



Althea PROJECTS



ANNUAL REPORT

2022
2023



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ●●●

Althea Projects acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we walk, work and live, the Bindal and Juru peoples of the Burdekin, the Gudjal peoples of Charters Towers, the Bindal and Wulgurukaba peoples of the Townsville region and the Yirandhali peoples of Hughenden, and we pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



"Together We Will Make It Right"

(Refreshed RAP Artwork)

By Michelle Tyhuis

2020

CHAIR REPORT

Alan Newman - Chair



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On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank the staff, carers, supporters, funding bodies and the community for their ongoing support and efforts. Special mention needs to go to Paula La Rosa for her unwavering commitment to the organisation, its values and its people.

It has been a successful year for Althea Projects, we have met or exceeded our commitments and agreed outcomes with funding bodies, achieved our budgets, expanded Althea Projects support for our community through investment in Althea House and a continued focus on staff.

Without the dedication of the wonderful staff and their commitment to Althea Projects none of this would be possible.

It has also been a challenging year for Paula La Rosa and her management team and through hard work, determination and

courageous leadership Althea Projects is now a stronger organisation.

I would again like to thank everyone for their ongoing support of Althea Projects and look forward to its continued success.



CEO REPORT

Paula La Rosa
CEO



I am proud to present Althea Project's Annual Report. It is clear that we have made significant strides this year in fulfilling our mission to support and strengthen individuals, families, children and young people. This enables them to experience social, emotional, physical and mental wellbeing and reach their full potential.

This report highlights our accomplishments, shares the impact we've had in the community and outlines our vision for the future. None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our staff, and the ongoing trust and support we have with our funders, key community partners and donors. In these times that remain challenging for our community, we have continued to extend what we do and how we do it, so our service offerings remain current, flexible, and adaptable and have the greatest impact.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Across all services we have supported 3,980 people and delivered 35,102 hours of service delivery.
- We successfully renegotiated a new five (5) year agreement for our homelessness service.
- Morehead Meals continued to evolve into a sustainable social enterprise. The distribution of low cost healthy and nutritious meals enabled us to better support the needs of vulnerable people in our community.
- We were humbled by another year of generous support from a number of businesses in our community. *See our thank you page for a list of our supporters.*
- Our Reconciliation Grants administered almost \$10,000 to 23 recipients to support them in their goals.



- Our fundraising events were highly successful with our IGA Golf Day and Myer Charity Event raising much needed money to support Wee Care in delivering services outside of funding limitations.



ONE OF OUR GREATEST HIGHLIGHTS

One of our greatest highlights this year is fulfilling a long-term commitment to purchase an additional property to deliver a residential service to 0-12 year olds who are on child protection orders. This type of residential model that we call Althea House, is specifically targeted to care for babies and children, and is an identified need that we have been striving to play a bigger role in. We have been caring for children referred by Child Safety for several years at Wee Care; however, demand has exceeded our capacity. I am grateful to our Board for having the trust in us and purchasing the new property. This model continues to demonstrate the positive difference it makes in changing the lives of children.

Setting up Althea House, as a standalone new program has taken tremendous skill and expertise. My thanks to our managers, Kelli-ann May (Quality and Compliance Manager), Lynne Josey (Wee Care Program Manager), Louise Skennerton (Foster and Kinship Program Manager), Tina Adams (Acting Wee Care Program Manager), Tash Henderson (Corporate Services Manager) and Mary Elwin (Acting Coordinator) who have worked tirelessly to establish all the new systems, policies and procedures for the service. I also want to acknowledge all the Althea House and Wee Care staff who have stepped up and worked collectively to ensure we provide the best care to the children to meet all their needs.

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COMING YEAR

With our solution-focused, strengths-based approach, the coming 12 months provides great optimism and opportunities that we will embrace. A particular focus for the coming year will be recognising and celebrating our 50th year supporting our local community, as Wee Care commenced operation in 1974. Look out for exciting celebrations that will roll out throughout the year.

I extend my gratitude to all our Program Managers, staff and volunteers, who are at the grassroots of Althea Projects, working tirelessly with our service users, so they receive the highest quality care and support services. I would also like to acknowledge and thank the Board for their invaluable support and leadership. Together we ensure that we fulfil our vision and mission to support and strengthen individuals, families, children and young people so they experience wellbeing and reach their full potential.



In Memoriam

This year we were deeply saddened by the shocking news that our long term dedicated supporter Michelle Maglis passed away. Michelle was a huge supporter of our work, especially Wee Care, and was the main driver of the success of our Myer fundraising events. Michelle leaves a hole in our hearts and will be our Althea Angel forever. We will greatly miss her smile, genuine kindness, compassion and passion.

In recognition of her tremendous dedication, the Myer Community Fund created and offered Althea Projects the Michelle Maglis Memorial Grant. This was put towards purchasing the motor vehicle needed for our new Althea House service. Michelle's legacy will always live on at Althea Projects. Her contribution to the community will never be forgotten. We will always cherish the memories we have of her.



HUMAN RESOURCES & FINANCIAL REPORT

Tash Henderson
Corporate Services Manager

HUMAN RESOURCES

At the end of June 2023, our staffing compliment stood at 48 people, with 19 full-time, 14 part-time, and 15 casual staff. 9 staff members have been with the organisation for 5+ years, 2 of whom have been with the organisation for 15+ years.

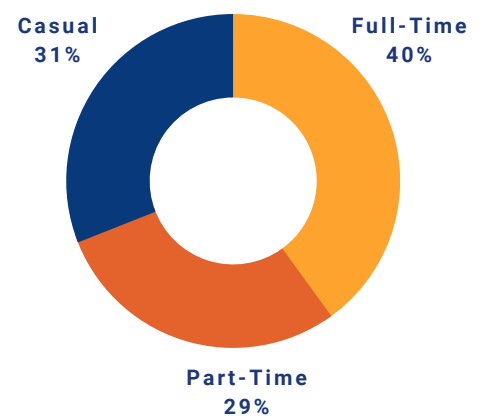
During the 2023 financial year, we successfully implemented the payroll system Employment Hero and moved to digital timesheets. This created efficiencies in the processing of payroll. We look forward to implementing the second stage of the program in the 2024 financial year, which will create further improvements in the area of HR record keeping.

I would like to acknowledge the Corporate Services team for welcoming me this year and for all

your work and continued dedication as we support the organisation to achieve its goals. Finally, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Lesley Thorne for all her support and hard work during the year. In particular for coming out of retirement to support us as Acting Finance Manager for the first few months of 2023.

I look forward to working with the Althea team and all that we will achieve as we move towards the 2024 financial year.

EMPLOYMENT BY CATEGORY



FINANCIAL REPORT

The organisation continues to remain in a strong financial position with revenue growth in the 2023 financial year generated through an increase in fee for service and supervised family contacts offered at our Wee Care Service.

Fundraising and donations were higher than the previous year, with special acknowledgement for the generous donation of \$50,000 from Myer for the Michelle Maglis Memorial Grant. I would also like to acknowledge the support from the IGA Golf Day, Myer and Townsville City Council.

Employment costs remained our highest expenditure, and we were very excited to purchase a property early in the year to begin offering residential services in the 2023/2024 financial year.

Further large capital expenditure included renovations to get the property ready for opening, in addition to repairs to air conditioning at our Wee Care service. Expenditure related to the construction of a carport at Althea's Community Hub was made during the year, utilising grant funds received from the Federal Government Stronger Communities grant in the 2022 financial year. I would like to acknowledge the work of outgoing Corporate Services Manager, Ian Bonato.

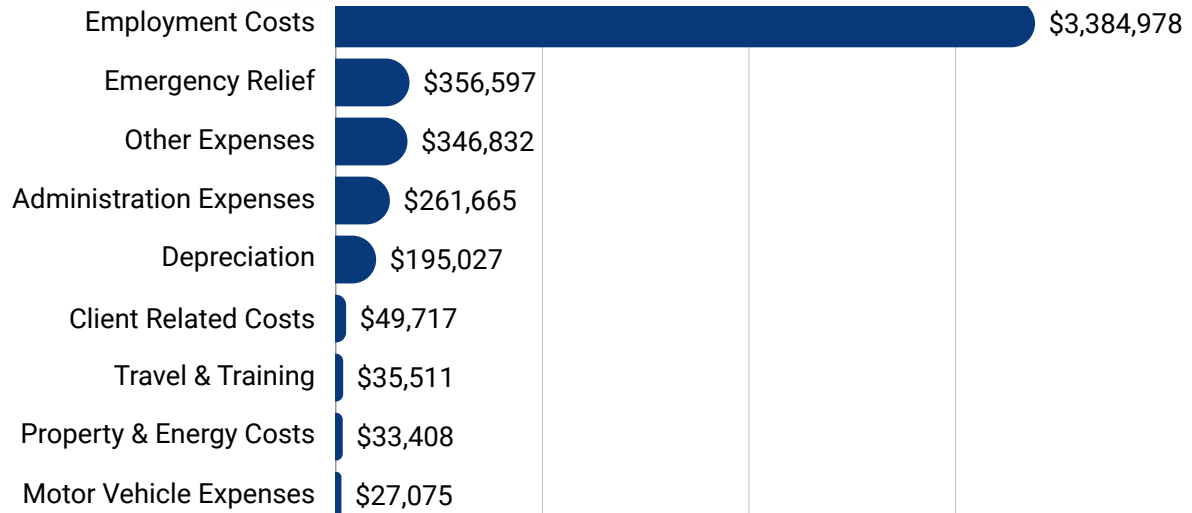
Also, a big thankyou to our Treasurer, Evie Chellingworth for her support and assistance during the year.



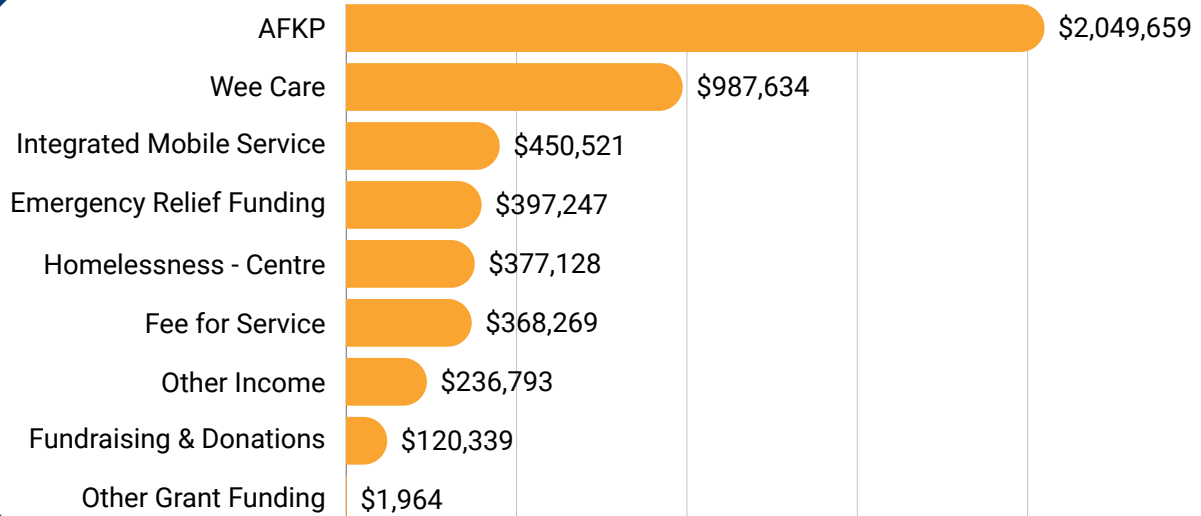
(Front) Paula La Rosa and Tony Sutton, and (back) Gemma Hinchcliffe, Kellie Poppy, Bill Maglis, Vanessa Barnes and Michelle Temple presenting the \$50,000 donation.

DONATING TO A NOBLE CAUSE

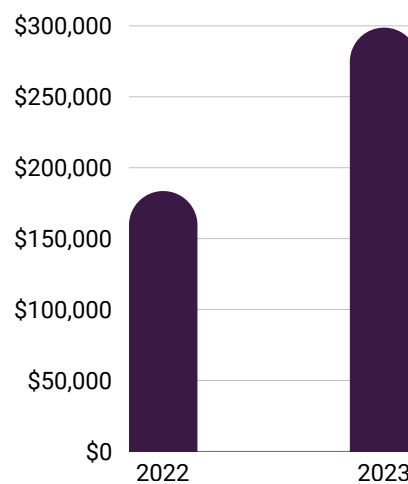
EXPENDITURE



INCOME



**TOTAL
COMPREHENSIVE
INCOME**





WEE CARE

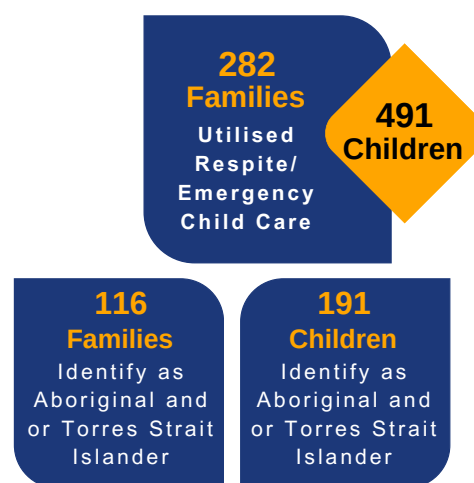
Tina Adams
Acting Wee Care Program Manager



Our world has faced many difficulties throughout 2022/2023 including the tail end of COVID19 and the ensuing housing crisis. Despite this I can confidently report that Wee Care has been able to continue to support and make a difference to many families in our local Community.

During these uncertain times, there has been an increase in extra unfunded hours needed to remain open on Sundays and Mondays to provide emergency care for children in crisis. We have also provided 9 months of extra hours, funded by Child Safety, to support two long term placements. Wee Care opened their doors for an extra 1481 hours in total, with emergency requests for placement coming from services including Townsville University Hospital, Police and Child Safety. We currently employ 9 permanent/part time and 12 casual staff members. We have recruited 7 new casuals to maintain a stable work force.

WEE CARE STATISTICS



GOOD NEWS STORY

Fruitlink Green Endeavour's Sian Murray, Customer Service Team Leader, offered to donate 445kg of fresh produce to Wee Care because Fruitlink could not get the produce to the designated customer due to flooded roads. The fresh produce had left the Brisbane Produce Markets on the Monday and the stock was being held in a refrigerated cold room in Townsville. Sian Murray stated "We are wanting to donate it to your cause". The fresh produce was welcomed by several very grateful families that are supported by Wee Care.

TESTIMONY

This testimony is from a client on a Family Support Plan. "I was ready to give up my children because it all got too much. Without Wee Care, I wouldn't have my children today or, probably, a roof over our heads. Thank you for your support and guidance during one of the toughest years of my life!

DONATIONS

The aftermath of COVID19 has had a knock-on effect throughout Australia, with the housing crisis at the forefront. Many families are struggling to find accommodation and be able to afford the rent once they have secured a home. We are privileged to receive donations from the wider community, both individually and from groups. This means we are able to pass them forward to support many families within our community throughout these uncertain times. Wee Care is very thankful for the ongoing support from our community.



WEE CARE PLAYGROUP

Playgroup continues to grow and over the last 12 months we have welcomed many new families as well as our existing families with a total of 40 families. Our playgroup families have heard about our service through their involvement in our programs including respite care, our Facebook page, ERF, and through outside sources such as other community groups and services.

Our families, from both national and international origins, and of diverse structures are joining together to bond and play with their treasured children. It has been such a lovely group of families and we hope to continue to see our Playgroup grow over the next 12 months.

WEE CARE HIGHLIGHTS

As the COVID19 restrictions continued to ease throughout the year, Wee Care was able to resume attending community events, networking opportunities and fundraisers. These included - Myer Cocktail Evening, 2022 IGA Golf Day, Children's Christmas Party, Networking Opportunities, Community Gro Upper Ross Family Day, Celebrating NAIDOC week – Deadly Day Out, attending NAIDOC Breakfast, and Celebrating SNAICC day with our children.



ON A SAD NOTE

Sadly, one of our biggest supporters, Michelle Maglis from Myer, passed away on 30th of January, leaving a gaping hole in our hearts and in our community. People such as Michelle are generous to a fault and enrich communities by inspiring others to not only give generously, but to express love in everything they do for others. Michelle not only secured donations for Wee Care, but she also attended Wee Care events and helped behind the scenes. Michele will not be forgotten by those whose lives she has touched.



CHILD SAFETY FAMILY CONTACT

We provided 364 family contact sessions for 26 families at Wee Care this financial year. We have purchased another vehicle and are now able to provide transport for these families. It is wonderful to see children's faces light up when they are spending time with their families.

FIRST STEPS PROGRAM

Our First Steps Program had two enquiries. We were unable to proceed due to the proposed client being out of our target group, or they were able to find support within their family therefore no longer needing our service. We hope to be able to provide First Steps support to young mothers in the upcoming year.

FAMILY SUPPORT PLANS

We support families on support plans by providing regular respite for the children on a 4, 5 or 6 weekly basis, depending on the level of support they require. This level of support is based on the family's individual needs. For the duration of this reporting period we supported 19 families on family support plans.

CHILD SAFETY REFERRALS

Wee Care received 136 requests for placement, 54 of which we provided care, and 82 we were unable to. One child was supported for 10 months and another child for 4 months. Due to the increase in demand we have opened Althea House. (See page 9).



ERF STATISTICS

Federal funded financial assistance for Families



ERF: EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM

Our Emergency Relief program has continued to be in high demand. Oz Harvest has supported us with a weekly donation of groceries collected from Woolworths stores around Townsville. Three Loaves Bakehouse has again supported Wee Care over the last 12 months and offered a twice weekly bread collection from their local bakery at Rising Sun Plaza in Mundingburra. This generous support increases our ability to provide extra food relief to families.



CHRISTMAS

Christmas celebrations were very special at Wee Care as, through the generosity of our supporters, we were able to provide children from families who are struggling, a gift as well as a party. Santa arrived at our Christmas party with presents for all the children. Families who attended, and those who couldn't, were supported with food hampers, vouchers, and gifts.

SUPPORTERS

Thank you to all of our supporters. Some of our greatest supporters are Myer, IGA, Oz Harvest, Three Loaves at Hermit Park, Soroptimist International, Services Australia, Bunnings Fairfield, Carmichael Ford & Mercedes Benz, GIVIT, Zepher Foundation, Alana and Madison Foundation, and Quota.

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to Mick, our handy man, who is always available to fix and repair any small, and sometimes large jobs that we need doing. Mick has certainly saved Wee Care thousands of labour dollars over the past 12 months. Thank you, Mick, you are truly appreciated.



BACK TO SCHOOL

January brought in the new school year, and we were able to assist numerous families with school supplies, uniforms, and school bags. The ongoing kindness of our supporters continue to make a difference to many children in families who are really struggling.

TRAINING

This year our staff benefited from a range of training opportunities, many of which were offered online. Upskilling of our staff is something Althea Projects is committed to, and we support our staff to access as much as practical to meet their planned development needs.

Several training topics staff engaged in and are offered every year, include:

- Hope and Healing
- CPR & First Aid
- Fire Training
- Food Handling
- Medication Management

Additional training included:

- Impact of Trauma on Brain Development
- Working with Children with Complex Needs
- Working with Children after Complex Trauma
- Recognising and Responding to Trauma and Attachment Disorders
- Abecedarian Training

THANK YOU!



THANK YOU

I would like to thank all our wonderful staff for their ongoing dedication to providing a safe, caring environment for our children. Our staff demonstrate unwavering dedication in fulfilling their role in providing a high-quality work environment and they all contribute in making Wee Care welcoming and bright. A sincere thanks to Bridie in Administration. Bridie works tirelessly to get the best outcomes for our families, and I applaud all the behind the scenes work that she achieves on a daily basis.

Wee Care, lets keep building a better future, together.





ALTHEA HOUSE



Delivering a residential service for 0-12 year olds in full capacity away from Wee Care became a reality this year. We embarked on the purchase of a new property, and the service was opened on 31st July 2023. This now means that Althea Projects has 4 separate locations in Townsville.

The property is a home in a local suburb. Due to the negative publicity of adolescent residential services in town, we implemented a community engagement strategy to engage our neighbours, and help them understand our model. We came across no concerns and everyone is supportive of our work and our commitment to changing the lives for babies and children.

OUR APPRECIATION

Getting the property ready took longer than any of us anticipated or wanted. We invested in improvements, and we are appreciative of the support from Darren Finlay from **Innovative House** who led the project management of this works. For staff comfort we built a modern ensuite and renovated the laundry. The other major improvement was removing the wire fence and replacing it with an aluminium one. We thank Glenn and Nelly from **The Fencing Factory** who donated the fencing material.

Some of our Staff and Board offered their time and muscle at a working bee, and we cleaned up the yard that was overgrown. This was hot and heavy work in the later months of the year. I particularly want to acknowledge George Newman and David Lagana from our Board, and Gavin Henderson, Geoff Brown, Calvin Berryman, Danny Beauchamp and Mick Redgewell who volunteered a lot of their time to help us.

Thanks also to the team from the **Department of Child Safety and Seniors and Disability Services** for standing by us during this longer than anticipated process. We are grateful for your trust and look forward to working in partnership, and as a care team, to make the lives of children the best they can be so they can reach their full potential.



A BIG THANK YOU TO

- Bunnings Fairfield Waters who donated \$1,000 in vouchers
- Catholic Women's League Townsville for their donation that purchased our freezer
- Hunter Industries who supplied irrigation supplies
- KOVEK security who provided our security solutions
- Myer Community Fund – Michelle Maglis Memorial Grant for the donation of \$50,000 that went to purchasing our service vehicle
- Professional Pump Services and Irrigation who donated irrigation supplies
- Rotary Club of Thuringowa for their donation of a fridge and washing machine
- Snooze Townsville who supplied beds, mattresses and protectors
- The Cathedral School who donated \$3,300 that went towards the purchase of beds
- And so many local individuals and families who responded to our callout and donated furniture, TV, books, toys, and kitchen items.



Your support will never be forgotten. Through our combined efforts and generosity we have made our commitment to run another standalone residential for children 0-12 years of age a reality. Unlike Wee Care this service will care for children for longer periods; however, the love and care that Wee Care is known for remains the same. Our local children need the best care options when they can't be with their families. Althea Projects is doing everything we can to change the trajectory for the better for each and every child that needs us.



62,075

Number of bed nights provided for children in need across the year was 62,075!

360 of these bed nights were placements arranged as respite for children not primarily placed with Althea Carers.

ALTHEA FOSTERING & KINSHIP PROGRAM

Louise Skennerton
AFKP Program Manager



AFKP has organised, or has been on the organising committee of a number of events including:

- A High Tea with Carers to say thank you during Foster and Kinship Care week.
- Foster and Kinship Care week lunch in Ayr (in partnership with TAIHS).
- Australia's Biggest Morning Tea with Foster Carers and neighbours to the Fleming St office.
- An appreciation afternoon in the park for carers and children.
- A Christmas party for all foster care children across the sector at the bowling alley.
- Brunch to fundraise for Pyjama Angels Day.

Training Delivered

Over the 2022/2023 year AFKP staff have delivered the Getting Ready training 3 times for individuals and couples wanting to become Carers. The Getting Started training was delivered once for new Carers.

Training Attended

The AFKP team have attended a variety of training and professional development sessions, these include Having Difficult Conversations, First Nations Cultural Safety, Evolve Training – young people committing crimes and a number of QFKC facilitated trainings about specific aspects of the Out of Home care sector such as Transition to Adulthood.



Number of Children who received a service was 278

278 Children

124 Males

154 Females



Number of Carers supported was 120

120 Carers

52 Kinship Carers

68 General Carers





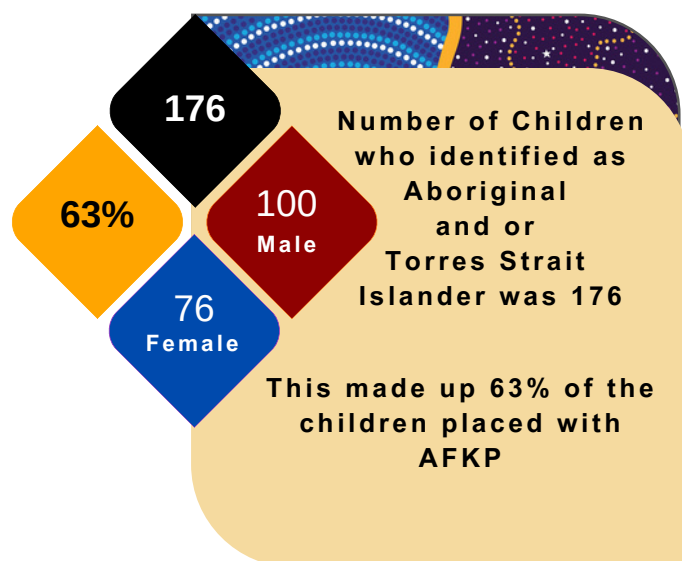
Engagement with Like Services

AFKP has met quarterly with other Foster Care support agencies and have developed a support network.

Recruitment Activities

We have engaged in a number of recruitment activities such as stalls at expos, shopping centres and flyer drops etc. to try and recruit general foster carers to provide primary placements.

Once again, I would like to express my genuine thanks to the wonderful team I get to work with each day, and who work together to problem solve and think creatively for the best outcomes for children and young people.



ALTHEA COMMUNITY HUB

8011

Breakfast and
lunch meals
provided to Hub
service users

David Morris
ACH Program Manager

I would firstly like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of my predecessor Peta Andersen and the previous team of Althea's Community Hub.

Upon reflecting on the past 6 months as the new Program Manager at the Hub, there have been many challenges including staff changes, the ongoing rental crisis and the increase to the cost of living. Despite these challenges, the Hub Team has continued to achieve amazing results through the provision of support to the most vulnerable people in our community.

PROGRAM REVIEW

The Hub has seen a huge increase in individuals requiring assistance to secure accommodation due to the rental crisis in Queensland. People are sleeping rough in their cars or in parks due to the scarcity of emergency/short term accommodation. Our case workers are out in the community every day on outreach to connect with, and provide support to those people. The team has built some strong relationships with private real estates and boarding houses in our community. These connections have helped with moving clients from homelessness to housing. We pride ourselves on the relationships we have with other specialist homelessness services and agencies in the community as we work together for the best interests of our clients.

We continue to be supported through the generosity of our community charity partners via bread and food donations from Coles North Ward/Second Bite and Oz Harvest. The Rotary Club of Thuringowa generously donated Home Starter Kits, which consist of all the little extras someone needs when entering a new tenancy such as sheets, pillows, doonas, cleaning products, mops, pots, pans, cutlery and tableware.

HUB SNAPSHOT

6545 Morehead Meals cooked and delivered for the community
125 sponsored Morehead meals
276 grazing platters produced for community groups
8011 breakfast and lunches served to Hub service users
151 individuals case managed
31 clients housed
615 families and individuals assisted through Emergency Relief Funding with almost \$40,000 distributed on food vouchers, short term/emergency accommodation and bus and train tickets
720 individuals supported at our centre



EVENTS

Throughout the year we have hosted and celebrated many events including NAIDOC, Homelessness Week, Sports Days and our Annual Christmas Luncheon just to name a few.

Last year's Christmas Luncheon was a huge success with the Hub running a Christmas photo event in November allowing people to have their photos taken with friends and family. This proved very popular with over 35 people attending in just over two days. In December the printed photos were put up on a photo board in the Hub which created a buzz.



HOMELESSNESS WEEK

Each year during Homelessness Week, students from Ignatius Park College visit the Centre to cook a bacon and egg BBQ breakfast for the Hub service users. The cooked breakfast is always a massive hit. We extend our thanks to the students for their support and care.

MOREHEAD MEALS

Morehead Meals is the Althea Projects multi-level social enterprise. Morehead Meals connects our community through affordable, healthy, pre-made frozen meals. Our social enterprise continues to thrive under the watchful eye of our culinary cook Isabella. Isabella's passion for cooking is evident in the meals she cooks every week. We have received ongoing compliments about the variety of meal options that are made available every week.

In May, Morehead Meals was invited by the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training to showcase our catering at a Queensland Small Business Month event at Co-Habitat. The event provided the opportunity for social enterprise businesses to showcase their products. It was a great way to advertise Morehead Meals Catering and connect and network. We look forward to more opportunities to connect our service to more people in our community.

VOLUNTEERS

A key to the Hub's success is the commitment and invaluable contribution of our wonderful volunteers. These individuals donate their time and energy for the benefit of their community. It is a truly amazing gesture and very much appreciated. Kylie, Sonya, Rod and Drew, your support throughout the year has made such a difference to the lives of so many living in the Townsville community.

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world for one person
- Anonymous*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I would like to acknowledge our community partners, stakeholders, schools and the public who have continued to support and donate to the Hub during the year. Without your support and generosity in assisting with events and celebrations we would not have been able to create opportunities or witness the outcomes we have.

We value your time and the partnerships the Hub has formed with you all. You are contributing to making a difference in the lives of the individuals we work with every day.

Lastly, I want to say thank you to the team at the Hub for your ongoing support and the dedication you show to the clients we work with. The work we do is tireless and exhausting, however each day we all turn up with a smile on our face because we know 'helping one person might not change the world, but it could change the world for one person'. I look forward to working and leading the Hub team into the future. Thank you to everyone who supports us. We look forward to the next 12 months with further growth and change for the Community Hub.



RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

Lee Elvin

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Advisor



Althea Projects Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) is our compass. It guides us to achieve our commitment to promoting reconciliation across our organisation, through the services we deliver across our community. Our approach is always to engage staff and raise our cultural mindfulness through genuine and authentic participation in activities.

Althea Projects strives to support our large geographical area which includes the Wulgurukaba & Bindal (Townsville and Burdekin), Gudjal (Charters Towers) and Yirandhali (Hughenden) people. This support aims to make sure that all our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders families feel connected and informed of all events. This is done by promoting these events to the community through social media such as Facebook and Instagram.

We have been very active in engaging and encouraging all our families, particularly our non-Indigenous families, to participate in many cultural events.

Althea Projects has either facilitated these events, or participated in them which has educated staff, supported cultural learning, and enhanced awareness to better support our Jarjums in our community.

This year Althea Projects and our families and staff have participated in:

- Cultural Awareness Training - Staff
- NAIDOC Week celebrations - stall holder and participation in all NAIDOC events held in all communities - Staff and families.
- Reconciliation Week- staff and families
- Indigenous Literacy Day - Jarjums at our Wee Care Centre
- Carer Support Circle - Aunty Rita, a proud Torres Strait Elder presented cultural knowledge/education to foster and kinship carers.
- National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Children's Day - staff and families
- Townsville Indigenous Community Network Forum - Information sharing by all Aboriginal and Torres Strait services to support all clients attached to Althea.



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RECONCILIATION GRANTS

Our Reconciliation Grants are something we continue to be proud to offer our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families within our community. In the 2022-2023 financial year we saw an increase in financial support for our Jarjums to attend and achieve in their choice of sports, whether being local or at representative level. There were many grant applicants and Althea was able to support 95% in some way. This contribution helps to alleviate the financial pressure on our families, supports them to be recognized, and promotes positive change and self-growth within their community.

Althea Projects will continue to play a crucial role in our reconciliation efforts to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in the community on a daily basis. These initiatives recognise reconciliation is not just about symbolic gestures, but also about addressing and supporting our families around education, health, employment, and community inclusion. By providing an essential service to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, Althea projects feels that through their reconciliation actions, they are able to better support and empower our families to overcome previous historical disadvantages to make positive changes and growth, in particular to our young people.

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO ALTHEA PROJECT

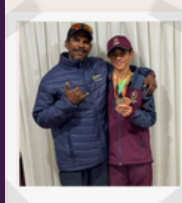
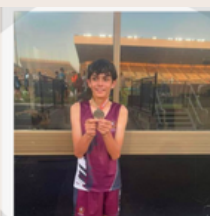
On behalf of Kailu Jnr and family, we would like to say thank you for your contribution to getting Kailu Jnr to Nationals.

Kailu came home with great stories to share and lots of appreciation for community members who helped. He placed 4th in 20m, 3rd in relays & 2nd in 100m.

Along with these great results, Kailu was also offered a full scholarship to one of the best Brisbane Schools.

We are super excited for what opportunities Kailu will be presented with in the future.

With love, Seanne Santo on behalf of the Welsh Family



THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

Our achievements are only possible due to the ongoing support by our funding bodies and supporters. I would like to take the opportunity to thank our government funding partners:



- Queensland Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services
- Queensland Department of Housing
- Queensland Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and Arts
- Queensland Department of Health
- Queensland Department of Justice and Attorney-General
- Australian Government Department of Social Services
- Townsville City Council

I want to make special mention to key supporters who have provided very important and significant financial support to us during 2022 / 2023.

KEY SUPPORTERS



Armi's IGA Supermarket
"Armi's IGA Charity Golf Day"



BM Webb



Bunnings Warehouse



Catholic Women's
League Townsville



Darren Finlay
Innovation House



Grill'd Townsville



GIVIT

Mercedes-Benz
Townsville



Carmichael Ford
Mercedes-Benz



MYER Townsville and
MYER Community Foundation



Oz Harvest



Pickering's Auto Group



Rotary Clubs across Townsville
Rotary Australia
World Community Service



Second Bite



SNOOZE



The Cathedral School
TOWNSVILLE

The Cathedral School



The Fencing Factory



Three Loaves



Townsville Grammar School



XRX Business Centre

INCREDIBLE INDIVIDUALS

There have also been a number of incredible individuals who raised money and donated to us. You are our Althea Angels who keep our local families strong, connected and protected. Every dollar donated goes back into our services and makes a significant difference to the wellbeing of individuals, children and families in our community.

OUR IMPACT

2022/2023



Althea
PROJECTS



CLIENTS
3,980



CHILDREN
906



BEDNIGHTS
62,075



INDIGENOUS
1,932



MEALS
14,957



CONTACT HOURS
35,102



STAFF
48



Althea
PROJECTS