

Because **every child**  
needs a champion



**Annual Review**  
**2020–21**



**Barnardos**  
**Australia**





## Acknowledgement of Country

Barnardos Australia acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live and work.

We acknowledge Elders past and present who have walked and managed these lands for many generations and recognise their ongoing contribution. We acknowledge the children who are our hope for a brighter future.





# A message from our CEO and Chair

Barnardos Australia's new tagline and the theme of this year's Annual Review is **"Because every child needs a champion."**

These few words beautifully reflect and encapsulate our fundamental belief in the importance of uniting around a child to deliver the best outcomes for their young lives. On the following pages we are proud to share with you the stories of our champions for children. Our employees, our families, our foster carers, our partners, our supporters and our volunteers – who all put children's needs first and fight for a child's right to grow up safely to achieve their brightest future.

This year we are reporting on the first year of our Towards 2025 Strategic Directions, and our vision to empower every child in Australia to reach their full potential. Our purpose is to support vulnerable children to recover and thrive, and this is reflected in everything we do, keeping the child at the centre of all our work.

Our values of never giving up, speaking up, aiming higher, standing with you and doing what's right were clearly on display during these last, difficult 12 months as growing numbers of struggling families came to us for help. During the COVID-19 pandemic our employees found innovative and creative ways to deliver their essential services and to maintain connection with our families and young people.

In many instances the support provided included food, household necessities and materials to help families with home schooling.

Throughout the year, our wonderful and committed foster carers have continued to care for vulnerable children and keep them safe, despite the added stress and uncertainty of these current times. We thank them for their dedication and care.

Our commitment for Towards 2025 is to assist even more vulnerable children through our effective, evidence-based programs and early intervention. Our approach focuses on children, young people and families at the centre of our work, surrounded by our champions – foster carers, committed employees, volunteers, partners and supporters. Through unity, collaboration, and shared wisdom, we will maximise our impact and achieve the best outcomes for children, young people and their families.

The support of our partners and fundraising committees has been unwavering, with many raising funds for us in new and innovative ways. We thank all these champions for children for being there for us this year, so that we could be there day in, day out for our children, young people and families. We look forward to continuing to work alongside you all as we seek to hear the voice of the child and ensure they have a safe and optimistic future.

Deirdre Cheers  
Chief Executive Officer, Barnardos Australia

Janett Milligan  
Chair, Barnardos Australia



## Who we are

Barnardos Australia is here because every child needs a champion. We listen, we act, and we advocate for the safety of children at risk of abuse and neglect, providing family support programs and services that empower children to reach their full potential.

When it comes to protecting vulnerable children from abuse, we never give up. Barnardos unites around a child, because they should never have to overcome their challenges alone. We are dedicated to the prevention of trauma in children and support families to be the best parents they can be. We help children to recover and thrive, and we find safe homes for them through foster care and open adoption where there is a risk of abuse.

## Our purpose

To empower every child in Australia to reach their full potential.

We support vulnerable children to recover and thrive.

## Our values

We **never give up**

We **speak up**

We **aim higher**

We **stand with you**

We **do what's right**





# How we help

We keep vulnerable children and young people safe from abuse and neglect by assisting families facing issues such as violence, poverty, homelessness, drug and alcohol misuse and mental illness.



## Our Children's Family Centres provide wraparound services including:



We give parents the tools and confidence to care for their children, encouraging them to be their child's first teacher, strengthening parent-child relationships and their connection to community.  
**In 2020-21: 80% of parents/caregivers in our parenting programs said their capacity to care had improved.**



We focus on early learning, school readiness and engagement. We also provide breakfast clubs and homework support through our Aboriginal learning centres.  
**In 2020-21: 82% of children recorded improved behaviours, skills and engagement with education.**



We assist families with complex issues such as domestic violence, poverty, homelessness, drug and alcohol misuse and mental illness through wraparound services and specialist Aboriginal programs.  
**In 2020-21: There was a 9% increase in the number of children supported by our Safety and Prevention programs.**



We provide youth homelessness services, counselling and mediation, mentoring and advocacy, youth drop-in and street outreach programs, drug and alcohol services, and juvenile justice support.  
**In 2020-21: 90% of young people in our programs reported an improvement in health and wellbeing.**



We provide short-term foster care while we work with birth parents to have their children restored. If the courts rule a child cannot safely return home, we provide permanent foster care and open adoption.  
**In 2020-21: 32% of children in short-term foster care were restored to birth family.**

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Child models used

**Our NSW and ACT Together Out-of-Home Care (OOHC) and Open Adoption programs provide permanency for children, allowing them to feel safe and secure for their childhood.**



We work tirelessly to ensure children can return home safely by working side-by-side with parents, supporting them through their difficulties and increasing their confidence to safely care for their child. We also undertake focused planning to ensure children and young people who are removed from their families (by the children's court) find safety and security with foster families as soon as possible.



When providing care for children, we know it is not good for them to move. Our stability rates are high with the majority **(80%)** of children having experienced only one permanent foster care placement.



We consistently achieve one third of all adoptions from foster care in Australia. Last year, Barnardos provided **33** children in NSW and **2** children in the ACT with secure families for life through open adoption.



We are committed to giving young people hope and enthusiasm for the future by empowering them to achieve their goals. ACT Together supported **44** young people as they started to transition out of care through our community outreach and supported housing programs and provided services and support for **56** young people under the age of 25 who had left the care system.





# Our impact in 2020-21



# 10,987

children, young people and  
their families were assisted

## 9,725

children, young people  
and families supported  
through Safety and  
Prevention programs

## 1,262

children in out-of-home  
care programs

## 35

children adopted from  
out-of-home care



## 4,158

children, young people and  
families helped through referrals  
and information

## 880

children and families assisted  
through parenting programs

## 913

children, young people and  
families assisted through early  
learning and education

## 1,808

young people assisted through  
youth programs

## 812

children, young people and  
families assisted through  
supported housing





**Our champions come from all walks of life, but they share one goal – to keep children safe from abuse and neglect.**

They're our workers, carers and families who never give up on children, who give them a voice, and empower them to reach their brightest future.





“ I never felt like I belonged anywhere before I came to live with mum, but now I belong. ”

**Tallesha, 19,  
pictured with her  
foster mum Kerri**



## Fostering love and independence

I remember the day I arrived to stay with my foster carer Kerri, who I now call mum. I was seven years old and I'd already been in a couple of foster care placements. I was removed from my birth parents when I was five because it wasn't safe there. Mum showed me my room and it was pink and I got very excited about that. I remember I peeked under the bed and there was a pair of little pink shoes. Mum handed them to me and I don't think I ever took them off.

I never felt like I belonged anywhere before I came to live with mum, but now I belong. When you have parents who don't care, you kind of feel like a burden to everyone. But then these people take you in and love you, just like their own, and you don't even feel like you're in foster care.

I finished school last year and now I'm doing a 12-month traineeship in accounting with a local business. I've been there seven months and I'm learning how to lodge tax returns. Next year I want to try the Australian Defence Force gap year to get a taste of everything before I decide what I want to do.

I spend a lot of time with mum. We love getting our nails done, going out to lunch and shopping together. I've got two teenage foster brothers who joined the family after me. Mum also has an older daughter, Maddie, and the advice they both gave me (and are still giving me) is great. I think a lot of kids would benefit from their advice. I see people I went to school with who are with their actual parents but they're going off the rails. They need some guidance to get their lives back on track.

Mum's very truthful – sometimes she tells you things you don't want to hear, but it's the truth and it gets you to where you need to be. Mum always taught me not to live in the past but to go forward into the future and that there's a good future waiting for me.

A few years ago, I went through a rough patch. I was on the fence about what I was doing with my life and whether I was going to be something or nothing. But I've grown into the woman I am today because of the values and morals mum taught me. I've learnt how to be independent. I couldn't have done it without her.

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# Supporting our next generation

I've lived in Western Sydney all my life, growing up around the Blacktown and Mt Druitt areas. My family were very working class. For many of my friends, things weren't that great at home, so a way out for a lot of kids was sport. I've played netball since I was about four years old and now I'm a coach. My netball club always encouraged everyone to contribute from a very young age, whether it was volunteering your time, being an umpire or coaching. I think that model of giving back to your community is what led me into this career. It's about being community driven, wanting to give back.

When I left school, I completed a Community Services Diploma at TAFE and then a Social Sciences Degree at the University of Western Sydney. My first job out of university was at Barnardos Penrith as a caseworker. After a few years I went to the Department of Community Services to get some more experience, but I came back to Barnardos four years ago.

I've always enjoyed engaging with kids. Not talking at them - but talking with them. Actually sitting down and listening to them and really being interested in their lives, not just doing it because you're ticking a box. The kids we work with have been through a lot and they can tell from a mile away if you're not invested in them.

I still remember the first child I ever worked with. He was an eight-year-old Aboriginal boy. He was a little boy lost, very traumatised and had a lot of issues at school and didn't have any relationships. His mum had a moderate intellectual disability so she couldn't relate to him at all. We spent a lot of time together as I mentored him and worked with the family providing support.

I was in Penrith recently and I heard someone call my name. It was the same boy, now in his early twenties. I was surprised he remembered me, but he said "Of course I remember you. You were the most important person in my life."

I hadn't realised our relationship had been so important to him at the time. Everyone else had written this boy off. Even his school principal told me he would end up in gaol. He's now working as a carpenter, and he loves it. He always liked the outdoors better than being in the classroom. He especially remembered the work we did around his culture. We set him up with a local Elder and they made a didgeridoo together. He has never forgotten it.

For me, this is what Barnardos is all about, making a difference and improving outcomes for the next generation.



“You were the most important person in my life.”

**Jodi Owen, Penrith Children's Family Centre Manager**  
(pictured with her two children, Mathew, 14, and Mia, 11)

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“  
We’re making a  
real difference  
to their lives.”  
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**Bernadette and Matt  
Latimer, adoptive  
parents to four siblings**  
(L-R) Zander, Isaac, Matt,  
Eve, Bernadette and Xavier



## A new life together

One of the things that made us want to look after siblings, is that we didn’t want anyone to be pulled apart. We didn’t want them to go to different homes where they’d grow up not knowing their family.

That’s why we have decided to give Zander, Eve, Isaac and Xavier a permanent place to call home. It has changed all our lives forever, but we wouldn’t have it any other way.

When they first came into our care, my husband Matt and I were over the moon. I just wanted to hug them and not let them go. And now that we’ve adopted them, we can stay together as a family.

We’ve watched each and every one of them grow in confidence and blossom into their own unique personalities. It’s such a proud moment for us as parents to know that we’re making a real difference to their lives. We have built so much trust with them and as a result, the love between us just continues to build.

As the eldest sibling, Zander had to shoulder a lot of the responsibilities caring for his younger brothers and sister. But now that he has the chance to simply enjoy his youth, Zander’s a whole new person. He is in the top 10% of his selective high school and has been awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award for his involvement with our local surf lifesaving club. As parents, we give them every opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities. We want them to experience everything life has to offer.

I would definitely encourage people to take on siblings because these kids need that security. So many have been pulled apart already, that’s why open adoption is so fulfilling - it transforms their lives.

And as our beautiful 13-year-old daughter Eve said about being adopted with her brothers, “We all get to feel safe and happy together and we all get to be in the same new life together.”

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## Here for the long haul

I recently received a call from a young woman, Brinley, who was in the out-of-home care program that I managed many years ago.

She needed a copy of her birth certificate, something that children in foster care can often lose track of. I was proud to learn that Brinley has had her first child and absolutely loves being a mother. She has her own place and is living a stable and healthy life.

I remember when she was in my program, she was causing damage to the property she was living in, going missing at times and making unsafe choices. We consistently supported her for almost three years. It's a great reward to see how she has beaten all the statistics and broken the cycle of disadvantage. It is wonderful to have been a small part of her journey.

I grew up in New Zealand and came to Sydney as a young person. Initially, I trained as a screen printer and would volunteer in children's holiday programs at the Housing Estate in Woolloomooloo. That was what sparked my interest in youth work.

I could see children in a cycle of disadvantage, predominantly Aboriginal children at the time. That struck a chord with me because of my experience growing up in New Zealand, playing rugby with young Maori men who played barefoot because their families couldn't afford boots.

My wife and I moved to Mudgee, where she is originally from. I was dissatisfied in my job, working with hydraulics and I knew I had to do what I really loved – working with young people. I applied for a job at Barnardos Mudgee. I didn't have the desired qualifications, but they could see I was passionate and had previous experience.

I've been with Barnardos for seven years now and have become the Program Manager at Barnardos in Wellington, Western NSW. Wellington is a real salt-of-the-earth community. No two days are ever the same. You can have the best laid plans, but Wellington always takes its own course. The team here is amazing and we work closely together to support our families.

Not a day goes by that I don't think of Brinley and wonder how she's doing. My dog is a daily reminder of her. When she was in our program, Brinley adopted a puppy that she wasn't prepared to care for. She needed to find a new home for the puppy, so I became its owner. It's so wonderful to see Brinley now, all these years later, doing a fantastic job of caring for a new human being. There are no half measures when you do this kind of work.

I'm here for the long haul. I've seen people come in and leave shortly after and that's not the way to build trust. People go through so much and they still manage to bounce back. And that's what I'm here for.



“There are no half measures when you do this kind of work.”

**Mark Hoare, Program Manager, Western NSW Children's Family Centre**

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“Coming here showed me I wasn’t alone.”

**Shaniece at the Bundaleer Community Centre in Warrawong**



## Empowering children to achieve

My name is Shaniece and I grew up on the Bundaleer Housing Estate in Warrawong. I moved here when I was 10 years old – and it was a pretty scary place. There was a lot of violence, drugs and alcohol abuse.

I would often come down to the Bundaleer Community Centre, where Barnardos would support kids like me. They provided homework help, breakfast or afternoon snacks and a safe space for us to hang out with friends. Coming here showed me I wasn’t alone. That others shared the same feelings as me.

As a teenager, I dealt with this stigma of people looking down on you because of where you’re from. You felt that because you lived in a bad area, you’re not worthy of support. But Barnardos believed in me. I joined their youth group and they got me a tutor during high school. This place helped me out so much with my education.

The best thing about youth group was it made me feel important. It made me feel valued. And it led me to my current job at Beyond Empathy, where I now do community-based work at Bundaleer. I talk to neighbours, kids and teens. I support them, give

them advice and we work together making movies and podcasts. It’s a great opportunity for kids to get creative and gives the community an avenue to speak out. To have their voices heard. I’ve come full circle. I used to come here as a kid, as a teenager, and now I’m an adult coming in here helping the kids out in my community. I couldn’t think of anything else better to do with my life to be honest, it’s the best thing ever.

I know what it’s like living here - it’s really not a bad place. So, it feels good to give back to Bundaleer for what it’s done for me. To see kids that I used to play with now growing up into teenagers, and me giving them support, just like Barnardos supported me, is just surreal.

I’m so thankful that Barnardos were part of my childhood and it’s great to see them continuing to support children and families through the Bundaleer Community Centre. It’s important to invest in children because they’re the future. They absorb so much from what they see and from what adults do. Barnardos gives them the opportunity to learn and gives them the space to be who they are.

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## Finding their place in the world

I was 15 when I moved out of home. I was a headstrong young person and always wanted to do my own thing. I didn't finish school and had a whole range of jobs. The one I remember most is when I was 19 and working in a residential care service for young people who were unable to live at home. The way they disciplined the young people for behavioural problems didn't sit well with me - so I left.

I first started working with Barnardos in 1986. I learned a lot about the experiences of young people. In the early 90s I moved from Canberra to Sydney to take up the position of Barnardos HIV/AIDS Educator. I was working to raise awareness and educate employees about HIV/AIDS issues as it was established there would be a large influx of children into care who were HIV positive. At the time there was a lot of fear, stigma and mis-information about AIDS.

Overtime I returned to the Barnardos Canberra Youth Housing program, which was the predecessor to my current role. We supported homeless young people to find accommodation and to create a stable living environment.

I moved into a policy role while I had my four children. It was great to have flexibility in my work while I built my family. Barnardos is always very supportive of where you're at in your personal life. When family challenges arose a few years later, I was

ready to leave. But my manager supported me to continue working whilst I cared for my children.

I remember when the ACT Government was offering an opportunity to run a youth education and training accommodation service. It was an innovative model where homeless young people in education or training could live in supported accommodation. After all I'd experienced working with young people, my manager and I thought this was a great opportunity and put a tender together for Barnardos.

It was such a proud moment when I found out we were successful. We set up 'Our Place' in a block of units in Braddon, offering one-on-one support as well as group activities to help build a supportive community for young people who are studying. What I love about this program is that it's so ambitious for young people. It recognises their goals and dreams. It's not just about getting them through a crisis, it's so much bigger than that. We prepare young people to take their place in the world, not the welfare system. The program has just had its 10-year anniversary.

It's been a long journey with lots of breaks and changes, but Barnardos has been a constant in my life. I've had great mentoring from senior employees and the dedication and commitment of my team is constantly inspiring. Barnardos support me to support young people and that's what I'm really passionate about.



“We prepare young people to take their place in the world.”

**Siobhan Cosgrave,**  
**'Our Place'**  
**Program Manager, ACT**

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**“Keeping Aboriginal kids connected to family, community and Country, whether they’re at home or in care.”**

**Tina West, Manager of the Barnardos Aboriginal Cultural Unit**



## Culture, community and connection

Growing up in a small town in Western NSW, I was exposed to a lot of traumatic events. It wasn't a healthy childhood. I had my first child at the age of 17 and then another two before I was 21.

In my mid-20s I found myself in a women's refuge on the Central Coast. My kids were four, six and eight at the time. I didn't want my kids being exposed to the same issues that I was exposed to growing up. I realised that this wasn't how things should be and I wanted better for my children.

After I moved to the Central Coast I became a teacher's aide at a local school, and my home was often seen as a local drop-in centre for children in the community. I always felt bad about telling the kids to go home because I was fearful of what they were going home to.

I eventually applied for a Kinship Care job at Barnardos Wyong. I'd worked hard to get my qualifications in child protection so I could support my mob. But I soon found out that Barnardos didn't accept referrals for Aboriginal children because they didn't have culturally appropriate carers. I decided to resign because I felt disconnected from my community. When I told my manager, she immediately asked, "What can we do to change that?"

I started taking my team out to Aboriginal events and we became known in the community. I spoke to the CEO and she acknowledged that Aboriginal children need to be case managed by community and Aboriginal organisations, but in the absence of that, we were denying them the great services we provide. So, we started accepting referrals for Aboriginal children.

That's why I love working for Barnardos. They support you and they are willing to take on your advice. They don't sit there and say, 'this is how we do it'. They take on your ideas and ask, 'how can we make that better?' They evolve with it and that's why, 8 years later, I'm still here.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day, Barnardos set up the Aboriginal Cultural Unit (ACU). Our aim is to ensure that Barnardos is a culturally safe organisation, keeping Aboriginal kids connected to family, community and Country, whether they're at home or in care. In our first year we have been developing new structures, policies and procedures to ensure Barnardos complies with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle. I've seen enormous change so far and I'm really excited to see what we can do to take things to the next level.

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# Our champions in the community



(Volunteers from Lawcover Insurance Pty Ltd at our corporate working bee event.)

Every year our generous donors, volunteers and corporate partners answer the call to keep children and young people safe from abuse and neglect, giving them a second chance at childhood.

**Without these champions for children, Barnardos Australia simply couldn't carry out the work we do.**



# Showing our gratitude

Barnardos Australia was delighted to celebrate our champions for children at a Thank You event held at Doltone House, Pyrmont, on the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Corporate Partners, Major Donors, Community Fundraisers and Trust & Foundations Partners alike were treated to a fantastic evening and had the chance to speak with Barnardos employees, executive leaders and Board Members, including CEO Deirdre Cheers and Board Chair Janett Milligan.

Following a stirring Welcome to Country and dance performance by the children from our Yurungai Learning Centre, guests were moved by a video presentation of a real client's story. They then had the opportunity to participate in a Q&A session with Barnardos Penrith Children's Family Centre Manager, Jodi Owen, and Program Manager, Melissa Cooke. Focusing on the work achieved through our Family Accommodation and Support program, Jodi and Melissa provided inspiring insight into how this program empowers children and families to recover and thrive.

The event was a welcome break from COVID-19 restrictions, which have so severely impacted our ability to gather face-to-face. It was a fantastic

opportunity to thank our amazing donors and demonstrate how their support makes a real difference to vulnerable lives. It also allowed us to showcase the intensive and caring support provided by Barnardos' highly-skilled employees, and gave donors the rare chance to see 'behind the scenes' and speak with those who deliver our vital services in the community.

CEO Deirdre Cheers was delighted by the success of this first-time event: "It was wonderful, professional, and a testimony to teamwork. In circulating among the room, I was told over and over again by our donors how connected they are to Barnardos, and how very much they feel supported as valued financial supporters of Barnardos' work."

Head of Philanthropy and Partnerships, Mark McDaid said, "I really felt that we achieved what we set out to do, and that was to educate, inspire and engage our donors, and to make them feel valued and thanked. After such a long time under the COVID-19 cloud, it was marvellous to connect with our supporters face-to-face, get to know them, and give them the opportunity to meet us, our program employees, our leadership team and members of the Board."





# Unwavering commitment and generosity

2020 was a challenging year for many of our community fundraisers - but that didn't stop our premier partner, The Peter Pan Committee, from rolling up their sleeves to raise vital funds for some of Australia's most vulnerable children and young people.

With lockdown restrictions seeing major events cancelled and limitations on fundraising efforts, the call for creativity was stronger than ever. In a COVIDSafe way, The Peter Pan Committee went above and beyond to turn their annual Literary Lunch into a virtual event with guest author, Sofie Laguna.

In total, 23 lunches and dinners were held in various private residences, with approximately 10 to 15 guests at each event. By reaching out to their generous networks, this wonderful Committee of tenacious women raised a staggering \$90,000 in support of our programs and services.

The Committee also raised \$42,000 through the beloved Peter Pan Op Shop Winter Sale and its amazing bargains. An additional \$30,000 was raised by hosting a private viewing of the theatre production The Twins at the Seymour Centre in April 2021. Throughout the evening, guests had the opportunity to listen to Barnardos employees John Conwell and Stella Healy from our Sydney Metro Streetwork program, who shared their work experiences and own personal stories.

We are overwhelmed by the kindness and dedication of The Peter Pan Committee, who continue to help us keep children safe from abuse and neglect. Even in the midst of a pandemic, their generosity did not falter.

For 85 years, Committee members have raised more than \$5 million for Barnardos Australia. To you all, we say a heartfelt thank you. Thank you for being champions for children.

# Compassion in a crisis

The James N. Kirby Foundation have generously supported Barnardos Australia since 1989, gifting over \$524,000 in grant funding towards our vital programs and services. Their compassion, especially over the past 12 months, has truly made a difference to the lives of many vulnerable Australians.

Last year, the Foundation encouraged Barnardos to apply for their Emergency COVID-19 Grants, as they knew many of the children and families in our care were heavily affected by the global pandemic.

They kindly donated \$50,000 in October 2020, providing much-needed support to children, young people and parents affected by domestic and family violence, caused or exacerbated by the COVID-19 crisis.

The funding was distributed to our Auburn, Penrith and Mudgee centres in NSW, to meet priority needs for families and communities doing it tough.

A total of 375 people affected by domestic and family violence in those communities, were supported to remain safe and cared for during such a challenging period.

Our employees were able to provide emergency accommodation, safety planning, food and relief items, medical and mental health care, household goods, care packs, onsite playgroups for young children, financial and legal support, COVID-19 safety packs and group life skills sessions for families in need.

All of this was made possible thanks to the kindness of the James N. Kirby Foundation. We express our sincere gratitude for the emergency funding they provided us with this financial year, and we are overwhelmed by their continued support for more than 30 years. Thank you for believing in our work as champions for children.





# Collaboration in action



## sass & bide

Each year, iconic Australian fashion label sass & bide produces a limited-edition tee with all profits donated directly to Barnardos Australia.

The 2021 edition, titled 'Big Love, Little Love', celebrated the kindness, compassion and love Barnardos employees provide to vulnerable children each and every day. The campaign featured three of our own amazing employees, Lydia Drake, Simone Reynolds and Amanda Eljed, along with children from our Auburn Long Day Care Centre.

The t-shirts were a big hit, especially with those who wanted to match with their little ones. A big thank you to sass & bide for raising over \$45,000 through the sale of this beautiful tee!

For over 16 years, sass & bide have continued to proudly support our vital work with vulnerable children and families. They share in our vision of helping Australian children reach their brightest future and we look forward to many more years of this beautiful and impactful collaboration.



## Our corporate volunteers

We were delighted to provide COVIDSafe opportunities for a number of Barnardos corporate partners and supporters to connect with their local communities and volunteer their time through our exciting engagement activities.

In February 2021, the Australian Mutuals Foundation joined an excursion to Jamberoo Action Park with children from our South Coast Children's Family Centre, and in May, they helped refurbish our Reconnect Marrickville office. Global 360° visited our Barnardos Auburn Children's Family Centre for a working bee in March 2021 and we were excited to welcome Envirobank at the Bundaleer Salt Water Festival in April.

In a year where volunteering and engagement opportunities were severely hampered, we were also delighted that the Peter Pan Op Shop Winter Sale was able to be held in May 2021. A big thank you to volunteers from Corporate Partners HSBC, Australian Mutuals Foundation, BNP Paribas, AbbVie and Envirobank, who all donated their time to help ensure the sale went off without a hitch!

We are always so grateful for these volunteers and look forward to seeing many more of our amazing corporate champions in person next year!





# A lasting legacy

We are humbled by the kindness of everyday Australians who choose to leave a gift in their Will to Barnardos. Each gift – no matter how big or small – ensures we can continue providing vital programs and services to vulnerable children for generations to come.

For Lorna Thompson, leaving a charitable gift to Barnardos Australia holds a very special place in her heart. Her grandfather regularly donated to Barnardos and once supported young boys in our care in the early years after the Great Depression. A kind and inspirational man, he offered them work on his property and mentored them to achieve their full potential. Lorna's mother, Joan, also donated in support of our work, as she believed helping vulnerable children was the most worthwhile thing anyone could do. Now Lorna is following in their footsteps by continuing her family's legacy of giving to Barnardos.

Lorna has decided to leave a gift in her Will as a lasting commitment to the lives of disadvantaged children and young people.

"There is no excuse for letting these vulnerable children fall through the cracks. It shouldn't happen. I would love to see every kid having a chance," she says.

"I've always been so lucky. I had everything to look forward to. I just want them to have what I had."

Lorna's gift is more than money. It's the gift of a promising future. By writing a few simple lines in her Will, Lorna is supporting more children to grow up in a safe and nurturing home, free from violence and suffering.

"I just think it's something that everybody should do if they can," says Lorna.



"I would love to see every kid having a chance."

**Lorna Thompson,  
Bequester**



**\$1.74m** committed to future generations



**29 people** left a gift in their Will to ensure a brighter future for vulnerable children

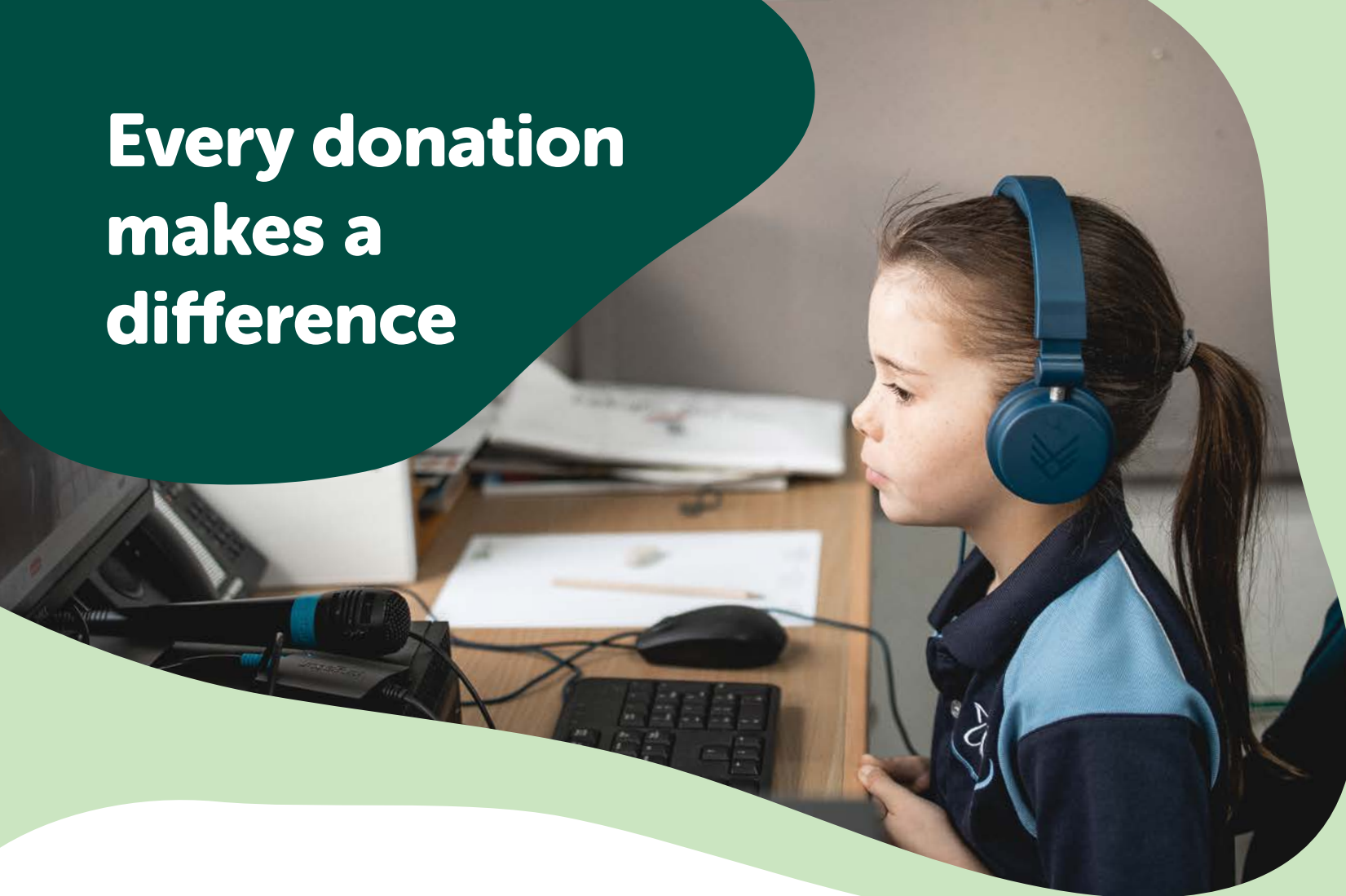


Did you know? Gifts in Wills make up almost **1/3** of the vital fundraising revenue we receive each year

# CHAMPION



# Every donation makes a difference



The COVID-19 pandemic has seen many Australians shift their support online, but this hasn't changed the way their generosity is changing lives.

We are beyond grateful to all the amazing donors who choose to support the children and young people in our care. With you as their champion, they can achieve a life full of opportunity, success and hope.

## In 2020-21:

**2,529** amazing Aussie's joined our family by becoming a Barnardos Buddy. A total of \$1,353,690 was raised through this regular giving program.

**8,773** people donated one-off gifts to Barnardos, raising \$949,375.



**We're especially grateful for the people who continue to donate monthly through our Barnardos Buddies program!**

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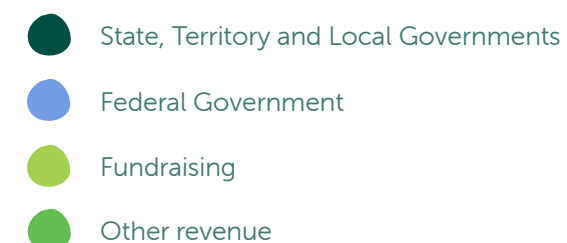
## Our overall financial position as at June 30 2021\*

	\$000's
Total current assets	13,469
Total non-current assets	26,108
Total assets	39,577
Total current liabilities	19,978
Total non-current liabilities	12,542
Total liabilities	32,520
Net assets	7,057
Total equity	7,057

## Our sources of funds and expenditure as at June 30 2021\*

	\$000's
Fundraising revenue	6,544
Government subsidies	100,779
Other social care revenue	893
Recruitment services	4,634
Investment, rental and other revenue	1,307
Net gain arising from financial assets	373
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>114,530</b>
Deduct expenditure	
Social care centres	107,226
Fundraising	3,100
Property and administration	1,770
Recruitment services	4,311
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>116,407</b>
Net Income/(Deficit)	(1,877)

## Where the money comes from



## Where the money goes





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