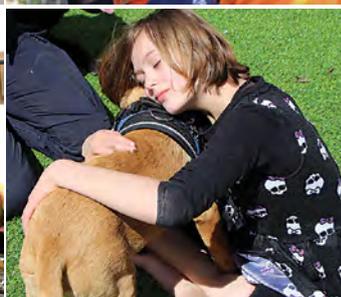


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# Transforming the lives of children, young people, and their families



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built on the lands of the  
Ngunnawal people.

We pay our respects to  
their elders and recognise  
the displacement and  
disadvantage they have  
suffered as a result of  
European settlement.

We celebrate Aboriginal  
and Torres Strait Islander  
cultures and their ongoing  
contribution to the  
ACT community.

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# Patron & Board



**LADY HELEN DEANE**  
**PATRON OF MARYMEAD**



**MR ROBERT KENNEDY**  
**CHAIR**

Robert is the Managing Partner of Synergy, a Canberra based accounting and consulting firm. Robert is a Chartered Accountant with consulting experience in strategic planning, finance, IT and organisational improvement for government, commercial and not-for-profit organisations. Robert is a third generation Canberran and his association with Marymead commenced in junior school through to fundraising and sponsorship activities over the last ten years.



**MS MARGARET CARMODY**  
**DEPUTY CHAIR**

Margaret is a qualified and experienced Company Director. She has been a Company Director of GMP Management Services Pty Limited since 1988. The company has been involved in a broad range of activities including film and television production, rural self-cater tourism accommodation and primary production. Margaret retired from the Public Service in December 2014.

Prior to this she was the Senior Executive responsible for the operational launch of the National Disability Insurance Scheme trial sites. Margaret has experience chairing management committees.



**MS KATE GUMLEY**  
**BOARD MEMBER**

Kate is a First Assistant Secretary within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Kate is currently heading up the taskforce for the 'Review of Indigenous Training and Employment Programmes' chaired by Mr Andrew Forrest.

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet is the lead for Indigenous Affairs across the Commonwealth and works closely with Indigenous communities, states and territories, service providers and the wider community to close the gap of disadvantage for Indigenous people.



**MS ANN NORTHCOTE**  
BOARD MEMBER

Ann is a lawyer and a Director of Farrar Gesini Dunn Family & Collaborative Law and brings her legal skills to the Board. Ann has an association with Marymead via the family relationship programs utilised by a number of family law clients. Ann is an Advisory Panel Member to the Family Law Pathways Network, a member of the Executive of Majura Football Club and is actively involved in her local Parish, Holy Rosary at Watson.



**MS ANNE-MARIE COOPER**  
BOARD MEMBER

A resident of Canberra for 40 years, Anne-Marie has spent a significant part of her career working in international education. She managed IELTS (International English Language Testing System), the premier global test of English language. IELTS Australia was the first ACT company to win a national Export Award. She currently undertakes consultancy in the general area of education, business and quality assurance. Anne-Marie has strongly supported Marymead through the Auxiliary and is a past President. She is passionate about mentoring and strongly committed to young people realising their potential especially through her commitment to education.



**MR CHARLES BISHOP**  
BOARD MEMBER

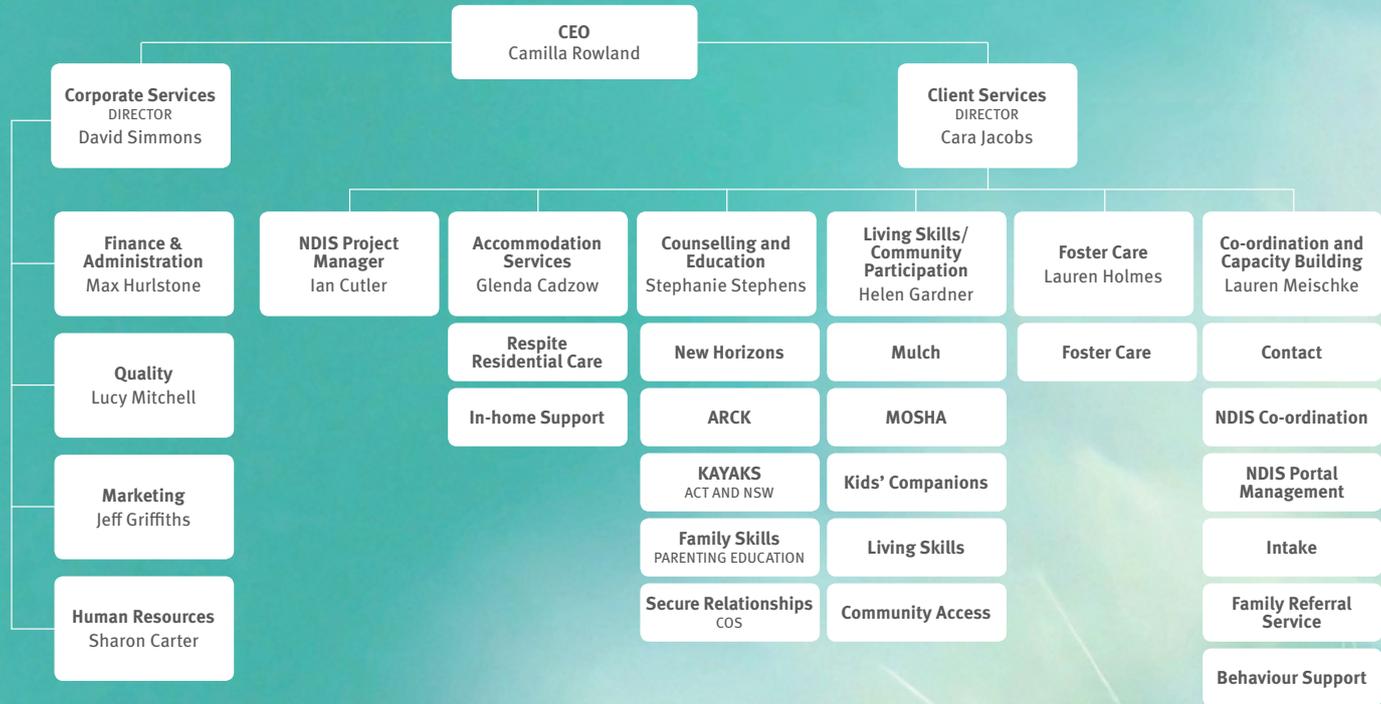
Charles is a Director of O2C, a privately owned company established in 2003, which specialises in resilience, mental health, emotional intelligence, team building and leadership training, coaching and consulting. Coming from a rural background, he began his career in the Defence Forces as an officer in the Australian Army. Charles has over 25 years of experience in a variety of roles including operational positions, line management, training and consulting. Charles is a passionate presenter who is able to impart information in a practical and focused manner. He seeks to provide people with solutions that are relevant to their current situation. He keeps his spirit of fun and adventure alive as a convener of Looking for Gamers Board Game Expo's.



**FATHER TONY PERCY**  
BOARD MEMBER

Father Tony Percy is the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn. Ordained in 1990, he served in a number of parishes in the Archdiocese, before completing a Doctorate in the Church's Social Teaching. He served as Rector of the Seminary of the Good Shepherd in Sydney before returning to the Archdiocese to his current role.

# Organisational Structure



# Vision

## ‘Marymead transforms the lives of vulnerable children and young people’

Marymead works to ensure that children, young people and their families, including those who are most vulnerable across Canberra and the surrounding NSW regions, are well supported through their key life transitions and are able to achieve positive life outcomes and live fulfilling, productive and happy lives.

# Mission

Marymead works with children, young people (aged 25 years or less) and their families, to address the complex issues that surround them and affect their lives. We provide specialist, early intervention, clinical therapeutic services and support programs and services.

1. We will achieve our mission by working in a way that is consistent with Catholic social teachings, beliefs and customs and the professional expectations of the social services community.
2. Relying on four key principles:
  - a. the dignity of the human person, made in the image and likeness of God;
  - b. the promotion of the common good, of which the family is the primary unit;
  - c. having a ‘fundamental option for the poor’;
  - d. promoting the healing and advancement of each person so that they may experience the joy of a responsible and fruitful life.
3. Working with and supporting children, young people and their families of all faith traditions, while demonstrating our values of:
  - a. focusing on children and young people;
  - b. believing that every child and young person should have the **opportunity to reach their potential**;
  - c. recognising the importance of **belonging** to the well-being of everyone;
  - d. behaving with **integrity** and **compassion**;
  - e. providing **responsive, caring** and **accountable** services;
  - f. **respecting** and embracing **diversity**; and
  - g. **engaging with the community** to support us to do all of these things.
4. Using evidence-based practices to work professionally and collaboratively with children, young people and their families with other services, including Catholic agencies (CatholicCare and the St Vincent de Paul Society), and across all services within our own organisation.

## BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT



It is with great pride that I pen this year's Annual Report. Marymead has had another challenging year, primarily driven by the loss of our ACT Out of Home Care services and the increasing roll out of the NDIS. However, it is extremely pleasing to report that not only has the organisation managed that transition extremely well but has taken the opportunity to restructure and reinvigorate.

I believe this has fundamentally changed the organisational culture to be more innovative, resilient and responsive and we are now in a much stronger position to continue to deliver quality services and handle the challenges ahead. A key leading indicator of this is the number of new service opportunities being identified including the recent merger with Autism Asperger ACT.

The year has also involved significant progress in developing partnership with the significant resources of the Archdiocese and other archdiocesan organisations. This provides Marymead with significantly more leverage when pursuing new opportunities whilst still maintaining our distinct identity and reputation as the region's pre-eminent organisation supporting our most vulnerable children and young people.

A big thank you has to go to our CEO, Camilla, and

her management team for their leadership and commitment. The Board has developed a high level of faith and trust in their work and an extremely productive working relationship.

As we approach our 50th Anniversary Year next year we also await approval of a development application that will allow us to utilise our unused land to construct an independent living unit precinct. This will be a transformational project that will deliver modern, fit for purpose clinical service and residential facilities that will set Marymead up to continue to provide services for the next 50 years. It will also provide an ongoing, independent source of income that can be used to fund critical services to the community that are not able to be funded through traditional sources.

I draft this report with some sadness as I have announced my intention to step down from the Board after seven years at the end of 2016. I wish to thank all I have worked with at the Board, staff and Archdiocese over this time. It has been an honour and a privilege and an experience I will treasure for life. I thank my current Board members for all their efforts throughout the year and leave confident that Marymead is in good hands going forward.

**Robert Kennedy**  
Chairman

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT



As Marymead nears towards 50 years of service to the community, this year has provided a timely opportunity for the organisation to review its past work and set the way forward with a new strategic plan. After a number of months of consultation in 2015 with clients, stakeholders and staff, the Marymead Board has lead the organisation forwards with a new vision which is centred around the transformation of lives of children, young people and their families in the region.

As a result of the strategic change, we re-organised the Marymead services into units which aligned with the service delivery areas of counselling and education, accommodation support, foster care, skills development, community engagement, and coordination. In line with these changes, we also progressed a number of new initiatives over the past year which have strengthened the services for clients including:

- Operating the new Ricky Stuart House (launched in March) to provide short-term accommodation and respite for children with disabilities five to 12 years of age. At the same time we repurposed the Marymead cottages to provide the same service for younger children and young people with the same needs.
- Marymead's Circle of Security intensive (20 week) counselling program for families participated in an

independent evaluation undertaken by Dr. Anna Huber in partnership with Macquarie University. This resulted in the Marymead service identified as the world leader in this work. As a result, Marymead in the same partnership, was successful in receiving funding to embark on a new collaborative research project to develop treatment fidelity tools and guidelines.

- We expanded our New Horizons, early intervention outreach mental health service for children and young people by partnering with schools and organisations such as Headspace in the region. We were delighted to receive the news that the Australian Government recognised the work of this service by extending funding to embark on working with new humanitarian entrants in Canberra.
- Marymead became a registered NDIS provider and is delivering a suite of person-centred services including supports coordination. This was followed by a recent merger with Autism Asperger ACT to create a new Autism Centre which can provide services to over 2,000 people.

During the year, Marymead transitioned the ACT Foster Care Service to a new consortium as a result of the ACT Out of Home Care tender with the transition completed in June 2016. This was very disappointing for the organisation which had been providing high

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

quality foster care to the ACT community for decades. However, the Marymead foster care service in the surrounding NSW region has grown strongly in the past year, particularly with the launch of our new office in Wagga Wagga and with an additional service of offering emergency and respite accommodation placements for foster families at the Marymead Narrabundah cottages.

Marymead announced the intention to undertake a property development project at the Narrabundah site, where three quarters of the land will be allocated to the build of 85 independent living units in a village, and the remaining space will be allocated to state of the art, purpose-built facilities. The Marymead centre will include counselling, interview, function, office, supervised contact rooms as well as three large cottages which are multi-purpose for children and families accessing short-term accommodation. The purpose of the build is to meet growing community need and to provide another source of income to support Marymead's services.

As a key action on the organisation's vision towards a transformational approach in working with over 5,000 clients, Marymead invested in a rigorous quality improvement process to further develop the clinical

integrity of services and strengthen systems. This included achievement of successful quality assurance assessments with the Quality Improvement Council (QIP Program), the NSW Office of Childrens' Guardians accreditation, and identification as a suitable entity with the ACT Government.

During this past year of great change, the talented staff team have demonstrated a commitment to the new vision, embraced an inclusive culture, and worked very hard to achieve the transformational change. I would like to acknowledge this incredible work and extend my thanks to every staff member and our partner organisations for their contribution towards the great achievements.

**Camilla Rowland**  
Chief Executive Officer

# Client Services



# Client Services

CARA JACOBS

Following the announcement of the Marymead new strategic plan and restructure towards the end of 2015, client service programs underwent significant change in order to streamline services, be more responsive to community need and align closely with Marymead's strategic objectives. As a result of the restructure, Cara Jacobs was appointed to the position of Director of Client Services on 1 February 2016 bringing extensive experience in Community Services. Client service programs were restructured into five distinct units, and Unit Managers appointed to:

- **Counselling and Education Unit**  
Stephanie Stephens appointed Unit Manager January 2016
- **Accommodation and Support Services Unit**  
Glenda Cadzow appointed Unit Manager March 2016
- **Foster Care Unit**  
Lauren Holmes appointed Unit Manager March 2016
- **Coordination and Support Unit**  
Lauren Meischke appointed Unit Manager April 2016
- **Skills Development/Community Engagement Unit**  
Helen Gardner appointed Unit Manager March 2016

Due to the significant growth of the National Disability Insurance Scheme in the ACT and planned roll-out in NSW, Ian Cutler was appointed NDIS Project Manager to provide strategic NDIS advice across client and corporate service areas.

- In our disability services, client numbers serviced under the NDIS have increased from 27 in July 2015 to 118 in June 2016, as well as increased fee for service clients
- In preparation for the transition to the NDIS, Marymead commissioned market research to assist with NDIS service planning and expansion

Other highlights over the year included the Commencement of the Ricky Stuart House in March 2016, providing short-term accommodation (respite) to children with disability up to 12 years of age in a brand new purpose-built facility in Chifley, expansion of the early intervention mental health services for children and young people, supervised contact for separated families, emergency accommodation, and NSW Foster Care Programs. This year has also had its fair share of challenges. Marymead closed its ACT Foster Care Program in June 2016 following transition of the final cohort of foster carers and children to a new consortium. Many staff were farewelled as they took up positions elsewhere and a number successfully transferred into Marymead's NSW Foster Care Program. Marymead's commitment to being responsive to the needs of children, young people and their families, and building community capacity remains the staff teams' priority and this is reflected in the following reports.

# Counselling and Education Unit **STEPHANIE STEPHENS**

## New Horizons



### KEY CHANGES/ACHIEVEMENTS

- 84% of clients who provided feedback reported New Horizons had a positive impact on their family functioning and increased their knowledge of available support
- New Horizons has co-delivered numerous groups with child and family centres, schools and other agencies throughout ACT
- Over 1,308 instances of support during 2015–16.

### FUNDING

Australian Government  
Department of Social Services

## Family Skills



### KEY CHANGES/ACHIEVEMENTS

- 98% of clients who provided feedback indicated they feel more in control of their anger as a result of participating in a Family Skills Anger Management Group
- 94% of clients who provided feedback indicated that participating in a Family Skills group improved their relationship with their child/ren
- Family Skills received full accreditation of its four module Anger Management Program
- Work in the Alexander Maconochie Centre has continued.

### FUNDING

Australian Government  
Department of Social Services  
and ACT Corrective Services

# Counselling and Education Unit **STEPHANIE STEPHENS**

## ARCK – Assisting Responsible Care for Kids



### KEY CHANGES/ACHIEVEMENTS

- Increased provision of groups
- Over 93% of *Talking With Your Kids* participants who provided feedback reported the groups were 'helpful' or 'very helpful'
- Outreach to Cooma has commenced and continued in Goulburn and Moruya
- Positive feedback from parents and their children about the value and impact of the ARCK Program.

### FUNDING

Australian Government  
Department of Social Services  
Fee for Service

## KAYAKS – Kids And Youth Are Kool post Separation



### KEY CHANGES/ACHIEVEMENTS

- Strengthened relationships with the child and family centres and outreach to West Belconnen and Gungahlin
- New program materials including journals, activity books, bears and other therapeutic tools purchased to enhance client experience and strengthen outcomes
- 195 clients engaged in the KAYAKS program during the 2015–16 financial year
- Positive feedback from children, young people and parents about the value and impact of the KAYAKS Program.

### FUNDING

Australian Government  
Department of Social Services  
Fee for Service

# Counselling and Education Unit STEPHANIE STEPHENS

## The Centre for Early Life Matters: *Secure Relationships*



### KEY CHANGES/ACHIEVEMENTS

- Continuation of our partnership with the Gungahlin Child and Family Centre, providing greater opportunity for clients on the Northside to access service
- Further research undertaken and published in partnership with Macquarie University regarding *Circle of Security* effectiveness
- 95% of clients were 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied' with the degree to which the *Circle of Security* Intensive or *Parenting Intervention* helped with the issues for which they were referred
- 100% of clients were 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied' with the extent to which the service helped improve their relationship with their child/ren
- 100% of clients were 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied' with the extent to which they felt more confident in their capacity as a parent/carer to their children.

### FUNDING

Australian Government  
Department of Social Services  
and ACT Health

# Accommodation and Support Services Unit GLEND A CADZOW



## KEY CHANGES/ACHIEVEMENTS

- In March 2016 the children's respite house, Kese House in Kaleen closed
- In March 2016 the new, purpose-built Ricky Stuart House opened in Chifley, providing short-term accommodation to children up to the age of 12 in a homely environment
- Client numbers continue to increase at the Narrabundah Cottages for children and young people 12–25 year old with 30 registered service users
- Referrals for Ricky Stuart House continued to increase with approximately 50 children accessing the service
- Marymead provides regular community access and in-home support for 10 children and young people
- All services are offered on a Fee for Service (non-NDIS basis) with a number of referrals received from NSW FaCS, the NSW Foster Care Program and other sources
- 100% of clients were 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied' with short-term accommodation services at Kese when surveyed in December 2015.

## FUNDING

Fee for Service  
Predominantly National  
Disability Insurance Scheme  
(NDIS)



# Coordination and Support Services Unit LAUREN MEISCHKE

## Supported Contact Program



### KEY CHANGES/ACHIEVEMENTS

- Significant growth in the past year
- Many referrals received from new Out of Home Care Consortium, ACT Together
- Over 200 families supported each month
- Increased focus on supporting birth families to strengthen relationships with their children, improve parenting skills and ensure contact is a positive experience for children
- Participation in Contact research study to evaluate Contact Programs.

### FUNDING

Fee for Service  
Predominantly ACT Office for Children, Youth and Family Support (OCYFS)

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## Contact and Changeover Program



### KEY CHANGES/ACHIEVEMENTS

- Ongoing demand for this service
- Supplementary one-off grant received enabling a reduction in waiting times for service
- There were 1,093 changeovers and 456 supervised contact visits
- Coordinator employed in Moruya to coordinate the South Coast Program which operates on Fridays and Saturdays each week.

### FUNDING

Attorney Generals grant funding administered by the Australian Government Department of Social Services

# Coordination and Support Services Unit **LAUREN MEISCHKE**

## NDIS Support Coordination



### KEY CHANGES/ACHIEVEMENTS

- Marymead NDIS Support Coordination service established in response to families and children with disability in the ACT requiring support to coordinate their NDIS plan and link them to relevant services and supports in the ACT
- Strong service promotion and stakeholder engagement undertaken to increase awareness of the service
- Two Support Coordinators employed
- 45 families accessing this service.

### FUNDING

Fee for Service  
National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

## Southern NSW Family Referral Service



### KEY CHANGES/ACHIEVEMENTS

- Marymead services 10 Local Government Areas (LGA's) within the catchment; Goulburn Mulwaree, Queanbeyan, Palerang, Yass Valley, Upper Lachlan Shire, Oberon, Harden, Boorowa, Young and Weddin
- Service is exceeding all targets
- 239 families accessing this service
- Service supports many vulnerable families with information and referral to local support services in the effort to intervene early and eliminate the need for statutory Child Protection Services involvement.

### FUNDING

NSW Health  
Program delivered in partnership with MacKillop Family Services

# Foster Care LAUREN HOLMES

## NSW Foster Care Program



### KEY CHANGES/ACHIEVEMENTS

- Program has grown significantly over the period with 24 additional children and young people accepted into the program
- 112 children and young people supported
- 57 foster carer households
- Dedicated Foster Carer Recruiter and Support position established to engage and support foster carers
- Significant staff training undertaken on young person-centred, therapeutic, trauma informed, strengths-based care, life story work and leaving care
- Office of Children's Guardian (OCG) accreditation received.

### FUNDING

NSW Department of Family and Community Services (FaCS)



# Foster Care LAUREN HOLMES

## ACT Foster Care Program



### KEY CHANGES/ACHIEVEMENTS

- The ACT Foster Care Program had been in existence for many years and had grown substantially over the past couple of years to approximately 100 children and 100 foster carers
- Children and young people, along with foster carers, were successfully transferred to the new consortium in a stepped process from March to June 2016 to ensure minimal disruption to children, young people and carers. Many carers expressed their sadness at having to leave Marymead
- Staff were supported to take up employment opportunities elsewhere and a number were successful in transferring to Marymead's NSW Foster Care Program
- The program closed on 30 June 2016
- Marymead received notification that the funding to operate the Grandparent Carer group, however, was extended for a further year and the program transferred to Marymead's Counselling and Education Unit on 30 June 2016.

### FUNDING

ACT Office for Children, Youth and Family Support (OCYFS)

# Skills Development/Community Engagement Unit

HELEN GARDNER

## Mulch – Marymead’s Urban Land Community Harvest



### KEY CHANGES/ACHIEVEMENTS

- Currently *mulch* has 26 participants who each work at *mulch* for between four and 25 hours per week
- The achievements of participants continue to be inspiring. Growth in personal confidence and pride in achievements is evident as is a demonstrated sense of ownership of the *mulch* enterprise
- The widespread enthusiasm and support from *mulch* participants, their families, sponsors, schools, and community groups continues
- Garden infrastructure continues to develop with a new chicken run being installed and stocked. The hens are producing a good quantity of eggs which are marketed under the name ‘Happy Eggs’
- A new electric mulcher was kindly donated through the generous support of the Rotary Club of Hall
- A number of schools and organisations continue to provide volunteer support in a mutually beneficial partnership
- Identification of alternate sites to expand program is progressing
- *mulch* produced about 650kg of produce in 2015/16.

### FUNDING

Fee for Service  
National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), ACT Government Home and Community Care (HACC), fundraising, donations and product sales

# Skills Development/Community Engagement Unit

HELEN GARDNER

## Kids' Companions



### KEY CHANGES/ACHIEVEMENTS

- An exciting development this year has been the 'KC Getaways' funded by Marymead's NEXGEN. KC Getaways provides a separate calendar of special outings which are outside the scope of the Kids' Companions Program. KC Getaways offer additional experiences and opportunities to socially isolated children and young people and include activities such as visits to the circus and theatre, and day visits to Jamberoo Water Park
- A focus has been the transition in funding model, with only some of the Kids' Companions cohort being eligible for NDIS
- 47 clients engaged in the KC program during the 2015-16 financial year
- The current review of the ACT Government's Home and Community Care (HACC) Program has had significant impact on Kids' Companions, with reducing levels of funding available across Canberra
- Kids' Companions was successful in receiving funding under the Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) funding component of the NDIS.



### FUNDING

Fee for Service

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), fundraising, ACT Government Home and Community Care (HACC) funding and NDIS ILC funding

# Skills Development/Community Engagement Unit

HELEN GARDNER

## MOSHA – Marymead Out of School Hours Activities FORMERLY WHEELIE FUN



### KEY CHANGES/ACHIEVEMENTS

- Originally funded by Department of Social Services with the transition to National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) model now complete
- With the move to NDIS funding for individuals, demand from families of young people with complex needs has dwindled and is most likely as a result of the reduced amount of funds in individual's plans and the reluctance of NDIS Planners to fund out-of-school activities for teenagers, it has become uneconomical to provide after school care but MOSHA remains viable for school holiday programs
- Contributing to the growth and development of students as they progress through high school towards graduation and adult life has been a major achievement
- Program undergoing review and exploring individualised and meaningful day activity programs for teenagers and young adults at Narrabundah
- Families accessing MOSHA during school holidays have all been very satisfied.

### FUNDING

Fee for Service

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and Australian Government Department of Social Services



# Corporate Services

# Community Engagement & Fundraising

JEFF GRIFFITHS

**Extensive community engagement has occurred throughout the ACT and regional areas of southern and western NSW over the past year.**

## HIGHLIGHTS

The financial year 2015–2016 delivered Marymead a variety of successful events and activities which included the Growing Healthy Families BBQ (for Indigenous families) at the Tuggeranong Child & Family Centre, the Sorry Day Bridge Walk, ACT Children’s Week Playfest playgroup, hosting the National Round table for Circle of Security, the Canberra Outlet Centre Charity Race Day, NEXGEN’s Cocktails for a Cause, Marymead’s annual fete, Christmas raffle and gift wrapping, Government House Spring Morning Tea, Marymead’s Plant & Monster Garage Sales, the Auxiliary’s Card & Games Day, a ‘Thank you to Sponsors and Supporters’ function and exposure at the ActewAGL Royal Canberra Show as their charity partner.

In addition to the above there were two launches of Marymead’s new Strategic Plan, one in Canberra and one in our new office in Wagga Wagga as well as a Canberra Chief Minister’s Gold Award presentation where Marymead’s Auxiliary received an award for 50 years service to the community!

Marymead is greatly appreciative of the continued work of the Marymead Auxiliary and fortunate to have NEXGEN, Canberra’s NEXT generation of fundraisers, a group of professionals whose purpose is to raise valuable dollars for Marymead and to spread the word amongst a new and younger audience.

In addition to these volunteer groups, we remain both reliant and appreciative of the support of all our sponsors including our major media partner, the WIN Network, our community partners, the Canberra Southern Cross Club and the Canberra Outlet Centre, together with help from local service clubs, Government departments, schools and church organisations and local communities generally.

## THE YEAR AHEAD

2017 will see the 50th anniversary of the official opening of Marymead’s Narrabundah campus and the commencement of its support services in Canberra. A number of events and activities are already being planned and these will be advertised widely to ensure those with current and past connections to Marymead can join in celebrating this fabulous milestone.

The Marketing Unit will continue as always to provide ongoing support to Marymead’s programs and services within both the ACT and in regional NSW, will continue to promote these invaluable and vital services and will continue to support the Marymead Auxiliary and NEXGEN to raise valuable funds to help ensure we can continue to do what we do within the community.

# Community Engagement & Fundraising JEFF GRIFFITHS

## The Marymead Auxiliary



### KEY CHANGES/ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Auxiliary celebrated 50 years of service this year and members were presented with commemorative badges by Marymead's Patron, Lady Helen Deane
- The Auxiliary also received a lovely well-deserved surprise when they were presented a Canberra Gold Award for 50 years' service to the community by the ACT Chief Minister, Mr Andrew Barr
- The Auxiliary also contributed a record \$86,000 to Marymead as a result of their fundraising events
- Highlights of the fundraising year were four successful plant and garage sales, the annual fete, Government House Morning Tea, a fashion parade at the Canberra Outlet Centre, their annual Card and Games Day and a stall at the Narrabundah Community Festival
- The Auxiliary has also been successful in attracting new members and are fortunate to have a dynamic team of supporters, including all the volunteers in the plant group, that continue to support the work of Marymead through their fundraising efforts.



# Community Engagement & Fundraising JEFF GRIFFITHS

## NEXGEN



### KEY CHANGES/ACHIEVEMENTS

- NEXGEN is a group of young professionals who host events with the aim of raising money for the KC Getaways Program and awareness about Marymead and its programs
- Highlights from the year included Cocktails for a Cause at the Aviary Rooftop in September raising \$3,000 and Canberra Outlet Centre Charity Race Day at Thoroughbred Park in March raising \$32,500
- NEXGEN ran the café at the Marymead Fete in November and raised \$975
- NEXGEN assisted with Christmas present wrapping at the Canberra Outlet Centre in December.

## AHWB – At Home With Books



### KEY CHANGES/ACHIEVEMENTS

- This year At Home With Books (AHWB) was able to purchase sensory items for Marymead's disability program
- AHWB relies entirely on the donation of new books, gift vouchers and money. Donations and support for the program has continued
- Thanks to the generosity of the community, AHWB continues to encourage language and literacy development among children in out of home care, and children in disadvantaged or vulnerable families.

### FUNDING

AHWB is a non-funded program

# Auditor's Report



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA &  
GOULBURN AS TRUSTEE FOR MARYMEAD CHILD AND FAMILY CENTRE**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements, being special purpose financial statements, of Marymead Child and Family Centre (Marymead) which comprise of the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2016, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

**Board's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

The Board of Marymead is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and has determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial statements, are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Board is also responsible for such internal control as it determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Board, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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**Auditor's Opinion**

In our opinion:

- (a) the financial statements of Marymead are prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 (the Act), including:
  - (i) giving a true and fair view of Marymead's financial position as at 30 June 2016 and of its performance for the year ended on that date;
  - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Regulation 2013;
- (b) we have been given all information, explanation and assistance necessary for the conduct of the audit;
- (c) the registered entity has kept financial records sufficient to enable a financial report to be prepared and audited; and
- (d) the registered entity has kept other records as required by the Act.

**Basis of Accounting**

Without qualification to the opinion expressed above, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements have been prepared for fulfilling the Board's financial reporting responsibilities under the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012. As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose.

*[Signature]*  
**Duesbury Nexia**  
Canberra, 24 November 2016

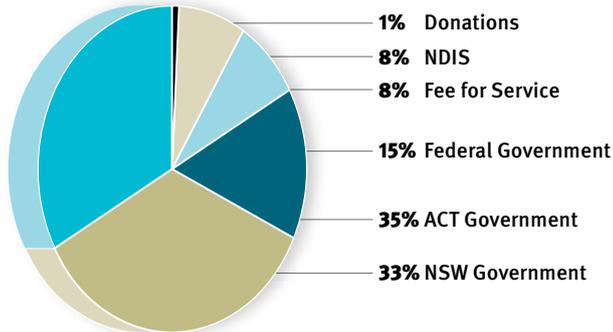
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# Finance

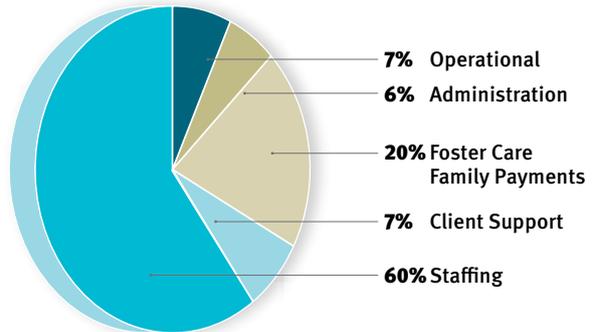
## SUMMARY

In the 2015–16 financial year Marymead recognised income of \$15.54m and a small surplus of \$42k. The below charts give a general break down of Marymead’s income and expenditure for 2015–16. Operational costs include items such as ICT, motor vehicles and site repairs while Administration includes items such as security, memberships and rent.

### INCOME SOURCE –2015-2016



### EXPENDITURE –2015-2016



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