

Treasurer's Report 2021

It's been an honour to serve the Hills Community Kindergarten and with great pleasure I provide the Treasurer's report for the year ending 31 December 2021.

The impact of Covid-19 continued throughout this year too and with so many uncertainties and challenges the kindergarten continued to operate by offering Zoom sessions to keep connected and provided onsite care for essential workers and families who needed care for their children during the pandemic who were unable to keep their children at home. On our operation, with constant changes in information. On behalf management committee and other parents would like to thank Allison McCartney and the team for kept going and providing an outstanding service to the community.

Despite these adverse conditions, we achieved a net operating surplus of \$53,725 (2020 surplus \$184,183) for the year.

The Kindergarten's main income includes fees and grants from the Department of Education. Fees have further dropped to \$57,431 in FY21 compared with \$158,691 in FY20 and it's due to committee decided to refund term 3 fees as we received JobSaver grant of \$67,614 and COVID 19 business grant of \$15,000 from government, which helped our dedicated educators and staff to continually deliver high-quality service to the community.

In addition, we continued to receive the State government's COVID19 "free preschool" funding, which was \$380,680. The COVID19 free preschool implemented by the NSW State government required us to provide fee-free access for 15 hours of preschool per week for each child enrolled. The Management Committee made the decision to charge a daily fee for the 3rd day in Term 3 and Term 4. For Term 2 preschool was free for all enrolled children.

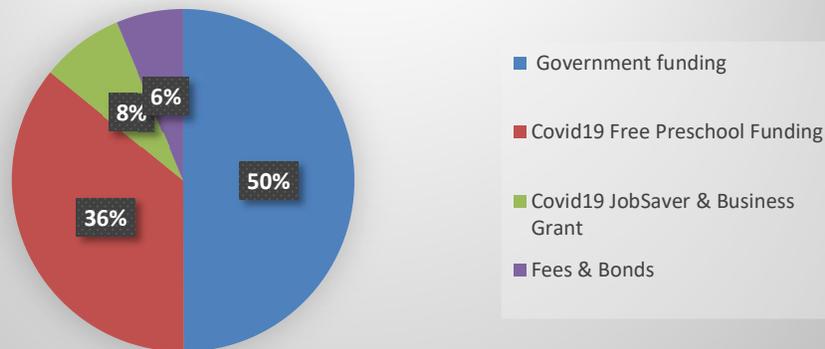
We also received a total of \$478,348 in Start Strong funding from the Department of Education in FY21, which is comparable with \$470,017 in FY20. The surplus also ensures viability into future years and to assist families to access preschool which is affordable, whilst still maintaining a high-quality education and care service.

During the lockdown due to COVID19, we were able reduce some of our operational costs such as cleaning, maintenance, consumables, equipment, stationary, amenities, staff training, electricity and casual wages.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

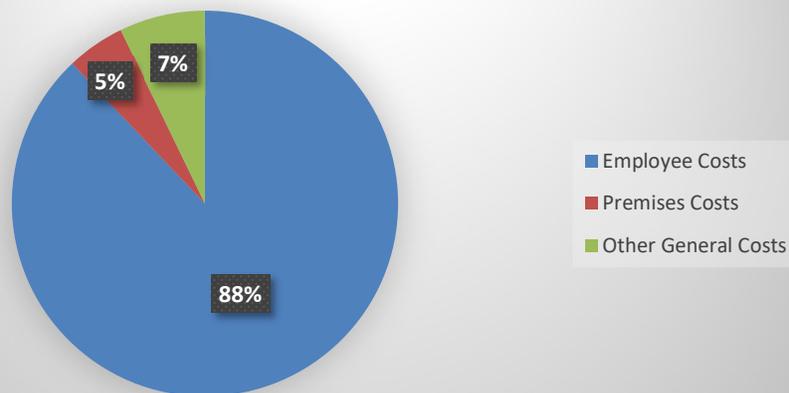
INCOME	Total
<i>Government funding</i>	\$529,228
<i>Covid19 Free Preschool Funding</i>	\$380,680
<i>Covid19 JobSaver & Business Grant</i>	\$82,614
<i>Fees & Bonds</i>	\$67,070
<i>Other</i>	\$5,721
Total Income	\$1,065,313

Income by category for the year ending 31 December 2021



Expense	Total
<i>Employee Costs</i>	\$890,768
<i>Premises Costs</i>	\$49,370
<i>Other General Costs</i>	\$72,902
Total Expenses	\$1,013,041

Expenses by category for the year ending 31 December 2021



TREASURER NOTES

The Kindergarten generated positive cash flow in financial year 2021 and the cash and cash equivalents was \$888,445 compared with \$780,537 in the prior year. The Kindergarten will be able to pay all debts as and when they become due and payable.

Financial year 2021 was successfully audited by Goodwin Chivas & Co and we will be appointing new auditors for this year.

The 2022 budget has been accepted by the Committee and the fees will be increased to \$50 per day (FY12: \$47) for 4-year-old children and \$26 (FY20: \$23) for low-income card holders. The main reason of the increase is to cover the additional operational costs and to bring the fees to rounded number. State government will continue to fund free preschool for 15 hours per week per child in financial year 2022. However, the Kindergarten will no longer be eligible for JobSaver subsidy in 2022. Children attending 3 days per week will continue to pay for the 3rd day each week.

I would like to thank Allison McCartney for her leadership and valuable contributions to the finances and keeping the operational cost low without compromising the quality of the Kindergarten. A very big thank you to Amy Burford as the Office Administrator of the Kindergarten for her excellent management of the day-to-day finance operations and direct contact with the auditors, government entities and other stakeholders. Also, for producing a well-presented budget for the year.

Thank you to all the members of the Management Committee for your valuable contribution, guidance, and support throughout last year.

Another year with disruptions due to Covid19 and hope this year would be better with less disruptions. I wish you all the very best for the year ahead, assured that your kids are in great hands at Kindergarten.



Kula Prasenna

Treasurer