

# Building On The Foundations

Annual Report 2015/16



# Acknowledgements

We acknowledge that we work on Aboriginal land and that sovereignty was never ceded. We pay our respects to elders past, present and future, and extend this respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We celebrate diversity in all forms and believe diversity amongst our staff makes Yfoundations a more effective organisation.

Yfoundations acknowledges that our efforts towards inclusivity and solidarity must be ongoing and always evolving. We always welcome feedback from the sector and community members.

Thank you to all the workers striving to create a future without youth homelessness.



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# About Yfoundations

Yfoundations works to create a future without youth homelessness by providing a leading voice for young people experiencing and at risk of homelessness and the services which support them.

We work collaboratively with service providers, NGOs, government departments and community members to provide research, sector development and policy advice, health projects and services for young people.

All of Yfoundations efforts are undertaken within the framework of the five foundations; Safety and Stability, Home and Place, Health and Wellness, Connections and Participation and Education and Employment.





# President's report

Nerida Ackerman

It is with pleasure that I write my report. The Board are working with our CEO Michael Coffey to ensure YFoundations can meet the challenges of the coming years in regards to changes in the sector.

During this year YFoundations has been a part of, and witnessed, the strength of our sector rebuilding itself and its community connections. Yfoundations and its member youth homelessness providers are clear on what programs and foundations are required for young people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness. As such, throughout this year's annual report you will read about how Yfoundations has continued to advocate on behalf of disadvantaged young people by focusing on our 5 foundations of Safety and Stability, Home and Place, Health and Wellness, Connections and Education and Employment. Successful results of this effort are: the 24/7 crisis funding enhancement, HYAP (unaccompanied minors) funding, NSW Youth Policy, the Peer Education Best Practice Model, and work on enhancing the linkages between service delivery and research into young people escaping domestic and family violence.

The Yfoundations team is led by Michael Coffey and it is because of the team at Yfoundations' outstanding effort, dedication and commitment that we are able to continually adapt in a period of change and within a challenging environment.

The CEO and YFoundations Board have also taken the opportunity this year to revise the internal policies, procedures, governance and strategic leadership direction. The Board continues to refine our approach to strategic directions and will remain focused on young people across NSW.

I would like to acknowledge the commitment of the Board and in particular the Boards executive, Vice President Kellie Checkley, Treasurer Eleonore Johansson, Secretary Trish Connolly, Astrid Gearin and Nigel Parker.

We will be saying goodbye to long standing Board members this year; Kellie Checkley, Brett Paradise and Astrid Gearin. I would like to acknowledge their great passion for young people and the contribution they have made as long-standing Board members with a strong understanding of the sector.



# CEO's report

## Dr Michael Coffey

Dear Members

I am pleased to present to members of Yfoundations my annual CEO report on the work of Yfoundations for the year 2015/16.

In my preparation for this report I usually look back on what I have said over the last few years to see what has changed, if anything is different or if there has been any improvement at the systemic level for supporting young people in NSW. The good news is that there is some light at the end of the tunnel for youth SHS, as things settle down a bit after a lengthy period of confusion and reform. It is far from perfect, but it is getting better.

Looking back, I am quite proud of the work that Yfoundations has done over the last few years in regards to advocating for young people and the youth SHS sector and in 2015-16. Our efforts have resulted in some significant successes.

Despite the reform intention of shuffling the pieces of pie around in a zero growth environment, the direct result of our sustained advocacy has brought additional and significant resources into the youth SHS budget:

- Additional \$28 million into the HYAP projects, which will

now be rolled on to 2019.

- Additional \$23 million towards funding 24/7 youth crisis services.
- Additional \$40 million over the next four years for the Premier's Priorities.
- Extra youth specific transitional housing via the MyFoundations Youth Housing Company in metro Sydney and NSW regions.

Other significant achievements for Yfoundations in this period (often in partnership with HomelessnessNSW and DVNSW) have been to:

- Advise and convince the Department to roll over existing contracts at June 2017, rather than enter into another competitive reform process. They don't want a repeat of the GSH debacle.
- Continue to stress that contract performance management and re-contracting are separate concerns and shouldn't be conflated as they were in the

GSH. Re-contracting shouldn't be used to address performance issues. Activity around performance issues should already be in place if needed, through proper contract management processes. We are anticipating that most contracts will roll over in June 2017, hopefully with little fuss, except for a few services where Performance Improvement Plans are in place.

- Advocate for a whole of Government NSW Homelessness Plan and a four year plan for the recontracting period leading up to 2020.
- Progress and implement the joint peaks (Yfoundations, HomelessnessNSW and DVNSW) Industry Partnership project.
- Foyer Conference in March 2016.
- Recharge Conference 2015.
- Presentations to the Commonwealth in the process of leading up to the COAG decision about continuing NPAH beyond 2017.

At last we have a Minister, Brad Hazzard, who is actually prepared to listen and understand the issues facing the sector, youth SHS and young people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Better still, he is prepared to act on such advice and actually do something about it. This year youth homelessness has been up there on the whole of NSW Government agenda, which is something that has not happened for a long time. It was highlighted recently by the Premier, by the inclusion of youth homelessness in the Premier's Priorities.

Through the recently re-activated Premiers Council on Homelessness, we are now in the process of developing and consulting with the sector on a whole of Government NSW Homelessness Strategy. This strategy is not just about the shifting around the work of SHS. It is not another reform. It is more about how all Government agencies can enhance early intervention and work with SHS to better prevent homelessness and to also provide pathways out of homelessness. Minister Hazzard has been a champion for progressing the development of the plan.

To their credit, despite huge staffing reductions, FaCS also appear to be paying more attention to our advice. They are

making the effort to fix up the aftermath and bruising of what really was a blunt administrative reform. We all know that the reform and its empty rhetoric was a wolf in sheep's clothing that created distrust within the sector and between the sector and the Department, rather than any obvious improvements to the support provided to young people. The youth SHS sector looks very different to what it looked like in 2013, before GSHS. The initial comments from the draft Early Evaluation Review and feedback from the sector continue support this view of the current post reform period i.e. 'its business as usual with less contracts, yet with more demand for crisis services'. We continue to have a good working relationship with FaCS and we continue to advise them that the sector needs clear communication, good process and timely opportunity for consultation. The sector needs to know what is going on so they can best prepare.

Our work is not just confined to the SHS space, though it does take up most of our time and resources.

Yfoundations has defined that there are five foundations that are essential for young people to successfully transition into adulthood, to prevent homelessness and also to create pathways out of homelessness:

1. *'Safety and Security'*
2. *'Home and Place'*
3. *'Health and Wellbeing'*
4. *'Connection and Participation'*
5. *'Employment and Education'*

And so we have also been working in these other foundational

areas. In the "Health and Wellbeing" space the Health Team continues to do fantastic work under the leadership of Colin Stokes. Yfoundations is now receiving the 'youth health peak sector support' funding and Colin and the team have been actively involved in the development of NSW Sexually Transmissible Infection Strategy, NSW Youth Health Policy and the Peer Education Best Practice Model and many other initiatives as well as the increased demand for workshops. See the Health Team's report for more details.

The policy team, under the leadership of Chris Stone, have been working in the 'Safety and Security' area with work finally recognizing Domestic and Family Violence as a cause of youth homelessness rather than the euphemism of family breakdown. DFV was the focus of Youth Homelessness Matters Day in 2016, and we released the 'Slamming the Door' report, which generated much media attention. In the 'Connections' and 'Education and Training' areas the policy team continues to promote the 'Community of Schools and Services' (COSS) approach (aka Geelong Project), traditional foyers and the 'systemic/distributed foyer' approach in our submissions and advice through government processes.

#### **Looking ahead – what next ?**

We have the NSW Regional Homelessness and Housing Support Summit in October in Dubbo and we are planning for the next state wide Recharge conference to be held in Sydney in April / May 2017. Surprisingly, YHMD was a huge success this year. This year we eclipsed our reach of 3 million through social media and generated lots of media, public awareness and engagement. We look forward to YHMD in 2017.

We look forward to broadening our work across the five foundations and shift to a more proactive than reactive stance similar to our work on FDV, COSS projects, Foyers etc ...



Some of the key concerns / areas we expect we will have to respond to over the next year include:

- *The recontracting process and period 2017 – 2020.*
- *Developing the NSW Homelessness Strategy.*
- *Continuation of NPAH beyond 2017.*
- *Targeted Early Intervention Reform.*
- *Evaluation of HYAP, GHSH.*
- *Development of outcomes based measurements.*
- *Human Service Agreement.*

As you would know this year our national peak Homelessness Australia (HA) was defunded. Despite having no staff, funds and a volunteer board it still continues to be a national voice for homelessness. I hope you will still continue to support HA in its effort to be that voice and also in its work to secure funding for a new national Housing and Homelessness peak. Despite the defunding HA ran a federal election campaign "Vote Home" and is currently running an NPAH campaign and in the development stages of a proposal for a new National Homelessness AND Housing Peak.

### **Acknowledgements**

Special thanks also to the student interns who have contributed to some important research projects during the year and to the youth ambassadors and youth council for their contribution to Yfoundations events and media.

We have had great contribution and engagement with members this year, thank you to all services that have provided advice, put up with our relentless phone calls and questions

and to those whom attended the General Meetings and other working groups. Those meetings and consultations are the 'engine room' that drives our advocacy. We need your input and expertise – you are the experts! We are currently trying to revamp the General Meeting format, thinking about whether we should do more specific issue based forums in conjunction with the General Meetings. If you have thoughts on this please let us know.

Special thanks to Narelle Clay as part of the CE working group and the ASU for their invaluable efforts and expertise with regards to the 24/7 crisis top up.

Thanks also to Katherine and Moo from Homelessness NSW and DVNSW, we work well as a team and have achieved a lot this year by collaborating our effort.

I would also like to thank the Board (and the services which support Yfoundations by freeing up time so Board members can participate) for their strong leadership and big picture thinking. In particular thanks to Nerida, Kellie and Eleonore for their extra effort. Sadly, after eight years service on the Board, Kellie and Brett will not be standing this year. And Astrid will also be standing down after four years service. Thank you so much Kellie, Brett and Astrid for your commitment and contribution to our work.

Last but not least - I would like to commend the Yfoundations staff for their fantastic team effort this year. It has been a busy year and everyone has made a huge contribution to our work. There is a great collegial culture in the team. The team is professional, coherent, passionate and dedicated to working for young people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Special thanks to Colin, Chris and Marella for their leadership.

Looking forward to the Conference next year ... REcharge ahead !



# Health Team report

Colin Stokes

The Health Team has had an eventful year with a number of new projects and many opportunities to be involved in positive health projects. We also said farewell to Jessica Harper and welcomed Jessie Hunt as our Youth Health Sector Support Officer.

The team was privileged to present Sticky Stuff training in 28 locations, from central Sydney to the far south west of NSW, although we continue to have difficulty accessing the Far West. We have been warmly welcomed into these communities and continue to have contact with many trainees as they develop programs or seek resources. In total we trained 445 youth, health, education and other workers.

Evaluation surveys identify Sticky Stuff as effective and dynamic training, with overwhelmingly positive survey results. At the time of writing we are in the midst of a follow up survey that indicates long-term behavior change and ongoing engagement with sexual health. We will publish the full evaluation results on the Yfoundations website.

In addition to meeting KPIs set out by our funding the Health Team is working to embed Yfoundations into the structure of sexual health and youth health provision in NSW. This has meant involvement on a huge range of advisory groups and

support meetings across a number of sectors. The Health Team contributed to:

- The NSW Youth Health Council.
- The NSW Youth Health Forum.
- The Youth Health Educator's Network.
- The Access3 Steering Committee.
- NSW Office of Kids and Families Advisory.

We have been deeply engaged in many aspects of the NSW Sexual Health Framework Support Program/s (FSP), and have been recognised as leaders in the development of programs and resources toward this end. We have contributed in the following ways:

- Co-leadership of the Peer Education and the Youth Services Capacity Building FSP working groups.
- Membership of the Condom Distribution, Out of Home Care and Primary Health FSPs working groups.
- Membership of the Brief Intervention Tool, Advocacy Tool and Resource Kit development working groups.
- Primary authorship of the Peer Education Best Practice.

*'Amazing and insightful day - would highly recommend to anyone engaging with young people in whatever capacity.'*

– Sticky Stuff participant 6 to 12 months after the training.

In addition to serving the needs of SHS and young people the Health Team contributes to strategic state wide activity in the youth health sector. This year we:

- Joined with FACS and NSW Health on a project to improve health literacy and access for young people and workers in SHS.
- Contributed to the completion of the state wide Essential Youth Healthcare Skills manual for training health workers.
- Audited the health content of SHS policies.
- Contributed to the development of the NSW Sexually Transmissible Infection Strategy, which names Yfoundations as a partner.
- Contributed to the development of the NSW Youth Health Policy to be released late 2016.

While we are focused on meeting our funding KPIs the Health Team looks for opportunities to contribute to additional work designed to augment the health of young people at risk. In 2015/16 we:

- Contributed to the planning of Youth Week sexual health

activity across NSW.

- Worked to help sustain the YHunger project.
- Contributed to the Youth At Risk training for people working with injecting drug users.
- Developed a commercial arrangement with Hume Housing to develop tenancy training for young people.

In 2016/17 the Health Team looks forward to continuing to provide training and sector support. Changes inside NSW Health make our policy and advocacy work in the youth health sector all the more important and our engagement with the implementation phase of the sexual health FSPs will require new relationships and partners.

It looks like a fulfilling and busy year ahead!

## Building On The Foundations, Just some of our achievements in 2015/16

### Safety and Stability

In the lead up to Youth Homelessness Matters day 2016 Yfoundations produced the report *Slamming the Door: Policy and Service Gaps for Young People Experiencing Domestic and Family Violence*. This received significant media attention, helping to broaden the conversation around domestic and family violence to include the often overlooked impacts on young people.



### Home and Place

Building on work done in early 2015, Yfoundations was able to contribute to the securement of sorely needed additional funding for 24/7 youth crisis refuges.

Significant work went into research and the development of a costing model to inform FaCS around funding. This was followed up by cooperative and targeted advocacy from Yfoundations and several other services.



### Health and Wellness

In the year past Yfoundations flagship health project Sticky Stuff went from strength to strength. Sticky Stuff is a training program which equips workers to engage meaningfully and sensitively and effectively with young people around sexual health.

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### **Connections and Participation**

The 2015/16 financial year started on a high note with Yfoundations' ReCHARGE conference, aiming to offer a post going home staying home sector the chance to re-group, look to the future and foster the inspiration needed for a proactive sector which can dictate it's own direction.

ReCHARGE was well received, with attendees from across the state and presenters from across the country. Yfoundations was able to deliver an affordable conference that spoke to sector thought leaders, managers, practitioners and young people. We hope to build on this success in 2017.

### **Education and Employment**

Yfoundations was honoured to be a key organiser and host for the first National Foyer conference. This event helped to crystallise the existing Australian foyer movement, and create momentum in NSW for the advancement of an exciting model for the provision of youth homelessness services.





# Policy Team report

Chris Stone

It's been a great twelve months for the Policy Team. We've contributed to some big advocacy wins for the sector, continued to engage in research to better understand the needs of homeless young people, and undertaken a range of activities to raise the profile of youth homelessness. Below is an outline of the team's achievements across a range of areas.

## Advocacy

It was announced in November that the Government had decided to renew SHS service contracts through to 2020. This was a significant win for the homelessness sector and those it supports, providing an unprecedented level of certainty. In the announcement, the advocacy of Yfoundations, as well as of the other homelessness peaks with which we work closely, was specifically referenced as a reason for the decision. In April there was a further win for many youth homelessness services with the announcement of additional funding to youth crisis refuges. This came from targeted advocacy, backed by research and cost modelling, which was conducted by Yfoundations in cooperation with other parties.

## Research projects and published outputs

Over the past twelve months the Policy Team has engaged in research in the following areas. Some of these projects have led to published outputs (as noted in brackets), many have provided evidence to support Yfoundations advocacy. In total Yfoundations has produced: four articles, five submissions to government inquiries, three research papers, and a Federal election agenda.

- The effect of Domestic and Family Violence on young people (research paper, submission)
- Health policies of SHSs - in collaboration with the Health Team
- Food security - in collaboration with the Health Team (article)
- Costs of running 24/7 refuges
- Social Housing, including antisocial behaviour (submission, article)
- Under-16s in SHS
- The interrelations of the of Out of Home Care and SHS systems (article, submission)
- Indigenous youth homelessness

- Premiers priority on reducing youth homelessness (research paper)
- Community of School and Services model (article)
- Best practice for consultation with community sector
- Residential Tenancies Act review (submission)
- Outcomes based contracting
- Targeted Early Intervention (submission)
- Federal government's role in youth homelessness (election agenda)

### **Events**

Yfoundations ran a highly successful event for Youth Homelessness Matters Day that was reported on in three different television news programs, seven radio news programs, the Sydney Morning Herald and a number of online news articles. We have also played a key role in the coordination of two conferences: the National Foyer Conference and the NSW Regional Homelessness and Housing Support Summit.

### **Public and media appearances**

The events and published outputs have generated significant media interest. During the year Yfoundations representatives have appeared on television and radio and been quoted in both newspapers and online media articles. We have also delivered a number of presentations and workshops at conferences and other events.

### **Key meetings**

Yfoundations is represented on 35 different regular meetings including various inter-agency groups, meetings with other peak bodies, and meetings with government.

### **Capacity building**

We have taken a number of steps to both maintain and build the capacities of the Policy Team. Late in 2015 Ben Corio took on the role of Communications Officer which has substantially boosted our social media output and our ability to coordinate high-profile events. Following the departure of our Policy Officer, Jessica Fielding, we ran a very successful recruitment process and selected Natalia Gale from amongst a strong field of applicants. And over the course of the last twelve months we have had ten volunteers and interns providing research support.

### **Youth engagement**

Yfoundations has always maintained an informal group of Youth Homelessness Ambassadors, young people who have experienced homelessness and can give their perspectives at workshops, consultations, and in the media. This year Yfoundations has been working with a group of young people who have experienced homelessness to create a formal group: the NSW Youth Homelessness Representative Council (YHRC). The group enables Yfoundations to increase the involvement of young people in our activities and in activities related to youth homelessness broadly. This year young people from the YHRC have participated in workshops, written an article for Parity Magazine, and spoke at our YHMD event and YHMD events in the Mid-North Coast.

# Staff

**Dr Michael Coffey**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Chris Stone**  
Senior Policy Officer

**Marella Gouvernet**  
Financial Administrator

**Colin Stokes**  
Education Manager

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Health Promotion and Training Officer

**Jessie Hunt**  
Youth Health Sector Support Project Officer

**Ben Corio**  
Communications and Events Coordinator

*Former staff members*

**Jessica Fielding**  
Policy Officer

**Jessica Harper**  
Youth Health Sector Support Project Officer

*Incoming Staff*

**Natalia Gale**  
Policy Officer

**NSW Youth Homelessness Representative Council**

Alice Zhang  
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Sarah Viapiana





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**Brett Paradise**

**Twenty 10**  
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Representative

**Michael Coffey**

Yfoundations  
Public Officer

# Members and Supporters

## Members

Community Youth Development Project

Port Stephens Youth Options Project

High Street Youth Health Service

Medley Community

Monaro Community Access Service

Southern Youth & Family Services

Moree Family Support Incorporated

Parramatta Mission

Phoenix House Youth Services

Relationships Australia

Weave Youth Family Community

Doorways - UnitingCare, Burnside (Dubbo)

Vinnies Reconnect

Western Housing for Youth Ltd

Young People's Refuge

St Laurence House

Launchpad Youth Community

The Crossing

Cabramatta Youth Team

Compass Housing Services

St George Youth Services

Wesley Youth Accommodation Service CBN

Caretakers Cottage

Platform Youth Services Inc

Lighthouse Community Care (My Place)

LYAAC

Nick Kearns House

Moruya Youth Refuge

Northern Rivers Social Development Council  
(NRSDC)

Red Cross Young Parents Progra

Project Youth

Stretch A Family Inc

The Burdekin Assoc Inc

Twenty10 Gay & Lesbian Youth Support

Veritas House Inc

YES Youth & Family Services

Taldumande Youth Services

MacKillop Family Services (formerly Edmund Rice )

Coast Shelter  
Marist Youth Care (Blacktown)  
Mission Australia (NSW State Office)  
Neami Limited  
Pathfinders Limited  
Samaritans (Cessnock)  
Settlement Services International  
St Saviours -Youth  
Oasis Youth Support Network  
Challenge Community Services  
Wesley Community Services Limited  
MT Drutt Community Health Centre  
St John's Youth Service  
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# Treasurer's Report

## Eleonore Johansson

Dear Members

It's my first year as Treasurer and I am pleased to present the Treasurer's report for the year 2015/16.

In this financial year, all projects and grants were fully expended, all legal accruals and entitlements provided for.

Overall, the current financial position and reserves of Yfoundations continues to be strong. This year we have a surplus, receiving slightly more administration fees than expected, a slight surplus from the Recharge Conference last year and some savings in expected expenditure.

In 2015/16 Yfoundations received funding from FaCS for the Sector Support / Policy team (including funding through the Industry Partnership). We received funding from NSW Health for the Health Team and additional funding for the Youth Health Sector Support Project (Youth Health Peak). Members contributed \$12,099 in membership fees.

The current financial position enables Yfoundations to employ a staff team of 3 policy workers, 3 health team workers, financial administrator, an admin and communications worker and the CEO.

Yfoundations is also able to support Board members to attend six Board and General meetings per year and cover travel costs for Board members who travel from regional NSW. Thank you to the member services who support Yfoundations by allowing the time for their workers to participate on the Yfoundations Board.

In the year ahead we are looking forward to holding a Regional Recharge Conference in October and a second Recharge statewide conference in May 2017.

I would like to thank Marella for her hard work ensuring that all the bills get paid and that Yfoundations is fiscally stable and sustainable. On behalf of the Board, I would also like to acknowledge the CEO Michael Coffey, for his leadership, for his knowledge and for his commitment to ensuring a strong financial position, and hence a strong platform to respond to the ever changing landscape that makes up this industry.

**Y FOUNDATIONS INC  
EXECUTIVE'S DECLARATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016**

The Executive declare that in their opinion:

- (a) The attached financial statements and notes thereto comply with accounting standards
- (b) The attached financial statements and notes thereto give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the association
- (c) The attached financial statements and notes thereto are in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 2009
- (d) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due & payable;

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Executive of Y Foundation Inc and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by



Eleonore Johansson

**Member of Executive**

**Member of Executive  
Sydney**

**September 2016**

**STEPHEN A. SPROATS**  **CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT  
TO MEMBERS OF Y FOUNDATIONS INC**

I have audited the accompanying financial report of Y Foundations Inc which comprises the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2016, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Comprehensive Income and Cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and the executive declaration.

**Responsibility for the Financial Report**

The management of the Incorporated Association are responsible for the preparation a financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Associations Incorporations Act 2009 and for such internal control as the executive determine is necessary to enable the presentation of the financial report that is free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditors Responsibility**

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based upon my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These auditing standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to the audit engagement and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditors judgement, including the assessment of risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial report that gives a true & fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the executive, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

**Independence**

In conducting my audit, I have complied with the independence requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 & Corporations Act 2001

**Auditor's Opinion**

In my opinion, the financial report Y Foundations Inc is in accordance with the Incorporated Associations Act Associations Incorporation Act 2009, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the associations financial position as at 30 June 2016 and of its performance for the year then ended on that date: and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and Associations Incorporation Act 2009.

**Stephen A Sproats**  
**Chartered Accountant**  
**Registered Company Auditor 3932**



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September 2016**

Y FOUNDATIONS INC  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS AT 30 JUNE 2016

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>	<b>\$841,727</b>	<b>\$772,134</b>
Represented by:-		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash on Hand	500	141
Cash at Bank	224,997	22,624
Debtors	4,822	85,033
Term Deposit	992,090	964,105
Prepayments	380	7,362
Shares – Community Bank	20,000	20,000
Money on Deposit	<u>79,980</u>	<u>31,505</u>
	<u>1,322,769</u>	<u>1,130,770</u>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Plant & Equipment – at cost	240,842	235,442
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(219,491)</u>	<u>(214,828)</u>
	<u>21,351</u>	<u>20,614</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,344,120</b>	<b>1,151,384</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Creditors & Accrued Expenses	22,167	16,731
Provision for Projects	172,000	154,000
Grants & Funds in Advance	150,000	75,000
Provision for Employee Costs	<u>158,226</u>	<u>133,519</u>
	<u>502,393</u>	<u>379,250</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$841,727</b>	<b>\$772,134</b>

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
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	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>REVENUE &amp; OTHER INCOME</b>		
Grants Received	959,670	927,577
Interest	29,989	35,729
Membership	12,099	11,974
Conference	72,172	-
Provision for Projects	7,000	12,500
Sexual Health Week	-	5,000
Sundry Revenue	<u>24,718</u>	<u>14,024</u>
	<u>1,105,648</u>	<u>1,006,804</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Accounting	10,780	-
Advertising	660	2,766
Audit Fees	6,350	6,350
Bank Charges	1,993	2,386
Conference	81,583	-
Depreciation	4,663	4,547
Equipment	3,869	3,308
FBT	-1,179	13,716
Governance	-	3,200
IT Support	5,810	12,085
Insurance	9,248	12,644
Materials & Resources	40,719	3,983
Management Costs	2,206	1,334
Motor Vehicle	12,114	14,459
Printing, Postage & Stationery	13,556	17,548
Provisions for Employee Costs	24,707	12,136
Provision for Projects	25,000	-
Repairs & Maintenance	266	268
Rent & Electricity	74,361	62,506
Sexual Health Week	0	4,252
Subscription	2,257	3,021
Sundry	10,509	15,584
Superannuation	53,817	56,496
Telephone	13,966	16,017
Training	7,742	6,066

Travel	29,607	46,820
Wages	596,353	653,368
Workshop	<u>5,098</u>	<u>8,610</u>
	<u>1,036,055</u>	<u>983,470</u>
<b>NETSURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 69,593</b>	<b>\$23,334</b>
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 69,593</b>	<b>\$23,334</b>

## Y FOUNDATIONS INC

### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

#### 1. Corporate Information

Y Foundations Inc (formerly Youth Accommodation Association (NSW) Inc) operates under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW). Its business operates in throughout Sydney Metropolitan and NSW

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

##### (a) Basis of Preparation

This general purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW), Australian Accounting Standards and other authoritative pronouncements of the AASB & Urgent issues group interpretations. The financial report has been prepared on the basis of historical cost and does not take into consideration changing values of money or current valuations of non current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

##### (b) Significant accounting judgments, estimates & assumptions.

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates & assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income & expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making judgments. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates & underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current & future periods.

##### (c) Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognised when the association is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy and is net of GST.

##### (d) Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category

##### (e) Cash

Cash & Cash equivalents in the balance sheet comprise cash at bank and in hand and in short term deposits are stated at their nominal value

##### (f) Trade Debtors

Trade Debtors are stated at original invoice amount less any Provision for doubtful debts where applicable. Normal trading terms are 7 to 30 days

##### (d) Plant & Equipment

Fixed assets are written off in the year of expenditure.

##### (e) Grants in Advance

Grants in Advance are carried forward at their original amount and are to be provided subsequent to the balance date

##### (f) Employee Leave

The liability for Annual & Long Service Leave is recognised and measured at the amount expected to be paid when liabilities are settled

##### (g) Provisions

These are recognised when there is a present obligation as a result of past funding and it is probable that an outflow will be required using reasonable estimates.

##### (h) Government Grants

Grants are matched against expenditure in the year expenditure is incurred and in accordance with funding body requirements when services are performed or conditions fulfilled

**3. Contingent Liabilities** \$Nil

**4. Capital Expenditure Commitments** \$Nil

##### 5. Income Tax

The Association is registered under the Charitable Collection Act, 1934, as amended, and is exempt from income tax.

##### 6. Activities

The accounts include the following projects:

Operations Account, Policy, HOT, Sexual Health Week Housing conference. These operate solely within NSW.

#### 7. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Association financial instrument consists mainly of deposits with banks, local money market instruments, short term investments, accounts receivables & payable, bank loans & leases.

The totals for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 139 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements are as follows:

##### FINANCIAL ASSETS

Cash	1,297,567	1,018,375
Receivables	<u>4,822</u>	<u>85,033</u>
	<u>\$1,302,389</u>	<u>\$1,103,408</u>

##### FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

Trade & Other Payables	<u>22,167</u>	<u>16,731</u>
<b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>	<b>\$22,167</b>	<b>\$16,731</b>



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