



Foundation House

The Victorian Foundation
for Survivors of Torture Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT 2014-2015



OUR MISSION

To advance the health, wellbeing and human rights of people from refugee backgrounds who have experienced torture or other traumatic events.

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INTRODUCING FOUNDATION HOUSE

The Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture Inc. (also known as Foundation House) provides services to people of refugee backgrounds in Victoria who have experienced torture or other traumatic events in their country of origin or while fleeing those countries.

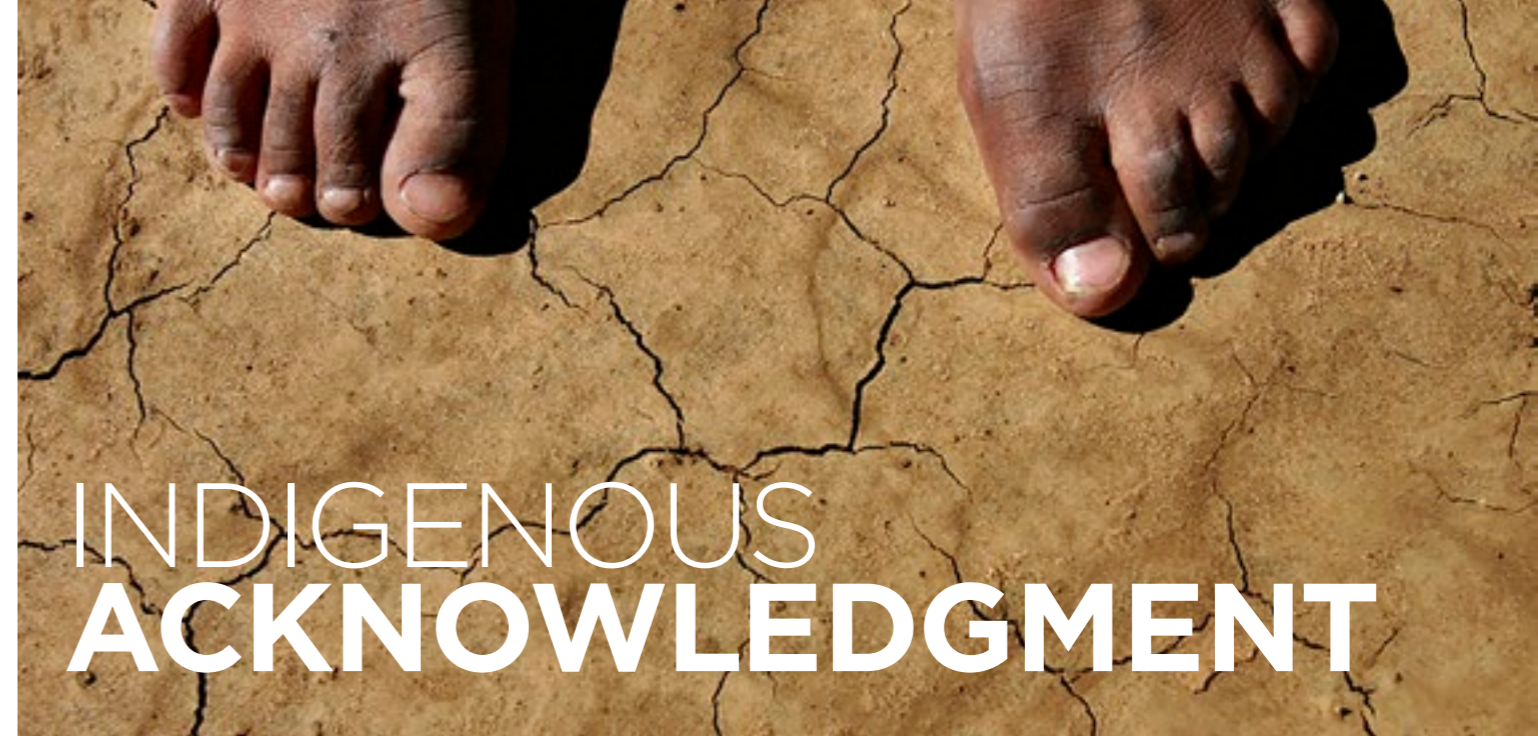
Foundation House was established in 1987. It is a not-for-profit organisation and its work is funded by the Victorian and Commonwealth governments, charitable organisations and donations from private individuals.

THE MAIN AREAS OF ACTIVITY OF FOUNDATION HOUSE ARE:

- providing direct services to clients in the form of counselling, advocacy, family support, group work, psycho education, information and complementary therapies
- offering professional and organisational development, consultancy and resources to assist health, education and other community service providers to enhance their responsiveness to the needs of people of refugee backgrounds
- working with the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments to ensure that policies and programs have proper regard to the needs of people of refugee backgrounds
- conducting and contributing to research about the needs of people of refugee backgrounds and the best possible ways of meeting those needs.

Foundation House is non-denominational, politically neutral and non-aligned.

Foundation House head office is located at Brunswick, with other offices in Dandenong and Sunshine, and an outpost in Ringwood. Foundation House also provides services in partnership with other agencies in rural and regional centres across Victoria including: Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Mildura, Shepparton, Swan Hill and the Latrobe Valley



INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture's primary locations at Brunswick, Dandenong, Sunshine and Ringwood are on the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri people. In keeping with Foundation House's aspirations to heal individuals and communities, we recognise the loss of land, children, language, lore and spiritual and physical wellbeing of the Wurundjeri

people and other Indigenous Victorians due to the impact of colonisation. We believe that acknowledging the past and its impact on the present is vital in building strong Victorian communities.

We recognise the survival and enduring strengths of Victorian Indigenous culture in spite of such dispossession and aim to

build respectful and informed relationships with the Victorian Indigenous community based on the acknowledgment of their unique position as the traditional owners of Victoria. As such, Foundation House is committed to the acknowledgment and participation of Indigenous Victorians within Foundation House events, and this is reflected in our official protocols.

PATRONS

PATRON IN CHIEF

Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AM, Governor of Victoria

PATRONS

- Prof Hilary Charlesworth AM
- Ms Dur-é Dara OAM
- Professor David de Kretser AC
- Mrs Jan de Kretser
- Mr Andrew Demetriou
- Mr Petro Georgiou AO
- Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG

BOARD

- Lynne Haultain (Chair)
- David Bilander (Deputy Chair)
- Michelle Groves (Secretary)
- Richard Home (Treasurer)
- Ian McKenzie (deceased October 5, 2014)
- Karen McLeod Adair
- Dick Sloman
- Helen Casey
- Sally Richardson
- Travers McLeod (from May 12, 2015)
- Shyla Vohra (to November 2014)

FROM THE CHAIR



LYNNE HAULTAIN
CHAIR

As always, 2014-15 was a year of challenges and significant achievements.

We continue to operate in a social and political environment which is most welcoming to refugees selected for settlement and harsh towards those who arrive without visas. Our ongoing work and new projects however continue to be very highly regarded - testament to the talent, resilience and enormous commitment of the staff. In turn, these play a critical part in the influence we can bring to bear on government policy and practice across the sector.

In April this year the VFST Board of Management finalised the development of the Board Charter which contains our governance policies: setting out the way we engage to add best value in our role and provide effective leadership and oversight. This includes how authority is delegated from the Board to the VFST Executive, and the accountability of the Executive to the Board.

The Board has also overseen the development and

implementation of a new Strategic Plan for the agency, with key objectives to improve the quality of our services and to build a sustainable organisation.

Since I last reported, Foundation House lost longstanding Board member and great friend Ian McKenzie OAM, who died on 5 October 2014. Ian made a deep and valued contribution to VFST and is fondly remembered by his colleagues on the Board, senior management and staff. A measure of his commitment became apparent after his death when his wife, Louise, notified us that Ian had bequeathed a considerable sum to Foundation House. We have chosen to direct these funds to establish the Ian McKenzie Endeavour Grant (IMEG). The IMEG is designed to support a client of Foundation House to pursue an ambition - particularly in creative fields. The first IMEG will be presented at our End of Year Celebration in December 2015.

In May 2015 we were delighted to welcome new member Travers McLeod to the Board. Travers comes with a wealth of policy experience and is a valuable addition to our ranks.

I am also honoured to report that Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AM, Governor of Victoria has accepted our invitation to become our Patron in Chief. Following in the footsteps of Professor David de Kretser AC and Jan de Kretser, we are delighted that Her Excellency has joined the Foundation House family.

Finally, on behalf of the Board let me express deep thanks to our CEO, Paris Aristotle, and his outstanding team for the daily effort in advancing the health, wellbeing and human rights of people from refugee backgrounds who have experienced torture or other traumatic events; and to our extraordinary clients - from whom we learn so much.

FROM THE CEO



PARIS ARISTOTLE AM
CEO

Twenty eight years on from inception, the work of Foundation House continues to develop in complexity and breadth of services to survivors of torture. I am pleased to have this opportunity to record my great appreciation of the contributions of the diverse parties with whom I am privileged to work:

- A committed and talented staff;
- A wise and supportive Board;
- Our wonderful members and supporters;
- Commonwealth and Victorian government, philanthropic and private funders;
- Individuals from government and non-government agencies, health and other practitioners, researchers and community members, who generously share their knowledge and expertise.

After an intensive review, we adopted a strategic plan for 2015-18, focusing on four areas:

- Delivering high quality services to survivors of torture and other traumatic events;
- Improving the capability of service systems and client communities;
- Advocating for improved policies and programs;
- Consolidating organisational sustainability and capability.

Within each area, we have identified actions to enhance our capacity and that of other service providers to respond effectively to the needs of individuals, families and communities.

A high priority of our advocacy work continues to be amelioration of the treatment of asylum seekers who arrived without visas and who are in the Australian community, in immigration detention or were transferred to Nauru and Papua New Guinea.

We have received legal advice that the manner in which we have worked for years may be contrary to provisions of the Australian Border Force Act, which was enacted in May and came into effect on 1 July 2015. The law imposes restrictions on the dissemination of certain information about policies and practices of the Immigration Department, which we have gained through our work. We have conveyed our concerns to the Department.

The government recently announced it would provide an additional 12,000 places in Australia's Humanitarian Program for people fleeing the conflicts in Syria and Iraq. This is a very positive announcement and was widely acknowledged as such across the country. We are currently planning the Foundation House response to the increased intake of humanitarian arrivals and continue to provide ideas and advice on how to further improve settlement services in Australia.

My personal gratitude is extended to our clients and all who make our work possible.

Financial Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

THE VICTORIAN FOUNDATION FOR SURVIVORS OF TORTURE INC. ABN: 52 783 974 656

BOARD REPORT

The Board of Management submit the financial report of The Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture for the financial year ended 30 June 2015.

BOARD MEMBERS

The names of the Board members throughout the financial year are:

- Lynne Haultain
- Michelle Groves
- Dick Sloman
- Richard Home
- Shyla Vohra
(resigned 25 November 2014)
- Ian McKenzie (deceased 5 October 2014)
- Helen Casey
- Sally Richardson
- David Bilander
- Karen McLeod Adair
- Travers McLeod
(appointed 12 May 2015)

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the association is to provide a range of support services to survivors of torture and other traumatic events who currently reside in Victoria.

OPERATING RESULT

The deficit amounted to \$309,740 (2014: Surplus \$651,071).

AFTER BALANCE DATE EVENTS

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

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

The lead Auditor's Independence Declaration under the Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 is set out on page 8 and forms part of the Board Members Report for the year ended 30 June 2015.

Signed in accordance with a resolution by the members of the Board of Management:



RICHARD HOME

Treasurer

9 October 2015

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	NOTES	2015	2014
REVENUE	2	13,831,114	13,234,931
Salaries, wages and on-costs		(9,992,594)	(8,440,260)
FASSTT expenses		(30,191)	(24,710)
Bank and credit card charges		(3,825)	(3,644)
Building and occupancy costs		(538,943)	(516,083)
Equipment, computing / IT, supplies and depreciation		(321,950)	(166,403)
Conferences, seminars, publications and professional development		(179,148)	(73,777)
Interpreting costs		(792,422)	(742,715)
Program, consultant, contractor and client costs		(1,505,533)	(1,883,380)
Advertising, volunteer, agency and Board expenses		(19,401)	(11,077)
Motor vehicle expenses and depreciation		(332,675)	(298,312)
Client travel expenses		(40,740)	(33,027)
Printing, stationary and postage		(93,403)	(83,653)
Telephone expenses		(104,596)	(90,255)
Professional fees		(17,778)	(16,160)
Research and evaluation fees		(36,739)	(38,465)
Other expenses		(130,915)	(161,939)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		(14,140,853)	(12,583,860)
OPERATING (DEFICIT) / SURPLUS BEFORE INCOME TAX	3	(309,740)	651,071
Income tax	1 (a)	-	-
(DEFICIT) / SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		(309,740)	651,071
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) INCOME FOR THE PERIOD		(309,740)	651,071

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 JUNE 2015

	NOTES	2015	2014
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	965,134	1,061,497
Term deposits	6	2,200,000	3,180,000
Trade and other receivables	7	1,196,966	899,942
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		4,362,100	5,141,439
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	8	1,079,490	1,060,544
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		1,079,490	1,060,544
TOTAL ASSETS		5,441,590	6,201,983
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	9	172,412	78,686
Deferred income		723,205	1,523,227
Provisions	10	1,533,192	1,324,026
Borrowings	11	-	28,950
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,428,809	2,954,889
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	10	261,072	185,645
TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		261,072	185,645
TOTAL LIABILITIES		2,689,881	3,140,534
NET ASSETS		2,751,709	3,061,449
EQUITY			
Retained earnings	12	1,333,090	1,517,335
Ian McKenzie Reserve	13	50,000	-
General Reserve	13	1,368,619	1,544,114
TOTAL EQUITY		2,751,709	3,061,449

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	NOTES	2015	2014
RETAINED EARNINGS			
Opening balance		1,517,335	1,517,335
Total comprehensive income for the period		(309,740)	651,071
Transfer to Ian McKenzie Reserve		(50,000)	-
Transfer to general reserve		175,495	(651,071)
CLOSING BALANCE	12	1,333,090	1,517,335
GENERAL RESERVE			
Opening reserves		1,544,114	893,043
Transfers from accumulated surplus		(175,495)	651,071
CLOSING BALANCE	13	1,368,619	1,544,114
IAN MCKENZIE RESERVE			
Opening reserves		-	-
Transfers from retained earnings		50,000	-
CLOSING BALANCE	13	50,000	-
TOTAL EQUITY AT YEAR END		2,751,709	3,061,449

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	NOTES	2015	2014
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from funding sources and operations		12,667,664	12,496,692
Payments to consultants, suppliers and employees		(13,681,583)	(12,532,367)
Interest received		195,344	218,787
Net cash provided by operating activities	14	(818,575)	183,112
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(254,795)	(197,577)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		27,007	61,717
Net cash used in investing activities		(227,788)	(135,860)
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Repayment of borrowings		(30,000)	(80,000)
Net cash used in financing activities		(30,000)	(80,000)
NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(1,076,363)	(32,748)
Cash at beginning of financial year		4,241,497	4,274,245
CASH AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	5	3,165,134	4,241,497

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2013 as amended, applicable Accounting Standards and Interpretations and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia. The financial report covers the association as an individual entity. The association is considered to be a not for profit entity and has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the requirements regarding Not for Profit entities as contained in Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial report covers The Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture as an individual entity. The Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture is an association incorporated and domicile in Victoria, Australia under the Associations Incorporations Act 1981.

All amounts are presented in Australian dollars. The financial report was authorised for issue by the Board of Management on the date shown on the Board of Management declaration.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the association in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

Reporting Basis and Conventions

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs modified by the revaluation of selected non-current assets, and financial assets and financial liabilities for which the fair value basis of accounting has been applied.

Significant Judgements and Key Assumptions

No significant judgements have been made in applying accounting policies that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

No key assumptions have been made concerning the future and there are no other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the balance date that the Board Members consider have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Income Tax

The Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture Inc is a registered charitable association, exempt from income tax under Subsection 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

(b) Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property plant and equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment is carried at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the association to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount of those assets. The recoverable amount is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and the depreciated replacement cost.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets are depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset was held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

CLASS OF FIXED ASSET	DEPRECIATION RATES	DEPRECIATION BASIS
Building and improvements	3.7-33%	Diminishing Value/Straight Line
Plant and equipment	10-33%	Straight Line
Motor vehicles	27.5%	Diminishing Value

(c) Leases

Lease payments under operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

(d) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits expected to be settled within one year together with benefits arising from wages and salaries, and annual leave which will be settled after one year, have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled plus related on costs. Other employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits.

Contributions are made by the association to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.

(e) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments.

(f) Revenue Recognition

Revenue includes revenue from services, the State and Commonwealth Government and other sources supported by community initiatives. Donations are recognised as revenue when received.

Grant revenue is recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and other Comprehensive Income when it is controlled. Where there are conditions attached to the grant revenue relating to the use of those grants for specific purposes it is recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until such conditions are met or services provided.

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Other revenue is recognised when the right to receive the revenue has been established.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(g) Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised on the statement of financial position when the association becomes party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument.

A financial asset is derecognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial assets expire or are transferred and no longer controlled by the entity.

A financial liability is removed from the balance sheet when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged or cancelled or expires.

(h) Borrowings

All loans and borrowings are initially recognised at cost, being the fair value of the consideration received net of issue costs associated with the borrowing. After initial recognition, loans and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any issue costs, and any discount or premium on settlement.

Gains or losses are recognised in the income statement when the liabilities are derecognised as well as through the amortisation process.

(i) General Reserve

The general reserve is used from time to time to transfer surplus from retained earnings. There is no policy of regular transfer. It is used to support on going projects, provide seed funding for new projects and replace capital equipment.

(j) Ian McKenzie Reserve

The Ian McKenzie reserve represents a donation from the estate of the late Mr Ian McKenzie, VFST Board Member, to be used to assist our clients to build new lives in Australia.

(k) Impact of Adopting New Accounting Standards and New/Revised Accounting Standards Not Yet Effective

There have been a number of amendments made to Accounting Standards issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ("AASB") that are not yet effective.

The Board Members do not believe that the new and revised standards issued by the AASB that are not yet effective will have any material impact on the financial statements.

(l) Defined Income

Grants and payments received and amounts due and receivable up to 30 June 2015 which have not been earned are recognised as deferred income at 30 June 2015.

(m) Trade and Other Receivables

Other receivables are recognised at amortised cost, less any provision for impairment.

(n) Trade and Other Payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture Inc. prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. Due to their short-term nature they are measured at amortised cost and are not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days or recognition.

NOTE 2: REVENUE

	NOTES	2015	2014
Commonwealth Department of Health		6,864,627	6,740,915
Commonwealth Department of Immigration and Border Protection		936,023	1,143,021
Victorian Department of Health		3,413,350	2,980,768
Victorian Department of Education and Training		581,850	526,718
Donations		105,089	57,048
Grants from Foundations, Trusts and Corporations		554,657	473,504
Interest Income		179,958	234,173
Membership Subscriptions		3,105	2,585
Surplus on Sale of Assets		16,077	24,831
Consulting and Training Fees		71,261	89,131
Reimbursements, FASSTT and Other Income		80,680	120,808
Fee-For-Service - Counselling		1,024,437	841,429
		13,831,114	13,234,931

NOTE 3: OPERATING DEFICIT/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR

The operating deficit for the year is \$309,740 (2014: \$651,071 surplus) and arises after charging: -

	NOTES	2015	2014
Depreciation		224,919	178,144
Superannuation expense – defined contribution plans		793,807	650,637
Operating lease expenses – rent of office building		238,276	236,355
Notional interest charged on interest free loan from Dara Foundation		-	7,370
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment		-	683

NOTE 4: AUDITOR'S FEES

	NOTES	2015	2014
Audit fees		17,778	15,450

NOTE 5: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	NOTES	2015	2014
Cash on hand		700	700
Cash at bank		964,434	1,060,797
		965,134	1,061,497
Term deposits	6	2,200,000	3,180,000
Cash at end of year in Statement of Cash Flow		3,165,134	4,241,497

NOTE 6: TERM DEPOSIT

	NOTES	2015	2014
Term Deposit		2,200,000	3,180,000

The term deposits outstanding as at 30 June 2015 are a 12 month deposit of \$2,000,000, held at MECU maturing on 27 June 2016, 12 month deposit of \$200,000 maturing on 30 June 2016. The interest rate applied to both term deposits is 2.85%.

NOTE 7: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	NOTES	2015	2014
Trade receivables		554,719	566,015
Sundry debtors		10,500	10,500
Accrued revenue		593,168	284,391
Prepayments		38,579	39,036
		1,196,966	899,942

NOTE 8: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	NOTES	2015	2014
Buildings and improvements		1,009,520	874,370
Accumulated depreciation		(338,953)	(258,153)
		670,567	616,217
Plant and equipment at cost		483,357	456,491
Accumulated depreciation		(370,631)	(328,746)
		112,726	127,745
Motor vehicles at cost		857,108	845,083
Accumulated depreciation		(560,911)	(528,501)
		296,197	316,582
TOTAL OF PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		1,079,490	1,060,544

MOVEMENTS IN CARRYING AMOUNTS

Movements in the carrying amount of each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year are as follows:

	NOTES	2015	2014
BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENTS			
Written down value at the beginning of the year		616,217	690,762
Additions		135,151	-
Depreciation		(80,801)	(74,545)
WRITTEN DOWN VALUE AT THE END OF THE YEAR		670,567	616,217
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT			
Written down value at the beginning of the year		127,745	112,024
Additions		26,867	53,506
Depreciation		(41,886)	(37,785)
WRITTEN DOWN VALUE AT THE END OF THE YEAR		112,726	127,745
MOTOR VEHICLES			
Written down value at the beginning of the year		316,582	275,895
Additions		92,777	144,071
Disposals		(10,930)	(37,570)
Depreciation		(102,232)	(65,814)
WRITTEN DOWN VALUE AT THE END OF THE YEAR		296,197	316,582

NOTE 9: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	NOTES	2015	2014
Trade payables		172,412	78,686

NOTE 10: PROVISIONS

	NOTES	2015	2014
CURRENT			
Annual leave		826,559	699,429
Long service leave		706,633	624,597
		1,533,192	1,324,026
NON-CURRENT			
Long service leave		261,072	185,645
		1,794,264	1,509,671

NOTE 11: BORROWINGS

	NOTES	2015	2014
Current		-	28,950
		-	28,950

NOTE 12: RETAINED EARNINGS

	NOTES	2015	2014
Opening balance		1,517,335	1,517,335
Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the period		(309,740)	651,071
Transfer to general reserves		(175,495)	(651,071)
Transfer to Ian McKenzie reserve		50,000	-
CLOSING BALANCE		1,333,090	1,517,335

NOTE 13: RESERVES

	NOTES	2015	2014
General Reserve		1,368,619	1,544,114
Ian McKenzie Reserve		50,000	-
		1,418,619	1,544,114

The general reserve is used from time to time to transfer surplus from retained earnings. There is no policy of regular transfer. It is used to support on going projects, provide seed funding for new projects and replace capital equipment.

The Ian McKenzie reserve represents a donation from the estate of the late Mr Ian McKenzie, VFST Board Member, to be used to assist our clients to build new lives in Australia.

NOTE 14: NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	NOTES	2015	2014
Net Surplus / (Deficit)		(309,740)	651,071
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation, amortisation, impairment		224,919	178,144
Net (gain) / loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment		(16,077)	(24,148)
Notional interest on loan		-	7,370
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
(Increase) / decrease in assets:			
Trade receivables		(297,024)	(355,705)
(Increase) / decrease in liabilities:			
Trade Payables		93,726	(108,794)
Other Liabilities		(828,971)	(470,513)
Provisions		284,593	305,687
		848,574	183,112

NOTE 15: MEMBERS

The organisation is an incorporated association. In the event of the winding up or dissolution of the association, any property remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities will not be distributed or transferred to members, but will be distributed or transferred to other institution(s) with similar objectives to The Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture.

NOTE 16: RELATED PARTIES DISCLOSURE

The names of persons who were Board members at any time during the year are set out in the Board's Report. Board members do not receive remuneration for services provided. There were no other transactions that require disclosure for the year ended 30 June 2015. (2014: Nil)

NOTE 17: EXPENDITURE COMMITMENTS

The Foundation has no capital commitments contracted for at 30 June 2015 (2014: Nil)

The Foundation is subject to non-cancellable operating leases that are contracted for but not capitalised in the financial report. The Foundation's obligations fall due as follows: -

	NOTES	2015	2014
Not later than one year		200,740	209,812
Later than one year and not later than five years		226,781	118,005
		427,521	327,817

NOTE 18: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(a) Financial risk management objectives and policies

The Foundation's principal financial instruments comprise receivables, payables, and cash and short-term deposits. These activities expose the Foundation to a variety of financial risks: market risk, interest rate risk, credit risk and liquidity risk.

The Board Members manage the different types of risks to which the Foundation is exposed by considering risk and monitoring levels of exposure to the risks identified and by being aware of the environment and external factors that will impact the risk. This includes monitoring interest rates and the factors that impact interest rate movements, and determining how best to monitor the risk arising from those movements. Ageing analyses and monitoring of specific credit allowances are undertaken to manage credit risk, liquidity risk is monitored through general business budgets and forecasts.

The Association holds the following financial instruments:

	NOTES	2015	2014
FINANCIAL ASSETS			
Cash and term deposits		3,165,134	4,241,497
Receivables		554,719	566,015
Total Financial Assets		3,719,853	4,807,512
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES			
Trade and sundry creditors		86,435	80,520
Borrowings		-	28,950
Total Financial Liabilities		86,435	109,470
NET EXPOSURE		3,633,418	4,698,042

(b) Risk Exposures and Responses

INTEREST RATE RISK

The Foundation's exposure to market interest rates relates primarily to short term deposits held. The borrowings of the Foundation are interest free. (See note 11). Balances subject to interest rate risk as at 30 June 2015 are as follows:-

	NOTES	2015	2014
Bank accounts	2.0%	965,134	1,061,497
Term Deposit –MECU	2.85%	2,000,000	2,000,000
Term Deposit –MECU	-	-	1,000,000
Term Deposit – MECU	2.85%	200,000	180,000
		3,165,134	4,241,497

SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

The following sensitivity analysis is based on the interest rate risk exposures in existence at the balance sheet date. At 30 June 2015, if interest rates had moved, as illustrated in the table below, with all other variables held constant, surplus and equity would have been affected as follows:

	NET SURPLUS HIGHER / (LOWER)		NET SURPLUS HIGHER / (LOWER)	
	AS AT 30 JUNE		AS AT 30 JUNE	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
+2% (200 basis points) (2014: 2%)	63,303	84,830	63,303	84,830
-1% (100 basis points) (2014: 1%)	31,651	(42,415)	31,651	(42,415)

CREDIT RISK

The Foundation's exposure to credit risk is minimal. Cash is deposited in secure banking facilities to minimise the exposure to credit risks of bank deposits. Trade receivables relate to Grant and Government funding and are not considered to be a significant exposure to credit risk.

PRICE RISK

The Association is not exposed to price risk.

LIQUIDITY RISK

The Foundation's exposure to liquidity risk is minimal, as the Foundation hold sufficient cash balances in order to ensure that all liabilities are paid when due. The maturity of financial liabilities can be summarised as follows:

2014	1 YEAR OR LESS	OVER 1-5 YEARS	MORE THAN 5 YEARS	TOTAL
Trade and Other Payables	78,686	-	-	78,686
Borrowings	28,950	-	-	28,950
	107,636	-	-	107,636
The undiscounted cash flows from borrowings are as follows:				
	30,000	-	-	30,000

2015	1 YEAR OR LESS	OVER 1-5 YEARS	MORE THAN 5 YEARS	TOTAL
Trade and Other Payables	172,412	-	-	172,412
Borrowings	-	-	-	-
	172,412	-	-	172,412
The undiscounted cash flows from borrowings are as follows:				
	-	-	-	-

NOTE 19: KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

	SHORT-TERM BENEFITS SALARY	POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS SUPERANNUATION	TOTAL
2015	994,060	90,145	1,084,205
2014	954,586	86,370	1,040,956

NOTE 20: ASSOCIATION DETAILS

The principal place of business of the Association is:

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NOTE 21: AFTER BALANCE DATE EVENTS

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

BOARD MEMBERS DECLARATION

In the Board Members' opinion:

- The attached financial statements and notes thereto present a true and fair view of the financial position of Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture Inc. as at 30 June 2015 and its performance for the financial year ended on that date in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2013, the Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.
- At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:



LYNNE HAULTAIN

Chairperson

9 October 2015



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DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY ALEX SWANSSON TO THE MEMBERS OF THE VICTORIAN FOUNDATION FOR SURVIVORS OF TORTURE

As lead auditor of The Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture for the year ended 30 June 2015, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



Alex Swansson
Partner

BDO East Coast Partnership

Melbourne, 9 October 2015

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of The Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of The Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2015, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information and the Board Members Declaration.

Board Members' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Board Members are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act)* and for such internal control as the Board Members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the board members' preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view 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. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the board members, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

Opinion

In our opinion the financial report of The Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture has been prepared 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 30 June 2015 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

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Alex Swansson
 Partner

Melbourne, 9 October 2015

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