

# Mercy Works

## Annual Report 2012-2013

*While this year has seen more people in need of support, we have been able to develop and expand our activities in Australia, Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste.*



*'Everyone at Mercy Works is grateful for your continued support.'*

With so many humanitarian crises creating refugees and displaced people around the world over the last year, my thoughts have naturally turned to what we can do to support refugees and asylum seekers here in Australia.

It has been pleasing to see our Mercy Connect program go from strength to strength. We are now working with more refugee school children than ever. The programs in Sydney and Melbourne continue to expand as more volunteers are trained and join our efforts. Mercy Connect Ballarat, which started last year, has also continued to grow and is now very well established. Our Mercy Connect volunteers and the support staff who work with them have a real and positive impact on the lives of refugee families.

As many of our activities are in Papua New Guinea and with refugees coming to Australia, the announcement that asylum seekers are to be processed and settled in PNG, a country struggling to deal with many significant social and economic issues, is naturally of great concern to Mercy Works. The longer term impact of settling refugees in PNG is worrying.

Our own workers at Mercy Works office in Sydney have been temporarily displaced this year as the office underwent a complete refit. We are grateful to the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea for the redevelopment of their building and for the smart new space that our workers have recently moved back into. Mercy Works is now located on one floor and the reconfigured space means we have room to grow in future.

Despite the temporary alternative accommodation, the office continued to run

smoothly to support our work in the field. I would like to thank our Executive Director, Ailsa Mackinnon RSM for her stewardship of Mercy Works over the year.

As well as our physical premises, our online presence was also completely redesigned in 2012. The new website has helped us to fulfil our educational remit more thoroughly, providing easily accessible information, including a new range of fact sheets on all our programs for schools, friends and supporters.

In the midst of this change, we have continued to develop and expand our projects in Australia, Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste. We are also supporting two new projects for indigenous children, in Alice Springs and on Bathurst Island.

As our work has expanded, so too have requests for our help. The vital support of our friends and donors has been all the more important in raising funds to enable our programs. Everyone at Mercy Works is grateful for your continuing support and ask that you spread the news of our activities to your many connections. By encouraging your friends to become Friends of Mercy Works and to make donations you are helping ensure a stable funding base for our work.

Finally I would like to thank all the members of the Mercy Works board for their time and expertise in serving on the board. It is a considerable commitment which everyone undertakes with a heartwarming enthusiasm.

Thank you again for your support: without it we simply would not be able to continue our work. ■

**Berice Livermore RSM**  
*Chair of the Board*

# Our Board

## Sr Berice Livermore *RSM Chair*

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, Chair Program Committee*

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*

Sharon was appointed to the Board in August 2006 and 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 Mercy College North Sydney.

## Mr Alan Schofield *Chair, Finance Committee*

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

Elected to the Board in November 2009, Christine is the Programs Manager for Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans. From 2001 to 2009 she was Executive Officer of the Good Shepherd Social Justice Network and 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.

## Mr Chris Townend

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

# Our Staff

## Sr Ailsa Mackinnon *RSM*

Executive Director

## Sr Gaye Lennon *RSM*

Coordinator Offshore and Indigenous Projects

## Sr Lorraine Phelan *RSM*

Coordinator Domestic Asylum Seeker and Refugee Projects

## Mrs Linda Sassine *(from February)*

Finance Manager

## Mrs Margaret Coulter

Development Officer

## Sr Monica Whelan *LCM (from September)*

Community Education Coordinator

## Mrs Kylie Milloy *(to December)*

Executive Assistant

## Mrs Maria Rallis *(from January)*

Executive Assistant and Office Manager

## Sr Gwenda Livermore *RSM (from July)*

Administrative Assistant

## Mrs Julie Flynn

Mercy Connect Sydney Coordinator

## Sr Mary Lewis *RSM*

Mercy Connect Melbourne Coordinator

## Ms Thathathai Singa

Administrative Support Mercy Connect Melbourne

## Sr Kathleen Moran *RSM (to November)*

Mercy Connect Ballarat Coordinator

## Ms Paulene Barton *(from November)*

Mercy Connect Ballarat Coordinator

The assistance of **Ms Kay Hotschilt**, Volunteer Clerical Assistant, is greatly appreciated.

## Income Statement

For year ended 30 June 2013	2013	2012
Revenue	\$	\$
Donations and gifts		
▪ Monetary	1,069,525	1,118,545
▪ Non-Monetary	-	-
Grants - Other Australian	34,864	59,664
Investment Income	48,994	52,128
Other Income	250,000	264,068
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,403,383</b>	<b>1,494,405</b>
Expenditure	\$	\$
<b>International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure</b>		
International programs		
▪ Funds to international programs	534,959	412,459
▪ Program support costs	47,387	37,296
Community Education	60,197	71,338
Fundraising Costs:-		
▪ Public	78,044	55,215
▪ Government, multilateral, & private	-	-
Accountability and Administration	223,950	215,371
<b>Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure</b>	<b>944,537</b>	<b>791,679</b>
Domestic Program Expenditure (incl Monetary & Non Monetary)	376,877	80,196
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>1,321,414</b>	<b>871,875</b>
<b>Excess/(Shortfall) of Revenue Over Expenditure</b>	<b>81,969</b>	<b>622,530</b>

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.

The 2012 comparatives have been adjusted to reflect the first time consolidation of the Mercy Works Limited, The Australian Mercy Works Charitable Trust and The Sisters of Mercy Overseas Aid Fund as one entity at 30 June 2013.

## Statement of Financial Position

For year ended 30 June 2013	2013	2012
Assets	\$	\$
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,537,860	1,309,807
Trade and other receivables	15,221	2,819
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>1,553,081</b>	<b>1,312,626</b>
Non-current Assets		
Property, plant & equipment	5,455	7,271
<b>Total Noncurrent Assets</b>	<b>5,455</b>	<b>7,271</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,558,536</b>	<b>1,319,897</b>
Liabilities	\$	\$
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	171,142	26,269
Provisions	11,797	-
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>182,939</b>	<b>26,269</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>182,939</b>	<b>26,269</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>1,375,597</b>	<b>1,293,628</b>
Equity	\$	\$
Reserves	671,098	671,098
Retained Surplus/(Decifit)	704,499	622,530
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>1,375,597</b>	<b>1,293,628</b>

There were no Inventories, Assets held for Sale, Other Financial assets, Investment property, Intangibles, or Other non-current assets during the year. There were no Borrowings, Current Tax Liabilities, Other financial liabilities, other Non-Current liabilities or any non-current liabilities during the year.

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## Statement of Changes in Equity

For year ended 30 June 2013	Retained Earnings	Reserves	Other	Total
<b>Balance at 1 July 2012</b>	<b>622,530</b>	<b>671,098</b>	-	<b>1,293,628</b>
Adjustments or changes in equity	-	-	-	-
Items of other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-
Excess of revenue over expenses	81,969	-	-	81,969
Other amounts transferred (to)/from reserves	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 30 June 2013</b>	<b>704,499</b>	<b>671,098</b>	-	<b>1,375,597</b>

## Table of Cash Movements

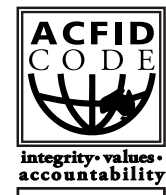
For year ended 30 June 2013	Cash available at beginning of the year	Cash raised during the year	Cash disbursed during the year	Cash available at end of the year
Designated purpose				
Papua New Guinea	69,729	452,654	522,383	-
Pakistan	14,960	57,580	72,540	-
East Timor	28,879	119,174	148,053	-
Domestic Projects	28,186	412,900	309,292	131,794
Other non designated purposes	1,168,053	497,959	259,946	1,406,066
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,309,807</b>	<b>1,540,267</b>	<b>1,312,214</b>	<b>1,537,860</b>

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.

During the year, specified donations have been received for Papua New Guinea, Pakistan, East Timor, Mercy Connect and other domestic projects.

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.

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](http://www.acfid.asn.au).



## Independent Auditor's Report

To the directors of Mercy Works

### Scope

We have audited the summarised financial report of Mercy Works for the twelve months ended 30 June 2013 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 2013. 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.

### Harveys Chartered Accountants

Level 3, 2 Bulletin Place  
Sydney NSW 2000

**D.P. Robinson Principal**  
Dated this 9th day of October 2013