

ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15



Australian

Kookaburra Kids®

Foundation Inc.

SUPPORTING KIDS LIVING IN FAMILIES AFFECTED BY MENTAL ILLNESS



OUR PURPOSE

Kookaburra Kids purpose is to deliver life-changing outcomes that positively impact the lives of children who are affected by parents or other family members with a mental illness.

We are committed to providing early intervention and mental health education in a fun way through our camp and activity programs.

We facilitate unforgettable experiences for children giving them a break from their caring role and a safe environment to share their experiences with children living in similar situations.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Kookaburra Kids supports kids to be kids. We believe all children who are affected by parents or other family members with a mental illness deserve to be supported, valued and provided the opportunity to reach their potential.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR and CEO

“ YOU ENLIGHTEN MY CHILDREN’S LIVES, YOU GIVE THEM PURPOSE AND A REASON TO BELIEVE AND HAVE COURAGE TO GO ON. KOOKABURRA, YOUR SERVICE IS OUTSTANDING. ”

- Rachael, Kookaburra Mum

Hearing these words spoken by the mother of two of our Kookaburra Kids children sums up the impact our program has on the children and their families and serves to remind us not to underestimate the difference Kookaburra Kids is making to the lives of children who are living in families affected by mental illness. We see the impact of the program firsthand and use this as a source of motivation, determination and passion to continue to support our Kookaburra Kids. We strive to continuously improve and expand the program.

Australian Kookaburra Kids Foundation (AKKF) has achieved much success over the last year, including 10 weekend camps, 12 activity days and the annual Kookaburra Kids Family Christmas Picnic. Across all of our programs we have delivered services and support to over 1000 children from families affected by mental illness.

AKKF recognise that it is imperative that we provide psychological support for our Kookaburra Kids. Research indicates that these children have a 50% higher risk of developing a mental health issue without some form of intervention. AKKF provides that intervention by way of delivering our psycho-educational program. Kookabook is a comprehensive research based program focusing on age

appropriate mental health information, building resilience, coping strategies and looking after themselves. Many of our Kookaburra Kids have indicated that they find the “Kookabook” a great take home resource, which can provide them with comfort and information when times are tough at home. Our volunteer psychologists continue to develop the psycho-educational program and deliver training to the volunteer leaders to ensure that the message is consistent and effective.

This year we increased our volunteer base to over 200, attracting and retaining a quality group of volunteers to assist with camps and day activities. This raises the volunteer to staff ratio to an amazing 25:1. This ratio allows us to lower our costs so more money goes where it is needed. An exciting office volunteer initiative was introduced this year. Affectionately known as the “Kookateers” these volunteers provide support within the office every week, whether it is assisting with packing for camp, preparing for events or data entry. The Kookateer program has had a huge impact on reducing the workload for staff, allowing us to continue to deliver more activities to the children. We value the contribution our Kookaburra Kids volunteers make and take pride in delivering a quality volunteer training program on an ongoing basis.

Working together with our staff, corporate partners, major supporters, community partners and volunteers we were delighted to have produced some outstanding results for the year including:

- Increase in registrations by 30%
- Increase in revenue of 40%
- Mental Health Association award for Family and Carer Involvement and Engagement
- Successful sponsor & supporter night
- Corporate lunch with over 280 people attending and over \$50,000 raised
- Introduction of an annual corporate golf day
- Introduction of Lady Gosgrove as an Ambassador

AKKF has had many highlights during the year in review, the most inspiring and rewarding by far is listening to the Kookaburra Kids themselves sharing their stories publicly at our events. These brave young people acknowledge the positive impact that AKKF has had on their lives. Hearing these stories gives us the inspiration to continue advocating for Kookaburra Kids and ensuring that their voices are heard.

Our Patron John Brogden and Ambassadors Chris Bath, Jim Wilson, Peter Overton and Jessica Rowe, continue to support and advocate for our organisation. The appointment of our newest Ambassador, Lady Cosgrove has opened a new and exciting door for us; we have established communication with Serving and Ex-Serving veterans with the intention of delivering the Kookaburra Program in 2016 to children who have a parent with a mental illness as a result of Military service.

AKKF is very fortunate to be supported by a strong and knowledgeable board of voluntary directors. We thank them for their stewardship and commitment to good governance. The skill mix of the board offers expertise in legal, financial, business and mental health areas. Our board have dedicated many hours to developing a realistic strategic plan, focusing on providing the necessary operational resources to achieve and exceed our strategic goals. We would like to acknowledge and thank the board of directors for their continued support and commitment to our cause.

AKKF has continued to attract corporate sponsorship, which is reflected in our substantial increase in revenue, and provide the opportunity to increase the number of activities we can offer the children.

The achievement of the past year could not have been possible without the support of many corporate, community and individual sponsors as well as the dedicated and passionate staff and volunteers who are committed to the success of the program.

TOGETHER WE CAN CONTINUE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OUR KOOKABURRA KIDS.



PAMELA BROWN Chief Executive Officer



ALEXANDRA ZAMMIT Chair

OUR PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS 2014/15

CAMP

WE ARE REACHING MORE KIDS!

We delivered 10 weekend camps over the 12-month period, that's a **50% increase** from the previous year!

We partnered with Young Carers NSW to deliver four camps for their young carers helping to provide respite and a break from their carer roles.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

PARTICIPATION THE HIGHEST EVER!

With **over 600 kids** enjoying **FREE activity days** throughout the year.

ANNUAL FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

OUR BIGGEST YEAR YET!

Over 300 people attended.



"SUPPORTING KIDS
TO BE KIDS"

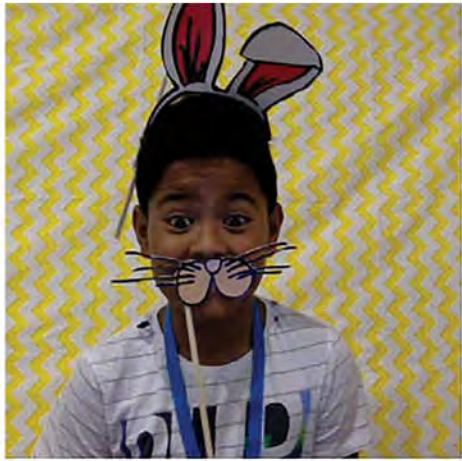


HEALTHY EATING
PROGRAM

Delivered at all camps

TEENS ENRICHMENT
PROGRAM

Delivered at all teen camps



Activity Days

WHAT WE GOT UP TO!

- Count Financial Bike Day
- Indoor Sports Day
- SUEZ Zoo-to-you Day
- CF Asia Steam Train Trip
- Sydney Harbour Boat Cruise
- Sky Zone
- St George NRL Guard of Honour
- Surf For Life Project Day
- Cronulla Surf Day
- Ice Skating
- Hurricanes Lunch Out
- NRL Charity Shield Match



WHAT WE DO

SUPPORTING KIDS TO BE KIDS

We support kids (8-18 years) living in families affected by mental illness, delivering programs that build resilience, give hope and the opportunity for them to reach their potential.

CAMP

Kookaburra Kids camps are FREE, and offer children living in families affected by mental illness both respite from their carer role, as well as the chance to participate in a range of fun activities, such as canoeing, archery, giant swings, go-karts and much more.

Kookaburra Kids camps are designed to achieve:

- Education about mental illness
- Increased ability to cope effectively
- Increased resiliency
- Increased self-expression and communication
- Development of creativity
- Reduction in feelings of isolation
- Increase in self-esteem
- Increased support network
- Having lots of fun!

ACTIVITY DAYS

Held during school holidays Kookaburra Kids catch up with friends from camp for a fun FREE day out. Activities can include ice-skating, laser tag, bowling, movies, putt-putt golf and beach activities, just to name a few.

MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION

An important component of the Kookaburra Kids camp is Chat Group.

Chat Group takes place each day facilitated by our team of qualified volunteer leaders, it provides an opportunity to learn about mental illness and how it affects families; share their experiences and to build and improve their coping skills and resilience.

This all takes place in a fun-filled, supportive and caring environment, and is developed and overseen by people who are highly trained in this area.

Chat Group is important for Kookaburra Kids because:

- Children cope better if they have age-appropriate information about their family member's mental illness.
- Children often feel 'different' from their peers – Chat Group is a unique opportunity for children to realise they are not so 'different', and it can provide an important sense of belonging.
- Children need to know it is okay to talk to someone other than their family about their feelings and know they are not 'betraying' their family member by doing so. Children need people other than their parents, who support and care about them.
- To identify coping skills that can increase the child's resilience. Resilient children can cope more effectively with challenges, and overcome adversity.





Happiness
Opportunity
Potential
Encouragement



SUZY'S STORY

SUZY NIXON; PROGRAM MANAGER, KOOKABURRA KIDS EMPLOYEE

Suzy started with Kookaburra Kids as a volunteer, attending her first camp in November 2011.

“Watching the kids have such an wonderful time experiencing the joy of being at camp, was simply amazing” Suzy says, “I was hooked from the very first night and I haven’t missed a camp since!”

During her first camp Suzy met a young girl that changed her life. “This girl trusted me with her story, sharing with me her experience and asked me for help”. Suzy and the Kookaburra Kids team of leaders and camp counsellors immediately stepped into action to ensure this girl received the support and help she needed, not only at camp but at home too.

“The professionalism of the leaders and entire Kookaburra Kids team, and seeing firsthand the measures and procedures in place to ensure these kids are supported is when I knew I wanted to help make a difference”.

“Each leader was welcoming and passionate, bringing their own qualities to camp and so engaging with the kids.”

In 2014, when a job opportunity for the Program Manager role came up, she applied immediately and has worked for Kookaburra Kids since.

“When I first applied to be a volunteer I never expected I would love Kookaburra Kids as much as I do!”

**THANKS TO SUZY'S DEDICATION AND PASSION
THE CAMP PROGRAM HAS INCREASED BY 50%,
ENABLING KOOKABURRA KIDS TO SUPPORT
MORE CHILDREN LIVING IN FAMILIES
AFFECTED BY MENTAL ILLNESS.**

“Knowing we are helping to build resilience and coping skills in these kids, and make a positive impact in their lives is truly rewarding”.

When I was a volunteer what was my favourite part of camp?

I loved the daily Chat Group sessions. Chat Group provides these kids with a safe environment where they can express themselves freely without judgement.

“It was inspiring to see these kids speak about their family member’s mental health issues”.

“I also loved seeing kids have a great time, smiling, connecting with people that understand and just being kids”.





"KNOWING WE'RE BUILDING RESILIENCE AND MAKING A POSITIVE IMPACT IN THESE KIDS LIVES IS TRULY REWARDING"



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

OUR CORPORATE PARTNER - **suez** environnement

We've had another wonderful year with SUEZ environnement (formerly SITA Australia) as our Major Corporate Partner.

The year in review was the second of a three year partnership to the Foundation and we are very grateful for the support and sponsorship provided by SUEZ environnement.

Some of the key highlights from the partnership include:

- SUEZ environnement staff volunteering their time at activity days
- Sponsoring major events such as our Annual Corporate Charity Lunch and Corporate Golf Day

The support provided by SUEZ environnement has been a significant contributor to AKKF's expansion and success. It is extremely appreciated and we look forward to the relationship growing from strength to strength in the future providing mutually beneficial relationships for both entities.



WE'VE BEEN PARTNERS WITH THE AUSTRALIAN KOOKABURRA KIDS FOUNDATION SINCE JUNE 2013. DURING THAT TIME, THEIR GROWTH AND IMPACT UNDER PAM'S EXCEPTIONAL STEWARDSHIP HAS BEEN IMPRESSIVE. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT STAFF LOOK FORWARD TO PARTICIPATING IN KOOKABURRA KIDS' ACTIVITIES AND ENJOY SHARING MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES WITH MANY KIDS. WE VALUE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE AUSTRALIAN KOOKABURRA KIDS FOUNDATION.

- Kim Finnimore
NSW Local Government Manager
SUEZ environnement

OUR MAJOR SPONSORS

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FOUNDATION
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A Sasser Family Holdings Company



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Charitable Foundation

Fairfield
RSL

The Honda Foundation

MOSTYN FAMILY FOUNDATION

NEWMAN'S OWN
FOUNDATION

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- Burwood RSL Club
- Chatswood RSL Club
- Club Ashfield
- Club Central Hurstville
- Club Rivers
- Earlwood-Bardwell Park RSL Club
- Kogarah RSL Club
- Mortdale RSL Club
- Orange Ex-Servicemen's Club
- Penshurst RSL Club
- Probus Club of Dolans Bay
- Souths Juniors
- St George Leagues Club
- St George Masonic Club
- Sussex Inlet RSL Club
- Sutherland Shire Council
- The Shellharbour Club
- Wests Ashfield Leagues
- Wests Leagues Campbelltown
- Zonta Club
- 2nd Chance Opportunity Shop
- 542 Partners

OUR INDIVIDUAL DONORS

Kookaburra Kids receives no ongoing government funding; we rely solely on voluntary donations, sponsorship, as well as community and corporate grants.

Our thanks to everyone who has made a personal donation to Kookaburra Kids, you have made a difference to a child's life.

Individual donors can choose to make a one off donation or give on a regular basis.

OUR MAJOR EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING

CORPORATE CHARITY LUNCH

For the second year the Kookaburra Kids Corporate Charity Lunch was held at Doltone House, Jones Bay Wharf. This year's program incorporated a sporting panel; Jim Wilson, Seven News Sport Presenter / Reporter and Kookaburra Kids Ambassador, entertained with a variety of hard-hitting questions to guest Rugby League stars Laurie Daley, Michael Crocker, Nathan Hindmarsh and Mark Coyne. Over \$50,000 was raised thanks to the support of the 288 guests attending and Kookaburra Kids Patron John Brogden and Ambassadors Peter Overton, Jessica Rowe, Jim Wilson and Chris Bath.

TOTAL RAISED: Over \$50,000

EVENT SPONSORS - A big thank you to SUEZ, our major sponsors for the 2014 corporate charity lunch.

CHARITY GOLF DAY

October 2014 saw Kookaburra Kids host the first Kookaburra Kids Charity Golf Day and Fundraising Dinner. Instigated with the support of Club Central Menai, Carpac and Worksafe Solutions, Kookaburra Kids embarked on creating another annual fundraising event specifically targeted at the Foundation's birthplace, The Shire. A special thank you to Sutherland Shire Council and The Ridge golf course for their support in ensuring the day was a great success. A total of 15 teams teed off raising over \$16,000 and continuing the celebrations into the night at Club Central Menai.

TOTAL RAISED: Over \$16,000

EVENT SPONSORS - A big thank you to Club Central Menai, Carpac, Worksafe Solutions, Sutherland Shire Council and The Ridge Golf Course.

SULLIVAN DEWING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY LUNCHEON

Kookaburra Kids was proud to be nominated for the third year as the key beneficiary of the Sullivan Dewing International Women's Day Lunch. In March 2015, the Sullivan Dewing team raised an overwhelming \$20,000 for Kookaburra Kids. The annual event was a sellout! Over 300 guests, alongside the Sullivan Dewing team and TV personality, journalist and Kookaburra Kids Ambassador, Chris Bath, joined forces to celebrate International Women's Day and support Kookaburra Kids.

TOTAL RAISED: Over \$20,000

EVENT SPONSORS - A big thank you to Sullivan Dewing for nominating Kookaburra Kids for the third year as the key beneficiary of the Sullivan Dewing International Women's Day Lunch.





OVER \$80,000
RAISED FROM
3 MAJOR EVENTS!



OUR PATRON AND AMBASSADORS



JOHN BROGDEN AM
Patron



ROSE COX
Young Ambassador



JESSICA ROWE AM
Ambassador



CHRIS BATH
Ambassador



PETER OVERTON
Ambassador



JIM WILSON
Ambassador



LADY COSGROVE
Ambassador

Lady Cosgrove - Our Newest Kookaburra Kids Ambassador!

After presenting at the Partners of Veterans Association AGM, our CEO Pamela Brown was approached by Lady Cosgrove who expressed that she was so moved by our story that she wanted to become involved. Our CEO was thrilled to invite Lady Cosgrove to join us as a Kookaburra Kids Ambassador. Lady Cosgrove and Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove attended a lunch in March at the Park Hyatt Hotel, Sydney, where she was formally announced as Ambassador.

SOCIAL MEDIA

WE LOVE SHARING MESSAGES AND STORIES!

We keep our supporters up-to-date via social media, as it allows everyone to share the joy and positive changes Kookaburra Kids is helping to create.

Currently we have over 950 likes on our Facebook page, over 120 Twitter followers and during the year we launched our Instagram account.

One of our highest rating Facebook posts this year featured a message from one of our Kookaburra Kids who wanted to share their experience at camp.

We use social media to connect with our supporters and donors, promote our events, fundraisers, to tell our story, encourage program participation and a place for people to experience the impact of our program. We also use social media to connect, thank and recognise our partners, supporters and fundraisers and our Ambassadors.

"CAMP ACTED AS AN ESCAPE, LEADERS WERE ROLE MODELS AND GAVE ME PLENTY OF RESOURCES SPECIFICALLY RELATING TO MY FATHER'S ILLNESS AND HOW TO DEAL WITH IT. THIS HELPED ME WITH NOT ONLY LOOKING AFTER MY FAMILY BUT ALSO MYSELF. EVERYONE AT CAMP IS COMPASSIONATE AND UNDERSTANDING - THIS IS EMPOWERING, COMFORTING AND PROVIDES A SAFER (LESS HOSTILE) ENVIRONMENT THAN AT HOME. KOOKABURRA KIDS HAS ALSO SHOWED INTEREST IN MY FUTURE, EXPLORING OPTIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT AND STUDY."

- Kookaburra Kids Facebook, June 9, 2015

WE FEEL A LITTLE POPULAR!

950+ Likes on Facebook!



OUR VOLUNTEERS

OUTNUMBERING STAFF 25:1!

Our volunteers are the backbone of our organisation. We have over 200 volunteers but only 8 staff members!

Having a large ratio of volunteers to staff helps us save on costs so we can allocate funds to where it is needed the most – our programs!

Most volunteers are camp volunteers who attend our weekend camps to provide support and friendship to our Kookaburra Kids. Some of our volunteers are registered nurses, teachers, police officers and students.

We also have a group of dedicated volunteers who commit their time to volunteering at the Kookaburra Kids head office. These volunteers affectionately known as our “Kookateers” assist with general office duties, administration and help with preparation for camp.

We value our volunteers and we take pride recognising, celebrating and thanking them throughout the year.

CHILD PROTECTION

All Kookaburra Kids volunteers complete a Working with Children and National Criminal Check.

TRAINING

All Kookaburra Kids camp volunteers are provided with training prior to camp to ensure our programs are delivered to the highest standard and provide the maximum benefit to our program participants.



- Rebecca, Kookaburra Kids volunteer 2014



Elizabeth Gabrielle Ingrid Jasmine Kasey
Joshua Katie Kellie Kerinza Kyle Larry
Lee Lizanne Louise Mark Melissa Michael
Nadishi Nathan Nicole Olga Owen Pam Bee



CROSBY'S STORY

CROSBY IS ONE OF OUR LONGEST STANDING VOLUNTEERS

Crosby first became involved in Kookaburra Kids back in 2007, making her one of our longest standing volunteers.

She has demonstrated unwavering dedication to all aspects of the Kookaburra Kids program including developing the Kookaburra Kids program "Chat Group". Chat Group is now a central part of each Kookaburra Kids camp and provides an opportunity for the kids to learn about mental illness and how it affects families, as well as a safe place to share their experiences and to discover and improve their coping skills and resilience. Crosby has also assisted in designing and developing our volunteer training program and leader manuals.

Crosby's caring nature and high level of professionalism ensure both kids and leaders feel supported.

We asked Crosby some questions about volunteering at Kookaburra Kids.

SEE WHAT SHE HAS TO SAY...

Why did you choose to volunteer with Kookaburra Kids?

I work in the field of psychology and have a lot of experience working with children where a family member has mental illness so the concept of Kookaburra Kids really appealed to me. I believe strongly in the importance of educating children about the mental illness affecting their family so they better understand what is happening and they can develop coping skills to increase their resilience. I believe Kookaburra Kids is an extremely worthwhile foundation to volunteer for because children are given an opportunity to learn age-appropriate mental illness information, meet other children in the same situation, develop coping skills, get connected to support services, and also have a fun break.

What do you enjoy most about Kookaburra Kids?

I enjoy a lot of aspects of volunteering for Kookaburra Kids, it is hard to pick what I enjoy MOST. I enjoy the wide variety of children I get to be involved with, they all have such special personalities. Some are wild and fun, some are quirky, some are good for long contemplative discussions. Every child is different and each have their own wonderful qualities which make spending time with them on camp special. I enjoy getting to see so many of the children grow up, mature, and change as they return year after year. When campers return there are always happy reunions with leaders and a lovely sense of familiarity and connection that keeps growing year after year. I also love the relationships that exist among the leaders and the bonding that develops from having shared these experiences. I have developed long-lasting meaningful friendships over the years, that now exist beyond the realm of Kookaburra Kids, and new friendships are always forming as we get fantastic new volunteers joining.



Can you share a favourite Kookaburra Kids experience?

My favourite Kookaburra Kids experience is from quite a few years ago but I remember as if it were yesterday. There was a young boy, Ben*, attending camp who was very overweight for his age. As a result, he often withdrew during activities and declined to participate. He appeared like a quiet wallflower that didn't want to be noticed. One day there was a flying fox activity where campers were strapped into a harness and went down a small zip-line. Ben declined to participate and reported he would be too heavy for the activity, despite the activity staff telling him otherwise. The leaders and other campers started encouraging him to give it a go. Ben stood in the harness at the top of the activity for approximately 30 minutes while leaders and campers continued encouraging him and tried to motivate him to step off the edge. Ben's willingness ebbed and flowed. During this entire time, no other campers were able to use the activity. However they didn't get frustrated or complain – they were all focused on encouraging Ben to face his fear and trust the harness to let him enjoy the ride. Leaders and campers tried everything, quiet chats, motivational pep talks, and loud positive chanting. Eventually, he stepped off the edge and went down the zip-line to an explosion of cheers, clapping (and tears) from all. Ben was smiling ear-to-ear, he was so proud of himself for facing his fears. It was an extremely meaningful moment for Ben and a great reflection of the 'team spirit' among all the campers and leaders who all pulled together to support one boy to 'let go' and enjoy himself.

**Ben is not his real name*



OUR BOARD MEMBERS



ALEXANDRA ZAMMIT

Chair

Appointed to Chair - 2015

Director - appointed to Board 2013

Alexandra has been CEO of Thomas Holt since 2011, previously working in the aged care industry as a Director of Care. Alexandra has worked in the public health system for 25 years holding senior management roles, which included a broad range of positions in clinical care, teaching, research and corporate services.

Alexandra has a strong passion for ensuring the provision of quality services and easy access of information for families and children living with mental illness. She is also committed to lobbying for programs that focus on prevention and early intervention.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Nursing
- Diploma of Management
- Graduate and member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors
- Post graduate qualifications in Science Medicine (specialising in pain management)
- Currently sits on three community not for profit boards and was recently elected to the Board of the peak industry body Aged and Community Services NSW.

Industry Awards:

- Property Council of Australia's NSW / ACT Manager of the Year for Outstanding Leadership - Retirement Living 2013
- The Aged & Community Services Association NSW
- "Exceptional Human Resources Management" Award 2013
- The National Information Technology in Aged Care Award 2012



JARAD STIRLING

Deputy Chair

Appointed Deputy Chair - 2013

Director - appointed to Board 2012

Jarad Stirling has been working in the financial services industry for over 16 years in roles spanning from advice to marketing and sales. Jarad is currently the Principal Financial Consultant at Stirling Financial Consulting, a Wealth Management firm located in Sydney.

Qualifications:

- Certified Financial Planner™
- Master of Applied Finance
- Specialist adviser designation with the SMSF Professionals Association of Australia (SPAA)

Other Memberships:

- Fellow of Financial Services Institute of Australasia (FINSIA)
- CFP Member of Financial Planning Association of Australia (FPA)



ANDREW BARRS

Director

Appointed to Board - 2009

Serving as Chair July 2012 – May 2015

Andrew has worked in the IT industry for 25 years as an IT service management specialist. Previously employed at Sydney Water as a Problem and Configuration Manager, Andrew has been passionately involved as a volunteer with AKKF since 2006. Andrew is a puppeteer and storyteller and enjoys making young people smile. He continues to bring his enthusiasm and dedication to the cause.

Special Responsibilities - Member of Risk Committee.



LEE KNIGHT

Director

Appointed to Board - 2014

Lee has worked in mental health for 20 years, currently working as a clinical coordinator of a large randomised control trial at the Kirby Institute - UNSW. Conjoint lecturer on the Master of Forensic Mental Health program at UNSW. He also works in private practice writing comprehensive psychiatric reports for the court and judicial system. Lee became involved in AKKF through his wife, Crosbi, who has been a qualified psychologist at camp since 2007. Lee has been a regular leader at AKKF since 2011 and taken on additional roles of camp counsellor, camp nurse and board member.

Qualifications:

- Clinical Nurse Consultant (Forensic Mental Health)
- Master of Nursing in Clinical Practice (Majoring in Mental Health)
- Master of Forensic Mental Health

Special Responsibilities - Member of Risk Committee.



PETER KERR AM

Director

Appointed to Board - 2014

With over 30 years' experience, Peter has acted for many of Australia's largest and most well-known banks and financial institutions. Peter is the relationship partner for several of Kemp Strang's major banking clients and other financial institutions. He has vast experience across banking and finance, property and construction. Peter is well known for his work in Australian and international sport, formerly chair of Water Polo Australia Limited, and a member of the FINA Doping Panel and a number of other sporting appeals tribunals. He was honoured to give the Judges' Oath at the opening ceremony of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. He is a Community Board Member of the Physiotherapy Board of Australia and a Board Member of Australian Kookaburra Kids Foundation Inc. He is the recipient of the Australian Sports Medal (2000).

Special Responsibilities -
Member of Governance Committee.

OUR BOARD MEMBERS CONT



ARIEL SIVIKOFSKY

Director

Appointed to Board - 2014

Mr. Sivikofsky is highly experienced Chartered Accountant, with broad international experience in the Financial Services, Corporate Finance and Infrastructure sectors. Beginning his career at KPMG, following which he worked for several world-respected financial organisations both in London and Sydney, including Rabo Bank, Credit Suisse, CBA, Macquarie Bank and Babcock & Brown. He most recently completed a finance transformation project for ASX listed Australian Ethical Investment Ltd.

Qualifications:

- Graduate of Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD)
- Fellow member of the Australian Institute of Chartered Accountants (FCA)
- Graduate member of Financial Services Institute of Australasia (FINSIA)
- Bachelor of Commerce, University of Wollongong (BCom)

Other Memberships:

- Panel Member - "CA's in Business"
- Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (ICAA)

Special Responsibilities - Treasurer.



PATRICIA REED

Director

Director - appointed to Board 2015

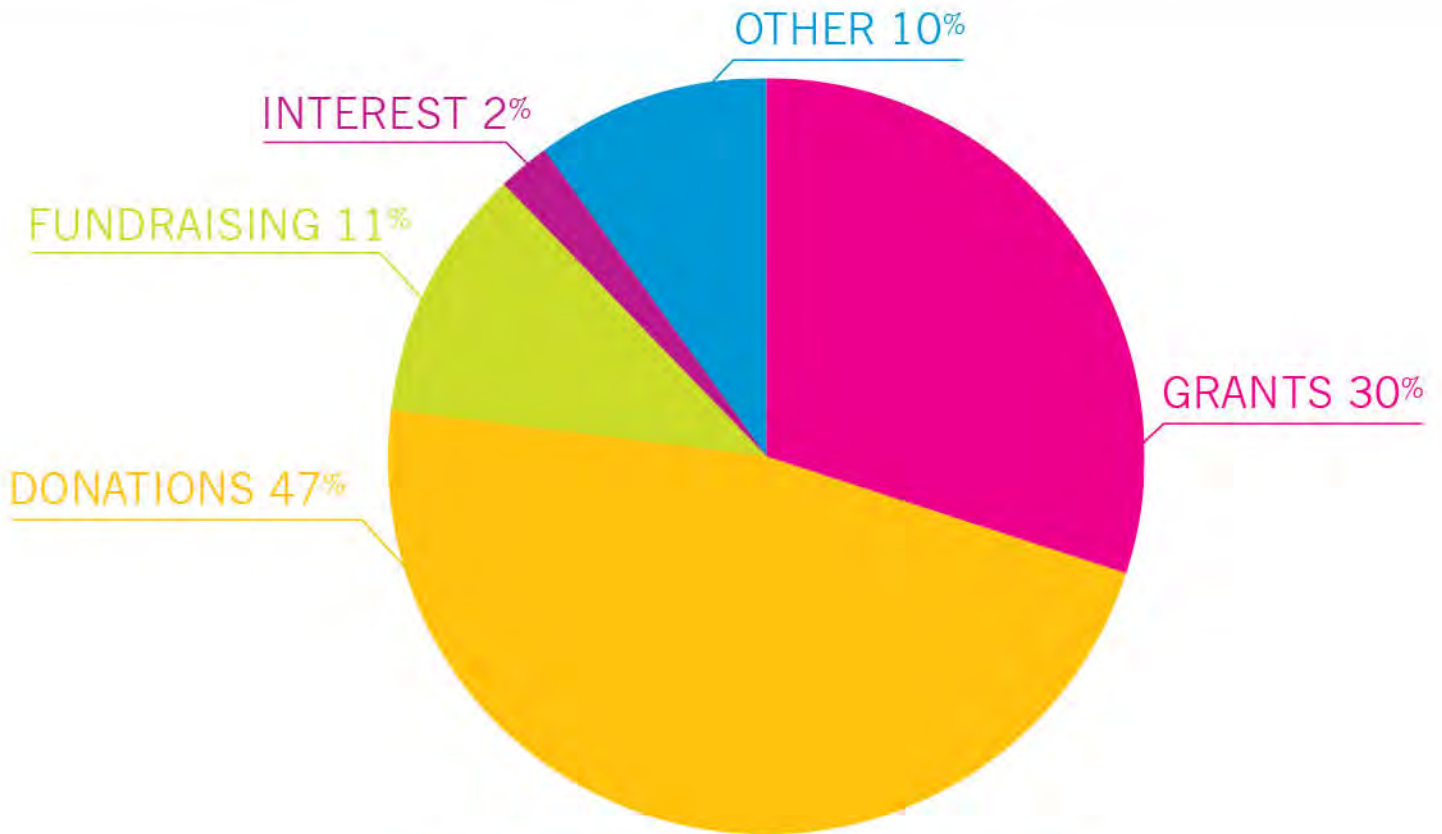
Patricia has over 30 years' working experience, with international and local experience as a Board member, committee member and CFO/adviser to boards. Most businesses have been rapidly growing enterprises and multinational listed and private businesses, together with a local ASX listed company. Currently a member of all Boards of the CF Asia Pacific Group and NED of an International Art business, Chairman of an industry committee and member of two risk committees. Patricia is a previous Board member of the British Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong.

Over 10 years' executive and leadership experience in Australia, Patricia has been the CFO of two high-growth companies and Board member of the latter. Responsible for managing over \$500m in equity and debt raisings, providing strategic advice to Boards, and overseeing finance and accounting, risk management, operational and related commercial requirements for these high growth operations.

Special Responsibilities - Member of Risk Committee.



OUR FINANCIALS



WHERE OUR FUNDING COMES FROM

GRANTS

- Government (local) - \$3,000
- Corporate/Community - \$191,725

DONATIONS

- Sponsorships/Community/Personal - \$302,998

FUNDRAISING

- Events - \$73,656

INTEREST

- \$9,798

OTHER

- Merchandise/Fee for service camps \$64,163

TOTAL REVENUE - \$645,340

HOW YOU CAN HELP

THERE ARE MANY WAYS!

We appreciate any help we receive and there are so many ways in which you can help and get involved.

GET CONNECTED

Follow us via our social media channels:

- Like us on Facebook
- Follow us on Twitter
- Subscribe to our YouTube channel
- Follow us on Instagram

When you 'like' and 'share' our posts, you are helping to spread the word about Kookaburra Kids.

SIGN UP TO OUR E-NEWSLETTER

Receive regular updates on our programs, events and more.

MAKE A DONATION

Every cent helps Kookaburra Kids support more children.

You can:

- Become a regular giver (*how much you give is at your discretion*)
- Make a one off donation
- Leave a bequest

COME ALONG TO ONE OF OUR EVENTS

We hold various fundraising events throughout the year including a charity lunch, gala dinner and charity golf day.

BECOME A CORPORATE PARTNER OR MAJOR SUPPORTER

Contact us to see how we can work together to make a difference.

FUND A LARGE PROJECT

If you are a trust / foundation or a major donor, contact us to see what projects and opportunities are available for funding.

VOLUNTEER WITH US

Join our wonderful group of volunteers and start making a difference today. Not only will you help make a difference in a child's life it will change your life too. Apply via our website or give us a call to get started.

FUNDRAISE FOR US

You can:

- Go in a fun run or swim and ask your friends and family to sponsor you
- Host an event, at home or work
- Host a corporate fundraising event
- Start a staff giving program at your work \$1 a week can have a huge impact on a child's life

We are happy to help you with your event. Give us a call to see how we can help.



THANK YOU

On behalf of the kids and families supported by Kookaburra Kids in 2014-15 we would like to say...



WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

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