



METROPOLITAN  
MIGRANT  
RESOURCE CENTRE



# Annual Report 2017



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# PROGAMS

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- Family and Community Support Service
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- Migration Fee for Service Program
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## FUNDING AND SUPPORT PROVIDED BY:

### Department of Social Services

- Humanitarian Settlement Services (HSS)
- Settlement Services Activity (SSA)
- SSA Mentoring and Employment Pathways
- Youth Leadership Development Program

### Department of Local Government and Communities

- Multicultural Support Community Services Sector (MS-CSS)
- Family and Community Support Services (FaCS)

### Department of Immigration and Border Protection

- Immigration Advice and Application Assistance Scheme (IAAAS)

### Office of Multicultural Interests

- African Leadership Initiative Program (ALI)

### MMRC

- Migration Fee for Service Program

### Lotterywest

- Emergency Relief Grant

### Membership

- Individuals and community groups with a commitment to settling refugees

### Volunteers

- Individuals, community groups, church groups and organisations assisting families in a practical way

## COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

<b>Samnakay Iqbal</b>	Chairperson, elected 2015
<b>Fernandes Henrietta</b>	Vice Chair, appointed 2014
<b>Hubert Cassandre</b>	Secretary, elected 2014
<b>Oshalem Lenda</b>	Treasurer, elected October 2015
<b>Elhosainy Karem</b>	Appointed 2016
<b>Fadlalla Ahmad</b>	Appointed 2015
<b>Meyerkort Albert</b>	Appointed 2016
<b>O'Hara Michael</b>	Elected 2016
<b>Pohla Duke</b>	Appointed 2016

# OUR VISION

An inclusive and harmonious community that accepts and values migrants and their contributions, and in which migrants are active participants in Australian community life.

# OUR PURPOSE

To facilitate the settlement and participation of migrants, especially humanitarian entrants and their communities in Western Australia.

# OUR STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

## **1. Support for Individuals**

High quality settlement and other services to migrants, particularly refugees and humanitarian entrants, and to develop new services based on their needs.

## **2. Stronger Communities**

Support for migrant communities, especially new and emerging communities, to develop their skills, knowledge, independence and capacity.

## **3. More Effective organisations**

To expand our influence with non-government organisations, government, industry and the community to promote more responsive, inclusive and appropriate mainstream services.

## **4. MMRC capacity**

To develop the skills, knowledge and leadership within our organisation to improve the financial sustainability, quality and responsiveness of our services.

# CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT



*The staff of the MMRC are commended for their efforts for successfully restructuring the organisation, having gone through a number of years of a constrained resource environment. This restructure ensured that services to our needy clients were provided to the high standard that we have set, and equally ensuring that the delivery of these services occurred within the financial parameters of the grants the MMRC has received.*

The cyclical nature of the humanitarian entrants coming to Australia continues to be a challenge for organisations such as the MMRC and other service providers. However, the past twelve months has proved that the staff are skilled and agile to meet the challenges of the sector, particularly through the support of sound leadership and management.

During the past year the MMRC employed approximately 41 staff and a pool of 151 bilingual and 46 volunteers to offer the following services:-

- Settled 521 newly arrived Refugee and Humanitarian Entrants. Assisted 1,279 clients with casework services.
- Provided activities for over 760 young people to encourage participation.

In addition to the delivery of core services, the MMRC has also taken on the task of improving its governance arrangements, mainly those identified through the auditing processes that were initiated during the financial year. These steps will ensure that the MMRC has contemporary systems and processes that allow the business to be soundly managed to meet our future challenges.

The MMRC is also going through a facelift and the imagery as well as the website has been revamped. The imagery, selected by our staff represents the gentle hand of nesting our new entrants to the gentle shores of Western Australia.

Finally, thank you to the Management Committee who once again have juggled their precious times and workloads to serve the MMRC over the past twelve months. I express my personal gratitude to my colleagues for their commitment and dedication to the Centre over the past year.

**Iqbal Samnakay**  
**Chairperson**

# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT



2016/17 has been a significant year for MMRC. The implementation of the restructure of MMRC, which arose out of a 2015 review by the Dillinger Group was finalised early in July 2016. MMRC had an increase in arrivals, particularly in the number of Syrian and Iraqi refugees who formed part of the twelve thousand (12,000) humanitarian intake announced by the Federal Government in 2015.

There were many highlights and success for MMRC throughout the year including:

- In July 2016, the Management Committee approved the establishment of a Fee for Service Migration Agency within MMRC. The fees for the migration service have been set at minimal fees given that most clients have limited capacity to pay. The service has been a success and is proving to be a profitable business opportunity;
- in the coming financial year, it is intended to expand the service with the fees being reviewed, so as to ensure our agency maintains a marginal profit taking into consideration the financial circumstances of clients and their capacity to pay;
- a review of the Financial Policies and Procedures and the implementation of an accrual accounting system which has resulted in up to date financial information being available on a monthly basis, including a profit and loss statement;
- a comprehensive review and implementation of Occupational Health and Safety Policies (OH&S) and Procedures including the appointment of a designated OH&S Officer;
- a partial review of Human Resource Policies and Procedures which will be completed in early 2018;
- developed a MOU with the Wanneroo Men's Shed to supply computers, hardware and software to clients at minimal cost;
- a priority focus on Family and Domestic Violence within the Multicultural Community;
- as part of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Association for Services to Torture and Trauma Survivors (ASeTTS) and MMRC an agreement was implemented whereby an ASeTTS counsellor attends the MMRC office to provide specialised counselling services to MMRC clients.

Throughout the year we have provided the following services:-

- Humanitarian Settlement Services.
- Settlement Services Activities Program.
- Mentoring and Employment Pathways.
- Family and Community Support Program.
- Multicultural Support and Community Sector Program.
- Immigration Advice and Application Assistance Scheme (IAAAS).
- Migration Fee for Service Program.
- Coordinated The African Leadership Initiative Program.
- Emergency Relief.



The MMRC would not have had such a successful year, particularly given the ongoing challenges in terms of funding opportunities without the ongoing support of the Management Committee. In particular the Chairperson who has spent many hours working to ensure the ongoing viability and strategic focus of the organisation. I would also like to pay tribute to the staff who have worked tirelessly throughout the year on the many programs administered by MMRC.

This year in particular has seen an increase in the number of clients who have come from war torn countries including Iraq and Syria. Many of these clients have experienced atrocities and trauma which has required extra assessment and support by the Case Coordinators and in some instances referrals for complex case management. The hard work and commitment of the staff is something that is very rare and I thank the staff for their dedication and loyalty to the organisation, and their unequivocal support of each other and of me as the General Manager. In addition, I express sincere gratitude for volunteers and bi-lingual facilitators who play a very important role in the day-to-day programs of the MMRC.

The coming year will be a very challenging one in ensuring funding for the important programs administered by MMRC continues. I remain confident that MMRC will meet those challenges and will continue to play the vital role it has within the Mirrabooka area and surrounds. I look forward to continuing the challenges of the forthcoming year and continuing the excellent services provided by the MMRC.

**Noel Whitehead**  
**General Manager**

# EMPLOYEES

Staff	
Abbas Zainab	Accommodation Support Officer HSS
Abu-Laban Hanan	Community Development Coordinator
Almady Nora	Support Officer, Family and Community Support Service Program
Appudurai Agnes	Coordinator Admin and Human Resources
Arrey Rose-Violet	Coordinator African Leadership Program
Atkins Elaine	Coordinator Housing Services
Cheaib Ahmad	Case Coordinator HSS
Cunningham Marlene	Accommodation Support Officer HSS
El Rakhawy Salma	Coordinator Family and Community Support Service Program
Gebremeskel Tsige	Cleaner
Gillett Amanda	A/Manager Community and Business Development
Hai Krer Blue Soe	Housing Logistics Assistant
Hayes Marie	A/Employment and Mentoring Pathways Coordinator
Hay Say Paw	Case Coordinator SSA
Heredi Olwyn	Case Coordinator HSS
Hussaini Ali Reza	Case Coordinator SSA
Kazemi Shahnaz	Admin Support Officer
Kyat Oo Eh Soe	Case Coordinator HSS
Marimo Runya	Administration Officer Housing HSS
Micallef Terese	Coordinator Community Development Youth
Mustafa Suhair	Case Coordinator SSA
Muvandi Florence	Manager Community and Business Development
Naseri Nasrin	Case Coordinator HSS
Neleman Tao Annie	Migration Agent
Pakirisamy Melissa	Housing Officer HSS
Piok Kachuol	Housing Officer HSS
Pyatt Deborah	Training Coordinator
Rafferty Paul	Manager Client Services
Riek Samuel	Community Development Coordinator/Employment
Saweris Rasha	Case Coordinator SSA

Staff	
Sawmei Daffodil	Admin and Finance Support Officer
Scully Elizabeth	Coordinator Client and Volunteer Services
Sheikh, Mustafa Abdullahi	Youth Officer
Tha Heh Brigitte	Housing Support Officer
Tuteja Mick	Coordinator Finance and Business Services
Whitehead Noel	General Manager
Wiedemann Gabriele	Coordinator Family & Community Support Service Program

Students on Field Placement	
Wendy Ruwiza	Edith Cowan University
Wanita Ewings	Charles Sturt University
Uwamahoro Nyiraburanga	Balga Senior High School

Migration Agents Pro Bono	
Jewell Roger	
Kakay Ibrahim	
Marcus Marlene	
McAuley Andrew	

# PROGRAMS

## Humanitarian Settlement Services (HSS)

The Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre (MMRC) successfully completed the final full year its three-year deed of agreement with the Commonwealth of Australia, through the Department of Social Services. A further four-month extension was granted, until the end of October 2017, to essentially transition-out from its current contract.

During the 2016/17 financial year, MMRC successfully settled 521 refugees and humanitarian entrants from 144 separate arrivals under the HSS program. MMRC continued to respond effectively the ongoing volatility of arrivals, particularly in the latter half of the financial year which saw an unseasonably low arrival pattern. The Centre was also able to provide culturally appropriate and tailored services to meet the needs of the final numbers of Syrian and Iraqi cohort who arrived in Western Australia as part of the Australian Government's commitment in 2015 to take an additional 12,000 refugees from that region.

MMRC aims to operate a holistic model of service delivery, with the core goal being to provide client specific, individualised and tailored pathways that assist newly arrived humanitarian entrants to settle into the Western Australian community, become self-sufficient and participate fully in all aspects of Australian life. A key focus is on equipping new arrivals with knowledge and life skills, to effectively link into local networks, access services and resources and to support them in gaining economic independence and social cohesion.

Clients holding the following visas are eligible for HSS

**Refugee** (visa subclasses 200,201,203 and 204)

**Special Humanitarian Program** (visa subclass 202)

Three broad types of services are combined to deliver the HSS programme. These include:-

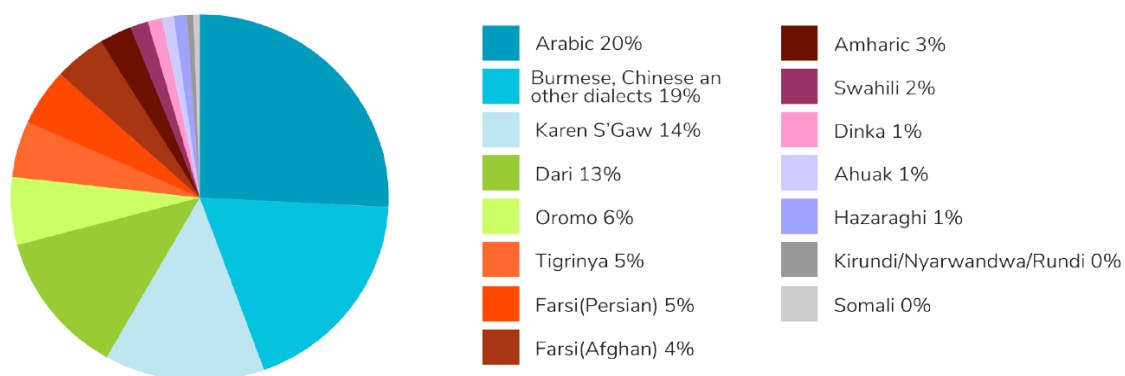
- **Case Management** – under which entrants receive many of their early and critical services including on arrival reception, referrals to Centrelink, AMEP and Humanitarian Entrant Health Service.
- **Accommodation Services** – which assists entrants to secure stable and affordable short term and long-term accommodation that is appropriate to their needs along with providing entrants with a basic package of Household Goods to assist them to establish their new place of residence in Australia.
- **Local Area Coordination** – which involves leadership in promoting collaborative working relationships with other settlement and community organisations and key government agencies to achieve improved and sustainable settlement outcomes for clients in key areas such as employment and training, English language proficiency and health.

The main country of birth, languages spoken and visa types for HSS clients are provided in the following table and chart

**Visa Type and Country of Birth**  
HSS Client Cases – 30th June 2017

Country of Birth	Special Humanitarian Program 202	Other Refugee Visas 200, 201, 203, 204	Total
Myanmar	17	42	59
Afghanistan		32	32
Syria	7	21	28
Ethiopia	3	14	17
Iraq	4	12	16
Iran	2	8	10
Eritrea	4	5	9
Congo Dem. Rep	1	3	4
South Sudan		2	2
Somalia		1	1
Egypt		1	1
Burundi		1	1
Kenya		1	1
Liberia	1		1
Lybia	1		1
	40	143	183

**Languages Spoken - HSS Client Cases - 30 June 2017**



## GENERALIST PROGRAM- SETTLEMENT SERVICES ACTIVITY (SSA)

The SSA Generalist program is funded by the Department of Social Services (DSS). MMRC successfully delivered the second of its three-year contract period during which it demonstrated quality service provision to eligible clients through case work, information sessions, support groups, advocacy and referrals to community and mainstream services.

With special focus on group and individual needs, the SSA program delivered life skills workshops and information sessions on a wide range of topics and provides women's and seniors support groups in addition to basic computer literacy and Citizenship classes.

MMRC provides this service from our main office in Mirrabooka and has outreach services in Clarkson and Perth (Central North Metropolitan TAFE).

The program aims to facilitate access to mainstream services and support successful settlement for eligible clients from refugee and humanitarian backgrounds who have lived in Australia for less than 5 years.

### During the year, the SSA Generalist Program coordinated information sessions on the following topics:

1. Tenancy law (3 sessions held).
2. Employment law (1 session held).
3. Computer classes (8 sessions held).
4. Rights and responsibilities in health care (1 session held).
5. Australian Taxation System (1 session held).
6. Family Domestic Violence (2 sessions held).
7. Citizenship training (9 sessions held).
8. Various health topics (Hepatitis, breast cancer, skin cancer, contraception and nutrition – 5 sessions held).
9. Life skills (Cake decoration and beauty information session - 2 sessions held).
10. Seniors' Activities:
  - a. Four indoor sessions on exercise, yoga, elder abuse, medications and nutrition.
  - b. Four outdoor sessions to AQWA, Sculpture by the sea (Cottesloe), Clarko Reserve Park (Trigg), Araluen Botanical Garden and Cultural Orientation tour (City of Stirling).
11. Women support groups:-
  - a. Clarkson Women's Support Group (9 sessions held).
  - b. Girrawheen Women's Support Group (19 sessions held).
12. Men only swimming program (8 sessions held).



### Laughter Yoga for Seniors

The SSA program demonstrated innovation in the delivery of its services with the Refugee Men's only Swimming Program for instance, developed in conjunction with the Royal Life Saving Society of WA, being the first of its type held in WA.

Due to the success of the initiative, a mothers and daughters swimming program for Muslim women and girls (from Arab and Afghan backgrounds) is also being supported and will be held early in 2017/18. The primary benefits from this activity is that refugee and humanitarian entrants are able to attain a vital life skill as they are unable to swim, are most often unable to join mainstream swimming classes and are provided with full privacy in the pool consistent with their cultural values.

During the 2016/17 financial year, over 250 clients participated in information sessions and workshops. MMRC provided SSA casework to more than 1190 client cases. The



Laughter Yoga for Seniors

## SSA YOUTH

The SSA Youth Program is funded by the Department of Social Services and provides services to young people from refugee and humanitarian backgrounds. The program aims to assist clients to integrate and participate in mainstream activities, contribute positively into society, reduce isolation and promote a sense of belonging to Australia. This is achieved through a range of sports and arts activities – to engage, mentor and build leadership skills in the young people.

During the year, the SSA Youth program coordinated the following activities:

- Homework Hut (31 sessions).
- Art life skill programs – school based (26 sessions).
- Art and recreational based activities (12 sessions).
- Creating opportunities for young people to show their talents and be mentored through sport and arts (15 sessions and 5 events).
- Youth CaLD Newsletter project (2 issues published).
- Multisport programs (18 sessions and 38 assisted cases).
- School holiday sports program (19 sessions).
- Mentoring and Leadership Camp (4 day camp at Woodman Point).

Overall, in this financial year, over 760 young people were encouraged to participate in youth activities. The SSA Youth team would like to thank our partners and supporters: City of Stirling, Balga Senior High School, Aranmore Catholic College, Greenwood College, Dianella Primary College, Koondoola Primary School, Dianella Secondary College, CK Black Catering, ASeTTS, Youth Futures, Aqua Wellbeing, Reah Lopez Choreography, North Lake Senior Campus, Belmont City College, The Square – Mirrabooka, Football West, Department of Sport and Recreation, Volleyball WA, Cardio Club, Royal Life Saving Society WA, Edmund Rice Centre WA, WAPOL and, Basketball WA and those who have worked closely with us to offer these services. We would also like to thank and acknowledge the Housing Authority, Balga Community Association Inc and Janine Freeman MLA for their donation towards the Muralbooka wall art project.

SSA team would like to thank our primary funding agency, the Department of Social Services and partners including ASeTTS, Centrelink Mirrabooka, City of Stirling, City of Wanneroo, Department of Human Services, Edmund Rice Centre, Employment Law Centre, Ishar, Multicultural Services Centre, Northern Suburbs Legal Community Centre, Office of Multicultural Interests, Relationships Australia, Health Consumers Council, Australian Taxation Office, Hepatitis WA, CARAD (Centre for Asylum Seekers, Refugees and Detainees), WA Police, Women's Health and Family Services and those who have worked closely with the Centre to offer



2017 Star Search Finalists



2017 Youth Camp and Woodman Point



## MENTORING AND EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS

The Mentoring and Employment Pathways Program was launched in 2015. The program is funded by Department of Social Services. Gaining stable, adequately remunerated, fulfilling employment is a significant contributor towards successful resettlement for people from refugee and humanitarian backgrounds.

During the financial year 2016-17, the program attracted 90 clients from a variety of ethnic communities. During this period, MMRC has been successful in attracting high calibre volunteer mentors who have been assisting and supporting the clients in their employment search.

20 clients have been referred to and enrolled in different training courses and 13 clients were linked up with various work experience opportunities with local Industries in positions such as cleaning, housekeeping, carer and kitchen hand and customer services. The Program has also assisted 12 people to obtain employment in areas such as housekeeping, carers, kitchen hands, customer services, warehouse, and labourer. Additionally, 15 mentors were successfully matched with mentees.

The Careers and Employment Expo held on 23rd March 2017 was another highlight of the Program this year. This event was well attended with over 250 people visiting the different stalls to meet with a range of employment service providers, Registered Training Organisations (RTO's), Department of Social Services, Universities, and other organisations involved in migrant and refugee settlement. The Program also ran regular work ready workshops as well as information sessions on employment and training opportunities in industries such as childcare, aged care, warehousing, and hospitality. Registered Training Organisations such as Edith Cowan University, Balga TAFE and Stanley College also ran information sessions for clients.

In collaboration with Engineers Without Borders, an 8-week computer-training program was set up which provided free training to clients on how to prepare resumes and covering letters as well as how to undertake online job searches.



**Computer Training Workshop run by Engineers Without Borders**

This was invaluable to the participants. Many of whom had little or no previous experience using a computer. A lack of computer literacy is an additional barrier to finding employment or participating in training so the Engineers Without Borders program was greatly appreciated. MMRC will continue to partner with them in the future.

Accessing employment is a priority for the majority of our clients. Facilitating access through the provision of information, linkage to appropriate training, preparing for the Australian workplace, and building relationships with employers who can provide work experience are all important strategies for achieving the goal of a job. The unemployment rate in the Mirrabooka area is the highest in the state at 21.9%. It will be substantially higher for people with refugee backgrounds who are estimated to have a 33% unemployment rate nationally. Programs sensitive to the particular



**MMRC Career Expo 2017**

## MULTICULTURAL SUPPORT – COMMUNITY SERVICES SECTOR (MS-CSS)

The MS-CSS program provides free cultural competency training and support to organisations providing services to CaLD clients. The program is funded by the Department of Communities (formerly the Department of Local Government and Communities). The current funding period runs until 31 December 2017. The “grant” goal is to develop the knowledge, skills and confidence of the community services sector to respond appropriately to clients and communities from CaLD backgrounds.

Early this year, a new Training Facilitator commenced at MMRC and has developed a new cultural competency-training program based on recent research and feedback from community organisations and CaLD representatives. The foundation Cultural Competency workshop has been established and, based on the organisation’s needs analysis, the workshop is then designed and tailored to their requirements.



3 workshops were developed to enable flexibility for organisations given some are “time and resource poor”. The three workshops vary in duration and objectives. Flexibility in time enabled MMRC to adapt the training to ensure that cultural competency can be accessible to as many eligible organisations as possible. This includes:

- 2 hours session: Let’s Start the Conversation about Cultural Competency.
- Half Day: Lets Solve Some Real Issues with CaLD clients.
- Full Day: Cultural Competency.

The half day and full day sessions include Cultural Advisors who present their stories to the participants and provide cultural feedback.

Additionally, the Training Facilitator has developed a cultural advisor’s register, a new webpage providing details on MMRC’s training, and coordinated MMRC’s

participation in the Mirrabooka Harmony Day event which attracted 1,500 people.

The Training Facilitator conducted visits to organisations, had telephone discussions and exchanged emails with numerous organisations to assess training requirements. Where appropriate Survey Monkey was used to assist and determine the pitch and tone of the workshops. The Training Facilitator included case studies and current issues regarding working with CaLD communities from organisations to help pitch the training to specific needs and to prepare the cultural advisors. 80% of workshops were evaluated for best practice purposes. The evaluation measures satisfaction of workshop and areas for improvement. The facilitator compiles evaluation data and provides the agency and MMRC Management with a copy. The evaluation method is valuable for continuous improvement purposes. A recently added question to the evaluation sheet is: Would you recommend this training?

From March 2017 to June 30 2017, the Training Coordinator delivered 15 Cultural Competency Workshops/ presentations across 22 organisations and 144 participants. Combined with activities which took place in the first half of the 2016-17 financial year; this makes a total 20 training activities involving 36 organisations.





## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM

This program is funded by the Department of Communities (formerly Department of Local Government and Communities) under the Individual and Family Support Services Area. The Family and Community Support Program focused on supporting individuals, couples, and families from CaLD and refugee backgrounds who experience difficulties. This was done through providing a space where culturally sensitive family support and counselling could take place, in order to be able to recognise and work through a variety of issues clients were facing that may have limited their successful settlement and full participation in Australian society. Clients were encouraged and supported to build healthy and respectful relationships, improve understanding and communication with the family, and build on their strengths, skills, confidence and knowledge in order to become self-sufficient.

The issues that presented most commonly in counselling were:

- Family and domestic violence.
- Intergenerational conflict.
- Family and relationship conflict (including separation and divorce).
- Parenting.
- Identity dissonance and self-esteem.
- Acculturation and settlement stress (including social isolation, language barriers, financial stress, unemployment, housing concerns etc.).
- Mental health issues (including trauma, depression, anxiety and emotional regulation).

Trends that were observed included large numbers of individuals dealing with family and domestic violence, as well as intergenerational conflict, reflecting some of the most pertinent issues most commonly evident in migrant and CALD communities.

The program also ran a few events and group programs throughout the year.

- **Family Fun Days** during the school holidays to Kings Park Botanical Gardens and Caversham Wildlife Park;
- **Tree of Life** sessions for youth, in partnership with ASeTTS;
- **Psycho-education** sessions for women in partnership with the SSA program around issues such as parenting and mental health, and
- **Family Life in Australia workshops** for families of newly arrived humanitarian entrants, discussing raising children in Australia, family mental health and wellbeing, and understanding legal obligations around family in Australia – in partnership with Warriapendi Child and Parent Centre.



Tree of Life Workshop



Family Fun Day – Kings Park Botanical Gardens



Family Fun Day – Caversham Wildlife Park

## IMMIGRATION ADVICE AND APPLICATION ASSISTANCE SCHEME (IAAAS)

This Program is funded by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) to assist eligible community members, who are experiencing financial hardship and require migration advice in relation to their own visa applications or their sponsorships for overseas relatives.

During this program year, 336 free advice sessions were provided by our migration agent.

## MIGRATION FEE FOR SERVICE PROGRAM

Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre has introduced a Fee for Service Migration Program in September 2016, in order to respond to the cessation of SSA free Migration Assistance Program, as well as to address the growing demand for affordable and high quality migration assistance within CaLD communities. Under this program, we not only provide timely migration advice to clients, but also offer comprehensive application assistance to those who wish to sponsor overseas family to Australia. This new service has been well received since the launch, by the end of the program year, we had engaged more than 100 clients, 50 visa applications had been prepared.

## AFRICAN LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE (ALI)

Our target was 20 African community members, groups and organisations that actively participate in the service. Apart from other ALI related activities, 31 participants completed the ALI accredited Cert II training from July 2016 to June 2017. Also, 10 existing and emerging African leaders from diverse spheres and communities attended an African Leaders Peer Mentorship Forum in September 2016 organised by South of the River 2016 participants in the accredited training. Further to this, 15 attended an ALI Mentorship forum; and around 35 community members actively participated in the ALI Youth Empowerment Forum. The Speak Up! Youth project organised by 2017 ALI course participants project also had at least 20 participants from the target group.

Participant satisfaction with ALI has been high, and 95% of the 2016 participants who provided formal feedback indicated their capacity to work with African communities, government, NGOs and the private sector had improved. So far, the 2017 group have also provided positive informal feedback and have engaged in all ALI activities since

completing the formal training part of the program.

Of the 2016 participants, 17 are building sustainable partnerships across Government, NGOs and the private sector. However, there have been limited partnerships in key areas such as employment. Participants report limited availability of partnership opportunities in key areas especially with mainstream organisations.

Participants have entered into partnerships in key areas such as advocacy, networking and capacity building, awareness raising and campaigns and community development in general. These were partnerships with the City of Stirling, Millennium Kids Inc. and the Human Library. Participants have already reported some outcomes and impact on a personal level and at a community level and all have either initiated or engaged in activities, projects or programs that address social cohesion and community resilience issues within their communities during this period. Some of the 2016 participants have remained involved in other ALI projects and activities.

An example of a project under the ALI program is a multi-community partnership made up of fifteen members from six major African communities who executed a successful project on 24 June 2017 on youth empowerment. The project was a one-day event themed "Speak Up, Youth!" which was supported by MMRC. There were approximately 20 participants. The event included a series of activities such as workshops on poetry, mental health, dance, a shared future, drugs & alcohol. The activities were designed to "provoke discussions, foster pride in their identity and facilitate a candid exchange of ideas." From the project, friendships and partnerships for future collaborations have been formed. For instance, some of the ALI 2017 participants after the program remained connected and are encouraging each other to participate in various community events. The ALI 2017 participants have an active Whatsapp group wherein they share information, opportunities and updates amongst themselves. This Whatsapp group was created to facilitate planning of the Speak Up Youth! Project but has remained active.





## BILINGUALS AND VOLUNTEERS

The work of dedicated and professional bilingual workers and volunteers is integral to the success of a variety of programs run by the Centre including HSS, SSA and Family Support.

All bilingual workers and volunteers have an approved Working with Children Check and Police Clearances. They receive regular training in MMRC's Practices and Policies and work closely with staff in a strong support network. MMRC extends its sincere gratitude and appreciation to all bilingual workers and volunteers for their invaluable work and contribution.

## PRO BONO MIGRATION AGENTS

Pro Bono Migration Agents have been providing free migration advice regularly assisting eligible clients in their initial migration concerns and MMRC extends its appreciation for their dedicated and professional work to the Centre

## STAFF PHOTO



## AUDITOR'S REPORT

**METROPOLITAN MIGRANT RESOURCE CENTRE INC**  
**ABN: 60 131 630 845**  
**STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

The Committee has determined that Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre Inc is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Committee the financial report as set out on pages 3 to 13.

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre Inc as at 30 June 2017 and its performance for the year ended on the date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
3. The financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the *Association Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)*, *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

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

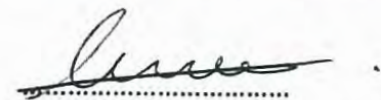
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**METROPOLITAN MIGRANT RESOURCE CENTRE INC**  
**A.B.N. 60 131 630 845**

**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 60-40 OF THE AUSTRALIAN CHARITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS COMMISSION ACT 2012**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2017 there have been no contraventions of:

- a) the auditor's independence requirements as set out in the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- b) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



GREG GODWIN  
PARTNER



MOORE STEPHENS  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Signed at Perth this 12th day of September 2017.

**METROPOLITAN MIGRANT RESOURCE CENTRE INC**  
**ABN: 60 131 630 845**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 30 JUNE 2017**

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	606,826	563,949
Trade and other receivables	3	273,406	361,752
Property, plant and equipment	4	14,722	0
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>894,954</u>	<u>925,701</u>
<b>NON CURRENT</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	4	60,883	51,516
<b>TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>60,883</u>	<u>51,516</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>955,837</u>	<u>977,217</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	5	215,035	295,515
Provisions	6	214,173	509,648
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>429,208</u>	<u>805,163</u>
<b>NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Provisions	6	22,818	11,258
<b>TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>22,818</u>	<u>11,258</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>452,026</u>	<u>816,421</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>503,811</u>	<u>160,796</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained Surplus/(Deficit)		303,021	(23,717)
Vehicle Replacement Reserve	7	200,790	184,513
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>503,811</u>	<u>160,796</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**METROPOLITAN MIGRANT RESOURCE CENTRE INC**  
**ABN: 60 131 630 845**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

	Notes	Retained Surplus/(Deficit) \$	Vehicle Replacement Reserve \$	Total \$
<b>Balance at 1 July 2015</b>		(79,095)	149,592	70,497
Net current surplus for the year		97,299	0	97,299
Other comprehensive income				
Transfer between reserves	7	(34,921)	34,921	0
HSS Accrued Income 2014/15 Reversal		(7,000)	0	(7,000)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2016</b>		<u>(23,717)</u>	<u>184,513</u>	<u>160,796</u>
<b>Balance at 1 July 2016</b>		(23,717)	184,513	160,796
Net current surplus for the year		343,015	0	343,015
Other comprehensive income				
Transfer between reserves	7	(16,277)	16,277	0
<b>Balance at 30 June 2017</b>		<u>303,021</u>	<u>200,790</u>	<u>503,811</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**METROPOLITAN MIGRANT RESOURCE CENTRE INC**  
**ABN: 60 131 630 845**  
**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Grant Income		1,530,314	1,686,314
Fees for Services		2,568,319	2,194,424
Interest Received		15,734	20,760
Other Income		15,266	83,989
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>4,129,633</b>	<b>3,985,487</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Project Expenses		90,889	96,530
Administration Fees		2,701	3,078
Motor Vehicle Lease		0	60,987
Electricity and Gas Expenses		11,994	19,943
Committee and Catering Costs		15,974	6,121
Staff Costs		19,989	13,025
Insurance Costs		24,928	21,087
Office and Computer Expenses		28,971	58,311
Provisions for Employee benefits Expenses		(23,106)	1,275
Telephone Expenses		26,298	32,227
HSS Expenses		310,726	246,781
SVDP Expenses		147,957	154,972
BHG Expenses		711,777	381,264
OSH Expenses		6,396	84
Workcover Expenses		24,705	23,049
Superannuation Costs		186,640	194,718
Security Costs		1,072	1,807
Stationery Costs		24,193	21,121
Rent Expenses		132,308	183,995
MV Expenses		39,435	43,658
Emergency Relief Disbursement		23,896	23,947
Depreciation		22,614	37,111
Consultants/Contractors		5,136	53,191
Cleaning Expenses		4,558	6,177
Promotion Costs		279	505
Bad Debts		2,979	0
Bookeeping Fees		1,418	53,853
Bank Fees & Charges		470	552
Accounting and Auditing Fees		24,634	9,397
Provision for severance pay (reverse this year)		(218,809)	0
Salaries		2,135,596	2,139,422
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>3,786,618</b>	<b>3,888,188</b>
<b>NET CURRENT YEAR SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>343,015</b>	<b>97,299</b>
<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME:</b>			
<b>Total other comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>343,015</b>	<b>97,299</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



**METROPOLITAN MIGRANT RESOURCE CENTRE INC**  
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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

	Notes	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Receipts from grants, donations and other income		4,217,979	4,094,007
Payments to suppliers and employees		(4,128,399)	(3,930,275)
Net cash provided by operating activities	8 (b)	89,580	163,732
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(46,703)	(8,068)
Net cash used in investing activities		(46,703)	(8,068)
Net increase in cash held		42,877	155,664
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		563,949	408,285
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	2 & 8(a)	606,826	563,949

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**METROPOLITAN MIGRANT RESOURCE CENTRE INC**

**ABN: 60 131 630 845**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

**NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The financial statements cover Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre Incorporated, as an individual entity and a not-for-profit organisation incorporated in Western Australia under the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)*. The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*. The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements by the Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') 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*;
- AASB 1048: *Interpretation of Standards*; and
- AASB 1054: *Australian Additional Disclosures*.

No other Australian Accounting Standard or Australian Accounting Interpretation has been applied.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specially stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

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

**(a) Property, Plant and Equipment**

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost as indicated less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

**Plant and equipment**

Plant and equipment is measured on the cost basis.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets.

**Depreciation**

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a straight line basis over the asset's useful life commencing from the time the asset is available for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Leasehold Improvements	20%
Furniture & Equipment	25% to 33%
Motor Vehicle	20%

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

**NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**(a) Property, Plant and Equipment (continued)**

**Plant and equipment (continued)**

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at the end of the reporting period. An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are recognised immediately in Profit and Loss. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

**(b) Employee Entitlements**

Provision is made for the association's obligation for short-term employee benefits. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service, including wages and salaries. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled.

The association's obligation for short-term employee benefits such as wages, salaries and annual leave are recognised as a part of current provisions in the statement of financial position.

**Other long-term employee benefits**

Provision is made for employees' long service leave and annual leave entitlements not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. Other long-term employee benefits are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on government bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the terms of the obligations. Upon the remeasurement of obligations for other long-term employee benefits, the net change in the obligation is recognised in profit or loss as a part of employee benefits expense.

The association's obligation for long-term employee benefits are presented as non-current provisions in its statement of financial position, except where the association does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period, in which case the obligations are presented as current provisions.

**(c) Accounts receivable and other debtors**

Accounts receivable include amounts due from funding bodies as well as amounts receivable from donors. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

**NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**(d) Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

**(e) Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

**(f) Leases**

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are recognised as expenses on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

**(g) Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

**(h) Revenue and Other Income**

Revenue comprises revenue from government grants, donations and other income.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Non-reciprocal grant revenue is recognised in the profit or loss when the entity obtains control of the grant and it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the entity and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably.

If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

When grant revenue is received whereby the association incurs an obligation to deliver economic value directly back to the contributor, this is considered a reciprocal transaction and the grant revenue is recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until the service has been delivered to the contributor; otherwise the grant is recognised as income on receipt.

Donations are recognised as revenue when received.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customer.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

**NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**(i) Accounts payable and other payables**

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

**(j) Impairment of Assets**

At the end of each reporting period, the committee reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

**(k) Income Tax**

No provision for income tax has been raised as the association is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

**(l) Economic Dependence**

The association is dependent on the Department of Social Services (DSS) for the majority of its revenue used to operate the association. Refer to Note 11 for further details.

**(m) Comparative Figures**

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

**(n) New Accounting Standards for Application in Future Periods**

Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have recently been issued or amended but are not yet mandatory, have not been early adopted by the company for the annual reporting year ended 30 June 2017.

These new and amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations are not expected to significantly impact the financial statements.

**METROPOLITAN MIGRANT RESOURCE CENTRE INC**

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

**NOTE 2 - Cash and Cash Equivalents**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Petty Cash	2,800	1,911
Cash at Bank	604,026	562,038
	<u>606,826</u>	<u>563,949</u>

**NOTE 3 - Trade and Other Receivables**

Trade Debtors	230,267	307,302
Prepayments and Other Receivables	43,139	54,450
	<u>273,406</u>	<u>361,752</u>

**NOTE 4 - Property, Plant and Equipment**

**Current**

Furniture and Equipment at Cost	14,722	0
	<u>14,722</u>	<u>0</u>

**Non-current**

Leasehold Improvements at Cost	115,827	115,827
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(115,827)	(115,827)
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Furniture and Equipment at Cost	359,050	359,050
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(353,610)	(351,537)
	<u>5,440</u>	<u>7,513</u>

Motor Vehicle at Cost	253,599	221,618
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(198,156)	(177,615)
	<u>55,443</u>	<u>44,003</u>
Total Non-current	<u>60,883</u>	<u>51,516</u>

	<u>75,605</u>	<u>51,516</u>
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**NOTE 5 -Trade and Other Payables**

Trade Creditors	519	50,850
Unspent Grants	59,477	35,000
Accrued Expenses and Other Payables	107,108	143,210
GST Payables	27,241	66,455
Deposits received for migration services	20,690	0
	<u>215,035</u>	<u>295,515</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

**NOTE 6 - Provisions**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b><u>Current</u></b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Provision for Annual Leave	173,989	139,822
Provision for Long Service Leave	40,184	89,331
Provision for Severance Pay	0	238,495
Office Lease Liability	0	42,000
	<u>214,173</u>	<u>509,648</u>
<b><u>Non-Current</u></b>		
Provision for Long Service Leave	22,818	11,258
	<u>22,818</u>	<u>11,258</u>
	<u>236,991</u>	<u>520,906</u>

**NOTE 7 - Vehicle Replacement Reserve**

Balance at beginning of Financial Year	184,513	149,592
Transferred to Retained Surplus	16,277	34,921
Balance at end of Financial Year	<u>200,790</u>	<u>184,513</u>

**NOTE 8 - Cash Flow Information**

**(a) Reconciliation of Cash**

For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash includes cash and cash equivalents, net of any outstanding bank overdraft. Cash at the end of the reporting period is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:-

		<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2	<u>606,826</u>	<u>563,949</u>

**(b) Reconciliation of cash flows from operations with net current year surplus for the year**

Net current surplus for the year	343,015	97,299
Non-cash flows in net current year surplus:		
HSS Accrued Income 2014/15 Reversal	0	(7,000)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	22,614	37,111
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase)/Decrease in receivables	88,346	108,520
Decrease in payables	(80,480)	(24,382)
Decrease in provisions	(283,915)	(47,816)
Cash flows provided by operating activities	<u>89,580</u>	<u>163,732</u>

**METROPOLITAN MIGRANT RESOURCE CENTRE INC**

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

**NOTE 9 - Leasing Commitments**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b><u>Operating Lease Commitments</u></b>		
Payable - minimum lease payments		
- not later than 12 months	90,285	158,780
- between 12 months and 5 years	0	44,280
	<u>90,285</u>	<u>203,060</u>

**Capital Lease Commitments**

The association has no capital commitments as at 30 June 2017 and 30 June 2016.

**NOTE 10 - Contingent Assets and Liabilities**

The association has no contingent assets and liabilities as at 30 June 2017 and 30 June 2016.

**NOTE 11 - Events After the Reporting Period**

The Committee is not aware of any matter or circumstance that has arisen since the end of the year that has significantly affected or may significantly affect the association's operations, results and the state of affairs in future years except those below.

**NOTE 12 - GOING CONCERN**

The Board is in the process of restructuring the association following the cessation of the Humanitarian Settlement Program and all staff involved in the program will be retrenched. There is also a material whether grant funding from the Department of Social Services (DSS) will be renewed after 30 June 2018 which may cast doubt about the going concern of the association. The Board has also embarked on an aggressive business development strategy to leverage additional State and Commonwealth funding in addition to establishing self-sustaining business initiatives, the latter including a Migration Legal fee-for service. A number of strategic partnerships with like-minded organisations are currently being developed to facilitate this strategy.



**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF  
METROPOLITAN MIGRANT RESOURCE CENTRE INC  
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## Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre Inc ("the Association") which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017, the statement of changes in equity, statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and the statement by members of the committee.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre Inc is in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for Profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- i. giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2017 and of its performance for the year ended; and
- ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)* 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 Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of Section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's *APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (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 confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's *APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code)*, which has been given to the Committee Members, would be in the same terms if given to the Committee Members as at the time of this auditor's report

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

## Material Uncertainty

We draw attention to Note 12 in the financial report, which indicates there is no guarantee grant funding from the Department of Social Services (DSS) will be renewed after 30 June 2018. Although the Board has planned to restructure and adopt a new business development strategy, we believe there is still a material uncertainty which may cast doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF METROPOLITAN MIGRANT RESOURCE CENTRE INC (CONTINUED)  
A.B.N. 60 131 630 845**

**Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 1 in the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee Members' financial reporting responsibilities under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

**Responsibility of The Committee Members for the Financial Report**

The Committee members 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 *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)*, *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Committee members' responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

**Auditor's Responsibility for The Audit of the Financial Report**

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 include the economic decisions of the users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standard Board website at: [http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\\_files/ar3.pdf](http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_files/ar3.pdf). This description forms part of our audit report.

We communicate with the Committee members regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



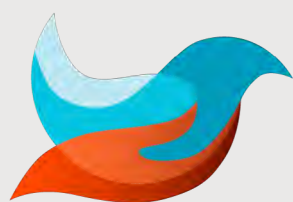
GREG GODWIN  
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Signed at Perth this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.





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