



2024 Annual Report



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Vision

Equitable healthcare for children globally.

Mission

Sharing expertise in paediatric care to prevent and control diseases, save lives, and create a brighter future for children and young people in low-resource settings overseas and in Australia.

TPA Purpose

Taking Paediatrics Abroad (TPA) enhances care for children with complex medical problems. We do this by enabling the collaboration of Australian paediatric subspecialists with treating clinicians in low resource countries in the Asia-Pacific region and in remote locations for Australian Aboriginal children.

The care-giving capabilities of doctors, nurses and allied health professionals are boosted, helping to save lives & strengthen health systems.

Timely virtual subspecialty guidance about actual cases enables refinement of management, follow-up of progress, debriefing and crystallization of key learnings.

Clinical education sessions are provided on requested topics and supportive conversations enhance wellbeing.

About Us

TPA is a charitable organisation registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission with endorsement for charity tax concessions. The Australian Business Number is: 35 635 999 076.

Structure and Management

TPA is governed by an experienced Board and supported by an Advisory Group comprising senior paediatric colleagues with extensive international experience.

Australian paediatric experts, the Managing Director, the Board Members, the Advisory Group, project team and administrative support team contribute their time in a voluntary capacity.

Our People

TPA Board members

| Name | Position | Dates |
|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Peter Richards | Chair & Treasurer | Chair since 2021; Director since 2019 |
| Lesley Mathews | Company Secretary & Director | 2021 – present: Director since 2019 |
| Elizabeth Adsett | Director | 2021 – present (Chair from 2019-2021) |
| Patsi Michalson | Director | 2019 – October 2024 |
| Kathryn Currow | Managing Director | 2019 – present |
| Jasmine Antonious | Director | February 2023 – present |
| Robert Hendriks | Director | June 2024 – present |

Advisory Group

| Name | Position | Dates |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| A/Prof. Sue Woolfenden | Advisor & Presenter | 2019 – present |
| Sally Whitaker | Advisor | 2019 – present |
| Dr Sue Phin | Advisor & Preseter | 2019 – present |
| Ruth Baker | Advisor | 2019 – present |
| Dr Elodie Moreau | Advisor/ Journal club lead | 2021 – present |
| Dr Susan Adams | Advisor / Surgical discussion lead | 2022 – present |
| Lynne Brodie | Advisor | 2023 – present |
| Dr Josephine Goodyer | Advisor & Presenter | 2023 – present |
| Dr Claire Ferguson | Advisor, TPA Newsletter Author | 2024 – present |

Key Volunteers:

| Name | Position | Duration |
|--------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Adam Ghanem | IT Support | 2023 – onwards |
| Peter Andersen | Project Support | 2019 – present |
| Nevana Nader | Admin Support | 2024 – present |
| Ruth Heazlewood | Volunteer Management | 2024 – present |
| Tracylee Arestides | Communications | 2024 – present |
| Thea Amar | Communications support | 2024 – present |
| Dr Steven Steyl | Advisor | 2024 – present |

Contributing Experts

Taking Paediatrics Abroad gratefully acknowledges the enormous contribution of the many dedicated of paediatric colleagues who regularly share their expertise with paediatric colleagues in the Indo-Pacific region. They are from NSW, ACT, Victoria, Queensland, Tasmania, Ireland and one from New Zealand. Experts include:

| Type of Expert | Number in 2024 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Paediatric Subspecialists | 72 |
| Nurse Specialists | 36 |
| Allied Health Paediatric Specialists | 16 |

Our Donors

Taking Paediatrics Abroad gratefully acknowledges the support of:

- MSC Mission
- Mundango Abroad
- Private donors



Although all time is contributed to TPA in a voluntary capacity, these financial contributors have been vital in helping TPA connect and grow over the past five years. Their support is so greatly appreciated.

Our supporters

We gratefully acknowledge the ongoing expert pro bono support of:

| Name | Logo | Dates |
|-----------------------|--|----------------|
| HWL Ebsworth |  | 2019 - present |
| Bongiorno |  | 2019 - present |
| Hall Consulting Group | Part of the Grimsey Group  Home - HCG Development (hallconsulting.com.au) | 2023 - present |

Message from the Chair

TPA is now five years into a project that shows no less requirement for its existence. Patients continue to require care, families continue to require support, and medical colleagues across the world continue to apply their compassion and expertise in meeting their needs. Of course, these needs are most acute for children and young people in low resource settings. TPA is both committed and proud to contribute as much as we can to help address these ongoing challenges by assisting our colleagues on the medical front lines.

TPA's reach and impact has continued to grow in 2023/24. I will leave it to Kathryn to detail how and where, except to say that it is our army of volunteers that make the possibility become reality. On behalf of the TPA Board, I would like to express huge appreciation to all of our volunteers for all you do. As a purely volunteer run organisation with a model based on voluntary expert contribution from many busy specialists, we recognise and applaud the wonderful contribution from all involved.

Of course, even volunteer led organisations don't exist based on sweat alone, and there is always a need for some financial resource. We continue to invest as much time as possible in encouraging donations to our cause and continue to work on ways to obtain more sustainable funding. Fortunately, we have benefitted from some great support from donors this year, many of them individual and private. Thank you all. However, if we are to increase and expand our impact in future, much more will be required.

Thank you to the TPA Board for their support, input and commitment to the work of TPA; it is generous and valued.

Finally, it is difficult to find the superlatives to describe the indefatigable powerhouse that is Kathryn Currow, Managing Director and Founder of TPA. She devotes more than full time application to not only keep the day to day of TPA running, but also to engage with sponsors, supporters, collaborators, and colleagues everywhere. The TPA project is an incredible accomplishment, delivered from an idea. Congratulations and thank you, Kathryn.

Managing Director Report

It continues to be an enormous privilege to work alongside our esteemed paediatric colleagues in low resource settings, as TPA helps to empower their care for children with complex medical problems. Their continued commitment to improving the health and wellbeing of infants, children and young people is awe-inspiring and deeply motivating. Their achievements, despite challenges and barriers, are extraordinary.

The words 'resource limited settings' don't reflect the degree of difficulty clinicians face in providing health care every day including from: patients presenting only when their situation is critical; the lack of critical drugs or investigations; equipment malfunction and technology instability; the cultural dilemma with traditional medicines. As well as challenges in resources, many paediatric presentations are often atypical or enigmatic especially in babies and children. Our colleagues say "When you feel like you hit a wall you need the support network that TPA provides" – a paediatric medical neighbourhood. TPA has created a paradigm shift empowering colleagues who care for sick children.

And from a parent's perspective: if this was your child and you lived in a low resource country, on a minimum wage, how good to have your doctors be able to connect with international experts who can help your child.

As we near our first 1000 hours of virtual meetings, it is with profound appreciation of the immeasurable contribution of many Australian paediatric subspecialists who are so committed to supporting the great work of our international paediatric colleagues.

This highly effective collaboration of the TPA paediatric neighbourhood enriches broadly: the positive impact on the healthcare of individual children; the empowerment of clinicians; the strengthening of health systems; the boost to the wellbeing of all.

My warmest thanks to organisations that support TPA's work, including the Australian College of Neonatal Nurses, the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network, the School of Biomedical Engineering of the University of New South Wales, Caring and Living as Neighbours (CLAN).

TPA is sustained through the continued generosity of organisations and private donations. Not only does this enable our work to continue, but it also energizes our small team in day-to-day activities. The support of new organisations, including Mundango Abroad, Hall Consulting Group and SaulSMSF is greatly appreciated, as is the generosity of private donors.

My profound thanks for the wisdom and guidance of the TPA Board and of the experience and consideration of the TPA Advisory Group as well as the many individual volunteers and of the organisations supporting our work.

Now that TPA has confirmed its proof of concept, it is time to consolidate our organisational structure to enable expansion and enduring effectiveness.

How we deliver

TPA's role is to address the priorities of our overseas colleagues: to be responsive, supportive, respectful and always considerate of the challenges they encounter every day.

This year our continued focus has continued to be on virtual meetings with the benefits of timely support, greater reach and a well-established respectful shared learning environment.

Session numbers per country are listed below. Case discussions are the foundation of medical sessions with enlightening and enlivening moments of learning and deep reflection opportunities, "what can I do differently next time?"

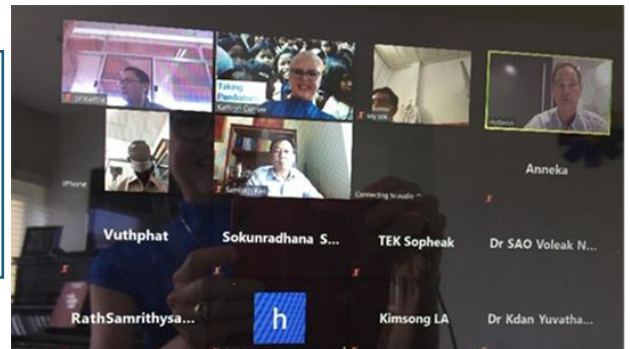
This is from Australian subspecialist experts who are awe-struck at what is already being achieved by colleagues in resource limited settings.

Beyond the session numbers, imagine the number of children and families helped into the long term as new knowledge translates to new practice.

Then there is technology: internet disruptions, expensive data, poor reception, equipment not working. Enormous energy is required to maintain the status quo, let alone effect lasting improvements.



"Sharing Clinical Cases – problem solving and learning together" Dr Simone Ardern-Holmes



Face-to-face volunteering is gradually re-emerging with TPA facilitating volunteering by several volunteers each year.

Our work in Australia



The effective impact of telemedicine consultations at the PIUS X Aboriginal Medical Service in Moree continues: “I don’t know what we would do without our incredible paediatric telemedicine service” said Ros Rose, Practice Manager, with many thanks to Dr Christy Norwood and Dr Stephanie Francis. This profound impact has led to the PIUS X team sharing with their colleagues at the Armajun Aboriginal Medical Service in Inverell. Coincidentally another paediatrician emerged who was keen to share her expertise to help Aboriginal children. She has started face-to-face visits to Inverell in 2024, much to the delight of the Armajun team.

As well, Dr Kimberley Farage has included Narrabri – Wee Waa visits in 2024. This has “been a godsend. She has already made such an impact in our community and all our families that have worked with her speak about her with such high regard” according to the Narrabri School Principal, Claire Allen, who has been patiently waiting, knowing the efforts made by TPA over the last several years. “I cannot thank you enough for your tireless efforts in getting us here and look forward to catching up when you have time. “

Our International Work

TPA provides a structured schedule of meetings with Australian paediatric subspecialist enabling overseas paediatric colleagues to discuss their cases providing immediate relevance for sick children and ensuring country priorities are addressed.

In-country colleagues are always CASE MANAGERS, appreciating the opportunity to meet with a LIVE world expert to share extensive experience and provide guidance. TPA discussions enable the application of new knowledge within the context clinicians face that day in low resource settings where all clinicians have so many roles to fulfil. These sessions also raise awareness among Australian colleagues of the many confronting difficulties faced by overseas colleagues.

Meeting with colleagues in Honiara has helped to progress plans for the Newborn Screening Project and refreshed relationships to further refine TPA’s role into the future. Special thanks to TPA volunteer, Dr Claire Ferguson, for joining this visit and for sharing her insights through TPA newsletters.

It was special to meet colleagues at the Port Moresby General Hospital for the first time in 2024. It was indeed an honour to meet with the hospital CEO, Dr Molumi, Dr Kone Sobi,

Director of Medical Services, Sr Merelyn Nicholas, Director of Nursing Services, Dr Cornelia Kilalang-Gugu, Chief Paediatrician, the impressive paediatric team led by Dr Gwenda Anga, Dr Anna Toti who leads medical education, Sr Filma Obumi Kuman Nurse Manager Neonatology, the wonderful neonatal nurses and dedicated physiotherapists. TPA's commitment to supporting colleagues is strongly affirmed. Thanks to TPA volunteer, Dr Carolyn MacLennan, for joining this visit, providing excellent education and sharing many resources.

Further meetings are planned for Cambodia and Vietnam in 2024.



Countries : powerful soft diplomacy

From 2020



Solomon Islands



Vanuatu



Cambodia



Bangladesh

Included throughout 2021 -2023



Tonga



Vietnam



Kiribati



Samoa



Federated States of Micronesia



Fiji



Mongolia

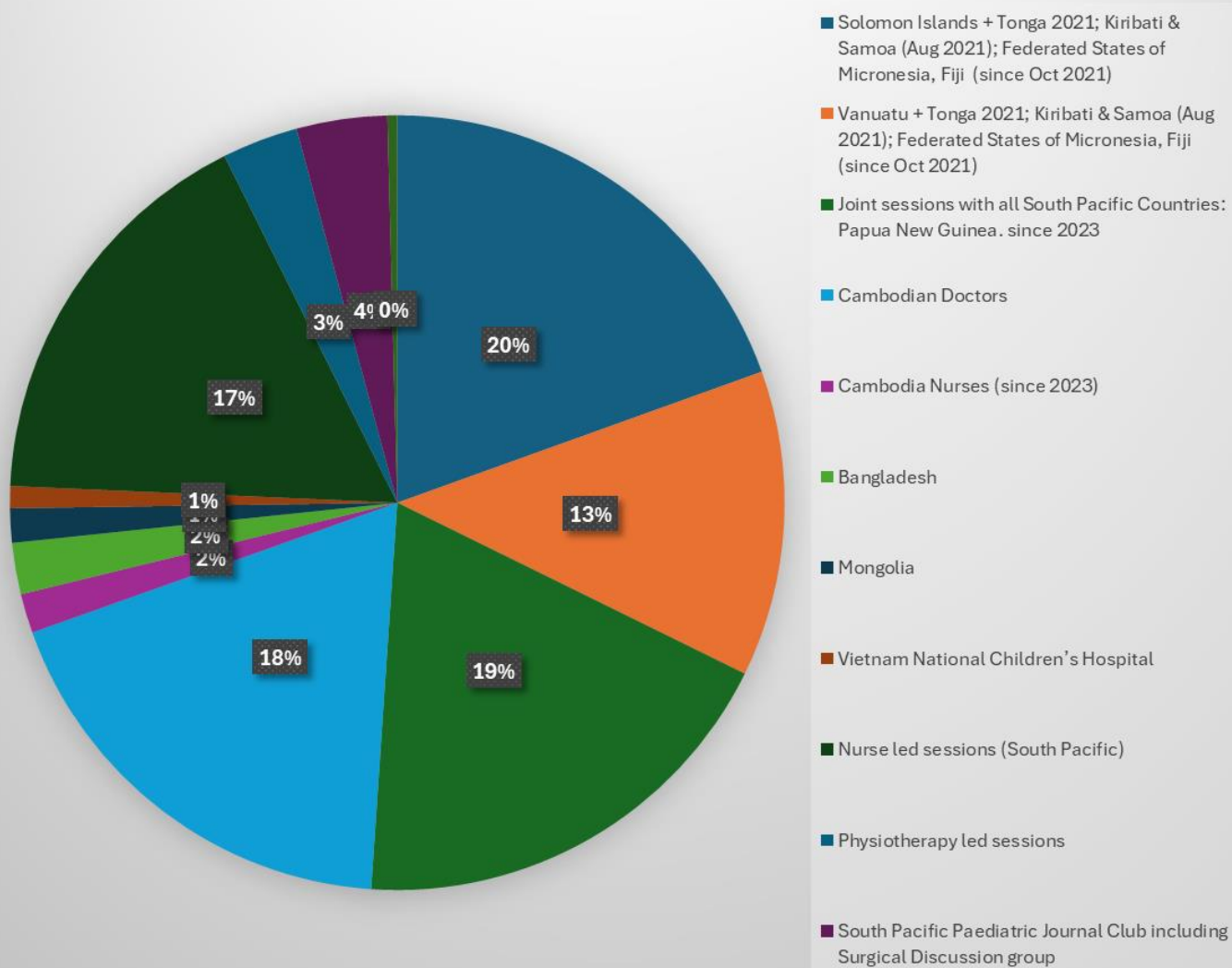


Nauru



Papua New Guinea
Initial introduction
in 2023 through
ACNN colleagues

TPA Virtual Meetings since May 2020



See details P 20

Impact

As one of many contributors to improving child health statistics in the Asia-Pacific, TPA not only aims to contribute to improvements in child mortality, but also to support the gradual change in focus from just surviving to thriving; to enable children to flourish, whatever their circumstances.

TPA is now into its 5th year of telehealth meetings. Feedback from our colleagues continually affirms the TPA telehealth project as a proof of concept.

Recording actual attendee numbers is unrealistic as, due to data cost, most overseas colleagues keep their cameras switched off: sometimes there are 10 people on one link. However, their feedback tells of the benefits that they so greatly appreciate (P 16). The flow-on effect of virtual meetings impacts other colleagues and teaching to junior colleagues and students.

Due to overseas colleagues' clinical commitments, there are often expressions of regret at not being able to attend live sessions. As well as colleagues sharing new knowledge with each other, presentations / articles / guidelines from TPA meetings are sent to all relevant colleagues ensuring that vital new knowledge is shared broadly.

| Inputs | Activities | Outputs | Short-term Outcomes | Long-term Outcomes |
|---|--|--|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding • Clinical Volunteers • Non-Clinical Volunteers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case discussions • Clinical teaching • Supportive Conversations • Communities of Practice • Journal Club • Surgical Discussion Group • Face-to-face volunteering | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of sessions • Patients discussed • Approximate attendees • Numbers receiving TPA materials • % of children in populations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased knowledge / confidence in OS clinicians & diagnoses clarified • Learning / benefits reported by Australian contributing clinicians • Reported progress with patients | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient's lives saved • New knowledge disseminated to other staff / students • New knowledge integrated into clinical practice locally • Health systems strengthened |

TPA will be looking to more formally evaluate its Social Impact in 2025.

Examples of the impact of TPA discussions:

- Uncertainty about the diagnosis and treatment of a boy with a spinal cord lesion led to a request to meet with a paediatric neurologist. Prompt discussion through TPA confirmed the suspected diagnosis. With a change in treatment, a dramatic improvement resulted to the extent that several days later he could return to his local hospital with his family and complete his treatment and rehabilitation.
- A neonate from a remote location with congenital heart disease was detected by a paediatrician in her country. The definitive diagnosis of the structural abnormality in the baby's heart was established at a TPA meeting enabling the baby to be transferred for corrective surgery by a cardiac team who were coincidentally visiting the following week.
- Three children with kidney cancer have now completed treatment – all undertaken at the National Referral Hospital in the Solomon Islands, thanks to care by Dr Steve Lumasa, Dr Bredon Throter locally, and to Dr Luciano Dalla-Pozza, Director of the Cancer Centre for Children at The Children's Hospital at Westmead who has met every fortnight for 3.5 years to provide supportive guidance. Now that a nascent oncology service is established, other patients are now benefiting from the experience gained. Sessions led by Kylie Stark on Nursing care for oncology patients have given additional impetus.
- Following a request, expertise has been shared with clinicians from the Vietnam National Children's Hospital Nutrition Department who care for babies with nutrition problems caused by underlying neurological conditions.
- Speaking out for Safety, a topic presented by Andrew Heasley from Queensland Children's Hospital, raised Nurses' awareness of their critical role in caring for sick children, especially where things *are not always as they seem* – as is common in paediatric practice!
- In many countries, there are very few allied health professionals, so services are greatly stretched. Most are physiotherapists whose scope of work broadens to fulfil need. A session by Jessica Newham and Kathryn Clark highlighted how hugely helpful physiotherapy is during cancer treatment itself, including to combat side effects of treatment, and in recovery.
- Dr Holly Hester led a great session for Cambodian doctors on managing neonatal diabetes, a demanding and difficult problem, even in well-resourced centres with readily available subspecialist support.

.....so helpful when, through TPA, a photograph of an unusual and concerning skin condition can be sent to a highly expert paediatric dermatologist who can confidently reassure that this is not a marker of serious underlying illness nor an unusual presentation of childhood cancer, but rather a benign lesion that will spontaneously resolve by the age of 2 years. Sharing with doctors empowers them to relay it to worried parents. Everyone wins!

Even when news is not so bright, a diagnosis can at least provide an answer, perhaps avoiding unnecessary and costly further investigations, and give guidance about treatment options to help guide the best path forward.

Additional TPA projects

- TPA continues its support for the establishment of a Child Protection Service at the National Paediatric Hospital in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
- TPA is supporting a Newborn Screening in the Honiara, Solomon Islands. This will enable early detection of and life-transforming treatment for babies with congenital hypothyroidism. It is a privilege to work with Dr Titus Nasi, Dr Leeanne Panisi, Dr Carol Titulu, Dr Zarina Kere, Sr Susan Dikahehe in Honiara and with Dr Shubha Srinivasan and Dr Stephanie Ly the project leads from Sydney. We are so grateful to DHL and to Revvity for their great support.



Dr Claire Ferguson, TPA Volunteer; Dr Leeanne Panisi, Head of Obstetrics, NRH; Dr Kathryn Currow, TPA; Sr Susan Dikahehe, Nurse Educator, Midwifery, NRH; Dr Titus Nasi, Head. Dr Zarina Kere, on R, is leading the project locally.



The Fundraising team in the City to Surf – thanks to Dr Shubha Srinivasan and Dr Stephanie Ly for their energizing efforts! Thanks to all who donated, too!

Collaborations

- Sydney Children's Hospitals Network: TPA is grateful for the continued encouragement of clinicians and senior executives.
- Australian College of Neonatal Nurses Low Resource Country Special Interest Group present monthly virtual training sessions for Nurses. As well TPA has introduced them to colleagues in Tonga where very successful face-to-face training was undertaken in 2024. TPA has since introduced ACNN colleagues to the team at the National Referral Hospital, Honiara, and refreshed their acquaintance with the Neonatal Unit at the Port Moresby General Hospital, PNG.
- Thanks to Caring and Living as Neighbours (CLAN: [Home \(clanchildhealth.org\)](http://clanchildhealth.org)) for their enormous support for children with osteogenesis imperfecta in the Solomon Islands, through a TPA introduction. CLAN have also introduced the Nutrition Department at the Vietnam National Children's Hospital for expert guidance through TPA to support their work in providing adequate nutrition for babies with neurological impairments.
- School of Biomedical Engineering University (SOBME) of NSW: introduced by TPA to the Solomon Islands in 2023, where SOBME students introduced switch toys for disabled children, Prof Lauren Kark returned with another group of students in 2024 with new projects requested by Solomon Islands colleagues. These included a special chair for disabled children that can be adjusted to fit as the child grows and a programmable language teaching tool. Both are to be made in the Solomon Islands, a great initiative in assistive technology for disabled children.



Khushi Gupta demonstrating the chair



A/Prof Lauren Kark, SOBME, UNSW with Solomon Island National University Students

Feedback: Solomon Islands, Tonga, Cambodia

Dr Titus Nasi, Head of Paediatrics, Solomon Islands

Dear Kathryn,

On behalf of the paediatric dept, out sincere thankyou and appreciation to you and Claire to spend the week with the team. It has been a fantastic week and especially to support the Newborn TFT screening.

I met Alfraid this morning concerning the Roche team to install the biochemistry machines and he has not given a definite date. He promised to send the details of the machines.

Once again, thankyou for your on-going support and meeting the nurses and the doctors.

Thankyou for the TPA administrations and hard work and the specialists for volunteering their time and expertise to support our patients, making them smile and getting them back on their feet in good health.

We are so thankful that we have that live-line for patient consultations, teaching, training and now doing research. The department is delighted to have created that relationship that is growing and going from strength to strength. In the last 4 years we have accomplished so much , due to TPA. The specialists have been exceptionally wonderful in their time and support.

A special shout out to Dr Luciano, Dr Jascha and Shubha for going beyond consultations and setting up long term pathways.

All credit to you and your had working office for tirelessly coordinating and negotiating on our behalf, aligning the sessions.

We thankyou from the bottom o

f our hearts.

Kind Regards

Titus

Dr Titus Nasi, Paeds Dept, NRH, Solomon Islands



Dr Titus Nasi, Dr Kathryn Currow,
Dr Steve Lumasa at NRH

Dr George Aho, Head of Paediatrics Tonga.

“ You would be most welcome to visit us again in 2025!

It’s a bit of a struggle sometimes when we have competing priorities on the ground to attend every session.

The nurses' sessions are fantastic too.

I think you are doing such a fantastic job in attracting consultants across the board to lead these sessions-its NO easy task but your relentless enthusiasm and energy in driving this is God-sent for Paediatrics in the Pacific at least.

It’s absolutely a fabulous forum and you are so good too in toning the consultants to Pacific working conditions and available resources.

Once upon a time you relied on the arrival of the Paediatric Clinics of North America to be updated. Quite a contrast to hearing about the state of the art as we speak....

So, Kathryn I know you would have already considered a succession plan but you have set up a legacy that I hope would stay around for decades to come.”



Royal Embassy of Cambodia to Australia and New Zealand

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On 26 September 2024, H.E. Dr. CHEUNBORAN Chanborey, Cambodian Ambassador to Australia, received Dr. Kathryn CURROW, Managing Director of Taking Paediatrics Abroad (TPA), and her colleague, Dr. Paul Jenkins, at the Royal Embassy of Cambodia in Canberra.

Dr. CURROW briefed the Ambassador of TPA's activities in Cambodia. TPA is a charitable, not-for-profit organisation that facilitates the sharing of expertise between Australian paediatrics and healthcare professionals in rural and remote Australia and developing countries. Ambassador Chanborey expressed his heartfelt gratitude and admiration to Dr. CURROW for her dedication to Cambodia, especially Cambodian children, since 1980 as a young doctor. The Ambassador also shared his ideas on how to further promote TPA's contribution to Cambodia's health system.



Board Attendance 2023 - 2024

| | 8 November | 13 December | 14 February | 17 April | 12 June | 14 August |
|-------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|----------|---------|-----------|
| Peter Richards | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Kathryn Currow | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Lesley Mathews | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| Elizabeth Adsett | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Patsi Michalson | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Joanne Lillie | Yes | Yes | | | | |
| Jasmine Antonious | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| Robert Hendriks | | | | | | Yes |

Number of Sessions May 2020 – Oct 16, 2024

| Countries | Hours |
|---|------------|
| Solomon Islands + Tonga 2021; Kiribati & Samoa (Aug 2021); Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji (since Oct 2021) | 191 |
| Vanuatu + Tonga 2021; Kiribati & Samoa (Aug 2021); Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji (since Oct 2021) | 125 |
| Joint sessions with all South Pacific Countries: Papua New Guinea. since 2023 | 184 |
| Cambodian Doctors | 181 |
| Cambodia Nurses (since 2023) | 16 |
| Bangladesh | 21 |
| Mongolia | 14 |
| Vietnam National Children’s Hospital | 9 |
| Nurse led sessions (South Pacific) | 166 |
| Physiotherapy led sessions | 31 |
| South Pacific Paediatric Journal Club including Surgical Discussion group | 37 |
| Half-Day Virtual Conference May 2022: guest speakers & cases from countries | 4 |
| TOTAL Hours: Sessions = 976 | 979 |

TAKING PAEDIATRICS ABROAD LIMITED

ABN 35 635 999 076

FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

TAKING PAEDIATRICS ABROAD LIMITED
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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your directors present their report on the company for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

Directors

The names of the directors in office at anytime during or since the end of the year are:

Dr Kathryn Currow
Peter Richards
Elizabeth Adsett
Lesley Mathews
Patricia Michalson (resigned on 2 October 2024)
Jasmine Antonious
Dr Robert Hendriks (appointed 25 June 2024)

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

Review of Operations

The surplus of the company for the financial year amounted to \$34,831.

A review of the operations of the company during the financial year and the results of those operations are as follows:

Significant Changes in the State of Affairs

No significant changes in the company's state of affairs occurred during the financial year.

Principal Activities

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

Events Subsequent to the End of the Reporting Period

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

Likely Developments and Expected Results of Operations

Likely developments in the operations of the company and the expected results of those operations in future financial years have not been included in this report as the inclusion of such information is likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the company.

Environmental Regulation

The company's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a state or territory.

Dividends

No dividends have been paid or declared since the start of the financial year.

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Options


No options over issued shares or interests in the company were granted during or since the end of the financial year and there were no options outstanding at the date of this report.

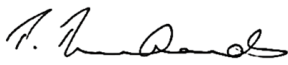
Proceedings on Behalf of Company

No person has applied for leave of court to bring proceedings on behalf of the company or intervene in any proceedings to which the company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the company for all or part of those proceedings.

The company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

This directors' report is signed in accordance with a resolution of the board of directors:

Director  _____
Dr Kathryn Currow

Director  _____
Peter Richards

Date: 16th October, 2024

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PROFIT OR LOSS STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

| | Note | 2024 \$ | 2023 \$ |
|---|------|---------------|---------------|
| INCOME | | | |
| Interest received | | 928 | - |
| Donations Received | | 46,617 | 5,076 |
| | | 47,545 | 5,076 |
| LESS EXPENDITURE | | | |
| Computer & Software | | 1,766 | 2,693 |
| Depreciation - plant and equipment | | 563 | - |
| Gifts | | 683 | - |
| Insurance | | 2,665 | 1,858 |
| Subscriptions & Memberships | | - | 781 |
| Travelling expenses | | 7,037 | 14,464 |
| | | 12,714 | 19,796 |
| NET SURPLUS / (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR | | 34,831 | (14,720) |
| Accumulated surplus at the beginning of the financial year | | 50,511 | 65,231 |
| ACCUMULATED SURPLUS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR | | 85,342 | 50,511 |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

These statements are unaudited and should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

| | Note | 2024 \$ | 2023 \$ |
|---------------------------------|------|---------------|---------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 3 | 83,978 | 49,988 |
| Receivables | 4 | - | 523 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | | 83,978 | 50,511 |
| NON-CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 5 | 1,364 | - |
| TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS | | 1,364 | - |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 85,342 | 50,511 |
| NET ASSETS | | 85,342 | 50,511 |
| EQUITY | | | |
| Accumulated Surplus | | 85,342 | 50,511 |
| TOTAL EQUITY | | 85,342 | 50,511 |

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

| | Total \$ |
|--|---------------------------|
| Balance at 1 July 2022 | 65,231 |
| Comprehensive income | |
| Net loss for the year | <u>(14,720)</u> |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | <u>(14,720)</u> |
| Balance at 30 June 2023 | <u><u>50,511</u></u> |
| Balance at 1 July 2023 | 50,511 |
| Comprehensive income | |
| Net Surplus for the year | <u>34,831</u> |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | <u>34,831</u> |
| Balance at 30 June 2024 | <u><u>85,342</u></u> |

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

Taking Paediatrics Abroad Limited (the 'company') is a company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. The address of the company's registered office is:

Ground Floor
179 New South Head Road
Edgecliff NSW 2027

(a) Basis of Measurement

The financial statements have been prepared on an cash basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes.

(b) Functional and Presentation Currency

These financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the company's functional currency.

(c) Going Concern

Notwithstanding the deficiency of net assets in the company, the financial statements of the company have been prepared on a going concern basis. This basis has been applied as the directors have received a guarantee of continuing financial support and it is the directors' belief that such financial support will continue to be made available.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies that have been adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

(a) Property, Plant and Equipment

All property, plant and equipment except for freehold land and buildings are initially measured at cost and are depreciated over their useful lives to the company.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, including buildings and capitalised lease assets but excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life to the company commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

(b) Receivables

Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

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(c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

(d) Revenue and Other Income

Revenue comprises revenue from the sale of goods, services provided, government grants, fundraising activities, patrons contribution and members donations.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Revenue recognition relating to the provision of services is determined with reference to the stage of completion of the transaction at the end of the reporting period and where outcome of the contract can be estimated reliably. Stage of completion is determined with reference to the services performed to date as a percentage of total anticipated services to be performed. Where the outcome cannot be estimated reliably, revenue is recognised only to the extent that related expenditure is recoverable.

Donations collected, including cash and goods for resale, are recognised as revenue when the company gains control of the donations, the economic benefits are probable and the amount of the donations can be measured reliably.

(e) Comparative Figures

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

(f) New Accounting Standards for Application in Future Periods

The AASB has issued a number of new and amended Accounting Standards that have mandatory application dates for future reporting periods, but these do not have a material effect on the company's financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| 3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS | | |
| Bank - Westpac CSO #621 254 | 53,050 | 49,988 |
| Term Deposit - Westpac #969 | 30,928 | - |
| | 83,978 | 49,988 |
| 4. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES | | |
| CURRENT | | |
| Other Debtors | - | 523 |
| | - | 523 |
| 5. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT | | |
| Plant and equipment | 1,927 | - |
| Less accumulated depreciation | (563) | - |
| Total property, plant and equipment | 1,364 | - |

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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

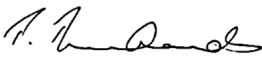
In the opinion of the directors of Taking Paediatrics Abroad Limited:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 4 to 9 are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Act 2012, including:
 - (a) giving a true and fair view of its financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
 - (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures (and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013); and
2. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Director 

Dr Kathryn Currow

Director 

Peter Richards

Date: 16th October, 2024



HALL CONSULTING GROUP AUDIT
Chartered Accountants and Business Advisers

Taking Paediatrics Abroad Limited

Independent Audit Report to the stakeholders of Taking Paediatrics Abroad Limited

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Taking Paediatrics Abroad Limited, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the Profit and Loss Statement, the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors declaration.

In our opinion the financial report of Taking Paediatrics Abroad Limited 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 Registered Entity's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and
- (ii) complying with relevant Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 2, 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

We draw attention to Note 2 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Registered Entity's financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of Responsible Entities for the Financial Report

The responsible persons of the Registered Entity 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 2 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act and the needs of the members. The responsible entities' responsibility also includes such internal control as the responsible entities determine 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.

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

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Taking Paediatrics Abroad Limited

Independent Audit Report to the stakeholders of Taking Paediatrics Abroad Limited

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material

misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: https://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Brown Auditing Services Pty Ltd



Judy Brown

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Managing Director

Brown Auditing Services Pty Ltd

Location Maitland NSW

Dated the 12 December 2024