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# Annual Report



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**Christadelphian Meal-a-Day Asia-Pacific Ltd**

**MEAL A DAY**

*Asia-Pacific*

Meal-a-Day works to relieve hunger, disadvantage, disability and homelessness in some of the world's poorest communities through sustainable projects providing fresh water, nutrition, shelter, education, healthcare and hope.

# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

## CMaD, Asia - Pacific Chairman's Report 2017-2018

By God's Grace the work of CMaD has continued to support our project partners in the Asia – Pacific region. Our support of “Home of Peace” in Kuala Lumpur and “Heritage Home” in Nepal, although low cost to us, it is very important to the vulnerable boys and girls in these orphanages. Their health, wellbeing and education is reliant on other's generosity.

Over the past year we have committed to increase our support for “Wells of India”. We are receiving reports of great results of increased water storage for villagers and increased crops for the people of Rajasthan. Our support for Ayries Society is ongoing for the wonderful work they are doing in Southern India. Our work with the Karen Hilltribes Trust” in Thailand and our support in Vanuatu are ongoing. CMaD are taking on a new project in Timor Leste with “Hiam Health” similar to the previous project of home gardens. This time it is an educational project for women affected by domestic violence. They will learn how to produce their own gardens to support themselves with food and income.

Our management team are working hard to focus on feedback from our project partners particularly in responsible governance in areas such as child protection, threats of terror and corruption. This is due to the efforts that the Board and the Management Committee are making to secure Tax deductibility status with the ATO. This has been a challenge but may pave the way for other Christadelphian charities to fall within the guidelines. We acknowledge the fact that the CMaD Asia - Pacific is run under the auspices of Christadelphian Ecclesias Australia wide which directs the Board and the Committee to act with accountability.

We are most grateful to our regular individual contributors and the various Ecclesias across Australia who have been moved to donate and fundraise for these worthwhile causes. The May we Eat event which is our main annual fundraiser over May and June assisted in raising \$20,398.00 which is a great result.

### Karen Hill Tribes



Again, I thank you for the support from all of our donators and respectfully ask that it may continue. Thank you also to the Management team who put in many hours of work in servicing the Meal a Day aim of helping those less fortunate than us.

On behalf of the Board and Management of CMaD,

Andrew King (Chairman)



Established in the UK over 40 years ago, Meal-a-Day now operates internationally, in Asia-Pacific, Africa, Eastern Europe, the Americas and the Caribbean.

We work in partnership with a range of organisations, helping to overcome the problems of hunger, disease, disability and homelessness and encourage sharing, learning and service to others.

In Asia-Pacific we support a growing portfolio of practical, locally-run projects across Nepal, India, Thailand, Malaysia, Vanuatu and Timor-Leste – with many more opportunities in the pipeline.

While our name suggests a focus only on food aid programs, we cover so much more. Projects include clean water supply, nutrition support, schooling and training, health-care and medical aid, agricultural water sustainability and essential accommodation for refugees.

# PROJECT REVIEW 2017-2018



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## Ayries Project

### Health and Nutrition

Tamil Nadu, India

CMA<sup>d</sup> supports Ayries in providing nutritional supplements to people suffering from TB, HIV and AIDS. The Ayries Society exists to improve the quality of life of children and adults with learning difficulties, mobility difficulties, health problems and food insecurity in an area of Tamil Nadu, South India. It also occasionally provides relief to those severely affected by disasters such as flooding.

The nutritional programme that CMA<sup>d</sup> supports is essential for success of the Ayries TB drug treatment regime, which is gruelling with its four different antibiotics taken over a 6-month period. Adherence is essential to avoid TB resistance. The nutrition consists of a mixture of grains specially chosen for their nutritional value, which are sprouted, cooked and then ground, plus dates, dhal and good quality rice. They

vastly improve the outcomes for patients as well as providing an incentive to stick to the regime. The total number of people cured since the start of the project is now more than 650.

The benefits of the program extend far beyond simply the number of persons cured. These include:

- more effective treatment helps reduce the chances of infection of the other family members and
- better nutritional status of the family further reduces the chance of infection spreading to family members, and
- nutritional support for the family helps to enable patients to work and support their family, reducing the risk of family break-up



Ayries Society



Ayries Society

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**WaterHarvest**  
MAKING EVERY DROP COUNT

## Water Harvest (formerly Wells for India)

### Water & Sustainable Agriculture, Farmer Suicide Rajasthan, India

There is a growing water crisis in India, with demand exceeding supply. 15% of aquifers are in a critical condition, and this figure is set to rise to 60% by 2030. Increasingly, water scarcity is leading to disputes and to chronic poverty. In the project villages there is widespread lack of education, poor health and zero credit rating. These villagers face tremendous distress:

- women and girls are forced to walk long distances to fetch water which is head-loaded in 20 litre pots,
- families have no choice but 'distress migrate' for paid work (often low-paid and dangerous construction) in the overcrowded cities, resulting in the fragmentation of communities.

The people in the project villages are trapped in an intergenerational cycle of disadvantage. Their lives and future development are crushed by lack of water, and

because they do not know how to conserve and manage water

resources, they struggle to grow enough food to feed themselves and their families. Water management practices in farming are insufficient, inefficient and are directly hurting agricultural productivity (TBS, April 2017)

The objectives of this project are to improve water and food security through the sustainable and integrate management of water by:

- Providing education to increase the capacity of the community to use water resources judiciously, and
- Promoting efficient irrigation by installing more advanced/appropriate technologies

The five-year project is supported by CMAA, WaterHarvest and the Local Government in a roughly three way allocation.



## Primary Beneficiaries of the Project

The primary beneficiaries of the five-year project  
2017-2022

- 1,320 farmers, from the installation of 660 irrigation systems (sprinkler and drip)
- 5,200 people from capacity building and training
- 2,000 young people from youth programme
- 450 farmers from exposure visits

The primary beneficiaries in the first year  
2017-2018

- 180 farmers from the installation of 90 irrigation systems (sprinkler)
- 1,000 people from capacity building and training
- 400 young people from youth programme
- 100 farmers from exposure visits

A grant of \$22,000 was supplied in December 2017 for the first year of the project and this money has so far enabled farmer education training in February and May 2017 and the installation of 30 efficient irrigation systems. Beneficiary commitment to the project is important to its lasting success so it is pleasing to that roughly half of the cost for the irrigation systems is contributed by the local community. The project has directly benefited 30 farmers and their families, about 210 people, and a further 90 is expected in the next financial year.

The project has already seen initial success, providing the farmers with additional crops while saving them water, time and power. In the months preceding rains (July to September) these farmers would previously not have been able to grow crops due to village wells suffering depletion. This year, these farmers have been able to grow crops during the dry period, for the first time, making their livelihoods more secure.



# PROJECT REVIEW 2017-2018



## Home of Peace Malaysia

### Child Protection

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Overseen by CMAD project managers Glenn and Pacquita Kenett.

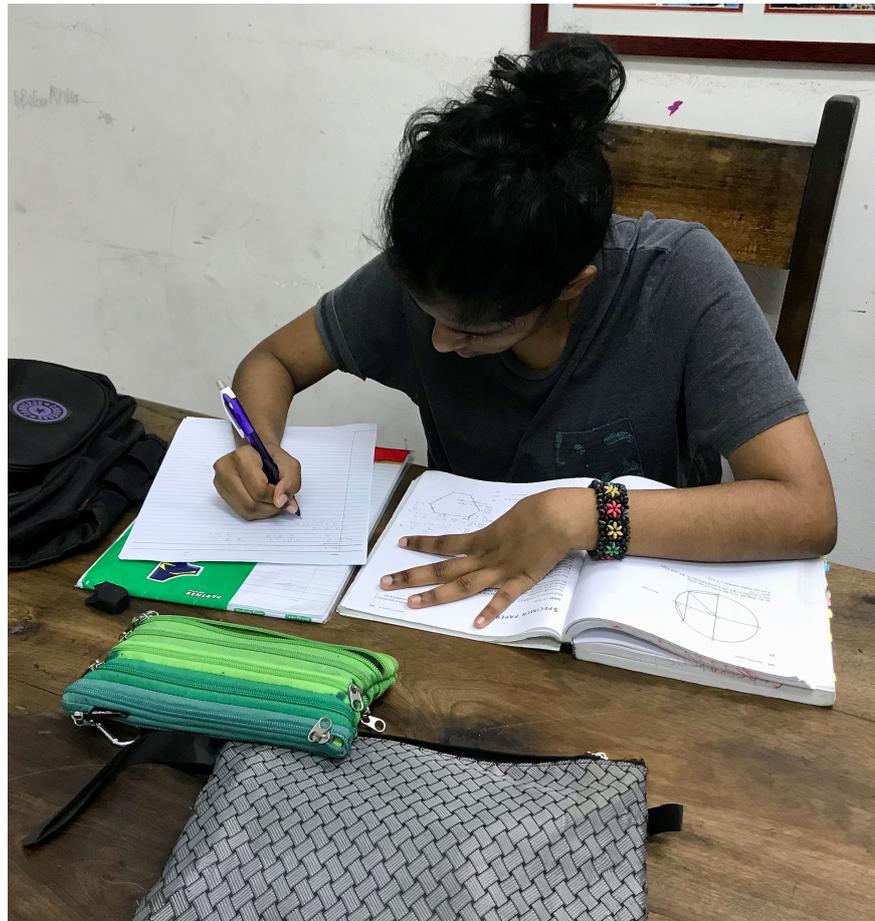
Home of Peace has been operating for almost 26 years, taking on the long-term care of disadvantaged girls until they are mature and independent. Local resident, Justine Morais, established the Home of Peace in 1992 to provide shelter and education to girls from squatter families in and around Malaysia's capital city, Kuala Lumpur.

The home itself is a well-run establishment in an ordinary suburban house, where children passed to the home by local authorities, are cared for and provided with an education. The children either have

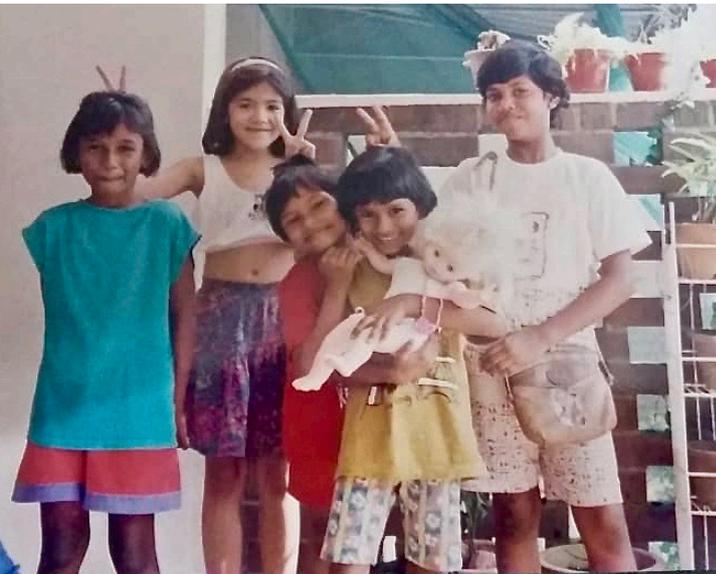
no family, or their parents are not in a position to care for them.

The main objectives of the home are to tend to the physical and emotional needs of abused, neglected and orphaned children, to ensure these children receive formal education and to equip them to help their families who are still living in squatter areas

Home of Peace currently cares for 19 Indian girls, looking after all of their long term needs until they are able to sustain themselves. The money Meal a Day contributes goes directly to the health and education of the children, including special educational outings. In 2018, Meal a Day provided AUD \$3,000 to Home of Peace.



Glenn and Paquitta visited Home of Peace in May 2018 and met a number of the students. A former student who lived at Home of Peace until the age of 22 had the following to say about her time with Home of Peace.



“The word ‘school’ had a different image in my head. Every time I saw my brother and sister go off to school all I could imagine were girls and boys dressed in school uniforms, getting on the Bus Sekolah (School Bus) and then off to school where there were chairs and tables - that’s what I saw school as. I did not attend kindy or school until the age of 7 when I had come to stay in ‘Home Of Peace’ shortly after the death of my father. HOP is a home for underprivileged girls founded by Aunty Justine.

When I came to the home, it was a new experience for me, doing things differently, having meals at least 3 or 4 times a day (strictly), meeting new people, reading, and writing, singing and doing chores.

I started school at Standard 2 aged 8, struggling to read, write and mingle with those around me. Now, that I had actually gone to school, I learnt that school was not on the school bus instead in a building where teaching classes are conducted and that the bus was just a mode of transport to school.

After graduation in year 2009, I went on to work in a legal firm for three months to gain experience and currently I am working as an Admin Assistant in An Architect Firm.

I moved out of HOP at the age of 22 with the basics and foundation that Aunty Justine and HOP gave me, without the help of everyone out there I would not be who and where I am today. I am thankful to everyone that has helped and impacted us at the home.”

Looking to the future, Home of Peace is now exploring the development of a separate school, Living Springs School, in the Klang Valley. Like Home of Peace, Living Springs School will provide education primarily to children who are disadvantaged, giving them a new start in life and a hope for a brighter future with a solid education.

# PROJECT REVIEW 2017-2018



## The Karen Hill Tribes Trust

### Education

#### Thailand

CMAD supports the Karen Hill Tribes school meals project in Thailand, overseen by our project coordinator Margaret Tawale.

Many Thai Karen are settled in the remote mountainous regions of the northern province of Mae Hong Son, where 64% of the population lives below the Global Poverty Line of \$1.90 per day. Our partner, the Karen Hill Tribes Trust, is working to change this by focusing on three critical areas, all of which were chosen by the Karen: improving health, increasing access to education and securing livelihoods.

Education is the vehicle that can drive communities out of the cycle of poverty, yet in the Mae Hong Son Province, poverty and remote settings mean that only 25% of Karen children complete secondary school. Karen Hill Tribes aims to increase access to education and create a more promising future for Karen children living in Mae Hong Son through a holistic approach that addresses the key barriers to

education. Karen Hill Tribes' four education projects focus on the provision of school meals, school buses, school buildings and higher education scholarships

CMAD is funding three meals per day for a nine month period for 300 students living in dormitories in this remote region of Thailand. We are also providing one meal a day, five days a week, for students commuting to the school. In 2018 CMAD provided AUD \$12,000 to the Karen Hill Tribes project.

As subsistence farmers, the Karen Hill Tribes rely on agriculture to put food on the table and pay for essential services, such as education and healthcare. However, all this delicately balances on the success of their harvests.

The topography of the province isolates Karen villages and makes it difficult to travel between them. Schools are mainly present in the larger and more well connected Karen villages.



For some, this means that the nearest school can be up to 50km away. As a result of this, during the school terms, some Karen students live in dormitories at school, only returning home during the holidays. Whilst living in the dormitories, parents have to support their children with additional costs, such as for food, stationary and learning resources, and school uniforms.



leaves little time to complete school work. For most students, hunger forces them to leave education and return home to help their parents in the fields. This greatly restricts their opportunities for the future and contributes to economic inequality.

Through its school meals project, KHT aims to increase access to education by providing school meals to students living in school dormitories. With the support of the Christadelphian Meal-A-Day Fund, KHT has been able to provide school meals at eight different schools in the Mae Hong Son Province. Students at these schools have been



receiving three meals a day through the project, ensuring that they do not go hungry whilst at school and can get the best out of their education. In a bid to improve the project, in February 2018, KHT made amendments to the way it monitors its education projects. All schools receiving support through the project are now required to submit progress reports, detailing how the project has been supporting its students. Reports from four of the eight schools identify that CMAD's support helps provide school meals for 18 students aged between 5-13 studying at Ban Mae Khi, 23 girls and 19 boys studying at Ban Huay San, 22 students aged between 13-18 studying at Khun Yuam Wittaya, and finally 26 students aged between 13-16 studying at Ban Mae Tho - 134 students. With results pending from the remaining schools, over 300 students are receiving benefit from the school meals project.

# PROJECT REVIEW 2017-2018



## Heritage Children

### Education

Nepal

In October 2107 and April 2018 Heritage Children visited Bhujel to distribute money on behalf of CMA<sup>D</sup>, and to check the progress of living conditions of the very small population of Bhujel, and its orphanage which caters for the needs of 14 young girls. The orphanage is thankful for the help received from CMA<sup>D</sup> over the years to ensure the security at the orphanage and to improve water supply and sanitation issues.

Bhujel is a small village about 27km from KTM, perched on a top of a mountain, where currently access, due to the monsoon, is not possible. On my most recent visit to Nepal in April this year it was determined from published reports that under a sixth of post-quake funding has been met. The quake happened on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

Heritage Children also support specific families of Bhujel who were all affected by the earthquake in 2015, when all lost their homes. Funding has been given for rebuilding where this was possible.

Over the past two years the annual input from CMA<sup>D</sup> has been AUD1,500, which amounted this year to 130,775 Nepali Rupees.



# PROJECT REVIEW 2017-2018



## HIAM Health Timor Leste

### Home Kitchen Gardens

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In previous years, CMAD has partnered with HIAM Health in Timor Leste to educate impoverished villagers to develop and grow their own gardens to supplement their family nutrition – the Home Kitchen Gardens project. In this project, villagers were trained to grow vegetable gardens, then returned home to grow their own gardens and to teach others to also develop Home Kitchen Gardens.

Since this project concluded last year, we are now in the stages of developing a new project which extends the Home Kitchen Gardens to focus on victims of domestic violence. In Timor Leste, domestic violence is not an uncommon occurrence. Safe houses have been established (called Uma Mahones) for female victims of domestic violence. This project's aims are to support and empower female victims of domestic violence, who have sought refuge in these safe houses. They will receive training to develop, firstly a community garden within the Uma Mahon and secondly to be able to transfer these skills to implementing their own Home Kitchen Garden once they leave the Uma Mahon.



# PROJECT REVIEW 2017-2018



## Christadelphian Bethezer Fund Vanuatu

### Nutritional Supplement and Sustainable Greenhouses

Tanna Island, Vanuatu

The Bethezer Fund established Kapalpal School on 2009 on Tanna Island in Vanuatu. A project to support direct nutritional supplement and long term food security by developing greenhouse gardens for the students of the school and the local populace has been established. CMA's involvement is overseen by our project manager, David Twine.

The school initially commenced with 120 students, now has over 320. In March 2015, Cyclone Pam devastated the crops. Since this time, periods of heavy rain, volcanic ash and acid rain from the volcano (7.5 km away) have hindered crops. As a result, students' diets have been well below that considered nutritionally adequate.

It is well known that poor nutrition impedes education and learning so a programme of nutritional supplements for the students was initiated. The

supplements have been provided by "Feed My Starving Children" in the USA at no cost. It is a rice based fortified supplement that provides the nutrition required for one healthy meal per child per day. The transportation costs from the US to Vila are very high and are being met by CMA.

Because students are not required to pay fees at the school, there are students who walk a long way in order to attend. Parents who are unable to afford the normal school fees will send their children to this school even if it means a two to three hour walk, each way. Many of these children leave before day break and arrive home when it is almost dark. Others stay with relatives near the school. Many children have no breakfast before they leave.

CMA has been providing the students at the school with a nutritional lunchtime meal since Cyclone Pam. This has been of enormous benefit to the children who attend in terms of their physical health and welfare as well as educationally – children have a much higher



capacity to learn when they are not starving. For those who live in areas where the ash impact is significant, and for those who walk long distances, the provision of a meal each day makes an enormous difference to their health.

Without the help from CMAD, The Bethezer Fund would be unable to meet the dietary needs of these children. Younger children who attend the school no longer have pot tummies. A volunteer nutritionist who visited the school in 2017 found only one student who could be classified as 'malnourished'. This supplement has done an amazing job for individual children and the community as a whole.

In addition to the nutritional supplements, an attempt to help alleviate some of the food scarcity in the area has been underway for a couple of years to develop greenhouses that can withstand the harsh

environmental conditions. A programme to develop Walipinis has been underway. Walipinis are essentially semi-underground greenhouses, with the main purpose to keep the destructive ash off the gardens and give them the best growth environment.

The design and materials of the Walipinis have had some difficulty, including mould, deterioration of the plastic and collapsing walls. A new concept has been forward for trial, the use of cloches.

These are trapezoidal in shape, the width of a garden bed and about 3 metres long with handles. They are made of softwood and covered with plastic so that they are not too heavy to lift and relocate.

This year, CMAD has donated AUD \$10,000 to the Bethezer Fund toward the Kapalpal nutritional supplements and a further \$5,000 is approved for the development of the greenhouses.



**A Walipini showing earth bag side mountings and plastic clad roof**



# FINANCE REPORT 2017-2018

On behalf of our community beneficiaries across Asia-Pacific, we are once again very grateful to our individual, group and ecclesial donors and partner organisations for their tremendous ongoing efforts on-the-ground. With your support, we have been able to meet all our project commitments in 2017-2018.

Expenditure was lower than planned, and this was primarily due to:

- Our \$5k contribution to the Tanna greenhouse trials falling in the in 2019 financial year, and
- The new nutritional gardens program with HIAM Health in Timor-Leste was approved but the funding has not yet been released.

Administration costs remained stable at about 6%. The May We Eat fundraiser in May was again very well supported and regular donations from individuals also remained the same as last year. One off donations fluctuated and ecclesial donations were lower than expected and this resulted in collection being lower than budget.

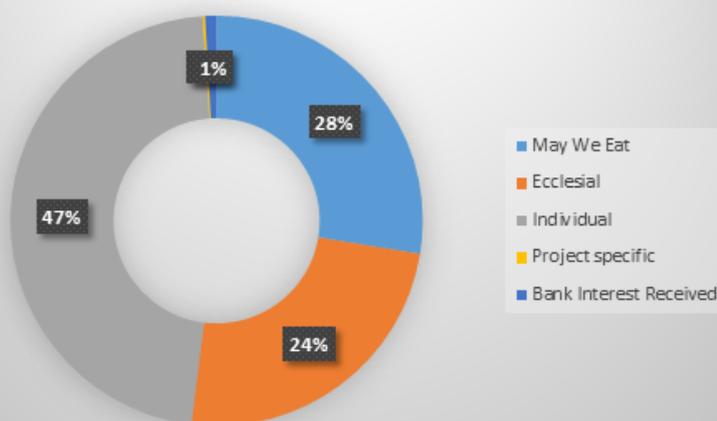
The overall result was a surplus funding of about \$8k for the year. Consequently, at the close of the financial year we had a healthy 'buffer' account balance of \$148k, which is sufficient to fund ongoing commitments.

## 2018-2019 Financial Year Budget/Plans

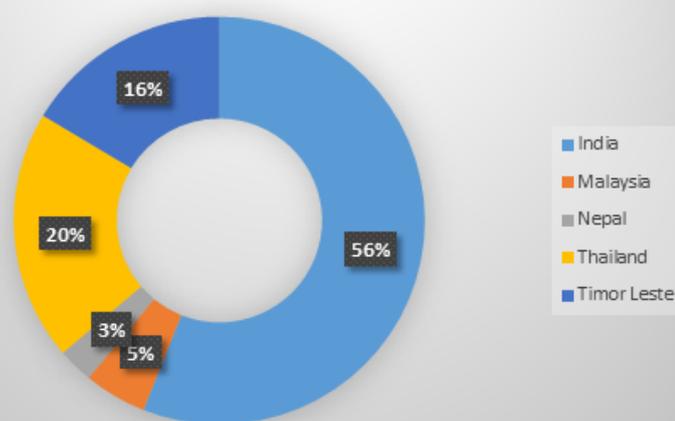
Current commitments with existing partners are approximately \$88k. This should allow new project/s to be started, toward the end of the year, if the forecast donations of \$100k is achieved.

To help inform our community project budget forecast we are always open to discussions with donors [respecting anonymity/privacy] to understand their projects of choice (e.g. health-care, sanitation, water etc.) and any other factors which are important to forecasting their funding commitments in any year.

### Donations Received



### Donations Given



## Balance Sheet

Year on year comparisons 2017 to 2018 in \$A

Financial Year	2018	2017
Accounts Status	Audited	Audited
<b>Assets</b>		
Cheque Account	19,798	11,437
On Line Saver - General	116,619	117,193
Term Deposit	11,540	11,522
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>147,956</b>	<b>140,153</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Total Liabilities	0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Current Earnings	7,804	43,875
Retained Earnings	0	96,278
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>7,804</b>	<b>140,153</b>

## Income and Expenditure Statement

Year on year comparisons 2017 to 2018 in \$A

Financial Year	2018	2018	2017	2017
Accounts Status	Budget	Audited	Budget	Audited
<b>DONATIONS RECEIVED</b>				
Fundraising / May We Eat	25,000	20,089	25,000	25,204
General MAD Giving - Ecclesial	25,000	17,753	25,000	29,406
General MAD Giving - Individual	40,000	34,191	40,000	38,683
Project specific Donations	10,000	150	10,000	1,901
Bank Interest Received	700	643	1,500	667
<b>TOTAL DONATIONS REVENUE</b>	<b>100,700</b>	<b>72,826</b>	<b>101,500</b>	<b>95,862</b>
<b>DONATIONS GIVEN</b>				
India	38,000	34,160	32,000	33,142
Malaysia	3,000	3,020	3,000	3,000
Nepal	1,500	1,702	16,500	1,734
Thailand	27,000	12,100	12,000	12,070
Vanuatu	20,000	10,000	25,500	
<b>TOTAL DONATION COSTS</b>	<b>89,500</b>	<b>60,982</b>	<b>89,000</b>	<b>49,946</b>
<b>GROSS INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>11,200</b>	<b>11,843</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>45,916</b>
<b>OVERHEADS</b>				
Audit & Accounting Fees	350		350	
Bank & Government Fees	500	165	750	(3)
Insurance	1,300	2,322	1,250	1,223
Postage, Printing & Marketing	6,000	1,553	3,750	821
<b>TOTAL OVERHEADS</b>	<b>8,150</b>	<b>4,040</b>	<b>6,100</b>	<b>2,041</b>
Cost as % of Revenue	8%	6%	6%	2%
<b>NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>3,050</b>	<b>7,804</b>	<b>6,400</b>	<b>43,875</b>

Note: All non-monetary donations from directors, management, ambassadors, secretarial, auditing and legal services were provided on a volunteer or pro bono basis in FY 2018. And once again our special thanks goes to Darren Tapporus of Financial First Taxation Services P/L for his continued invaluable support in auditing the Meal-A-Day accounts.

# RISK COMPLIANCE

The 2017-18 year has seen the introduction of a number of new measures to increase the accountability and compliance culture of CMaD and our project partners.

All projects are now required to

The first two of our project agreements were prepared, beginning with the new WaterHarvest Rajasthan irrigation project. These formal agreements will be created for every new project CMaD enters and provide for greater commitments from project partners to ensure money granted is managed as expected and any risks to the project and CMaD are managed.

The charity's first extended Counter-Terrorism Policy was prepared and approved by the Board, and our Child Protection Policy has recently been updated to ensure compliance with the latest legal requirements. These charity-wide policy documents are followed internally and also by our partners.

Annual reporting to the ACNC and the states continued, as did our rolling renewals, with registration renewals granted by the Tasmanian and NSW governments this year. The status of these renewals are shown in Table 1.

Registration	Approval Status	Renewal Period	Key Requirements
<b>ACNC (Federal)</b>	Approved	-	Annual Reporting
<b>ACT</b>	Renewal due 2020	5 years	Registration required. No additional requirements if registered with ACNC
<b>NSW</b>	Renewal due 2019	2 years	Annual Return if >\$100,000 collected
<b>NT</b>	Not Applicable	-	
<b>QLD</b>	Not Required	-	
<b>SA</b>	Approved	-	Registration required. No additional requirements if registered with ACNC
<b>TAS</b>	Renewal due 2021	3 years	
<b>VIC</b>	Renewal due 2021	3 years	Criminal record and insolvency declarations for directors and managers with control of finances Registrations and agreement with charity partners Annual Return
<b>WA</b>	Renewal due Oct 2018	3 years	Police Check and declarations for principle officers Annual Return

**Table 1: Status of regulatory approvals required to operate as a charity throughout Australia.**

# TEAM DEVELOPMENT

This year we welcomed Chris Hermann, as IT Manager, to the management team.

We also extend a big thank you to all the volunteers and supporters who ensure the work of Meal-a-Day can continue, including:

Margaret Tawale (Thailand), Glenn & Paquita Kennett (Malaysia), Jacob Morgan (Nepal), David Twine (Vanuatu), Sarah Wallace (India), Rosie Johansen (Annual Report), Anne Melles (Information Management & Library), Matt Waite (Website/IT), Rosemary Pearce, Stephen Kenney (CEO/Secretary), Jairus Houghton (Projects), Kirralie Houghton (Ambassador Development), Matthew Raggatt (Risk & Compliance), and David Loria (Finance).

# GOVERNANCE

Over the last year the company structure has remained the same. The Management Team is responsible for the day to day management and operations of CMaD while the Board continues to provide direction and oversight capacity to ensure CMaD is being run according to the will of Members and other key stakeholders.

As a Public Company aiming to extend our community engagement and sustainable benefits across the region, we seek to continually improve our governance practices. In line with this, the Board is committed to pursuing Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status with the Australian Tax Office (ATO) and continues to work towards this goal. This can, potentially, be achieved via two different routes:

- Overseas Aid Gift Deduction Scheme (OAGDS) endorsement, which is administered by the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), or
- Classification as a Public Benevolent Institution with the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission (ACNC).

In either case DGR status is conferred by the ATO once the endorsements are received from the DFAT or the ACNC. Each route also requires comprehensive policies and procedures

to be in place and evidence that they are operating effectively. These include thorough project approvals, agreements, governance processes and various procedures such as child protection, counter-terrorism and anti-money laundering.

CMaD is in the process of assessing which route best supports its core mission and this includes considering the type of projects CMaD may or may not be able to sponsor if it wants to benefit from OAGDS status, and Government support.

We thank our Board of Directors, the Management team, Project Coordinators and all our supporters for their ongoing efforts in managing our active project portfolio and as we seek to improve our Governance Framework and supporting policies. We are mindful of the fact that everyone gives of their time and expertise on an entirely voluntary basis and are located all around Australia and New Zealand – so an extra special thank you.

**Board of Directors:** Andrew King (Chair), Simon Loria, Jonathan Russell, Kirsten Twine, & Stephen Kenney (Secretary/CEO)

# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

## Website

A new website for Meal-A-Day was set up to replace the existing (ageing and possibly insecure) site. The new site was built using Wordpress and went live on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. The new website has been built to present a professional look and streamline the search crawler processes. As a result, meal-a-day.asia ranks on the first page of Google when searching 'Meal a Day' or 'Christadelphian charity Australia', which is a fantastic result.

## Donations

Direct Deposit is the only means of donation currently available on the website. Meal-A-Day has an existing PayPal account and is currently working on arranging for online payments to be available on the website via this account. Two hardware PayPal devices have also been purchased to accept in person donations at fundraising events.

## Information Security

InfoSec is a growing concern as data breaches and malware continue to be a risk for large corporations and small. Hackers and an army of bots scour the internet continuously, looking for weak or default passwords, or known

vulnerabilities they can exploit. Although Meal-A-Day is a small organisation, having a highly ranked website makes us a bigger target. The website has been set up with best practices, is kept up to date with each software update that becomes available and the Firewall and Blocking settings are actively monitored and updated to keep the website secure.

No sensitive information is kept on the web hosting provider, only publicly available information like our ABN, names of our board (which is also on the ACNC website). All communication between the website and the visitor uses encrypted connections to ensure the information you enter when sending us an email via the contact form is secure. The information can't be intercepted and none of those details are kept on the website for someone to exploit in the event there is a breach

SPAM and Phishing emails are very common, so think before you click! If you do, double check the website address it takes you to is genuine, not a fake. i.e. [meal-a-day.asia](http://meal-a-day.asia) not [mea1-a-day.asia](http://mea1-a-day.asia). If in doubt, google the website and check what other results come up.

# Donate

There are a number of ways you can support the work of Meal-a-Day financially:

## Bank Transfer (EFT)

**Bank** Commonwealth Bank of Australia

**BSB** 063 637

**Account number** 10103138

**Account Name** Christadelphian Meal-a-Day Fund

We would encourage donors to set up a regular Direct Deposit which is free and can be arranged with your bank online, via telephone or at your local bank branch. If possible, please include your name in the comments field, as this can help with correspondence.

## Cheque

**Recipient** Christadelphian Meal-a-Day Fund

**Mail to** 122 Main Street, Croydon, VIC, 3136

Please note: We are not currently able to offer credit card or direct debit methods of donation in order to minimise bank fees but trust that the above methods of donating are accessible to anyone wishing to contribute to the work of Meal-a-Day.

# GET INVOLVED!

Here are some of the ways you can get involved and support the work of Meal-a-Day across Asia-Pacific:

- Become an Ambassador in your local youth group or ecclesia. We are continuing to build a network of key contacts around Australia & New Zealand to assist in raising awareness and expanding fundraising efforts and support for Meal-a-Day
- Set up a regular donation via bank transfer
- Support or organise fundraising activities for specific projects with your friends
- Connect to our Facebook page and receive regular updates on projects, fundraising activities and key initiatives. [facebook.com/MealADayAP](https://www.facebook.com/MealADayAP)
- Pray for the needs of those involved in our projects, and the people working to make them a success
- Come and join the team! There are a wide variety of roles available if you'd like to commit on a regular basis. Whether it be helping with project management, website design, marketing, team development, fundraising or governance roles, there are many opportunities easily supported from around Australia and New Zealand.



Please contact us, let us know your areas of interest, skills and experience, and we'll be glad to discuss how you can be involved!



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