



Annual Report 2017



St Solomon's Primary School class (formerly Ahamadabad Primary School) in Pakistan

Chair & CEO Report



John Harry and Miranda Chow attending the graduation of LCES students in Sri Lanka

Take even more care of the young people entrusted to you than if they were the children of a king. St John Baptist De La Salle, Mediation 133

Bright, happy, healthy, attentive, smiling faces of students eager to learn and study. That's the aim of all Lasallian schools and works throughout the world. Creating an inclusive, safe and nurturing environment for children and young people to learn – this is the driver of all the work of the Lasallian Foundation Australia (LFA). We believe all children and young people have a right to access quality education, from preschool through to university and beyond.

It is in this spirit that two large projects, the construction of a new secondary school at Dakmil in Vietnam and the construction of teacher housing in Nanattan Sri Lanka were both restarted after some challenges and difficulties during 2016. The new Dakmil school will educate local children particularly those from minority tribal groups who often struggle with basic language skills at school, which usually forces them to drop out as there are no support services available in local schools to help them. The additional teacher housing in north Sri Lanka will ensure that schools in Nanattan and Vankalai can continue to employ and retain quality teaching staff. Whilst project delays are regrettable, the value of independent and regular building assessments conducted during the project process demonstrated the importance and value these checks and balances offer. The assessments have ensured value for money and quality outcomes. We are all delighted that both projects are back on track and due to be completed early 2018.

2017 saw the LFA return to Cambodia and Myanmar in collaboration with ONLUS Solidariate for Development Rome, to assess if there were opportunities to help continue to expand or establish new schools or projects to better support the local children and young people. Both countries are experiencing rapid and unprecedented economic development but this development is widening the gap in inequality so the need for quality education in both countries is more important than ever, particularly for children from poor, disadvantaged and minority communities.

In November 2017, we farewelled our Chair, the Honourable Paul Guest QC after nine years of dedicated service to the Lasallian mission. We sincerely thank Paul for his wisdom, enthusiasm, sense of adventure and of course his time over the years, tirelessly finding support and funding for the Foundation's work, particularly for projects in Sri Lanka and Vietnam. He has helped the Foundation to negotiate a particularly challenging period in our history. Paul's vision and determination have paved the way for a more optimistic future and to continue to grow the Lasallian mission in the educational service with the poor.

We welcomed John Harry as our new Chair, along with new board directors, Steven Wharton and Tracy Le who bring extensive local and international legal and financial investment experience, and who will help usher the next phase of our development to ensure that we can reach out to as many children and young people and their communities as possible.

To touch the hearts of your pupils; this is the greatest miracle you can perform.

St John Baptist De La Salle, Mediation 139

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Harry'.

John Harry, Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Miranda Chow'.

Miranda Chow, CEO

About the Lasallian Foundation

Our History

The Lasallian Foundation was established in 2005 by the De La Salle Brothers of Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea to fund developmental and emergency relief projects in the Asia-Pacific region. The Foundation builds on a long history of informal support for projects initiated and conducted by the Brothers through their Mission Fund. Our aim is to continue expanding these activities into the future.

Our Vision

We live in an age of tremendous wealth and progress. Notwithstanding, there are children who have little hope for the future due to poverty and ignorance.

For more than 330 years, the De La Salle Brothers have been committed to reaching out to the last, the lost and the least through education in the Lasallian tradition. It is this tradition that sees our ongoing commitment to support young people and their communities in effecting positive change.

Working together, we will create hope for the future for all children and youth, regardless of gender, race, faith, nationality, ethnicity, class/caste, physical ability, opinion, political alliance or sexual orientation.

Our Mission

Millions of children and young people around the world are denied access to basic human rights. The Lasallian Foundation works to make a sustainable difference by giving them the opportunity to realise their full human potential and break the poverty cycle, which has plagued their families and communities for generations.

Our Objectives

- To support development and emergency relief projects primarily but not exclusively in the Asia-Pacific region focusing on the poorest and most marginalised communities, and in particular children.
- To advocate on behalf of these communities and children, particularly in relation to children's rights and safety.
- Support people in Developing Countries in emergency situations such as those caused by earthquakes or other natural disasters including famine or conflict.
- To act as trustee for a Relief Fund.
- To solicit donations and gifts for the purpose of carrying out the objectives of the Foundation.
- To attract and encourage bequests, legacies and all forms of deferred gifts for the purpose of carrying out the objectives of the Foundation.
- To capitalise on the enormous strengths in the delivery of education already existing within the De La Salle network.

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Lasallian Volunteer, Matt Murrie and students from Lasalle Technical College Hohola PNG

Our Operational Principles

- The Foundation's projects oppose discrimination and the denial of rights based on sex, race, nationality, ethnicity, class, religion, age, physical ability, caste, opinion, political alliance or sexual orientation. In the Foundation's projects, partnerships, marketing, and communications the Foundation respects the dignity and equality of the people it serves.
- The Foundation's projects aim to achieve lasting and sustainable social and economic change in the communities it serves that address the root causes of poverty and discrimination. The Foundation's project designs aim to be inherently sustainable beyond the Foundation's funding period in terms of resources and will be based on a situational analysis that considers the underlying causes of poverty and social justice and the needs of the target population.
- All of the Foundation's projects will be measured and evaluated with participation from the beneficiaries as well as project staff. The Foundation insists on the highest standards of financial accountability in all of its projects.
- The Foundation aims to empower beneficiaries of its projects to create their own solutions and to maximise their own resources through a process in which projects will be designed through the participation and initiation of the local people they serve, based on their own identified needs and solutions.
- Through the involvement of local beneficiaries in the design and monitoring process of the Foundation's projects the Foundation will ensure programs are culturally appropriate and sensitive.

- The Foundation's projects will be audited for environmental impact and sensitivity with the goal of positive environmental impact and sustainability.
- The Foundation is committed to a process of continuous improvement in its internal processes and projects, and in its use of measurement and evaluation of programs and projects to create a learning environment.

Our Values

The Lasallian Foundation expresses its values through:

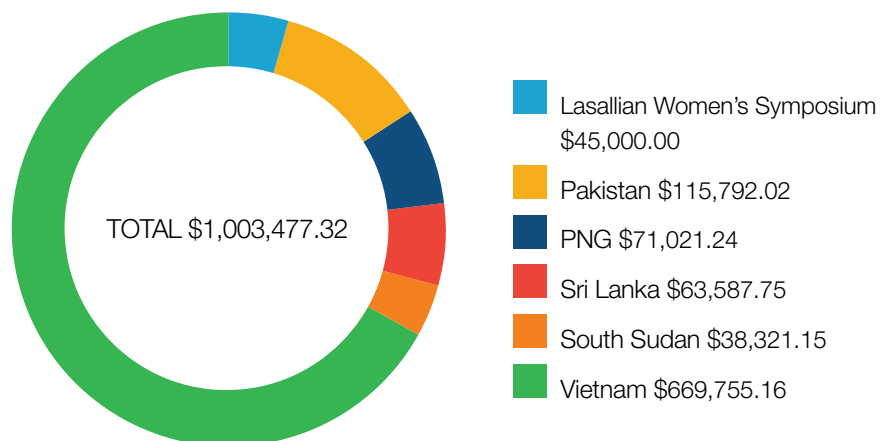
- Being child-centred - children and their basic needs are a top priority for the Foundation.
- Empowerment of children.
- Access to education by children who are denied this right.
- An inclusive model based solely on the needs of children.
- Building a community who work together and make decisions together – locally and globally.
- Taking risks by working in some of the most difficult and challenging contexts where there is the greatest need.
- Its commitment to harness individual and collective energy that expresses an intent that disempowered children are 'worthy of our lives'.
- Reaching people who no one else will reach out to.
- Its commitment to advocacy – challenging systems that disempower children and young people.
- Its recognition and use of women as the key agents of change.
- Its invitation to its supporters to look the children in the eyes and be moved by their needs.

Projects

The Lasallian Foundation distributed just over \$1 million primarily to Vietnam, Pakistan and Papua New Guinea in 2017.

\$45,000 was raised to fund the attendance of 15 delegates to the inaugural Lasallian Global Women's Symposium held in Auckland New Zealand in July 2017.

2018 Grant Distribution by Country



Miranda Chow and Sr Mung Fiatmaria



Lasallian Global Women's Symposium held in Auckland New Zealand



Brother Christy with LCES preschool students in Sri Lanka

Eureka 2017



Paul Guest and Lasallian Foundation friends and supporters

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Our sincere gratitude to everyone who attended in particular, thanks to our generous Star Donors for their significant contributions to the event:

- Noel and Brendan O'Brien – Eureka 89 and the O'Brien Family Foundation
- Bensons Property Group
- Mary and John Grant
- Maritime Union of Australia
- Dushan Stankovich
- St Bede's College Mentone

The Foundation would also like to extend our thanks to everyone who donated their time and expertise in making the event a success:

- John Bertrand AO – Key Note Speaker
- Jake Norton – MC
- Tom Lockwood – Auctioneer
- Belinda Aisbett – Volunteer
- Amila Waniganayake – Volunteer

And our special guests for their contribution and support:

- Hon Alastair Nicholson AO RFD QC – Lasallian Foundation Patron
- Brendon and Sue Considine – Secon (major donors in shipping containers to PNG)



Principal Bernadette Ove



Paul Guest and John Bertrand



Lasallian Foundation friends and supporters



Emmanuel Kange and Brother Paul Toohy



Marie Hardwick and Lauris Nicholson

Project Spotlight

After-school tuition in north Sri Lanka

The District of Mannar is a fishing and farming area situated in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka. This district was badly ravaged by the 27 year ethnic civil war. The displacement of families has severely impacted the quality of education in both primary and secondary schools. The De La Salle Brothers have been working in Mannar district since 1951 and the contribution of the Brothers to the development of education in Mannar is widely acknowledged and valued by the local communities.



Secondary students attending after school tuition classes

In 2015, funding was increased to A\$5,000 for each school and staffing changes locally has led to changes in the schools involved. Three of the original schools remain with two new schools, Kurankandal MMV and Pelasai joining the program.

In 2012, it was observed there was a great need to support secondary students in the northern part of Sri Lanka who were studying core subjects such as Maths, Science and English particularly for Ordinary Level (Year 10). A large number of students were struggling to pass due to the ongoing impact of the civil war - broken primary and secondary educations caused by displacement, instability, lack of qualified teachers, poor access to schools and family difficulties. Students, particularly those from rural areas, were struggling to attain a pass mark in their exams. Discussions with the Brothers and staff identified after-school tuition classes as a possible solution to address this need.

The original three-year pilot program targeted students who were studying for their Ordinary Level exams (15-16 years old) with 16 teachers in Maths,

Science and English at St Anne's Venkalai, Nanattan MV, Adampan MV, St Xavier's National Boys School and a Government school in the Madhu District. Each school ran the program according to their own individual school's needs and received A\$2,000/year between 2012 and 2014. Some schools made an additional financial contribution to the program to enable more students to participate and to improve the resources available in the program (e.g. additional stationery, learning equipment, textbooks and test exam papers).

Each year, after consultation with the Brothers and teachers, the program has been modified according to their feedback. In 2015, funding was increased to A\$5,000 for each school and staffing changes locally has led to changes in the schools involved. In 2017, three of the original schools remain (St Anne's Venkalai, St Xavier's



Girls from Kurankandal

Boys National School Mannar, and Nanattan MV) with two new schools, Kurankandal MMV and Pelasai joining the program.

Each of the schools has requested to expand the program to include an afternoon snack and drink to encourage the students to remain at school. The teachers believe a snack and drink would be an incentive for students to attend the program, as some students who go home after school choose not to return for their tuition classes.

The benefits of this program are twofold 1. It supports students in their learning to achieve better results; and 2. Provides additional income for local teachers. All participating schools have seen an improvement in student results as well as their attitudes and approach towards their learning. Students say they prefer the personalised attention and extra



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Girls and boys from Kurankandal School

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time they receive from the teacher, particularly when trying to understand topics they are struggling with. Improving their understanding and results has increased their confidence in class and has made being at school more enjoyable. The majority of students have shown significant improvement in their results.

In some schools, once the students achieve credit marks in their assessments/ examinations, they are no longer able to participate in the program but many would like to continue. However, these schools prioritise and ensure the most needy students remain the focus.

Each school has been required to keep regular records of the student attendance and results, as well as teachers' attendance and salary

payments. Each school has a committee of Brothers and teachers who help track and monitor the program.

Over the years the program has changed to include different schools with Adampan MV and the Government School removed from the program as the Brothers are no longer managing them.

The program also benefits the teachers as they receive additional income for taking the tuition classes. However, they earn significantly less than what they would receive if they ran their own private after-school tuition classes. The Brothers and Lasallian Foundation are grateful to the teachers for their involvement and dedication to the program as it would not be successful without their input.



Students from St Anne's Venkalai



Students from St Xavier's Boys National School

Program Details since 2012

SCHOOL	Total Number of Students	Total Number of Teachers
St Xavier's Boys Mannar (2013-2017)	430	63
St Anne's Venkalai (2012-2017)	1,049	41
Nanattan MV (2012-2017)	1,122	41
Kurankandal MMV (2013-2017)	495	23
Adampan MV (2012-2013 only)	83	11
Pelasai (from 2017)	10	360

In terms of impact and consistency, this has been one of the most effective programs in Sri Lanka the Foundation has supported in recent years.

Lasallian Student Immersions

Since 2009, the Lasallian Foundation has encouraged Lasallian secondary schools in Australia and New Zealand to become involved in volunteering overseas. There are currently nine schools who regularly volunteer overseas, some up to three times a year. Generally, it is the senior students (Year 11 and 12) who participate and they fundraise in order to participate. The feedback from both the volunteers and host schools has been positively overwhelming.

There have been significant benefits for everyone involved including long overdue work being completed for impoverished schools, ANZ students having an opportunity to experience a different culture and a different form of “hard work” and most importantly relationships being established between the volunteers and hosts. More often than not, tears are shed upon departure reflecting the depth of the relationships formed.

A New Lasallian Partnership De La Salle College Ashfield and Diyagala BoysTown Ragama

Year 11 students from De La Salle College Ashfield (DLSCA) ventured across to Diyagala Boys Town (DBT), Sri Lanka for their inaugural volunteering immersion visit. This was the result of a preparatory visit in 2016 by teachers, Natasha Fox and David Carter who accompanied the Lasallian Foundation on a monitoring visit. After visiting a number of the Lasallian works in Colombo, it was decided that DBT would be an ideal partner for Ashfield.

In July 2017, Lasallian Foundation CEO, Miranda Chow, met with the students Lewis Borg, Riley Dobbs, Brendan Hoareau, Cooper Inatey, Isaac Mauceri-Thompson and Thomas Panio at the Lasallian Youth Gathering, hosted at De La Salle College Ashfield. They met to discuss any questions the students had about their upcoming trip. David and Natasha were accompanied by teachers: David Keen, Stephen Yeomans and Katie Szwecow.

Established in 1964, DBT is a vocational training centre situated on the outskirts of Colombo which offers a four-year residential program to disadvantaged boys, aged 14 years and over. The boys have the opportunity to gain trade skills and qualifications in metalwork, lathe work, automotive mechanics, electrical, carpentry, animal husbandry, agricultural studies and bakery. In addition to these trade skills, the boys are also given tuition in basic high school curriculum subjects such as English and Maths as many of the students arrive with poor literacy and numeracy skills.

The entire Ashfield College community supported the group to raise funds to purchase a multi-purpose woodworking machine for the DBT carpentry workshop. The group used this new machine to build almost fifty desperately needed wooden bed bases for the DBT students. This task was physically demanding yet rewarding task for the DLSCA students, which is an experience shared with all of the Lasallian schools participating in immersion visits to various schools and projects in the Asia Pacific.

They worked alongside one another in the agricultural fields and workshops as well as playing various sports together. Despite the language barrier, the students developed close relationships with the DBT students and were sad to see their time together come to an end.

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De La Salle Ashfield and Diyagala BoysTown students working together

Time was also spent with the Lasallian Community Educational Services (LCES), a project run by the De La Salle Brothers which offers pre-school education in three locations in the poorest areas of Colombo 15. In Sri Lanka, not attending pre-school can delay entry into primary education so early childhood education is seen as an important start to a child's education. DLSCA spent a day visiting and playing games with the students of the local preschools, and an afternoon painting furniture at a preschool in the local fishing village of Mutwal.

Year 11 DLSCA student Lewis Borg reflected on the trip saying:

"My experience in Sri Lanka was nothing short of breathtaking. A very moving and motivating first-hand insight into the everyday lives of others who aren't as privileged as we are. From the moment I stepped out of the airport in Sri Lanka, I felt as though I was in another stretch of time. All the vehicles being driven around were aged and the climate sported a tropical and humid environment. While I witnessed basic lifestyles and little to no health standards accompanied by poverty, I witnessed the persistence and innovation that people have in order to keep moving forward. To me, it was clear that the underlying misconception that happiness stems from wealth, made me re-evaluate how fortunate I am."

Described as enriching and eye-opening, the immersion trip provided staff and students insight into the work that the De La Salle Brothers do in Sri Lanka, and was an active demonstration of Lasallian solidarity.

Yaluwo – De La Salle College Malvern’s first immersion to Sri Lanka

“Yaluwo” means “friend” in Sinhalese the primary language of Sri Lanka. Yaluwo continues the Malvern tradition of student volunteering, replacing the Coolies India program that ran for over 15 years. Building on the strong fundraising history of the school, the “Yaluwo” boys developed a busy fundraising schedule to raise funds for this trip by selling chocolates, hosting sausage sizzles and a curry night. One of the students, Elijah Kingsley, designed a special Yaluwo t-shirt to gift to the Diyagala BoysTown (DBT) boys, paid for by the Malvern students and school community. The t-shirt depicts a rendering of the Sri Lankan Raksha or demon mask used to ward off evil spirits, set in an outline of a map of Australia to signify the connection between De La Salle and DBT.

The group travelled across to Sri Lanka with a treasure trove of tools, work boots, extra clothing, stationery supplies and sports equipment to leave at DBT. They also raised funds to purchase new musical instruments for the entire DBT marching band.

The group’s activities were wide ranging including the renovation and painting of the music room, removing a fence, clearing fields, removing debris and a fallen tree after an unexpected storm. However, even more importantly, was the friendship that developed working alongside the DBT boys themselves. Despite, language barriers, the boys developed close friendships learning about one another’s lives and interests.

“My time in Sri Lanka was a life-changing experience that opened my eyes to a world I didn’t know existed. Being able to work hands-on with the boys in Diyagala BoysTown was an opportunity that I’m extremely grateful for. Although the boys were aged from 14–19 years old, alongside their study, they worked long, hard hours and they taught me how to be patient with and respect my work. The language barrier made communication difficult, however, there was an unspoken language between us (the Yaluwo) and the Diyagala boys that was priceless and it allowed us to build strong relationships over the three weeks that we were working with them. The hardest part was saying goodbye and knowing that we were going home to our comfortable homes. However, I’m extremely grateful for the opportunity and wouldn’t change it for anything.”

James Biviano, Yaluwo 2017 and 2017 De La Salle College Malvern School Captain

“Yaluwo was most definitely an experience I will never forget. It was truly a once in a lifetime immersion. The relationships that developed throughout the trip, both within the Yaluwo group of De La boys and the wider Diyagala Boys’ Town Community, are ones that I will cherish for the rest of my life. Not for a second do I doubt my decision to be a part of such an amazing trip and I am proud to say I was on the first Sri Lankan “Yaluwo” Immersion.”

Christopher Groves
Yaluwo 2017

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"Prior to leaving for the Yaluwo project to Sri Lanka, I was not only making a list of what should go in my pack for the obvious physical necessities but I also had a list in my head of what I might need to sustain the emotional, psychological and spiritual necessities. Having been on the Coolies project in India in 2015 I had a good idea, but this was a new country and different travelling companions.

Sri Lanka is simply beautiful with stunning beaches, tropical landscapes, superb food and a people whose culture almost overwhelms its visitors with kindness, generosity and a unique honesty. Sri Lanka is also a third world country dragging itself up from a cruel civil war, a devastating tsunami and the subsequent raw poverty and fragile infrastructure. We were welcomed like long lost family not only at Diyagala Boys Town but everywhere we went.

Yaluwo means 'Friends' and friendship was thrust upon us in its purest form and we can all be proud of the way that friendship was reciprocated by our De La boys. Watching our modern day teenage boy farewell his new friends with tears falling softly down his face is an experience which rattles the chains around your heart and soul.

To encapsulate the essence and purpose of this project and put it into words is difficult, however, I did have some clarity after walking through Colombo 15, a dreadfully disturbing slum where the De La Salle Brothers work bravely and tirelessly. One boy walked with me and quietly remarked that he wished he knew the answers to solve this dreadful mess. In amongst my own anguish, I slowly answered by encouraging him to just keep wishing.

I felt strongly that if these emerging young men could continue through life, wishing and striving to find the answers, perhaps they can modify their own lives to a point where they can take the lives of others to something that is different, something that is better.

Saint John Baptist taught the poor and the marginalized and in 2018 it is our challenge as teachers and parents to guide our young to be problem solvers, inquirers, critical thinkers and faith-filled people. Perhaps then they can see clearly the way forward for the poor and the marginalized. Yaluwo is an experience which has the potential to be life changing but is undoubtedly life-giving."

Ms Clare Kennedy
Yaluwo 2017, De La Salle College Malvern

"At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us." – Albert Schweitzer



Photos from De La Salle College Ashfield's immersion visit to Sri Lanka

Volunteers

Every year, the Lasallian Foundation has been blessed to have generous individuals contribute their expertise, knowledge and time to help develop the Lasallian educational mission.

Special thanks to Jeff Abbott, consultant and business analyst for the countless hours, days and weeks he spent working tirelessly to help the Foundation create a financial modelling tool. His impeccable attention to detail has led to the creation of the very useful tool for the Foundation's planning and development.

Sridhar Aluri led two different teams from Telstra who generously spent two days, in April and again in May, packing donations in kind for Papua New Guinea. Their meticulous attention to detail made our work so much faster and simpler.

- Sridhar Aluri
- Ryan Lobo
- Prashanth Sivanathan
- Sourabh Bajaj
- Alishba Hemani
- Desmond Frois

In August, we had a terrific team of volunteers from IAG Insurance who assisted with the shipping container project.

- Ajeesh Asokan
- Astrid McDowell
- Danny Hillier
- Gagan Sidhu
- Jenny Dinh
- Paul Germanchis

The shipping container project has become an integral part of our support to the Lasallian schools and their local communities in Port Moresby and Mt Hagen. The benefits of this program are vast. The majority of these donations in kind, despite their good condition, would be thrown away and become landfill in Australia. A much better outcome is finding a second life for these goods and resources in PNG.

We would like to thank Michael Bohan, the property manager of De La Salle College Malvern and his entire team for their support in making this project possible. The contributions of the Considine family and all staff at SECON; Matthew Young and his team at ANL Lines; and Paul Scurrah and Ben Moke at DP World cannot be overstated. Their generosity has ensured that thousands of children and teaching staff in PNG have access to the most basic learning equipment and resources; ensuring that their classrooms are no longer bare, dusty rooms but now vibrant and energetic places of learning.

Moving Forward

In December 2017, we moved to new premises at 6/ 322 St Kilda Rd, St Kilda VIC 3182. This is the first time we have not been located on a De La Salle school property. We would like to express our deepest gratitude to Principal Peter Houlihan of De La Salle College Malvern and all staff and students for their support over the years which ranged from gratis office space through to volunteers when the Foundation was packing shipping containers. Since the Foundation's inception, the generosity of the entire school community has been exemplary.

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Sacred Heart Teachers College students using donated computers

Appeals

The Christmas Appeal 2016 raised \$14,052, whilst below our target, this secured funding of Rebihamul Preschool for another year. On behalf of Gina and her fellow preschool students, we thank everyone who donated to the appeal. This was particularly important during 2017 as there was instability throughout the country mid-year because of the national elections.

The Tax Appeal 2017 focused on the new La Salle Junior High School Dakmil, the De La Salle Brothers first secondary school in Vietnam since the 1970s. \$15,856 was raised and it will ensure that the poorest students particularly girls will be able to attend the school. Despite a minor delay, the school is on target to be opened in May 2018.



Boxes of donated books waiting to be used at Sacred Heart Teachers College



Packing the boxes for the shipping container

Twinning Program update

The formal Lasallian twinning program which commenced 2016 has contributed to strengthening ties between schools throughout the District of ANZPPNG. Thanks to all participating schools and their local communities for their significant contributions to the Twinning Program and wider mission in the Asia Pacific region.

In 2017 over \$330,000 was raised to realise the following projects below:

TWINNED SCHOOL	PROJECT	ANZ SCHOOL
Albans Academy, Pakistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repaving of school access road and yard to improve student safety Construction of new student and staff toilets 	Oakhill College NSW
Area of greatest need		John Paul College Rotorua NZ
Area of greatest need	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of Nanattan house, Sri Lanka 	St Bede's College Mentone VIC
Boys Village, India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteering 	Oakhill College NSW
Boys Village/Reaching The Unreached, India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteering 	St Bede's College Mentone VIC
Diyagala BoysTown, Sri Lanka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteering Funding for renovation of music rooms, new instruments, sports equipment and tools and agricultural equipment 	De La Salle College Malvern VIC
La Salle School Gokkuwal, Pakistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Painting of the school 	De La Salle College Cronulla NSW
La Salle School Gokkuwal, Pakistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving school safety, WASH and learning resources 	De La Salle College Caringbah NSW
Lasalle Hohola Technical College, PNG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding 	Casimir Catholic College Marrickville NSW
La Salle School Khushpur, Pakistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving student safety by repaving the playground Support for poor students to attend school 	De La Salle College Malvern VIC
La Salle School Khushpur, Pakistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving student safety by repaving the playground 	De La Salle College Revesby NSW
La Salle Pothum, Cambodia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteering 	St John's Regional College Dandenong VIC
Lasalle Hohola Technical College, PNG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teacher Salaries 	St Bede's College Mentone VIC
Lasalle Hohola Technical College, PNG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving student safety through the repaving of school yard 	St James College East Bentleigh VIC
Lasalle Hohola Technical College, PNG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good nutrition student Breakfast Club program 	Oakhill College NSW
Lasalle Hohola Technical College, PNG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lasallian Youth Gathering 2017 	St Bede's College Mentone VIC
Lasalle Pothum, Cambodia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteering / funding 	John Paul College Rotorua NZ
Lasallian Education Campus, Mannar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteering 	James Sheahan College Orange NSW



TWINNED SCHOOL	PROJECT	ANZ SCHOOL
Lasallian Women's Symposium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for teachers from poor Lasallian communities and schools to participate at this global conference 	De La Salle College Malvern VIC LaSalle Catholic College Bankstown NSW La Salle College Middle Swan WA Oakhill College NSW St James College East Bentleigh VIC St John's Regional College Dandenong VIC St Michael's College Henley Beach SA
De La Salle College Bomana, PNG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteering and Funding 	De La Salle College Malvern VIC
La Salle School Malkhanwala, Pakistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving school safety through the upgrade of school access road 	De La Salle College Ashfield NSW Francis Douglas Memorial College NZ
Bamboo School/Parmenie Learning Centre, Thailand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteering 	St Bede's College Mentone VIC
Reaching The Unreached India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding – Moet Club 	La Salle College Middle Swan WA
La Salle School Sant Singh Wala, Pakistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School expenses 	Holy Spirit College Lakemba NSW
La Salle School Sant Singh Wala, Pakistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving school facilities through the construction of a school stage 	La Salle College Middle Swan WA
La Salle School Sant Singh Wala, Pakistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving school security through the replacement of the school gate 	James Sheahan College Orange NSW
St Solomon's Primary School, Ahamadabad, Pakistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of classrooms etc 	La Salle Academy Lithgow NSW
St Solomon's Primary School, Ahamadabad, Pakistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving school facilities through the construction of new classrooms , and improving sanitation and hygiene through the construction of new staff toilets 	St John's Regional College Dandenong VIC
La Salle Urdu (Campus 2) High School, Pakistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of cycle stand Improving sanitation and hygiene through the construction of a new girls' toilet block 	St Michael's College Henley Beach SA
La Salle Urdu (Campus 2) High School, Pakistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School recurrent 	O'Connor Catholic College Armidale NSW
La Salle Urdu (Campus 2) High School, Pakistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of cycle stand 	LaSalle Catholic College Bankstown NSW
La Salle Urdu (Campus 2) High School, Pakistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School recurrent expenses 	Casimir Catholic College Marrickville NSW

Lasallian Foundation Board

Hasta luego means “see you again” in Spanish, and this is a better way to articulate the end of tenure of Chair, Paul Guest, on the Lasallian Foundation Board. Over his nine years on the Board, Paul joined seven monitoring visits to Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka and India. It was through these visits that his understanding of the local needs and culture grew, and his relationships with local Brothers and Lasallian partners were cemented. He personally funded his visits and also made additional contributions to help needy children particularly in north Sri Lanka.

Gratitude and appreciation cannot capture our deep thanks to Paul for his contribution to the Lasallian mission. Despite the end of his formal role with the Foundation, we have no doubt that he will continue to be an avid and active supporter in years to come.

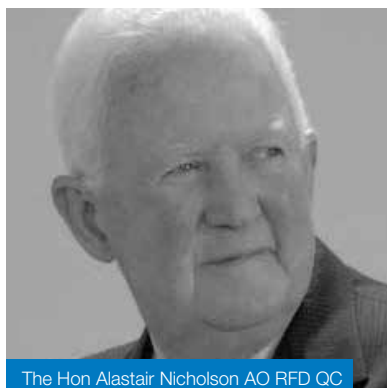
In 2017, we also welcomed Patrick Trindade, Steve Wharton and Tracy Li to the Lasallian Foundation Board. They bring substantial skills and expertise in finance, investment and law to the Board.

The Hon Alastair Nicholson AO RFD QC – Patron

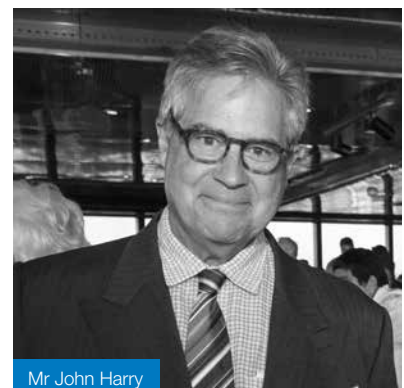
Alastair Nicholson was a barrister from 1963 to 1982, becoming a QC in 1979. He was appointed a Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria in 1982, and Chair of the Victorian Adult Parole Board from 1985 to 1988. He was Judge Advocate General of the Australian Defence Force from 1987 to 1992. He was appointed Chief Justice of the Family Court of Australia and Justice of the Federal Court of Australia in 1988 and was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in 1993.

He retired from the Bench in 2004 and is currently an Honorary Professorial Fellow attached to the Law School at the University of Melbourne. Alastair was a Lasallian Foundation Board Director from 2005, before becoming the Foundation’s inaugural Patron in late 2014. He is a passionate advocate for human rights, in particular children’s, refugee and indigenous rights.

He is currently working with fellow Board Director, Paul Guest, and our former Chair, Sally Nicholes, to help



The Hon Alastair Nicholson AO RFD QC



Mr John Harry

establish Cambodia's first child-friendly justice system.

Mr John Harry – Chair

John is an established farmer, winemaker and financial consultant, and brings 40 years of global senior finance, commercial law and Board experience from diverse industries including mining, utilities, telecommunications and shipping. He has chaired a number of Boards including Arcadis Capital Pty Ltd, a boutique investment bank, as well as a number of compliance and risk committees.

Aside from his extensive professional career, John was Chair of Brainwave Australia Ltd, a Melbourne-based charity dedicated to paediatric neuroscience, for six years. While in this role, he was responsible for the management of a major fundraising program to support the construction of a new children's neuroscience centre at the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne, which was opened in 2005.

Mr Alfred Ablaza – Director

Alfred is a life-long Lasallian fulfilling his education with the De La Salle

schools in the Philippines from Prep right through University where he completed a Bachelor degree in Engineering. His passion and understanding of the Lasallian values as well as his business focus are invaluable to the Board.

As a business consultant and trainer, Alfred assists people and organisations sustain their business for the long term. He specialises in LEAN Six Sigma, Quality and Safety Improvement, Learning & Development, Change Management and Business Systems. In his consultancy and workplace training delivery, he emphasises the practice of Virtues through character education to encourage leaders display excellence and ethics in the workplace.

His extensive experience includes over 20 years at Nestlé in various management roles in manufacturing and operations across Asia, Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.

Some of Alfred's other achievements include providing volunteer consulting work for the Victoria Police and the founding of a Social Justice Group at the St Bede's

Parish Balwyn North to raise funds to set up a technical school in Baucau, East Timor.

Sr Eileen Ann Daffy AO – Director

Sr Eileen has over 25 years of experience as an educator, having worked in many secondary schools, as both teacher and principal. Most recently, Eileen spent 13 years as principal of St Mary's Academy, in Pakistan. During this time she was a member on various educational boards and committees. She was the Secretary of both Caritas Diocese of Rawalpindi Board and Rawalpindi Board of Education.

In Australia, Eileen serves on various committees associated with Sisters of Mercy, including education, health, finance and welfare. She is a member of the Sisters of Mercy Reconfiguring Committee and is the Chairperson where she oversees all legal matters for the institute both in Australia and Papua New Guinea.

Mr Arthur Hubbard – Director

Arthur has been involved with the Lasallian Foundation for the past three years as our Accountant in a volunteer capacity, as well as



Mr Alfred Ablaza



Sr Eileen Ann Daffy AO



Mr Arthur Hubbard

training finance staff in Lasallian projects in Port Moresby, PNG. His extensive Executive Leadership, Operations, Risk and Financial Management experience are valuable assets to his new role as a Board of Director.

Arthur has previously undertaken Director's and Public Officer's roles for subsidiaries of ANZ Bank, as well as a PNG-based investment company. He brings with him an extensive set of very relevant skills and understanding to the work of the Lasallian Foundation Board.

During his career, Arthur has had work assignments and undertaken volunteer stints in Papua New Guinea, Tonga and Timor Leste, gaining valuable insight into the unique challenges and issues Pacific Islanders face.

Arthur has a passion for working with Pacific People, achieving success in the growth and development of others, and making a significant difference through the provision of leadership, influence, ownership, consultation and engagement.

Ms Tracy Le – Director

Tracy is an experienced investment professional with over 11 years of corporate finance and private equity experience. She has spent the past two years working at Canaccord Genuity as a Director in the investment banking team with a particular focus on mid-market M&A.

Prior to Canaccord, Tracy spent 6 years working in principle investments with the International Finance Corporation (IFC) - World Bank Group, covering the Asia-Pacific region, including PNG, Fiji, Vanuatu, and Solomon Islands. IFC allowed Tracy to combine her passions for travel, investments and international development where all investments had commercial and development objectives.

Prior to IFC, Tracy lived in Vietnam for 3 years and worked for an international investment fund focusing on private equity investments in Vietnam. Tracy started her career as a chartered accountant, where she spent 6 years with Ernst & Young Melbourne.

Tracy is a chartered accountant, holds a Bachelor of Business from RMIT and a Master of Applied Finance from Macquarie University in Sydney.

Her previous volunteering/NFP activities include: Deputy Treasure for the Vietnamese Community in Australia – VIC Chapter, Treasurer for Maison Chance Vietnam – Australian Chapter and Advisor to LIN Foundation Vietnam – connecting corporates, advisors to the NFP community.

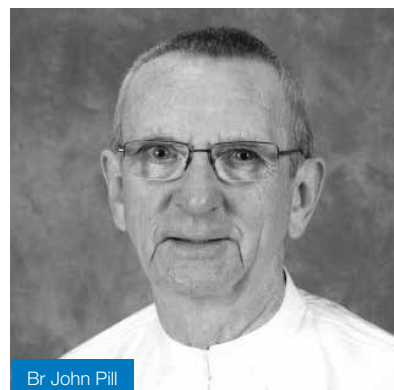
Br John Pill – Director

Br John's working career spans 40+ years, as a teacher, middle manager and principal across Australia. He spent time as school principal and teacher at a number of Lasallian schools, and was most recently based in Singapore as an educational consultant on Lasallian projects throughout Asia and the Pacific.

As a De La Salle Brother, he brings with him the unique perspective and values of the De La Salle Brothers. Br John has been a member of the ANZPPNG District Council for three terms, a



Ms Tracy Le



Br John Pill

delegate to four District Chapters and a District Delegate to the two international Assemblies. This experience and formation in international settings with people from diverse cultures will be extremely beneficial to our Board.

Mr Patrick Trindade – Director

Patrick Trindade has over 13 years' experience in the finance sector, including the last four years as Head of Private Wealth Melbourne with the Phillip Capital Financial Group. Previous to this he spent three years as the Head of the Small Resource Desk for a leading Australian stockbroking firm.

Patrick specialises in advising both High Net Worth and Institutional clients in all aspects of equities, cash investments, derivatives and managed investment schemes, specialising in portfolio management and asset allocation.

He is a member of the Industry Research and Advisory Committee. Patrick is an accredited securities dealer in Australian and international equities, managed funds, fixed interest,

margin lending, exchange traded options, FX and superannuation products. In addition to these industry qualifications he also holds a Bachelor of Commerce from Deakin University as well as being ASX level 1 & 2 options accredited. Patrick a member of the Institute of Community Directors, and is also a regular contributor to a number of national publications including the Age and the Australian as well contributing on a regular basis to several prominent on-line investor forums.

Residing in Melbourne with his wife, Patrick's hobbies include golf, thoroughbred racing, travel and volunteer charity work.

Mr Steven Wharton – Director

Steven has qualifications in Law and Investment Management. He worked as a State Government lawyer for over 30 years. He was appointed the first Judicial Registrar (Funds in Court) of the Supreme Court of Victoria in December 2012, from which position he retired in March 2016.

For most of his career, Steven was involved in the administration of

awards of damages for persons under disability whose moneys were subject to administration by the Supreme Court. Those damages represented compensation for personal injuries, moneys received by children for the wrongful death of a parent, moneys held in trust pursuant to the terms of a Will or Court order, or moneys awarded in compensation as victims of crime. That involvement was as Senior Legal Adviser, Office Manager and Investment Manager and, finally, as the Judicial Officer who made decisions regarding the use of funds.

The administration of the funds often brought Steven into close and daily contact with persons under disability, their carers, parents and stake holders. Consequently, Steven has empathy for those who have suffered loss and for those affected by such loss. Steven cares deeply about seeing all people "getting a fair go" at all levels of society.



Mr Patrick Trindade



Mr Steven Wharton

Financial Report

31 Dec 2017

Australian Lasallian (Asia/Pacific) Developing Countries Aid Fund

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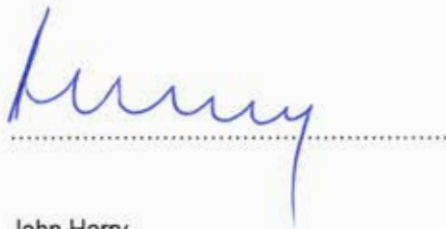
Statement by Directors of the Trustee

The directors of the trustee company have determined that the trust is not a reporting entity, and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

We, the directors of Australian Lasallian (Asia/Pacific) Foundation Limited, the Trustee of the Australian Lasallian (Asia/Pacific) Developing Countries Aid Fund hereby state that, in our opinion:

1. The financial statements and notes of the trust:
 - a) present fairly the trust's financial position as at 31 December 2017 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements; and
 - b) comply with the Accounting Standards as described in Note 1 to the financial statements; and
 - c) comply with the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission Act 2012.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Trust will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Made in accordance with a resolution of the directors of the trustee.



John Harry
Lasallian Foundation Chair
28 March 2018
Melbourne, Victoria

Australian Lasallian (Asia/Pacific) Developing Countries Aid Fund

Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 31 December 2017

	Notes	2017 \$	2016 \$
REVENUE			
Fundraising			
- Monetary		490,362	576,251
- Non Monetary		-	-
Bequests and legacies		508,225	-
Grants			
- Other Australian		100,000	355,180
- Other overseas		305,220	37,114
Investment income		10,223	9,771
Other income		88,452	409,515
International political or religious adherence programs		-	-
Domestic programs		-	-
TOTAL REVENUE		1,502,481	1,387,831
EXPENDITURE			
International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure			
International Programs			
- Funds to International Programs		689,006	1,202,603
- Program support costs		124,708	109,718
Community education		53,007	40,272
Fundraising costs			
- Public		165,889	69,679
Accountability and Administration	9	140,566	185,534
Non-Monetary Expenditure		2,420	421
Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		1,175,595	1,608,227
Domestic program expenditure		-	-
International political or religious adherence programs		-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		1,175,595	1,608,227
EXCESS/(SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE		326,886	(220,396)
Comprehensive Income		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		326,886	(220,396)

Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 December 2017

	Notes	2017 \$	2016 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	855,711	762,011
Trade and other receivables	3	55	-
Other financial assets		87,303	81,807
Prepaid rent		6,875	-
Prepaid insurance		6,243	-
Total Current Assets		<u>956,187</u>	<u>843,818</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	4	<u>4,545</u>	<u>9,902</u>
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>4,545</u>	<u>9,902</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>960,732</u>	<u>853,720</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	5	209,300	437,812
Provisions		<u>42,166</u>	<u>33,528</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>251,466</u>	<u>471,340</u>
Non-Current Liabilities			
Total Non-Current Liabilities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>251,466</u>	<u>471,340</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>709,266</u>	<u>382,380</u>
EQUITY			
Retained earnings	6	<u>709,266</u>	<u>382,380</u>
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>709,266</u>	<u>382,380</u>

Australian Lasallian (Asia/Pacific) Developing Countries Aid Fund

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 31 December 2017

	Retained earnings \$	Reserves \$	Other \$	Total \$
Balance at 31 December 2015	605,222	-	-	605,222
Adjustments or changes in equity	(2,446)	-	-	(2,446)
Net profit for the period	(220,396)	-	-	(220,396)
Balance at 31 December 2016	382,380	-	-	382,380

	Retained earnings \$	Reserves \$	Other \$	Total \$
Balance at 31 December 2016	382,380	-	-	382,380
Adjustments or changes in equity	-	-	-	-
Net profit for the period	326,886	-	-	326,886
Balance at 31 December 2017	709,266	-	-	709,266

Cash Flow Statement

For the year ended 31 December 2017

	Notes	2017 \$	2016 \$
Cash Flow from Operating Activities			
Grants and other receipts		1,492,203	1,390,614
Payments to overseas projects		(1,135,694)	(926,944)
Payments to suppliers and employees		(254,069)	(243,121)
Interest received		4,727	5,019
Interest paid		(348)	(421)
Prepayments		(13,119)	-
Net (Outflow) / Inflow from Operating Activities	8	<u>93,701</u>	<u>225,147</u>
Cash flow from Investing Activities			
Payments for property plant and equipment		-	-
Increase in financial asset		-	-
Net (Outflow) / Inflow from Investing Activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		93,701	225,147
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		762,011	536,864
Cash and cash equivalents at the End of Financial Year		<u><u>855,711</u></u>	<u><u>762,011</u></u>

Note: No single appeal or other form of fundraising for a designated purpose generated 10% or more of the organisation's international income aid and development revenue for the financial year.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2017

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The directors of the trustee company have prepared the financial statements of the Trust on the basis that the Trust is a non-reporting entity because there are no user dependent upon general purpose financial statements. The financial statements are therefore special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in order to meet the needs of the trustee company and to satisfy the financial report preparation requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission Act 2012. Australian Lasallian (Asia /Pacific) Developing Countries Aid Fund is a not-for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the significant accounting policies disclosed below which the directors of the trustee company have determined are appropriate to meet the needs of the trustee company.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise stated in the notes.

The Lasallian Foundation Financial Reports have been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the ACFID Code of Conduct. For further information on the Code, please refer to the ACFID Code of Conduct Guidance Document available at www.acfid.asn.au.

i) Impairment of Assets

At each reporting date, the entity reviews the carrying values of its 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.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the entity estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

ii) Trade and Other Payables

These amounts represent liabilities for unspent program costs and goods and services provided to the trust prior to the end of the financial period and which are unpaid. The amounts relating to goods and services provided to the trust are usually paid within 30 days. All amounts are unsecured.

iii) Trade Receivables

All trade receivables are recognised at the amounts invoiced. Recoverability of trade receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. The amount of any provision is recognised in the income statement in other expenses.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Financial Year ended 31 December 2017

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Cont.)

iv) Cash and cash equivalents

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

v) Goods and Services Tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of goods and services tax, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian 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 are stated with the amount of GST included.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as a current asset or liability in the balance sheet.

Cash flows are included in the cash flow statement on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are classified as operating cash flows.

vi) Revenue Recognition

Grant revenue is recognised in the income statement when it is controlled. When there are conditions attached to grant revenue relating to the use of those grants for specific purposes it is recognised in the balance sheet as a liability until such conditions are met or services provided.

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received unless they are designated for a specific purpose, where they are recognised as deferred income on the balance sheet.

Interest revenue and distribution income from investments is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

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

vii) Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on plant and equipment on diminishing value basis so as to write off the net cost of each asset over its expected useful life. The depreciation rates used in the calculation of depreciation are generally the same rates as stipulated by the ATO for the calculation of tax depreciation.

viii) Investments

Investments are valued at cost and do not reflect changes in fair value

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2017

Note 2. Current Assets – Cash and Cash Equivalents	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Cash	11,360	200,938
Trust account	844,352	561,073
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>855,712</u>	<u>762,011</u>
Note 3. Current Assets – Trade and Other Receivables		
GST Receivable	-	-
Trade receivables	55	-
Trade and other receivables	<u>55</u>	<u>-</u>
Note 4. Property, Plant and Equipment		
Plant and equipment – at cost	32,328	74,992
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(27,783)</u>	<u>(65,090)</u>
	<u>4,545</u>	<u>9,902</u>
Note 5. Current Liabilities – Trade and Other Payables		
Trade and other payables	177,882	441,434
GST Payable	(3,733)	(3,621)
Deferred income	35,150	-
Trade and other payables	<u>209,299</u>	<u>437,812</u>
Note 6. Retained Earnings		
Retained Earnings at the beginning of the year	382,380	605,222
Net surplus/(deficiency)	326,886	(220,396)
Adjustment	-	(2,446)
Retained Earnings at the end of the year	<u>709,266</u>	<u>382,380</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2017

Note 7. Remuneration of Auditors

Remuneration for the audit

Remuneration for other services

2017	2016
\$	\$
6,400	6,000
-	-
<u>6,400</u>	<u>6,000</u>

Note 8. Notes to the Cash Flow Statement

Reconciliation of net surplus to net cash flows from operating activities

Net Surplus/(deficiency) for year

Non-cash items:

Depreciation

(Increase)/decrease in investments

326,886 (220,396)

5,357 5,844

(5,496) (4,752)

Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities

(Increase)/Decrease in receivables

(Increase)/Decrease in other assets

Increase/(Decrease) in payables

Net Cash (Outflows)/Inflows from Operating Activities

(55) 15,000

(13,119) -

(219,872) 429,451

93,701 225,147

Note 9. Accountability and Administration costs

Accountability and administration costs represent 9.4% of the organisation's total revenue.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF

AUSTRALIAN LASALLIAN (ASIA/PACIFIC) DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AID FUND

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Australian Lasallian (Asia/Pacific) Developing Countries Aid Fund ("the Trust Fund"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2017, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the cash flow statement for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the statement by directors of the trustee.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Australian Lasallian (Asia /Pacific) Developing Countries Aid Fund has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profit Commission Act 2012 ("ACNC Act"), including:-

- a) giving a true and fair view of the Trust Fund's financial position as at 31 December 2017 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission Regulation 2013.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of Australian Lasallian (Asia/Pacific) Developing Countries Aid Fund in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Australian Lasallian (Asia/Pacific) Developing Countries Aid Fund to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

The Directors of the trustee are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the ACNC Act and for such internal control as management determines 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.

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

The Directors of the trustee are responsible for overseeing the Trust Fund's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'RSM'.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'P A Ransom'.

P A Ransom

Partner

4 April 2018
Melbourne, VIC

The Lasallian Tradition

The De La Salle Brothers are a religious congregation of men within the Catholic Church who were founded in 1679 by a French priest and scholar, John Baptist De La Salle. De La Salle and his first teachers recognised the importance of developing positive relationships with their students, calling themselves “older brother” to the young people in their care and “brother” to one another. The Brothers and lay partners work in 77 countries and Lasallian schools and projects globally are open to and respectful of all faiths and cultures, and our staff and volunteers are representative of the local communities they serve. The Lasallian focus has always been transforming the lives of the lost, the last and the least through education.

Feedback

Lasallian Foundation is committed to a process of continuous improvement, good governance and quality standards. It is important to us that everyone, including children and young people, has a voice in our process and feedback is encouraged.

If you would like more information regarding our complaints handling process, please contact our office on +61 3 9508 2700 or email us at info@lasallianfoundation.org

ACFID

The Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) is the peak body for Australian non-government organisations (NGOs) involved in international development and humanitarian action. Our vision is of a world where all people are free from extreme poverty, injustice and inequality and where the earth’s finite resources are managed sustainably. Our purpose is to lead and unite our members in action for a just, equitable and sustainable world. Founded in 1965, ACFID currently has over 130 members operating in 90 developing countries.

ACFID’s members range between large Australian multi-sectoral organisations that are linked to international federations of NGOs, to agencies with specialised thematic expertise, and smaller community based groups, with a mix of secular and faith based organisations, including the Lasallian Foundation.

ACFID members must comply with the ACFID Code of Conduct, a voluntary, self-regulatory sector code of good practice that aims to improve international development outcomes and increase stakeholder trust by enhancing the transparency and accountability of signatory organisations. Covering over 50 principles and 150 obligations, the Code sets good standards for program effectiveness, fundraising, governance and financial reporting. Compliance includes annual reporting and checks.

For more information regarding the Code of Conduct including how to make a complaint can be obtained from ACFID at acfid.asn.au or emailing code@acfid.asn.au

De La Salle and his first teachers recognised the importance of developing positive relationships with their students, calling themselves “older brother” to the young people in their care and “brother” to one another.



Lasallian Community Education Services, Sri Lanka embroidery class

Australian Charities and Non-profit Commission (ACNC)

The Lasallian Foundation is a member of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC). The ACNC is the independent national regulator of charities. The ACNC was established to achieve the following objects:

- maintain, protect and enhance public trust and confidence in the sector through increased
- accountability and transparency
- support and sustain a robust, vibrant, independent and innovative not-for-profit sector
- promote the reduction of unnecessary regulatory obligations in the sector



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Gender-wise Statement of Commitment

In 2017, the Lasallian Foundation joined the Australian Women Donors Network initiative for gender-wise grant-making and development. The Lasallian Foundation is committed to gender inclusion and equity. Because policies and programs can affect women and men differently, we will give preference to applications that demonstrate gender inclusion and equity, so that we maximise the impact of our development and aid investment.



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