

# *Alola Australia Annual Report 2016*



**'STRONG WOMEN, STRONG NATION'  
'FETO FORTE, NASAUN FORTE'**



# ANNUAL REPORT



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# VISION, MISSION & PURPOSE



## OUR VISION

**'STRONG WOMEN, STRONG NATION'**

**SHARED WITH OUR PARTNER FUNDASAUN ALOLA**

**'FETO FORTE, NASAUN FORTE'**

## OUR MISSION

Partner with Fundasaun Alola in enabling women and families in Timor-Leste to build a strong future by raising awareness, funds and creating links in Australia, and building a strong sustainable organisation.

## OUR PURPOSE

Alola Australia was established in 2008 and works in partnership with Fundasaun Alola, a Timorese NGO founded by Kirsty Sword Gusmão in 2001 to make positive and sustainable changes in the lives of women and children in Timor-Leste.

Alola Australia and our supporters raise awareness and funds to support four key programs of Fundasaun Alola:

• Advocacy • Education and Literacy • Maternal and Child Health, and • Economic Empowerment

Fundasaun Alola's programs create employment, promote human rights and strengthen community development. They also help enhance the status of women. Alola's programs work hand-in-hand with the Government of Timor-Leste to achieve the nation's Development Goals.

Alola Australia is committed to enabling Fundasaun Alola undertake their work effectively and sustainably. We recognise that the interests of women, men and children are best served when local communities mobilise local community capacity. We obtain funds for Alola's development work by undertaking fundraising activities and events aiming to raise at least \$100,000 per year.



# CHAIR'S REPORT

As each year passes Alola Australia becomes stronger and more focused on supporting development programs to enable women and families in Timor-Leste to build a strong future. Our partnership with Fundasaun Alola is crucial to this work.

Alola Australia is a small but effective organisation run by a Board of Directors and with a large support-base of members and supporters across Australia. Our collaboration with Fundasaun Alola involves responding to the issues they identify as being important.

We aim to be responsive and supportive in our commitment to our sister organisation Fundasaun Alola. We maintain dialogue and close links with Fundasaun Alola via:

- Visits to Australia by Fundasaun Alola staff for study, conferences and speaking engagements:
- Visits to Timor-Leste by Board Directors and other Alola supporters;
- Sharing of key documents and reports; and
- The organisation of at least one meeting per year of the Alola Board with the CEO and/or Chair of Fundasaun Alola.

Kirsty Sword Gusmão AO, Chair of Fundasaun Alola attended several Alola Australia Board meetings during 2016. Conversations covered issues such as the Board of Fundasaun Alola, Alola's contribution to the increase in exclusive breastfeeding in Timor-Leste, the decrease in the under-five mortality rate and the fact that Timor-Leste is one of only a few countries on track to meet the UN Millennium Development Goals. We very much value Kirsty's attendance at our Board meetings, her stories, insights, strategic contacts and advice.

Alzira Reis, the CEO of Fundasaun Alola, met with the Alola Australia Board in May 2016 when she was in Melbourne to attend IWDA's WAVE workshop. Our discussions included updates on Fundasaun Alola's programs, emerging advocacy issues for women in Timor-Leste, the formal partnership agreement between Alola Australia and Fundasaun Alola and plans for her visit to Australia in 2017.

Maria Imaculada Guterres (image on lower right), Manager of Fundasaun Alola's Maternal and Child Health Program visited Melbourne and Geelong in August 2016 and this was a valuable opportunity to hear stories of success, to meet Board Directors and supporters, especially in the Geelong region.



Image: Alzira Reis by Gemma Carr (IWDA)



Image: L-R: Maria, Kirsty & Maria Bohan

# CHAIR'S REPORT

continued...



Image: Alzira Reis & Maria Bohan

Alola Australia is committed to keeping our organisational costs to a minimum so that the funds we raise are transferred to Fundasaun Alola. In 2016 we testified once again to this achievement due to the significant unpaid voluntary work by a very special team of people: the Board and a team of very dedicated volunteers. As we move into 2017 the key priorities for Alola Australia include:

- Enhancing the depth of our relationship, partnership, and support for Fundasaun Alola
- On-going engagement and communication with and our supporter base, and
- Achieving our fundraising goals in order to support Fundasaun Alola.

It is inspiring to be involved with Alola Australia and Fundasaun Alola. I take this opportunity to thank the Board for their vision, leadership, commitment and very hard work. I thank our volunteers and also Marita Jacobsson for her stunning work as Alola Australia's Administration Manager

*Maria Bohan*  
Chair, Alola Australia Board



# BOARD, PARTNERS AND ADVISORS



Image: Pre-School teachers in training

## BOARD

Our Board Directors in 2016 were

- *Nicole Bluett-Boyd*
- *Maria Bohan ~ Chair*
- *Clare Cunliffe*
- *Sofia Dedes*
- *Bernadette Garcia*
- *Yvonne Lay*
- *Jacky Mandelbaum ~ Company Secretary*
- *Jeannelle Menezes*
- *Christine Perkins*
- *Natalie Savin*
- *Helen Skinner*
- *Mardi Trompf ~ Treasurer*
- *Sunita Varlamos*



Image: Anti-trafficking training for Journalists



Image: Life skills training for young people

All images on this page are from Fundasaun Alola

# BOARD, PARTNERS AND ADVISORS

## OUR PARTNER FUNDASAUN ALOLA



- *Kirsty Sword Gusmão ~ Chair of the Board*
- *Board*
- *Alzira Reis ~ CEO*
- *Staff Team*
- *Volunteer Team*

Congratulations to Fundasaun Alola on a proud and strong 15 years supporting women and children of Timor-Leste, and of great national and regional leadership on women's rights, needs and vision for equality.

## ALOLA AUSTRALIA'S AVOS

Alola Australia's Avo Advisers are respected elder women who have or have had a particular association with Timor-Leste and/or Fundasaun Alola. They are appointed by the Board of Alola Australia and their role is to provide wise counsel on Alola Australia's activities, especially on matters that may require sensitivity and reconciliation. Alola Australia's Avos are:

- *Melanie Atkins*
- *Jan Curtain*
- *Jill Forsyth*
- *Wendy Mayne*
- *Christine Perkins*
- *Rosalie Sword*



# OUR THANK YOUS



Alola Australia  
acknowledges and thanks  
everyone who has  
contributed to and  
supported, bringing our  
mission to life during 2016.

## **PATRON**

- *Dame Quentin Bryce AD CVO*

## **SUPPORTERS**

*Friends of Alola groups and individuals across Australia, and overseas.*

## **VOLUNTEERS**

*A great list of people help with mailouts, the website, our Facebook page, the newsletter, the MILK Campaign, stalls, events, awareness and fundraising. The contributions of Wendy Mayne and Sue Lee to the newsletter, Wendy Mayne to the Facebook page and Melanie Atkins to our key fundraising initiatives, are all crucial to our work.*

## **OUR CORPORATE SUPPORTERS**

- *Salesforce.com*
- *The Shannon Company*
- *Holding Redlich*

## **OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS**

- *International Women's Development Agency*
- *Rotary Club of Kew*
- *Friends of Baucau*
- *Asia Justice and Rights*

## **INDIVIDUALS**

- *Jorge de Araujo ~ Photography*

# SNAPSHOT REPORTS FROM TIMOR-LESTE

Alola Australia applauds and celebrates the significant efforts and achievements of Fundasaun Alola in 2016 - the foundations of even greater things for the women and children of Timor-Leste in the year to come.

## MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

- 2,600 new mothers at 4 hospitals were assisted by Alola's hospital liaison officers in skin to skin contact and breastfeeding
- 844 maternity packs were distributed across 4 districts
- Over 1,700 people participated in birth preparedness programs in 18 villages across Oecusse
- Almost 4,300 referrals were made and approximately 6,000 women received counselling from mother support group (MSG) and village love their mothers (SHIO) members on safe delivery, malnutrition and nutrition and pregnancy complications
- 1,988 people participated in world breastfeeding celebrations and 141 villages participated in world food day celebrations
- The Haliku program awareness campaign involved 37 villages and 1,052 people in 37 villages and provided direct support and referral to 73 women.

## EDUCATION

- Over 500 students were assisted to develop their literacy through the mobile library program
- Dozens of teachers participated in training to increase their skills and quality of learning
- The scholarship program expanded education opportunities for 150 students
- The alternative preschool community homebased and centre-based pilot project got off to a great start for 3,333 children from Ermera and Viqueque



# SNAPSHOT REPORTS FROM TIMOR-LESTE

## ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

- 4 savings and loans schemes were established in 4 municipalities
- 7 agricultural groups were established across Baucau and Lospalos
- 80 women participated in quality control training across 12 municipalities
- 56 producer groups participated in the Easter and Christmas Fairs
- Over 1,300 women and 5 men benefited from the economic empowerment program



## ADVOCACY

- Over 1,200 women and 700 men participated in the women's resource centre
- Over 500 men and women participated in the self-employment group
- Alola was an active advocate for the Human Trafficking (prevention) laws which were approved and an active contributor to the ASEAN Peoples Forum 2016 in Timor-Leste and to the 100% 'I am Ready' campaign as a member of the steering committee
- Approximately 300 people participated in (Suku election) Citizen Forums and Leadership Training conducted by Alola
- 54 women Suku election candidates were supported by Alola



Rita Sarmento, a woman running for Village Chief in Timor-Leste.  
Photo: Anna E Carlile (Viola Design)



# SNAPSHOT REPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA

## FUNDRAISING PROGRAM



On 29 April 2016 Alola Australia hosted a special dinner event to raise funds for Fundasaun Alola's mobile library program. The program delivers comprehensive resources and educational programs to pre-primary and primary aged children in remote or marginalized communities in Timor-Leste. It promotes parental and community involvement in children's education and measures changes in community attitudes to literacy and education. The program also engages unemployed young people to participate in activities that benefit children in their communities by providing them with training and support to lead after-school activities for primary school aged children.



Just over 100 guests attended the Angliss Restaurant to raise funds for the program. Hosts Mary Bluett and Nicole Bluett-Boyd introduced a special conversation between Kirsty Sword Gusmão AO and Annie Keogh who shared their insights into the educational challenges for young people in Timor-Leste.

A successful auction followed and a total of \$12,000 was raised for the mobile library program.

## PARTNERSHIP WITH FRIENDS OF VIQUEQUE (GEELONG) – MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH PROGRAM

On 5 August 2016 the Geelong Friends of Viqueque held a fundraising dinner to support Fundasaun Alola's Maternal and Child Health Program in Viqueque.

Special guest speakers were Kirsty Sword Gusmão AO, founder and Chair of Fundasaun Alola and Maria Imaculada Guterres, Manager of Fundasaun Alola's Maternal and Child Health Program in Timor-Leste.

Maria told the audience that the program is having positive impacts on mothers and children's health in her beloved country. Kirsty reported that when Alola launched the National Breastfeeding Association of Timor-Leste in 2003 only 30% of women exclusively breastfed their babies.

Thanks to Alola's work in promoting breastfeeding and good infant feeding practices through Mother Support Groups across Timor-Leste, rates of exclusive breastfeeding now stand at around 62%.

140 people attended the event held at the Geelong Football Club and over \$17,000 was raised.

# SNAPSHOT REPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA

## SUPPORTERS



Loyal and innovative supporters across Australia continue to keep their eye on the women and children of Timor-Leste as they make regular donations and organize special fundraising initiatives.

Deserving special mention in 2016, Margaret Rollings from NSW walked along the Camino del Norte in Spain (993.5km in 2 months) raising funds to support Fundasaun Alola's HALIKU program which supports women in Timor-Leste who have breast cancer.

Many other long-time supporters continue to regularly donate to Alola. We thank them all.

## WOMEN'S TOUR TO TIMOR-LESTE



In July-August 2016 a group of Victorian women, including Board Directors Christine Perkins, Natalie Savin and Mardi Trompf, travelled along the north coast of Timor-Leste from east to west and back again, meeting Timorese women, hearing their stories and coming to a great understanding of the challenges they face and the joys they experience.



During the visit the women on tour connected with Timor-Leste through the prism of Fundasaun Alola staff they met along the way. They also learned how Fundasaun Alola plays a vital role in bringing the lived experience of women in villages to inform policy making at the highest levels of government, both nationally and internationally.

On their return to Australia, the women who were on tour in Timor-Leste shared their insights and learnings with the Board of Alola Australia, with supporters via our newsletter and website and also with their friends and families.



# SNAPSHOT REPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA

## CHRISTMAS GIFT CERTIFICATES

Our supporters increasingly value the opportunity to purchase empowering Christmas Gift Certificates for their work colleagues, family and friends, and in 2016 \$9,665 was raised from this fundraising opportunity.

## TRADING: ALOLA ESPERANSA PRODUCTS

Alola Australia continues to support the traditional weaving practices and the economic independence of the women of Timor-Leste by providing opportunities for the sale of Timorese handcrafts. Alola Tais and bags are displayed for sale at Christmas markets, craft markets and the Rotary Sustainability Store in Camberwell, and at other venues on request.



## SEMINAR: THE STOLEN CHILDREN OF TIMOR-LESTE

In October 2016 Alola Australia held an evening seminar at Melbourne University to provide the opportunity to hear more about the Stolen Children of Timor-Leste. An estimated 4000 Timorese children were forcibly taken away from their families during the Indonesian occupation of Timor-Leste.

Decades later, many families in Timor-Leste continue to search for their missing children. Guest speaker Dodi Yuniar from Asia Justice and Rights spoke about the work being done to reunite these Timorese children, now adults, with their families.

Seminars such as this assist Alola Australia's awareness raising program.



# FINANCIAL REPORT



**Alola Australia Limited**

ABN 20 132 084 050

Financial report  
For the year ended 31 December 2016

Alola Australia Limited  
ABN 20 132 084 050  
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Alola Australia Limited  
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**Corporate information**

**Directors**

N. Bluett-Boyd  
M. Bohan, Chairperson  
C. Cunliffe (Resigned 12 August 2016)  
S. Dedes (Appointed 14 November 2016)  
B. Garcia (Resigned 11 April 2016)  
Y. Lay  
J. Mandelbaum (Appointed 12 September 2016)  
J Menezes (Appointed 8 February 2016)  
C. Perkins  
N. Savin  
H. Skinner (Appointed 8 February 2016)  
M. Trompf  
S. Varlamos

**Company secretary**

J.Mandelbaum (Appointed 27 February 2016)

**Registered office**

Holding Redlich  
Level 8, 555 Bourke Street  
Melbourne VIC 3000

**Principal place of business**

377 Clarke St  
Northcote VIC 3070

**Solicitors**

Holding Redlich  
Level 8, 555 Bourke Street  
Melbourne VIC 3000

**Bankers**

ANZ  
55 Collins St  
Melbourne VIC 3000

**Auditor**

PKF Melbourne  
Level 12, 440 Collins St  
Melbourne, VIC 3000

Alola Australia Limited  
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**Directors' report**

Your directors submit their special purpose financial report for the for the year ended 31 December 2016.

**Directors**

The names and details of the Company's directors in office during the calendar year and until the date of this report are as follows. Directors were in office for this entire year unless otherwise stated.

**N. Bluett-Boyd**

Qualifications

- Bachelor of Arts (Honours - Criminology)

Relevant Experience/Roles

- Lead Researcher, Safe Futures Foundation (Timor-Leste)
- Senior Research Officer, Australian Institute of Family Studies
- Extensive Experience in Researching Violence Against Women

Special Responsibilities

- Portfolio Holder for Fundraising

**M. Bohan, Chairperson**

Qualifications

- Dip of Teaching Primary
- Graduate Diploma in Community Development RMIT

Relevant Experience/Roles

- CEO Carers Victoria 1994 - 2010 (annual budget \$10.5m)
- Manager Services Development CatholicCare 2012 - 2016
- Committee Community Owned Renewable Energy Project – Geelong Sustainability
- Pro bono mentor NFP CEOs,
- Significant leadership and social change experience

Special responsibilities

- Chairperson,
- Member Audit & Risk Committee
- Member Communications Committee
- Portfolio Holder for Governance - strategic partnerships, planning and recruitment

**C. Cunliffe (Resigned 16 August 2016)**

Qualifications

- Bachelor of Laws (Honours)
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours)

Relevant Experience/Roles

- Solicitor, Allens Arthur Robinson (now Allens)
- Policy Manager, Lao Bar Association
- Policy Officer, AusAID
- Solicitor, Corrs Chambers Westgarth
- Barrister, Victorian Bar

**S. Dedes (Appointed 14 November 2016)**

Qualifications

- BA (Communications (Journalism & Politics)
- Masters International Relations

Relevant Experience/Roles

- Will & Word Communications Consultancy.
- National Media & Strategic Communications Manager - Heart Foundation
- Principal Advisor - CFA
- Media & policy Advisor - Premier's Private Office

Special responsibilities

- Portfolio Holder - Communications

**B. Garcia (Resigned 11 April 2016)**

Qualifications

- Bachelor of Arts

Relevant Experience/Roles

- Senior Manager, Communications Marketing and Fundraising CatholicCare Australia
- Community Engagement Management Carers Victoria

**Y. Lay**

Qualifications

- Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
- Diploma of Management

Relevant Experience/Roles

- Employment in family violence service system (10 years)
- Board Member, Domestic Violence Victoria (3 years)
- Member, Quality and Audit Sub-committee (DVC)
- Safety & Resilience within the Womens Research, Advocacy and Policy Centre, Good Shepherd

Special Responsibilities

- Portfolio Holder for Governance - Compliance and Internal Coordination

**J. Mandelbaum 2016 (Appointed 12 September 2016)**

Qualifications

- Bachelor of Laws (Honours), Bachelor of Science

Relevant Experience/Roles

- Special Counsel, Corrs Chambers Westgarth (2015-date)
- Senior Legal Researcher, Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment (2011-2014)
- Senior Associate, Griffith Hack Lawyers (2008-2011)

Special responsibilities

- Company Secretary
- Member Audit and Risk Committee

**Jeanelle Menezes (Appointed 8 February 2016)**

Qualifications

- BCom/ LLB (Honours) (Auckland, New Zealand)

Relevant Experience/Roles

- Legal and Advisory - Corporate and International Tax (Allens Linklaters PWC)
- Policy development and advice - State Government of Victoria
- Legal policy - McCabe Centre for Law and Cancer, Cancer Council of Victoria

Special Responsibilities

- Member Audit and Risk Committee

**C. Perkins**

Qualifications:

- Diploma of Nursing
- Certificate IV Workplace Training and Assessment

Relevant Experience / Roles

- Board Member Healthsharing Women and Macaulay Community Credit Cooperative
- Extensive experience in International Development and long time supporter of Timor-Leste

Special responsibilities:

- Finance, Administration, Fundraising, Communications, Governance

**N. Savin**

Qualifications

- BA (Queensland)
- MA - Policy and Law (La Trobe)

Relevant Experience / Roles

- Executive management – state and local government
- CEO roles in several Not For Profit Organisations
- Board Member of
  - Dental Health Services Victoria (9 years, last 3 years as Chair)
  - Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital (2 years)

Special responsibilities

- Deputy Chair
- Convenor Audit and Risk Management Committee

**Helen Skinner (Appointed 8 February 2016)**

Qualifications

- BA (University of Cambridge, UK)
- MA (University of Cambridge, UK)

Relevant Experience/Roles

- Internal auditor at PwC, focussing on state

Special Responsibilities

- Member of Audit and Risk Committee

**M. Trompf**

Qualifications

- B. Eng (Aero)
- MBA (Technology Management)
- B.B (Supply Chain and Logistics).
- Certificate in Corporate Governance (Australian Institute of Governance)
- Masters in Evaluation (Ongoing, Melbourne University)

Special responsibilities:

- Member of Audit and Risk Committee
- VPL Trading
- Treasurer (from October 2013)

**Sunita Varlamos**

Qualifications

- Master of Public Policy and Management
- Graduate Diploma Business Management
- Graduate Diploma International and Community Development
- Graduate Diploma Social Research
- Bachelor of Arts (Sociology)

Relevant Experience/Roles

- Consultant to UNAIDS and UNICEF (Malaysia)
- Senior roles over 20 years managing international and community development social impact programs

#### Directors' meetings

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During the financial year 10 meetings of directors were held. Attendances by each director during the year were as follows:

2016 Directors' meetings		
Director	Number eligible to attend	Number attended
N. Bluett-Boyd	10	6
M. Bohan, Chairperson	10	9
C. Cunliffe	5	4
S. Dedes	2	2
B. Garcia	2	0
Y. Lay	10	6
J. Mandelbaum	4	1
J. Menezes	10	5
C. Perkins	10	9
N. Savin	10	10
H. Skinner	10	8
M. Trompf	10	7
S. Varlamos	10	9

#### Directors benefits

Directors are not remunerated by Aloia Australia Ltd for their service.

#### Indemnification and insurance of directors

The amount of \$1,500 was paid, in December 2016, for Association Liability Insurance, during or since the end of the financial year for any person who is or has been an officer of the company.

#### Principal activities, objectives and results

The principal activities during the year were to conduct awareness raising and fundraising appeals for the Australia Timor-Leste Relief and Development Fund.

The company's mission is to partner with Fundasaun Aloia in enabling women and families in Timor-Leste to build a strong future.

The company's objectives are to:

- Raise awareness, funds and create links within Australia
- Build a strong and sustainable organisation in Australia

In pursuit of those objectives the directors' focus in 2016 was to increase awareness in Australia of the work of Fundasaun Aloia, to raise at least \$100,000 for the programs of Fundasaun Aloia, to recruit volunteers to meet the promotional activity and skill needs of the organisation, and to strengthen and improve governance. Sound progress was achieved against each of these goals.

As a not for profit entity, all donations received, less costs, will be distributed to Fundasaun Aloia for use in a range of development projects in Timor-Leste.

#### Significant events after the balance date

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the company in future financial years.

#### Capital structure

Aloia Australia is a company limited by guarantee and as such does not have any share capital. Its Constitution precludes the payment of any dividends. In the event that it is wound up, the Constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$2 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the company. At 31 December 2016 there were 28 members of the company.

#### Auditor's independence declaration

The auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 31 December 2016 has been received and can be found on page 6.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors.

*Maria Bohan*

M. Bohan  
Director  
Melbourne,

8/5/2017

## Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Alola Australia Limited

In relation to our audit of the financial report of Alola Australia Limited for the financial year ended 31 December 2016 to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* or any applicable code of professional conduct.



**PKF Melbourne Audit & Assurance**



**Steven Bradby**

**Director**

Melbourne, 8 May 2017

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Alola Australia Limited  
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**Statement of Surplus or Deficit and Other Comprehensive Income**  
For the year ended 31 December 2016

		<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	Note		
<b>Revenue</b>			
Advocacy		550	1,450
Breast cancer support		2,940	-
Economic Empowerment		1,500	1,150
Education		101,762	64,548
Maternal & Child Health		109,102	117,801
Sales		4,202	2,342
Gifts and donations - untied		32,273	73,515
Interest income		51	36
Total revenue		<b>252,380</b>	<b>260,842</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Overheads and campaign expenses			
Administration support		13,007	8,474
Audit fee		2,750	2,750
Bank fees and charges		791	782
Event and campaign expenses		8,776	15,349
Insurance expense		2,174	2,174
Inventory expense		1,091	500
Other expenses		5,935	5,922
<i>Subtotal</i>		<i>34,524</i>	<i>35,951</i>
Disbursement to Fundasaun Alola		<i>222,586</i>	<i>221,908</i>
<i>Subtotal</i>		<i>222,586</i>	<i>221,908</i>
Total expenses / disbursement to Fundasaun Alola		<b>257,110</b>	<b>257,859</b>
Surplus / (deficit) before income tax expense		<b>(4,730)</b>	<b>2,983</b>
Income tax expense	2	-	-
Operating surplus / deficit for the year	5	<b>(4,730)</b>	<b>2,983</b>
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
<b>Total accumulated losses/comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>(4,730)</b>	<b>2,983</b>

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes



Alola Australia Limited  
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**Statement of Financial Position**  
 As at 31 December 2016

	Note	2016	2015
<b>ASSETS</b>		\$	\$
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	1(b)	5,386	6,230
GST receivable		548	4,434
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>5,934</b>	<b>10,664</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>5,934</b>	<b>10,664</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained surplus		5,934	10,664
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>5,934</b>	<b>10,664</b>

**Statement of Changes in Equity**  
 For the year ended 31 December 2016

	2016	2015
Equity at the beginning of the year	\$ 10,664	\$ 7,681
Total comprehensive income for the year	(4,730)	2,983
Equity at the end of the year	<b>5,934</b>	<b>10,664</b>

The above statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes



Alola Australia Limited  
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**Statement of Cash Flows**  
For the year ended 31 December 2016

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	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Receipts in the form of donations and fundraising		252,380	260,842
Payment of expenses / disbursements		253,224	256,188
Net cash flow from operating activities	1(a)	(844)	4,654
 Cash at beginning of financial year		6,230	1,576
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		(844)	4,654
Cash at end of financial year		<u>5,386</u>	<u>6,230</u>
 (a) Reconciliation of net cash flow from operating activities with operating surplus:			
Operating surplus		(4,730)	2,983
Increase in payables / decrease in receivables		3,886	1,671
Increase in funds held on behalf of Fundasaun Alola			
Net cash flow from operating activities		<u>(844)</u>	<u>4,654</u>

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes



Alola Australia Limited  
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 Notes to the financial report

## **Note 1 Statement of significant accounting policies**

### *Financial Reporting Framework*

The Company is not a reporting entity because in the opinion of the directors, there are unlikely to exist users of the financial report who are unable to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. Accordingly, this "special purpose financial report" has been prepared so as to provide information required by the Directors, Members and Donors. Alola Australia Ltd is a small company limited by guarantee as defined by s45B of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of applicable Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, modified for use by non-reporting entities. It is compliant with the disclosure requirements of the following standards:

- AASB 101 "Presentation of Financial Statements"
- AASB 107 "Cashflow Statements"
- AASB 108 "Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors"
- AASB 110 "Events after the Balance Sheet Date"
- AASB 1031 "Materiality"

Accounting policies are selected and applied in a manner which ensures that the resulting financial information satisfies the concepts of relevance and reliability, thereby ensuring that the substance of the underlying transactions or other events is reported.

### *Significant Accounting Policies*

Accounting policies are selected and applied in a manner which ensures that the resulting financial information satisfies the concepts of relevance and reliability, thereby ensuring that the substance of the underlying transactions or other events is reported. The following significant accounting policies have been adopted in the preparation and presentation of the financial report:

**(a) Going Concern**

The financial report has been prepared adopting the going concern convention which assumes continuity of normal business activities and the realisation of assets and the settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of business.

**(b) Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents in the balance sheet comprise cash at bank and in hand and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

**(c) Revenue recognition**

Revenue is recognised and measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable to the extent it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the entity and the revenue can be reliably measured. Gifts and donations are recognised when they are received or when the right to receive payment is established.

The Company acts as an agent for and on behalf of Fundasaun Alola to collect grants and donations from Australian supporters. The gross inflows of economic benefits in such cases are initially controlled by the company and therefore recognised as revenue.

These accounts are presented in Australian dollars.

**Note 2 Income tax**

Alola Australia Ltd has Tax Concession Charity status from the ATO (via ACNC).

**Note 3 Related party transactions**

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

**Note 4 Economic dependency**

The future operations of the company are dependent upon the continuation of adequate funding from donors and grantors.

**Note 5 Operating deficit**

The deficit for the year contains a GST write-off of \$4,443 which relates to a change in estimation regarding the recoverability of GST receivable.



Alola Australia Limited  
ABN 20 132 084 050  
Directors' declaration

In the opinion of the directors:

- (a) The company is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. Accordingly, as described in note 1 to the financial statements, the attached special purpose financial statements have been prepared for the purposes of complying with either the *Corporations Act 2001* requirements, or other request, to prepare and distribute financial statements to the members of Alola Australia Limited;
- (b) The financial statements and notes of the company give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2016 and its performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in note 1; and
- (c) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors

Maria Bohan

M. Bohan  
Director  
Melbourne,

8/5/2017

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF ALOLA AUSTRALIA LIMITED

### Report on the audit of the Financial Report

#### Qualified Opinion

We have audited the accompanying special purpose financial report of Alola Australia Limited ('the company'), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2016, the statements of surplus or deficit and other comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and the directors' declaration of the company.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis of Qualified Opinion section of our report, the accompanying financial report of the company is in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 31 December 2016 and of its financial performance for the year 2016 ended; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

#### Basis for Qualified Opinion

Cash donations are a significant source of fundraising revenue for the company. The company has determined that it is impracticable to establish control over the collection of cash donations prior to entry into its financial records. Accordingly, as the evidence available to us regarding fundraising revenue from this source was limited, our audit procedures with respect to cash donations had to be restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. We therefore are unable to express an opinion on whether the recorded cash donations of the company are complete.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the registered entity in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act) ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

#### Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the registered entity's financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### The Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act and the needs of the members. The Directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as it determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is fairly presented and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors of the company are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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## **Auditor's responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report**

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

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

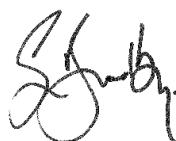
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the registered entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the responsible entities.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the responsible entities use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the registered entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the registered entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



**PKF Melbourne Audit & Assurance**

**Melbourne, 8 May 2017**



**Steven Bradby**

**Director**