

Buddies Refugee Support Group

Annual Report 2017–18



Introduction

Buddies Refugee Support Group Ltd is registered in Queensland as a non-listed public company limited by guarantee. Angela Mercuri, Diana Woolley, Lesley Willcoxson, Mitra Khakbaz and Scott Grimmett were elected to serve as directors at the AGM of 28 May 2017. The Directors appointed Kristi Nageli to be the Company Secretary.

It is a privilege to be able to write in the Annual Report that I admire the dedication, commitment and passion demonstrated by every one of our volunteers and supporters seeking a more just and fair treatment of refugees and people seeking asylum. If one can see certain actors in the theatrical troupe we call Federal politics portraying the very worst of humanity, one only needs to turn to the pages of our weekly Bulletin to see our friends and fellow Australians who simply will not take “nope, nope, nope” for an answer.

In late 2017 Buddies Directors held a Strategic Planning day to consider how best to continue fulfilling our objectives. We believe that what animates us all to action is a strong, social movement able to help those most vulnerable. This made us realise that we needed to better understand what is important to our members - out of all the solutions that would help, where do members expect us to focus our limited resources? We are very grateful to everyone who completed the subsequent survey and gave us solid direction for the following year. We hope we have supported members in achieving these goals.

It has been deeply rewarding to serve as a director of the Company for the past year. By pressing my nose gently to the grindstone, my fellow directors have shown me my ability to do good in the world and I have realised I have skills I did not appreciate.

Father Chris Bedding spoke to our Monthly Meeting in July and said two things that I wish to share:

First they annoy you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win.

Peter Dutton recently warned us that one act of compassion could undo years of his border protection work, and the good news is he is absolutely right.

I commend to you the following report of activities in the 2017-18 financial year.

Scott Grimmett

on behalf of the Directors of Buddies Refugee Support Group Ltd

Buddies Mission

We advocate for the just and compassionate treatment of refugees and asylum seekers, consistent with the international human rights standards that Australia helped develop and has endorsed.

We support policies towards refugees and asylum seekers that reflect respect, decency and traditional Australian generosity to those in need, while advancing Australia's international standing and national interests.

Buddies values

Respect –

for everyone's human rights

Compassion –

for those suffering discrimination and persecution

Generosity –

to help those in need

Welcome –

to those from somewhere else

What we do

HOSPITALITY

We get to know refugees and people seeking asylum living in south-east Queensland. We offer practical support to new arrivals. We provide people seeking asylum and refugees with advice and assistance to access professional services including legal, medical and allied health services.

EDUCATION

We seek the truth about refugees and asylum issues in Australia and make this public through meetings and forum, talks to schools and community groups, weekly newsletters, web and social media.

ADVOCACY

We lobby politicians and other decision makers and use publicity to advocate for the just and compassionate treatment of refugees and asylum seekers.

FUNDRAISING

We raise funds and provide direct financial assistance to refugees and people seeking asylum and to the advocacy and support organisations they rely on.

Activities 2017/18

LEARN ENGLISH HOLIDAY PROGRAM

TRAINING

Foundations in Community Organising

Words that work workshop

ADVOCACY

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Immanuel Lutheran College

Walk with me

Movie: Constance on the Edge

Movie: The Staging Post

INDIRECT SUPPORT

Pro bone legal support

Pro bono dental care

Bounding Plains

Romero Centre

MDA

Communify

Goodwill Wines

FUNDRAISING

Sausage Sizzles, Noosaville and Kawana

Eumundi car park

Scott's fruit

Movie: Victoria and Abdul

Goodwill Wines

Raj Indian dinner

DONATIONS

BUDDIES BULLETIN

BUDDIES WEBSITE



Learn English Holiday Program

The Learn English Holiday program offers refugees and asylum seekers an opportunity to improve their English and learn about Australian life and culture in the context of a homestay.

Our volunteer homestay hosts give our guests what is usually their first opportunity to experience Australian life 'up close and personal', and through this experience many lasting friendships are formed. For refugees, who often arrive with few or no material resources, the Sunshine Coast holiday gives them a break they otherwise could not afford and the chance to get away from the stresses of settling into a new life in a new country.

Two Learn English Holiday programs ran in the past year, 17-22 September and 9-13 April.

The September program was attended by 26 participants from a wide range of countries: Syria, Iraq, Tibet, Somalia, China, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Afghanistan and Kenya. The April 2018 class composition seemed to reflect a changed focus in the issuing of humanitarian visas, with 27 of the 29 participants coming from Syria or Iraq, and just two from Eritrea.



Referrals to the program come from organisations that deal with refugees and people seeking asylum, though in the last two programs we had no asylum seekers because of the exigencies of their current circumstances. Most referrals come from Multicultural Development Australia caseworkers but there are always some from St James' College (apparently one of only two Brisbane schools that allows older students to attend high school), many of whom arrive as refugees from Africa and parts of Asia.

Since 2017 we have enjoyed the great generosity of three local schools – Immanuel College Buderim, Matthew Flinders Anglican College Buderim, and St John's College Nambour – who have allowed us to use their learning and recreation spaces, shared with us their wonderful pastoral care leaders, and provided us with material resources such as photocopies, pens and, in the case of St John's College, the use of the school bus. The three schools have also encouraged groups of their senior students to act as

Learn English Holiday (continued)

classroom assistants, joining the Buddies volunteers who also do such a good job of helping us manage the challenge of teaching one group where English language levels range from beginning to advanced.

The program was enhanced by the collaboration and expertise of: Indigenous musician Chris Williams; Dr Ziena Al-Obaidi; Student Support Officer Kate Davies from TAFE Mooloolaba; Admissions Team Leader Cindy O'Connell, and also Drama Teacher Dr Jo Loth and her students from the University of the Sunshine Coast. Special mention must also be made of local businesses Wildlife HQ and Fisheries on the Spit, whose generous approach to pricing made it possible to provide our guests with a trip to the zoo and fish and chips on the beach.

Thanks go to the church groups from St Marks and Immanuel who provided morning teas, the volunteer drivers who ensured participants arrived at class on time, and very special thanks to Kayla Szumer, Margaret Norris, Margaret Cameron, Ana Perez, Robin Dobson, Kristi Nageli, Lesley Willcoxson and Kendall Snowden, all of whom form the glue that keeps the program functioning.

The Learn English Holiday program is possible only because of the willingness of our homestay hosts to share with our participants, the enthusiasm of our classroom volunteers, and the generosity of the organisations and other people mentioned above.



Training

We make our advocacy, awareness raising, and community engagement more effective when we identify skills we need and track down the people who can teach these skills.

FOUNDATIONS IN COMMUNITY ORGANISING

Nine Buddies members attended this free training over 19-20 February. Dave Copeman and Elise Ganley from Qld Community Alliance opened our eyes to the power of alliances between community organisations. Dave and Elise walked us through the events of February 2016 when “Baby Asha” was released from Lady Cilento Hospital into community detention rather than returned to Nauru.

The two-week, 24-hour vigil at Lady Cilento Hospital that caused this change of practice resulted from the recognition by Qld Community Alliance, Getup!, Refugee Action Collective and Qld Council of Unions that their members shared values. In meetings held long before February 2016, representatives of these different groups had met and realised that the event of a baby being flown back to detention would galvanise all their respective memberships.

Although each group was established for very different reasons, their members shared a common revulsion at the idea of returning a baby to such a harmful environment. Subsequent work established what strengths each group could bring to a joint action and established the communication lines that would be needed to organise at short notice.

The training also encouraged us to consider how our community activism has two themes. Obviously there are the needs of refugees and asylum seekers, but also important is the empowerment and personal meaning created in our own lives when we work for Buddies. When we share this empowerment and meaning with others, not only are we likely to convert them to our cause but we are doing good for our community as well as the lives of refugees and asylum seekers!



Training (continued)

WORDS THAT WORK

On 27 May, over 40 members participated in the *Words that Work* workshop delivered by Michelle McDonald from the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre in Brisbane. The research underpinning this approach found that it is essential to use the right words when engaging in conversations around people seeking asylum if we wish our words to positively shift opinions in our listeners. The approach has been characterised thus: “The job of a good message is not to say what is popular. It is to make popular what needs to be said.”

Participants learnt that in communities the majority of people can be persuaded to view people seeking asylum and refugees in a more compassionate light. Amongst a range of tools discussed for reframing the conversation, participants were encouraged to adopt language that emphasizes common values: family, fairness, freedom, treating others as we’d like to be treated, personal stories, and solutions.



Advocacy

Arising from our Strategic Planning we saw the need to expand our relationships with like-minded local and national groups. Strategic networks amplify and maximize the impact of our actions.

This year we began work with Amnesty International (University of the Sunshine Coast and Maroochydore) and Welcome to Maleny to reactivate the proposal to declare Sunshine Coast Council a Refugee Welcome Zone. We are seeking broader support from individuals, community and faith groups through a petition.

This year we began engaging with local ALP branches and succeeded in getting the Noosa branch to adopt a motion that they will bring to the ALP National Conference in December 2018: to end off-shore detention; to ensure fair treatment for all people seeking asylum in Australia (regardless of how they arrive); and to engage in constructive action in addressing the global refugee crisis.



Community education

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN COLLEGE

On 13 July 2017, several Buddies members and refugees we'd met through the Learn English Holiday program visited Year Ten students at Immanuel Lutheran College. A huge thank-you to Nasser and Maryam, Raghad and Murhaf who travelled from Brisbane to take part. Thanks also to Buddies members Kendall and Tara who accompanied them.

WALK WITH ME

It was a difficult decision to cancel "Walk Together" at Tickle Park in Coolum scheduled for Saturday, 21 October but the heavy rain preceding and forecast of more forced our hand. A huge thank-you to Carmel Dobson for all the work she put in organising the event and her team of helpers.

CONSTANCE ON THE EDGE

Buddies co-hosted with Noosa Welcomes Refugees a free screening of this documentary film at The J, Noosa Junction on Thursday 18 January. An audience of around 50 enjoyed wine and finger food before the film and a chance to chat with NWR and Buddies members.

Filmed over 10 years, Constance on the Edge highlights the important role communities play in encouraging a sense of welcome, healing and belonging for refugees settling in Australia.

Special guest and Noosa Mayor Tony Wellington attended the screening and congratulated Noosa Welcomes Refugees and Buddies for their compassion and for raising awareness about refugees.

Special thanks to Shine Jang from Nambour Community Centre for facilitating discussion after the screening and the volunteers who worked hard on this event. Although not officially a fundraiser, there was a small profit after the raffle and donations covered costs.



Community education (continued)

THE STAGING POST

Our screening of *The Staging Post* organised with Majestic Cinema Nambour on 18 June included a Skype hookup that enabled audience members to ask questions of the film's director Jolyon Hoff and two of its leads Muzafar and Khadim. The theatre sold out, and the success of the Skype hookup so impressed Majestic Cinema that they are going to install the necessary equipment in their largest cinema.

Jolyon, Muzafar and Khadim spoke movingly about their determination to help create an inclusive, supportive learning community that has subsequently inspired so many other groups of people seeking asylum in Indonesia. The funds raised on the night enabled Buddies to make a handy donation to Cisarua, the learning community that Muzafar, Khadim and others formed in 2013 on the outskirts of Jakarta.



"I feel that if only more people could see these documentaries, their negative views of refugees would be dispelled. With their determination and innovation, what an asset these guys would be to Australian society, particularly our education system. After the trauma of what they've lived through it was beautiful to see them still smiling and full of hope."

- Tony, audience member



Indirect support

In addition to Buddies' activities that provide direct support to refugees and seekers of asylum we also work indirectly through other organisations that identify and provide for those most in need.

This collaboration enhances the effectiveness of our financial and other contributions and increases our capacity to target our resources. The increased emphasis on supporting other organisations arose from the strategy meeting and member survey. We recognise that specialised community organisations, particularly those in Brisbane, are much closer to many more refugees and asylum seekers that we are on the Coast. They have also efficiency of scale and experience in evaluating needs that we cannot hope to match.

PRO BONO LEGAL SUPPORT

In late 2017, Davina Wadley, Head of Human Rights Advocacy at Fisher Dore Lawyers, spoke at a Buddies monthly meeting, describing in detail the difficulties faced by people seeking asylum in Australia. Subsequently Davina offered to consider requests for pro bono legal assistance from people seeking asylum who are referred through Buddies. We are very grateful for this generous and vital collaboration.

PRO BONO DENTAL CARE

In January we became aware of two asylum seekers living without government assistance in Brisbane. After four years on Manus Island where they were unable to access any dental care at all, one of them found himself in ER diagnosed with a major infection, abscesses and instructed to have 5 teeth removed immediately. Something he couldn't hope to pay for and which our Government would not. After many hours of phone calls by many people, and many rejections, a local dental hygienist was able to connect us to a network that yielded pro bono dental care for these men and a commitment to establish a permanent pro bono dental clinic for unsupported asylum seekers.

Credit is due to Kristi Kief who took on the challenge of chasing down pro bono dental care.

Indirect support (continued)

BOUNDING PLAINS

On 18 January, Cassie Cohen and Jackson Bursill passed through Noosa, the half-way point in their epic endurance run from Cooktown to Melbourne. They ran to highlight the remarkable stories of refugees who have made Australia home and raise funds for the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre.

Noosa Welcomes Refugees and Buddies members met Cassie and Jackson at Noosa National Park with a picnic and a cheque for \$300 for the ASRC. Cassie and Jackson arrived in Melbourne on 2 March after setting out from Cooktown on 23 November.



Indirect support (continued)

ROMERO CENTRE

As well as the \$1,900 donated to Romero in the financial year we established a perpetual food drive. Donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries are accepted at Monthly Meetings and various points across the Sunshine Coast and delivered to Romero Centre in Dutton Park.

Special thanks to Margaret Norman, Gillian Duffy and Kristi Nageli for their organisation.



A thank you letter from Romero

Dear Gillian,

Thank you for your generous commitment to donate \$250 to Romero Multicultural Hub each month for six months to support families with day-to-day living expenses such as food.

Mercy Community is a Catholic not-for-profit organisation providing community services to people throughout Queensland. The organisation values the human dignity of every person and is committed to enhancing the quality of life and wellbeing of those who access our services.

We appreciate all donations and your contribution will assist us to continue to co-ordinate support services for people seeking asylum including legal, accommodation, practical and emergency assistance, and pathways to training and employment.

In appreciation,

Elaine De Vos

Chief Executive Officer, Romero Multicultural Hub

Indirect support (continued)

MULTICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA LTD

From: Tim Draper, Senior Manager Client Services - HSP/SRSS

Subject: Thank you from MDA

Hi Gillian,

A huge thank you to you and Buddies for your ongoing support and generosity towards MDA's most vulnerable clients.

These specific funds will go directly to assisting with securing accommodation/accommodation costs for those whose visa outcomes are yet to be determined and where their SRSS¹ is being prematurely terminated.

Kind regards, Tim Draper

From: Anouska Nelson, Case Manager, Continuing Settlement Services

Hi Kayla,

I just wanted to let you know that I have spoken with Vaha and Manochak since their Buddies English excursion. They are absolutely exploding with happiness and wanted to pass on the positive feedback. Some things they shared with me are:

1. How incredible the family were that they visited, and they felt they became great friends;
2. Manochak said she has a new confidence in understanding and speaking English and a greater feeling of understanding in conversations;
3. Vaha stated they felt this was "an amazing program".

Thanks so much, Anouska Nelson

¹ Status Resolutions Support Services. People seeking asylum often need support to survive in Australia while their claims for protection are being processed. These highly vulnerable and traumatised people are often unable to work and are not entitled to the social security payments available to others.

In recent years, they have been supported through the SRSS program. The program provides a basic living allowance (typically 89% of Newstart allowance or \$247 per week), casework support and access to torture and trauma counselling. The Department of Home Affairs began kicking people off the program on 18 June 2018. Potentially thousands of people could become homeless. They could stop taking medicines, skip meals, not be able to feed their kids, take exploitative jobs, and be at greater risk of self-harm. (Figures from Refugee Council of Australia <https://refugeecouncilaus.nationbuilder.com/roof-over-my-head>)

Indirect support (continued)

COMMUNIFY

From: Kim Sommerfeld, Chief Financial Officer
Subject: Donation to Refugee Support Program

On behalf of the Refugee Support Program we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks for your support and generous contribution of \$500. Your assistance will allow us to extend our services and enable us to reach more members of our community.

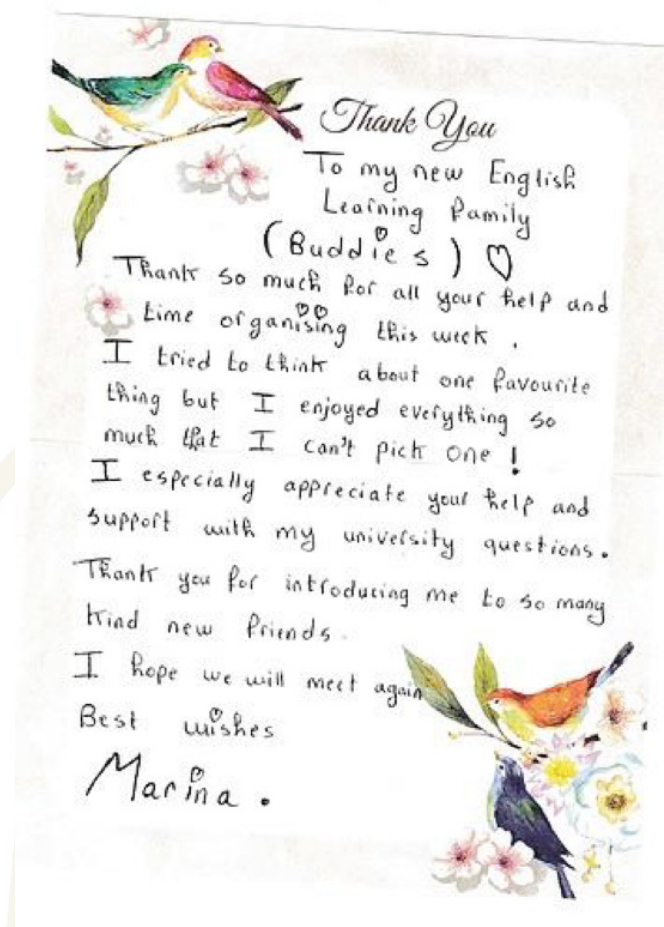
Kind regards, Kim Sommerfeld

GOODWILL WINES

From: David Laity
Subject: Goodwill Wines

Thank you once again, Gillian. I love being able to support you (Buddies) in this way. It makes me happy to know there are groups out there doing what the ASRC do [but] in their own backyards. You are ace!

Kind regards, David



Fundraising

SAUSAGE SIZZLES

Bunnings Warehouse Noosaville, 31 December

Noosa Welcomes Refugees ran this sausage sizzle at Bunnings in Noosaville on New Year's Eve and raised \$1,169. This total included \$116 in donations. It was also an opportunity to reach out to the community and discuss refugee issues. Thanks to Lyn Wild and Barbara Hocken for organising and all the volunteers who gave up their Sunday to sizzle!

Bunnings Warehouse Kawana, Saturday 3 February

Although it was an 'awful raining day' the sausage sizzle was still a worthwhile event, making just under \$400. Thanks to organiser Dee Williams for putting in so many hours of work.

Bunnings Warehouse Kawana, Sunday 13 May

We had a good turn up of helpers and the fun and friendship made it a pleasant day for us. However most of the local mums had shopping and dining plans elsewhere for Mothers' Day so our customers were few and we made under \$100 profit. But we are fortunate to have a Buddies member in hospitality who arranged for us to freeze our sausages and onions for the next sausage sizzle!



Pictured: Diana Woolley, Anna Mollison, Margaret Norris and Dee Williams on the afternoon shift at Kawana.

EUMUNDI CAR PARK

Buddies has an agreement with Eumundi Markets to manage their car park on the first Wednesday and the first Saturday of every month, and this raises us \$462 every month. Special thanks go to our coordinators Penny Rivlin, Dee Williams, Kendall Snowden and Joachim Rother, and all the volunteers who take shifts! Over many years your work has brought in thousands of dollars for our cause.

Fundraising (continued)

SCOTT'S FRUIT

Through the hard work of his late Great Uncle H. Francis Fielding, Scott Grimmett has an orchard of avocado and custard apple trees on his property. Through the incredible energy of the very-much-alive Kendall Snowden and Joachim Rother this fruit is harvested and sold weekly at Yandina markets during season. All proceeds profit Buddies.

VICTORIA AND ABDUL

Our Buddies fundraising screening of *Victoria and Abdul* on Friday 29 September at the Nambour Majestic Cinemas proved to be a most enjoyable evening!

Numbers were down a little on previous screenings, but still, with more than 120 in attendance, plenty of food, great raffle prizes and the savouring of a very rewarding and 'mostly true' historical drama, I think all left feeling well satisfied!

We cleared over \$1,600. A big thank-you to all who spread the word and helped sell tickets, to those who donated raffle prizes and brought along food and to those who helped out with various tasks on the night... we couldn't have done it without you!

Special thanks go to Bronwyn Bell for organising this screening.



GOODWILL WINES

Buddies has entered an agreement with Goodwill Wines whereby Buddies receives \$2 from every bottle purchased by our supporters through their website. \$528 was received this way over the course of the year, and

a further \$364 was raised on 8 November at The J in Noosa Junction when Buddies ran a Wine Tasting and Trivia Quiz Night featuring Goodwill's products. Special thanks to Gillian Duffy for organising this evening and Buddies' association with Goodwill Wines.



Fundraising (continued)

RAJ INDIAN DINNER

20 June 2018

Buddies held a fundraising dinner at the Raj Indian Restaurant Noosaville on Wednesday 20 June to celebrate World Refugee Day. The night was well attended and raised \$590 for Buddies. Special guest Sandy Bolton MP for Noosa attended, made presentations to the guest speakers and took the group photo! Two of our Sri Lankan asylum seeker buddies, Abdul and Siva, took over managing this restaurant in January.

Noosa Today covered the event with a half-page article the next day including a colour photo of Siva! The story noted that despite living in the Noosa area for 5 years and working full time supporting himself and his family back in Sri Lanka, Siva is still waiting for his application for asylum to be determined by the Australian government.



Donations

Buddies recognises with gratitude the many regular donations we receive to help us support refugees and people seeking asylum. Over and above this we particularly wish to acknowledge the generosity of 2017 Year 12 students from Matthew Flinders Anglican College who, as well as participating in the Learn English Holiday program as teaching assistants, also chose Buddies and the Learn English Holiday program to be the recipient of their fundraising efforts throughout the year.

Many, many thanks to Matthew Flinders students for their \$1500 donation to Buddies!!



Buddies Bulletin

Preparing the Annual Report would have been impossible if not for the extraordinary contribution of Bronwyn Bell and Wendy Oakley in preparing our Bulletin, which is distributed to approximately 1200 people.

The weekly publication and quality of the Bulletin not only means that Buddies connects with a wide range of people of goodwill with an interest in issues relating to refugees and seekers of asylum, but also has a corporate memory that would be the envy of much larger and wealthier organisations.

The original Bulletin was initiated by Bronwyn as a simple email document, with Wendy joining her in 2013, redesigning the Bulletin firstly as a pdf attachment and then as an e-newsletter in 2015. In 2018 Wendy took over full editorial and publication responsibilities, ensuring the Bulletin remains interesting, informative and visually attractive.



Buddies website

Buddies continues to have a strong external interface via the Buddies website. In June 2018 we welcomed Mike Law as webmaster, taking over from Wendy Oakley who has been operating the site since 2013.



Membership

The Monthly Meeting of 25 June 2017 requested the Directors to set the annual membership renewal fee at \$10. The Directors have set the membership year as 1 July to 30 June, meaning all company members are due to pay a renewal fee on 1 July.

In the 2017-18 financial year the Company had 88 members and 1 corporate member. This is a decline from 156 members reported in the 2016-17 Annual Report.

Finance

At the Annual General Meeting on 28 May 2017 the Company received the Report from Kamp Business Accounts on the Company's financial records for the period 1 July 2016 to 23 April 2017. KBA made the following recommendations:

1. Adoption of a Cash Book to more accurately record transactions;
2. Reporting monthly opening and closing balances of the bank account as part of monthly finance reports;
3. Make all efforts to issue receipts for monies received;
4. Make all efforts to obtain and file copies of all expenses.

The Finance Subcommittee has adopted points 2, 3 and 4 and believes it has achieved the spirit of point 1 by keeping a record of all transactions using Microsoft Excel software. All transactions are balanced off against the bank statement.

This year the Finance Subcommittee has comprised Gillian Duffy, Margaret Norman, Penny Rivlin and Dee Williams. They have put in a big effort over the year, managing the Company's finances to support the goals of members. Additionally they have devoted many hours to the task of designing and implementing procedures that ensure financial decisions are made in a transparent and accountable way.

For the first time, Buddies is auspicing an unincorporated association. Noosa Welcomes Refugees has received a grant from Noosa Shire Council to offer young adult refugee students recently arrived in Brisbane a weekend to experience the social, recreational and educational opportunities Noosa offers. Auspicing this grant is a useful challenge for our young Company and the Finance Subcommittee have done well.

Annual Financial Statement

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

Account Balance on 1 July 2017 **\$6,257.59**

INCOME

Membership fees \$

Regular membership of Buddies Ltd 880.00

MDA corporate membership 500.00

Contribution towards training costs 200.00

Sub-total **1580.00**

Donations

'The Box' at monthly meetings 1,166.45

Regular monthly donations - direct to bank account 1,920.00

Other one off donations 2,697.90

Sub-total **5,784.35**

Fundraising

Eumundi Car Parking 6,105.00

Films 4,134.90

Sausage sizzles 4,100.60

Scott's Fruit 1,891.00

Raj dinner 607.00

Goodwill Wines 528.00

Wine Tasting & Trivia Quiz 346.50

NWR Book Launch 120.00

Sub-total **17,833.00**

Miscellaneous

Noosa Council Grant 1,000.00

Repayment (Tickle Park) 125.00

TOTAL INCOME **26,322.35**

OUTLAYS

Operating expenses	\$
Public Liability Insurance	755.00
Volunteer Insurance	401.92
ASIC, BWMA membership	88.00
Training costs	420.00
Sub-total	1664.92
Community Awareness	
Website	130.18
Banners, aprons	404.82
Venue Hire	586.50
Reimbursement for travel costs	80.00
Sub-total	1,201.50
Fundraising costs	
Venue Hire	1,225.00
Sausage Sizzle provisions	1,622.19
Catering (film nights)	231.70
Goodwill Wine (raffle prizes, gifts, events)	1,031.00
Sub-total	4,109.89
Direct support for asylum seekers & refugees	
Learn English Holiday	2,753.68
Donations to refugees for living expenses	1,665.86
Sub-total	4,419.54
Donations to refugee support & advocacy groups	
Gifts for Manus & Nauru ¹	2,350.00
Romero Centre	1,900.00
Asylum Seeker Resource Centre	1,300.00
Asylum Circle ²	1,000.00
Multicultural Development Association	500.00
World Wellness Clinic ³	500.00
Indooroopilly Uniting Church ⁴	500.00
Sub-total	8,050.00
TOTAL OUTLAYS	19,445.85
Account Balance on 30 June 2018	\$ 13,134.09

1 Medicine and phone cards for people detained on Manus and Nauru

2 Accommodation support for male asylum seekers and families cut off from SRSS in Brisbane

3 Medical and psychological services for refugees and asylum seekers in Brisbane

4 Christmas gift cards to refugee families

Our supporters & partners

Buddies is grateful for the support of the following groups:

Amnesty International (USC & Maroochydore)
Asylum Seeker Resource Centre
Bunnings Warehouse
Communify
Eumundi Markets
Fisher Dore Lawyers
Fisheries on the Spit
Goodwill Wines
Immanuel College, Buderim
Majestic Cinema, Nambour
Matthew Flinders Anglican College, Buderim
McGrath Caloundra
Multicultural Development Australia
Nambour Community Centre
Noosa Welcomes Refugees
Queensland Community Alliance
Raj Indian Restaurant, Noosaville
Romero Multicultural Hub
St James' College, Spring Hill
St John's College, Nambour
St Mark's Anglican Church, Buderim
St Mary's Catholic Church, Buderim
TAFE Mooloolaba
University of the Sunshine Coast
Welcome to Maleny
Wildlife HQ

