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Bringing Hope in an Emergency



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IN AUSTRALIA & PAPUA NEW GUINEA

OUR VISION

Mercy in action, partnering with the most vulnerable toward opportunity, dignity, and self-reliance.

OUR MISSION

We are a community development organisation, in the tradition of Catherine McAuley. We work in partnership with local community organisations to support the most vulnerable, both in Australia and elsewhere in the Asia Pacific region, with a particular focus on women and children. Our programs strive to build capacity and self-reliance and to foster environmental sustainability. Our mission is inspired by Catherine McAuley's vision of change for the poor and disadvantaged.

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Mutuality
Integrity
Compassion
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Cover (L) Volunteer Christine and former Mercy Connect student Rodiyah this year in Sydney
(R) Omngal Kupiye and son Danny in PNG



THE BILUM

In Papua New Guinea, bilums are beautiful, traditional, and intricately handwoven string bags which have been crafted and used by people for hundreds of years to carry their most precious and essential belongings. They are at the heart of Papua New Guinean traditions and hold deep cultural and emotional significance.

The Bilum is the name of The Mercy Works magazine, which carries and communicates the stories of the people involved in the many projects supported by Mercy Works. It is sent to friends, donors and partners of Mercy Works and published in December every year. The Mini Bilum is published online four times a year. In this edition of *The Bilum* our focus is on our value of mutuality and how the silver lining of the pandemic has been the heartfelt response from our Mercy community when called upon.

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Dear Friends...



As I read all the heart-warming stories of 'A Mission of Mercy – Bringing Hope in an Emergency' in this edition of *The Bilum*, the words of Catherine McAuley (Founder of the Sisters of Mercy) come to mind –

'We have ever confided largely in Divine Providence and shall continue to do so.'

2021 has been another very tough year as we have all struggled with levels of anxiety, fear and uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. So many of our sisters and brothers in our programs and projects across Australia and in Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste and the Philippines already live on the margins. The pandemic has further increased their levels of vulnerability including isolation, hunger, lack of access to clean water, loss of livelihoods, loss of educational support, exposure to increased levels of violence and the list goes on. Undoubtedly, the pandemic has exposed the many 'fault lines' of disadvantage in our earth community and it is so often the poor and the marginalised who have suffered the impacts the most. At Mercy Works we have all strived to stay connected and support each other to bring hope throughout this stressful year – our staff, Board and Committees and of course the many who we serve and who are particularly vulnerable.

Currently, we are especially aware of the serious implications for the whole people of Papua New Guinea as they struggle to cope with the virulent spread of the Delta strain of COVID-19. Many of our supporters contributed so generously to our Emergency Relief Appeal in April. As the story 'COVID-19 Emergency: Responding to an unfolding tragedy on our doorstep' in this edition shows it was certainly a massive roll out effort by all involved. In October as the crisis continued, I wrote and invited all our friends and supporters to join in a Prayer Novena, as we continue to stand in solidarity with our Sisters, staff, and the people of Papua New Guinea. We also sent 1,000 masks to the Simbu province as a small way to offer support. Thank you to all who contributed!

Our Mercy Works projects and partnerships are all built on trusting relationships. We all strive to live out our Mercy Works value of mutuality at all levels of the organisation. Key to this is to hold the dignity of each person with compassion and justice. As 'Mercy people' together, mutuality means we all need each other. At times of crisis such as a pandemic, this is particularly highlighted. As 'Mercy people', we are all changed and challenged in the process of walking together on mission. Through our Mercy Connect program we stand with and mentor people who come to Australia as refugees

and asylum seekers, seeking protection and safety. Our story 'The Two of Us' about the relationship between Christine and Rodiayh, who met through our Mercy Connect program is a wonderful example of living out this value.

We are delighted to have strengthened our partnerships with our First Nations people by increasing our number of projects across Australia. We stand in solidarity with our Aboriginal sisters and brothers who have been dispossessed of their land, rich culture and spirituality. One of these partnerships is with the Cape York Girl Academy in Wangetti Beach near Cairns. Their mantra – "If you educate a girl, in mind, body and spirit, she can change her world", would be close to the heart of Catherine McAuley who believed so strongly in her time in the centrality of educating women. Catherine said –

No work of charity can be more productive of good to society than the careful instruction of women.

As we continue to stand with vulnerable communities in the Asia Pacific region, we are glad that this year we have expanded our partnerships to projects in the Philippines with vulnerable young women and girls caught up in human trafficking and prostitution. Our story 'Exiting Modern Day Slavery' is a moving and powerful example of how this is being addressed proactively in Cebu city, the Philippines. Mely's story gives testament to the healing power of inviting vulnerable women into networks of trusting relationships, as they slowly and gently begin to heal from trauma. Such women find their voice and human dignity.

And so, I conclude by thanking all those who make up the dedicated team at Mercy Works – our hard-working staff in both Australia and Papua New Guinea, the Mercy Congregation Leaders who are the Members, Board Directors and Standing Committee members, and all who have given us outstanding support during this tough year. I especially thank our Board Chair Kathleen Donnellon, who finishes her term as Chair this year. Kathleen's unwavering support, compassion and wisdom has been a great source of strength on so many occasions.

I wish Kathleen and her husband Tony and their family every blessing in the future.

Enjoy reading and stay well ... and let's all continue to trust in Divine Providence!

Sally Bradley RSM
Executive Director

COVID-19 Emergency

RESPONDING TO AN UNFOLDING TRAGEDY ON OUR DOORSTEP

OPERATION: "LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND" BECOMES A REALITY

The Mercy Works ethos: "Leave No One Behind" became a reality for our nearest neighbours in PNG when an Emergency Relief Appeal was made for urgent donations due to the growing COVID-19 health crisis. From the initial stage of the Emergency Response, through to its preparation, planning, execution, and distribution the call for help was answered.

1.5% of PNG adults vaccinated

205,059 Beneficiaries

9 x 3,000L Water tanks supplied

AMOUNT RAISED
\$116,847

The call out was swift and the response immediate: A heart-felt letter from Sr Maryanne Kolkia RSM, the In-Country Coordinator of Mercy Works in Papua New Guinea, to Executive Director Sr Sally Bradley RSM came in April with the simple plea: We need your help.

In her letter, Sr Maryanne expressed the escalating need for Mercy Works Simbu, where she had begun work with Janet Andrew RSM, to address the food shortage in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. "The purpose is to feed oneself and the neighbour," she wrote. "Marginalised people are the vulnerable senior citizens, those living with HIV/AIDS, those living with disability, and families with many children are the neediest at this time. All I am thinking is to feed the locals within clans, districts and towns, connecting people in the rural villages as well as families living in the settlements around the townships of Kundiawa."

Sr Maryanne requested an extra 30,000 kina (approx. \$12,200) to support the process.

It was all that Australians needed to make a response. Within weeks Sr. Sally, together with Kathleen Donnellon (Board Chair) and the other directors, agreed to send an

Emergency Relief Appeal Letter to all donors and supporters.

Overwhelmingly, the Mercy Works network responded instantly. Donors, supporters, and friends of Mercy Works dug deeply and sent donations in response to the catastrophe besieging our nearest neighbours.

To our delight, we received \$116,847 which was distributed across the Highlands (Goroka, Mt Hagen and Simbu), The Western Province (Kiunga and surrounding remote areas along the Fly River), and to the East Sepik Province (Wewak and outlying remote areas including Walis and Tarwai islands).

By July, \$48,158 was sent as Emergency Relief to the Highlands, where efforts were made to transport produce to communities who would normally attend daily markets. Due to the virus, people were reluctant to attend markets in townships where it is more likely to contract COVID-19.

The ferocity of the outbreak exposed government corruption, economic mismanagement, and a fragile health care system. When the Government declared a nationwide lockdown in April, people were prevented from trading their agricultural products and for the unemployed, the vulnerable, the sick, people living with a disability, children and older people in squatter settlements and rural communities, accessibility to food was scarce.

The Mercy Works team on the ground set about mobilising food distribution through church and already established networks. Wholesalers and farmers from community organisations negotiated the selling price of vegetables, root crops and fruits.

The method was effective. Families, individuals, and groups who Mercy Works was already



PEOPLE EMPOWERING PEOPLE

After working tirelessly for 15 years in Mt Hagen and Goroka, Mercy Works concluded our operations there in June. The projects successfully assisted many people in vulnerable communities with life and skills training and worked on improving living standards through self-reliance.

The vision was for a humanitarian community development program that promoted human dignity based on the Mercy Spirit in responding to local needs. The foundational belief

was that teaching and training individuals, and communities helps them lift themselves out of poverty to a better future. This happens through developing agriculture and other businesses to create sustainability, reliability, and ownership.

We may be leaving the area, but Mercy Works has left a lasting legacy.

Thank you to all who have helped make this project a reality, especially to Sr Maryanne Kolkia RSM and the long-term staff who worked tirelessly for Mercy Works in Mt Hagen and Goroka up to 2021 including: Sr Mariska Kua RSM, Leo



◀ The assembled locals wait in line for their names to be called to receive their supplies

evenly to “shouts of joy and dance” when their names were called.

In the Western Highlands Province, the Sisters distributed the food to the vulnerable and needy. Embracing the idea that ‘no one goes without’, the key was to “collaborate toward promoting no poverty, zero hunger, good health and well-being for all”. The successful mission saw every group fed, easing the burden, stress and anxieties of many who were unable to help themselves.

“Community mobilisation, collaboration and participation created an environment for people from all walks of life to work together in meeting each other’s needs in time of emergency,” said Sr Maryanne. *“Sharing is a sign of caring for each other”.*

Meanwhile, along the International border and remote lowara areas, the Emergency Relief support in Kiunga was also implemented. Here, Mercy Works Coordinator Steven Dude with the parish priest, community leaders and the village health volunteer developed an action plan to roll out the approved relief of \$42,107 which encompassed supplies for water tanks to access clean and safe water. Tinned fish and staples were purchased for distribution.

Over in the East Sepik Province, 11 communities were identified by the Sisters to receive rations and materials for the emergency response of \$26,582. Afraid to come near Wewak for marketing, in fear of the virus, access to clean water was hampered. Many women usually walk quite a distance to access water every day.

Here, Sr Rachael organised bulk buying to secure discounts for nine, 3,000 Litre water tanks. Boats were hired to transport the tanks to the two Island communities as well as road travel and boat hire to get to the Chambig Village on the Sepik River. The Sisters worked in pairs to take the tanks to their destination. Over a couple of weeks, bulk supplies of noodles, milk powder, tinned fish, rice and other groceries were loaded onto mini-buses and taken to places accessible by road. People worked together to distribute the supplies and set up and connect the water tanks to the roof of the building to collect rainwater.

The COVID-19 Emergency relief helped meet the urgent needs of 205,059 people. *“Mercy Works lived up to its name,”* smiles Sr Maryanne. *“Communities were overwhelmed by the offer of support and expressed much gratitude.”*

“A mutual respect among all people was established,” agrees Sr Rachael. *“Emergency Relief makes people feel they are loved and taken care of in their needs.”*



△ Sr. Maryanne organising the roll out to villagers in The Highlands



△ (L-R) Sr Meryline and Sr Rachael travelled in pairs by boat to take the tanks to the villages in Wewak

in partnership with, took ownership of supplying garden produce to increase food production and supply. Word of mouth invitations to partner for food distribution were sent to village leaders which was “both exciting, encouraging, and inspirational,” said Sr Maryanne. *“The public expressed a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation. Receiving food from Mercy Works was indeed a surprise, leaving them speechless.”*

In Simbu, a verbal agreement was made between MW and the owners of trucks to mobilise people in their communities to transport garden food. 30 farmers from 15 villages, drivers of 10 trucks and three business houses and churches worked tirelessly towards meeting the demand. 90 ‘heaps’ of food for each clan or organisation were distributed

◀ Steven Dude, our Kiunga Coordinator organises the loading of supplies to be distributed

Tomoyega, Danny Aiyoko, Louise Parinjo, Dorothy Nige, Arnold Paglau, Beverley Stanley, Judy Tetos. Maria Philip, Margaret Andrew, Theresia Keke and Alphonsa Ame.

We thank you for your dedication and commitment. *“The team behind me is the reason for the strength and hope I carry every day,”* Sr Maryanne wrote in a letter in January. *“With Catherine, we have done a good job,”* she wrote. *“I could imagine her smiling saying, ‘the poor need help today not next week’. I am indeed super proud of all we have established in the lives of the people in Goroka and Mt Hagen.”*



A sad farewell to Mt Hagan and Goroka Mercy Works Staff who, with their loyal commitment to the local communities, improved the quality of lives of so many people. They have left a lasting legacy. We wish them all the best!

Simon's Story

THE JOY YOUR HELP BRINGS

It was one afternoon in 2015 that Simon Tulkopni says his life changed forever. The second youngest of four, living with their single mum in the West Highland Province of Jiwaka, Simon was the only member of his family to continue his education past Grade 7.

With the continued help of his uncles and his mum, who had sold the family pig to pay for his university fees, Simon studied paramedics at Divine Word University, and then completed his residency training at Mt. Hagen General Hospital.

Driven by a desire to help combat the high maternal mortality and morbidity rates, his dream was to become an obstetrician. But without further financial support, Simon realised there was little chance of ever being a doctor.

"It was on one afternoon in 2015, that I glanced through a newspaper, that was bought by my uncle, and I saw the advertisement for new intakes for the new medical school in Divine Word University," Simon recalls. "I cut that page [out] and placed it on my room wall, made from bush materials and I asked my mother, who was a faithful catholic mum, to 'pray for it,'" he says.



△ (L-R) Kate, Simon and their children Emmanuel and Joy in Madang in 2021

◁ Simon operating at Modalin Hospital in Madang

In their prayers Simon and his mum prayed to God that it was "your will" he would be accepted to study medicine and surgery. Their prayers were answered. Simon was accepted, but the fees were so high, he realised it was still not a reality. It was in that very hour of need; Mercy Works came to help....

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A SEED HAS SPROUTED!

A first of its kind, this two-year Mercy Works project completed in September 2021 will have lifesaving outcomes.

The Catherine McAuley Well-Woman's HPV Project, implemented by the Sisters of Mercy, led by Sr Rachael Waisman RSM and midwife Rhonda Hikin, and run in collaboration with the Catholic Health Services in the Diocese of Wewak, will reduce the statistics of women killed by cervical cancer, and is now being introduced in other Provinces.

Cervical cancer is almost an epidemic throughout PNG with little or no awareness about the HPV virus, which is often contracted in youth but takes 15-20 years to develop into cancerous growths. Unlike in Australia, no vaccinations are available, pap smears are not a viable option and there are little to no symptoms. Early identification before it is too far advanced is key.

Inspired by the number of women with cervical cancer in their mid-to-late 40s, the Sisters initiated and promoted life-saving HPV awareness to communities and training to health workers as well as access for women to health clinics for appropriate HPV testing and referral pathways to specialist treatment.

The project saw staff upskill to identify women at risk at the earliest stage possible by performing routine examinations, including a new technique using ascetic acid (VIA) which identifies suspicious cells that require follow up care.

Dr Grace Raire, The Boram Hospital obstetrician and gynaecologist, came on board providing necessary equipment and information for the trainee staff workshop in September...



△ The Sisters visited groups of any size, anywhere to spread the message about HPV

▷ Dr Grace Raire addressing a group of women about keeping themselves safe and checked for cervical cancer



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Christine (left), 72 and Rodiyah, 26, met through Mercy Connect Sydney when Yemen refugee Rodiyah arrived in Australia by boat and started at Bankstown Senior College where she instantly connected with our volunteer, Christine, who she calls her 'Life Guardian'. Here they share their special story.

Rodiyah

In 2015 life smiled at me again. At Bankstown Senior College I met Ms Christine, a woman full of life who was to become my lifeguard. She was the first volunteer I met. It was at a time when I had fallen into a sea that I could not get out of, and she was the hand that lifted me up.

Ms encouraged me to do the things I love. She helped me in my school, and social life. Ms was my advisor, she gave encouragement, and determination and today she is still that to me. I was a shy girl by nature and antisocial. I still don't make friends easily but just talking to her on that first day, I knew that I could bury my secrets with her. I felt that feeling of a friend, mother, and sister had arrived that I've never had. When she said to me, I am a part of her family. That made me cry a lot and I couldn't hold my tears.

My grandparents came with the first wave to Somalia, but because racism overshadowed humanity, my parents took the second wave to Yemen. With each wave, the sea has carried a story. And fate judged those stories to be repeated. I was born there, born to suffering. My beginning is like a dot at the end of a line with no beginning. Once again fate whispered to us that the wave was coming.

From my childhood I used to call Australia my dream land. I wanted to be the one to ask fate to stop the waves and give me a future. After three years in a refugee camp in Indonesia we were called boat people. I left all my sorrows and pains in the boat that sank in Australia's waters. It's the reason I don't like to go to the beach, and I don't like to hear the sound of the sea. I dread those memories and the sounds that drowned in the sea. They come back to me when I go to the beach.

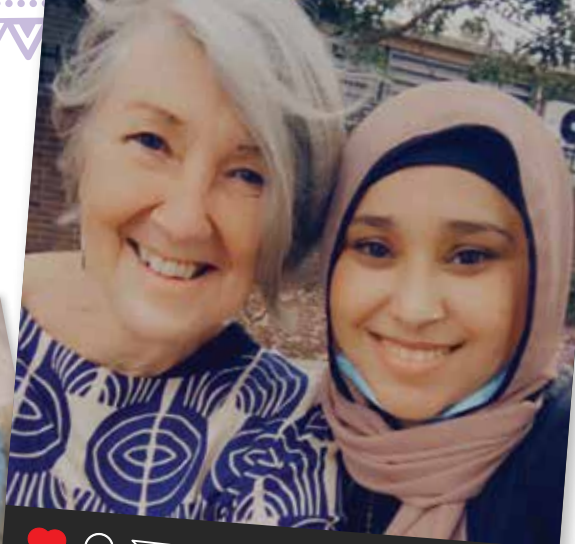
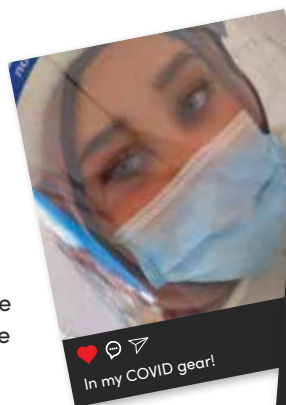
Since leaving school I have mostly worked in childcare. I think that If I hadn't met Ms at school, I wouldn't have finished high school and I wouldn't be who I am now, a strong young woman. I decided I wanted to be a COVID-19 tester, to give my dream land a hand in bad times. Ms still encourages me to study and learn so that I can have a better life. She also encourages me to stick to my dream that one day I will be a writer.

During COVID Ms was the only one asking about my family. We live in one of the 5 LGA areas of concern. It was hard as one of my brothers had COVID and we all had to be isolated at home.

Australia offers a chance to have a better life for us and our children. Most of us have great difficulty in finding ourselves. From the inside there are reservations that bind us to the society we come from. I am sure that Ms will be with me all my life and I can't imagine one day when she will not be

next to me. Kindness shines from her eyes. I love her.

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#TheTwoOfUs

Christine

Early in 2015 I was introduced to Rodiyah, a shy year 10 student described as withdrawn. Her trust and our easy connection were a surprise to us both. Shyly she responded to my gentle enquiries.

A crumpled piece of paper pulled from her pocket on our second meeting outlined her enormously difficult journey as a refugee. She offered a small heart-wrenching account of her life before arriving in Australia. From there somehow, we've never looked back. Rodiyah was always up for a challenge. She is a gifted writer; her words are so honest and imaginatively framed.

It was in 2009, a year after I retired from art teaching, I spotted a volunteer call up with Mercy Connect. It felt like a chance to give back. I moved to Bankstown Senior College in 2012.

A few years ago, I had the privilege of joining a large gathering of Somali women at Rodiyah's house as her mum farewelled a friend. The gorgeous outfits, dancing, singing, and shared foods allowed me to taste a world way beyond my imagining.

Rodiyah and her family face an unreasonable wait for their family protection visa. This prevents her from an expensive TAFE diploma course and receiving a student loan, but she has made the best of working in a low paid office job AND working in a COVID testing station! When I heard she was working there, I thought; 'you're my hero!'

Now Rodiyah is 26 and I know we are friends for life. Her strength of character, her creativity, her warmth, her mothering, her loyalty to her friends, her talents. These are among the many reasons why I love this young woman.

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born to suffering.
My beginning is like a dot
at the end of a line with no
beginning.... I left all my sorrows
and pains in the boat that
sank in Australia's waters ...*

Rodiyah, former Mercy Connect Sydney student

Year at a Glance

Shining A Spotlight

There is little doubt our Program Manager - Overseas, Sr Anne Foale RSM, truly embodies the spirit of a "walking nun" and a Sister of Mercy in Action. She has dedicated her life to assisting others.

In October, Anne was proudly announced as one of four "Shining Light Award recipients" who were celebrated by The Friends of Tenison Woods College and recognised for *"significant contributions made by former students to the local and global community in order to inspire current and future students"*. She accepted the award in an online ceremony. Congratulations, Anne!

Anne Foale RSM and little Boy in Timor ▲



Peace, Hope and Leadership

Our Mercy family may remember meeting Peace Aziawor back in 2017, then a Year 9 student from Phoenix College who was part of our Mercy Connect refugee project in Ballarat. She bonded with one of our volunteers, former teacher Margaret Adams. Almost five years on and Mercy Works is pleased to share that Peace is now not only studying her Certificate III in Dentistry online, but she has also been successfully nominated for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Program by the Rotary Club of Wendouree Breakfast!

Peace will attend that program in April 2022. The Awards are tailored for inspired young adults to develop their leadership potential, set goals for their future and challenge themselves personally. Well done Peace.

Peace Aziawor ►



Connecting in Covid

Staff, schools, and volunteers spent a good part of the year in lockdown, calling for strong teamwork. We have not been able to travel to meet in person with key personnel in our projects in Australia or overseas, meaning zoom conferencing took on a new level. Still, our Friends Gathering in August saw over 70 participants gather online.

We would like to thank our volunteers who have stuck with us through the Mercy Connect Refugee and Asylum Seeker Projects, even though they were not able to meet in classrooms in Sydney and Melbourne, Ballarat or Bendigo creating difficulties with continuity. In February, Melbourne Mercy Connect Coordinator Sr Mary Lewis RSM and her assistant coordinator Tat Singa held a training Day for their volunteers before another lockdown saw literacy classes, put on hold again. In Perth, with only a short lockdown it was business as usual.

Zoom, Snip and Quidditch!

Our Executive Director, Sally Bradley RSM, still managed to connect with our school communities with lively Zoom presentations including with Santa Maria College Attadale, Catholic College Bendigo, Mercy College Coburg, OLMC Parramatta, Aquinas College Ashmore and Monte Sant' Angelo College, North Sydney.

In April, Sally spoke at a school assembly at All Hallows' School in Brisbane, sharing an update on the projects in Simbu and Kiunga. The students generously supported the projects with a mixture of creative home group fundraisers, coffee sales and whole school dress-up days which have resulted in a phenomenal donation of \$40,000 to Mercy Works projects. Thanks a million All Hallows!

In Perth, Ursula Frayne Catholic College's students donated hair to Sustainable Salons to be recycled into wigs for people who need it most and raised \$5,000 in the process. The Care by Sharing You Hair initiative, to raise money for both Canteen and Mercy Works, began on their College Feast Day in 2015, when two passionate Year 12 students who had close connections with people battling cancer, came up with the initiative.

We are blessed to be part of a community with such a strong tradition of philanthropy truly embodying the spirit of Mercy in Action.

All Hallows & their Fandom Fundraiser ▲

▲ A student from Ursula Frayne Catholic College in Perth with her ponytail as part of their annual Care By Sharing Your Hair initiative



Fond Farewells

After 10 years, Kathleen Donnellon will be finishing her time as a Director, with four years as Chair, of our Board. She will be sorely missed. Kathleen joined Mercy Works' Board in 2011 and became Deputy Chair in 2014. An experienced lawyer and mediator, Kathleen's compassion and wisdom have been a great source of strength on many occasions. We wish Kathleen every success for her future endeavours.

A special thank you also to Megan Giles for her three years as a board director. We've been grateful to be able to call on the depths of Megan's experience in marketing, communications and policy development. We also said goodbye to our Communications Coordinator, Lauren Stariha, who was with us for three years and our Coordinator for Mercy Works in Perth, Jennifer Davies, after seven years. Both have left big shoes to fill!

Exiting Modern Day Slavery

HEALING THE HARM FROM HUMAN TRAFFICKING

10,000
Women work
as prostitutes
in Cebu City

or 500,000
Filipinos
trafficked
every year
95%
are women
& children

80-100,000
Filipino children are sexually
exploited in forms of child sex
tourism & cybersex every year

380 women working in
prostitution come
through the doors of
The Good Shepherd House
every year



Sr Leah listening to the hopes and dreams of two young girls who were trafficked

Human trafficking is real. It has destroyed countless lives and families; it's a violation of human dignity, a crime, and a result of a complex set of circumstances. In the Philippines, human trafficking for sexual exploitation is prevalent among young women and children aged from 11 to 17 years old, with Cebu City a major destination for sex tourism and trafficking.

This year Mercy Works is proud to have expanded to partner with two new projects with women and girls who have experienced prostitution and human trafficking. Mindanao, Balay Banaag, is a residential centre run by the Marist Sisters to provide care and support for the daughters of females working in prostitution.

The other is the Creating Change for Women through Advocacy project in Cebu City in partnership with the Villa Maria Good Shepherd Sisters, who established Welcome House in 2007, and offer temporary shelter, outreach on the streets of Cebu and the red-light district, refer clients to their long-term recovery center and help women re-integrate back into the community and gain employment. Their success rate is high.



Squad Goals...some of the Good Shepherd team with young women and girls in Cebu

About 10,000 women are engaged in prostitution in Cebu and half are underage. They suffer varied effects of abuse including repeated abortions, become HIV positive, suffer psychologically, experience violence and low self-esteem. They are often recruited or taken against their will, forced into debt and drugs, are undocumented and threatened with imprisonment or deportation.

This program hopes to give these women a voice, to engage the community and educate future generations to end this modern-day slavery and create their own opportunities utilising advocacy. "My dream is for these women, who are victims of human trafficking for sexual purposes, to be heard," says Arianne Nadela, Program Coordinator at Good Shepherd HEART.

The goal, says Sr Virgo RGS, the Ministry Development Coordinator of the project, is "to raise the level of society's response on human trafficking and safeguard the right of women and children to live in a peaceful and secure environment. Change is empowerment."

The advocacy is divided into six components including training women to become strong advocates against human trafficking; spearhead a coalition of non-government organisations to recommend, reform and legislate; engage stronger dialogues with city officials and government institutions; to provide a mental health wellness program; to do research and to communicate their message.

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ONE SURVIVOR'S STORY: THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

As an 8-year-old, Mely was abused by her stepfather in the Philippines. He threatened her at knife point after she watched him rape her sister. When she confronted her mother and neighbours about it, she was placed into a Jesuit-run orphanage for seven years. As a teen, she accepted an offer of laundry work and a free education from an "elegant woman visitor" who arranged transportation to Cebu, a city distant from her hometown.

In Cebu, she was prostituted and forced to use drugs to stay awake all night and "improve the glum demeanour" she was told discouraged customers.

Mely begged for release but was told she had to pay for the transportation and other expenses incurred by her traffickers. She resigned herself to a life of prostitution. "I felt hopeless and worthless. I felt already ruined," Mely says.

But ultimately, she met a compassionate man who introduced her to the Good Shepherd Welcome House in Cebu and helped her escape. With their help and five years of effort, she overcame her drug habit, finished high school, and trained to be a nurse's aide. "I had to learn how to forgive myself and the people who caused me pain," she says.

Mely is now an activist and survivor of sex trafficking in Cebu. She graduated from her bachelor in Science in Social Work and now serves as the Project Coordinator of Good Shepherd Welcome House for trafficked women.

"I want to raise awareness and tell the world that my story isn't just a story, it's a reality." ...



Cape York Girls Academy

LIVING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

The Cape York Girl Academy is Australia's first boarding school designed for young Indigenous mothers and their babies, and for girls who have been chronically disengaged from their education. Located just north of Cairns at Wangetti Beach, it may be small in size, but it is profound in effect.

Mums and babies live and learn together, and non-mothering students also live and learn at the girl Academy. The holistic program supports Indigenous girls to re-engage with, and complete their education, by attaining either a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) or a Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA).

Teenage pregnancy is one of the most common reasons for Cape York girls dropping out of school. Through yarning circles and community consultations, Cape York women asked for a place for girls to finish their schooling, to gain work skills and qualifications and to grow themselves and their children as future family role models.

Here, they are supported to complete their education, gain essential work and life skills, improve, and maintain their physical, social, and emotional well-being and learn essential parenting skills to care for their own children.

WHY IT MATTERS

"The Girl Academy is a really good school for me and my daughter because they really help me a lot and really supported me. They've been there for me during my ups and downs, helping me out with Alessia while I go to class. The teachers here and staff members have been supporting me and helping me out with my schoolwork and my daughter. [This school] has really made me who I am. Me being here is like I can be whoever or whatever I want to be. And this school gave me the tools to be that person. Being a strong mother, a role model..."

"It is a second chance for me to follow my career and achieve every goal. I don't really feel like I was educated that much [before]. But I learned from my mistakes. And life is about learning. As long as you make some changes in life. This school is my big chance. I want her to be healthy and fit. I want her to have a better life. Going to school, education comes first - and keeping [our] culture strong and having a better education you can connect to anything."

- Rahenna, mum to Alessia

(*courtesy of Our Sisters, Cape York Partnership)

"If you educate a girl, in mind, body and spirit, she can change her world" - Our Sisters, Cape York Partnership



▲ A student at Cape York Girls Academy and her baby playing Lego at the on-site Early Learning Centre

Bubbles, beards and special moments (*courtesy of Our Sisters) ▲

Currently there are 15 young Indigenous women students and two young children in this program, who attend an on-site Early Learning Centre, enabling young mothers to complete their education.

First Nations culture is embedded in every aspect of the learning program, with activities such as storytelling and culture circles scheduled during daily well-being sessions. The introduction of school captains in 2021 helped promote cultural learning and leadership, along with strong, Indigenous Heads of School women.

"Despite the challenges of 2021, the graduating Year 12 class are exiting with clear pathways to post-school destinations, including work, further education and traineeships. Industry areas include Business Administration, Sport and Recreation, and Parks and Wildlife," says school Principal, Marnie Parker. Of the 2021 students finishing, one wants to become a lawyer, another wants to complete a Bachelor's degree in Social Work and one student undertook a traineeship in Business Administration.

It is a mandate of the Academy to walk alongside students and create pathways to their dream job. Students are encouraged to think about the kind of future they want for themselves once school has finished.

Mercy Works hopes to enhance social emotional wellbeing through the implementation of an online school dashboard which allows student data management, collation of data, including pastoral notes between day school and boarding, and secondly to support, track and review student goals through implementation of Individualised Learning Plans and individualised learning enrichment.

The school is a healing community that nurtures and supports effective and confident mothers, safe and happy children and offers opportunities for growth, a sense of belonging and a space to find their voices. The relationship between a child and their mum has a significant effect on a child's development, and that is why at Cape York Girl Academy students and their babies learn together and grow together.

Chair's Report



Catherine's call that,

The poor need help today, not next week' continues to resonate at the heart of all we do.

Mercy Works continues to adapt to rapid change.

This year, we haven't been able to visit our programs in Papua New Guinea or Timor Leste, or our new programs in the Philippines. We have had limited opportunity to visit our Australian programs. Staff have spent weeks working from home and the board has not had a face-to-face meeting since the pandemic began.

Yet, there have also been blessings.

In the Baucau district of Timor Leste, we have partnered with Australian Marist Solidarity (AMS) to bring hope and opportunity to children and adults with disabilities. In the Philippines, our new program partners provide support to vulnerable women and children affected by human trafficking and prostitution. In Australia, we have commenced new programs in partnership with our First Nations people, that range from supporting an alternative educational model for young women (at Cape York Girl Academy, Cairns) to strengthening ties for vulnerable women between community and country (The Miewi (Spirit) and Culture Matters Project, Adelaide, SA).

Unfortunately, the pandemic has caused delay in the roll out of our new program in Simbu, in the highlands of Papua New Guinea. As I write this, the current rate of double-dose vaccination in PNG is less than 2%. Timor Leste is currently at about 35%. Meanwhile, Australians are starting to receive their third dose of Pfizer. This avoidable disparity in vaccination coverage is deeply frustrating, especially because for a time there was genuine hope that appropriate assistance would be given to developing nations, to ensure vaccine equity.

This year, Mercy Works staff and directors took time to revisit our Mission, Vision and Values, as part of our strategic planning process. Our new Vision statement is:

Mercy In Action. Partnering with the most vulnerable, toward opportunity, dignity and self-reliance.

Catherine McAuley gave shelter and nurture to women and children in need at a time when the only alternative for the sick, homeless, poor or otherwise vulnerable, was the workhouse. She provided them with education and 'built capacity', generations before that phrase became jargon for developing a person's skills and abilities. Mercy Works seeks to walk in Catherine's shoes.

On occasion, however, our long term aims need to give way to short term necessity. This was the case in Papua New Guinea this year. Our appeal in April for emergency relief

for PNG followed a plaintive call for help from Sr Maryanne Kolkia in Simbu, where serious disruptions to the food and water supply chains in remote areas of the Highlands resulted in food shortages. The generosity of you, our supporters and donors, to this appeal was overwhelming. It resulted in food, water and water tanks being supplied to people throughout the Highlands, and in Kiunga and Wewak. Sincere thanks must go to the extraordinary team of volunteers on the ground in PNG, who undertook the huge task of rolling out the deliveries to all those people in need.

Many thanks must go to the Members of Mercy Works Ltd: the four Congregations of the Sisters of Mercy in Australia, for their continued support. To all our donors and supporters, heartfelt thanks. This essential work cannot continue without your ongoing generosity.

As I finish my time as Chair of Mercy Works this year, I would like to thank all the hard-working Board directors and Committee members. I do want to offer particular thanks to committee Chairs, Travis Bowman and Frank Elvey for their support of Mercy Works, and of me personally. Deep thanks also, to the Mercy Works staff and to the many volunteers, all of whom are in their roles because they are moved by Catherine's call to walk with those in need. Huge thanks must go to Sally Bradley RSM, for her insightful and energetic leadership. It has been a joy to work closely with Sally.

Finally, I want to wish Mercy Works all the very best as it heads into the future. I have felt honoured to Chair such a mission-filled ministry. I know that Joe Zabar, as the new Chair, will bring great, new gifts to the role, and I know that he will be well supported by a highly capable board and Executive Director.

While processes and people will continue to change along the way, what does not change is the Mercy Works mission. Catherine's call that 'The poor need help today, not next week' continues to resonate at the heart of all we do. I feel so very fortunate to have had the opportunity to be part of this earthy, people-focused and highly effective organisation, which will remain very close to my heart.

Christmas blessings to you all.

Kathleen Donnellon
Board Chair (To November 2021)

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Project Review

With several new projects, as well as the completion of others, Mercy Works continues our partnerships in Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste as well as expanding to the Philippines this year. We have also increased our partnership with Indigenous Projects across Australia. Here is a snapshot of what Mercy Works has achieved in 2020-21.

Overseas Projects

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

- Conclusion of our projects in Goroka and Mt Hagen after 15 years in June 2021.
- Conclusion of Women's Wellness Program in September 2021 which raised awareness of causes of HPV and Cervical Cancer and training for treatment.

Kiunga (Continuation of 6 projects)

- Village Health Program to improve living standards.
- Non-Violence training Program.
- Senior Teacher's Training to upskill teachers.
- Remote Girls Hostel for education & vocational training.
- Educating and empowering women and girls through the Diocesan Adult Literacy Program.
- Capacity building in program support and management for staff.
- Focus on cocoa tree farming as an alternative to cash crop.

Simbu (New Project)

- Outreach and development work with Prisoners in Barawagi Prison.
- Small to Medium Enterprise skills training (SME).
- Youth and agricultural skills training.
- Marketing and building financial literacy.
- Daily Radio Programs delivering information on local, national, and global issues affecting the community. With 600,000 listeners, this service has provided vital information during COVID.

TIMOR-LESTE

Maucatar

Nutrition Project at Teresa Orsini Maternity Clinic in Cova Lima

- Improving protein intake for pregnant mothers and children through a nutritional program run by the Hospitaller Sisters of Mercy.
- Funding pays for the regular purchase of chickens and eggs as a source of nutrition. Hens are placed with families.
- House to house assessment of children who are severely malnourished continued through COVID.

Bacau (2 new projects in partnership with the Australian Marist Solidarity)

The Uai Lili Computer Centre

- Classes in computer programs and English for children and young adults.
- Assists with new computer capacities that allow access to Tertiary Education, employment, and other opportunities.

Katilosa

Community Centre for the Disabled

- Children, youth and adults with disabilities receive support and training.
- Rehabilitation support (eg. referrals and physiotherapy) continued during COVID with in-home visits.

THE PHILIPPINES

Creating Change for Women through Advocacy, Cebu

- This new project, in partnership with the Villa Maria Good Shepherd Sisters, aims to raise the level of society's response to human trafficking and the safeguarding of the rights of women and children.
- Includes mentoring recovered trafficked women to advocate for change and become strong advocates against human trafficking.

Balay Banaag, Davao City, Mindanao

- Residential Centre, run by Marist Sisters, creating supporting experiences for children of prostituted women.
- Focus is on education, rehabilitation, and healing, to increase the capacity of vulnerable girls to protect themselves and for the mothers to protect their children.

Domestic Projects

REFUGEE AND ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT

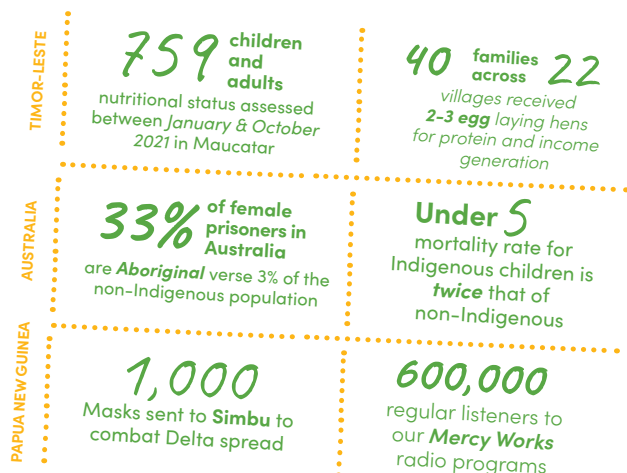
- Mercy Connect Volunteers mentoring programs for refugee students in primary and secondary schools in Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Ballarat, and Bendigo.
- In 2021, Volunteer programs stopped in all Australian schools, except in Perth, due to COVID lockdowns but Mercy Connect Coordinators maintained connections with schools and volunteers and hope the program will again gather momentum in 2022.

PROJECTS WITH INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation in Mt Druitt NSW

- A childcare project with 25 Indigenous young mums and 20 babies and toddlers who gather each week and enjoy culturally sensitive programs. Provides early learning services as well as improving mental health, self-confidence and building connections.





Prospering After Prison – Port Augusta in SA

- Aboriginal women are supported by dedicated caseworkers to help them build personal & financial resilience after prison including finding housing and employment and reconnection with their families, communities and Country.

The Miewi (Spirit) and Cultural Matters, Adelaide, SA

- Fostering healing from trauma by rebuilding ties between community and country, celebrating culture and tradition.

Salt n' Pepper, Adelaide, SA

- Support for Aboriginal women released from prison returning to their families, communities and Country.

Adelaide First Nations Advocacy, Adelaide, SA

- Advocating with the Department of Child Protection for family and community placement for children and awareness-raising with the Aboriginal community of child protection issues.

Cape York Girl Academy, Cairns, QLD

- Australia's first boarding school for young Aboriginal mums and their babies. Focus on holistic, healing mentoring of young women to reconnect with their education for hope-filled futures.

Special Measures, Brisbane, QLD

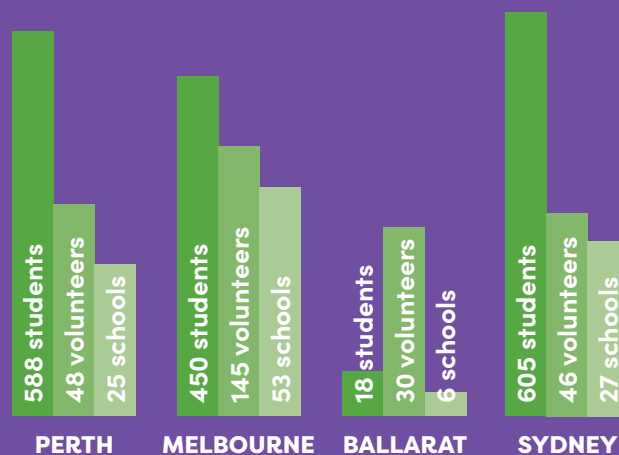
Addresses two aspects of human rights: the right to empowerment and self-determination, and special measures to overcome racism through establishing an effective training centre through building a website.



OUR IMPACT

Mercy connect Volunteers*

As listed in Annual Reports in August 2021 *



▲ Perched slightly back from Wangetti Beach, The Cape York Girls Academy is a unique shelter for holistic education

▲ Women in Cebu City receive their Livelihood Assistance for Php 6,000 to start a small enterprise

◀ Teaching mums and bubs about nutrition in Timor-Leste with Sr Gilbert is "saving lives"

▷ Cocoa farmers with their plantation in Kiunga, PNG

▽ Children in Cova Lima are excited to receive new books



Financial Statements

INCOME STATEMENT

For year ended 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
Revenue	\$	\$
Monetary Donations and Gifts		
- From Members	475,084	425,886
- From Other Parties	1,023,874	1,711,551
Grants - Other Australian	103,141	202,281
Grants - Other International	-	-
Bequests	-	20,000
Investment Income	167,439	105,724
Other Income	-	-
Total Revenue	1,769,538	2,465,441
Expenditure	\$	\$
International Aid & Development Programs Expenditure		
International Programs		
- Funds to International Programs	426,008	1,182,110
- Program Support Costs	57,989	95,651
Community Education	64,716	73,224
Public Fundraising Costs	68,472	76,848
Accountability and Administration	178,426	242,408
Other Expenditure	559	10,362
Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure	796,170	1,680,603
Domestic Program Expenditure (incl Monetary and Non Monetary)	414,875	588,379
Total Expenditure	1,211,045	2,268,983
Excess of Revenue Over Expenditure	558,493	196,459

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For year ended 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
Assets	\$	\$
Current Assets		
- Cash and Cash Equivalent	518,928	1,035,201
- Trade and Other Receivables	16,023	101,964
- Financial Assets	2,399,168	2,305,249
- Other Assets	16,019	29,551
Total Current Assets	2,950,138	3,471,965
Non Current Assets		
- Financial Assets	1,096,936	-
- Property, Plant and Equipment	2,095	4,790
- Right-of-use Assets	17,756	58,794
Total Non Current Assets	1,116,787	63,584
Total Assets	4,066,925	3,535,549
Liabilities	\$	\$
Current Liabilities		
- Trade and Other Payables	140,929	84,546
- Other Liabilities	157,740	201,656
- Employee Benefits	28,385	38,188
- Lease Liability	-	4,511
Total Current Liabilities	327,054	328,901
Non Current Liabilities		
- Employee Benefits	10,830	9,199
- Lease Liability	28,364	55,265
Total Non Current Liabilities	39,194	64,464
Total Liabilities	366,248	393,365
Net Assets	3,700,677	3,142,184
Equity	\$	\$
Retained Surplus	3,700,677	3,142,184
Total Equity	3,700,677	3,142,184

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For year ended 30 June 2021

	Retained Earnings	Reserves	Other
Balance as 1 July 2020	3,142,184	-	-
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	558,493	-	-
Balance as 30 June 2021	3,700,677	-	-

The income for our programs comes from a wide variety of donors, including the Sisters of Mercy, associated ministries, Corporations and members of the public. During the year, specified donations have been received for Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste, Mercy Connect and other domestic projects.

Obligations for projects carried forward to FY22 are adequately covered by cash and cash equivalents. The delivery of some projects have been interrupted and or deferred due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds have been directed towards the retained earnings and will be used to fund future projects.

The ACFID-Code-compliant financial statements comply with the presentation and disclosure requirements of the ACFID Code of Conduct. Refer to the ACFID Code of Conduct website for further information. <https://acfid.asn.au/code-of-conduct>

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with relevant legislation, accounting standards, provide a true and fair view of their financial position and performance, and that the organisation can pay its debts as and when they become due. These financial statements have been reviewed and approved by the Board.

The full statutory financial statements separately from the Annual Report is available on: <https://www.mercyworks.org.au/financial-statements-and-annual-reports/>



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MERCY WORKS LIMITED

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the year then ended, are derived from the audited financial report of Mercy Works Limited for the year ended 30 June 2021. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on that special purpose financial report in our report dated 4 November 2021. That financial report, and the summary financial statements, do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on that financial report.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, or the relevant Australian Accounting Standards. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial report of Mercy Works Limited.

The Responsibility of the Board Members for the Summary Financial Report

The Board Members of the entity are responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial report.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard ASA 810 Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.

Opinion

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial report of Mercy Works Limited for the year ended 30 June 2021 are consistent, in all material respects, with that audited financial report.

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Nicholas Matsis CPA
Registered Company Auditor No 77466

Dated: 4 November 2021



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Our People

Everyone involved in delivering Mercy Works' programs shares an enduring commitment to strengthening communities and delivering positive change for people in need.

OUR BOARD



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(To November 2021)
Current Board Chair
Finance Risk and Audit
Committee Member



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(To November 2020)
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**Sr Duyen Thi My
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Committee Member

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Mercy Works PNG
In-Country Coordinator

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Agricultural Activities
in Simbu

Stephen Dude
Mercy Works Coordinator
Kiunga

Janet Andrew RSM
Finance Assistance Officer
Simbu

Thank you!

With a little help from our friends...

With so many individuals, organisations and volunteers by our side we can walk together in the footsteps of Catherine McAuley. Our projects build capacity and offer life-changing opportunities for many who are poor due to disadvantage. Know that your generosity makes a difference to vulnerable communities.

Particularly, Mercy Works would like to recognise the following who supported us in 2020/2021:

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Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea (ISMAPNG)
Sisters of Mercy, Brisbane Congregation
Sisters of Mercy, North Sydney Congregation
Sisters of Mercy, Parramatta Congregation

Mercy Organisations

Mater Health Services North Queensland
Sisters of Mercy of Newfoundland
All Hallows' School Past Pupils Association
McAuley House – Mt Louisa
Mercy Associates & Friends

Mercy Community Services North Queensland
OLMC Goulburn – Ex Students
Sisters of Mercy Kyneton
Sisters of Mercy North Melbourne

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The Ballarat Foundation
Beswick Foundation
Collier Charitable Fund
Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club
Guilford Rugby League Club
The Julian Zahara Memorial Fund
The Noel and Carmel O'Brien Foundation
Viatores Cum Christo Foundation
Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation

Other Religious Organisations

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Brigidine Sisters
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Divine Word Missionaries
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St. Michael's School, Gordonvale
St. Patrick's Catholic School, Latrobe
St. Patrick's Primary School, Blacktown
St. Raphael's School, Parkside
Ursula Frayne Catholic College, Victoria Park

Despite this difficult year, right across Australia, school communities generously raised funds in response to our Mercy In Action stories to support our projects. Our deep appreciation goes to all the schools that have helped raise money from November 2020 to October 2021. For your generosity, we thank you!



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- ☐ From time to time Mercy Works would like to send you information about our activities. If you DO NOT wish to receive this information please tick this box.
- ☐ I would like to receive information about remembering Mercy Works in my will.

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