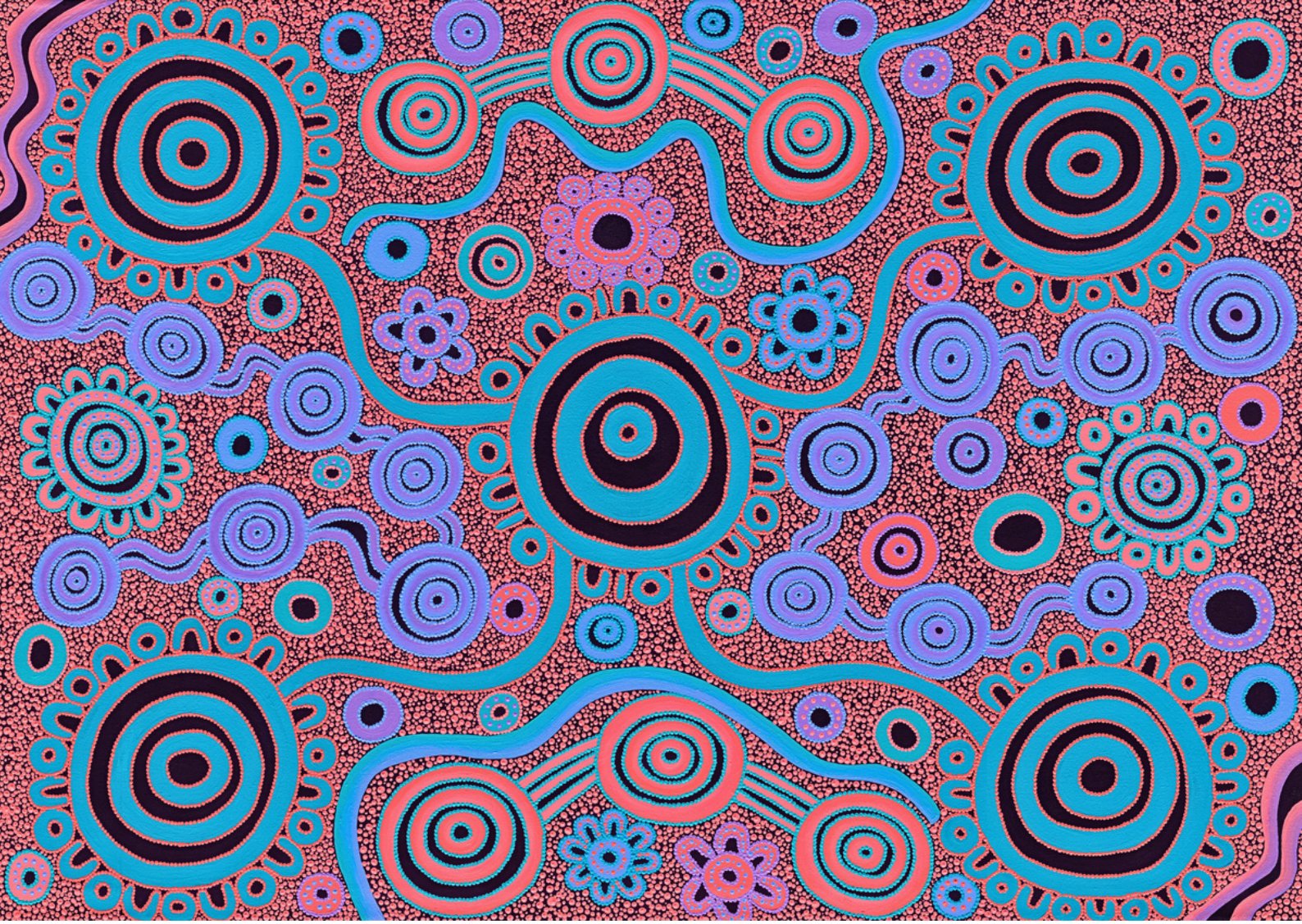
Foster & Kinship Carers
ASSOCIATION NT Incorporated

Supporting carers for over 10 years

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

2023 - 2024



Artist: Bianka Carson

Artwork meaning:

This painting is about foster carers supporting children, young people and their families, and people coming together to support one another through adversity and change.

Foster and kinship carers play a pivotal role in working with families and government organisations in keeping children safe, happy and healthy.

Foster and Kinship Carers Association NT Inc proudly acknowledges the traditional owners of country throughout Northern Territory, and recognises their continuing connection to their lands, waters and communities. We pay our respects to Aboriginal cultures, and to Elders past, present and emerging.

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OUR VISION

A thriving, resilient carer community

To continue to build a thriving, resilient carer community where foster and kinship carers are connected, equipped, empowered, and valued for their support of children and young people in their care.

OUR MISSION

Advocate, Collaborate , Educate

To foster a resilient and strong carer-based community through representation, advocacy, collaborative relationships and the provision of support services and training to its members.

REGISTERED

REGISTERED CHARITY
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FUNDING BODY

TERRITORY FAMILIES, HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES | NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

OUR VALUES

Collaboration - In our work with individuals, families and other organisations, we commit to working in a collaborative spirit.

Respect and Inclusion - We believe all carers have the right to have their voice heard, valued and respected.

Integrity and Ethics - To ensure best-practice through full accountability and the provision of high-quality support.

Innovation - We are adaptive to meet our ever-changing environment, always reflecting the needs of foster and kinship carers and our carer community. We are committed to evolving as an organisation to ensure those needs are met.

Drive - We accept the challenge to explore possibilities as we lead the sector to improve the lives of vulnerable children in the out-of-home care sector and the essential carers who support them. We are active in raising the profile of fostering and the positive benefits of being a carer.

WHO WE ARE

Foster and Kinship Carers Association NT is the peak body for foster and kinship carers in the Northern Territory. Our aim is to strengthen and grow a carer-centered organisation focused on resilience and diversity; influence and maintain collaborative partnerships throughout the Northern Territory; and continually improve our organisation through adaptability and innovation.

For 13 years we have been a firm voice for foster and kinship carers across the Northern Territory, championing their rights and advocating at an individual and systemic level to government bodies and key decision-makers. We are committed to supporting and empowering those who take on one of the most challenging yet rewarding roles in our community.

Through advocacy, collaboration and education, our mission is to empower carers and build a thriving, resilient carer community where foster and kinship carers are connected, equipped, and valued for their support of children and young people in their care. We're more than advocates; we're partners in the caring journey, providing essential information on carers' rights and services, and offering targeted training. We walk alongside our carers supporting and encouraging them.

Based in Darwin, our team regularly travels across the Northern Territory to engage directly with carers, sector partners, government, stakeholders, and other community agencies.











CHAIRMAN & CEO MESSAGE

Steve Downie & Amanda Thompson

On behalf of Foster and Kinship Carers Association NT (FKCANT) and our Board, we are proud to present our 2023-24 Annual Report.

As we reflect on another year of dedication and progress, we extend our gratitude to the Board of Directors for their continued good governance, guidance and support. Your leadership has been integral to ensuring that FKCANT remains focused on meeting our vision and mission.

In 2023-2024, we saw changes in our Board membership. With the greatest of appreciation, we bid farewell to Board members, Paul Avery and Kerry Wetherall, acknowledging their invaluable contributions throughout their years of service. We are also pleased to welcome new Board members, Meg Baker and Dawn McQuilkin, who bring lived experience as carers, sector expertise, and professional skills which gives us confidence that FKCANT will continue to evolve and thrive in alignment with our strategic plan.

We would also like to express our thanks to our community and sector partners. The collective support and collaboration we've experienced throughout the year have been vital in amplifying our impact. We have continued to come together with the National Foster and Kinship Care Collective (NFKCC) carer peaks in other states and territories; to collaborate and advocate at a national level on systemic issues impacting carers and children in home-based care. It is a pleasure to be working alongside such dedicated and inspiring colleagues. Together, we are creating a more connected, supportive environment for carers and the children in their care.

To the incredible FKCANT team, who I am privileged to work with, your tireless commitment and passion for supporting foster and kinship carers across the Territory are truly inspiring. Every day, your efforts make a meaningful difference in the lives of carers and the children they care for. It is your dedication that drives us forward and strengthens our organisation.

While we welcomed the 10% increase in the carer allowance this year, we acknowledge that this adjustment, although appreciated, does not keep pace with the rising cost of living. Many carers continue to face financial challenges, and we remain steadfast in our commitment to advocating for further increases that more accurately reflect the true cost of providing care. This remains a priority for us as we work to ensure that carers receive the support they deserve.

This year, we successfully advocated for the inclusion of volunteer foster and kinship carers under the Department for Children and Families, (formerly known as Territory Families, Housing, and Communities) contract, granting them access to free counselling services through the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). As a result of our efforts, DCF volunteer carers are now eligible to utilise EAP services. Once we receive the official fact sheet and confirmation of the process from DCF, we will share the relevant details on our website.

After submitting a comprehensive business case to the Department of Children and Families we are pleased to announce that our proposal to expand our services has been approved. As a result, the Department has committed to funding FKCANT for a one-year pilot program, which will focus on conducting carer assessments. This initiative will enable us to evaluate and support both potential new carers and existing ones within the Greater Darwin Region. Through this pilot program, we aim to improve the quality of care provided to children and families by ensuring that carers are supported and well-prepared for their roles. This is an exciting development for FKCANT as it allows us to take a more active role in the recruitment, training, and ongoing support of carers in our community.

To our inspirational and dedicated carers, we want to extend our deepest gratitude for the incredible contribution you make every day. Your compassion and patience is inspiring. You are the unsung heroes who bring support, love and care to vulnerable children and young people who need it most, often going above and beyond. The strength, empathy, and kindness you show in even the most challenging of moments is truly remarkable, and for that, we are endlessly grateful. Thank you for the profound impact you make in the lives of the children and young people ensuring they thrive and achieve their full potential.

Thank you to all those who have contributed to our shared vision this past year. We look forward to continuing our work together in the year ahead, with a strong sense of purpose and an unwavering commitment to making a lasting difference.



Steve Donnie



Amanda Thompson

CARE COMMUNITY

The FKCANT care community is a vibrant and diverse network of individuals, families, and groups, all united by a shared mission: caring for and supporting children in home-based care. This community is rich in diversity, drawing from various backgrounds, professions and life experiences, all commitment to making a positive impact in the lives of vulnerable children and young people.

Our dedicated volunteer carers include individuals who have taken on the role of foster and kinship carers, often balancing their carer responsibilities alongside careers and personal commitments. Their compassion and resilience create a nurturing and supportive environment for children in need. We are also proud to have families who work together to provide stable, loving homes. These family units, sometimes spanning multiple generations, offer a strong foundation of care and emotional support, helping children feel safe, valued and cherished.

Our work is further strengthened by groups of professionals from industries such as healthcare, education, business, and community services, who partner with us to support the foster and kinship care sector. These professionals collaborate with FKCANT to deliver programs, activities, and services that assist carers in their vital role caring for children. Whether sponsoring events, providing training opportunities, or offering specialised expertise, these partners play an essential role in ensuring that carers and children have the resources and tools they need to thrive.

Despite the varied backgrounds of our community members, they share a unified dedication to foster and kinship care, ensuring that every child receives the love, attention, and opportunities they deserve.

As we look forward, we celebrate the diversity within our carer community, recognising that this richness of experience and perspective makes our network stronger and more effective. Together, we are creating a brighter future for children in need, built on compassion, inclusion, and the power of community.

Thank you to our supporters

- Foster and Kinship Carers
- National Foster and Kinship Care Peak Body Collective
- NAPCAN
- Territory Families, Housing and Communities (TFHC)
- Australian Childhood Foundation
- Anglicare
- Charles Darwin University
- Urban Wax and Beauty
- Madz Flower House
- Foodbank
- Katherine Country Club
- Sammy's Family Pizza Restaurant
- Rosella Hair Boutique Darwin
- Dobby's Butchery Nightcliff
- Silks Darwin Restaurant
- Area 9 IT Solutions
- Hyper the Clown
- First Nations Broadcasting
- TEABBA
- Ruben James - Art
- Aboriginal Resource and Development Services (ARDS Aboriginal Corporation)
- Adventure Land
- Coles Supermarket (Northlakes & Casuarina Village)

BOARD MEMBERS



Chairperson
Steve Downie



Vice Chairperson
Denise Jenkins



Treasurer
Stephanie Ransome



Secretary
Bailey Tambling



Member
Jackie Williams



Member
Kerry Wetherall



Member
Meg Baker



Member
Dawn McQuilkin

Our Board of Management is a diverse group comprising dedicated volunteers, experienced foster and kinship carers, and professionals from various backgrounds across the Northern Territory. Each member brings a unique perspective and a wealth of experience to our organisation, strengthening our ability to serve the foster and kinship care community.

The primary objective of the Board is to oversee the strategic direction of the organisation, ensuring that every action we take is in alignment with our mission and serves the best interests of foster and kinship carers, the children in their care, and the broader out-of-home care sector.

In addition to setting long-term goals and providing financial oversight, the Board ensures legal and ethical compliance, actively supports fundraising and connection efforts, and advocates for the organisation within the community. Their role in managing risks and guiding resource allocation is essential to ensuring the sustainability and effectiveness of our work.

During the 2023-2024 period, Board meetings were convened in October, February, May, and July, with the Annual General Meeting slated for November.

FKCANT TEAM MEMBERS

Carers are assisted daily by a committed group of staff members who strive to support and advocate for improved care and wellbeing. This year, we bid a fond farewell to Amanda Reid, Mae Anderson and Kaye Devine. Their contributions have been invaluable, and we wish them all the best in their future endeavours.



Chief Executive Officer
Amanda Thompson



Practice Manager
Jarrad Elvish



Finance Manager
Louise Lasker



Business Support Officer
Jayne Rachor



Carer Advocacy & Support Officer
Johnnie Mugabe



Carer Advocacy & Support Officer
Meghan Hanley



Communications Officer
Rebecca Webber

Farewell Staff



Amanda Reid



Mae Anderson



Kaye Devine

STRATEGIC PLAN 2022 – 2025

We have continued to focus our goals on three key areas: our carer community, our sector and our organisation.

The annual report reflects our achievements and how our Association has been meeting the strategic goals.

Key areas of focus	Strategic Goals	Objectives
Our Carer Community	To continue to strengthen and grow a carer-centred organisation focused on resilience and diversity.	• Champion advocacy and be recognised as a persuasive, credible and collaborative voice as the peak body representing foster and kinship carers. • Assist and support carers to build their capacity so they can provide a high level of support to children and young people in the care sector. • Actively promote our range of support services to our members and the community. • Maintain and support existing members while maintaining a commitment to the recruitment of new carers. • Identify issues impacting carers to develop training, support services, advocacy and systemic lobbying strategies. • Empower carers through advocacy, training, skill development and case management. • Develop new, innovative, and responsive training, support networks and events to fill gaps in skill and/or knowledge.
Our Sector	To influence and maintain collaborative partnerships throughout the Northern Territory.	• Influence policy and the legislative frameworks that impact foster and kinship carers to improve their role and care experience. • Engage with government, the sector, the community and the media to encourage policy change and generate greater awareness of the importance and value of volunteer carers. • Forge strategic partnerships and networks to increase the impact of our work as a united sector for change. • Partner with local organisations, with a focus on Aboriginal community-controlled organisations. • Identify issues affecting carers to champion and lead our sector through collective and systemic lobbying. • Advance our work as the peak body to connect new and emerging organisations within our sector and build capability in evidence-based programs, practice and decisions.
Our Association (Organisation)	To continually improve our organisation through adaptability and innovation.	• Strengthen sector relevance, enhancing our reputation and position within the out-of-home care sector. • Focus on growth, ensuring the organisation is structurally supported to capitalise on new opportunities to grow and expand. • Ensure effective governance with training and mentoring of board members. • Maintain and improve best-practice governance processes that are understood, implemented and effective across the organisation. • Deliver on effective and strategic risk management and identification. • Foster a culture of continuous improvement. • Develop innovation solutions and opportunities to expand service delivery and operational capacity.

WHAT WE DO

FKCANT provides services to members covering every corner of the Territory as well as carers located interstate. Our services include:



Advocacy & Government Lobbying

Actively promote positive change through lobbying efforts, raising issues for individual and collective carers to improve policies, care standards, and the support they receive. We also offer specialised advice to Territory Families, Housing and Communities (TFHC) and other agencies responsible for shaping policies and guidelines that directly impact carers and their families.



Carer Support & Recruitment

We empower carers to voice their concerns and actively participate as vital members of the care team. We also provide essential information to those considering foster or kinship care, offer conflict resolution, mentoring, referrals to support services, and confidential guidance and assistance.



Networking & Peer Support Events

We share insights and expertise to support carers throughout their journey, facilitating connections and peer support groups. Additionally, we provide training and professional development opportunities on key issues affecting carers and children.



Training & Professional Development

Delivering training and professional development opportunities on key matters impacting carers and the children and young individuals under their care.



Contributing to Policy & Research

Contributing to the development of national and international policies and research to enhance the sector.



Recognising & Celebrating Carers

Acknowledging and commemorating the contributions of volunteer carers.

CARER MEMBERS

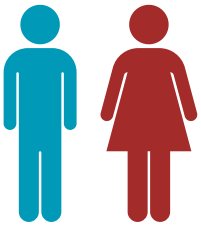
Carer Demographics

As of June 30, 2024, FKCANT had a total of 798 members. The majority of our carers are female, representing 62% of the membership, while males make up 35%.

Notably, 44% of our carers identify as Indigenous or Torres Strait Islander, marking a slight increase from the previous year.

Our carer members are spread throughout the Northern Territory, with some also residing in interstate locations.

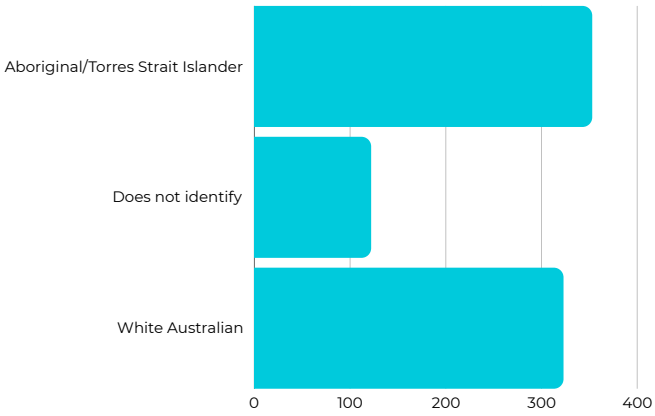
798 FKCANT Members



35% Male

62% Female

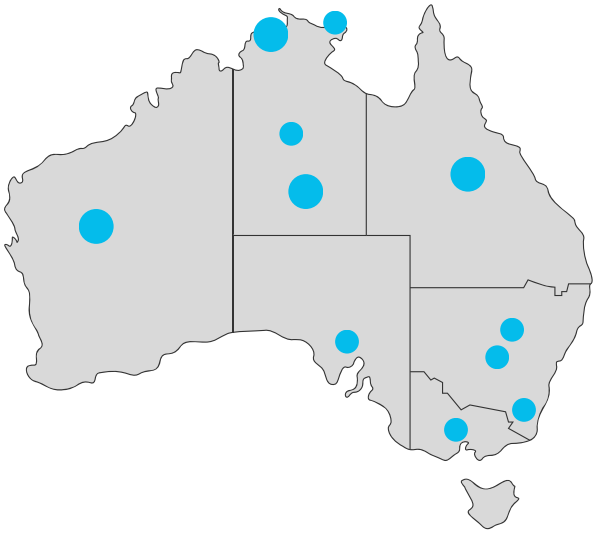
3% Other



Carer Recruitment & Promotions

Our promotional activities were a diverse mix of in-person events, radio interviews and online platforms, including our website and social media channels. Five carer recruitment-specific information booths were held across Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs. Through these efforts, FKCANT processed a total of 53 expressions of interest.

The number of expressions of interest has decreased by over 50% compared to 2022-2023. Feedback from community members and current carers suggests that prolonged assessment timeframes and the preference of prospective volunteer carers for paid care providers have contributed to this decline in interest in becoming volunteer carers.



CARER SUPPORT SERVICES

Since the establishment of GDR FKCANT Carer Support Services in November 2018, we have remained committed to delivering exceptional support to FKCANT's foster and kinship carers.

Our Carer Advocacy and Support Officers (CASOs) play a pivotal role in our mission, maintaining regular contact with carers through in-person visits, phone calls and virtual meetings. Their dedication ensures that carers are supported, empowered, and equipped to navigate the unique challenges of home-based care, ultimately contributing to the stability and quality of care provided to children.

In the 2023-2024 financial year, in addition to in-house office meetings, our team conducted 144 home visits across the Greater Darwin Region. These visits are central to our approach, offering carers the opportunity to share their concerns, successes, and needs in a supported environment. In addition, they enable our team to monitor carers' well-being, ensure compliance with necessary departmental requirements, and identify additional training or support that could enhance their experience. FKCANT's proactive engagement directly improves the quality of care, benefiting both the carers and the children they support. During the same period, the team provided case management to 150 carer households, supported carers in 132 care team meetings and 216 case management meetings.

As an organisation, FKCANT remains dedicated to enhancing and evolving our support services. Our ongoing goal is to strengthen carer retention and build a resilient, well-supported community of foster and kinship carers, ensuring the highest level of care for the children in their care.

290
Carers Supported



144
Home Visits



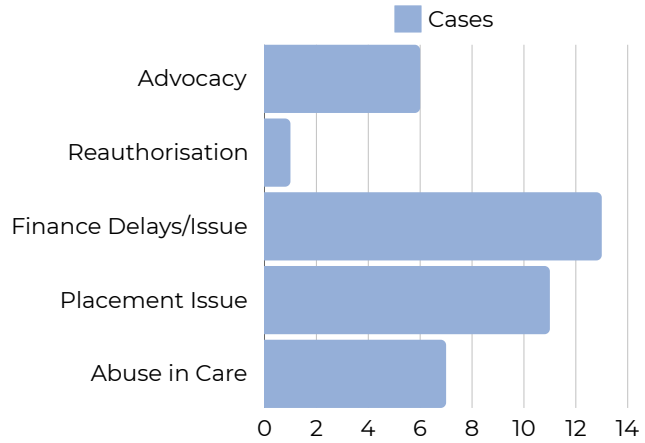
ADVOCACY

Here at FKCANT, our goal is to ensure that carers' voices are heard, respected, and supported when raising concerns and working closely with our members to address and resolve any challenges they face in their carer role. During 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024, our advocacy and support team managed 46 advocacy cases and 439 support matters. The following advocacy trends emerged:

- Lack of transition from care planning and after care support,
- Poor communication from Territory Families, Housing, and Communities (TFHC),
- Inordinate timeframes for travel approvals,
- Issues with carers receiving the carer allowance and reimbursement for additional costs incurred by carers,
- Concerns surrounding care plans and essential documentation,
- Lack of adherence to TFHC policies and procedures,
- Carer authorisation expiry - prevents children from being placed with carers and impacting travel approvals.

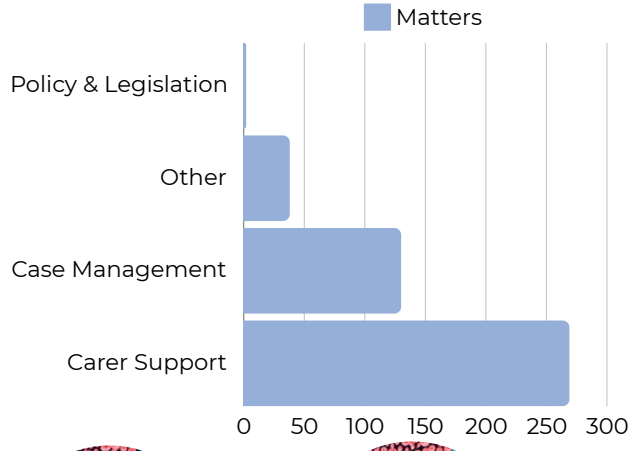
Our team of CASO's work tirelessly to ensure that our carers have a voice and feel empowered. By advocating on behalf of carers, we can ensure that carers receive the support they need to provide stable and nurturing homes for children.

Advocacy Cases between 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024





Support Cases between 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024





CARER CONNECTIONS & TRAINING

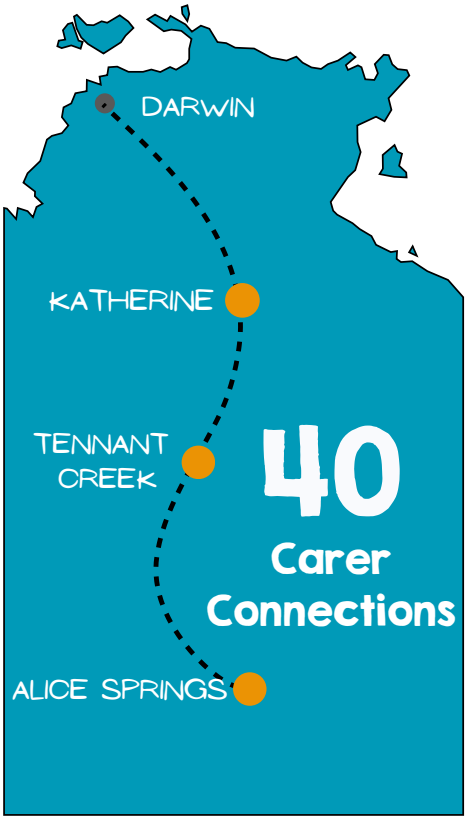
Our Carer Connection Dinners are well attended and continue to be our most popular activity, providing our carers an opportunity to connect, build support networks and friendships. These informal events provide a valuable opportunity for carers to step out of their everyday routines, connect with fellow carers, and share their experiences in a relaxed environment.

Our CASOs team also travel across the Northern Territory to facilitate a range of Carer Connection Events. In 2023-2024, we hosted 40 carer connection events featuring morning teas and dinners in Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek, and Alice Springs, ensuring that there's something for everyone.

A highlight was the End-of-Year Carer Connection Dinner at Cazaly's, where 55 carers and children came together to celebrate.

It is always fantastic to celebrate our carer community and witness the positive impact these events have on the well-being and connectedness of carers.

For the latest training calendar of carer connection events, please visit our website at www.fkca.org.au.











FKCANT remains committed to offering a wide range of training opportunities, ensuring that carers are equipped with the confidence, knowledge and tools needed to thrive in their carer roles. During the financial year 2023-2024, FKCANT delivered a comprehensive training calendar for our carers, providing and promoting over 39 training sessions, both in-person and online, helping carers develop the skills necessary to care for children with diverse and complex needs.



The training sessions were designed to address key issues identified by our carers which covered various topics such as:

- Youth mental Health First Aid
- NDIS Community Forum
- Working with children with complex trauma and behaviours
- CPR & First Aid
- No FASD Information Forum
- Reframing Parenting to Improve Child Wellbeing
- SafeTalk Suicide Awareness Workshop
- Daniel Morcombe Foundation Parent and Carer Workshops
- Resilience & Self-Care Forum
- Positive Partnerships – Parent and Carer Workshops
- Harmful Behaviours - Australian Childhood Foundation

By offering a blend of in-person and virtual sessions, we ensured that carers from both urban and remote areas had access to these valuable learning opportunities.

Our commitment to both ongoing education and building strong networks among carers reflects our goal of strengthening the support available to carers across the Northern Territory.

In-Person Events and Attendance Data

In-Person Events	Start On	Calculated Attendees
Katherine Youth Mental Health First Aid - Day 1	5/07/2023	6
Katherine-Youth and Mental Health First Aid Day 2	6/07/2023	6
CDU Resilience and Self-Care Forum - Darwin	24/10/2023	7
SafeTalk Suicide Awareness Workshop - Anglicare	6/11/2023	2
Intensive Behaviour Support Program	Jan - Mar	3
Katherine Training - NAPCAN - Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention/Mandatory Reporting Workshop	8/04/2024	5
Katherine Training - NAPCAN - 7 Steps to Safety Workshop	9/04/2024	5
CDU Resilience and Self Care Forum - Alice Springs	21/05/2024	6
Harmful Sexualized Behaviours - ACF	11/06/2024	6
First Aid	18/06/2024	6
Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)	18/06/2024	4
Resilience and Self-Care Forum - Katherine	21/06/2024	5
	TOTAL	**61**

FKCANT EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

In fostering a stronger sense of community, FKCANT hosted and participated in several key events. These events were opportunities to acknowledge our incredibly dedicated carers and for carers to connect, share experiences, and find support in their peers. View the albums below.

Meet & Greet - Child Protection Week & Foster Care Week















National Children's Week



Children and Carers Christmas Party

- Katherine
- Alice Springs



Foster & Kinship Care National Conference - Tasmania

In September 2023, Jayne and Mae had the privilege of representing FKCANT at the Foster & Kinship Care National Conference held in the stunning surroundings of Tasmania. The conference brought together foster and kinship care professionals from across the country to engage in meaningful discussions, share best practices, and explore new approaches to supporting carers and the children in their care.











ADF Welcome to the NT Expo



Katherine - Carer Information Stall



2023 Celebrating Children and Carers - GDR

In celebration of Child Protection and Foster and Kinship Care Week 2023, we had the pleasure of collaborating with Territory Families, Housing, and Communities (TFHC), Larrakia Nation, Create Foundation, and Stolen Generation to host the Carer Recognition and Children Awards. This special event honours the dedication of our foster and kinship carers and celebrates the remarkable achievements of the children they support.

The awards highlighted the exceptional commitment and hard work of carers and recognised the significant milestones and successes of the children in their care. We are proud of the collaboration and grateful for the chance to celebrate the incredible contributions of our carers and the bright futures of the children they nurture 💙













2024 Central Australia Foster Carers Celebration







2024 The Last Daughter Screening with Brenda Matthews

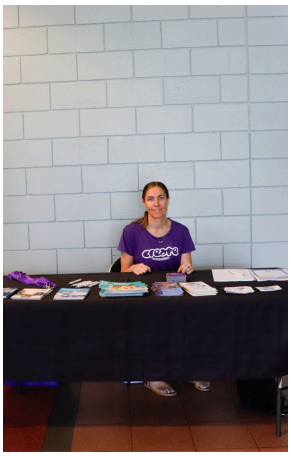
In April, we had the honour of hosting Wiradjuri woman Brenda Matthews for a special screening of her powerful documentary, The Last Daughter. This impactful event, which included a thought-provoking discussion and book signing, provided an intimate look into Brenda's deeply personal journey in the child protection system and reunification with her biological family. The documentary, exploring themes of identity, belonging, and reconciliation, left a lasting impression on our carer community, sparking heartfelt engagement.

We are incredibly grateful to our sponsor, Charles Darwin University, for the outstanding venue, as well as the invaluable support from Charles Darwin University Bookshop, Territory Families, Housing and Communities, Ruben James, Amber NT, Create Foundation, Teabba - Top End Aboriginal Bush Broadcasting Association, First Nations Broadcasting, 104.1 Territory FM, and the many local businesses that supported us and Brenda.

To continue walking alongside Brenda Matthews, follow her on social media at Aunty Brenda Matthews and visit her website to learn more: www.brendamatthews.com.au/walking-together.



















2023 Father's Day Competition

To celebrate Father's Day, FKCANT hosted a special Father's Day Giveaway on Facebook, offering our community the opportunity to recognise the outstanding contributions of foster and kinship fathers. The giveaway drew passionate responses, with the children and families sharing their appreciation for the fathers who play such significant roles in their lives. The winners were drawn randomly, and the event was recorded and shared on our Facebook page. Three deserving carers were awarded prizes, providing a wonderful opportunity to honour their dedication. Carer Andrew was one of the lucky winners and was celebrated during our Meet and Greet Day, where Johnnie presented him with his Father's Day prize.



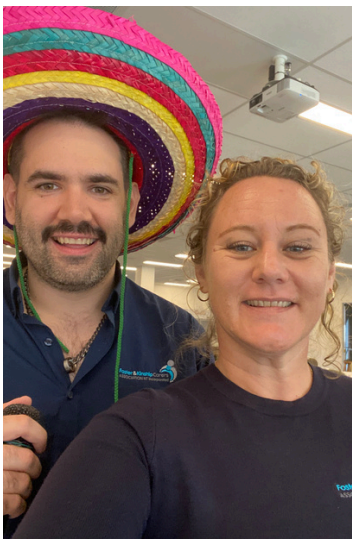


2024 Mother's Day Luncheon & Trivia

In the spirit of Mother's Day, our carer community came together to celebrate the incredible mums at Silks Restaurant for a day of Blooms and Brilliance Trivia Luncheon. The event was filled with laughter, delicious food, and friendly competition as carers tested their knowledge through an exciting trivia session. It was a fabulous day to honour the strength and dedication of our community's mums and show appreciation for their ongoing commitment to foster and kinship care.









SYSTEMATIC POLICY & ADVOCACY

In the past year, FKCANT has strengthened its advocacy role to support carers and children within the out-of-home care system at both the local and federal government levels. Our ongoing efforts aim to address systemic issues and influence government policies significantly impacting foster and kinship carers and the children in their care.

A vital part of this work has been our engagement with the National Foster and Kinship Care Collective (NFKCC), which plays an instrumental role in uniting advocacy efforts across Australia. The NFKCC is a collaboration of state and territory peak bodies that work together on critical issues, research, and systemic changes in the home-based care sector. Representing the Northern Territory, our CEO, Amanda Thompson, actively participates in the national forum, bringing the voices and concerns of our carers to the forefront of discussions.

In June, the NFKCC met in Sydney and identified nine key strategic objectives crucial to advancing the needs and rights of foster and kinship carers across Australia. These objectives are:

1. Raising the Status of Australian Foster and Kinship Carers: Elevating the recognition and respect for the vital role carers play in supporting vulnerable children.
2. Appropriate Compensation for Foster and Kinship Carers: Ensuring carers receive fair financial support that reflects the challenges and responsibilities of their role.
3. Wellbeing for Foster and Kinship Carers: Promoting mental, emotional, and physical health resources to support carers in maintaining their wellbeing.
4. Respite Access for Foster and Kinship Carers: Advocating for access to regular respite to prevent burnout and sustain the caring role.
5. Cultural Connectivity Opportunities for Foster and Kinship Carers: Ensuring that children in care have opportunities to stay connected with their cultural heritage, especially for Indigenous children.
6. High Quality, Consistent, Trauma-Informed Training for All Child Protection Stakeholders: Standardising training ensures that all stakeholders, including carers, receive a comprehensive education that acknowledges the impact of trauma on children and young people in care.
7. Disability Access and Support: Addressing the specific needs of children with disabilities to ensure they receive appropriate care and support.
8. Legal Access for Carers: Enhancing carers' access to legal resources and support to navigate the complexities of the care system.
9. Education Access Relating to Children and Young People in Care: Ensuring children and young people in care have equitable access to educational opportunities and support.

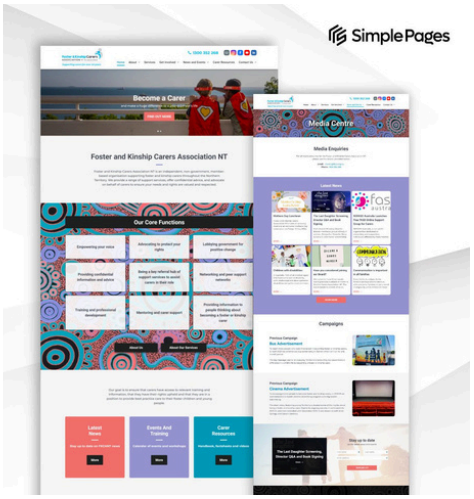
Our organisation plays a vital role in this collective effort, advocating for reforms supporting carers and children nationwide. With our CEO's active involvement, the unique challenges faced by carers in the Northern Territory are brought to national attention, ensuring their voices are heard in shaping broader policies and practices.

Furthermore, we continue to strengthen our profile and relationships within the expanding sector to advocate effectively for positive reforms. This year, we have proactively engaged with key stakeholders, participating in regular meetings with Ministers, Commissioners and Department Executives and fostering partnerships that align with our mission. These efforts aim to drive key reforms to address the evolving needs of foster and kinship carers and the children they support, ensuring that our advocacy is effective and far-reaching.

ONLINE PRESCENCE

Website

The FKCANT website has undergone a significant revamp thanks to the collaborative efforts of our CEO, Amanda, our previous Communications Officer, Mykle, and our newest team member, Rebecca. This project, which spanned 12 months due to changes in staff and other adjustments, has aligned the website with our current branding. With its user-friendly design, the refreshed website will ensure that FKCANT is more easily recognisable and accessible to our carer community, providing a comfortable and cohesive online experience.



Social Media

One of our objectives this past year has been to increase FKCANT's social media presence while maintaining consistency with our updated branding to our current and potential carers and the wider community. We concentrated on producing content output and engagement, consistently sharing content to promote training, recruit carers, raise awareness of FKCANT, and showcase community events. Which resulted in substantial improvements across several important social media metrics when comparing data from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023:

- 32% increase in reach, expanding our audience and allowing FKCANT's messaging to be more widely seen.
- A 203% increase in content interactions is due to increased content output. This engagement demonstrates that our audience sees and actively interacts with our content through likes, comments, and shares.
- A 32% increase in Instagram followers and 8% on Facebook. It reflects a growing interest in our social media presence and ongoing engagement efforts.

E-Newsletters

Throughout the year, FKCANT produced and distributed a total of 10 e-newsletters and other communications to keep our community informed and engaged. Our updates included the latest news and developments in foster and kinship care, significant legislative and policy changes, upcoming events, training opportunities, carer giveaways and surveys. These communications are a key component of our commitment to keeping carers and stakeholders well-informed and connected.



Foster & Kinship Carers
ASSOCIATION NT Incorporated
Supporting carers for over 10 years

AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS

Foster and Kinship Carers Association NT Incorporated

ABN 44523770355

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

Foster and Kinship Carers Association NT Incorporated

ABN 44523770355

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Foster and Kinship Carers Association NT Incorporated

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Committee's Report

30 June 2024

The directors present their report on Foster and Kinship Carers Association NT Incorporated (the Association) for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

Committee members
The names of the directors in office at any time during, or since the end of, the year are:

Names	Position	Appointed/Resigned
Amanda Thompson	CEO/Public Officer	
Steven Downie	Chairperson	
Denise Jenkins	Vice-Chair	
Stephanie Ransome	Treasurer	
Bailey Tambling	Secretary	
Jackie Williams	Registered Carer, Board member	
Kerry Wetherall	Invited board member	
Dawn McQuilkin	Registered Carer, Board member	Appointed 11 November 2023
Meg Baker	Registered Carer, Board member	Appointed 11 November 2023
Paul Avery	Invited member	Resigned 20 September 2023

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Short term objectives
The 's short term objectives are to:

- Advocate for foster and kinship carers, both individually and systematically to ensure a strong voice for carers rights;
- To provide information and advice and to facilitate support networks to strengthen placements for children and young people in care; and
- Play a significant role in the Out-of-Home Care system by working closely with Territory Families, Housing and Communities to develop legislation, policy and procedures to support the needs of foster families providing care for vulnerable children and young people.

Long term objectives
The 's long term objectives are to:

- To strengthen the Association's role within the Northern Territory as the Peak Body, ensuring a strong and autonomous voice for foster and kinship carers; and
- To establish strong advocacy for foster and kinship carers to support their role as carers for vulnerable children.

Principal activities
The principal activities of the during the financial year are:

- To advocate independently and strategically for foster and kinship carers throughout the Northern Territory;
- To play a significant role in the child protection system by assisting with the development of legislation, policies and young people in care;
- To provide training and development opportunities for foster and kinship carers; and
- To recruit new foster and kinship carers.

Significant changes
No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating result
The deficit of the for the financial year amounted to $ (54,924)(2023: Profit $ 317,585).

Foster and Kinship Carers Association NT Incorporated

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Committee's Report

30 June 2024

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee:

Committee member: ..... Committee member: .....

Dated this EIGHTH day of OCTOBER 2024

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Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Board Members of Foster and Kinship Carers Association NT Incorporated

In relation to our audit of the financial statements of Foster and Kinship Carers Association NT Incorporated ("the Association") for the financial year ended 30 June 2024, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*; and
- no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

PKF Merit

MunLi Chee
Director

DARWIN

8 October 2024

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Foster and Kinship Carers Association NT Incorporated

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 $	2023 $
Revenue	3	**1,056,512**	1,053,512
Finance income		**26,400**	1,130
Other income		**1,721**	218,644
Employee benefits expense	5	**(839,174)**	(660,729)
Depreciation and amortisation expense			
PPE - Depreciation		**(67,053)**	(68,136)
Administrative expenses	4(a)	**(111,996)**	(74,354)
Marketing expenses		**(15,783)**	(20,373)
Occupancy costs		**(1,896)**	(11,237)
Other expenses	4(b)	**(81,749)**	(89,931)
Other expenses		**(11,506)**	(21,468)
Finance expenses		**(10,400)**	(9,475)
(Deficit)/Surplus before income tax		**(54,924)**	317,583
Income tax expense		**-**	-
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year		**(54,924)**	317,583
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		**-**	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		**(54,924)**	317,583

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Foster and Kinship Carers Association NT Incorporated

ABN 44523770355

Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 $	2023 $
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalent	6	**1,261,232**	839,108
Trade and other receivables	7	**28,826**	27,373
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		**1,290,058**	866,481
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	8	**16,696**	20,926
Right-of-use assets	9	**119,440**	182,264
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		**136,136**	203,190
TOTAL ASSETS		**1,426,194**	1,069,671
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	10	**476,155**	19,497
Lease liabilities	9	**67,858**	62,300
Employee benefits	11	**39,097**	22,032
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		**583,110**	103,829
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lease liabilities	9	**66,717**	134,551
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		**66,717**	134,551
TOTAL LIABILITIES		**649,827**	238,380
NET ASSETS		**776,367**	831,291
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		**776,366**	831,291
		776,366	831,291
TOTAL EQUITY		**776,366**	831,291

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Foster and Kinship Carers Association NT Incorporated

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Statement of Changes in Equity
For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

2024

	Note	Retained Earnings $	Total $
Balance at 1 July 2023		**831,291**	**831,291**
(Deficit) for the year		**(45,024)**	**(45,024)**
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners			
Balance at 30 June 2024		**786,267**	**786,267**

2023

	Note	Retained Earnings $	Total $
Balance at 1 July 2022		513,706	513,706
Surplus for the year		317,585	317,585
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners			
Balance at 30 June 2023		831,291	831,291

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Foster and Kinship Carers Association NT Incorporated

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 $	2023 $
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Payments to suppliers and employees		**(691,528)**	(923,767)
Interest received		**26,400**	1,130
Interest paid		**(10,400)**	(9,474)
Receipt from grants		**1,084,632**	1,271,485
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		**409,104**	339,374
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		**-**	(74,112)
Term deposit		**500,000**	(170,716)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		**500,000**	(244,828)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Payment of lease liabilities		**(72,674)**	(55,092)
Leasing finance proceeds		**-**	68,673
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities		**(72,674)**	13,581
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held		**836,430**	108,127
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		**424,802**	316,675
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	6	**1,261,232**	424,802

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

1 Basis of Preparation

In the opinion of the Management committee the Foster & Kinship Carers Association NT Incorporated (the Association) is not a reporting entity since there are unlikely to exist users of the financial statements who are not able to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. These special purpose financial statements have been prepared to meet the reporting requirements of the the Northern Territory *Associatons Act 2003* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.*

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, AASB 107 *Statement of Cash Flows*, AASB 108 *Accounting Policies*, *Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors* and AASB 1054 *Australian Additional Disclosures.*

2 Material Accounting Policy Information

(a) Revenue and other income

Revenue is recognised when the is entitled to it.

Grant revenue

Where grant income arises from an agreement which is enforceable and contains sufficiently specific performance obligations then the revenue is recognised when control of each performance obligations is satisfied.

Grant income arising from non-enforceable contracts or those without sufficiently specific performance obligations is recognised on receipt unless it relates to capital grants which meet certain criteria.

Other income

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis when the is entitled to it.

(b) Property, plant and equipment

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

Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment, excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life to the , commencing when the asset is ready for use.

(c) Leases

At the lease commencement, the recognises a right-of-use asset and associated lease liability for the lease term. The lease term includes extension periods where the believes it is reasonably certain that the option will be exercised.

The right-of-use asset is measured using the cost model, depreciated over the lease term on a straight-line basis and assessed for impairment in accordance with the impairment of assets accounting policy.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments at the

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

2 Material Accounting Policy Information

(c) Leases

commencement of the lease. The discount rate is the rate implicit in the lease, however where this cannot be readily determined then the 's incremental borrowing rate is used.

Subsequent to initial recognition, the lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. The lease liability is remeasured whether there is a lease modification, change in estimate of the lease term or index upon which the lease payments are based (e.g. CPI) or a change in the 's assessment of lease term.

Where the lease liability is remeasured, the right-of-use asset is adjusted to reflect the remeasurement or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

(d) Employee benefits

Provision is made for the 's liability for employee benefits, those benefits that are expected to be wholly settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

3 Revenue

Revenue from continuing operations

	2024	2023
	$	$
Revenue recognised on receipt (not enforceable or no sufficiently specific performance obligations - AASB 1058)		
- Grants	**1,056,512**	1,053,512
Total Revenue	**1,056,512**	1,053,512

4 Expenses

(a) Administrative expenses

	2024	2023
	$	$
Accounting Fees	**1,800**	2,563
Licensing & Audit Fees	**11,200**	4,185
Bank Fees	**665**	664
Information Systems & Technology Expenses	**44,090**	23,411
Electricity & water	**5,356**	5,974
Insurance	**24,820**	23,564
Repairs and Maintenance	**7,251**	1,362
Telephone & Internet	**8,417**	9,468
Training and Development	**8,397**	3,163
Administrative expenses	**111,996**	74,354

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

4 Expenses

(b) Other expenses

	2024	2023
	$	$
Assets <$5000	**5,922**	10,757
Board Expenses	**3,477**	3,777
Carer Training and Development	**13,920**	4,228
Carer Consumables	**667**	1,478
Carer Events & Activities	**6,575**	8,523
Carer Outreach Program	**18,665**	4,481
Consultants	**12,314**	3,240
Equipment Hire/Lease	**2,823**	2,843
Legal expenses	**5,684**	5,684
Meeting Expenses	**1,208**	204
Office Expenses & Consumables	**2,902**	4,455
Contracted Staff	**-**	24,905
Travel & Accomodation	**7,593**	8,325
International Conference Costs	**-**	7,030
Other expenses	**81,750**	89,930

5 Employee expenses

	2024	2023
	$	$
Employee Oncosts	**4,222**	5,865
Leave Movements	**17,065**	(35,669)
Wages and Salaries	**737,084**	628,657
Superannuation	**80,804**	61,877
Employee expenses	**839,175**	660,730

6 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2024	2023
	$	$
Cash at bank and in hand	**1,261,232**	839,108
	1,261,232	839,108

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

7 Trade and Other Receivables

	2024 $	2023 $
CURRENT		
Trade receivables	-	671
	-	671
Prepayments	18,371	9,131
Deposits	10,455	11,000
Other receivables	-	6,571
Total current trade and other receivables	28,826	27,373

8 Property, Plant and Equipment

	2024 $	2023 $
Motor vehicles		
At cost	19,928	19,928
Accumulated depreciation	(13,254)	(11,029)
Total motor vehicles	6,674	8,899
Office equipment		
At cost	$ 54,964	$ 54,964
Accumulated depreciation	(44,942)	(42,937)
Total office equipment	$ 10,022	$ 12,027
Total plant and equipment	16,696	20,926
Total property, plant and equipment	16,696	20,926

9 Leases

Right-of-use assets

	Land & Building $	Motor Vehicles $	Total $
Year ended 30 June 2024			
Balance at beginning of year	190,547	74,112	264,659
Depreciation charge	(114,328)	(30,891)	(145,219)
Balance at end of year	76,219	43,221	119,440
Year ended 30 June 2023			
Balance at beginning of year	190,547	74,112	264,659
Depreciation charge	(76,219)	(6,176)	(82,395)
Balance at end of year	114,328	67,936	182,264

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

10 Trade and Other Payables

	Note	2024 $	2023 $
CURRENT			
Trade payables		**11,110**	798
Unearned revenue		**400,000**	-
GST payable		**40,913**	-
Accrued expenses		**24,132**	18,699
		476,155	19,497

Trade and other payables are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are normally settled within 30 days. The carrying value of trade and other payables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

11 Employee Benefits

	2024 $	2023 $
Current liabilities		
Provision for employee benefits	**39,097**	22,032
	39,097	22,032

12 Key Management Personnel Remuneration

The remuneration paid to key management personnel of Foster and Kinship Carers Association NT Incorporated during the year is as follows:

	2024 $	2023 $
Short-term employee benefits	**135,506**	129,007

13 Events After the End of the Reporting Period

The financial report was authorised for issue on the date of signing the declaration by the Management Committee..

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

Foster and Kinship Carers Association NT Incorporated

ABN 44523770355

Committee's Declaration

The Responsible People declare that in the Responsible People's opinion:

- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and

- the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2022*.

Committee Member ..... Committee Member .....

Dated 8/10/2024.

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Independent auditor's report to the members of Foster and Kinship Carers Association NT Incorporated

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying special purpose financial report of the Foster and Kinship Carers Association NT Incorporated (the "Association"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, 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, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the Committee's Declaration.

In our opinion, the financial report of Foster and Kinship Carers Association NT Incorporated has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including:

(i) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and

(ii) 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 2022*.

Basis for Opinion

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) and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (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 and Restriction on Distribution

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to for the purpose of fulling the Association's financial reporting responsibilities und er the ACNC Act and NT Associations Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of these matters.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

Management and those charged with governance 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, the NT Associations Act and the needs of the members. Management and those charged with governance responsibilities also include such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Association'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 management either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2024 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 Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's 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 Association'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 Association 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 management 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 Merit

MunLi Chee
Director
Darwin
8 October 2024

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Emergency Services: Police, Fire and Ambulance
For emergencies please call 000
For non-emergencies please call 131 444

Child Protection Hotline
You can report suspected child abuse to the Child Protection Hotline on 1800 700 250

Office of the Children's Commissioner - 1800 259 256
An independent office that is responsible for ensuring the wellbeing of vulnerable children
1800 259 256

Grandparent, Foster and Kinship Carer Adviser Line - 1800 245 965
Advisers who help grandparents and non-parent carers providing ongoing care for children

Territory FACES - 1800 999 900
Territory FACES connect Territorians with services or resources that support parents and families in your area

NTCOSS service directory
A directory to access up to date listing of community sector social services available in the Northern Territory

CREATE Foundation - (08) 8945 9993
The peak body for young people in care

Kids Helpline - 1800 55 1800
Australia's only free (even from a mobile), confidential 24/7 online and phone counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25

Beyond Blue - 1300 224 636
provides a free online and telephone helpline for people with depression, anxiety or other mental health issues

Darwin Head to Health
Mental health and wellbeing support
08 8914 6600

Headspace - 1800 650 890
Supports mental health and wellbeing of young people aged 12 – 25 providing evidence-based mental health treatments via our online and telephone services

Parent Line - 1300 301 300
Free counselling and support for parents and carers in Queensland and in Northern Territory

MensLine Australia - 1300 78 99 78
Offers free professional 24/7 telephone counselling support for men with concerns about mental health, anger management, family violence (using and experiencing), addiction, relationship, stress and wellbeing.

Lifeline - 13 11 14
Provides all Australians experiencing emotional distress with access to 24 hour crisis support and suicide prevention services

Suicide Call Back Service - 1300 659 467
Free nationwide service providing 24/7 phone and online counselling to people affected by suicide.

ReachOut
Confidential online peer support for young people and online resources for wellbeing
au.reachout.com

13YARN Crisis Support - 13 92 76
13Yarn provide crisis support 24/7 without judgement and they provide a confidential, culturally safe space to yarn about needs, worries or concerns.

The Butterfly Foundation
National helpline for eating disorders and body image issues. 8am – midnight (AEST/AEDT), 7 days a week.
1800 ED HOPE (1800 33 4673)

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Here at the Foster and Kinship Carers Association, we recognise the vital importance of staying connected with our carers. By providing the latest updates and information, we ensure carers are well-informed and supported in their crucial role. Moreover, our online platforms allows us to foster a sense of community and solidarity among our carers, providing them with a space to share experiences, seek advice, and offer mutual support.
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