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The Year In Numbers

Media impact

Our Goals:
   Increase our impact on key policy decisions and actions
   Develop evidence and experience based solutions
   Support and grow the effectiveness of community service organisations
   Build our organisation to be dynamic and sustainable

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President’s Message

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The year in numbers

Social Media

Twitter followers increased by 12%

2017: 20,227
2018: 22,782

Facebook followers increased by 29%

2017: 3,645
2018: 5,128

Website

156,909

How many visitors

329,781

Website Page Views

How many return visitors

How many new visitors

15.9%

84%

Publications

17

Position statements, briefings, papers, publications

Releases

63

Media Releases

Supporters

250

new individual supporters

Media

3,700

Media mentions

Media releases

20
Submissions

Australian Community Sector Survey

Poverty and Inequality in Australia 2015
Media Impact

Opinion piece by CEO Cassandra Goldie on making the energy transition both equitable and inclusive
7 August 2017, Renew Economy

Advocacy against programs disadvantaging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
13 February, 2018 SBS News

2017 ACOSS National Conference in partnership with VCOSS,
October 25, 2017 Pro Bono Australia

Advocacy against the cashless welfare card
8 December 2018, The Guardian

BUDGET 2018: CEO Cassandra Goldie discusses Budget impacts on Sky News
May 8, 2018

BUDGET 2018: CEO Cassandra Goldie with fellow representatives of the Community Sector addressing the media at a Budget press conference
May 9, 2018

BUDGET 2018: CEO Cassandra Goldie addresses the media at Parliament House
May 8, 2018
Our Strategies:
(a) Lead and support action to advance the adoption of equitable policy solutions by governments and other decision-makers.
(b) Build strategic alliances with key decision-makers to directly influence policy decisions and outcomes.
(c) Ensure a strong and effective media profile as an advocate in support of people affected by poverty, across a diverse range of media.
(d) Build ACOSS’ campaigning capacity to mobilise the community in support of key objectives, including through the use of online tools.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Throughout this year, ACOSS successfully warded off cuts to income support and paternalistic policies that serve to further demonise people on low incomes. These include the proposed removal of the energy supplement, drug testing of income support recipients, and a range of measures that would have cut payments to those with the least were finally taken off the table after the government failed to get them through the parliament.
• ACOSS worked with a number of other organisations and alliances including the Accountable Income Management Network to stop the roll out of the mandatory cashless debit card. This work succeeded in stopping the passage of legislation that would have allowed the card to be expanded to anywhere in Australia without an Act of Parliament.
• ACOSS successfully lobbied for the retention of the Disability Support Pension for people with addiction and intent to claim provisions for people in difficult circumstances.
• Co-hosted the second Australian Sustainable Development Goals Summit in March 2018 along with the Australian Council for International Development, Global Compact Network Australia, Sustainable Development Solutions Network Australia/Pacific and United Nations Association of Australia. This summit explored the current state of Australian SDG implementation; contributed to Australia’s first Voluntary National Review on the 2030 Agenda; and inspiring greater multi-sector action towards the SDGs both domestically and internationally.
• Campaigned for housing affordability with a number of key organisations on policy development for the Everybody’s Home campaign and through submissions such as that on the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement Bill 2017.
• Intense advocacy against proposed cuts to both company and personal taxation through media and parliamentary advocacy, including the organization of a letter to the Senate appealing against the tax cuts, signed by the leaders of 12 influential community sector organisations, and direct engagement with crossbenchers.

• Launched the Raise the Rate campaign to increase the rate of Newstart and other allowance payments.

• Supported the “Uluru Statement from the Heart”, a call from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders for the establishment of a voice in the Australian Constitution, through the establishment of a webpage at www.supportfirstnations.com.au for people to pledge their support for this call. During this period, the statement garnered almost 10,000 signatures.

• Advocacy to COAG Energy Ministers to ensure the National Energy Guarantee delivered rapid emissions reductions and affordable energy, especially for low-income households.

• ACOSS successfully advocated to the ACCC electricity price inquiry, for a raft of energy policy reform to deliver more affordable cleaner energy for people on low incomes.

• Advocacy against the Community Development Program.

• Provision of a leading community sector voice for the Federal Budgetary process, including through our Budget

• Kicked off Anti-Poverty Week 2017 with a high profile engagement focusing on the 30th anniversary of the Hawke Government’s commitment to end child poverty in Australia.

• Built on already significant media presence, with over 3,700 mentions in the media, including print, opinion pieces, online, radio and television interviews and 63 media releases.

• Advocated to increase the Medicare Levy.
Raise The Rate Campaign

During this reporting period, ACOSS began our ‘Raise the Rate’ campaign, to raise the rate of Newstart and related payments. The campaign (and years of advocacy) has put Newstart onto the front page. Raising the rate has received support from all corners, including economist Chris Richardson, former Prime Minister, John Howard, the ACTU’s Sally McManus and the Business Council of Australia’s Jennifer Westacott.

Thanks to our advocacy, public opinion has swung behind raising the rate of Newstart. Before the budget, 52% of people supported more spending on social security. After the budget and extensive media coverage on the issue of Newstart, Essential Media found that 68% of people supported an increase to Newstart.

ACOSS engaged with communities in Tasmania and South Australia, hosted by TasCOSS and SACOSS respectively. ACOSS met with local federal MPs, people living on allowances, as well as service providers. ACOSS spoke in Queensland at the QCOS conference. ACOSS sincerely thanks everyone who participated and shared their stories, as well as TasCOSS, QCOSS, SACOSS, the SA Anti-Poverty Network, and the National Council of Single Mothers and their Children for helping make these trips so successful.

The Anti-Poverty Network SA has led the campaign to get local councils to pass resolutions calling for an increase to Newstart. This led to the National Assembly of Local Government calling on the Federal Government to increase the rate of Newstart.

We have met with federal politicians from different parties advocating to raise the rate of Newstart, Youth Allowance and related payments. The Greens have adopted ACOSS’s position of a $75 per week increase, as has South Australian Senator Tim Storer. Derryn Hinch also supports an increase, as do independent MPs Andrew Wilkie and Cathy McGowan.

The ACT Government also backed an increase to Newstart in 17/18.

The Coalition oppose an increase. The ALP have only committed to reviewing Newstart if they are elected. They have acknowledged that the payment is too low.

The campaign has come a long way, but there is still more to do. We need the major political parties to get on board with the rest of Australia and raise the rate of Newstart, Youth Allowance and related payments, and change lives.
OUR GOAL: Development of evidence and experience based solutions

Our Strategies:

(a) Develop effective mechanisms to hear, understand and reflect the lived experience of people affected by poverty or disadvantage and facilitate their ability to participate in the development of policy and advocacy.

(b) Ensure that our mechanisms for consultation with members and other key stakeholders are robust, inclusive and respectful.

(c) Collaborate with academics and other researchers to produce and promote research that contributes to public understanding of poverty, its causes, impacts and solutions.

(d) Draw on international and Australian research and experience to develop new policy solutions that influence public policy to reduce poverty and inequality.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Strong participation in our national member policy networks on income support and employment, taxation, housing and homelessness, health, community sector, and climate and energy; and our media and communications network. Networks met regularly and enabled briefing, information sharing, planning and coordination.

- Signing a three-year Partnership Agreement with the Group of Eight, with a joint commitment to advancing the shared interests and work of each party in relation to education equity issues and the broader issues of poverty, disadvantage and equity.

- Co-hosting a Child Poverty and Social Determinants of health event with the Social Determinants of Health Alliance and ARACY.

- Engaging with community members through further growing and developing individual membership, with an additional 250 individual supporters.

- In partnership with the Brotherhood of St Laurence and The Climate Institute, commissioned research and conducted national workshops to identify priority policies to deliver affordable clean energy for all.

- In partnership with the Energy Efficiency Council and The Property Council undertook a survey on important of energy efficiency investment, especially for low-income households.

- Increasing engagement with individuals through social media, including increasing our Facebook following by 41% and increasing our Twitter engagement by 8%. With almost 23,000 followers we are one of the most followed Australian community sector organisations on Twitter.

- Two major events - the ACOSS National Conference in November 2017 and the Post-Budget Breakfast in May 2018.

- This year also saw strengthening of engagement with civil society organisations in other countries.

ACOSS CEO Cassandra Goldie with Group of Eight partners
POVERTY IN AUSTRALIA 2017

- Launch of the Poverty & Inequality Partnership with the University of NSW, a five year research and advocacy partnership to ensure stable reporting on poverty and inequality trends and the wide dissemination of key findings through academic and community networks and to decision makers. We thank our partners on this project: Australian Red Cross, Brotherhood of St Laurence, BB & A Miller Foundation, Good Shepherd, The Salvation Army, David Morawetz’ Social Justice Foundation, cohealth, Mission Australia, Australian Communities Foundation Impact Fund, St Vincent de Paul Society National Council, The Smith Family, Anglicare Australia, and ACF Sub-funds Hart Line and Raettvisa.

Social Media

Twitter

ACOSS engages with a wide audience through the use of Twitter, that includes media, organisations, government and individuals. Together with the entire COSS network, Twitter provides a platform to have our voice heard on the major issues.

Twitter followers increased from 20,227 to 22,782 over this period.

ACOSS tweeted 2,011 times, had 6,325,000 tweet impressions, and had approximately 77,000 profile visits and 12,000 mentions.

Facebook

During this financial year, ACOSS concentrated upon Facebook within the social media space in order to take advantage of the personalized community offered by Facebook. We shared detailed policy positions, relevant media stories, our other work, events and member/partner posts with our Facebook followers. During this period, our Facebook followers increased from 3,645 to 5,128 – a massive 41% increase.
Australia in 2030: Creating the future we want

ACOSS National Conference 2018 in partnership with VCOSS

The 2018 ACOSS National Conference was run in partnership with VCOSS at the Sofitel in Melbourne on 24-25 October 2017. With over 450 registrations, it was a successful conference that included some fantastic keynotes and breakout sessions, such as:

- Australia in 2030: Creating the future we want
- Recasting the narrative
- The future of work: Is it already here?
- Moving beyond diversity to inclusion

Combined with the HESTA Community Sector Awards, the conference proved a highlight for the year.
2018 Post Budget Breakfast

The 2018 Post Budget Breakfast was held on Tuesday May 15 at the Sydney Cricket Ground, providing an opportunity for representatives from Civil Society to talk about the 2018 Federal Budget. After listening to a dynamic panel of high profile commentators and sector representatives, over 150 registrants engaged in a wide ranging discussion on the potential Budget impacts for the sector.
OUR GOAL: Support and grow the effectiveness of community service organisations

Our Strategies:

(a) Understand the national issues impacting on the sector and its capacity to assist people in need. Work with the sector, the Federal Government and other stakeholders to implement strategies that address these issues.

(b) Develop the Australian Community Sector Survey as a key conduit for information about the lived experiences of people affected by poverty and the organisations that support them.

(c) Strengthen community development as the framework through which ACOSS develops and advocates policies to reduce poverty and disadvantage

(d) Builds on the commitment to civil society, ethics and values that characterises the community sector through our leadership on policy issues.

(e) Foster the capacity of the community sector to improve public policy outcomes.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Coordinated a joint submission, with our state and territory Councils of Social Service partners, on the review of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission highlighting the value of the independence of the NFP sector, the importance of reform to fundraising regulation in Australia and the good work undertaken by the Commission in its first five years of operation.

- Direct advocacy to the Department of Social Services on the question of authority to fund advocacy.

- Extensive work and analysis on a range of legal reforms directly impacting the role of charities in advocacy.

- Continuation of our partnership and work with Choice to improve the evidence base on the impacts of competition policy and human services.

- Advocated to the Department of Social Services to improve the process for renewal of grants expiring on 30 June 2018.
• Coordinated a workshop for members aimed at influencing the Department of Social Services’ Commissioning for Better Outcomes agenda.

• Participated in the Hands Off Our Charities Coalition, aimed at opposing laws that would place new regulations on charities and not for profits participating in the public debate.

• Continued participation in the Australian Progress Messaging project, with a view to developing shared priorities and messages across civil society.

• Continued partnership on the Digital Business Kits project.

• Continued promotion of the Resilient Community Organisation Toolkit available at www.resilience.acoss.org.au, which includes a disaster resilience benchmarking tool so organisations can assess their current state of disaster preparedness and identify areas of improvement; and the six steps to disaster resilience, which include information and resources organisations need to take action.

• Continued capacity building of the sector in policy advocacy through Federal Budget training and the development of briefing materials

• Submission to the Productivity Commission’s Inquiry into Human Services.

• Partnership with Australia Progress to foster emerging community organisations through Progress Labs, a new program designed to support leaders and social movements that engage Australians in positive action.

Hands Off Our Charities Coalition

ACCELERATING SOCIAL CHANGE
Kick starting a new generation of people-powered organisations and high-impact campaigns.

Democracy works best when people step up and speak out.

But when it comes to making big decisions, the balance of power too often tips against Australians experiencing disadvantage or those from marginalised communities.

We need to re-boot and revitalise civic participation, and that’s why we launched Progress Labs - Australia’s first dedicated social movement incubator.

Progress Labs is a partnership between Australia Progress and the Australian Council of Social Service, and will support more than 16 initiatives over the next two years. This means powerful and compelling new organisations engaging hundreds of thousands of Australians, and building broader and more forward-looking Australia.
OUR GOAL: Build our organisation to be dynamic and sustainable

Our Strategies:

(a) Undertake strategic governance reforms to ensure effective governance of ACOSS.
(b) Modernise the basis of membership in order to increase engagement of citizens and organisations committed to ACOSS’ objectives.
(c) Diversify and strengthen ACOSS’ resource base to support our work in priority areas.
(d) Develop workplace policies and procedures to ensure a well-managed, supportive and rewarding workplace.

HIGHLIGHTS

• The institution and adoption of new Rules of Association, which were voted on in a Special General Assembly meeting and adopted in August 2017. This concludes an extensive period of membership engagement on constitutional changes.
• The election of a dynamic new Board in late 2017 in line with the new Rules of Association.
• The re-invigoration of the membership base through a membership strategy that included a restructure of membership fees and the approach of potential new and lapsed members.
• Increase of individual supporter base.
• Continued implementation of a partnership strategy in order to enhance our resource base. A number of existing partnerships have been reinvigorated and a number of new partnerships have been created.
• Our core funding grant from the Department of Social Services under the Families and Community Service Improvement Activity has been granted until 2021.
• Continued implementation of Collective Agreement 2015.
• Continued development of our Contact Relationship Management database.
• Senior staff participation in an Executive Leadership program.
Our media releases, submissions and publications

Media Releases

- ACOSS warns, if tax cuts are passed for short term gain, people will lose access to essential services in the long term
  21 June 2018

- It’s a good news story! The Local Government National Assembly votes in support of an increase to Newstart
  20 June 2018

- Local Councils to vote on increasing Newstart at national conference
  19 June 2018

- We implore the government to stop the cuts to people seeking asylum
  18 June 2018

- Raise the Rate - ACOSS coming to South Australia
  12 June 2018

- Call for Senate to reject punitive Social Services Bill
  8 June 2018

- ‘Those who do not learn history are doomed to repeat it’ - This is the time for cautious, responsible budgeting, not a reckless tax cut auction.
  6 June 2018

- More than two-thirds of people back an increase to Newstart: Essential Poll
  5 June 2018

- ACOSS responds to ACTU and Salvation Army Reports on people with the lowest incomes
  23 May 2018

- While the battle over tax cuts begins, we are losing the war on poverty
  17 May 2018

- Media Alert: Australia’s Community Sector Post-Budget Breakfast
  11 May 2018

- Proposed tax cuts damage the Budget, bypass those in greatest hardship, and undermine essential services
  8 May 2018

- Media Alert: Community sector response to Federal Budget – doorstop
  8 May 2018

- ACOSS and Go8 sign ground-breaking equity agreement
  30 April 2018

- Consensus builds on need to raise low safety net payments in Budget
  30 April 2018

- Abandonment of Medicare Levy increase signals worrying shift from essential services to tax cuts
  26 April 2018

- Taking the ‘human’ out of human services
  23 April 2018

- Keep working on the National Energy Guarantee
  18 April 2018

- Voters want governments to make energy efficiency a top priority
  16 April 2018

- More competition brings significant risks to human services
  26 March 2018
Our media releases, submissions and publications

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- Cuts to support system leave people seeking asylum in destitution
  26 March 2018
- Our appeal to the senate
  24 March 2018
- We’ll all pay for company and other tax cuts
  22 March 2018
- More than 80,000 people hurt by Welfare ‘Reform’ Bill
  21 March 2018
- ACOSS calls on crossbench to reject the Welfare ‘Reform’ Bill
  19 March 2018
- Homelessness up as housing costs rise and incomes decline
  14 March 2018
- The tax cut war and why everyone must pay for essential services, including wealthy shareholders
  14 March 2018
- Lift the incomes of the lowest 40 per cent to meet our international commitments
  12 March 2018
- ACOSS co-hosting Australian Sustainable Development Goals Summit
  2 March 2018

- Non-energy market solutions for low income households
  28 February 2018
- Disability Support Pension cuts bad news for people affected
  21 February 2018
- Social change meets Silicon Valley, with new incubator of social movements.
  21 February 2018
- Tax cuts a mistake while service funding shortfalls remain and unemployment payment too low
  13 February 2018
- ACOSS and UNSW to tackle poverty and inequality through new collaboration
  7 February 2018
- ACOSS welcomes opposition to national roll out of cashless debit card
  7 February 2018
- ACNC Commissioner put on notice by National COSS Network
  19 December 2017
- Good news in MYEFO undone by more mean-spirited social security cuts
  18 December 2017
- ACOSS welcomes marriage equality
  8 December 2017
- Deeply concerning for all Australians: Appointment of new Charities Commissioner
  8 December 2017
- ACNC appointment an attack on the charity sector
  7 December 2017
- The Senate must reject mandatory cashless debit cards
  7 December 2017
• Silencing advocacy about public policy would threaten democracy
  6 December 2017

• Fix revenue to fill gaping holes in essential services, not raid it for election year tax cuts: ACOSS
  4 December 2017

• Silencing Australians: The result of the federal government’s proposed donations ban
  30 November 2017

• Restore the public revenue piggy bank to fund NDIS & other essential services, don’t break it now to cut taxes,
  ACOSS warns
  22 November 2017

• On behalf of all Australians COAG need to develop the National Energy Guarantee
  22 November 2017

• COAG must deliver on all elements of energy trilemma without delay
  21 November 2017

• Marriage equality finally recognized
  15 November 2017

• United call for Australian Parliament to respect and back full Uluru Statement from the Heart
  5 November 2017

• Let’s tackle child poverty in Australia
  15 October 2017

• COSS Network urges a Yes Vote for Marriage Equality
  29 September 2017

• Hawke Government reduced child poverty - we can too!
  29 September 2017

• ACOSS statement on No Jab No Pay
  14 September 2017

• New figures are a wake-up call to government
  14 September 2017

• The cost of living a decent life: new report highlights the inadequacies of income support for low-paid and unemployed Australians
  23 August 2017

• Energy Retailers can act to help relieve energy stress and drop electricity prices
  8 August 2017

• ACOSS statement on marriage equality
  8 August 2017

• ACOSS Statement on drug testing
  8 August 2017

• Child poverty crisis hits single parent families
  2 August 2017

• Trust in trusts is broken. ACOSS calls on Federal Government to implement trusts reform
  1 August 2017

• New Report: Put people first to deliver affordable, reliable and clean energy
  31 July 2017

• Wealthy and comfortable, just managing, or battling and forgotten. Which family are you? The true story of inequality in Australia.
  29 July 2017

• ACOSS rejects Federal Government’s latest attempt to cut incomes of people living in poverty. The energy supplement must stay.
  26 July 2017
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Key Submissions

- Submission to Senate Economics Committee on proposed income tax cuts
  May 2018
- Submission on Drug Testing Trial Bill 2018
  Apr 2018
- Submission to Senate Foreign Affairs Inquiry into the Sustainable Development Goals
  Apr 2018
- Social Services Legislation Amendment [Encouraging Self-sufficiency for Newly Arrived Migrants] Bill 2018
  Apr 2018
- ACOS submission on the National Energy Guarantee
  Mar 2018
- Minimum wage submission 2018
  Mar 2018
- Joint COSS Submission into the Review of the ACNC Legislation
  Mar 2018
- Pre-Budget Submission [Budget Priorities Statement] 2018
  Feb 2018
- Submission on the Electoral Legislation Amendment [Electoral Funding & Disclosure Reform] Bill 2017
  Jan 2018
- Submission on Treasury Laws Amendment [National Housing and Homelessness Agreement] Bill 2017
  Dec 2017
- ACOS submission to ACCC Retail Electricity Price Inquiry Preliminary Report
  Dec 2017
- Submission to Social Services Legislation Amendment [Affordable Housing] Bill 2017
  Nov 2017
- Submission on Social Services Legislation Amendment [Cashless Debit Card] Bill 2017
  Oct 2017
- Submission on the Social Services Legislation Amendment [Welfare Reform] Bill
  Aug 2017
- Submission on Social Services Legislation Amendment [Better Targeting Student Payments] Bill 2017
  Aug 2017
- Submission on Social Services Legislation Amendment [Payment Integrity] Bill 2017
  Aug 2017
- Joint Submission to the Australian Human Rights Commission Consultation: OPCAT and Civil Society
  Jul 2017
- Tax Deductible Gift Recipient Reform Opportunities: Submission to the Treasury
  Jul 2017
- Submission to Social Services Legislation Amendment [Ending Carbon Tax Compensation] Bill 2017
  Jul 2017
- Submission to Productivity Commission Human Services Inquiry
  Jul 2017
Position statements, Papers, and Publications

- 2018 Budget snapshot: Missing in action
  May 2018
- 2018 Budget snapshot: Social Security
  May 2018
- 2018 Budget snapshot: Essential services
  May 2018
- 2018 Budget snapshot: Health and aged care
  May 2018
- 2018 Budget Snapshot: Tax
  May 2018
- Energy bills & energy efficiency: survey of community views
  Apr 2018
- Briefing note: company tax cuts
  Apr 2018
- Policy briefing - drug testing of income support recipients
  Mar 2018
- Briefing note: Foreign Donations Bill
  Mar 2018
- Briefing note: Cashless Debit Card bill
  Feb 2018
- Briefing note: Social Security Bills
  Feb 2018
- Briefing note: Welfare Reform Bill
  Feb 2018
- Annual Report 2016-17
  Nov 2017
- Tax treatment of private trusts
  Nov 2017
- A future for all children: Addressing child poverty in Australia
  October 2017
- Strengthening the Medicare Levy to secure the future of the NDIS and other essential universal services
  Sep 2017
- Empowering disadvantaged households to access affordable, clean energy
  Jul 2017
It’s a pleasure to report again this year that ACOSS, like so many community and social services sector organisations, has faced many challenges during the past twelve months and has used all its resources and staff skills to meet those challenges and move the organisation forward.

The ACOSS team has worked towards our strategic goals in social and economic policy, advocacy, sector empowerment and improving our own organisation, and in this annual commentary we can provide good reports about our progress in all these areas.

ACOSS continues its work as a fearless advocate and voice for Australians living with poverty and disadvantage, and our credibility as an informed influencer of national social policy is widely recognised.

ACOSS remains a frequent commentator and an active contributor to public media and forums that deal with often complex economic and social policy questions, and its evidence-based submissions to enquiries and policy reviews are respected and regularly sought.

The community and social services sector around Australia continues to operate in a dynamic environment of change, always focussed on the health, wellbeing and human rights of the people it serves.

ACOSS supports the sector through its networks and collaborations across the nation, working with providers that roll out essential services to some of the most disadvantaged Australians. These collaborations allow our organisation to be informed on the impact of social policy decisions so that our advocacy for improvement remains relevant.

During this report period ACOSS has implemented the outcomes of our governance and constitutional reform and will next work towards refining our governance processes. Our policy and advocacy networks continue their vital work, providing every possible opportunity for our members to be engaged in our key submissions and campaigns.

The last twelve months have seen the election of a new ACOSS Board, with several new Board colleagues welcomed and inducted.

The skilled, voluntary Board of ACOSS is a team of experienced and strongly committed community sector leaders. I record my gratitude for their great contribution and support.

It’s important to again highlight the special efforts of a few members of the ACOSS Board during the year. Jeremy Halcrow as Treasurer, Hang Vo as a Vice President, and Peter McNamara chairing our Audit and Risk Committee have selflessly supported the work of the ACOSS team and their contribution is recognised.

The size of the ACOSS resource base often surprises members and beyond when contrasted with the presence we maintain and the influence we achieve. Our effective advocacy and enviable public profile continue to be achieved through the dynamic leadership of our Chief Executive Dr. Cassandra Goldie and the remarkable ACOSS staff.

Our staff colleagues at ACOSS strive for social justice improvement with great skill and energy, and the Board acknowledges and applauds their contribution to achieving our ambitious goals.

ACOSS marks in this report another year of relevant service to its members and high-profile advocacy on behalf of Australians living with poverty and disadvantage. We also pay tribute to our members and our growing number of community partners for their support of ACOSS during this last year.

On behalf of the ACOSS Board I reiterate the principal objective that drives the work of our Board and staff every day - a fairer, more equitable and socially just Australia.

Tony Reidy, 
ACOSS PRESIDENT
Throughout this year, ACOSS has continued to reflect broad public support for a fairer, more equal and kinder Australia. Working with our membership and with the oversight of our Board, ACOSS has played an important part in continuing to prevent cuts to income support that would increase poverty and disadvantage for those depending on income support. The continued prevention of the huge impacts that further cuts would have on the community is a reflection of the efforts of both the ACOSS team and our members.

ACOSS has pushed the debate on progressive tax reform, to provide the revenue base necessary for the delivery of universal services throughout the country, through work in partnership and alone to prevent legislation of cuts to the corporate tax rate.

ACOSS started our dedicated campaign this year to Raise the Rate of Newstart and other Allowance payments. To this end, I, along with the ACOSS team and with the support of our COSS fellows, spent time engaging with the community in Tasmania, South Australia and Queensland in order to cement campaign support and engagement. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our COSS partners, our members and our supporters for their dedication and assistance to this campaign.

The year provided some time for me overseas, cementing some relationships formed when I was previously in Geneva and learning from key non-government organisations, academics, and United Nations contacts. I returned with three main areas of development for ACOSS – the power of the citizens inquiry approach; the importance of academic partnership models for organisations such as ours; and, overwhelmingly, the importance of strengthening our engagement with Civil Society Organisations in other countries, through mechanisms such as the UN Sustainable Development Goals process; and the UN Human Rights system, specifically the monitoring of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. To further these goals I have accepted an invitation to join the International Council of Social Welfare’s Management Committee.

Over the year, ACOSS has worked on developing academic partnerships, which has included a major partnership with the University of New South Wales on poverty and inequality for the next five years; and a three year agreement with the Group of Eight Australia to facilitate policy dialogue and engagement. We have cemented partnerships with other organisations in order to provide broader collaboration and as part of the plan to diversify our income stream, including partnerships with InfoXchange, Australia Post, Jobs Australia and HESTA.

Collaboration with members has, as always, been important over the year, with participation in the Hands off our Charities campaign, work on the Foreign Donations Bill, campaigning with the Everybody’s Home partnership, in the UN Sustainable Development Goals process being a significant part of our work. Our work on the role of charities in advocacy has also been part of our membership collaboration process.

We have worked on strengthening and streamlining engagement with members through our Policy and Advocacy Networks and through working on a restructure of our membership base.

Of course, all this would not be possible without the dedication, tenacity and capability of our staff. The efforts of each member of the ACOSS team allows the organization to fight above our weight in every respect as we play our part on the Australian stage in calling for an evidence-based and innovative approach to public policy in Australia.

Cassandra Goldie, Chief EXECUTIVE OFFICER
This will be my last report as Treasurer as I have completed my third and final term on the ACOSS Board.

As I reflect on the recent achievements of ACOSS, I want to acknowledge the support and wise counsel of President Tony Reidy and Deputy President Hang Vo, especially as they steered ACOSS’ constitutional reform process over the past three years. These reforms will ensure ACOSS is well governed into the future, with greater capacity to ensure the right skills mix on the Board, including financial acumen.

The financial risks that were identified at the time I became Treasurer in 2014 have all now been treated. The core grant from the Department of Social Services has been secured during this year. Meanwhile, ACOSS has been able to both build its membership base and diversify its revenues through philanthropy, special events and expanded sponsorship arrangements and opportunities. This is a testament to the visionary leadership of CEO Cassandra Goldie. ACOSS’ current organisational strength has been built over many years. This is not merely the result of the staff team’s hard work and persistence, but also their uncompromising commitment to the core mission of ACOSS. Our network of members, donors and sponsorship partners continues to grow because of ACOSS’ reputation as a strong and independent voice for the needs of people affected by poverty and inequality.

Over the past three years our financial strategy has been to invest in additional staffing capability aimed at growing untied funding to allow greater flexibility in pursuing advocacy goals, as well as driving a much-needed diversification in ACOSS’ revenue. It should therefore be noted that the Board intentionally budgeted a small deficit this year as part of our two year plan to invest in the establishment of a business development team.

In summary, ACOSS produced a deficit of $56,764 compared to an operational deficit of $137,601 in the previous year. This year’s loss excludes $22,000 in donations received via Raise the Rate campaign. It has been decided that all donations regardless of whether tied or not tied should be treated as income upon receipt and deferred to the new financial year when the work is taking place. The total equity position is $585,523. Liquidity remains strong with a working capital surplus of $508,255. It is also important to note that we are forecasting that the budget will return to surplus in the upcoming 2018/19 financial year.

I step down from the ACOSS Board confident that the organisation has the financial strength and staff resourcing to lead the fight for a fairer and more just Australia for the foreseeable future.

Jeremy Halcrow, TREASURER
The COSS Network

The Councils of Social Service across Australia have unity of purpose and a compelling case to end inequality and poverty. That’s what motivates us and where our power to influence is.

Our combined national network has almost 4000 organisations and thousands more individuals working with them: that’s the foundation of who we are, that is our power to influence.

One purpose, one message, one goal, thousands of voices.

That’s why our network is engaged with government in negotiating policies that will meet our goals – and theirs. Only by staying engaged can we achieve change.

That’s why both community organisations and the business sector want to form alliances with us. Those alliances make our network even more formidable.

From these strategic alliances a bipartisan approach is blossoming that Australians want to see but which politics has failed to deliver. This time of crisis in politics is rich with possibility for the new way of working that the COSS network has embraced.

Australians are recognising that the COSS network can be a voice not just for people surviving on the lowest of incomes and experiencing inequality and disadvantage, but for everyone who has a stake in a creating a more equal, prosperous and inclusive nation.

To achieve the goal of ending inequality and poverty we, and our allies, build resilience within communities by enabling and amplifying their voice to challenge policies, systems, behaviours and attitudes.

We equip them, and our strategic partners, with the compelling evidence – the big picture on the social, economic and political need for change, and the dramatic, moving human experiences that are the motivator for what we do.

We listen to people in communities through consultation and grassroots engagement, we mobilise the skills and experience in communities, so their voice grows in power, endurance and eloquence now and through the generations.

We speak not only of the challenges faced by communities and individuals but, most critically, the successes. They are a critical part of the evidence for change.

Yes, the number of organisations, alliances and individuals is one measure of the COSS network’s influence.

But the supreme indicator of our powerful influence and success is in the number of lives we change and the number of communities we enrich through an end to poverty, inequality and disadvantage and the creation of a more equal and inclusive Australia.
Our staff and volunteers

ACOSS Staff 2017-2018

Cassandra Goldie,
Chief Executive Officer

Kellie Caught,
Senior Adviser, Climate and Energy

Sophie Chau,
Bookkeeping and Administration Officer [to Aug 2017]

Charmaine Crowe,
Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer

Fernando de Freitas,
Media Adviser

Peter Davidson,
Senior Adviser

Penelope Dorsch,
Communications and Information

Kate Finlayson,
Media Adviser

Renata Franz,
Operations Manager

Georgia Keighery,
Event Support [from April 2017 to February 2018]

Edwina MacDonald,
Co-Director of Policy and Advocacy

John Mikelsons,
Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer

Mai Nguyen
Finance Officer [from August 2017]

Jacqueline Phillips,
Co-Director of Policy and Advocacy

Michael Raper,
Senior Adviser

Amy Simmons,
Engagement, Member Services and Events [on leave from Aug 2017]

Nicole Stanmore,
Director, Business Development, Stakeholder Engagement and Operations

Brendan Wylie,
Administration and Project Support Officer

Erin Snelgrove,
Executive Assistant to the CEO

Kylie Smith,
Events and Membership Officer

We would like to thank all our volunteers, whose time and efforts on our behalf are greatly appreciated.
Our Governance
ACOSS Board

The ACOSS Board is comprised of representatives of our National Organisation Members and State Councils of Social Service. The Board is voluntary, elected for a two year term, during which its main responsibilities include strategic oversight of the work of the CEO and the Council.

As a result of the changes in the Rules of Association voted on in August 2017, a new, streamlined Board was elected in November 2017. This Board consists of three Board members, who have been nominated by a Council of Social Service member; three Board members who have been nominated by a National Organisation Member or a National Constituency Organisation Member; and three Board members who have been elected by the other Board members.

Board from 1 July 2017 to 15 November 2017
- Tony Reidy
  President
- Jeremy Halcrow
  Treasurer, Deputy President
- Hang Vo
  Deputy President
- Stella Avramopoulos
- Darlene Cox
- Tony Davis
- John Falzon
- Jayne Lloyd
- Peter McNamara
- Lyn Morgain
- David Panter
- Elenie Poulos
- Matt Rowell
- Jane Stanley
- Tracey Stevens
- Kate Tully
- Debra Zanella

Board from November 2017
- Tony Reidy
  President (from 6 December 2017)
- Jeremy Halcrow
  Treasurer
  Deputy President
- Hang Vo
  Deputy President (from 6 December 2017)
- Amanda Bresnan
  Board Member
- Vanessa Fanning
  Board Member
- Peter McNamara
  Board Member
- Matt Rowell
  Board Member (resigned January 2018)
- David Panter
  Board Member
- Petra Hilton
  Board Member (from 6 December 2017)
Our Organisational Members

ACOSS has a growing national member network bringing together a broad spectrum of organisations from across Australia with a commitment to social justice.

The ACOSS national member network comprises:

• Eight state and territory Councils of Social Service, which represent thousands of front-line community agencies;
• National organisations with an active interest in social welfare;
• National religious and secular welfare agencies; and
• Low income consumer groups

ACOSS respects the autonomy of our national organisation members so they are not bound by the policy positions of the organisation. National organisation membership creates a mutual relationship whereby we draw on the collective knowledge and experience of our membership; and members benefit from access to our expertise, research, policy and advocacy work.

State and local organisations also support ACOSS’ work as Associate Members.

ACOSS has been building our individual supporter base. Individual supporters are non-financial members who support our work and provide input into how our priority areas affect their lives. Our individual supporter base grew from 1,055 to 1,305 during this period.

We sincerely thank all of our members and supporters for their contribution to social justice.

Councils of Social Service Members

ACT Council of Social Service
Council of Social Service of NSW
NT Council of Social Service
Queensland Council of Social Service
SA Council of Social Service
Tasmanian Council of Social Service
Victorian Council of Social Service
WA Council of Social Service

National Organisation Members (Previously National Members)

Adult Learning Australia
AIDS Trust of Australia
Anglicare Australia
Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC)
Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW)
Australian Baha’i Community
Australian Catholic Social Justice Council (ACSJC)
Australian Council of State School Organisations (ACSSO)
Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations (AFAO)
Australian Federation of Disability Organisations (AFDO)
Australian Men’s Health Forum (AMHF)
Australian Neighbourhood Houses & Centres Association (ANHCA)
Australian Psychological Society (APS)
Australian Red Cross
Australian Unemployed Workers’ Union (AUWU)
Australian Youth Affairs Coalition (AYAC)
Baptist Care Australia
Brotherhood of St Laurence (BSL)
Carers Australia
Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA)
Children and Young People with Disability Australia (CYDA)
Community Colleges Australia (CCA)
Community Housing Industry Association (CHIA)
Community Mental Health Australia (CMHA)
Consumers Health Forum of Australia (COTA)
Disability Advocacy Network Australia (DANA)
Down Syndrome Australia (DSA)
Family and Relationship Services Australia (FRSA)
Federation of Ethnic Communities’ Councils of Australia (FECCA)
Financial Counselling Australia (FCA)
Foodbank Australia
Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand (GSANZ)
Good Shepherd Microfinance (GSM)
Goodstart Early Learning (GEL)
Homelessness Australia
HOST International
Indian (Sub-Cont) Crisis & Support Agency
Infoxchange
Jobs Australia (JA)
LGBTIQ - Support & Protection Services
Life Without Barriers
MacKillop Family Services
Mission Australia
Multiple Sclerosis Australia (MS Australia)
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service (NATSILS)
National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO)
National Association of Community Legal Centres (NACLC)
National Association of People With HIV Australia (NAPWA)
National Ethnic Disability Alliance (NEDA)
National Family Violence Prevention Legal Services Forum (NFVPLSF)
National Rural Health Alliance (NRHA)
National Shelter
National Social Security Rights Network (NSSRN)
Playgroup Australia
Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA)
Reconciliation Australia (RA)
Relationships Australia (RA)
SCOA Australia Incorporated
Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC)
Settlement Council of Australia (SCOA)
Society of St Vincent de Paul National Council
The Benevolent Society
The Salvation Army East and Southern Territories
The Smith Family
UnitingCare Australia
Veterans Off The Streets Australia - VOTSAs Ltd
Volunteering Australia
WESNET
Willing Older Workers (W.O.W!)
YMCA Australia
YWCA Australia

National Constituency Organisation Members (previously Special Assembly Members)
National Council of Single Mothers and their Children (NCSMC)
People with Disability Australia
Women With Disabilities Australia (WWDA)

Associate Member Organisations
Access Community Services Limited
Accordwest
ADRA Australia Limited
Anglicare Sydney
Anglicare Victoria
Association of Children’s Welfare Agencies Inc. (ACWA)
Australian Communications Consumer Action Network Ltd (ACCAN)
Australian Education Union (AEU)
Australian Services Union (ASU)
Berry Street
BeyondHousing
Catholic Social Services Victoria
CentaCare New England North West Centre for Social Impact (CSI)
CHOICE
Churches Housing Incorporated
cohealth
Community Industry Group
Community Information and Support Victoria
Organisational Members

... continued

Consumer Action Law Centre (CALC)
CORE Community Services
Early Childhood Australia
Edmund Rice Centre (ERC)
Family Support Newcastle
Financial Counsellors’ Association of WA
Financial Rights Legal Centre
Great Lakes Community Resources Inc
Homelessness NSW
Illawarra Legal Centre
Institute of Child Protection Studies
Jannawi Family Centre
Justice Connect
Lutheran Community Care
Melbourne’s Leading Nanny Agency
Mid Coast Communities
Mountains Community Resource Network (MCRN)
Nepean Community and Neighbourhood Services (NCNS)
NSW Federation of Housing Associations (NSWFHA)
PeakCare Queensland Inc
Penrith City Council
Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC)
Rainbow Families Inc
Rape & Domestic Violence Services Australia
Samaritans Foundation
Sector Connect Inc
Settlement Services International (SSI)
Social Futures (Northern Rivers Social Development Council)
South East Community Links
South Port Community Housing Group Inc
Southern Youth and Family Services
St John’s Youth Services
Sydney Community Forum (SCF)
Tangentyere Council Inc.
Tenants Queensland
Think+DO Tank Foundation
United Voice National Office (UV)
Uniting (NSW/ACT)
Uniting Communities
Uniting Country SA
Victorian Kids in Care Advocacy Service (VKCAS)
Welfare Rights Centre (NSW)
Westgate Community Initiatives Group Inc
WESTIR Ltd

Policy Advisers

Our work in each policy area is guided by voluntary Board-appointed Policy Advisers. These Advisers are experts in their fields who advise us on ACOSS policy and strategy. We would like to thank the following Policy Advisers for their advice and guidance over the past year.

Community Sector Policy
Natasha Cortis
Minh Nguyen

Income Support & Employment
Peter Whiteford
Roger Wilkins

Health
Sharon Friel
Tadgh McMahon
Kees Van Gool

Housing and Homelessness
Kath Halse
Vivienne Milligan
Cameron Parsell
Judy Yates

Tax
Nicholas Gruen
Helen Hodgson
Rick Krever
Julie Smith
Miranda Stewart
Our funders, donors, sponsors and volunteers

**Sponsorship, Grant and Pro-bono Support**
ACOSS relies on significant support from government, corporate, non-profit and philanthropic organisations through both financial and in-kind contributions. Much of this support comes in the form of partnerships that improve our work and strengthen our impact. We extend sincere gratitude to the following organisations for their contribution to ACOSS over the past year:

**Financial supporters**
Australian Government Department of Social Services
Energy Consumers Australia

**Partners**
Australia Post
HESTA
Infoxchange
Jobs Australia
Group of Eight

**Poverty and Inequality Project partners**
Anglicare Australia
Australian Communities Foundation
ACF Sub-Funds Hart Line and Raettvisa
Australian Red Cross
BB and A Miller Foundation (PAF)
cohealth
David Morawetz’s Social Justice Fund
Energy Consumers Australia
Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand

**Mission Australia**
Social Policy Research Centre
Society of St Vincent de Paul National Council
The Brotherhood of St Laurence
The Salvation Army (NSW)
The Smith Family
University of NSW

**Sponsors**
Community Sector Banking
University of Technology, Sydney

**Conference Sponsors**
Australian Digital Health Agency
Bank Australia
Community Services.net
Financial Ombudsman Service Australia
Pro Bono Australia
Sustainability Victoria

**Pro Bono support**
Ashurst

We would also like to thank the following for their ongoing support and contributions:
McKinsey & Co

**Donations**
The generosity of individuals and organisations who donate to ACOSS is invaluable. Our special thanks go out to the following supporters and to all those who give anonymously:
Adam Aitken
Percy Allan
Philip Amos
Meg Anklesaria
Eileen Baldry
Stefanie Ball
Tracy Balzer
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Anne Barton
Anna Boucher
David Brennan
Patrick Brennan
Geoffrey Buchanan
Dennis Byles
Bettina Cass
Beth Christensen
Cohealth
Alexander Collie
Anne Courtney
Dianne Dejanovic
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Vanessa Fanning
Denis Fitzgerald
Warren Gardiner
Cristina Gomez
Lauren Graham
Philippa Hall
Donald Harvey
Petra Hilton
Jonathon Hunyor
Lynette Jones
Anita Kazis
Denis Klein
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Governors’ Report

Australian Council of Social Service

The Governors of the Australian Council of Social Service Inc present the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2018 and report as follows:

Governors

The names of the Governors in office during or since the end of the year are as follows. The Governors were in office for this entire period unless otherwise stated.

Board from 1 July 2017 to 15 November 2017

Mr Tony Reidy
Mr Jeremy Halcrow
Ms Hang Vo
Ms Stella Avramopoulos
Ms Darlene Cox
Mr Tony Davis
Dr John Falzon
Ms Jayne Lloyd
Mr Peter McNamara
Ms Lyn Morgain
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President
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Board from November 2017

Mr Tony Reidy
Mr Jeremy Halcrow
Ms Hang Vo
Ms Amanda Bresnan
Ms Vanessa Fanning
Mr Peter McNamara
Mr Matt Rowell
Mr David Panter
Ms Petra Hilton
Ms Debbie Evans

President (from 6 December 2017)
Treasurer, Deputy President
Deputy President (from 6 December 2017)
Board Member
Board Member
Board Member
Board Member
Board Member
Board Member (resigned January 2018)
Board Member
Board Member (from 6 December 2017)
Board Member (from 11 June 2018)
Principal Activity
The principal activity of the Association is to provide effective and influential advocacy to reduce poverty and inequality in Australia based on high standards of community consultation, policy development, analysis and research.

There were no significant changes in the nature of the principal activities during the year.

Operating Result
The net result of the Association for the financial year after providing for income tax was a deficit of $56,764 (2017: deficit $137,601). The Association is a not-for-profit entity and is exempt from the payment of income tax.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Governors:

Tony Reidy
President
27 September 2018

Mr Jeremy Halcrow
Treasurer
Statement of Profit or Loss and other Comprehensive Income
for the year ended 30 June 2018

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<td>Revenue</td>
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<td>2,424,989</td>
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<td>Expenses</td>
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<td>Administration expenses</td>
<td>(295,463)</td>
<td>(205,151)</td>
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<td>Depreciation expenses</td>
<td>(22,056)</td>
<td>(13,628)</td>
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<td>Employee benefits expense</td>
<td>(1,766,956)</td>
<td>(1,631,838)</td>
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<td>Travel and accommodation expenses</td>
<td>(124,648)</td>
<td>(100,470)</td>
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<td>Occupancy costs</td>
<td>(120,342)</td>
<td>(73,088)</td>
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<td>Board and executive expenses</td>
<td>(20,397)</td>
<td>(24,570)</td>
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<td>Subscription expenses</td>
<td>(24,841)</td>
<td>(13,786)</td>
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<td>Telephone costs</td>
<td>(28,553)</td>
<td>(31,190)</td>
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<td>Computer expenses</td>
<td>(28,450)</td>
<td>(30,416)</td>
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<td>Resource expenses</td>
<td>(50,047)</td>
<td>(22,189)</td>
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<td>Other expenses</td>
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<td>(44,736)</td>
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<td>(2,481,753)</td>
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<td>Surplus (deficit) for the year</td>
<td>(56,764)</td>
<td>(137,601)</td>
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<td>Other comprehensive income</td>
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<td>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>(63,825)</td>
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<td>Fair value gain (loss) on available-for-sale financial assets</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>(63,825)</td>
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<td>Other comprehensive income for the year</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>Total comprehensive income (loss) for the year</td>
<td>(56,764)</td>
<td>(201,426)</td>
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## Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2018

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### Assets

#### Current assets
- **Cash and cash equivalents**: 6, 1,141,346, 1,005,998
- **Trade and other receivables**: 7, 449,201, 405,037

#### Non-current assets
- **Financial assets**: 8, 36,175, 36,175
- **Property, plant and equipment**: 9, 51,588, 38,707
- **Intangible assets**: 10, 6,982, 14,810
- **Total non-current assets**: 94,745, 89,692

**Total Assets**: 1,685,292, 1,500,727

### Liabilities

#### Current liabilities
- **Trade and other payables**: 11, 841,425, 632,333
- **Employee benefits**: 12, 240,867, 207,764
- **Total current liabilities**: 1,082,292, 840,097

#### Non-current liabilities
- **Employee benefits**: 12, 17,477, 18,343

**Total Liabilities**: 1,099,769, 858,440

### Net Assets

**585,523**, **642,287**

### Funds

- **Accumulated funds**: 569,348, 626,112
- **Reserves**: 16,175, 16,175

**Total Funds**: **585,523**, **642,287**
## Statement of Changes in Funds

for the year ended 30 June 2018

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<th>Accumulated Funds</th>
<th>Financial Assets Reserve</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<td><strong>Balance at 1 July 2016</strong></td>
<td>$763,713</td>
<td>$80,000</td>
<td>$843,713</td>
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**Comprehensive income**

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<td>(137,601)</td>
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<td>Other comprehensive income</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>(63,825)</td>
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<td><strong>Total comprehensive income (loss) for the year</strong></td>
<td>(137,601)</td>
<td>(63,825)</td>
<td>(201,426)</td>
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| **Balance at 30 June 2017**                                  | $626,112          | $16,175                  | $642,287 |

| **Balance at 1 July 2017**                                   | $626,112          | $16,175                  | $642,287 |

**Comprehensive income**

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<td><strong>Total comprehensive income (loss) for the year</strong></td>
<td>(56,764)</td>
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<td>(56,764)</td>
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| **Balance at 30 June 2018**                                  | $569,348          | $16,175                  | $585,523 |
## Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2018

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<td><strong>Cash flows from operating activities</strong></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Receipts from customers and government</td>
<td>1,501,856</td>
<td>1,039,538</td>
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<tr>
<td>Payments to suppliers and employees</td>
<td>(2,593,866)</td>
<td>(2,195,337)</td>
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<td>Donations</td>
<td>19,516</td>
<td>47,136</td>
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<td>Government grants received</td>
<td>1,187,797</td>
<td>1,194,507</td>
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<td>Investment income received</td>
<td>47,154</td>
<td>20,191</td>
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<td><strong>Net cash flows from operating activities</strong></td>
<td>162,457</td>
<td>106,035</td>
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<td><strong>Cash flows from investing activities</strong></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Purchase of property, plant and equipment</td>
<td>(27,109)</td>
<td>(23,928)</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Net cash flows from investing activities</strong></td>
<td>(27,109)</td>
<td>(23,928)</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</strong></td>
<td>135,348</td>
<td>82,107</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year</td>
<td>1,005,998</td>
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<td>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>1,141,346</td>
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Notes to Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2018

Note 1 - Reporting entity
The financial report includes the financial statements and notes of the Australian Council of Social Service Inc and is registered as a charity under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.
The financial statements were approved by the committee on 25 September 2018.

Note 2 - Basis of preparation
Statement of compliance
The Australian Council of Social Service Inc applies Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements as set out in AASB 1053: Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards and AASB 2010-2: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Reduced Disclosure Requirements.
These financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the Corporations Act 2001 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. The Association is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis of measurement
The financial statements have been prepared under historical cost convention, as modified by revaluations to fair value for certain classes of assets and liabilities as described in the accounting policies.

Comparatives
Where required by Accounting Standards comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year. Where the Association has retrospectively applied an accounting policy, made a retrospective restatement or reclassified items in its financial statements, an additional statement of financial position as at the beginning of the earliest comparative period will be disclosed.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements
The Governors evaluate estimates and judgements incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the Association. Details of estimates and judgements are included in the accounting policies and the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Note 2 - Basis of preparation (continued)
New and revised standards that are effective for these financial statements
The Association has adopted AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers and AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-profit Entities in these financial statements.
A number of new and revised standards are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2017, however none have significantly impacted the Association’s financial statements.

New standards and interpretations not yet adopted
Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2018 reporting period and have not been early adopted by the Association. These
include:
- AASB 9 Financial Instruments (effective for the year ending 30 June 2019)
- AASB 16 Leases (effective for the year ending 30 June 2020)

The Governors assessment of the impact of these new standards (to the extent applicable to the Association) is that none are expected to significantly impact the Association’s financial statements in future reporting periods.

Note 3 - Significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial report are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Income tax
The Australian Council of Social Service Inc is a not-for-profit exempt institution from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. In accordance with the income tax exemption status, no provision for income tax is raised in this financial report.

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.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

Note 3 - Significant accounting policies (continued)

Revenue recognition
Amounts disclosed as revenue are net of returns, trade allowances and duties and taxes including goods and services tax (GST). Revenue is recognised for the major business activities as follows:

Grants
Grant contributions for financial assistance are recognised as revenue when the Association obtains control over the asset comprising the contributions. When the Association does not have control of the contribution or does not have the right to receive the contribution or has not fulfilled grant conditions, the grant contribution is treated as deferred income.

Interest revenue
Interest revenue is measured in accordance with the effective interest method.

Donations and bequests
The timing of the recognition of donations, grants and fundraising depends upon the point in time at which control of these monies is obtained. Control would normally occur upon the earlier of the receipt of the monies or notification that the monies have been secured.

Project income
Project income is recognised in the period that the project occurs.

Membership
Membership is recognised on both quarterly and yearly basis. Where income reviewed for periods exceeding the financial year end date, income has been proportioned on a pro rate basis.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original
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maturities of twelve months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value and bank overdrafts.

Trade receivables
For all sources of recurrent income, trade receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, less provision for doubtful debts. Collectability of trade receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectible are written off. A provision for impairment in relation to doubtful receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the Association will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables.

Financial instruments

Initial recognition and measurement
The Association classifies its financial assets in the following categories: financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, loans and receivables, held-to-maturity investments, and available-for-sale financial assets. The classification depends on the nature of the item and the purpose for which the instruments are held.

Note 3 - Significant accounting policies (continued)
Financial instruments (continued)
Classification and subsequent measurement
Fair value represents the amount for which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled between knowledgeable, willing parties. Where available, quoted prices in an active market are used to determine fair value. In other circumstances, valuation techniques are adopted.
Amortised cost is calculated as: (i) the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition; (ii) less principal repayments; (iii) plus or minus the cumulative amortisation of the difference, if any, between the amount initially recognised and the maturity amount calculated using the effective interest method; and (iv) less any reduction for impairment.
The effective interest method is used to allocate interest income or interest expense over the relevant period and is equivalent to the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts (including fees, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life (or when this cannot be reliably predicted, the contractual term) of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. Revisions to expected future net cash flows will necessitate an adjustment to the carrying value with a consequential recognition of an income or expense in profit or loss.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss
This category has two sub-categories: financial assets held for trading, and those designated at fair value through profit or loss on initial recognition. A financial asset is classified in this category if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term or if so designated by management.
The policy of management is to designate a financial asset if the possibility exists that it will be sold in the short term and the asset is subject to frequent changes in fair value. Assets in this category are classified as current assets if they are either held for trading or are expected to be realised within 12 months of the end of the reporting period.

Loans and receivables
Loans and receivables are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.
Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities that the Association’s management has the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity. Any held-to-maturity investments held by the Association are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less impairment.

Impairment
At each reporting date, the Association assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired. In the case of available-for-sale financial instruments, a prolonged decline in the value of the instrument is considered to determine whether an impairment has arisen.

Impairment losses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

Note 3 - Significant accounting policies (continued)
Property, plant and equipment
Recognition and measurement
Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount. These are included in the statement of comprehensive income. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation surplus relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

Carrying Amount
The carrying amount of property, plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the Association to ensure that it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from those assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets’ employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

Depreciation
The depreciable amount of all property, plant and equipment, excluding freehold land and capital works in progress, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset’s useful life to the Association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

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

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Furniture, fixtures and fittings at cost</td>
<td>20%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Computer equipment at cost</td>
<td>30%</td>
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The assets’ residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each 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.

Intangible assets
Software has a finite useful life and is carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment losses. Amortisation is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate the cost of the software over its estimated useful life of five years.

Impairment of assets
Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset’s carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset’s fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash generating units).
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Note 3 - Significant accounting policies (continued)
Impairment losses are reversed when there is an indication that the impairment loss may no longer exist and there has been a change in the estimate used to determine the recoverable amount.

Trade and other payables
Trade 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, which remain unpaid.
The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability. The carrying amount of trade and other payables is deemed to reflect fair value.

Income received in advance
Income, other than government contract income, that is received before the service to which the payment relates has been provided is recorded as a liability until such time as the service has been provided, at which time it is recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Employee benefits
Short-term employee benefits
Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and long service leave expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

Other long-term employee benefits
The liability for annual leave and long service leave not expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on high quality corporate bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

Defined contribution superannuation expense
Contributions to defined contribution superannuation plans are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

Leases
Leases are classified at their inception as either operating or finance leases based on the economic substance of the agreement so as to reflect the risks and benefits incidental to ownership.

Operating leases
Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.
Lease incentives received under operating leases are recognised as a liability and amortised on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.
Note 4 - Revenue

**Operating revenue**

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<td>Grants funding</td>
<td>911,568</td>
<td>903,384</td>
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<td>Project income</td>
<td>319,390</td>
<td>238,170</td>
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<td>Sponsorship fees</td>
<td>485,500</td>
<td>279,603</td>
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<td>Membership fees</td>
<td>365,490</td>
<td>320,902</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other operating revenue</td>
<td>276,876</td>
<td>240,523</td>
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<td><strong>Total operating revenue</strong></td>
<td>2,358,824</td>
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**Other revenue**

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<td>Donations</td>
<td>11,577</td>
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<td>Investment income</td>
<td>46,649</td>
<td>23,743</td>
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<td>Other income</td>
<td>7,939</td>
<td>20,000</td>
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<td>66,165</td>
<td>70,879</td>
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<td><strong>Total other revenue</strong></td>
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**Total revenue**

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<td>2,424,989</td>
<td>2,053,461</td>
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Note 5 - Expenses

**Depreciation and amortisation expenses**

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<td>Furniture</td>
<td>14,228</td>
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<td>Software</td>
<td>7,828</td>
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<td><strong>Total depreciation and amortisation expenses</strong></td>
<td>22,056</td>
<td>13,628</td>
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**Net loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment**

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Note 6 - Cash and cash equivalents

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<td>Cash at bank and on hand</td>
<td>317,668</td>
<td>199,372</td>
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<td>Term deposits</td>
<td>823,678</td>
<td>806,626</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total cash and cash equivalents</strong></td>
<td>1,141,346</td>
<td>1,005,998</td>
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Note 7 - Trade and other receivables

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<td>Trade receivables</td>
<td>392,176</td>
<td>384,201</td>
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<td>Accrued income</td>
<td>11,818</td>
<td>12,323</td>
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<td>Other receivables</td>
<td>7,100</td>
<td>210</td>
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<tr>
<td>Prepayments</td>
<td>38,107</td>
<td>8,303</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total current trade and other receivables</strong></td>
<td>449,201</td>
<td>405,037</td>
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## Notes to Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2018

### Note 8 - Financial assets

Non-current
Available-for-sale financial assets

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<td>Shares</td>
<td>36,175</td>
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<td>Total non-current financial assets</td>
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#### Movements in carrying amount

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<td>Opening net carrying amount</td>
<td>36,175</td>
<td>100,000</td>
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<td>Fair value gain (loss)</td>
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<td>(63,825)</td>
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<td>Closing net carrying amount</td>
<td>36,175</td>
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### Note 9 - Property, plant and equipment

#### At 30 June 2017

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<td>Cost</td>
<td>69,776</td>
<td>16,743</td>
<td>86,519</td>
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<td>Accumulated depreciation</td>
<td>(33,645)</td>
<td>(14,167)</td>
<td>(47,812)</td>
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<td>Net carrying amount</td>
<td>36,131</td>
<td>2,576</td>
<td>38,707</td>
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#### Movements in carrying amounts

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<tr>
<td>Opening net carrying amount</td>
<td>36,131</td>
<td>2,576</td>
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<tr>
<td>Additions</td>
<td>11,117</td>
<td>15,992</td>
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<td>Depreciation charge for the year</td>
<td>(13,073)</td>
<td>(1,155)</td>
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<td>Closing net carrying amount</td>
<td>34,175</td>
<td>17,413</td>
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#### At 30 June 2018

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<th>Computer Equipment $</th>
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<td>Cost</td>
<td>80,893</td>
<td>32,735</td>
<td>113,628</td>
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<td>Accumulated depreciation</td>
<td>(46,718)</td>
<td>(15,322)</td>
<td>(62,040)</td>
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<td>Net carrying amount</td>
<td>34,175</td>
<td>17,413</td>
<td>51,588</td>
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### Note 10 - Intangible assets

#### 2018

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<td>Software</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cost</td>
<td>39,138</td>
<td>39,138</td>
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<tr>
<td>Accumulated amortisation</td>
<td>(32,156)</td>
<td>(24,328)</td>
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<td>Total intangible assets</td>
<td>6,982</td>
<td>14,810</td>
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#### Movements in carrying amounts

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<td>Opening net carrying amount</td>
<td>14,810</td>
<td>22,637</td>
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<td>Amortisation charge for the year</td>
<td>(7,828)</td>
<td>(7,827)</td>
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<td>Closing net carrying amount</td>
<td>6,982</td>
<td>14,810</td>
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### Note 11 - Trade and other payables

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<td>Trade payables</td>
<td>$56,115</td>
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<tr>
<td>Income in advance</td>
<td>$667,320</td>
<td>$531,091</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other payables</td>
<td>$117,990</td>
<td>$97,621</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total current trade and other payables</strong></td>
<td><strong>$841,425</strong></td>
<td><strong>$632,333</strong></td>
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### Note 12 - Employee benefits

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<tr>
<td>Annual leave</td>
<td>$106,646</td>
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<tr>
<td>Long service leave</td>
<td>$134,221</td>
<td>$118,939</td>
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<td><strong>Total current employee benefits</strong></td>
<td><strong>$240,867</strong></td>
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<td>Non-current</td>
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<tr>
<td>Long service leave</td>
<td>$17,477</td>
<td>$18,343</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total non-current employee benefits</strong></td>
<td><strong>$17,477</strong></td>
<td><strong>$18,343</strong></td>
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### Note 13 - Events occurring after balance date
There were no significant events occurring after balance date.

### Note 14 - Key management personnel
Remuneration of key management personnel
The aggregate amount of compensation paid to key personnel during the year was:

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<td>$180,546</td>
<td>$184,864</td>
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### Note 15 - Commitments
Other commitments
Funding received from Progress Lab to be released to Australian Progress as follows:

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<td>Within one year</td>
<td>$95,000</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>Later than one year but not later than five years</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$95,000</strong></td>
<td><strong>-</strong></td>
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ACOSS partnership with the Centre for Australian Progress, involves ACOSS receiving funding on behalf of the partnership to fund the Progress labs initiative, and releasing those funds upon agreed milestones. As at 30 June 2018, the funding received by ACOSS for release amounted to $95,000.

### Note 16 - Association Details
The registered office and principal place of business of the association is:
Level 3, 219-241 Cleveland Street
Strawberry Hills NSW 2012
Governors’ Declaration

The Board of Governors of the Australian Council of Social Service Inc declare that:

1. The financial statements, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2018, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in funds and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes are in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and:

   (a) comply with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013; and

   (b) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2018 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the Association.

2. In the opinion of the Board Members there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Governors.

Mr Tony Reidy
President

27 September 2018

Mr Jeremy Halcrow
Treasurer
Governors’ Declaration
Under The Charitable Fundraising Act 1991

In the opinion of the Governors of the Australian Council of Social Service Inc:

(i) The financial statements and notes thereto give a true and fair view of all income and expenditure with respect to fundraising appeals conducted by the organisation for the year ended 30 June 2018; and

(ii) The statement of financial position as at 30 June 2018 gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association with respect to fundraising appeals conducted by the organisation; and

(iii) The provisions of the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991, the regulations under that Act, and the conditions attached to the authority to fundraise have been complied with by the organisation; and

(iv) The internal controls exercised by the Association are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by the organisation from any of its fundraising appeals.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Governors.

Mr Tony Reidy
President
27 September 2018

Mr Jeremy Halcrow
Treasurer
Independent Auditor’s Report

to the Members of the Australian Council of Social Service Incorporated

AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE INC
ABN 72 757 927 533

FINANCIAL REPORT - 30 JUNE 2018

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE INC

Opinion
We have audited the financial report of the Australian Council of Social Service Inc which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2018, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in funds and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Governors Declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Australian Council of Social Service is in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and 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 2018 and of its financial performance for the year then ended, and

b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and 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 Responsibility 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 the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and 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 Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, which has been given to the Board Members of the Association, would be in the same terms if given to the Board 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.

Governors’ Responsibility for the Financial Report
The Board of Governors of the Association are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and for such internal control as the Board Members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a 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 Governors 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 Governors either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Governors are responsible for overseeing the Association’s financial reporting process.
**Australian Council of Social Service**  
**ABN 72 757 927 533**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF**  
**AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE INC**

**Auditor’s Responsibilities 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 influence the economic decisions of 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 Standards Board and the website address is http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx

We communicate with the Governors 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.


StewartBrown  
Chartered Accountants

S.J. Hutcheon  
Partner

27 September 2018