



CENTRE ASYLUM
SEEKERS

Asylum Seekers Centre Annual Report 2014-2015

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Starting Again

“Determination is the key - everything is possible if you are determined. My first boss was a bully and one day I wrote on a piece of paper that in the future I would employ him. I folded it and put on it the date and time and a few years later I did. We became friends. If you do the wrong thing too there is no difference between you and that person. I didn’t want to leave my country but in Australia there is vast opportunity. At the moment I drive a taxi to raise capital. Business is a service and a social duty; a good business helps other people as well as yourself. In my portrait I look younger but my hair is a bit messy.”

Hikmat
Sub Continent

In his home country, Hikmat ran his own successful export business and had a happy family life. However, when a relative joined the Taliban, Hikmat became a target. He was first shot as he walked his three year old daughter to pre-school and spent two years in hospital fighting for his life. Three years later he was shot again. To survive he moved his family eight times in two years. Fugitives in their own country, they had no choice but to leave.

The portraits in this Annual Report are a selection of works by renowned Australian artist and ASC Ambassador, Wendy Sharpe, who drew 39 people seeking asylum and refugees which formed the successful exhibition ‘Seeking Humanity’.

Our Vision

People seeking asylum are welcomed and given the chance to heal in safety and freedom while they rebuild their lives as members of our community.

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About Us

The Asylum Seekers Centre is a place of hospitality and welcome.

It is an oasis for many people, a safe place for those who have fled situations of great danger.

We provide practical and personal support for people living in the community who are seeking asylum.

Our services promote self sufficiency and independence to help them build the foundations for a new life in Australia.

- Accommodation
- Financial relief
- Food and material aid
- Legal advice
- Health care and counselling
- Employment assistance
- Education and social support

Our Clients

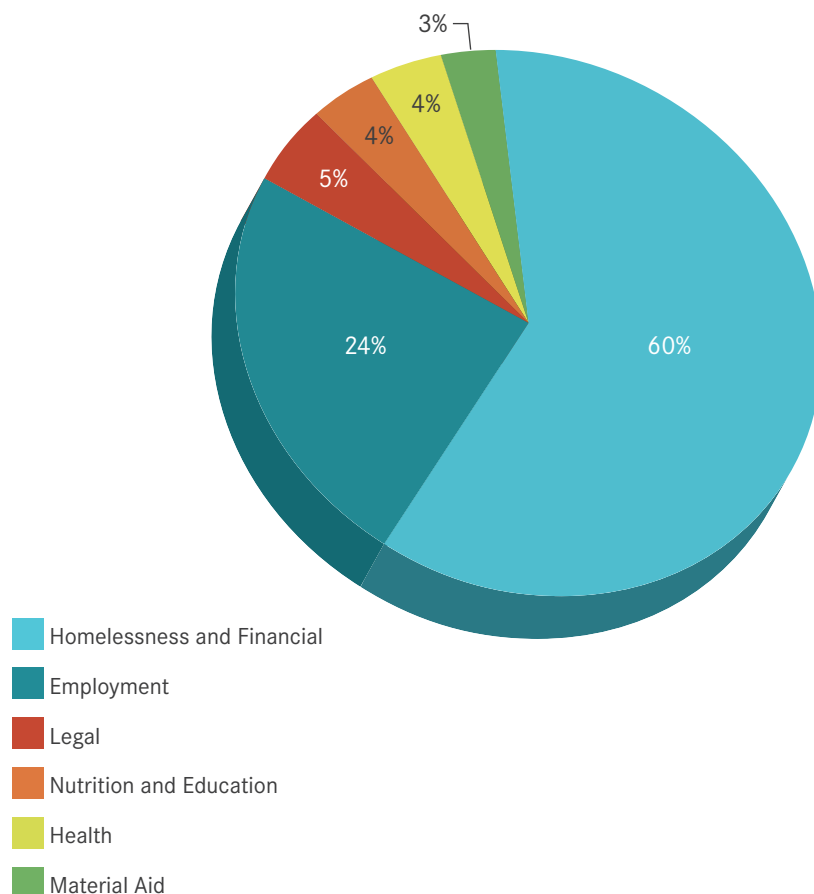
During the last 12 months, we cared for 1,238 people seeking asylum.

When they arrived:

- 60% were homeless or about to become homeless
- 98% required mental health support
- 100% received no government support
- 35% had no Medicare
- 44% had no work rights

They came from over 74 countries including Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, North Korea, Burundi and Rwanda.

Primary needs of asylum seekers on arrival



During 2014-2015 we provided

- +12,000 casework hours
- +31,632 accommodation nights
- +713 legal consultations
- +3,293 health consultations
- +470 pharmaceutical prescriptions
- +4,853 one-on-one job consultations
- +8,760 hot meals
- +7,777 food parcels
- +2,500 classroom hours
- +3,060 recreational hours



Our Patrons



Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO

Governor of New South Wales



Hugh Mackay AO

Australia's pre-eminent social researcher, Hugh Mackay is internationally recognised for his pioneering work in this area. He is the author of sixteen books: his latest non-fiction book, *The Art of Belonging*, came out in 2014 and *Infidelity*, his sixth novel, in 2013. Hugh is a Fellow of the Australian Psychological Society and has been awarded honorary doctorates by four Australian universities. He has been a newspaper columnist and media commentator for over 25 years, and is a former deputy chairman of the Australia Council and Chairman of Trustees of Sydney Grammar School. He was the inaugural chairman of the ACT Government's Community Inclusion Board. In 2015, he was appointed an Officer in the Order of Australia.



Bruce Baird AM

As a member of the NSW Parliament, Bruce Baird was Minister for Transport from 1988 to 1995, Minister for Sydney's Olympic Bid from 1990 to 1993, Minister for Tourism and Roads from 1993 to 1995 and Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party in State Parliament from 1992 to 1995. In Federal Parliament, he was the Member for Cook, NSW, from 1998 to 2007, Chairman of the Economics Committee and a member of the Human Rights Committee. Bruce has had a distinguished career in both the public and private sectors. In 2008 he was appointed Chair of the Refugee Resettlement Advisory Council which advises the government on refugee and humanitarian settlement in Australia. He is also Chairman of the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.



John Menadue AO

John Menadue has had a distinguished career in the public sector, including as Head of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet under two Prime Ministers, Gough Whitlam and Malcolm Fraser. He was Ambassador to Japan as well as Secretary of the Department of

Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, and the Department of Trade. Private sector appointments included General Manager, News Limited, Sydney. He was also CEO of Qantas, a Director of Telstra and Chair of the Australia-Japan Foundation. John was Founding Chair and is a Fellow of the Centre for Policy Development.

Our Ambassadors



Thomas Keneally AO

Tom is one of Australia's most treasured and successful authors.

An Australian Living Treasure, Tom is best known for his Booker Prize winning novel *Schindler's Ark*, later adapted to Steven Spielberg's *Schindler's List* which won an Academy Award for Best Picture. He has also been shortlisted three more times for the Booker, won the Miles Franklin Award, the Prime Minister's Literary Award, the New South Wales Premier's Literary Award and the Helmerich Award.

Tom recently co-authored *A Country Too Far*, a landmark anthology by 27 of Australia's finest writers which confirms that the experience of seeking asylum – the journeys of escape from death, starvation, poverty or terror to an imagined paradise – is part of the Australian mindset and deeply embedded in our culture.

Tom has a passionate commitment and deep understanding of why people come to our country seeking safety and protection.



Wendy Sharpe

Wendy Sharpe is one of Australia's most awarded artists.

She has won many major national awards, scholarships and prizes including The Archibald Prize, The Sulman Prize and The Portia Geach Memorial Award (twice). Major commissions include the olympic pool size mural for Cook and Phillip Park Aquatic Centre, Sydney; Australian Official Artist to East Timor 1999 and many others. Wendy has also been a member of the Council of the Australian War Memorial for eight years. She has been awarded many international artist residencies including two in Paris, one in Egypt and two in Antarctica. Wendy has held over 40 solo exhibitions around Australia and internationally.

Wendy recently drew 39 portraits of people seeking asylum and refugees which formed the 'Seeking Humanity' exhibition. This phenomenally successful exhibition made an enormous contribution to the perception of people seeking asylum at all levels of society.

Our Board



Steve Bradley: Chair

Steve has over 25 years' senior executive experience in some of Australia's largest corporations. He concluded his full time working career at Woolworths where he was the Chief Logistics and Information Officer responsible for the supply chain and information technology. He is passionate about innovation and change in organisations and has led some of the largest change programs in Australia. Since finishing full time work he has been the Chairman of Outback Stores, a director of a large superannuation fund and consulted to a significant range of Australian and NZ businesses.



Frances Rush: Deputy Chair

Frances has over 30 years' experience as a social worker in both the community sector and within government, as well as inner city and regional communities in NSW and Victoria. She has been associated with the Centre since its inception. Her diverse public sector career includes senior executive roles with the NSW Department of Justice in Guardianship where she worked in advocacy and policy across government as well as the aging and disability sectors. Frances recently worked with the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses into Child Sexual Abuse. She also has experience as an oral historian having worked on projects at a national and state level. Frances is a Director of Commonwealth Study Conferences Inc. and a Director of Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand.



Jack Thomas: Secretary

Jack has a broad background in marketing and international operations management. Immediately before retirement, he was President, Asia Pacific for Cognos, a leading supplier of business intelligence. Jack brings with him a passion for human rights.



Lachlan Murdoch: Treasurer

Deputy Director, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS). Lachlan was a founding member of the ASC and brings extensive expertise in refugee trauma and mental health matters.



Steven Glass

Partner in the law firm Gilbert+Tobin. Steven has practised for 28 years, specialising in commercial litigation. For 12 years he has led the firm's pro bono refugee practice. Steven has been a regular visitor to Christmas Island and other detention centres to represent asylum seekers.



Tom Gregory

Tom has more than 35 years of international finance and management experience, including 28 years as Chief Executive of a company of which he is currently Non Executive Chairman. For over a decade, he was Non Executive Director of a not-for-profit publisher, and is head of a Private Ancillary Fund he established in 2002. Tom and his parents arrived in Australia as refugees.



Christopher Fogarty

Christopher is a retired lawyer and consultant with extensive experience in governance, management and international development. Before his retirement, Christopher worked for 35 years in a range of positions in the Commonwealth Parliament and the public sector. His last position was as General Counsel in a Commonwealth regulatory agency. In the 1970s, he worked as a volunteer in PNG with Australian Volunteers International (AVI). He subsequently served on the board of AVI, including nine years as Chair, and is currently an external appointment to the Governance Committee of AVI. He has worked for several years as a volunteer at the Asylum Seekers Centre.



Graham Thom

Refugee Coordinator, Amnesty International Australia. Graham has visited detention centres and refugee camps in Australia and throughout the region. He has previously chaired the NSW Asylum Seeker Interagency. In 2013, Graham undertook research on policies relating to the resettlement of vulnerable children, including unaccompanied minors. His research, which involved travelling to Indonesia, Kenya and Jordan, was published in 2015. In 2015 he also undertook further research in Indonesia, focusing on the situation facing recently arrived Rohingya refugees.



Betty Hounslow

Betty has over 30 years' experience in the community sector, most recently as Deputy CEO of The Fred Hollows Foundation. She has worked in community legal centres and women's refuges, been the Executive Director of ACOSS (the national advocacy body for low income and disadvantaged people), and Vice-President of ACFID (the peak body for international aid agencies). Her activism around the rights of refugees and migrants started in the early 1980s.

Chair's Report



The plight of refugees and people seeking asylum around the world has deteriorated in the last year with large numbers of people fleeing conflict and persecution. UNHCR estimated in 2013 that there were more than 51 million people displaced from their home and seeking safety elsewhere and this number will certainly have increased. The stories and images from Europe are truly horrifying while the EU grapples with this very difficult situation. In Australia we are largely insulated from these massive movements of people. This makes it even more important that we fully honour our international obligations and treat those who arrive with humanity and respect. The recent increase in the Syrian intake is welcomed but we remain convinced that much more should be done by a country as wealthy as Australia.

The Asylum Seekers Centre has supported those in need for 22 years and at its core has always created a warm and caring environment for people fleeing often-unimaginable horrors. The ASC is unique in that it

services the full spectrum of needs of people living in the community who are seeking asylum. It provides an efficient, effective and compassionate solution to an interconnected range of services and also advocates for a fair and equal opportunity for them to partake, integrate and contribute to the community.

The generosity of our supporters provided total income for the year of \$2,103,770, which permitted us to increase our operational spending by 29% to \$2,045,084. We completed the year with a small surplus of \$58,686 and net equity of \$2,379,2817. This is in keeping with our policy of managing our financial affairs prudently while expanding our services to meet the needs of our clients wherever possible.

During the year the Centre cared for 1,238 people seeking asylum with most services operating at record levels. The new Legal Service operated in partnership with RACS has provided a vital service to clients as the government increasingly withdraws support.

The Sisters of Charity Foundation has very generously purchased a building, 'Providence House', for use as emergency accommodation for people seeking asylum. The Foundation's generosity will allow the Centre to provide a much higher standard of accommodation over many years.

Wendy Sharpe's wonderful exhibition 'Seeking Humanity',

comprising portraits of 39 people seeking asylum and refugees, has communicated their personal stories in an innovative and engaging way. Wendy became our first Ambassador and we are grateful for her enormous contribution.

Thomas Keneally has spoken on behalf of the Centre and our clients on a number of occasions and always manages to communicate the issues with passion, insight and clarity. We are delighted to welcome him as an Ambassador.

Melanie Noden has lead the team very effectively for another year. I would like to thank all the staff, volunteers and supporters for their great commitment and dedication throughout the year. They really are the heart and soul of the Centre and make a very real difference to the lives of many people.

Betty Hounslow joined the Board this year and brings great experience in the not for profit sector. Betty has particularly helped us improve our governance arrangements for which we are very grateful. I would like to thank all my Board colleagues for their enthusiasm, commitment and wise counsel through the year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S Bradley".

Steve Bradley
Chair

Asylum Seekers Centre

CEO's Report



I believe one of the most vital roles that the Asylum Seekers Centre plays is to welcome people who have been forced to flee their country in search of safety. It is the first step towards giving people a chance to heal and start to rebuild their lives.

With the generous response of supporters to the needs of the people we serve, we were able to provide a warm welcome and meet the immediate and urgent needs of homeless, hungry and destitute people. We provided housing, a basic living allowance, hot meals, food parcels, material aid and healthcare. Free access was provided to equal and fair legal representation. People were also able to start rebuilding their lives through language lessons, skills development, employment assistance and connecting with a community.

Details of the incredible work undertaken by the Centre during 2014-15 are set out elsewhere in this report. Particular highlights for me include:

- Doubling the nights of emergency accommodation provided to 31,632 nights.

- Creating a Material Aid Fund to receive regular monetary donations for 'start up packs' and food.
- In the first full year of operation our Legal Service providing 713 free legal consultations.
- Introducing vital vaccination clinics for people without Medicare.
- Increasing our employment placements by 350% by increasing our Employer Network by 230%.
- Introducing new individual English tutoring programs to prepare people for job interviews.
- Increasing our volunteers for the second year running by 30%.
- Increasing the spend on financial and material aid, accommodation and direct services by 37% to \$1.57 million.

In 2014-15 we significantly expanded our community engagement program to reach thousands of people through quarterly Community Information Evenings and high profile public events such as 'Seeking Humanity' and our Town Hall Refugee Week event. We have also been heavily engaged in advocacy at both Federal and State levels. One of our greatest wins this year was that a submission drafted by the Asylum Seekers Centre to NSW Premier Mike Baird resulted in a \$2.50 transport concession being approved for people seeking asylum.

We have achieved all of this without a single dollar of Federal Government funding.

We are incredibly grateful to the community and philanthropic foundations who expressed their concern and compassion for people seeking asylum through their generous giving. The community, through donations and fundraising, is our greatest supporter, contributing \$1.26 million or 60% of our funding. Grants from philanthropic foundations continue to be incredibly important, contributing \$826,000 or 39% of our funding.

I'd like to thank our Board, staff and volunteers who have worked so hard to realise the Centre's goals during 2014-15, along with the many organisations who gave their time and resources. I would also like to acknowledge the incredible people we serve, who inspire us with their courage and strength to not only survive and recover, but also to rebuild their lives and become worthy members of our community.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melanie Noden". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Melanie Noden
Chief Executive Officer
Asylum Seekers Centre



What we do



With support from the Sisters of Charity Foundation we are now able to provide emergency accommodation at Providence House.

Casework

The Casework Service is the first point of contact for all new clients who arrive at the Centre. It allows their needs to be assessed and prioritised so that we can link them to the services and support they need. The Casework team provides personal and practical support and referrals in relation to applications for protection, accommodation, financial and material support, advocacy and liaison with government and other sector agencies.

Major Achievements 2014–2015

- Provided 31,632 nights of emergency accommodation.
- Expanded our emergency accommodation services:
 - Support from the Sisters of Charity Foundation enabled us to officially open Providence House.

- Provision of additional rental properties.
- Provided 12,000 hours of casework service.
- Increased the number of families supported.
- Reviewed and expanded client eligibility to ensure we assist clients most in need.

Legal

This year is the first full year of operation of our Legal Service which was established to ensure that people seeking asylum have free access to equal and fair representation after a change in federal government policy in 2014 removed access to immigration advice for our clients. The Legal Service supports the human rights of people seeking asylum and ensures that clients have the best opportunity for recognition of their refugee status.

Delivered in partnership with Gilbert+Tobin Lawyers and the Refugee Advice and Casework Service, the Legal Service is a valuable source of expert support for clients applying for a protection visa. People seeking asylum often have no access to a lawyer and assisting them through a complex legal process is particularly important for those facing language barriers and managing experiences of torture and trauma.

Major Achievements 2014–2015

- Provided 713 legal consultations at the Centre for clients in relation to their protection matters.
- Advocated for 120 clients to receive ongoing pro bono advice from external legal providers.
- Delivered a weekly legal clinic, in partnership with Gilbert+Tobin, to provide pro-bono legal assistance to clients.

What we do continued

- Presented at community information sessions on refugee law and policy.
- Provided training on refugee law and policy to ASC clients, staff and volunteers.
- Engaged six legal interns and administration volunteers.

Health

Our Health Service provides health care for clients who are not eligible for Medicare and do not have any independent means of financial support. We run regular clinics at the Centre in general medicine, oral health, mental health, physiotherapy and osteopathy. All of these services are provided by our broad network of qualified health volunteers.

We also provide pharmaceuticals free of charge, assist with referrals to external health care specialists and advocate for fee-waivers for specialist consultations and emergency treatment at public hospitals.

Major Achievements 2014–2015

- Provided +3,293 health consultations and +470 prescriptions.
- Advocated for 125 clients to get free consultations with specialists.
- Provided a weekly outreach clinic for a STARTTS counsellor.
- Provided 148 oral health consultations.
- Introduced vaccination clinics for people without Medicare.

Employment

The Employment Service offers people seeking asylum the opportunity to re-establish their working and professional lives in Australia. We provide one-on-one job readiness and employment coaching with skilled volunteers, workshops offered by employers and employment experts and access to our Employer Network partners who have experienced and understand the benefits of employing people seeking asylum.

Where appropriate for job acquisition, Employment provides no interest microloans for job readiness, up to a maximum of \$1,200. These loans can cover certificate training, work gear and tools, and obtaining a NSW driving licence.

Major Achievements 2014–2015

- Increased our employment placements by 350% to 145 people.
- 51 people completed work-related training.
- 15 microloans were granted.
- 40 skilled volunteers provided +4,853 one-on-one coaching sessions.
- +1,200 hours of classroom training were provided.
- 150 business and employer representatives participated in information sessions.
- Increased our Employer Network by 230% to 100+ employers.
- Opened up referrals of people for employment from partner agencies.

Education

Speaking and understanding English plays an integral role in people's ability to rebuild their lives in the community. English classes are taught daily and individual tutoring has been undertaken in conjunction with the Employment Service to prepare people for interviews and job applications. Pronunciation tutorials occur once a week with a speech therapist and computer tutors are available for any clients who need personal assistance.

Major Achievements 2014–2015

- +2,500 classroom hours.
- Introduced an individual tutoring program to prepare people for job interviews.
- Recruited additional qualified pro bono teachers.

Social Support

Our social and recreational activities cover a wide range of interests, including arts and craft, fitness, sport, excursions, gardening, music classes and a swimming program held in partnership with the Annette Kellerman Pool. These activities help clients to relax, connect with others and feel less isolated as they rebuild their lives. Families also engage with a weekly children's playgroup, which has helped to integrate those with pre-school aged children who often feel isolated and overwhelmed.

Major Achievements 2014–2015

- +3,060 recreational hours.



Nutrition and Material Support

Our lunch program continued to grow with community groups and approx 150 volunteers providing hot lunches on a daily basis for our clients. Their nutritional needs were further supplemented by generous contributions to our Foodbank from the Simple Love network, St Vincent de Paul's foodbank, community groups, schools and individuals. Our Material Aid Fund also received regular monetary donations which helped provide specific requirements as needed. The fresh produce from OzHarvest was supplemented by a regular delivery from a farmer's market and we continued to build relationships with several fruit and vegetable cooperatives.

We continued to hold regular nutrition workshops to provide useful dietary information to our clients and we hope to build on them further.

Major Achievements 2014–2015

- Provided +8,760 hot meals and +7,777 food parcels.
- Developed 'start up packs' for those needing emergency accommodation.
- Partnership with the Bicycle Garden helped alleviate transport difficulties for many clients.
- The seasonal market of new clothes by Thread Together has been extremely popular.
- New partnership with 'Mummies Paying It Forward' opened up possibilities for catering to specific material aid requests.

Our Volunteers

“Volunteering at the Centre allows me to help people seeking asylum as well as serve the community. I believe people have a right to be treated with dignity and respect, and that we should support them while they are seeking protection.

As well as legal assistance, they often need food, accommodation, medical care and the opportunity to engage with the community. I hope my contribution helps them rebuild their lives.”

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Volunteer



Our volunteers continue to be the greatest and most valuable resource at the Centre. As many as 350 people volunteered this year, from receptionists to lunch caterers, from job advisors to teachers and many other tasks in between. Each volunteer brings their own unique skills and experience to provide the best care and support for our clients.

This year we have had heavy volunteer involvement in supporting the delivery of a number of major events such as the ‘Seeking Humanity’ art exhibition by Wendy Sharpe and our Refugee Week event at Sydney Town Hall, all to promote and advocate our vital work. Our increased volunteer activity has also allowed for the delivery of programs such as Foodbank and the Children’s Playgroup. We’ve strengthened existing relationships

with partner volunteering organisations and engaged new partners who’ve chosen the ASC for their corporate volunteering programs.

Through their dedication, commitment and compassion, our volunteers have enabled us to provide a welcoming and safe environment for the many people who come to the Centre seeking support and comfort.

Major Achievements 2014–2015

- Increased active volunteers by 30%.
- Engaged the number of new pro-bono providers in the Legal Service.
- Established ongoing relationships with an increased number of trade-skilled volunteers for ongoing maintenance of Becher House and Providence House.

Community Engagement



Hugh Mackay speaking at *Different Pasts, Shared Future*.

During the year we expanded our community engagement program in response to ever increasing requests from schools, community groups and other organisations wanting to learn more about the challenges and needs of people seeking asylum.

Regular presentations were made by ASC employees and it was heart warming to receive so much positive feedback and support from the general public.

We continued to hold quarterly Community Information Evenings for people wanting to become more directly involved with the Centre. We have also received support from an increased number of community based organisations who have held fundraising events.

Our two high profile public events were 'Seeking Humanity' and Refugee Week.

'Seeking Humanity' is a selection of works by renowned Australian artist and ASC Ambassador, Wendy Sharpe, who drew 39 people seeking asylum and refugees. Through her art, Wendy shares their lives, dreams and aspirations with the general public, showing that underneath all the troubles and politics surrounding the issue, we are all the same. 'Seeking Humanity' was launched in Sydney in early 2015 and will continue to tour until mid 2016.

To celebrate Refugee Week 2015, we partnered with the City of Sydney to host *Different Pasts, Shared Future*, a public celebration of the incredible contribution refugees make to our community. Attended by over 600 people, the evening was hosted by Peter FitzSimons, with guest speakers including Thomas Keneally, Hugh

Mackay, Wendy Sharpe, Amnesty International's Graham Thom and the Principal of Holroyd High School, Dorothy Hoddinott.

Through all these activities and events we were able to educate the public about the important roles that people seeking asylum play in our community whilst also raising much needed funds.

Fundraising

Thank you

To all our supporters, be you a donor, philanthropic foundation, volunteer, community advocate, or otherwise, thank you for joining us to let people seeking asylum know that they are welcome.

In 2014-2015 the Asylum Seekers Centre experienced another year of growth in the generosity of supporters, led by the growth in donations and fundraising by 83% to \$1,258,417. Grants from philanthropic foundations continue to be incredibly important, contributing \$826,000 to our work. As an organisation that receives no federal government funding, we are honoured to enjoy generous support from foundations, businesses, individuals and community

fundraisers who, in the last year, have enabled us to deliver high-quality and responsive services.

Partnerships with community organisations and individuals are vital to ensure comprehensive support, and this year these relationships went from strength-to-strength. The benefits to our clients are myriad with partners contributing both material support and skill-based expertise including clothing, food, health care, education and employment places.

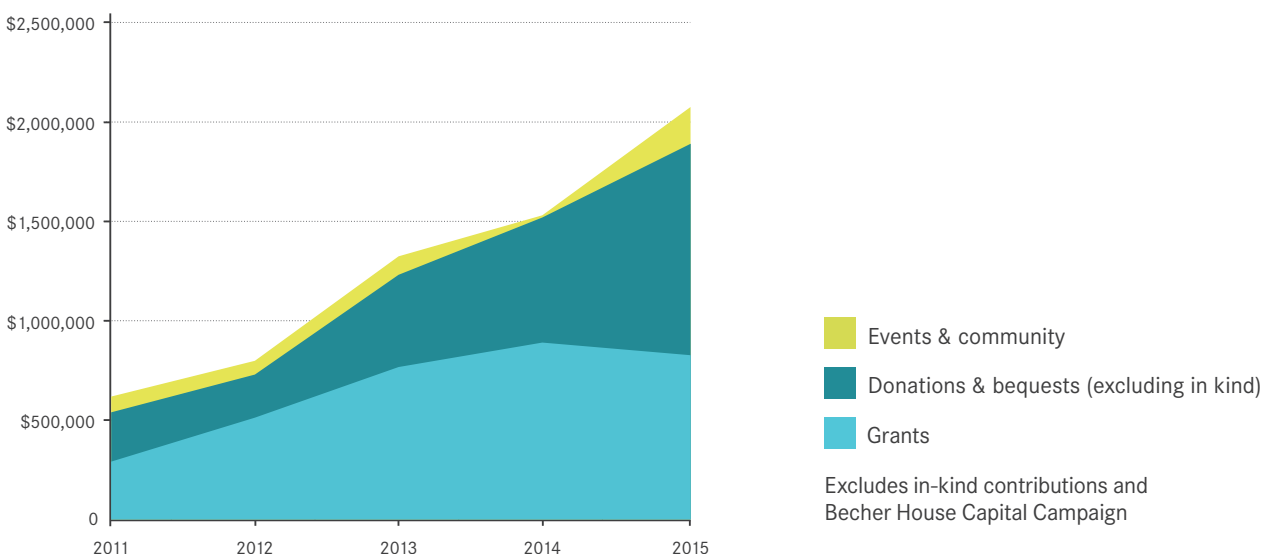
Community fundraising is a growing area for the Centre, and a force for creating positive social change and awareness. The exceptional kindness, generosity and fundraising power of local community groups expands our reach in ways we could never achieve on our own.

The success of the financial year 2014-2015 is testament to the loyalty of our generous supporter base and community partners, and also to their confidence in our work. We look forward to continuing to build on such important foundations, and to validate their trust in us, over the next twelve months.

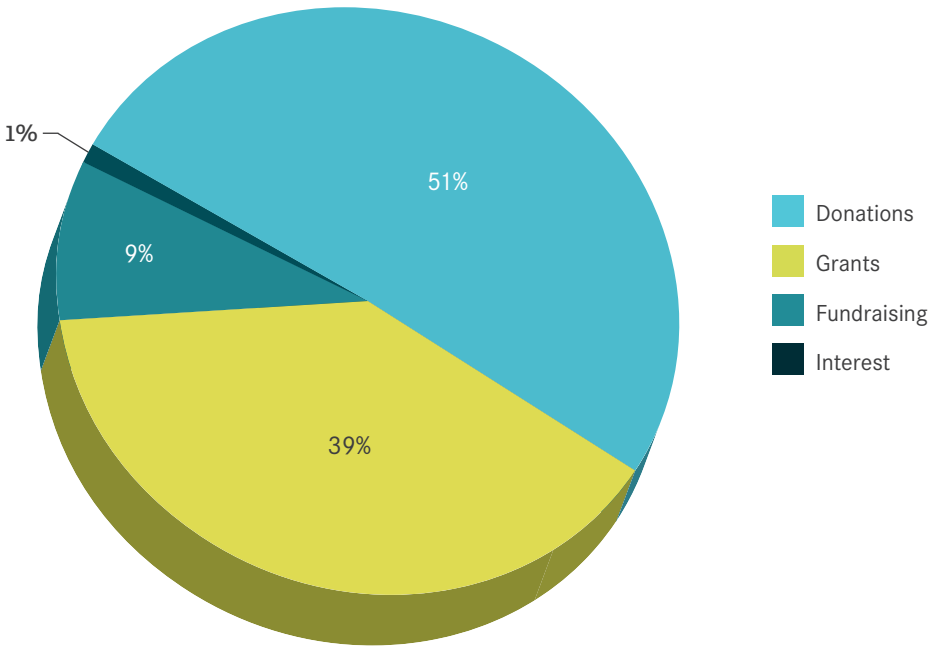
Investing in the future

We are proud to report our fundraising costs remain low at 8% of total expenditure. In the coming years, the ASC will be undertaking a program of activities that will strengthen the certainty of our income sources to ensure we are able to continue to holistically meet the needs of our clients and respond to emerging issues.

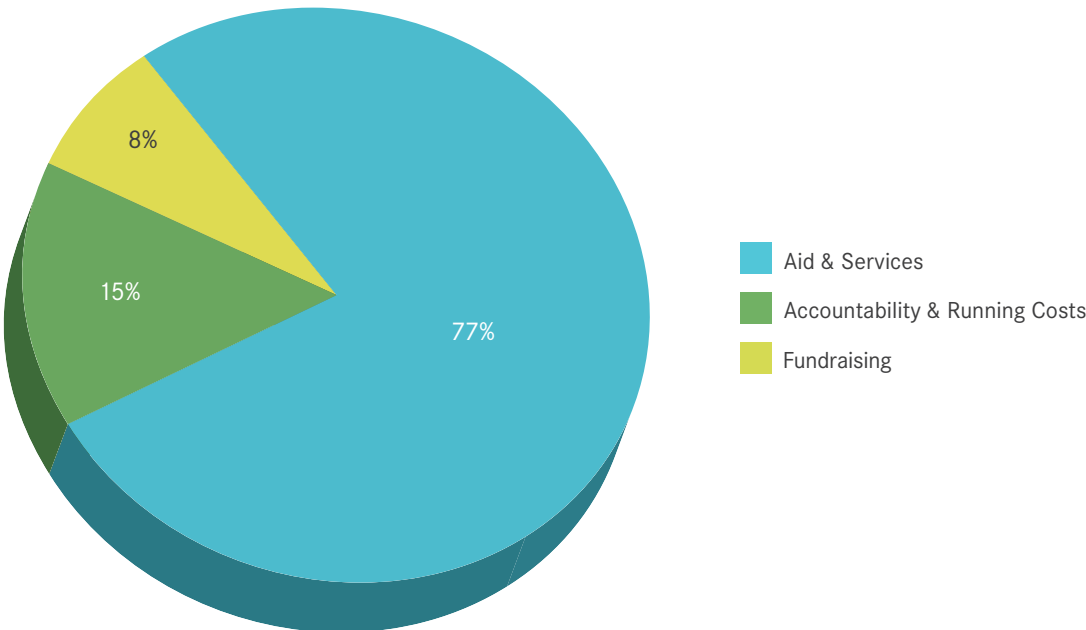
Fundraising Income 2011-2015



How we were funded 2014-2015



How we used our funds 2014-2015



Financial Statements

Profit and Loss Statement

Asylum Seekers Centre Incorporated

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For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Grant income	826,282	889,978
Donations	1,064,575	675,913
Fundraising event revenue	193,842	11,096
Other income	19,071	25,814
Total Income	2,103,770	1,602,801
ASYLUM SEEKER AID & SERVICES		
Services		
Casework	(292,732)	(246,478)
Legal	(89,248)	(11,518)
Advocacy & community education	(87,775)	(26,433)
Employment assistance	(115,121)	(106,689)
Healthcare	(107,312)	(107,420)
Education & social support	(68,520)	(63,900)
Material aid	(185,881)	(31,541)
Volunteers	(57,453)	(47,756)
Direct services management	(109,974)	(80,800)
Superannuation & leave costs	(73,016)	(66,323)
Total Services	(1,187,032)	(788,858)
Financial Aid		
Direct emergency financial support	(260,776)	(312,261)
Accommodation	(120,076)	(40,454)
Total Financial Aid	(380,852)	(352,715)
Total Asylum Seeker Aid & Services	(1,567,884)	(1,141,573)
ACCOUNTABILITY, FUNDRAISING & RUNNING COSTS		
Accountability & administration	(96,114)	(109,350)
Fundraising	(166,704)	(110,888)
Superannuation & leave costs	(20,072)	(19,077)
Running costs	(70,843)	(99,982)
Insurance	(35,940)	(26,822)
IT costs	(41,599)	(32,419)
Building maintenance, rates & utilities	(45,928)	(42,326)
Total Accountability, Fundraising & Running Costs	(477,200)	(440,864)
Surplus before income tax	58,686	20,364
Income tax expense	-	-
Surplus for the year	58,686	20,364
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	-	-
Total comprehensive surplus for the year	58,686	20,364

Statement of Financial Position

Asylum Seekers Centre Incorporated

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For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	930,635	1,173,721
Trade and other receivables	36,400	15,356
Current tax receivable	7,793	4,883
Total Current Assets	974,828	1,193,960
Non Current Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	1,993,355	1,954,607
Total Assets	2,968,183	3,148,567
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	10,750	8,876
Employee benefits	52,093	55,243
Other financial liabilities	526,053	763,847
Total Current Liabilities	588,896	827,966
NET ASSETS	2,379,287	2,320,601
EQUITY		
Reserves	66,750	66,750
Retained earnings	2,312,537	2,253,851
Total Equity	2,379,287	2,320,601

Our Supporters

We thank our major supporters who make all of our services and support of asylum seekers possible.



Steve & Ros Bradley



Collier Charitable Fund



Brent & Vicki Emmett

Ferris Family Foundation



Steven & Michelle Glass



Karen Loblay



John & Sue McKinnon



Presentation Sisters
Wagga Wagga

Mary Reemst and
Greg George

Paul & Pamela Wood

Scully Fund



The Key Foundation



Sylvia Hale

Wendy Sharpe

Pro Bono Partners

Intergroe Partners
Mummies Paying It Forward
The Upper Room

Jews for Social Action
Seaforth Anglican Church
Thread Together

Mitzvah Group of Temple Emmanuel
St Vincent's Private Hospital



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