BACKPACKS 4 SA KIDS INC.

Annual Report

home starter packs



ANCHOR PACKS

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INTRODUCTION

OUR VISION

Backpacks 4 SA Kids exists to provide resources that contribute to the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people during periods of dislocation from home and routine care.

OUR MISSION

No child or young person will be without the items needed to support and comfort them in times of emergency displacement from their home.

OUR HISTORY

Backpacks 4 SA Kids was launched as a result of two South Australian families supporting a QLD charity called Backpacks 4 Aussie Kids.

Through involvement in the charity, it became very clear that there was substantial support and demand in SA for a project similar to Backpacks 4 Aussie Kids and that creation of a locally based charity was not only viable but in fact would thrive within our amazing supportive community.

To this end, work was undertaken to adapt the project to suit the needs of children who have been displaced from their homes within SA, while also incorporating the provision of support to children accessing emergency services such as foster care, domestic violence shelters and youth homeless shelters.

Our initial thoughts were to do a few backpacks between our families with a goal of just 10 backpacks as a starter program. By the end of the first year so many people had joined our goal to make a difference we had supplied 564 backpacks to kids in need. Each year since we have grown and adapted to help fill the needs/demands of our emergency services community.

CORPORATE PROFILE

Backpacks 4 SA Kids exists to provide resources that contribute to the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people during periods of dislocation from home and routine care.

Backpacks 4 SA Kids is driven by Rachael Zaltron who is an Adelaide mum with a background in nursing and a passion for helping children and young people.

Growing up, Rachael's family home always welcomed kids her parents were helping during times of family stress and trouble. It wasn't until she grew up that Rachael realised many of the kids were kept 'on track' thanks to her parents' practical help and welcoming home.

The death of Rachael's close friend Lucinda at the young age of 30 prompted Rachael to reflect on how we need to live each day in full and make a difference to someone else every day.

These factors have created a strong desire in Rachael to help others and this led to her volunteering with Backpacks 4 Aussie Kids. But she soon realised that the needs of South Australian kids were different, prompting her to establish Backpacks 4 SA Kids in 2013.



With the knowledge that communities in SA are incredibly giving, Rachael committed to her goal of ensuring that no child going in to State-based care or facing homelessness would be without the immediate essential items needed for their physical wellbeing, plus the 'extras' such as a cuddle toy, to show that people care about them. Remaining committed to her original vision, Rachael and the team have widened the service offering to include Home Starter and Anchor packs to include an older cohort of young people and families who are facing homelessness and hardship.

Backpacks 4 SA Kids have approximately 200 regular individual and corporate volunteers who alone give a total of approximately 5,000 hours of work per year. We also receive donated goods including clothing, toiletries, baby needs, books and toys from community members across the State, via 39 drop off points at venues such as banks, schools, coffee shops and other businesses. In addition, we receive support from organisations, schools and community groups which donate goods and/or give employees time off to volunteer in our warehouse.

OUR PEOPLE

BOARD MEMBERS



Gavin Woolford

Chairman & Treasurer From 2018
Director of Allied Accounting Group Pty Ltd



Vicki Shearer

Secretary From 2017
Executive Officer, SAPN Employee Foundation



Kerryn Page

Member From 2017
Owner of Quisk Design



Tony Taylor

Member From April 2021
General Manager, Operations Eagers Automotive



Paul Jevnikar

Member From March 2022
Business Improvement Manager at Flinders Port Holdings



Kerry Pimm

Member From April 2021
Director at RED Appointments

EMPLOYEES

Rachael Zaltron

Founder & General Manager
From 2016

Kelly Barker

Operations Manager
From 2017

Therese McAuley

Administration
From May 2021

Emma Little

Fundraising & Parterships
From Jul 2021 to Jan 2022

Suzie Farley

Donor Relations
From March 2022

Kym Farley

Warehouse Manager
From March 2022

OUR SUPPORTERS

We are incredibly lucky to be supported by so many sections of the South Australian community.

We would like to sincerely thank all of our drop off points around the metropolitan and regional areas of SA who accept and deliver the donations on our behalf to our warehouse.

We are very grateful for our everyday supporters who place an extra dummy into their trolley when shopping, purchase a spare pair of pyjamas for a child in need, or let their friends know about Backpacks 4 SA Kids and how easy it is to make a difference to so many kids in need within SA.

Every donation whether it be goods or financial helps us to make a difference to kids who need us most.

We would like to formally thank:

AP Eagers Foundation Donated an incredible amount to launch our warehouse fund. This incredible organisation's belief in Backpacks 4 SA Kids goals, challenges.

Anonymous donation A philanthropic member of our community has a passion to ensure Backpacks 4 SA Kids is sustainable through a permanent residence. Their support allowed us to change the focus of our warehouse drive and look at a wider range of opportunities to thrive.

Lewis Foundation The support from the Lewis Foundation ensured our team had the immediate stock we needed to ensure no child has been left behind this financial year. The incredible foundation is making an ongoing impact in our community.

Myer Tea Tree Plaza & Community Fund The Myer TTP team shared their passion to make a difference in our community by hosting a fun filled Bingo night, raffles, local bbq's outside of the store and raising awareness about Backpacks 4 SA Kids. Backpacks 4 SA Kids were also successful in their application for a grant subsidising our home starter packs and ensuring those who have been affected by domestic violence are supported at their immediate time of need.

SAPN Employee Foundation The SA Power Networks Employee Foundation have a long standing partnership that has been developed with not only the donation of funds from SAPN employees who fundraise, donate through their payroll system, raise awareness about what we do, but also through a wide range of volunteer shifts packing backpacks, assisting with warehouse set ups and the purchase and drives for amazing goods donations.

Lindblom Lawyers Lindbloms Lawyers supported the bequest from an anonymous donor. Acknowledging the importance of our service and the support that the donor wished had been available to them at their time of need.

Epic Energy A donation to support the purchase of winter clothing support issues with a shortfall of toiletry stock.

William Buck William Buck Workplace giving program has been an incredible support to the work our team do at Backpacks 4 SA Kids and we are so incredibly thankful for their support financially as well as with our Financial Audit each year.

IN KIND DONATIONS

We would also like to acknowledge the following providers of in-kind support:

Cochranes Transport

Arranging deliveries from their base in Thebarton and more recently Wingfield to anywhere within South Australia. The support of Cochrane's Transport has saved Backpacks 4 SA Kids thousands of dollars in freight costs and allowed our regional partners to feel secure in our ordering process and that they will receive their packs at no cost

Bresnahan Footprint Foundation

Providing bulk stock support with orders from wholesalers around the country covering both stock and delivery costs.

VR Distribution

Supporting our amazing Christmas program with brand new board games which were loved by all who received them and helped engage kids in a fun and non threatening way allowing case workers to build and engage with at risk teens in a more valuable way.

SA Power Networks Employee Foundation

For donating an incredible amount of volunteer hours to pack programs, sort stock, but also donating skill set volunteer hours supporting our core staff to ensure Backpacks 4 SA Kids staff skills remain up to date and relevant.

IN KIND DONATIONS CONT...

We would also like to acknowledge the following providers of in-kind support:

Pinchapoo

Providing toiletry items such as roll on deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, hairbrushes and soaps to place into our Backpacks and Anchor Packs programs.

Share The Dignity

Providing Feminine Hygiene Products

Minter Ellison

Providing adhoc legal support including advice relating to our constitution, contracts, patent advice etc

William Buck

William Buck have provided an in depth review and audit process on our financials again throughout this period of time. Their support and expert reviews provides a confidence to our donors all measures are taken to meet the required guidelines.

KEY VOLUNTEERS



Ali Collins & Gaynor Furnell	Dedicated Teachers and lovers of all animals. Coordinators of sessions held in the warehouse on the weekends and during school holidays. Ali and Gaynor ensure effective sessions and direct all roles within the warehouse during those session times.
Heather Weyland	Retired worker and Mum of 3 adult children and grandma to 2 gorgeous grandkids. Heather coordinates our sorting and checking station as the first step in the Quality Assurance program for all donations.
Maxine & Malcom Nicks	Long term volunteers who support us by coordinating the stationery program, maintain quality assurance with ensuring the final check of backpacks is at standard and ready for the kids to receive.
Alec Hope	Retired policeman and Dad to our Founder Rachael. Jumps in the van at any chance to deliver programs to agencies especially in Murray Bridge, Noarlunga and past Elizabeth.

We are so grateful to have these and so many other long term and dedicated volunteers who are critical to our operations and sustainability.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

The financial year of 21/22 started with new relationships and partnerships filled with exciting possibilities.

A random phone call from an amazing new philanthropic venture about opportunities to receive stock donations in bulk, sourced by a third party seemed too good to be true, but Backpacks 4 SA Kids was the first charity to be supported by the Bresnahan Footprint Foundation (BFF) with In Kind stock, which was the beginning of change at Backpacks 4 SA Kids with our team working at finding ways to acknowledge the importance and value to the charity of In Kind donations. 80% of our goods provided to the kids this year are sourced through the form of In Kind donations. Despite such an incredible supporter base an ongoing issue for Backpacks 4 SA Kids has been having consistent stock to ensure we meet demand at all times of the year and this focus will be covered in our strategy and planning moving forward.

By November of 2021 we had received the grant from the Morialta Charitable Trust supporting and ensuring sustainability for the Anchor Packs program for the year ahead. Acknowledgement of the grant in our social media jumped start a rush of orders from our youth homeless sector showing a real need for such a pivotal program allowing an immediate crisis response with the teens who need us most. With the benefit of this grant, Backpacks 4 SA Kids were able to support an incredible 32% increase in demand for the Anchor Program, an achievement that would not have been made without the integral support of the Morialta Charitable Trust.

Backpacks 4 SA Kids were selected to be reviewed by a focus team involved with the Governors Leadership Program (GLF). The GLF group focused on an overview of our goals to ensure sustainability moving forward and whilst we had a couple of different stand points from the group, the Backpacks 4 SA Kids team found it really exciting to be involved in looking at the charity, its core goals, running and future from different perspectives and we felt the venture was a valuable experience to be involved in and reinforced our strategy and planning moving forward was heading in the right direction.

Our drive to source our own warehouse in line with our future strategy for sustainability was supported by a donor who would like to remain anonymous. Happy tears were shed when I received a phone call donating $100,000 to a warehouse fund. A high kick dancing leap in the right direction for the future sustainability of Backpacks 4 SA Kids and a amazing belief in who Backpacks 4 SA Kids and everything we aim to achieve.

After many efforts to source a lease for a larger warehouse at a well below commercial value rate, we have adapted our plans and been able to find a short term solution with securing a second warehouse at 700 square metres in size just 5 minute drive away from our base warehouse in Para Hills West. This warehouse is available for use by Backpacks 4 SA Kids for a two year period of time with a potential for a small extension depending on the development of future ventures.

I would also like to sincerely thank the support of Phill McMillan who is a specialist in OH&S working towards ensuring our Backpacks community maintain safe working practices and the minimise any risks faced by the team whilst in our warehouses.

Overall the year of 21/22 has reinforced all of our plans and strategies to ensure we are on the right track to longevity for Backpacks 4 SA Kids so we can continue to support the kids who need us most in SA. It has highlighted the importance of our partnerships, strengths in support from our community, but also allowed us a different insight into our weaknesses and provided opportunities to review them, learn from them and develop strategies to better work practices moving forward and this alone is incredibly exciting for 22/23.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The 2022 financial result for Backpacks 4 SA Kids produced an operating surplus of $108,971 with $100,000 being specifically donated for the purpose of a warehouse building reserve.

It is reassuring that corporate and individual donations remain strong with $632,245 collected along with $86,184 in grants. Further donations of goods in kind from a variety of not-for-profits, corporates and individuals are vital to the programs delivered.

Employee costs have increased slightly from the previous year due to program demands, volunteer management and sourcing stock for all programs.

Backpacks 4 SA Kids board and management continue with endeavours to maintain a stable financial position with sufficient funds on hand to meet its current obligations, while also progressively growing the warehouse building reserve to ensure long term organisational sustainability.

Operating results for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 $	2021 $
INCOME			
Donations		632,245	643,615
Other income	2	86,184	146,419
		718,429	**790,034**
EXPENSES			
Program delivery costs		197,357	249,551
Depreciation and amortisation		48,414	46,768
Employee benefits expense		307,026	234,693
Administration costs		52,438	48,033
Lease Interest		2,225	2,039
Warehouse costs		1,998	2,576
		609,458	**583,660**
OPERATING SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		**108,971**	**206,374**
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR		**108,971**	**206,374**

$100K *Anonymously donated towards our Warehouse fund*

TREASURER'S REPORT cont...

Operating results for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 $	2021 $
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	661,197	545,920
Trade and other receivables	4	10,025	18,339
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		**671,222**	**564,259**
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	5	21,272	26,335
Right of Use assets	6	97,772	29,821
Intangible assets	7	1,380	2,760
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		**120,424**	**58,916**
TOTAL ASSETS		**791,646**	**623,175**
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	8	14,990	40,343
Employee benefits	9	29,652	26,360
Lease liabilities	10	34,285	30,977
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		**78,927**	**97,680**
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Employee benefits	9	13,511	-
Lease liabilities	10	64,741	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		**78,252**	**-**
TOTAL LIABILITIES		**157,179**	**97,680**
NET ASSETS		**634,466**	**525,495**
MEMBER'S FUNDS			
Accumulated funds		525,495	319,121
Surplus for the year		108,971	206,374
TOTAL MEMBER'S EQUITY		**634,466**	**525,495**

AUDITORS REPORT

William Buck
ACCOUNTANTS & ADVISORS

Backpacks 4 Kids Incorporated
Independent auditor's report to members

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Backpacks 4 Kids Incorporated (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the committee's report and the statement made by the members of the committee.

In our opinion the financial report of Backpacks 4 Kids Incorporated has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act *2012*, including:

a. giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and

b. complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the School in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's *APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the School's financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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AUDITORS REPORT

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ACCOUNTANTS & ADVISORS

Responsibilities of the Committee Members for the Financial Report

The committee members of the Association are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act and the needs of the members. The committee members' responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the committee are responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee members either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The committee members are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of these financial statements is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at:

http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf

This description forms part of our independent auditor's report.

William Buck

William Buck (SA)

G.W. Martinella
ABN 38 280 203 274
Partner

Dated this 3rd day of April, 2023.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Volunteer your time

If you would like to volunteer with us, we ask that you first register via our volunteering system Volaby. Everyone is welcome and no experience is necessary.

Want to make a booking for your community, social, school or corporate group? For 10+ attendees, please email our team to organise a suitable day/time.

Make a Donation

If you would like to make a tax deductible donation you can do so via our Shout for Good Page

Support an Event or Fundraising Activity

If you are interested in supporting Backpacks 4 SA Kids by running a fundraiser on our behalf please feel free to email our team with any enquiries and we will do what we can to assist you. Please look at our Facebook page for future fundraisers being held by the Backpacks 4 SA Kids Team.

Become a Corporate Partner

f you are interested in enquiring about becoming a Corporate sponsor we would love to have you on board. Please email our team and we would be happy to email details or arrange a meeting to discuss.

We thank you for your continued support to help us make a difference to kids in need in SA.

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