilege of welcoming a group of staff and young people who came to us as part of a pre-planned business transfer from a service exiting its residential contract. This was not an easy time - throw in a pandemic and it takes the workplace to an even higher level of complexity.

My admiration and awe are directed at these inspirational staff. Through all the challenges they faced they stuck by the children and young people in their care who transferred with them – providing consistency, care and devotion.

The Inner West staff have exceeded all expectations in their ability to provide accommodation, care, support and hope to young people from the area. We increased capacity by 600% in only one year. Whilst we have been able to provide homes for so many more children and young people, this came at a cost, our staff pushed themselves.

My utmost respect and pride are afforded to you all as you battled fast growth and the ever-increasing risk of Covid-19. Whilst our Inner West service provision grew our Northern Beaches based team continued to provide consistent, professional and quality support to the children, young people, families and community we serve.

It has been an absolute joy to witness the growth and development of some of the young people who have been in our care for a number of years. Many entered our care in their early teens and have blossomed into the most amazing and inspiring young women and men - demonstrating a resilience beyond expectations. Each one of them has had their own battles to face and their journey has been difficult, yet they pushed through.

Whilst Management focused on the Inner West, all Northern Beaches staff continued to meet the needs of our client cohort. Because of their dedication and commitment, Burdekin has reached an excellent level of security and stability within the broader social sector.

This past 6 months has been the most challenging time with a number of young people and staff testing positive to Covid-19. A number of staff volunteered to live alongside our children and young people whilst in isolation going well beyond the call of duty.

Whilst we connected through zoom each day with these locked down homes, the intensity of the task staff took on became evident. These staff deserve our praise and recognition. I thank Pat, Nikisha, Emma Jayne, Jamie Claire, Stephanie, Sparrow, Dianna, Ciara and Emily for their dedication to ensure the children and young people in your care were provided a safe and consistent home during their lockdown periods.

# CONTINUED...

In addition, I thank Niall and Jacinta for their leadership of these homes. I could go on and name so many more staff (however I will refrain as there are many and I fear I may forget someone) who came together to ensure that every young person, staff member and home had everything they needed, including food, PPE, furniture, and technology. Thank you to each of you for the role you played in ensuring Burdekin got through the critical period of Covid-19.

Through the sustained growth and the ever-present Covid-19 risk we managed to bring all staff and the Board together to develop our new strategic plan for the coming years. We also took the opportunity to articulate our shared values, vision and mission which truly reflect what Burdekin stands for.

We also snuck in our formal Inner West launch just before this year's lockdown which embodied what is important to Burdekin - a celebration of community, our staff, Board, stakeholders and our children and young people singing, laughing and running around enjoying ice cream, a magician and music. Special thanks to Anna, one of our wonderful young people, who MC'd this event.

Our growth led to the need for a new organisational structure and many more staff. It has been exciting to bring a diverse and passionate array of people into the Burdekin family with an amazing depth of skills, experience, knowledge, and passion.

This year has only been made possible through the support and expertise of our focussed and driven Board, setting a high level of expectations, and providing the guidance and resources to reach our goals. I thank them for their unwavering support and look forward to the year ahead.

Burdekin exists to meet the needs of our community in particular the children and young people who need our support, care and accommodation. Our existence and quality service delivery are only made possible through our partnership with the Department of Communities and Justice, the Department of Health, our local stakeholders, donors and community partners. It has been a privilege to work alongside and be supported by you all and I look forward to the year ahead, when we can once again come together in person and celebrate our successes as well as the successes of the children and young people we are honoured to walk alongside.

Justene Gordon  
CEO  
The Burdekin Association



A full-page background image of a young woman with long brown hair, wearing a bright orange raincoat and hood. She is in the middle of a heavy rainstorm, with water droplets visible all around her. Her mouth is wide open in a shout or scream, and her eyes are closed. The rain is falling heavily, creating a dynamic and powerful scene.

# OUR VISION

**YOUNG LIVES, LIVED TO THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.**

At Burdekin, we believe every young person has the right to a life that offers opportunities to fulfil their potential.

Our Shared Vision informs the way we see the world and the role we play in shaping its future for the young people who inherit it.



# OUR PURPOSE

## TO INSPIRE HOPE.

Put simply, we exist to inspire young people to believe that their lives can be enriched by experience and empowered by hope.

Our Shared Purpose is what fuels our motivation and ignites our imagination.

# OUR VALUES

## IMAGINATIVE

we find a way

## RESPONSIVE

we embrace individuality

## DETERMINED

we give it our all

Our Shared Values are easy to spot. They're who we are, so they show up in the way we do all that we do.

# OUR PRIORITIES

## 1 PEOPLE

We're investing more in building capability and promoting growth within our people and clients... so they're more confident, resilient and better equipped to fulfil their potential.

## 2 PARTNERS

We're investing more in cultivating relationships, partnerships and collaborations... so more stakeholders can participate in, and contribute to realising our Vision.

## 3 PLATFORMS

We're investing more in improving our systems, technologies, processes and platforms... so we're more efficient, productive, and better able to create and deliver value for all our supporters.

Our Shared Priorities keep us focused on the things that make us stronger, better and more capable.



# OUR TEAM

Our team has grown substantially in the past number of years but we remain a tight-knit family doing things the Burdekin way. There are 136 of us now, each bringing something unique and amazing that makes us the robust organisation we are. Everyone says it, but our most important asset is our team and we are united by our Shared Journey that we apply to everything we do.

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## IMAGINATIVE

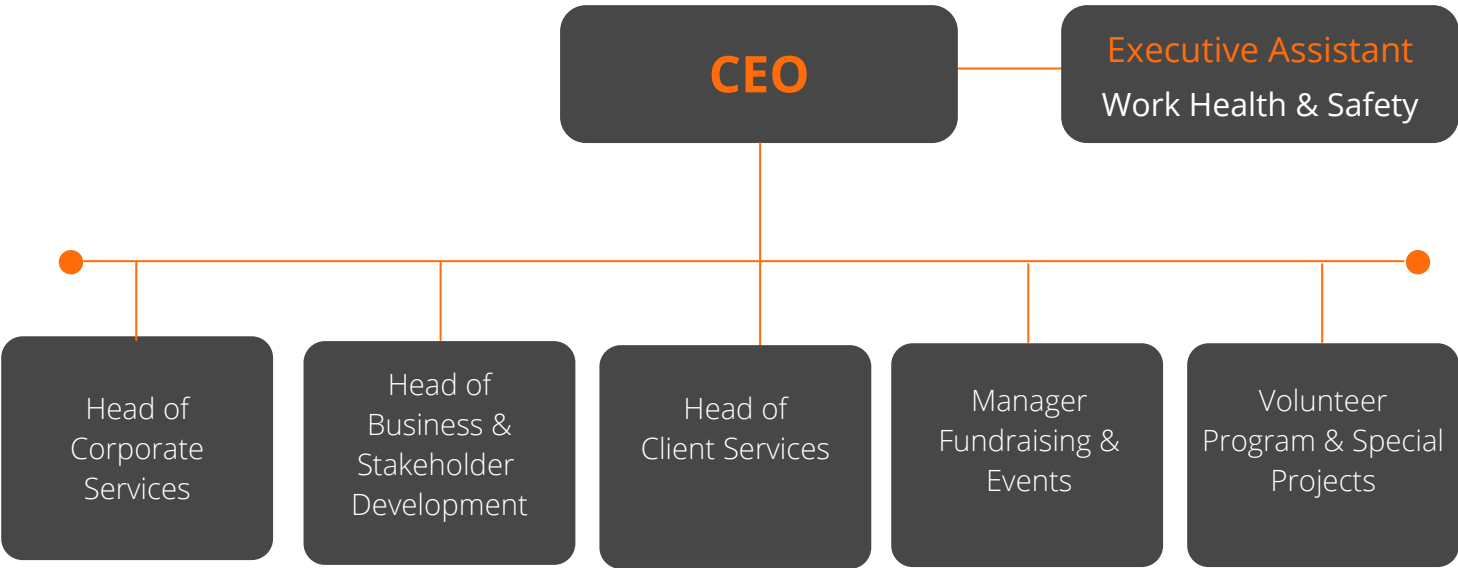
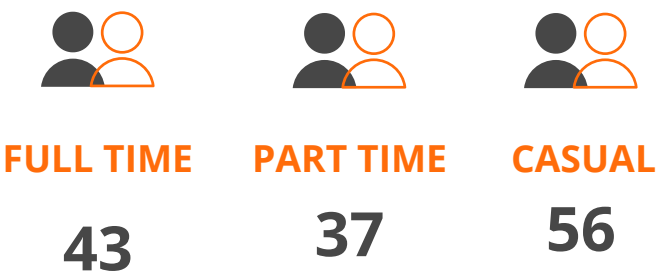
We find a way

## RESPONSIVE

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# OUR WORK & IMPACT

## OUT OF HOME CARE & YOUTH SERVICES

At Burdekin we provide services in the Inner West and the Northern Beaches regions of Sydney across two areas:

- Out of Home Care (OOHC) and
- Youth Services.

The Out of Home Care program offers many different housing options like the Supported Family Group Home and Supported Independent Living (SIL).

We also run complementary services like the Education Specialist project which is mainly used by young people in OOHC.

### Our Youth Services program include:

- Youth Housing
- Outreach, including general support, the Avalon Youth Hub, The Dee Why Project, the School Wellbeing Project and
- Family Intervention.



# OUR WORK & IMPACT

## OUT OF HOME CARE



Our Supported Family Group Home is for children and young people aged 9 – 17 to live with a carer who provides a nurturing home environment. Case managers provide intensive support to Burdekin Foster Carers, young people and their families. An on-call service for young people and carers is available 24 hours per day, 7 days a week.

**58** young people currently in out of home care

**34** Inner West

**24** Northern Beaches

Supported Independent Living (SIL) options are available for young people in out-of-home care. The entry age is between 16 to 18 years old and the young people are offered opportunities to remain within our services through our aftercare housing program while working towards independent living. A Case Manager is available to support the young people.

Our Staffed Home program provides a home-like environment with up to four young people and a carer. This program is for times when it is neither appropriate nor viable for a young person to live in a home with a key adult. We work with young people to identify a primary carer or explore another step-down option such as SIL.

Our Interim Care model provides short-term interim accommodation for 9-15 year olds who would otherwise be at risk of entering emergency placements. The objective is to find a longer-term solution such as restoration to family, foster care or other appropriate housing options within the community they know.

Interim Care aims to provide short-term care that is holistic, individualised, and takes a team-based approach to the complex impacts of abuse, neglect, separation from families and significant others, along with other forms of severe adversity.



**34**  
**FEMALE**

**24**  
**MALE**

**AGED**  
**11 - 20**  
**AVE 16**

**37**  
**HOMES**

## OUT OF HOME CARE

37 homes across Ashfield, Botany, Dee Why, Hornsby, Marrickville, Randwick, Sylvania, Waterloo, Lindfield, Beverly Hills, Roselands, Stanmore, Hurstville and Croydon.

These homes are provided in partnership with private landlords, community housing providers and DCJ. We are continuously looking for new partnerships to provide our young people with the best housing options.



# OOHC FOSTER CARERS

The statistics tell us there has been a 40% drop in the number of children and young people entering care since 2016. Nevertheless, the fact remains that a significant number of children and young people in Burdekin's care are not in the best placement option, simply because we are unable to recruit enough Burdekin Foster Carers.

Some of our young people have had the benefit of the love and support of Burdekin Foster Carers for many years and once again, last year, the need for Foster Carers was high.

The pandemic has made it difficult to find Foster Carers for children and young people in need. There is an urgent need for Foster Carers in all of NSW to meet current demand.

Foster Carers are made up of people from all walks of life. The Burdekin Association provides training and on-the-ground support to ensure that our Burdekin Foster Carers are enabled to offer safe, stable and nurturing environments for our young people. We are looking for individuals with the experience and skill-set to manage young people with complex and challenging needs.

At The Burdekin Association we know that many teenagers are in need of a safe, secure, nurturing home and that many people won't consider fostering teenagers because of negative public misconceptions about them.

Fostering a teenager provides young people with a consistent, nurturing, adult role model at a vital time in their life, allowing them to build up necessary steps to independence.

You do not need to have had your own teenagers or have had experience with teenagers. What you do need to have is an open heart to support young people who need to be loved and protected.



*"We couldn't turn a blind eye to the needs that are right here in Sydney for kids who need adults to believe in them, who can open up their homes to them."*

Jill, Foster Carer with Burdekin

*"She (their foster child) had just turned 15, had never been to a beach, never walked on the sand, it was a totally new experience for her."*

Tom, Foster Carer with Burdekin

# OUR EDUCATION PROJECT

The Northern Beaches Education Specialist provided education support to 11 (45%) of Northern Beaches OOHC clients. We will be expanding Specialist Education support to the Inner West in the 2021/22 year.

This project has been made possible through the generous support of the Chappel Foundation, the Vernon Foundation and a number of local community members.

## 5 OUT OF 24

Northern Beaches clients took part in a recruitment drive with Woolworths, gaining ongoing employment and/or work experience.

- 40%** are engaged in school or high school (including Distance Education).
- 5%** are enrolled in, or in the process of enrolling in TAFE.
- 4%** are studying at University.



- 16%** are employed.
- 11%** are seeking employment.
- 24%** are disengaged from school and employment.



# OUR WORK & IMPACT

## YOUTH SERVICES

### Family Intervention Program

Some families face numerous environmental and social challenges.

The aim of our Family Intervention Program is to support the young person to prevent homelessness as well as to minimise harm to the family unit.

We offer counselling and case management and are family inclusive wherever this is possible.

A young person can self-refer or be referred by a family member or friend. We focus on the individual needs, strengths, preferences and culture of each young person.

Early intervention can prevent a life of homelessness, unemployment and chronic illness, all of which bear a great cost to society.

### Outreach

The aim of Outreach is to build an emotionally healthy community by looking after the needs of our young people.

**93** young people were provided with

**1:1** general outreach support and information, referral, support or crisis intervention.

### Avalon Youth Hub

The Avalon Youth Hub (AYH) is one such program. AYH's aim is to improve young people's access to services and family-related support services in the Pittwater region.

The AYH offers free counselling, case management, mentoring, advice, referrals and general support. The Hub also provides workshops and information sessions that can be tailored to meet the needs of the community.

### The Dee Why Project

This project supports young people to prevent or manage gaming and gambling habits.

Two workshops were delivered on Safe Gaming and Drug and Alcohol use. 24 young people attended these workshops. 96% learnt something new.

The program has supported a further 6 young people in the Dee Why area with 1:1 case management and youth worker support to support healthy relationships to money management and gambling.

### The School Wellbeing Project

The School Wellbeing Project is a community partnership program delivered at Barrenjoey High School. One of our Case Manager attends the school 2 days per week as the Student Wellbeing Officer.



# YOUTH SERVICES - HOUSING

## 64

... young people were provided with secure housing.

This is the equivalent of **11,916** nights of a safe and secure home for young people.

**Key reasons for young people to seek support from Burdekin were:**

- Financial difficulties
- Housing affordability stress
- Relationship/family breakdown
- Mental health issues

Over half were sleeping rough or in emergency accommodation when they came to us.



# OUR CLIENTS

## What our Clients Say

### Summary

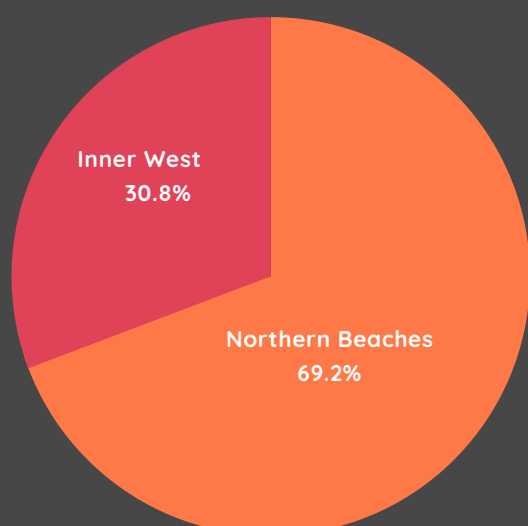
During the pandemic in 2020 The Burdekin Association undertook a client survey to take the pulse of how the young people in our care are doing, what is going well and what is going not so well in our continuous strive to better meet their needs.

### Introduction

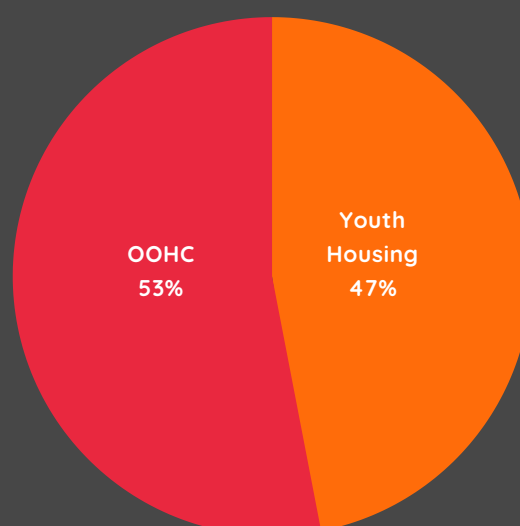
Data for the client survey was collected over a period of 3 months via an online survey platform. The survey team comprised of volunteers Amy, Bec and Caitlin, headed by Burdekin employee and Volunteer Manager Jill.

The opportunity to participate in the survey was provided to all clients in Burdekin's housing programs – Out of Home Care and Youth Housing – in both the Inner West and Northern Beaches. The survey was conducted mainly during the difficult period of Sydney's lengthy COVID lockdown. This presented the opportunity to undertake a "pulse check" on the state of the service delivery during this challenging time on top of the purpose of the survey to gather vital client feedback to inform future decision-making and get a clear understanding of how well we are doing as a service provider.

Percentage of young people connected with:



Percentage of young people in:



# CLIENT SURVEY

## Extracts

### Q5 What could your Youth/ Support Workers do to support you further?

66 answered, 0 unanswered

'I don't like being on my own, so I'd like them to spend more time with me, going for a walk, sitting on the couch watching a movie or cooking. They do do this but when they don't, I get lonely. I do understand when they have paperwork to do. I'd like to go on bike rides and I really like that Jamie does workouts with me.'

'More listening, talking to me when I'm sad (some workers only - I need to feel comfortable), want more workers that I like on sleepovers rather than ones I don't know. I don't like feeling pushed into doing certain things (school, psychology).'

'They do everything.'

'Communicate and be transparent about everything that is happening or is going to happen'

'They support me enough.'

'Leave me alone and when I say I don't want to hangout to hear me and not to keep asking.'

'See me less.'

*"Pretty good and makes me feel safe." - Jeike, Male, 14*

*"You have always been amazing and committed to helping." - Matthew, Male, 20*

*"It has been very good so far." - Salote, Female, 14*

*"I feel well supported and am extremely grateful for being put with the organisation." - Gabriella, Female, 19*

## I'M ALL SET



*The Burdekin Association has become my second home and I am forever grateful." Male, 26*

*"The most caring and supportive bunch, definitely happy with everything that's happened." Female, 21*

*"I've loved working with [my Case Manager], she's easy to talk to and has done everything possible to help and support me." - Anonymous, Female, 25*

*"I haven't been with Burdekin for long, but I'm very grateful and happy." - Anonymous, Female, 14*

*"[I'm] extremely happy!" - Anonymous, Female, 22*

### Q17 What, if anything, could The Burdekin Association do to better support you? (Please comment below)

53 answered 13 unanswered

Deal with the complaints that I have and involve me more in my Leaving Care Plan

They support me enough

Internet and more money

If I didn't have to move away from the community I'm used to

Let me see family more and let me do things on my alone

A second oodie! getting more things for my room - stuffed toys, pillows; more filipino food; get the carers that we really like :)

Giving me a time to heal something if I were facing hard situation.... otherwise everything is sooo good...very understanding...

Nothing, you guys are all good

Buy me things that I need, like a phone, bike, boxing bag to help me with anger

'Nothing at the moment I have become very independent.'

Support me and be patient, they also need to understand where I'm coming from sometimes with what I feel.

Nothing more, already supported

More activities

Give more opportunities

More gaming equipment

I would love to take

Ukrainian lessons

# CLIENT SURVEY

## Gender

Female - 39



Male 24



Other



Out of 64 respondents, 39 identified as female, 24 as male and 1 wasn't sure. 2 people didn't answer.

## Q19 Finally, a few questions about you. Please tell us your...

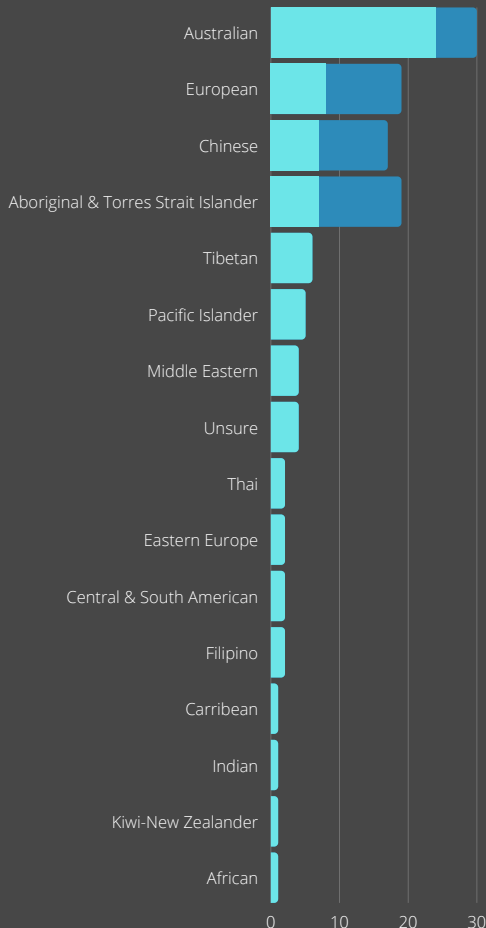
### Age

Out of 64 individuals, 10 were aged 18, 6 were aged 14, 3 were 12 and 8 were 16.

2 people didn't answer.

### Cultural background

64 answered 2 unanswered



"I really appreciate all the things Burdekin does for me (for example: giving me a place to live, a budget for my food shop, a clothes allowance, an activity budget, support.) I am really grateful for what you guys do for me, thank you everyone!" - Angela, Female, 16

"They are great at helping young people get on their feet in awful times in their lives." - Ava, Female, 22

"Helped to change my life and focus on my mental health issues." - Elizabeth, Female, 19

"I feel so grateful to be a part of such an amazing organisation and wouldn't know where I'd be without their help." - Eryn, Female, 20

Cultural identity was provided in the form of an open-ended response. As a result, some respondents responded with multiple cultural identities, some provided ambiguous terms such as, "wog", and so responses were grouped into the categories shown below.. "Australian" (and similar responses identifying the respondent as such) formed the largest group. Responses showed nevertheless that there is significant diversity in cultural identity amongst Burdekin's clients. Four respondents did not know their cultural background, and five respondents did not answer this question.



OUR SHARED  
**FUTURE**



# OUR COMMUNITY

**Property Industry  
Foundation**

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**King Living**

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**Charterhall**

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**Flick McQueen Design**

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**Bunnings**

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**Taubmans**

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**Bingo Industries**



**Our amazing  
community of  
supporters  
assisted with  
several projects.**

Community working bees make a big, practical difference to our work and to our young people – we have some amazing – we mean AMAZING – partners and organisations helping out. We listed some of them here.



# WORKING BEE



The Property Industry Foundation (PIF) connects us with other organisations all the time to help alleviate child and youth homelessness. These organisations are across a variety of industries providing numerous services and products that will help services like ours to keep youth safe and secure.

Bunnings Warringah Mall donated fire safety products such as fire extinguishers, fire blankets, first aid kits and other fire safety accessories to reduce the risk of fire and keep our young people safe.



Bunnings Warringah Mall and Taubmans Paints helped us with a very special project –

**THE BURDEKIN LEARNING SPACE**



Staff from Charterhall and plants and pots from Flick Macqueen Plant Design helped us with a garden design at one of our Stanmore properties.



The people over at BINGO Industries have been a huge support to The Burdekin Association by providing about \$10,000 – \$15,000 worth of bins over the last year.



# EVENTS

Plans changed so often throughout the year that we lost count. Some events were cancelled, some rescheduled and others held online.

We did get lucky with a few of our own gatherings:

## Inner West Services - 1 Year On Celebrations

What a wonderful community event enjoyed by many. With speakers The Hon. Alister Henskens, SC MP, Prof Brian Burdekin, AO, Briony Foster from the Department of Justice and Community Services and Jon Davies, representing the Burdekin Board.

## National Youth Homelessness Conference

Our Patron Brian Burdekin and CEO Justene Gordon addressed the 2nd National Youth Homelessness Conference which was held online.

## Team Christmas Party 2020

This was an important get together, the first time the Inner West and Northern Beaches teams all came together face-to-face.



## Annual Charity Golf Day

Our Golf Day was another smash hit thanks to our supporters. Check out the photos in this report!

## The Pittwater Artists Trail

We were the beneficiaries of the amazingly generous artists over at the Pittwater Artists Trail fundraiser.





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## Honours from the Tibetan Community

Warren and Shonette received very special recognition from the Tibetan community as guests of the President of the NSW Tibetan Community, Mr Nigan Gotsang.



## National Volunteers Week

A number of staff from our Volunteer Program participated in a thank you activity – National Volunteers Week (NVW) Cultural & Bush Tucker Walk 2021.

Our volunteers were treated to a meal plus a Certificate of Appreciation from our CEO.

## Gone Bush Adventures

Burdekin staff Graham Bargwanna and Jill Wrathall were interviewed by Gone Bush Adventures in Sydney Botanical Gardens about the work that we do.

## Chappel Foundation Fundraiser

One of our amazing young people - CJ was invited to speak about his life and journey with Burdekin at the Chappel Foundation Fundraiser.

## Staff celebrated IDAHOBIT 2021

Diversity is important to us and staff enjoyed celebrating IDAHOBIT 2021.





# OUR VOLUNTEERS

**Our Volunteer Program was born out of Covid-19 and has gone from strength to strength.**

As at the end of June 2021 there were a total of 10 Burdekin volunteers with another 3 undergoing the recruitment process as well as 4 on student placements and volunteering.

**An audit of our Volunteer Program estimates an average monthly saving to the organisation of \$2,637.**

**Main areas of engagement are:**

- driving supervision,
- mentoring,
- transport support,
- education support,
- house angel,
- volunteer coordination, administration and
- special projects.

At the time of writing this report we have entered into a partnership with Mentoring Men with the aim of engaging more men in our Volunteer Program.

*I'm so grateful for all the time and effort Graham has given me to get my driving hours up and to prepare me for my driver's test. And I was successful, first time!*

Burdekin young person.

*"With this diverse group of people who've come forward, keen to become a mentor in the life of a young person or support the work of The Burdekin Association in some way, I think this initiative has the potential to change communities and change lives. The power of a non-judgemental, consistent presence in the life of a young person, believing in them, noticing strengths and giving them time on a regular weekly basis.*

Jill Wrathall, Manager, Referrals and Projects OOHHC who also coordinates The Burdekin Volunteer program.



We celebrated the program's 1st anniversary in May 2021.

# OUR SUPPORTERS

We couldn't do the work we do without our many generous supporters and thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We appreciate the trust you put into us and strive to do our very best.





# OUR GOLF DAY



Most events between 2019 and 2021 were cancelled due to restrictions. We were lucky our Golf Day fell in between lockdowns and was another smash hit thanks to our supporters!





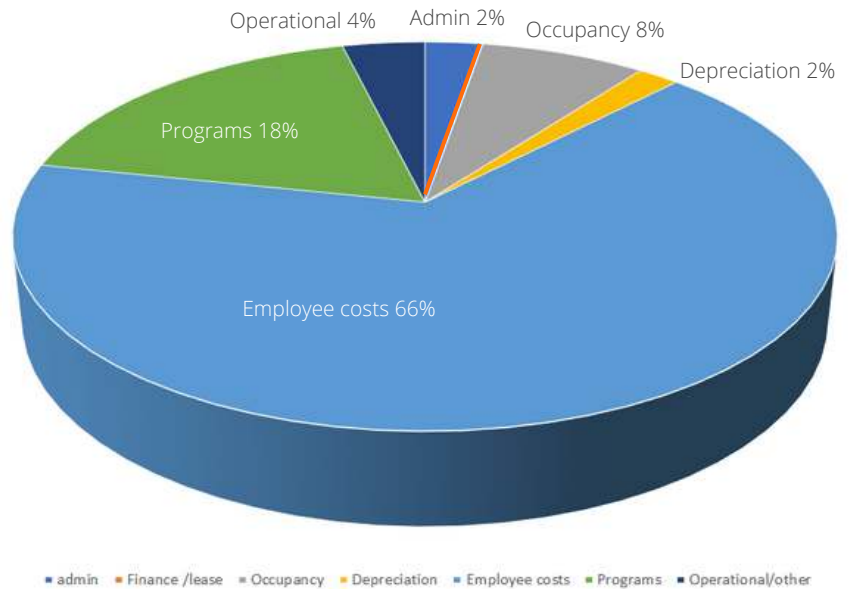
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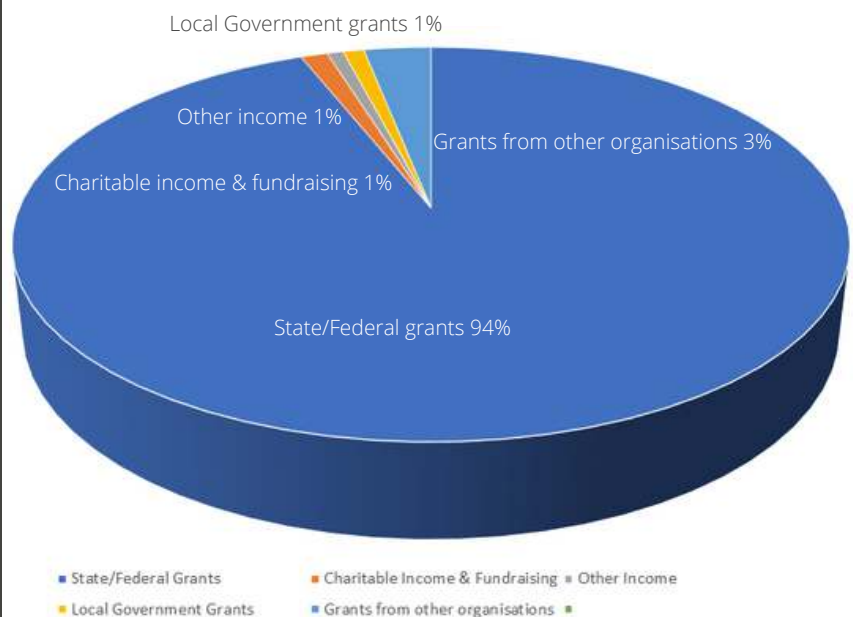
# OUR FINANCIALS

In this financial year The Burdekin Association made a surplus of \$150,888 (prior year \$82,801). We received revenue totalling \$11.4 million (prior year \$4.5 million) throughout the year from various government sources, including the NSW Department of Communities and Justice, Department of Health and the Northern Beaches Council. In addition, our service delivery was enhanced by grants (other organisations), donations, fundraising and philanthropic support amounting to \$0.5 million (prior year \$0.7 million). Detailed financial reports are available from the ACNC website.

## Expenses



## Income





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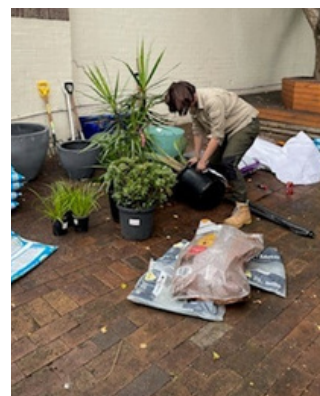
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*Our youth, their future.*



# THE YEAR IN PHOTOS



# NOTES

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# DONATE

**We greatly appreciate all donations – in kind, in cash and in time.**

By adding to our fundraising efforts, you will be making a huge difference in the lives of children and young people in need.



**Your donation big or small will ...**

... help make a genuine difference to our young people enabling them to build the future they deserve.



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