

Mercy Works Annual Report 2011-2012

DIRECTION 2011-2012

In Australia, Mercy Works offers community education in world development concerns, provides assistance with refugees, and works in partnership with indigenous peoples.

Overseas, the primary focus is in the Asia-Pacific region, where, in collaboration with local partners, Mercy Works directs its efforts towards the education, health care, and social and spiritual well-being of those who are poor or displaced.



In the last edition of *The Bilum* I mentioned the new way of governing Mercy Works. I am pleased to report that the organisation is settling well into its new form. While the company resides in the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of Australia and PNG all Mercy groups have representation at Board level and within the organisation. The support level, too, extends across all groups, with donations coming from across the length and breadth of Australia.

I am grateful that Mercy Works is 'owned' by us all for it allows the work to be widely known and appreciated. It allows many good minded men and women across Australia to contribute to this work of Mercy. Our donor base is increasing with donations ranging from small to substantial. No matter the amount every dollar is gratefully received and is put to good use.

The membership of the Board has been enhanced with the addition of two new members, Chris Townend and Kathleen Donnellon. They bring with them expertise in finance and legal matters which is being put to good use. They, along with the continuing members, give most generously of their time and talents and this enables the Board to work most effectively to provide sound governance.

This year, too, has seen the beginning of Mercy Connect in Ballarat. Kathleen Moran RSM has begun the work in this provincial city, quickly recruiting twelve volunteers to run the program. With such a good response they began in August in the Catholic high school and one of the State high schools. It is anticipated the program will expand as more volunteers become available.

Another initiative this year has been the partnership formed with the Yula-Punaal Aboriginal Women's Centre at Mandalong NSW. This centre provides support for aboriginal women being released from prison, helping them to settle back into society. Mercy Works is pleased to fund the building of accommodation for these women.

There have been staff changes this year as well. Ailsa Mackinnon RSM has taken over as Executive Director and is settling well into her new role. She has been able to visit most of the projects during the course of the year. As well, there have been changes in the administration and finance areas, Mercy Connect Sydney and there is a new Community Education Co-ordinator. All in all, the office continues to run smoothly to support the work in the field.

For this financial year Mercy Works is committed to providing almost \$1 million in projects across Australia, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste. The work continues to expand and requests for aid are increasing. It is all the more important, then, that donations continue to come in. We are grateful for your continuing support and ask that you spread the news of this work to your many connections. Encourage your friends to become *Friends of Mercy Works*. In that way they commit themselves to regular donations and the work can be assured of a stable funding base.

Finally, I take this opportunity to thank you for your support and invite you to enjoy reading this latest edition of *The Bilum*.

Berice Livermore RSM

Board Chair



Our Board

Sr Berice Livermore RSM (Chair from Feb 2012)

Berice was elected to the Board in November 2007. She holds a Bachelor of Health Administration and has extensive experience administering non-profit organisations. Berice is Leader of the Southern A Community of the Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea.

Sr Mary Densley RSM (Deputy Chair)

Mary was elected to the Board in June 2003. She holds a Master of Arts in International and Community Development and was Co-ordinator of Mercy Refugee Service from 1985 to 1991. Mary has been involved in teaching, administration and governance in catholic schools.

Sr Sharon Price RSM (Secretary)

Sharon was appointed to the Board in August 2006 and is a member of the Sisters of Mercy North Sydney. Sharon is Executive Director of the NSW Conference of Leaders of Religious Institutes. She has served on the Boards of Mercy Family Centre, the Mercy Foundation and Monte Sant' Angelo College North Sydney.

Mr Alan Schofield (Treasurer)

Alan joined the Board in August 2006 and is Facilities Manager for Central B Community of the Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea. He was previously Administrator of Mercy Aged Care Services Incorporated (Casino and Grafton), and has held various public hospital accounting and administrative positions. Alan holds a Masters Degree in Health Planning and a Bachelor of Commerce.

Mrs Mary Ellen Bland

Mary Ellen joined the Board in November 2009. She is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and is currently a Director of the Campbelltown Catholic Club and the Wollongong Diocesan Catholic Development Fund. She also serves as chair of the Board of St Patrick's College Campbelltown.

Ms Christine Carolan

Christine was elected to the Board in November 2009. She is the Programmes Manager for Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans. From 2001 to 2009 she was Executive Officer of the Good Shepherd Social Justice Network. Christine has also held teaching positions that address social disadvantage.

Ms Margery Jackman

Margery was elected to the Board in November 2008 and is an Associate of the Sisters of Mercy, Brisbane. Margery has had wide-ranging experience in Catholic Education in Australia, the United Kingdom and Canada. She was Deputy Principal Mission at All Hallows' School, Brisbane before taking up her present position as Principal of Catherine McAuley, Westmead.

Ms Kathleen Donnellon

Kathleen joined the Board in November 2011. She is a lawyer and mediator. For the last 6 years, she has lectured in Dispute Resolution in the Law School of the University of Melbourne. She is also on the Board of Star of the Sea College, Brighton.

Chris Townend

Chris joined the Board in November 2011. He's worked with Government and private sector organisations both in Australia and overseas. Chris is well versed in working at Board level with range of complex organisations including Mercy Super, the Mater Hospitals Brisbane and Queensland University of Technology.

Retired from this board during this financial year

- Sr Mary Duffy RSM
- Mr Paul Lentern

Our Staff

Sr Rosemary Carroll RSM (to January)

Executive Officer

Sr Ailsa Mackinnon RSM (from February)

Executive Director

Sr Gaye Lennon RSM

Coordinator Offshore and Indigenous Projects

Mrs Margaret Coulter

Development Officer

Sr Lorraine Phelan RSM

Manager Mercy Connect

Ms Sally Macfarlane (to May)

Mercy Connect Sydney Coordinator

Ms Jenny Pinson (to March)

Mercy Connect Sydney Coordinator

Mrs Julie Flynn (from May)

Mercy Connect Sydney Coordinator

Mrs Kylie Milloy (from December)

Executive Assistant

Sr Mary Lewis RSM

Mercy Connect Melbourne Coordinator


Ms Thathathai Singa (from June)

Administrative Support Mercy Connect Melbourne

Sr Kathleen Moran RSM (from March)

Mercy Connect Ballarat Coordinator

The assistance of [Mrs Carolyn Thornber](#) (Finance Officer), [Mrs Kathy Fuller](#) (Institute Secretary), [Ms Jane McGee](#) (Archivist) and [Ms Kay Hotschilt](#) (Volunteer Clerical Assistant) is greatly appreciated.

Income Statement			Statement of Changes in Equity				
<i>For year ended 30 June 2012</i>			<i>For year ended 30 June 2012</i>	Retained Earnings	Reserves	Other	Total
	2012	2011					
	\$	\$					
Revenue							
Donations and gifts							
▪ Monetary	1,227,732	598,641					
▪ Non-Monetary	-	-					
Grants – Other Australian	59,664	-					
Investment Income	52,128	42,830					
Other Income	262,353	244,041					
Total Revenue	1,601,877	885,512					
Expenditure							
International Aid and Development Programmes Expenditure							
International programmes							
▪ Funds to international programmes	481,304	376,370					
▪ Program support costs	37,296	55,201					
Community Education	71,338	64,720					
Fundraising Costs							
▪ Public	55,215	94,245					
▪ Government, multilateral and private	-	-					
Accountability and Administration	215,371	227,914					
Total International Aid and Development Programmes Expenditure	860,525	818,450					
Domestic Programme Expenditure (incl Monetary & Non Monetary)	118,824	60,980					
Total Expenditure	979,349	879,430					
Excess/(Shortfall) of Revenue Over Expenditure	622,529	6,082					
<p>No amounts for bequests and legacies, grants from AusAid or Other overseas entities, International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs were received or paid during the year. There were also no non-monetary items to report.</p>			<p><i>The income for our programs comes from a wide variety of donors, including the Sisters of Mercy, associated ministries and other members of the public. Specified donations have been received for Papua New Guinea, Pakistan, East Timor, and Mercy Connect</i></p>				
<p>A copy of the full audited financial report is available to any member on request. Mercy Works is a signatory to the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct, which defines minimum standards of governance, management, and accountability for non-government development organisations. Adherence to the Code is monitored by an independent Code of Conduct Committee elected from the NGO community. Our voluntary adherence to the Code of Conduct demonstrates our commitment to ethical practice and public accountability.</p>			<p>The Summary Financial Statements 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 ACFID, Private Bag 3, Deakin ACT 2600 Tel (02) 6285 1816, Fax (02) 6285 1720, or visit www.acfid.asn.au.</p>				
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Statement of Financial Position			Independent Audit Report				
<i>For year ended 30 June 2012</i>			<i>To the directors of Mercy Works</i>				
	2012	2011	Scope: We have audited the summarised financial report of Mercy Works for the twelve months ended 30 June 2012 in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.				
	\$	\$	Audit Opinion: In our opinion, the information reported in the summarised financial report is consistent with the full financial reports from which it is derived and upon which we expressed an unqualified audit opinion in our report presented to the board on 9th October 2012. For a better understanding of the scope of our audit this report should be read in conjunction with our audit report on the full financial report.				
Assets			Harveys Chartered Accountants				
Current Assets			Level 3, 2 Bulletin Place Sydney NSW 2000				
Cash and cash equivalents	1,309,807	705,980	 D P Robinson (Principal) Dated this 9th day of October 2012				
Trade and other receivables	2,819	6,365					
Total Current Assets	1,312,626	712,345					
Non-current Assets							
Property, plant & equipment	7,271	7,385					
Total Noncurrent Assets	7,271	7,385					
Total Assets	1,319,897	719,730					
Liabilities							
Current Liabilities							
Trade and other payables	26,270	48,632					
Total Current Liabilities	26,270	48,632					
Total Liabilities	26,270	48,632					
Net Assets	1,293,627	671,098					
Equity							
Reserves	671,098	712,243					
Retained Surplus/(Deficit)	622,529	(41,145)					
Total Equity	1,293,627	671,098					
<p>There were no Inventories, Assets held for Sale, Other Financial assets, Trade and Other Receivables, Investment property, Intangibles, or Other non-current assets during the year. There were no Borrowings, Current Tax Liabilities, Other financial liabilities, Provisions, other non-Current liabilities or any non-current liabilities during the year.</p>							

