

Academy of Root Development (Australia) Incorporated

2018-2019 Annual Report



**Women's Empowerment in Indian Villages (WEIV)
is a programme of ARD(Australia)Inc**

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Academy of Root Development (Australia) Incorporated was established in 2005 to source donations and on-going funding to support the social development of disadvantaged women and their families in Bihar, India.

ARD has worked with Microfinance initiatives through Self Help Groups and Income Generating Activities and is now working in the areas of Reproductive and Child Health, as well as Literacy Centres for illiterate adolescent girls.

The ARD(Australia)Inc project is being delivered through it's operational centre in Guraru township by "Women's Empowerment in Indian Villages" (WEIV) which has a trained staff of 13 in the Reproductive and Child Health programme and 8 teachers in the Literacy Centres.

Reproductive and Child Health

The Reproductive and Child Health programme has now entered its fifth year of operation.

Our aim is to bring about attitudinal changes in health and well-being, as well as impart practical information. We ensure that participants are able to advocate for health services where needed. Gender discrimination awareness is a strong focus.

The Reproductive and Child Health program addresses contraceptive awareness, antenatal education and support, maternal and child well-being and nutrition. We empower newly married couples to delay and space pregnancies. Older married couples learn of the benefits of vasectomy over tubal ligation.

Adolescent Girls' Groups encourage members to reject marriage until at least 18 years of age. The girls are also made aware of the right to say 'no' and of menstrual health. Adolescent Boys' Groups teach young men to value and appreciate women, reject early marriage and to be a supportive family member.

WEIV staff inform the women of their right to access Government programs. They encourage and support the women to advocate for their rights, to ensure the Government delivers these programs.

Literacy Centres

Since May 2015 ARD(Australia)Inc has established eight Literacy Centres for poor adolescent girls who otherwise would not be engaged in the education system. The girls are taught Hindi reading and writing, functional maths and basic English.

An average of twenty adolescent girls are enrolled in each of the Literacy Centres. Classes run from 10am to 2pm to allow the girls time in the morning and evening to perform domestic and rural working duties to support their families.

India Visit:

Wendy writes about our visit earlier this year:

"What a pleasure it was to see the progress made by the students and teachers in our Literacy Centres when we visited in February this year. We observed many girls being able to read and write in Hindi and some girls even reading three and four word sentences in English".

We are employing qualified people to test the girls in the Literacy Centres every three to four months. There are a total of 160 girls in 8 Centres. The first round of testing was done in June 2018, the second in September 2018 and the third in February 2019 while we were there. Results show that all students have improved over this time with approximately one third being able to read in Hindi at the Centres which started first, one third managing to read simple sentences and one third able to recognise the Hindi alphabet and read simple words. Given that they all come from homes where there is no literacy at all, this is a huge achievement. It's also worth noting that many girls cannot attend regularly due to domestic work, field work or other family duties.

Wendy reported that one of the students, Gunia, read the English then the Hindi translation for us with such confidence at Manjiyama Literacy Centre, it amazed her and brought tears to her eyes. In an interview later she said that she would like to go on to high school after leaving the Centre and then maybe study after that to be a teacher, but 'you never know what life has in store for you'. Wise words.

“Our pregnant women's group supported Amrita throughout her pregnancy to deliver a healthy baby boy who was one month old when we came. She praised our staff and told us of all she had learned about diet and caring for her newborn. He slept peacefully, tucked into his mum's arms.”

“On our last day in the field I met with all the teachers and emphasised the importance of talking with the girls in the Centres about how they can use their literacy in the world. From street signs and shop names, to gaining information from newspapers, the world becomes a source of information and possibility.”





ACADEMY OF ROOT DEVELOPMENT (AUSTRALIA) INCORPORATED

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019**

ACADEMY OF ROOT DEVELOPMENT (AUSTRALIA) INCORPORATED

ABN: 18 446 710 511

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COMMITTEE'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

Your committee members submit the financial report of Academy of Root Development (Australia) Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2019.

Committee members

The names of the committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Graeme Batterbury
Wendy Sue Royston

Principal activities

The principal activity of the association during the financial year is:

Not-for-profit Charitable Organisation

Significant changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.


Operating result

The profit of the Association for the financial year after providing for income tax amounted to \$3,833.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the committee:



Graeme Batterbury



Wendy Sue Royston

Dated 21.09.2019

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INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	2019 \$	2018 \$
INCOME		
Donations & Fundraising	37,654.62	31,174.21
Interest Received	174.84	163.40
Ipex	8,410.01	8,748.70
	<hr/> 46,239.47	<hr/> 40,086.31
EXPENSES		
Accountancy Fees	154.00	132.00
Administration Costs	194.00	103.50
Advertising/Postage/Stationery	233.34	168.96
Bank Charges	220.40	250.40
Insurance	251.00	252.87
Internet Expenses	-	269.72
Overseas Projects	41,281.87	39,539.80
Registration /Licences	71.95	45.00
	<hr/> 42,406.56	<hr/> 40,762.25
NET PROFIT (LOSS)	<hr/> 3,832.91	<hr/> (675.94)
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year	18,008.84	18,684.78
RETAINED EARNINGS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	<hr/> 21,841.75	<hr/> 18,008.84

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.
These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report of Connect Accountants & Advisors.

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BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	21,841.75	18,008.84
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>21,841.75</u>	<u>18,008.84</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>21,841.75</u>	<u>18,008.84</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>21,841.75</u>	<u>18,008.84</u>
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Retained Earnings		21,841.75	18,008.84
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		<u>21,841.75</u>	<u>18,008.84</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

The financial statements cover Academy of Root Development (Australia) Incorporated as an individual entity. Academy of Root Development (Australia) Incorporated is a not-for-profit association incorporated in New South Wales under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 ('the Act').

The principal activity of the association for the year ended 30 June 2019 is:

Not-for-profit Charitable Organisation

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

1 Basis of preparation

In the opinion of the Committee of Management, the association is not a reporting entity since there are unlikely to exist users of the financial statements who are not able to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. These special purpose financial statements have been prepared to meet the reporting requirements of the Act.

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

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

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

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
2 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
Petty Cash Imprest		26.16	16.16
Cash at Bank - SCU Gift Account		3,167.17	2,262.14
Cash at Bank - SCU Access Plus Account		18,220.47	15,577.08
Cash at Bank - Redi Access		427.95	153.46
		<u>21,841.75</u>	<u>18,008.84</u>
3 RETAINED EARNINGS			
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year		18,008.84	18,684.78
Net Profit (Loss)		3,832.91	(675.94)
		<u>21,841.75</u>	<u>18,008.84</u>

4 EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER THE REPORTING DATE

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

5 STATUTORY INFORMATION

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

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COMPILATION REPORT

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of Academy of Root Development (Australia) Incorporated which comprise the balance sheet as at 30 June 2019, and the income statement for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is set out in the notes to the accounts.

The responsibility of the members of the committee

The members of the committee of Academy of Root Development (Australia) Incorporated are solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements, the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information and for the determination that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to meet their needs and for the purpose that the financial statements were prepared.

Our responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the members of the committee, we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting as described in the notes to the financial statements and APES 315: Compilation of Financial Information.

We have applied our expertise in accounting and financial reporting to compile these financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting described in the notes to the financial statements. We have complied with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.

Assurance disclaimer

Since a compilation engagement is not an assurance engagement, we are not required to verify the reliability, accuracy or completeness of the information provided to us by management to compile these financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion on these financial statements.


The special purpose financial statements were compiled exclusively for the benefit of the members of the committee who are responsible for the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information used to compile them. We do not accept responsibility for the contents of the special purpose financial statements.

Firm Connect Accountants & Advisors

Address 7 Carrington Street
 Lismore NSW 2480

Date

Signed



Andrew Stevens

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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE

The committee has 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 2 to the financial statements.

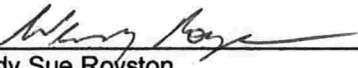
In the opinion of the committee the financial report:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Academy of Root Development (Australia) Incorporated as at 30 June 2019 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Academy of Root Development (Australia) 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:



Graeme Batterbury



Wendy Sue Royston

Dated 21-09-2019

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CERTIFICATE BY MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE

Annual statements give true and fair view of the financial position of incorporated association.

We, being the members of the Committee of the Academy of Root Development (Australia) Incorporated, certify that -

The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial performance and position of Academy of Root Development (Australia) Incorporated during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending on 30 June 2019.


Graeme Batterbury


Wendy Sue Royston

Dated 21.09.2019

In Australia:

In November we held our last regular Lismore Carboot Market. We have been running this market stall for more than ten years now and it has proved to be a very good source of funds to support our programme. We have had a dedicated crew of volunteers who have managed to cheerfully carry the load and make the experience enjoyable as well as profitable. We would like to thank everyone who donated goods for sale and advise that we are still looking for quality goods that we can sell when the opportunity arises.

We held three very successful fundraisers during the year, these being “Frock Swap”, “Bangalow Fashion Show” and “Tintenbar Up Front”. We would especially like to thank Bayla, Fay, Françoise and Camilla for their very valuable efforts.

Once again we are deeply grateful for the generous support given to the programme by Simon Cripps-Clark through Organigrow.

We have had to purchase two new motorcycles for the supervisory staff in India. Sarika, our Programme Co-ordinator was the first woman in the area to ride a motor scooter. The mobility for staff has proved invaluable and the old motorcycle and scooter have given steady service for many years. We thank Anil and Sarika for the care they have given to the vehicles.

For more information, please visit our website www.weiv-india.org

Thank you once again for your continuing contribution to these important initiatives to support the on-going empowerment of women in Indian villages.

Committee of Academy of Root Development (Australia) Incorporated
July 2019