

Kara House

Annual Report 2015-2016



About Kara House

Kara House is part of the Victorian women's refuge service system which aims to provide safe and secure accommodation and support to women and children who have experienced the effects of family violence and need to relocate for their safety.

Kara House was established in 1978 by the Italian welfare organisation CO.AS.IT. Over time CO.AS.IT relinquished responsibility and in 1988 the women's refuge became an Incorporated Association.

In 2000 Kara House, in response to community need, established a Domestic Violence Outreach program to provide information and support.

Today Kara House continues to provide secure refuge, transitional housing and outreach support as well as support to women residing short term in motels and education and information in the community. Kara House works collaboratively with a number of other services to provide holistic and comprehensive support to vulnerable women and children.

Kara House is an Incorporated Association governed by a Management Committee.

Chair: Margaret Morrissey

Vice Chair: Susanne Goldie

Secretary: Maureen Breen

Treasurer: Anita Carr

Members

Carmen Gould

Catherine Lockstone

Susan Smith

Chloe Brayne

Development Committee:

Chair: Susan Smith

Members

Michelle Macgregor-Owen

Ilsa Evans

Chair Persons Report

On behalf of the Management Committee I am pleased to present the Annual Report of 2015-2016 for Kara House Inc.

This appears to have been a shorter year, although this is more a reflection on how busy it has been for Kara House. We have been fortunate this year to have had an opportunity to completely refurbish the Refuge, funded by the Dept. of Health and Human Services. The Refuge closed looking old and tired and reopened 6 weeks later painted, recarpeted, lighter and brighter; the 5 bedrooms complete with new furnishings, ready to welcome new occupants. Through the generous support of the Box Hill Golf Club Ladies Charity Committee the backyard now also boasts a lovely large cubby house complete with slide and safe play area.

Again our Development Committee have worked very hard on fundraising. This year the focus has been very much on the children that come with their mothers into refuge. At times this means a change of schools and as the transition is quick, there often is insufficient time to collect belongings, so they come to Kara house without the necessities to go to school. Our Development Committee ran a fundraiser for school shoes and socks and backpacks with lunch box and drink bottle. We were extremely fortunate that the Glen Waverly Kiwanis totally funded this initiative for us.

Since the Victorian Royal Commission into Family Violence released its findings, the State Government has moved quickly to implement them. The biggest impact this will have is on the physical building of the Kara House refuge. A new model for refuges has been identified. This was detailed in the following recommendation:

Recommendation 15

"The Victorian Government, support service providers in phasing out the communal refuge model [by 31 December 2020] and replacing it with accommodation that promotes safety, is accessible to people with disabilities, provides private units and enables connections with the community, work and school (core and cluster model). To facilitate the transition, the Victorian Government should provide a capital fund to assist service providers with business case development, design options and implementation (including construction of redesigned accommodation) and fund interim arrangements to avoid loss in service delivery during refurbishment or redevelopment." (Royal Commission into Family Violence Report and Recommendations March 2016)

Family violence is also a significant issue in the LGBTI community, towards disabled women as well as female violence against men. Therefore, it is reasonable that any new refuges should be able to accommodate everyone experiencing family violence.

Kara House will see significant change over the next few years, as all the Royal Commission recommendations are implemented. I feel confident that under the expert leadership of our Manager Veronica Coleman our valued and dedicated staff will embrace and work with the changes.

I am also indebted to my fellow Committee Members, who continue to support Kara House with their time, enthusiasm and initiatives.

Thank you all.

Margaret

Managers' Report

This year at Kara House has been one of growth and the anticipation of change. Kara House and the broader sector, have welcomed the release of the Royal Commission recommendations and the Victorian governments commitment to their implementation. That commitment, however, has thrown the specialist family violence sector into a sustained period of examination, consultation and uncertainty. As a specialist service, Kara House has participated in the round table discussions facilitated by DV Vic to inform the design and future of the family violence service system. We look forward to the future and the transition from communal refuge into a new model that places the wellbeing of women and children at the forefront.

Internally, Kara House refuge had a much needed refurbishment at the start of the year. This involved liaison, not only with the DHHS contractors, but also with our sister services to ensure that no clients were disadvantaged by our short closure. The refreshed refuge is lighter and brighter and the closure also allowed the opportunity to also redevelop the children's play area. Thanks to the generosity of the Box Hill Golf Club Ladies Charity Committee we were able to install a brand new cubby house for the enjoyment of the children who stay at Kara House.

Kara House Development Committee has been busy this year compiling and presenting proposals to organisations such as Rotary and Kiwanis, to seek funding for basic support items to improve the lot of vulnerable women and children. They were also successful in applying for a grant that allows us to add a small bathroom to the refuge to improve the facilities. The Development Committee also plans a newsletter, to be released shortly, to keep our supporters informed about what's happening at Kara House.

Kara House has built on our relationships within the family violence sector this year, as well as nurturing and informing those outside the sector. Kara House continues to liaise closely with Safe Steps and Women's Liberation Halfway House, to provide material aid and emotional support to women residing short term in motels while awaiting refuge accommodation and recently received funding from the DHHS to employ extra staff to address the numbers of women requiring outreach in the community. In addition, an exciting new partnership has seen the establishment of a specialist family violence collaboration in the eastern region. Kara House, along with Edvos, Boorndawan Willam and Women's Liberation Halfway House, has formed the Eastern Specialist Family Violence Alliance, with the aim to collaborate rather than compete, share expertise and resources and increase referrals and professional development opportunities. The partner services recently had a morning tea and Kara House staff members welcomed the opportunity to put a face to a name.

On behalf of the Management Committee and staff of Kara house I would like to thank all of our donors, big and small. We greatly appreciate your contribution to the service we provide to women and children.

Kara House is most fortunate to have the ongoing support of our Management Committee. All of our committee members are volunteers, who give freely of their time and knowledge for the benefit of Kara House and women and children victims of family violence. The staff of Kara House are grateful for the generous gift of time and expertise of the Management Committee and Development Committee members and thank them for their ongoing support and commitment. The contribution of all Management Committee members is

appreciated but particularly Catherine, for wading through our data and turning out beautiful charts on a monthly basis.

The Kara House team is diverse, flexible and cohesive. This year especially they have exhibited their professionalism and commitment to Kara House and to women and children, by taking on additional clients to meet demand. Their willingness and adaptability is to be applauded. A big thank you to all staff; our finance worker Laura, Senior Worker Jen, Children's Worker Sinead, APTCH worker Zehra and family violence support workers Di and Kate, you make every day at work that little bit more enjoyable with your enthusiasm and wit.

Moving into the new year we will have new staff members and hopefully a clearer picture of what the future holds. There will no doubt be major changes in the sector, but also opportunities to improve on the service we provide.

Kara House has much to look forward to in the upcoming year.

Veronica Coleman



Client Feedback

I have felt 'heard' and my feelings were validated

Thank you Kara House for keeping me and my daughter's safe

You are all very nice people

I will miss Kara House when I leave

For someone to listen to me and understand what I have been through is greatly appreciated

Words cannot describe what you have done for me

I just want to thank everyone for being there for me and my son

I was accepted and supported

Client Story

Maria was referred to Kara House for family violence crisis accommodation in April 2016. She was accompanied by her two daughters, Lena 6yo and Carmel 3yo.

The perpetrator of the violence was Maria's husband and the father of her daughters.

Maria and the girls had to leave the family home, without a change of clothes or any other personal items. Maria could not speak English; she was isolated, she did not have access to money and she had never parented her daughters – this being done by extended family members.

When Maria first came to Kara House she was frightened, quiet and kept to herself. Maria's daughters came into Kara House with their own issues. The children were sad and withdrawn. Child protection were involved.

Maria's case plan was all-encompassing and complex and incorporated case plans for the children. Kara House worked in conjunction with medical services, paediatrician, psychologist, Centrelink and financial counsellor, legal services and child protection. Kara House provided support at court and attended appointments with Maria. All conversations and referrals required the assistance of interpreters. The Kara House Children's Resource Worker worked alongside Maria's support worker and provided assistance, referral and advocacy for, and on behalf of the children.

It was a steep learning curve for Maria during her stay at Kara House. With the assistance of Kara House, she learnt and developed everyday living skills and was mentored with parenting. She became less reserved and began to converse in English. Maria's daughters started to play and become engaged with workers and other children in the refuge.

Kara House facilitated Maria's return to her family home in August; Maria's husband has left the home and safety measures have been put in place. Lena has returned to school and Carmel is in child care.

Kara House will continue to provide outreach support until a service, more local to where Maria lives, can commence.

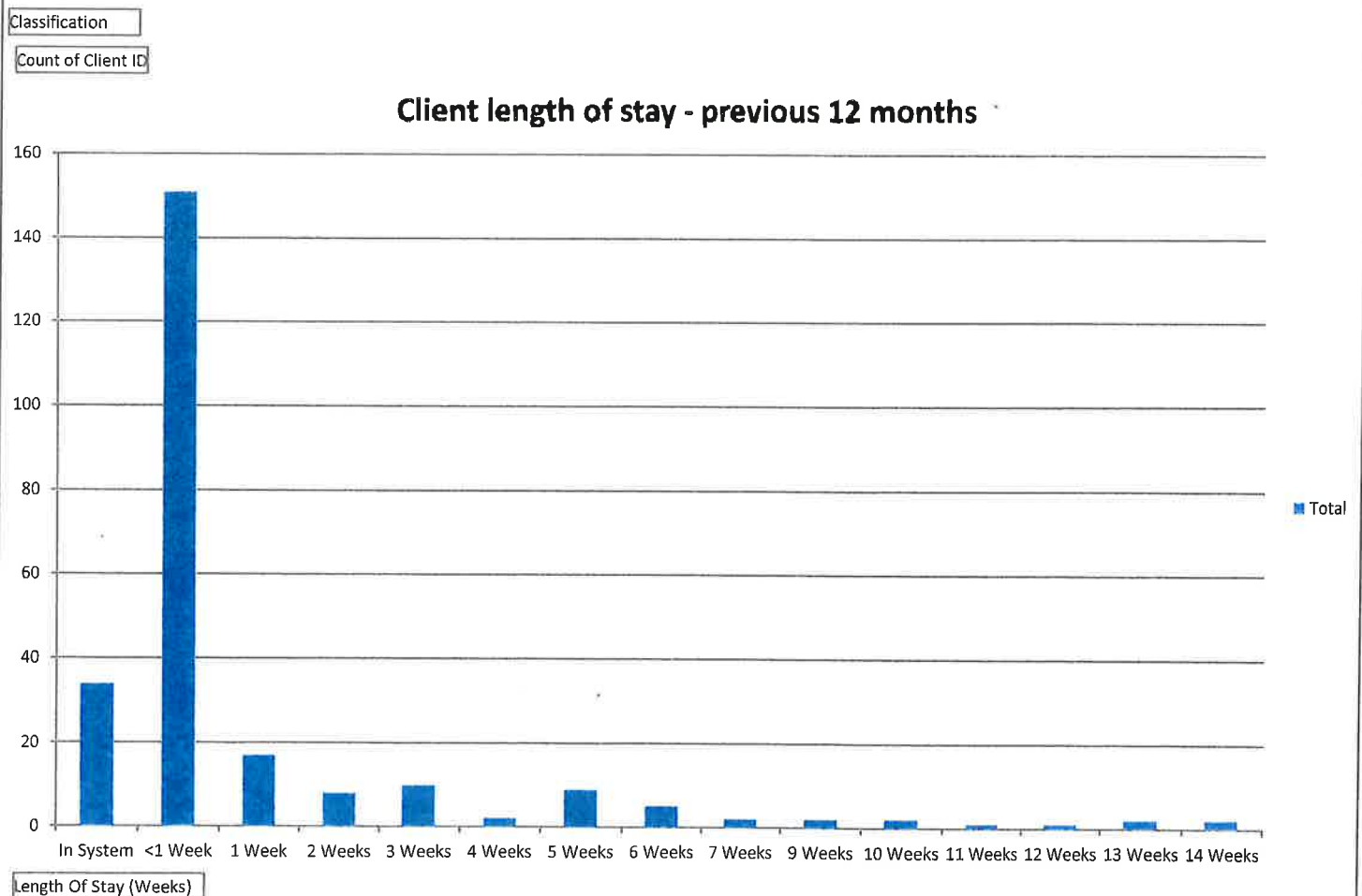


Client Statistics

As a condition of our funding Kara House is required to submit data to the DHHS via the SHIP data collection platform.

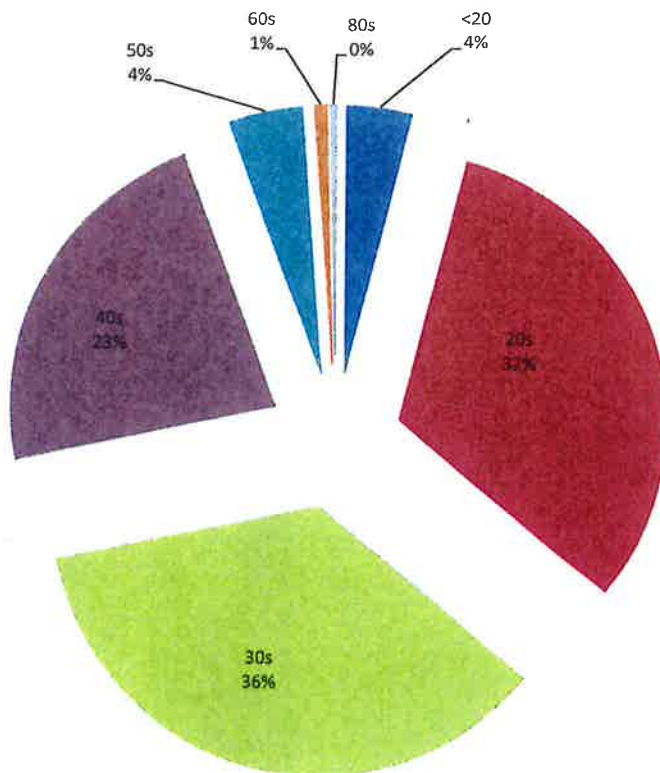
Kara House also keeps data internally to inform our practise. At this stage the data we collect is gathered during the client's initial assessment and doesn't yet reflect the issues that arise after the client has commenced support with Kara House.

Our data also covers the full gamut of the services we provide; from crisis accommodation, outreach, crisis support in motels and transitional housing support. Clients in refuge have significantly more complex issues than other clients, although this group is smaller than any other.



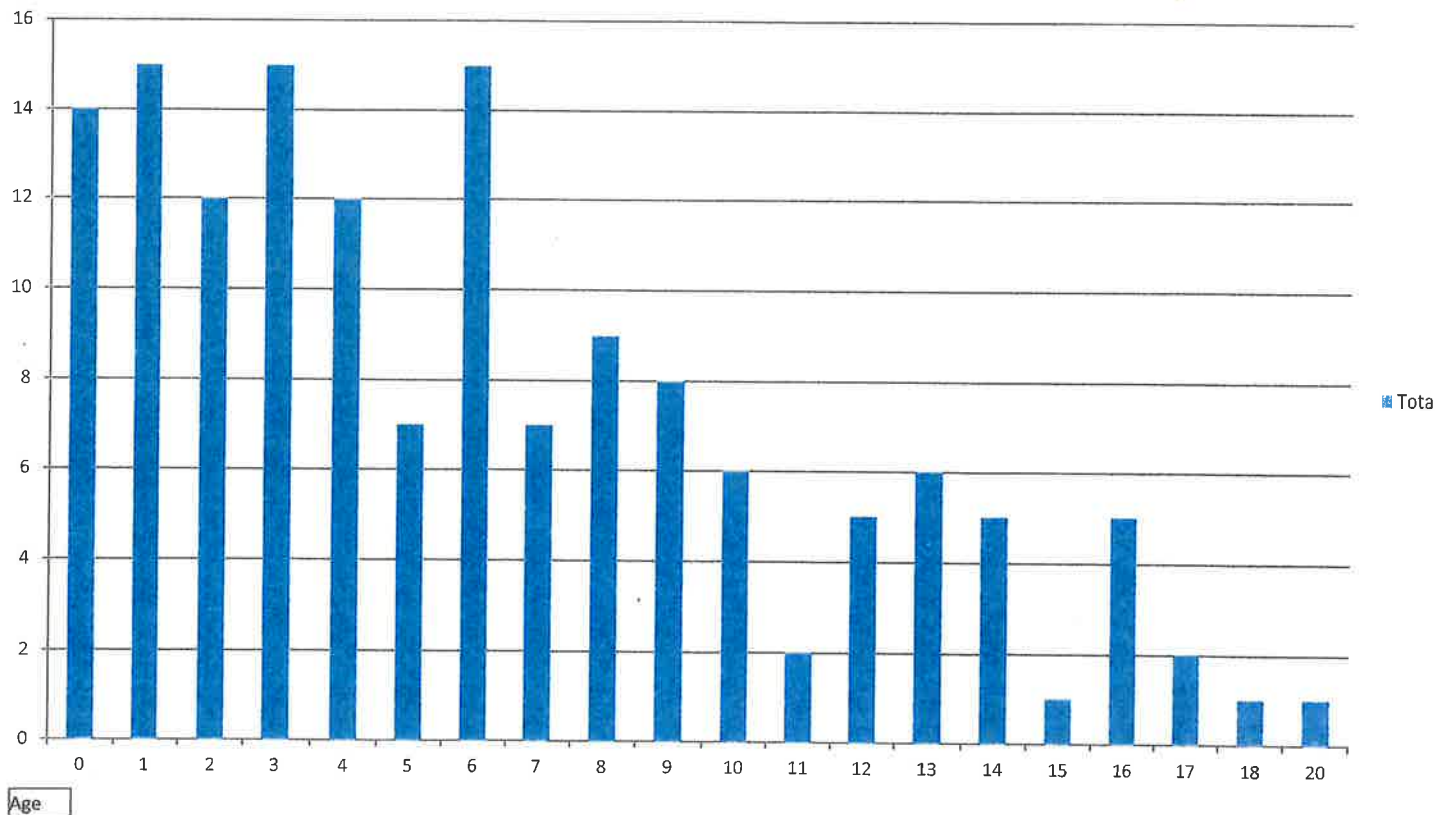
Classification
Count of Client ID

Client Ages, previous 12 months

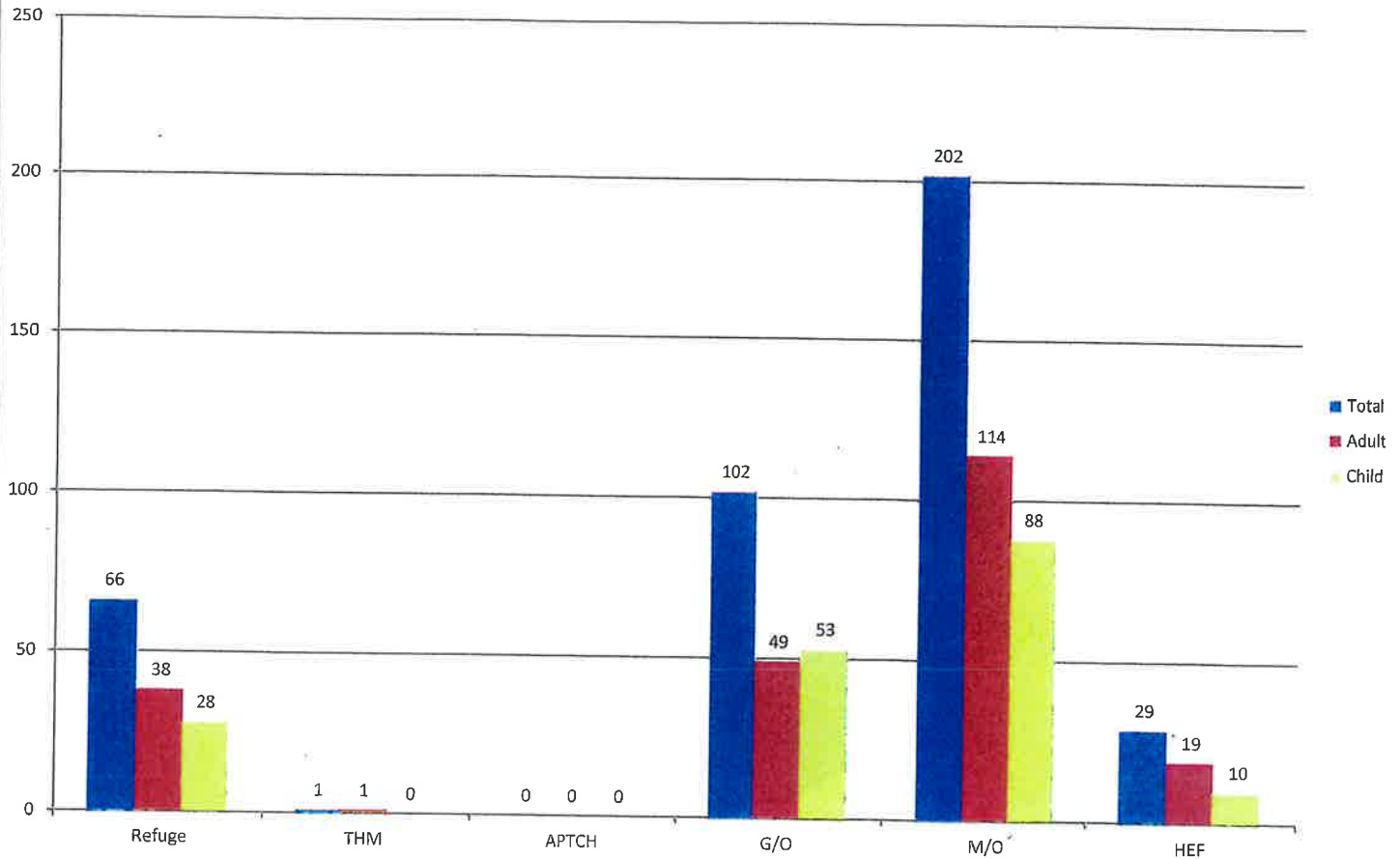


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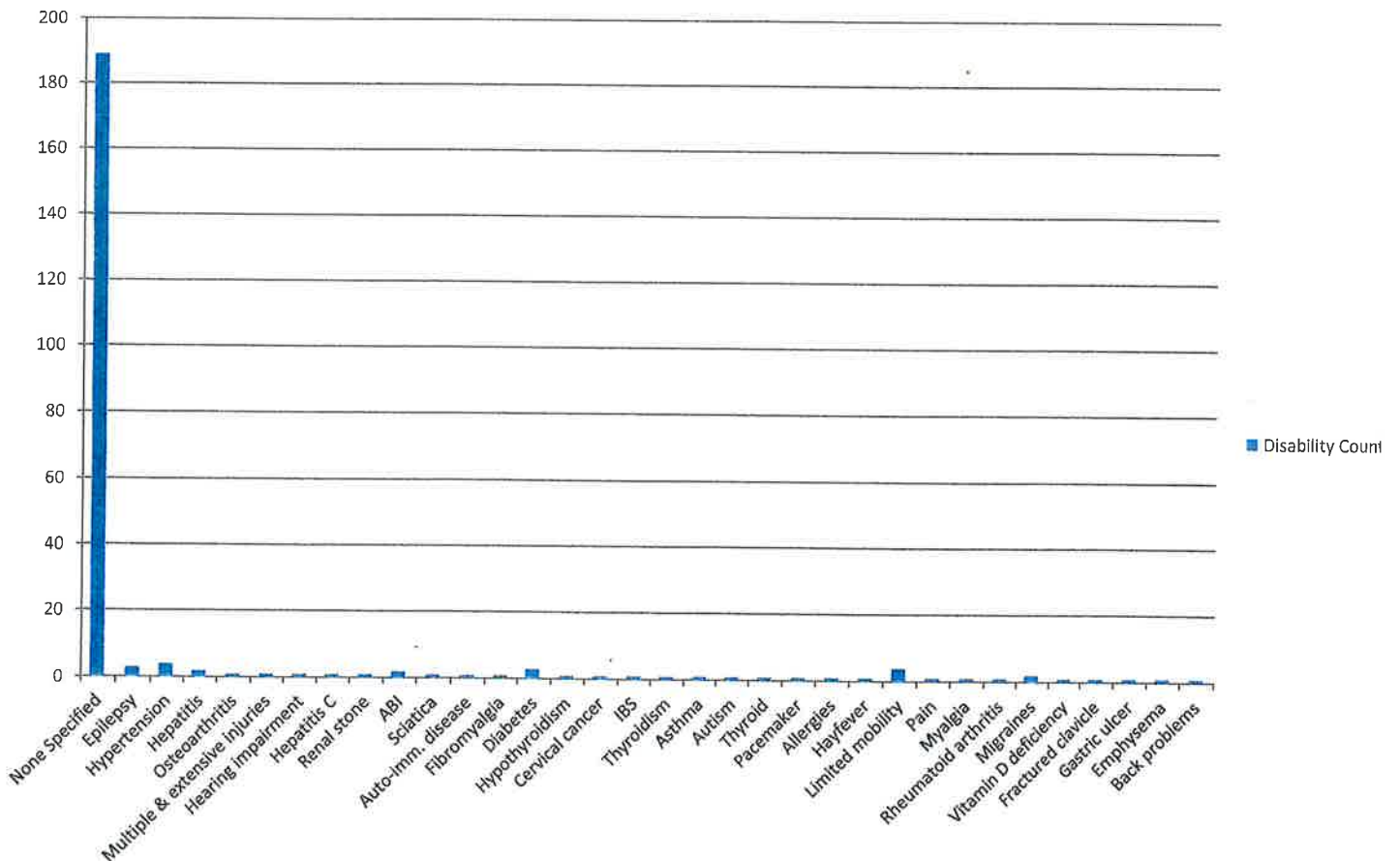
Client children ages, total from previous 12 months



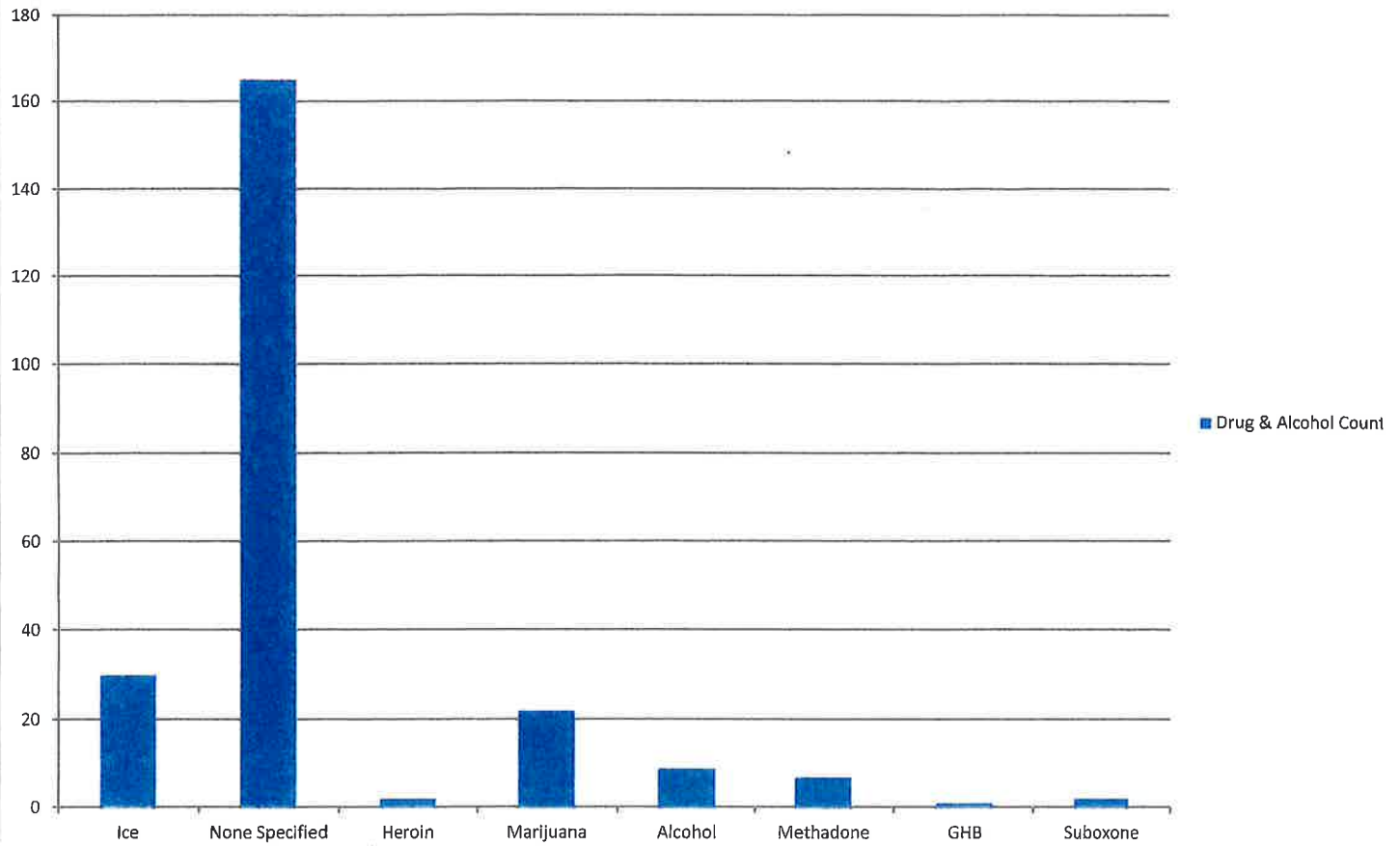
Total Accommodation Attendance - prev 12 month



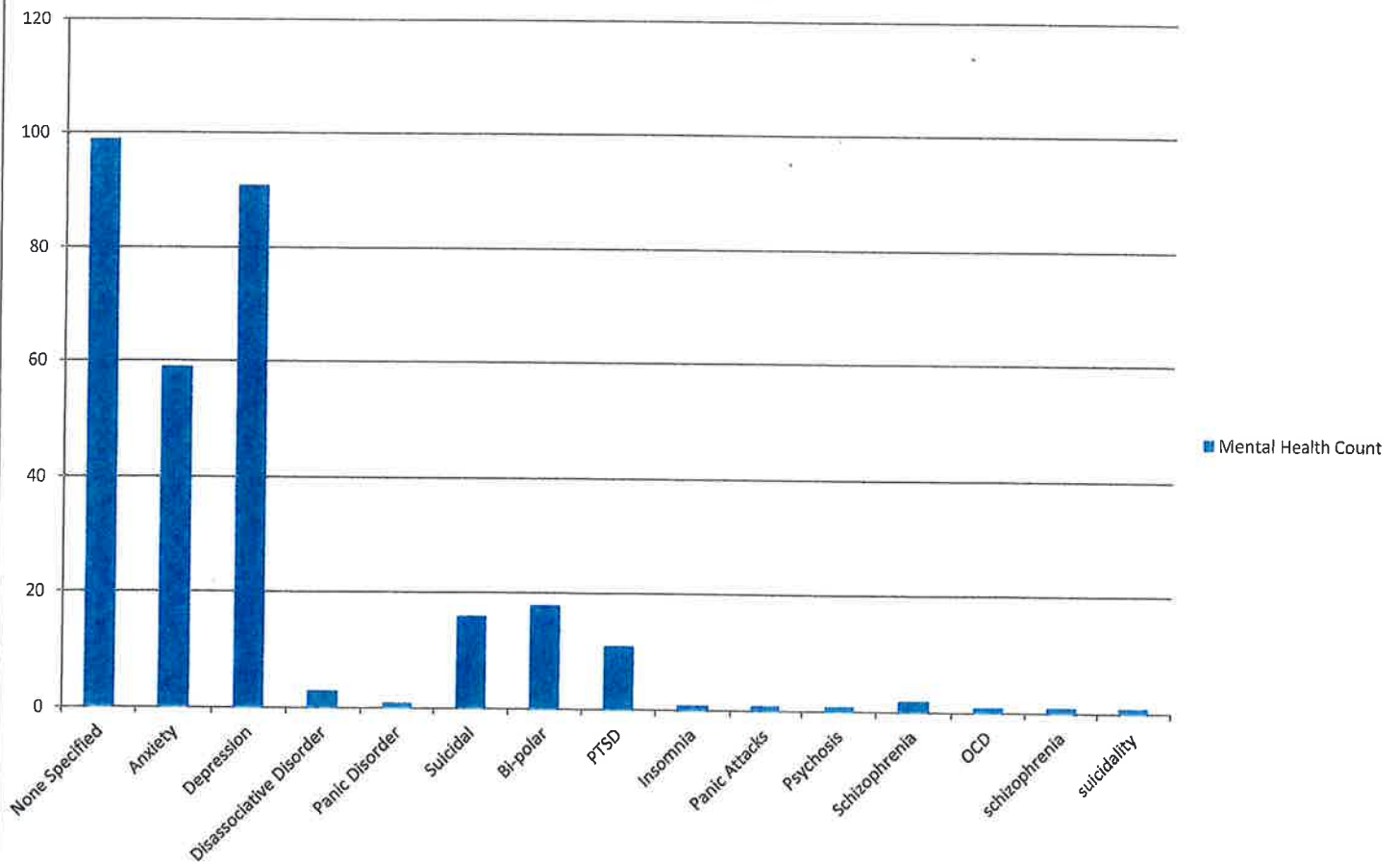
Disability Totals - prev 12 months



Drug & Alcohol Totals - prev 12 months



Mental Health Totals - prev 12 months



Acknowledgements

The Management Committee and staff of Kara House are grateful to the many people and organisations that support our work. This support may be in the shape of clothing or toiletries provided to women in motels, donations of money or may be the collaborative working relationships we enjoy with other services.

Thank you also to the Department of Health and Human services, especially in the Eastern region for their ongoing support.

Alannah and Madeleine Foundation

Box Hill Community Information Service

Community Correctional Services Box Hill

Department of Health and Human Services

Don Martin and Partners

Domestic Violence Victoria

Edvos

Haven Home Safe

Impact for Women

Karen Millot

Migrant Information Centre

Neami

Safe Steps Family Violence Resource Centre

St Kilda Mums

View Clubs of Ferntree Gully and

Mount Waverley

Women's Liberation Halfway House

Box Hill Golf Club Ladies Charity Committee

Connecting Up

Community Housing Limited

Dimmeys

Domestic Violence Resource Centre

Eastern Emergency Relief

Elgar Road Chiropractic

Intouch

Jeanette Elkner

Kiwanis

Nappy Collective

Wesley resilient Kids program

Salvocare

Tracey Hart

Wesley College

Women's Housing Limited

Zonta Club of Mount Waverley



Kara House Inc
ABN 20 305 139 734

Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 June 2016

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Committee's Report
For the year ended 30 June 2016

Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the Kara House Inc for the financial year ended 30 June 2016.

Committee Members

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

Margaret Morrissey
Anita Carr
Maureen Breen
Dr Carmen Gould
Catherine Lockstone
Susan Smith
Veronica Coleman

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were: A family violence service providing crisis supported accommodation to women and children..

Significant Changes

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

Operating Result

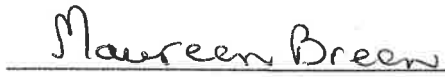
The deficit from ordinary activities after providing for income tax amounted to

Year ended	Year ended
30 June 2016	30 June 2015
\$	\$
(15,706)	18,372

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Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee on:

 24/10/2016
Margaret Morrissey


Anita Carr Maureen Breen

Kara House Inc
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Income and Expenditure Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Income		
Interest received	4,009	5,878
Other income	5,501	10,355
Donations	5,552	8,090
Grants Received - DHS		
- DHS - Crisis Supported Fund	512,223	477,012
- DHS - Housing Establishment Fund	15,709	11,017
- NPAH - Sector Capacity	14,772	14,360
- NPAH - A Place to Call home	59,339	57,309
- Transition Support	6,498	6,219
	608,541	565,917
Profit on sale of property, plant, equip	(740)	5,287
Total income	622,863	595,527
Expenses		
Audit fees	1,750	1,394
Bank Fees And Charges	50	133
Client Expenses	5,163	5,931
Continuous Quality Improvement	9,334	8,106
Depreciation	12,958	15,113
Donations	5,508	1,110
Governance & Management	1,110	1,567
Human Resources	10,655	5,832
Holiday pay	23,575	(3,762)
Housing Establishment Fund	9,450	8,008
Insurance		2,303
Long service leave	6,940	(4,823)
Motor Vehicle Expenses	10,707	12,932
Network & Partnerships	3,962	2,765
Office Expenses	36,204	35,337
Rent	27,558	27,057
Refuge Expenses	23,326	20,453
Risk Management & OHS	774	1,105
Sick Leave	13,417	4,443

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Income and Expenditure Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Superannuation	36,304	32,905
Website Development		4,100
Worksafe Injury Insurance	12,156	11,883
Wages & Salaries	387,668	383,262
Total expenses	<u>638,569</u>	<u>577,155</u>
Surplus (loss) from ordinary activities before income tax	(15,706)	18,372
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
Net surplus (loss) attributable to the association	<u>(15,706)</u>	<u>18,372</u>
Total changes in equity of the association	<u>(15,706)</u>	<u>18,372</u>
 Opening retained surplus	 205,683	 187,311
Net surplus (loss) attributable to the association	<u>(15,706)</u>	<u>18,372</u>
Closing retained surplus	<u><u>189,977</u></u>	<u><u>205,683</u></u>

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Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash assets	<u>2</u>	114,366	89,002
Other	<u>3</u>	141,429	138,744
Total Current Assets		<u>255,796</u>	<u>227,747</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	<u>4</u>	88,920	80,652
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>88,920</u>	<u>80,652</u>
Total Assets		<u>344,716</u>	<u>308,399</u>
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Payables	<u>5</u>	15,467	10,509
Current tax liabilities	<u>6</u>	10,390	7,257
Provisions	<u>7</u>	108,568	71,576
Total Current Liabilities		<u>134,425</u>	<u>89,342</u>
Non-Current Liabilities			
Provisions	<u>7</u>	20,314	13,374
Total Non-Current Liabilities		<u>20,314</u>	<u>13,374</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>154,739</u>	<u>102,716</u>
Net Assets		<u>189,977</u>	<u>205,683</u>
Members' Funds			
Retained surplus		189,977	205,683
Total Members' Funds		<u>189,977</u>	<u>205,683</u>

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 30 June 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Cash Flow From Operating Activities		
Receipts from grants and others	619,594	584,362
Payments to Suppliers and employees	(573,588)	(566,511)
Interest received	4,009	5,878
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities (note 2)	<u>50,015</u>	<u>23,729</u>
Cash Flow From Investing Activities		
Payment for:		
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(32,466)	(50,944)
Proceeds from disposal of:		
Proceeds from sale of property	10,500	30,100
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>(21,966)</u>	<u>(20,844)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash held	28,049	2,885
Cash at the beginning of the year	<u>223,342</u>	<u>220,457</u>
Cash at the end of the year (note 1)	<u><u>251,391</u></u>	<u><u>223,342</u></u>

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 30 June 2016

2016

2015

Note 1. Reconciliation Of Cash

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and in banks and investments in money market instruments, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

Cash at the end of the year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the balance sheet as follows:

Cash At Bank - General Account	2,735	2,380
Community Solutions Cash Reserve	105,642	77,933
Donation Account	5,452	8,091
Service Deposit	138	198
Petty Cash	400	400
Short term deposits	137,024	134,340
	<u>251,391</u>	<u>223,342</u>

Note 2. Reconciliation Of Net Cash Provided By/Used In Operating Activities To Operating Profit After Income Tax

Operating profit after income tax	(15,706)	18,372
Depreciation	12,958	15,113
(Profit) / Loss on sale of property, plant and equipment	740	(5,287)
Changes in assets and liabilities net of effects of purchases and disposals of controlled entities:		
Increase (decrease) in other creditors	4,958	1,642
Increase (decrease) in employee entitlements	43,932	(4,142)
Increase (decrease) in sundry provisions	3,133	(1,969)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>50,015</u>	<u>23,729</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 June 2016

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Reform Act 2012. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

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

(a) Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all PPE is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

(b) Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the entity reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the income statement.

(c) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

(d) Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

(e) Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

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Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

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

(f) Leases

Leases of PPE, where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not the legal ownership, are transferred to the association, are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised by recording an asset and a liability at the lower of the amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property or the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for that period.

Leased assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or the lease term. Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the period in which they are incurred.

(g) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Tax Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the assets and liabilities statement are shown inclusive of GST.

(h) 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.

(h) Income Tax

Kara House Inc is a Public Benevolent Institution and is exempt from Australian Income Tax. It is endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient and donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

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	2016	2015
Note 2: Cash assets		
Bank accounts:		
- Cash At Bank - General Account	2,735	2,380
- Community Solutions Cash Reserve	105,642	77,933
- Donation Account	5,452	8,091
- Service Deposit	138	198
Other cash items:		
- Petty Cash	400	400
	<u>114,366</u>	<u>89,002</u>

Note 3: Other Assets

Current

Short term deposits	137,024	134,340
Other	4,405	4,405
	<u>141,429</u>	<u>138,744</u>

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	2016	2015
Note 4: Property, Plant and Equipment		
Buildings:		
- At cost	3,812	1,998
- Less: Accumulated depreciation	(684)	(133)
	<u>3,128</u>	<u>1,865</u>
Plant and equipment:		
- At cost	37,838	33,136
- Less: Accumulated depreciation	(9,247)	(11,531)
	<u>28,591</u>	<u>21,605</u>
Motor vehicles:		
- At cost	63,347	65,897
- Less: Accumulated depreciation	(6,144)	(8,715)
	<u>57,202</u>	<u>57,182</u>
	<u>88,920</u>	<u>80,652</u>
Note 5: Payables		
Unsecured:		
- Other creditors	15,467	10,509
	<u>15,467</u>	<u>10,509</u>
	<u>15,467</u>	<u>10,509</u>
Note 6: Tax Liabilities		
Current		
GST payable control account	16,168	14,448
Input tax credit control account	(5,778)	(7,191)
	<u>10,390</u>	<u>7,257</u>

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	2016	2015
Note 7: Provisions		
Current		
Employee entitlements*	108,568	71,576
	<u>108,568</u>	<u>71,576</u>
Non Current		
Employee entitlements*	20,314	13,374
	<u>20,314</u>	<u>13,374</u>
* Aggregate employee entitlements liability	128,882	84,950

There were 7 employees at the end of the year

Note 8: Capital and Leasing Commitments

Operating lease expenditure contracted for at balance date that is not cancellable and is not provided for in the accounts:

Payable:

No later than one year	28,420	26,250
Later than one year but not later than two years	29,415	12,483
Later than two years but not later than five years	45,975	
	<u>103,810</u>	<u>38,733</u>

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Statement by Members of the Committee
For the year ended 30 June 2016

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

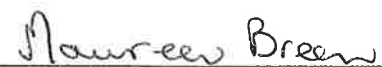
In the opinion of the Committee the Income and Expenditure Statement, Statement of Financial Position, and Notes to the Financial Statements:

1. **Presents fairly the financial position of Kara House Inc as at 30 June 2016 and its performance for the year ended on that date.**
2. **At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.**

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


Margaret Morrissey
Chairperson

24/10/2016


Anita Carr
Treasurer

Maureen Breen
Secretary

Director:
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Kara House Inc
ABN 20 305 139 734

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Kara House Inc (the association), which comprises the Statement by Members of the Committee, Income and Expenditure Statement, Balance Sheet, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the Certificate by Members of the Committee for the financial year ended 30 June 2016.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of Kara House Inc is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibilities also includes such internal control as the committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from 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 auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the 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 association's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report 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 association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of Kara House Inc as at 30 June 2016 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.



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Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Kara House Inc to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Signed on: 27th OCTOBER, 2016.

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