Academy of Root Development (Australia) Incorporated 2020-2021 Annual Report



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

ARD(Australia)Inc has been working with communities in rural Bihar since 2005. Initially we were working to support women and their families through Self Help Groups, Microfinance and Income Generating Activities. In 2013/14 the Indian government implemented a nation-wide rural support initiative covering these areas. Since then we have been working through our "Women's Empowerment in Indian Villages" (WEIV) programme in the fields of Reproductive and Child Health and Literacy Centres for illiterate adolescent girls.

Reproductive and Child Health

The Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) programme has now entered its seventh year of operation. Our aim is to impart practical information and bring about attitudinal changes in health and well-being. The RCH program addresses family planning awareness, antenatal education and support, maternal and child well-being and nutrition. Gender discrimination awareness is a strong focus of our work.

The story of a married woman as recently reported in one of our newsletters: Rupa Kumari, 25 years of age and living in Mahimapur village, always used to come to the RCH meetings and understood the things that were discussed there. In 2017 she gave birth to a girl and understood that she should leave a gap of three years before having her second child. On 30th July 2021, a boy was born. We advised her that a small family is a happy family, so it is best to only have two children. She said that she is too young to have a tubal ligation but when she is 30 plus, she may do it or maybe her husband will have a vasectomy. Rupa is informed about the different means of family planning and has decided to get a copper T installed.



Married women's groups meet as part of the Reproductive and Child Health programme

Staff Development

RCH staff attended a two-day health training session where they were able to update their knowledge of vaccinations, pneumonia in the community, ante natal care, child health and nutrition, family planning including contraceptive methods and sterilisation options, as well as menstruation. They also learned more about the law and child marriage and the negative impacts upon girls in the areas of health, education and socialisation.

Literacy Centres

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

Eleven (11) girls have completed their studies at our Literacy Centres and have enrolled in government schools, their parents having been convinced by their growing capacities and by talking with the teachers that they should continue with their studies. This will totally change their lives - their self esteem, their confidence, their esteem in others eyes, their chances of a good marriage and maybe some of them will even continue to higher education.



Girls display their Certificate of Attainment as they graduate to fulltime education in the local Government of India school

Covid-19 Pandemic

WEIV staff have been on paid leave for extended periods during the Covid-19 pandemic, from March through to December 2020 and most recently from 9th April 2021 through to and beyond the end of the 2020-21 financial year. We continue to monitor the situation to ensure they are working in a safe environment and able to recommence their duties when safe to do so in line with Government of India policies.

In May 2021 we established a Covid Relief Fund to support staff, their families and the community. We provided each staff member with \$100 (Rs.5,000) to purchase masks, an Oximeter, extra vitamins and to help with associated medical expenses.

The Covid Relief Fund money was used to purchase and supply six (6) Pulse Oximeters and an Oxygen Concentrator for the local government Health Centre. Donations made to the Covid Relief Fund are fully tax deductible.



Literacy Centre students take precautions against the Covid-19 pandemic. Classes were closed for extended periods in line with Government of India policies

Funding

ARD(Aust)Inc currently has sixty-five (65) members making a monthly or occasional donations. ARD also receives funds through transactional giving facilitated by Buy1Give1, a fully accredited Charity registered in the United States.

Each month ARD(Aust)Inc sends around AU\$3,000 to pay the staff and meet our administration expenses in India.

100% of all donations go directly to India.

All work in Australia is done on a purely voluntary basis and local administration expenses are met by local fundraising initiatives.

Please see the enclosed Financial Statement for a full breakdown of incoming and outgoing monies.

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

Committee of Academy of Root Development (Australia) Incorporated July 2021



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

ABN: 18 446 710 511

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COMMITTEE'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

Your committee members submit the financial report of Academy of Root Development (Australia) Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

Committee members

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

Graeme Batterbury Wendy Sue Royston

Principal activities

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

Not-for-profit Charitable Orgainisation

Significant changes

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

Operating result

The profit of the Association for the financial year after providing for income tax amounted to \$13,468.

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

Graeme Batterbury

Wendy Sue Royston

Dated 23-11-21

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INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
INCOME		
Donations & Fundraising	44,103.68 ⁻	29,924.76
Interest Received	17.22	54.87
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	55,624.86	38,571.68
EXPENSES		
Accountancy Fees	242.00	176.00
Administration Costs	79.00	474.90
Advertising/Postage/Stationery	-	394.15
Bank Charges	174.20	192.90
Overseas Projects	41,662.05	44,634.42
Subscriptions	-	157.50
	42,157.25	46,029.87
NET PROFIT (LOSS)	13,467.61	(7,458.19)
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year	14,383.56	21,841.75
RETAINED EARNINGS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	27,851.17	14,383.56

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BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
CURRENT ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents	2	27,851.17 ·	14,383.56
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		27,851.17	14,383.56
TOTAL ASSETS		27,851.17	14,383.56
NET ASSETS MEMBERS' FUNDS		27,851.17	14,383.56
Retained Earnings		27,851.17	14,383.56
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		27,851.17	14,383.56

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

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

The principal activity of the association for the year ended 30 June 2021 is:

Not-for-profit Charitable Orgainisation

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

1 Basis of preparation

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

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

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

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

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Note 2021	2020
2 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$	\$
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Petty Cash Imprest	196.3	26 · 176.26
Cash at Bank - SCU Gift Account	15,559.0	07 3,375.43
Cash at Bank - SCU Access Plus Account	11,761.4	46 10,826.44
Cash at Bank - Redi Access	334.:	38 5.43
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3 RETAINED EARNINGS		
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial y		A CONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACTOR
Net Profit (Loss)	13,467.6	61 (7,458.19)
	27,851.	17 14,383.56

4 EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER THE REPORTING DATE

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

5 STATUTORY INFORMATION

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

Academy of Root Development (Australia) Incorporated

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COMPILATION REPORT

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of Academy of Root Development (Australia) Incorporated which comprise the balance sheet as at 30 June 2021, and the income statement for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is set out in the notes to the accounts.

The responsibility of the members of the committee

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

Our responsibility

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

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

Assurance disclaimer

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

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

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Date

Signed

Andrew Stevens

ABN: 18 446 710 511

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 2 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report:

- 1. Presents fairly the financial position of Academy of Root Development (Australia) Incorporated as at 30 June 2021 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
- 2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Academy of Root Development (Australia) Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:

Graeme Batterbury

Wendy Sue Royston

Dated 23-11-21

ABN: 18 446 710 511

CERTIFICATE BY MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE

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

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

The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial performance and position of Academy of Root Development (Australia) Incorporated during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending on 30 June 2021.

Graeme Batterbury

Wendy Sue Røyston

Dated 23-11-2021