

# ANNUAL REPORT



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A stylized graphic of three human figures in white, arranged in a triangular formation with their arms raised, suggesting a family or a group of people.

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committed to Jesus' teachings and intent on  
reflecting His love to those in need.'*

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# Manager's Report

## Finding hope in the most unlikely places

As we listen to the daily news and look around our local, national and international communities, it appears that we are living in a world without hope. Despair and a sense of hopelessness seem to pervade our society. We see it with:

- **The child** living in an environment where there is minimal or no emotional love or physical care, or where he/she is subjected to family violence, physical and/or sexual abuse.
- **The homeless** and/or socially dislocated young person living with no sense of self-worth or any prospects of employment.
- **The single parent** facing social and familial isolation.
- **The adult** experiencing mental health, violence, or drug and alcohol addiction issues.
- **The older person** sitting alone at home or in a nursing facility, and facing the prospect of lost usefulness and dreams, and a sense of having to be dependent on others to care for them for their remaining years.

Hope is something we all personally strive for but which seems to often allude us. As disciples of Jesus we are not only the receivers of divine hope through faith in Him, but are also expected to be the givers of such hope to others.

We at Temcare see our role as being such givers of hope, as we strive to be the 'hands and feet' of Jesus to a hurting world. In many respects, we see ourselves as being an instrument of God's hope to those vulnerable families amongst whom we minister and serve; those whose reserves of hope have either run completely dry or are at a very low point.

**Our mission is to be a distinctly bible-based Christian welfare agency that is committed to Jesus' teaching and intent on reflecting His love and care to those in need.** This is something we have been doing since Stan Chilcott commenced the ministry in 1968. In effect, we have sought to be the hands and feet of Jesus for the past



48 years and to provide hope to those within our community who are vulnerable. Our various programs aim to assist families with their complex emotional, practical and spiritual needs.

The theme for this annual report is therefore 'hope'. We have included various stories involving some of our families, which we pray will not only encourage you about what Temcare is currently doing, but will also enable you to become co-sharers of divine hope to others with whom you come into contact.

Many of our families face significant challenges, including issues associated with; family violence, mental health, drug and/or alcohol addiction, and minimal social and family support. Despite these needs and the significant past, present, and future challenges facing our families, we remain hopeful of what our God can achieve in their lives through us and in Jesus' name. Over the past 12 months, we have been encouraged to see instances of hope emerging in the lives of the parents, children and adolescents whom we serve. Staff reports will highlight some of these 'hopeful stories'.

Temcare has a dedicated team of very professional staff who work tirelessly to support their clients and to bring Christian hope to them in a manner that is specifically geared to their individual needs. In mid 2016, we adopted a practice statement that made the following declaration:

"Under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we at Temcare will endeavor to offer services that:

1. Meet the multi-faceted needs of our clients.
2. Establish and maintain spiritual and professional standards.
3. Position Temcare as an effective service provider.

Underpinning these goals will be a commitment to Jesus' teachings and professional learning."

As Temcare's new manager, I am proud of the team and believe that we are working hard to fulfill this mission. Supporting us is a committed group of Board members who also share the vision. I am also grateful for the practical, financial and spiritual support provided by the Christian Brethren Trust and the team at 'Christian Community Churches in Victoria and Tasmania' [CCCVaT]. In addition, we share a wonderful partnership with Prison Fellowship, which funds part of our MATES mentoring program.

Partnering with us in our programs is a dedicated group of volunteer carers, mentors, financial donors and prayer warriors. Their faithfulness to our Lord and their dedication to the children and adolescents in their care is inspirational and has also been instrumental in providing divine hope to our families. I have been amazed and humbled by the generosity and Christian love and commitment displayed by our supporters, and particularly from various church communities. It remains a fascinating source of interest to me to talk with previous volunteers, who speak with such fondness and interest about the children for whom they previously cared. We at Temcare are very grateful for their service.

I am convinced that Temcare can never meet the complex social, emotional, practical and spiritual needs of our families on our own. We need individuals and church communities who are prepared to sacrificially commit their lives to our Lord and to be obedient to His call in this particular area of ministry.

I wonder whether you would be interested in being a co-messenger of hope to a despairing world, and particularly those who live within our local communities? If so, you may want to consider partnering with us in providing hope to families and children in need.

For example, you could:

- **Become a prayer warrior.** We need people to not only faithfully pray for our staff and volunteers as we serve together, but also the families and young people whom we seek to reach for Christ. Our goal is to see people come to Christ and for families to function together in a manner intended by their Creator and Heavenly Father. We need people to pray with that goal in mind.
- **Become a financial warrior.** As Temcare receives no Government funding, we are therefore primarily reliant upon the financial generosity and prayer support of the Christian Community. Whilst the overall annual expenses for providing these services to clients are substantial and may seem beyond your capacity to assist, please remember the words of our Lord about the value of the 'widow's offering' [Luke 21: 1-4]. You might also like to consider more manageable methods of becoming a financial warrior by sponsoring a child and/or a parent so that they can benefit from these programs.
- **Become a volunteer warrior.** Please contact our office if you feel you can volunteer in some way; either as a carer, mentor, or assisting with office admin matters. Our waiting lists are substantial and we desperately need people who are willing to volunteer for our programs. We would love to hear from you and to pass on details about how you can be involved in supporting this important ministry.

I pray that you might see the opportunities to serve our Lord in Temcare's ministries and to become a fellow bearer of hope to our parents, children and adolescents. May our Heavenly Father deeply bless you and provide you with a keen sense of His care and love, as we all seek to serve Him together.

*Neville Evans*



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# About Temcare

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Although many of you already know something of what we do, let me nevertheless introduce you to the main components of our ministries. Whilst only a small agency [comprising 2 fulltime and 5 part-time staff], Temcare is directly involved in providing a range of services for families residing across the wider metropolitan area. We also provide chaplaincy support for a number of elderly people within our community.

Our services are geared towards the individual needs of our clients and are flexible in how they are delivered. Details of our programs can be found on our website: [www.temcare.org.au](http://www.temcare.org.au). A significant development during 2016 was the shift towards a more case management role with parents, children and adolescents. This has enabled staff to provide a more intensive level of emotional and practical support for our clients.

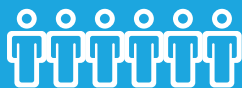
## IN SUMMARY

Temcare's programs provide vital services associated with:

- **Respite care [CARE]** for children aged between 0-15 years for 1-2 nights on a 6 weekly basis.
- **One-to-one adolescent mentoring [Mates]**, where a young person is matched with an adult Christian mentor who organizes fortnightly activities. We are closely linked with 'Prison Fellowship' in this program, and appreciate the vital support they provide for this ministry.
- **Intensive spiritual, practical and emotional support** for parents and their children when required. For example, one-to-one adult mentoring, parent education programs, and practical assistance.
- **A monthly Christian support group for women**, called 'Women of Hope'. This group was originally commenced by one of our volunteers, Deb Sebbage, in early 2015, but is now being led by Temcare staff.
- **Aged care chaplaincy services**, primarily for those who are currently living in the Grace Court independent living units or have previously lived at Grace Court. In addition, one of our staff runs a chaplaincy program at a local RSL aged care facility.

Temcare also conducts various camps throughout the year; for example, a camp for mothers and their children in the January

## SUPPORTED IN THE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM



**61**  
VOLUNTEERS



**26**  
PARENTS



**46**  
CHILDREN

school holidays, and another camp and small group retreats for mentors and adolescents involved in the adolescent mentoring program. Nancy Price [a previous Principal Social Worker for Temcare] has also continued to maintain vital contact with, and support for a number of past and current clients with whom she has historically developed close associations.

During the period from January to December 2016, Temcare:

- **Managed a waiting list of 39 families** [as at the end of 2016]. These families comprised 31 adults, 11 adolescents and 48 children. 28 of these families are currently awaiting services for our CARE program and 11 for our MATES program.
- Received **42 specific referrals**, of which 25 were to the CARE program [i.e. 28 adults and 39 children] and 17 [i.e. 17 adolescents] to the MATES program. Referrals came from a variety of sources, including; self [6], Temcare [2], family support agency/professionals [19], Department of Health and Human Services [4], Benwerren Family Services [3], and Prison Fellowship [8].
- Supported **61 volunteers, 26 parents, and 46 children** in the respite CARE program.
- Supported **21 mentors and 21 adolescents** in the MATES program.

## SUPPORTED IN THE MATES PROGRAM



**21**  
MENTORS



**21**  
ADOLESCENTS

- Provided **intensive support for 16 individuals** [parents and adolescents].
- Undertook **7 assessments** of potential volunteers.
- Facilitated and supported **232 respite care placements**.
- Arranged **230 catch ups between adolescents and their mentors** in the MATES program.
- Organised **6 group catch ups** for adolescents and their mentors in the MATES program.
- **Conducted 2 training programs** for volunteers.
- Assisted in running **10 'Women of Hope' programs**.
- Operated **2 camps** [i.e. a Family Camp in January and a MATES camp in October].
- Ran **holiday programs** during the April and September school holidays.
- Organised and conducted **weekly programs for residents at the 'independent living units'** at Fellows St in Kew.
- Pastorally supported approximately **28 current and previous residents of the 'independent living units'**, as well as past residents of the Grace Court Hostel.
- Conducted **pastoral care programs** for the elderly at the 'Sir William Hall Hostel' in Heidelberg.



## INTENSIVE SUPPORT PROVIDED FOR



**16**  
INDIVIDUALS

## PASTORAL SUPPORT PROVIDED



**28**

## FACILITATED & SUPPORTED RESPITE CARE PLACEMENTS



**232**

## ARRANGED CATCH UPS BETWEEN ADOLESCENTS & MENTORS



**230**

## Our Team



**Neville Evans**

Manager



**Natalie Walton**

CARE and Women of Hope Coordinator



**Paula Christie**

MATES Mentoring Coordinator



**Klaudia Jezewska**

CARE and Women of Hope Coordinator



**Mary Chin**

Account's Officer



**Bev McMurray**

Aged Care Program



## OUR DIRECT SERVICE STAFF

**Neville Evans**

Manager [full-time]

**Natalie Walton**

CARE and Women of Hope coordinator [part-time]

**Klaudia Jezewska**

CARE and Women of Hope coordinator [part-time]

**Paula Christie**

MATES coordinator [full-time]

**Bev McMurray**

Aged care chaplain [part-time]

**David McMurray**

Aged care chaplain [part-time]

**Mary Chin**

Accounts officer [part-time]

**Deb Sebbage**

Volunteer coordinator [part-time] for 'Women of Hope' [2015-2016]

## OUR BOARD

**George Morgan**

Chairman

**Gordon Hoen**

Vice chairman

**Susan Diggles**

**Adrian McClymont**

**Geoff Francis**



# Aged Care Chaplaincy

**Bev & David McMurray**

## Bev:

It is a real privilege to be a Chaplain and to work in this role for Temcare. While my primary responsibility is providing pastoral care for the 15 current residents of the independent living units at Grace Court in Kew, I also have the opportunity to visit 5 individuals on a monthly basis who live in other residential care facilities in the community.

My role is one of support to the individual, whether it involves practical assistance, such as helping to pack up belongings when someone is admitted to hospital, or providing a listening ear and encouraging them on their life journey. I also conduct a weekly gathering with the residents where we engage in different activities such as games or a movie, a monthly BBQ lunch, or just a coffee and chat.

A particular passion of mine is to see all people come to a clear understanding of how they are not only valued by myself, but more importantly, how they are loved and valued by God Himself.

As not all of our residents understand about the love of Jesus, I see a wonderful opportunity to share His love for them through all I do. I therefore see 'hope' in every opportunity.

One resident shared on my first visit with him that he didn't really believe in God. During a subsequent visit with him however, he asked whether I could pray for his grandson who was experiencing some significant life challenges. This encouraged me to believe that I must never stop sharing with this precious soul about God's love for him. There have been further occasions when this same gentleman has had to be placed in an Intensive Care Unit because of a serious illness and where I have been able to pray with him; something that he has deeply appreciated.

One highlight of late was when David and I visited an elderly saint who was in her last days of earthly life. We were able to read the scriptures and to sing familiar hymns with her. I will never forget how she sang along with gusto, despite being very unwell. I am sure the angels were also rejoicing, as they heard her songs of praise and worship. She passed away within a short time of our visit.

Because Jesus is the Light and Hope of the world, I am committed to living every day in that Light and Love, as I serve all those for whom I have pastoral responsibility. As we often sing:

'My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus blood and righteousness.'

## David:

I commenced as a Chaplain for Temcare in the second half of 2016, when I assumed the pastoral care role previously provided by Adrian McClymont. My focus has been visiting former elderly residents of the Grace Court Hostel and conducting a monthly chapel service at the Sir William Hall Hostel in Heidelberg.

The monthly chapel services enable me to bring a message of Christian hope to those who attend. Attendances generally range between 6 and 8 people. Feedback from the regular attenders suggests that they appreciate the services and are keen to see others come along as well. When the opportunity presents itself, I have also been able to connect with family members and to develop contact points for future reference.

I have found my pastoral visits very inspiring and a source of personal delight, as many residents share personal life stories and recount matters reflecting their spiritual journeys. Despite their individual struggles with memory and the loss of loved ones, it is nevertheless obvious that the majority have a wonderful personal story of God's faithfulness and their own joy in being a child of their Heavenly Father.

Not everyone I visit has a faith however. For one particular person, the challenge is finding ways to talk about spiritual matters; something I am able to do at various times. Another one of the residents enjoys conversations about religious matters and regularly reads a bible. At this stage however, this person has not made any confession of faith. They both greatly appreciate and value my visits.

As mentioned by Bev, one of the great joys was to minister to a woman who died soon after our visit with her. What an encouragement it was for me to gain some insight into the journey of faith of an elder saint.

Life is never easy. Everyone has their burdens to bear and their sorrows to wear. What a blessing it is to visit these older ones to see how they have met the challenges of life and to hear their testimonies of the Lord's sustaining and life giving grace throughout the years.

So... there is always hope... in life... in Christ... for us :)

# CARE

## Klaudia Jezewska

As I reflect on the year that has passed I am overcome with a dominant thought ... gratitude. I am grateful for the many respite weekends that went well, and grateful for our carers who have generously opened their doors to those children and mothers who have so bravely asked for help. And for those times when a sense of gratitude has been hard to find from our clients, let me reassure everyone that they have been genuinely grateful for the support and care provided to them by our volunteers, even if they have not openly expressed it.

As "Christ Jesus [is] our hope" [1 Timothy 1:1], so our carers have been a source of hope to many of our families. They have been a light at the end of our clients' personally dark tunnels, as well as their link to getting to know God's love and a support when they have felt isolated and lonely. The hope that our carers provide for our clients is very real and substantial because the definition of hope involves trust; an issue that is often lacking and therefore precious for many of our families.

There is a family I can think of in particular that illustrates the type of hope our clients receive. Amy [not her real name] is a single mother with 6 children. She receives regular respite for her little girl who has been attending church when spending time with her carers. Although this church was local to Amy's family, it nevertheless always seemed a little too intimidating for her to reach out to.

Through the support provided by our carers, members of Amy's family eventually found a community in their local church and are gradually discovering something of God's love for them. The children love attending the 'Kids Church' and will often walk over on their own even



if their mother is not feeling up to it. If that doesn't show trust and hope in our Christian sisters and brothers, I don't know what will.

Another story of hope relates to Kelly [not her real name], who is the 28-year-old mother of 6-year-old Betty [also not her real name]. They have been involved with Temcare's respite program for 2 years and both attended Temcare's mothers/children camp in January 2015. Kelly is a single mother who has minimal family supports. She self-referred because of her social isolation and desire to be more connected with other people within the community.

Although Kelly and Betty had previously been matched with a wonderful volunteer family, the arrangement unfortunately ended because God called the family to full time foster care. Despite this however, Kelly and Betty have maintained an ongoing positive relationship with them since then. Betty was recently re-matched with a new volunteer family, which has proven to be a very positive experience for all concerned. Whilst somewhat reticent to open up to people, Kelly and Betty nevertheless commenced attending church with their new volunteer family. Betty also attends Sunday school on a regular basis with the respite family when she stays with them.

Please pray that God will use this new arrangement to assist Kelly and Betty to become more socially connected, but more importantly, to discover an eternal connection and relationship with Jesus as their personal Savior and Lord.

*God Bless, Klaudia*





## CARE

**Natalie Walton**

So, what does it mean to be hopeful? Reflecting on the concept of hope and talking to our Temcare women about what brings hope to their lives has reminded me that as human beings we all have the same needs. The women involved in our various Temcare programs often share that they feel hopeful for the future when they; are in supportive friendships, know that their children are doing well, and have something to look forward to. Does this sound familiar? It certainly does for me. These are the same things that provide me with hope and I am sure they also do the same for you.

In working with our families, I find it important not to have a 'them and us' mentality when it comes to the women and families that Temcare support. Despite the significant practical, emotional, and spiritual challenges they face as families and individuals, I need to remind myself that we all have the same needs. At Temcare we work hard to support our families with their complex needs. We also seek to take this concept a step further by recognizing how there are many opportunities through our programs to personally bring hope to a family.

An example of this took place in October 2016, when one of our Temcare women celebrated her 50th birthday. The numerous guests who attended this special event strongly represented the hope that her wider Temcare family [workers, carers and other women who had been supported by Temcare] had brought to her over the years. I loved the way all these people supported her on this special day!! Lets continue the good work in 2017.

Another highlight of the year was our family camp, which took place from 9th to 13th January. We had 17 families on camp, 4 of which were first timers. This year we were based at the CYC Adventure Resort (Colonnades) on Phillip Island. The campsite was quite different to what the mothers and children had previously experienced, and consequently some quick adjustments had to be made to our expectations and how we functioned as a group. Everyone coped really well with this however, and we all enjoyed the much more luxurious cabins.

Our teen group was really big this year compared to previous years, and actually 2 of our teen group helpers were clients who had graduated from teens and were now adults. Led by Gill Brooke, they did a fantastic job and the large group of 13-19 year olds worked really well together. Deb Sebbage led Bible studies this year. Deb had been leading "Women of Hope" throughout 2015, and so the transition to her leading our bible study was very natural and the women were all really

keen to share. Highlights included the women's dinner where we had 3 women share some of their journey/ testimony. The whole evening was complimented by some beautiful music played by David Stergo (husband of a client). Also worth noting was the input of Bec, a friend of Klaudia. She is a beautician who volunteered a significant amount of her time providing different types of beauty work for the mums. She also helped out in our preschool group in the morning.

Whilst at times our work with families is challenging, it is nevertheless rewarding, and particularly as we seek to offer hope to those whom we serve.



# Women Of Hope

Deb Sebbage



For those of you who do not already know me, my name is Deb Sebbage and I have been the program leader for 'Women of Hope' during 2016. This group originally commenced in 2015, as a pastoral support group for women associated with Temcare. The group has met on a monthly basis during 2016, either at my home in Vermont or at the Temcare office in Blackburn. The sessions usually have 8-12 women in attendance.

It has been another wonderful year for 'Women of Hope'. My heart for this group has always been to build up and empower the women so that they will be able to see themselves as God sees them. My desire is for these women to also understand that they are children of a God who loves and seeks a relationship with them. To achieve these goals has led us to cover such important topics as; empowerment, forgiveness, creativity, self-care, self-acceptance and self worth.

As there have been so many beautiful highlights during this past year, it is hard to pick just a few for this report. One that stands out to me however, was one particular week when most of the women walked in feeling flat. It was just one of those weeks where everyone had something difficult going on in their lives. As we sat together and talked, it was so lovely to be able to see the women being open and honest with each other, and for us to be in a place where they could share openly, safely and honestly. And then to hear the women building each other up, empowering each other, and speaking kindness over each other. By the end of the session, everyone walked out feeling better than when they had walked in. Whilst the circumstances of their lives may not have changed, their state of mind and belief in themselves had. They had developed a sense of hope.

Another standout for me was when we had a discussion about how the circumstances of life can really impact upon how we view ourselves. Most of the women in the group have children with significantly challenging needs, which can often result in other parents judging them for how they parent their children. They have also often come from backgrounds or been involved in dysfunctional relationships where they were told they were not good enough. The session focused on replacing the negative messages about themselves with more positive ones, and helping them to understand that just because someone says something about you doesn't make it accurate or true. Through this discussion we were able to speak life and truth over the women. To see the breaking down of hurts and pain was both humbling and beautiful.

2017 will bring with it a number of changes for the group. For example, Temcare staff will be assuming the primary leadership of Women of Hope, as my circumstances and availability has changed. My prayer for this group is that the love of God will continue to be showered upon these wonderful women.

Despite my absence from leadership, the women from this group remain close to my heart. I love them dearly and am so grateful that God originally placed it on my heart to start this group. I am also grateful for the volunteers who have come along to connect with the women and develop relationships with them. Finally, I am thankful to the Temcare staff for their support and that this group will now be able to continue as an important part of Temcare's vital work with vulnerable families.

# Caring For Families Over The Long-Term

**Nancy Price**

It has been a remarkable feature of Temcare's work that we have been able to stay involved with families for as long as they see the agency offering some positive input into their lives. It has been my privilege that several families have appreciated my ongoing support for them long after the need for respite care for their children has finished. This support has taken many forms, including; practical help in accessing services, emotional support through difficult life stages, or often just sharing significant life events as a trusted friend.

A highlight each year is when a dozen of us have a weekend together at 'Benwerren' in Yarra Junction, where we share our stories, pray for each other and work on a series of themed bible studies led by Sue Diggles. There are also special times of worship led by Mary Jones where our focus is on praising God rather than focusing on the numerous difficulties that frequently beset us. For many, this weekend is their only break from their home situation and something that provides them with a wonderful opportunity for prayer, praise and the study of God's word.

Another joy for me has been the opportunity to view the positive long-term impact of Temcare's work with families. For example, 27 years ago a community nurse from the 'Early Childhood Development Program' [ECDP] asked Temcare if they could help support Angela [not her real name] and her daughters, aged 2 and 3 years. Two older children were in foster care as Angela was an

alcoholic and could not care for the children. She felt caring for her two little girls was just too much and she was considering relinquishing them as well. However, the nurse felt that regular respite and intensive support from the ECDP could help restore Angela's confidence.

Angela joined 'Alcoholic's Anonymous' [A. A.] and began to work cooperatively with her carers and workers. As with most of our Temcare volunteers, the relationship between Angela and her girls with this wonderful family flourished. It was not just regular respite of the girls, but also the love, support and understanding displayed by the carers towards Angela and her situation. She was included in family events and shared Christmas with the family on many occasions. Angela continued with A. A., the family enjoyed our Temcare family camp at Cowes, and the relationship with the carers became a strong friendship. This friendship has continued for 27 years. The girls finished school and now have excellent jobs. One is married with her own children and is a professional photographer. Angela recently sent me photographs of a wedding her daughter had just photographed – the son of her carer! Praise God that lives can change through the faithful caring and non-judgmental support from our Temcare carers who are prepared to stay involved for the long haul.

It has been and continues to be a great joy for me to be a part of this ongoing ministry.





## MATES

Paula Christie

2016 was a fabulous year for the Mates mentoring. As the coordinator, I wanted to see the program flourish above its basic level of functioning. In March we held a mentoring review session, which allowed the mentors to provide feedback of their experiences volunteering with Temcare. In this session, I was also able to set the vision for the year ahead. I believed God wanted us to take the program to another level and to be intentional in our ministry amongst the young people with whom we work. The volunteers were also encouraged to be open and spiritually purposeful in their interactions with their mentees.

Our Mates Camp was held in October 2016 at Philip Island CYC Adventure Resort. We had 30 young people and 30 volunteers attend the camp and participate in a range of activities throughout the weekend. Our schedule at camp is always jam packed, as we are restricted to the period from Friday night until Sunday afternoon. We engage in an array of activities, including; canoeing, flying fox, giant swing, archery, dance off competitions, team wars and games, and a surprise visit from the 'Christian Disciples Motorcycle Group'.

The main focus of our camp is the sessions we hold on the Saturday morning and evening. At the end of the 2015 camp, I really felt God put on my heart that Ps Don Osborn (South Campus Pastor at Bridge Church Melbourne) should again speak at camp the following year. I didn't know what to expect from Ps Don, as I gave him free reign to speak about whatever God had put on his heart. As Ps Don was speaking and the young people were processing the message, I was so blown away with how relevant it was to their circumstances. At the end of the Saturday night session, Ps Don expressed how

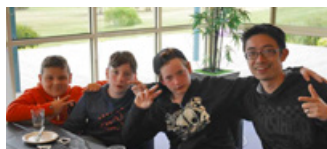


amazed he was with what God had done during the camp. He also stated that the young people would not have been so open and receptive to the message if it had not been for the mentors working to prepare the young people for what they heard.

One of our ex mentees is now 19 years of age and volunteers at our annual camp. He messaged me following the camp and explained that he experienced a feeling he had never had before when Ps Don was praying for him. He described how he felt it was now time for him to fully accept God into his life after having been away from the Mates program for so long. He recognized that he knew he could only find the change he needed in his life through God. By the end of camp, 9 of our young people had given their hearts to Christ and many others were encouraged to continue their Christian faith.

I am so thankful that I have the privilege of doing this job. I am also so grateful for not only the volunteers that I get to work with, but the young people I am able to serve and who continually inspire me with their tenacity and resilience. Our mentors are such generous people who give of their time and skills to really better the lives of the young people with whom they are matched. Our mentors bring to the program an understanding of the modern day struggles for youth in our community, and an ability to work through issues as they arise in a way that reflects God's love, grace and compassion in every circumstance.

Thank you to our supporters who ensure that our young people get to be a part of the program, and also to our wonderful mentors who invest so much of their time into the lives of our young people.





## Shakira & Schapelle

Sisters, Shakira (14) and Schapelle (11) are linked into our Mates Mentoring Program through our partnership with Prison Fellowship. Shakira has been matched with her mentor, Stacey, for one and a half years. Schapelle attends some of our group activities and camps, whilst she is on our wait list for a mentor. Schapelle gave her heart to Christ at our Mates camp in October 2016 and Shakira has felt that her experiences at camp had a profound impact on her. I interviewed the girls as a follow up from camp to hear more about their stories and experiences. I was blown away by the maturity of the conversation, and the reflective thoughts that both of the girls had. Here is a summary of our conversation;

**Q What were your favourite memories and experiences at camp?**

**A Schapelle:** "I really enjoyed when we prayed for each other. I love at camp that we can help each other with our problems and knowing that there is someone to talk to."

**A Shakira:** "I enjoyed the giant swing and the social activities. I also remember Ps Don talking about the 'one moment'. After camp we would say it all the time, especially when I would see Stacey (her mentor). It really got to me what he was saying. It hit my heart ... I cried when he was talking, I don't know why though."

**A Schapelle:** "I remember how Pastor Don was saying, how he got through all of his troubles because he found God and it got me wondering if God can help us with finding our one moment. Camp had a massive impact on me. Having people like Rachel [her camp mentor] saying that I can talk to them whenever I needed and I can talk to God more was really helpful. When we got home our niece was very upset, so we were praying for her and I think that made us realize that God is there for us and to be able to help other."

**Q Tell me more about what you were feeling at camp**

**A Shakira:** "I don't know, ah, I'm going to start crying again. I think just everything that happened that year, and then hearing someone talk about the troubles they had, in front of me. And then having a similar experience, it just hit me. When Stacey [her mentor] told me about what happened in her childhood, I couldn't believe it. And I thought, how can someone be that nice and so kind, and so hopeful for the future and have faith when all of this bad stuff has happened to them."

# INTERVIEW

## QUESTION & ANSWER

**A Schapelle:** "I remember I was crying after camp at school and I don't talk when I am upset. One of my friends asked, 'why are you crying', and I said that I miss having someone to pray for me, and being there for me. I just trust and hope and believe that God is there for me."

**Q How did your experience at camp positively impact you?**

**A Shakira:** "On camp it feels like you are actually connecting with God. Because you are surrounded by other people who talk to him every day. And we don't have that at home."

**A Schapelle:** "I remember after camp, my friends told me I was different and stuff. I said it might be because I have found God. My friend made me promise I would always believe in God and I said that He believes in me so I believe in Him."

**A Shakira:** "When I went to camp I was really down. About everything. School was really bad. I was failing and didn't have a lot of friends. We had a family member that passed away and we had to put our dog down and one of our close family members was on drugs had gone to prison. It was really bad ... I was depressed apparently. The doctors put me on medication ... So at camp, I felt like I had more of an understanding about God and it helped to simplify his love for me."

**Q How do you think you can continue that feeling you had at camp?**

**A Schapelle:** "I think having more people around me that believe in God and talk to me about him. Or having a mentor, like what Stacey is to Shakira."

**A Shakira:** "I think I actually have to go to church and I think you have to choose though. You have to choose to pray and read the bible."

**Q Has your faith in God been strengthened after camp?**

**A Shakira:** "I don't have faith though, not yet. I think I will have it when I'm older. I do want to be like Stacey [mentor] though, and have something to believe in, and feel like I have a purpose because that would be awesome. But I don't, and I don't feel like I can make myself."

**A Schapelle:** "I love reading the stories in the bible, to see what God has done with people. When I was at camp, I first thought I was the only one with problems in my family, but then I had someone share the story. I realized that we were really similar, and it was nice to have others who was the same as me."

**A Shakira:** "If I was going to be a Christian I would be a full-on Christian. I would be like a Stacey [mentor] Christian."



# Q&A

**"So at camp, I felt like I had more of an understanding about God and it helped to simplify his love for me"**

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# FINANCIAL REPORT

## CHRISTIAN BROTHERS COMMUNITY CARE LTD (TEM CARE) INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 30TH JUNE 2016

INCOME	2016 \$	2015 \$
Camp Receipts and Sponsorships	5,824	7,722
Client Payments	150	450
Donations		
Individuals	25,398	24,740
Church Groups	5,648	3,090
Others	271,907	278,550
Fundraising	1,295	23,220
Interest received	14,031	13,140
Other Income	1,030	569
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>325,283</b>	<b>351,480</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Advertising	1,395	1,547
Camp & School Holiday Program Expenses	11,686	13,036
Carer's Expenses	11,401	6,276
Computer Services & Support	1,862	2,510
Depreciation	0	3,216
Fees - Professional	1,352	3,500
Insurance	4,163	4,656
Motor Vehicle & Travelling Expenses	10,763	5,484
Printing, Postage & Stationery	9,146	13,366
Repairs & Maintenance	720	760
Rent	4,727	0
Salaries & On-Costs	229,551	232,130
Subscriptions & Memberships	1,666	2,649
Sundry Expenses	1,450	863
Telephone	2,425	2,596
Training	1,449	1,932
Utilities	407	1,837
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>294,163</b>	<b>296,360</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS</b>	<b>31,120</b>	<b>55,120</b>

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN BRETHREN COMMUNITY CARE LIMITED.

### Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Christian Brethren Community Care Limited (the company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2016, the statement of profit or loss and comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

#### *Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report*

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 2 to the financial report are appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Australian and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation 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 judgment, 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 entity's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and 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 directors, 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.

#### *Independence*

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Australian and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

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Our audit has been conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards.



### *Opinion*

In our opinion the financial report of Christian Brethren Community Care Limited has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- a. giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2016 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b. complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 2 and complying with Division 60 of the *Australian and Not-for-profits Commission Act Regulation 2013*.

### *Basis of Accounting*

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 2 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the directors' financial reporting responsibilities under the *Australian and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.



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14 November 2016  
Blackburn, Victoria



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