

Academy of Root Development (Australia) Inc

2016 Annual Report



ARD(Aust)Inc 2016 Annual Report

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

ARD(Australia)Inc has established an operational centre in Guraru Block, Gaya District, Bihar under the name of WEIV (Women's Empowerment in Indian Villages) to implement the programme.

The Reproductive and Child Health programme has now been operational for 12 months and is having a positive impact in the lives of the women in the area. Women are participating in Adolescent Girls, Pregnant Women and Women with Children awareness groups and we have also formed complementary groups of Adolescent Boys and Families with Children.

The programme is designed to meet the reproductive health awareness needs of the women and to complement the Indian government's reproductive health system philosophy. The women are also being supported to avail themselves of government services and lobby for those services where the services are under-performing or non-existent.

As taken directly from the June 2016 Monthly Report from Sarika, our Project Co-ordinator in the field, the current status of each of the groups is as follows:

Meeting with Adolescent Girls:

We have organised meetings with Adolescent Girl clubs on the issues of Right Age of Marriage & Disadvantage of Child Marriage

Number of Adolescent Girl Clubs Formed – 132, Number of Villages Covered – 104, Number of Adolescent Girls Participating – 1662, Number of Panchayat - 10

Meeting with Adolescent Boys:

In 21 villages, we have organised meeting with Adolescent Boys on the topics of Right Age of Marriage & Disadvantage of Child Marriage

Number of Adolescent Boys Clubs Formed – 48, Number of Villages Covered – 21, Number of Adolescent Boys Participating – 270, Number of Panchayat 10

Meeting with Pregnant Women:

We have organised meetings with pregnant women on the topics of safe delivery, institutional delivery and Maternal Child Health schemes. We have conducted these meetings in 95 villages of all 10 Panchayats. A total of 292 pregnant women have participated in the meetings. We have also visited some homes to educate newly married and pregnant women and last month of pregnancy women.

Meeting with Newly Married women:

We have organised meetings with newly married women in 41 villages, wherein 153 women have taken part. We have talked with them on the topics of personal hygiene, care of reproductive parts and methods of Family Planning.

Meeting with Married women:

We have also organised meetings with Married women on the issues of personal hygiene, care of reproductive parts and methods of Family Planning in 101 villages. 1072 women have availed of this opportunity.

Meeting with Community:

We have organised joint meeting with community women and men in 93 villages, wherein around 1345 persons have participated. We have put the focus on safe Institutional Delivery, Maternal Child Health protection scheme, Child Marriage Disadvantage and Right Age of Marriage in these meetings. The people have been happy with our intervention.

Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Day (VHSND):

WEIV staff actively participate in VHSND. We have supported the Health Department for proper implementation of the day. We alert beneficiaries to avail of the benefits of Health Education to pregnant and lactating mothers regarding ANC, PNC, safe delivery, nutritious food, breast-feeding, child care, sanitation and hygiene. We have ensured weight measurement of pregnant women and children up to 2 years of age.

Meeting with Self Help Groups:

We have organised meeting with SHG on the issue of Loan Repayment. We have covered 10 SHG meeting in 8 villages. Two previously outstanding loan accounts have recently been fully repaid, Biva SHG, Mahimapur and Dolly SHG, Rauna.

Literacy Centres:

For the past 15 months, ARD(Australia)Inc has been operating a pilot Literacy Centre for illiterate Scheduled Caste girls aged 10 – 18 years, who have not joined or continued in the Education system, due to their family needing them for domestic and agricultural duties. In many instances, the parents themselves are either un-educated or do not realise the value of education for girls.

A two-year programme is required in any one village to educate similarly aged girls in basic Hindi/English/Arithmetic. Most are interested in English, but Hindi is the main learning medium. After attending the Literacy Centre, they could gain admission at Standard 2-3 at regular school, although the age discrepancy could be a barrier.

Aims of the programme:

- * To become self-sufficient in living through Functional Literacy
- * To learn basic arithmetic
- * English language will enable girls to understand what medicines are being prescribed and taken, including doseage, side-effects, etc

Classes are held from 10am till 2pm, enabling the girls to complete their family chores in the morning and the evenings.

ARD(Australia)Inc has received funding to open two more Literacy Centres and these should be operational by the end of the 2016 calendar year.

Funding in India:

To work in conjunction with ARD(Aust)Inc, WEIV supervisory staff are being encouraged and motivated to seek funding within the Indian financial environment, both Government and corporate. Eg: NABARD etc

Staff expressed their concern that finding funding would be very difficult, as this is the first time they have been asked to be self-funding. Staff have been instructed to report to ARD(Aust)Inc on their endeavours after a period of three months.

Voluntary Retirement:

In an endeavor to rationalise staffing numbers, staff were offered six (6) months salary as a lump sum payment if they chose Voluntary Retirement by 30th June, 2016., however no one availed themselves of the opportunity.

In Australia:

ARD(Aust)Inc continues to operate a monthly secondhand goods stall at the Lismore Carboot Market on the third Sunday of each month. We are grateful for donations of clothes, books, CD's and other saleable items. Simon Cripps-Clark of Organigrow has been extremely generous for regularly donating organic, free-range eggs for sale at the stall.

The management of ARD(Aust)Inc would like to extend sincere thanks to Bruce, Gertrud, Jozie, Linda, Geoff, Micky, Noela and all who have given their time and energy to make the stall an on-going success.

We held an extremely successful and much appreciated Indian Classical Dance performance in May at The Byron Theatre, Byron Bay Community Centre, starring Karma Dance Inc, from Melbourne. We extend very warm thanks to Govind, Raina and Adrian for their beautiful performance and their commitment.

Regular donations, through Direct Deposit and through on-line charitable payment gateway eGive, continue to be the mainstay of our fund-raising efforts.

Initiatives are currently being investigated to broaden our donor base to enable us to expand our Literacy Centre programme.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed for your continuing support of this important initiative to empower the women and consequently their families, in villages of Bihar, India.

**Committee of Academy of Root Development (Australia) Incorporated
September 2016**

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• ACCOUNTANTS •

**Academy of Root Development (Australia)
Incorporated**

ABN: 18446710511

2016 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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ACADEMY OF ROOT DEVELOPMENT (AUSTRALIA) INCORPORATED
ABN 18 446 710 511
Profit and Loss Statement
For the Year ended 30 June 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Income		
Donations & Fundraising	24,891	22,627
Ipex	5,562	3,352
Membership Fees	20	30
Interest Received	321	569
	30,794	26,578
Expenditure		
Accountancy Fees	132	132
Administration Costs	30	37
Advertising/Postage/Stationery	242	173
Bank Charges	268	374
Overseas Projects	31,626	30,110
Registration /Licences	209	215
Rent	500	-
Replacement/ Tools	127	-
	33,134	31,041
Loss before Income Tax	(2,340)	(4,463)

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.
These financial statements have not been subject to audit or review and should be read in conjunction with the attached Compilation Report.*

ACADEMY OF ROOT DEVELOPMENT (AUSTRALIA) INCORPORATED
Balance Sheet
As at 30 June 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Equity		
Retained Profits	21,488	23,828
Total Equity	21,488	23,828
Represented by:		
Current Assets		
Petty Cash Imprest	29	19
Cash at Bank - SCU Gift Account	2,747	1,905
Cash at Bank - SCU Access Plus Account	18,661	21,824
Cash at Bank - Redi Access	51	80
	21,488	23,828
Total Assets	21,488	23,828
Net Assets	21,488	23,828

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

ACADEMY OF ROOT DEVELOPMENT (AUSTRALIA) INCORPORATED

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of ACADEMY OF ROOT DEVELOPMENT (AUSTRALIA) INCORPORATED, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2016, and the income statement for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the additional information contained in the detailed profit and loss. 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 Committee of Management

The Committee of Management of ACADEMY OF ROOT DEVELOPMENT (AUSTRALIA) INCORPORATED is 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 Committee of Management, we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting and APES 315: Compilation of Financial Information.

We have applied professional expertise in accounting and financial reporting to compile these financial statements on 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 for the benefit of the Committee of Management who is 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.

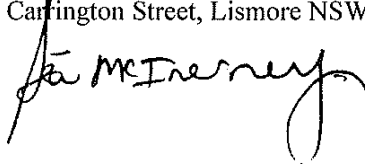
Independence

We are not independent of ACADEMY OF ROOT DEVELOPMENT (AUSTRALIA) INCORPORATED, but only to the extent that a near relative of Hassel's acts as a trustee for the trust

Irvin & Company Accountants

Public Accountants

7 Carrington Street, Lismore NSW 2480



Sean McInerney

8 August 2016

ACADEMY OF ROOT DEVELOPMENT (AUSTRALIA) INCORPORATED
Statement by Members of the 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 statements:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of ACADEMY OF ROOT DEVELOPMENT (AUSTRALIA) 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 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:


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President: Graeme Neil Batterbury
Treasurer


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Treasurer: * Wendy Sue Rayston
Secretary

Dated 15th Sept 2016

ACADEMY OF ROOT DEVELOPMENT (AUSTRALIA) INCORPORATED
Committee's Report

The committee members present their report on the association for the financial year ended 30 June 2016.

Committee Members

The names of each person who has been a committee member during the year and to the date of this report are:

Graeme Neil Batterbury

* Wendy Sue Rayston

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were:

Not-for-profit Charitable Organisation

Significant Changes

No significant changes in the nature of the association's activity occurred during the financial year.

Operating Result

The loss of the association amounted to (\$2,340).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.


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Graeme Neil Batterbury



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* Wendy Sue Rayston

Dated 15th Sept 2016