



# 2021



THIS REPORT COVERS THE PERIOD  
1ST OF NOVEMBER 2020 TO THE  
1ST OF NOVEMBER 2021.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

Helping Hoops acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work and live. We pay our respects to their Elders both past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

## MISSION

Helping Hoops' mission is to use basketball to inspire, empower and support children and young people. We achieve this by removing barriers and providing free community-based programs that instil values and skills that benefit participants in their everyday lives.

Through this we aspire to create stronger and more cohesive communities while working for equality for the next generations.



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# SNAPSHOT



**14**  
PROGRAMS

**NEW!**  
POWER FAWKNER

**60+**  
MEMBERS

**\$190K**  
PROGRAM  
FUNDING

**180+**  
VOLUNTEERS

**\$19K**  
DONATIONS

**500+**  
PROGRAM  
PARTICIPANTS

**\$26K**  
RAISED AT  
INNAUGURAL  
GAME CHANGERS  
EVENT

# THE YEAR IN REVIEW

After another year of disruption we remain resilient.

We continue to help first in the communities we serve.

We continue to build stronger communities across Melbourne.

We stand behind our children and young people and we speak beside them.

We continue to support, empower, and mentor future young leaders.

We are more than basketball.

We are One Team.

2021 was another year of challenges at Helping Hoops. The global pandemic continued to affect our lives and disrupt our small community-based charity.

What we offer lies in its uniqueness, and we continued to offer our communities more than Basketball during the year.

We tried to offer our children and young people as many experiences in-between lockdowns, but some plans simply had to be postponed due to the nature of the public health measures.

In February, thanks to ambassador Chris Goulding and Hoop City, some of our Future participants got to experience the new Hoop City facility. They had a very memorable 2-hour session, led by Chris, followed by an opportunity to use the facility exclusively, followed by a Q&A.

In May, we commenced newest program, Power Fawknar at the Fawknar Community and Leisure Centre. This program is headed up by coach Renee and female volunteers. Similar to Power Kensington, this is an inclusive and culturally safe environment for females only. This program is already highly engaged thanks to the hard work of our program volunteers and the City of Moreland's support.

Our Nike relationship continues to prosper in 2021 and provided us with many opportunities and campaigns throughout the year. This directly benefits both communities and our coaches. Some highlights include being involved in multiple campaigns including the International Day of the Girl Campaign. Thanks to Nike, we were delighted to design and distribute new apparel to all program participants. The Bounce apparel was designed by Kevin Gold, Power designed by Kit Leong and Future by Chad Mann. Each program has a distinct colourway and expression, an extension of each program's personality. We were also fortunate to have 50 of our young people participate in the Nike Melbourne Marathon Festival, providing them with an unforgettable running experience, participating in the 5 and 10km events.

We would like to acknowledge give a big thanks to Andrew Keith and the Nike Pacific team for their ongoing support of our organisation with the partnership and a lot of behind-the-scenes assistance.

The Ben Simmons Family Foundation continues to support our Future programs plus a lot of time invested behind the scenes. The Simmons family have been highly engaged and involved with Helping Hoops in 2021, despite the absence of Ben's camps again and his yearly visit to his hometown of Melbourne. We love working with Melissa and BSFF and look forward to a busy 2022 with the foundation.

In November we finally were able to hold our inaugural fundraising luncheon, Game Changers after three postponements. Coming out of restrictions in November it was a real celebration of the strength of our supporters and a real proud moment for Helping Hoops.

We are also proud to have renewed our partnership with Two Birds Talking, a leading communications agency, to continue assisting us with Brand work. They have been a great facilitator and have assisted in attracting a whole new audience to Helping Hoops.

Like our participants and their families, our Coaches Omar, Renee, KB & Tom have endured another year like no other. Coaches Omar, Renee and KB proudly completed their NM sport certification, the first of its kind in Australia. We would like to thank Kate Thomas, Megan Bartlett and Dr. Bruce Perry for their support of our coaches.

We have strengthened our partnership with Melbourne United and are looking forward to doing more with the Club in 2022 as they begin defending their NBL title. We have extended our partnership and we are very excited at what this will bring to our organisational output.

Our Volunteers are the altruistic backbone of all charities and ours, have once again been integral this year. They have shown such loyalty, persistence and commitment and we cannot wait to see them back at programs very soon. We recruited some new volunteers in 2021 and they have already transitioned into programs very well, adding some more personality and depth to our social cohesion on the ground.

We have welcomed some new ambassadors to the Helping Hoops family. Kuany Kuany, Ezi Magbegor and Jo Lual-Acuil Jr. Each athlete and role model bring different experience and skill sets to their role and they

will impact with mentoring, leadership, and program visits, along with behind-the-scenes work.

Farewell Teuila. With Teuila's departure it certainly is the end of an era at Helping Hoops. Her contributions over the last 5 years have been significant to our growth and advancement within communities and programs. She is a well-respected, passionate human being that has been an integral part of where Helping Hoops is today. Teuila, we thank you for your service to the organisation.

Helping Hoops, its committee would like to thank all of the individuals, ambassadors, major partners, teammates and funders for their continued support in 2021. None of our impact would be possible without the investment of your time and contributions.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to you all.

The Charity Shootout is back in 2022, for its tenth anniversary in mid-February. After a two-year absence, it will be a big celebration of shooting free throws, raising funds, and celebrating community as our landmark event. We simply cannot wait!

**We look into 2022 with hope and optimism about what lies ahead at Helping Hoops as One Team.**



# GAME CHANGERS

A first for Helping Hoops, we successfully held our first corporate fundraising luncheon at Half Acre. It was an amazing day of inspiring talks from powerful women, fundraising and a real sense of community with all of our supporters in one room.

We would love to acknowledge Vice President, Erin Wallace's contributions, for her management of the event. As a result of the luncheon, we are proud to announce that we have raised \$26,000!

We would like to thank all guests who attended to support and the contributions they made including;

Presenting partner the The Hour Group Australia & New Zealand

Teamates Chad Mann, Max Events, The PR Co. Edris Toussaint & Kate Thomas

MC Megan Hustwaite. Panel Maria Dimopoulos AM, Darcy Vescio, Shimona Nelson & Akec Makur Chuot

Nick Truelson, Chris Goulding & Jo Laul Acuil Jnr

Raffle & Auction donors including Melbourne United, Hoop City, The Hour Group, The Simmons Family & Nike.

Auctioneer Michael Hill, Entertainment by Dale Fernandez

David Tournier from Boonwurrung Land & Sea Council

Event Photographers Louisa Kruger, Mitch Fong and Bella Loke

PRESENTED BY  
THE HOUR  
GROUP





# EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT – CLINTON MEEHAN

This year has been another journey of uncertainty for the organisation. The stop, start nature of the pandemic with four separate stages of program suspension has seen us lose up to over 150 days of lost sessions, totalling over 250 days over the two years, missing our core activity of participation-based programs.

I've continued to focus on providing Helping Hoops with clear leadership while fostering a collaborative, team approach to all our activities and outputs.

I would like to pay my respects to David Koopmans, our outgoing committee member, that's provided us ten years of service, including eight as President. Thank you for the opportunity of employment David, we are all indebted to you for your commitment to Helping Hoops.

Despite the disruptions, we still achieved a lot strategically. There are 80 executions within the strategy with 56% of these actions have already completed. The next year will see us complete the remainder of our playbook and start planning the next phase of the organisation. As of December 2021, there are 22 initiatives are being worked on concurrently.

A major Strategic Project for 2022 is our Website Transformation Project which will see our brand evolve into a new, more targeted site with the focus on our storytelling, membership, and fundraising.

The tragic passing of long-term Fitzroy volunteer Dave Zwolenksi was a very sad experience for us all at Helping Hoops. It was an emotional time for many, but the community, with the support of many were able to provide support for our children along with the Fitzroy community. I would like to personally thank everyone that supported our children and young people through this traumatic event. Our thoughts are with his parents, siblings, partner, and extended family. We will continue to honour Dave's contribution and legacy by setting up a volunteer award in 2022 in his honour.

At the time of compiling the annual report we held our inaugural fundraising luncheon, Game Changers. This was always a goal of mine when I commenced at Helping Hoops, I was so proud to achieve the first overwhelmingly successful event.

I would like to extend my gratitude to our supporters. From our major partners Nike and the Ben Simmons Family Foundation, Program Funders & Donors, to our Team Mates & Volunteers.

Special Thanks to;  
Andrew Keith, Melissa Tribe and the Simmons Family, Kate Thomas, Dr Bruce Perry, Chad Mann, Rebecca Cowan, Jon Traynor, Kevin Gold, Kit Leong, Katrina Hosie, Chris Goulding, Ezi Magbegor, Rosemary Kelly, Paul Meehan, Mark Bisby, Chris Moore.



# PRESIDENTS REPORT – NIMA SOBHANI



Like the ebb and flow of a basketball game, change has felt like the one constant throughout 2021. Despite the challenges of a global pandemic, and the persistent nature of social injustice and systemic inequality, Helping Hoops continues to push forward towards building a more united and equitable society, through the gift of basketball.

We couldn't do what we do without the contributions of many. Thank you to our incredible coaches and leadership team, who demonstrated resilience and found ways to stay meaningfully connected to our community amidst intermittent lockdowns. Thank you to all our supporters—including numerous family foundations, individual donors, sporting, community and corporate partners, and major partners Nike and the Ben Simmons Family Foundation—for your commitment and continued generosity. Thank you to our roster of dynamic ambassadors, who stay genuinely engaged and always ready to inspire. Thank you to our program volunteers and Teammates, who selflessly donate their time, skills, and energy to help amplify our organisation's impact. Thank you to our Committee, who provide strategic direction, lend their expertise and are always thinking of ways to strengthen, grow and evolve. And thank you to our wonderful community of participants—all the young people who show up each week for our Bounce, Power, and Future programs across Greater Melbourne—for being the heart and soul of Helping Hoops.

There have been some recent movements within our organisation. Special thanks to David Koopmans, who is stepping aside from the Committee after ten years, eight of those as President; and Teuila Reid, who has moved on from her role as General Manager after five years. Thank you both for your tireless efforts and immense impact—your passion and leadership has helped steer us to the strong position we are in today. Heartfelt thanks as well to fellow outgoing Committee members for your wonderful contributions over the past few years of service: Neil Gray (three years, two as Secretary); Sandra Tay (three years), and Solomon Dech (one year).

We look forward to 2022 with great optimism, given some exciting new initiatives on the horizon. These include an internship opportunity with our Executive Committee for two young people in our community—both Helping Hoops alumni—to further develop their leadership capabilities and ensure that youth and community perspectives are carefully considered in the decision-making of our organisation. We also have an off-court leadership and mentoring program currently in development, and will continue to strengthen our focus on female participation and empowerment through our Power programs. Lastly, we welcome Akec Makur Chuot, Teuila Reid, Kate Thomas, and Matt Bolitho (incoming Secretary) to our Committee following their successful nominations at the recent Annual General Meeting.

We remain confident in the strength of our organisation to withstand and advance amidst the complex environment we find ourselves in, and grateful to have basketball as a catalyst for meaningful social change, to provide opportunities, and to inspire. Let's keep striving, together.

Nima Sobhani  
**President**



## COACHES REPORTS



### OMAR COLES

Well it has been one hell of a volatile time! This past year has affected all of us in more ways than several! I'll share just a few of various ways that this past year has affected me.

I was lucky enough to look within at the inner depths of what it is that I do on and off the court. I got to see into the lives of the families that I coach. On the court I witness kids practicing drills during the session. They often don't make the time to perform the drills that are given to them the week prior. I then say that "in order to get better you have to practice..." Yet during lockdown seeing a glimpse of their home life I was able to see a bit more of how come practice was not so much a priority in these kids' lives.

When the zoom trend started to dissipate, I was able to tap into other forms of social media and found that the kids were getting a bit stir crazy. We did a few home visits and would meet up in public places. I got to see and experience other aspects of the kids. The relationships expanded from more than just coach and player. It became more of guidance and pupil. Parents became friends, Passers-by's became registered participants, and what used to be a weekly venue for most became a daily routine.

Now as 2021 comes to a close I get to look back and see with clarity the direct impact that Helping Hoops has on the Community! Glad to be part of an ever-growing organization!



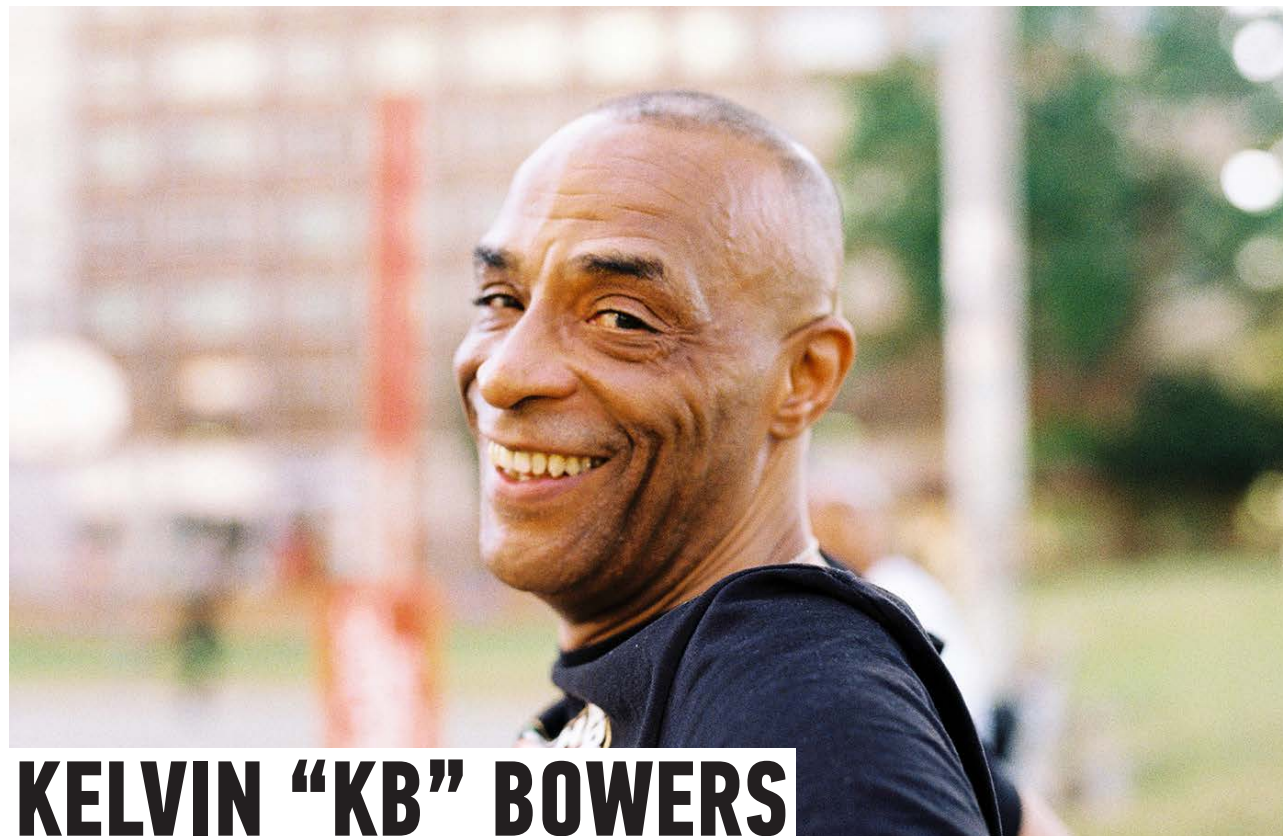
### RENEE CLARKE

While for obvious reasons the last 12 months has been a difficult period as we have not been able to run our programs as usual, it has been one where I got to reflect on the relationships that HH has given me and allowed me to nurture through this time. I have to give a special nod to the Werribee Future group of participants for staying consistent with their effort and keeping the core of the group together during the most difficult days.

While covid through some curve balls in the sense of how and in what ways we could exercise together, this young group of men remained in contact with each other, often working out in groups of 2 and 3 a few times a day all in the name of Helping Hoops. It has been a privilege of mine to witness the relationships and bonds strengthen within this group over the course of the past year. I look forward to watching them take their skills of basketball, beyond the court and have already seen the impact that they have made to their peers and those coming through the ranks below them.

While there were some very trying times over the past 12 months, I am looking forward to the next year and how we can take the lessons we have learnt and implement them into becoming a stronger and more resilient organisation. Bring on 2022





## KELVIN "KB" BOWERS

The last 18 months has stretched our patience, resilience, and our strength. What stands out the most for me, is how the Helping Hoops family has bonded and made sure the family survived these challenging times.

When we were able to take the court, what most thrilled me at Future Footscray is the maturity of the young Men that have been with us for a few years now. It's so good to see them take leadership position and lead the team in values we set at Helping Hoops. At North Melbourne I truly believe we made the kids smile every week and we had loads of fun, while learning some Basketball too. I am so grateful to my Volunteers, Dev, Matt, Arise and Clinton. Each week they bring the positive energy, passion and commitment to inspire our kids to do great things



## TOM WHITE

Despite another interrupted year and time away from the court, I am proud of what we have been able to achieve this year, and excited for our collective future.

During Melbourne's lockdowns, I've been joyed to receive so much interaction from Helping Hoops participants asking me "When are we back?" or "Is Helping Hoops on today?" It demonstrates the importance of our work and how much our participants look forward to their weekly sessions.

It's great to see the connection Helping Hoops makes with its participants. At the Prahran program I volunteer at, we have seen participants and their families move away from the estate, only to travel long distances to come back each week to take part in our program, which is a credit to the culture created by Coach Renee, the volunteers (Georgie, Mr. Wil + James) and of course our amazing participants.

Some of my highlights this year included taking a bunch of young Fitzroy participants to the release of Space Jam 2 at Melbourne Central. Despite the fictional movie's plot, witnessing our boys scream, cheer, chest bump and spill their popcorn in the cinema when (spoiler alert) LeBron James makes the game winning shot- brought a huge smile to my face and to all those sitting around us in the packed-out cinema.

Another constant highlight I have being a part of the Helping Hoops family, is seeing new participants join our session for the first time, particularly younger family members of our participants. Seeing the young ones on the sidelines over the years, watching their older siblings, just biding their time until it's their turn. It is always amazing welcoming them in for their first session, watching the older or more experienced participants welcome them into the group.

Watching them have a go, try, learn, fail, and do it all over again- all with a smile on their face knowing they are in a safe and welcoming environment...a basketball court. Since my sister Georgie has joined me as a volunteer at Prahran, I love witnessing participants encourage their siblings to come give Helping Hoops a go...and thus beginning Helping Hoops' perpetual cycle of using basketball to inspire, empower and support children and<sup>1 7</sup> young people.





## VALE – DAVE ZWOLENSKI

By Omar Coles

I was offered an opportunity to teach a self-defence course at Fox FM. While teaching the course there was only one male participant in the class. I asked him “can I use you to demonstrate techniques?” He agreed and every time I discussed how to implement a move, I would use this guy. He was a life saver for me. After the class he asked me what I did for work. I told him that I work with Helping Hoops, and that I teach basketball daily to kids. He mentioned that it was a great thing that I did and he would like to be part of it. I then provided him with the information that he requested and left it there. People often say things to me in passing. I took it as a remark that was just shared because... Little did I know that Dave would become not only an asset as an amazing assistant coach, but he would become a great friend in the process!

I would later come to understand that Dave was curious. If Dave did not fully understand something he went out of his way to grasp how it all works and fits together. After a few sessions he was asking questions to the kids about their experiences with Helping Hoops! He was constantly asking me how come I did it? He asked me if he could interview me after a session. He wanted to have the kid’s laughter and voices in the background. Sure enough, Dave showed up with a recorder and microphones just as he said.

Over the months Dave immersed himself into the world of Helping Hoops. He would explain to me the issues that he was having connecting with some of the kids. He was having a difficult time getting through to one of the kids at Fitzroy and he took this to heart. We ended up discussing a plethora of ways to get through to kids. Sure enough, Dave found a solution and he and this kid ended up having a fantastic relationship afterwards!

I could go on and on about all the accolades that Dave provided. However, I’m going to focus on this. Dave was the guy that you wanted on your team because he always looked for methods to make his world and the world that he interacted with better! He took his time to see things from not only his perspective, but from the perspectives of others. He always wanted those around him to consider other people’s feelings, and their viewpoints. This is a rare commodity. I was glad that I had the opportunity to work with Dave on several of his projects, but more importantly I’m proud that I was able to call Dave a Dear Friend!

You will be Missed, but you will never be forgotten! Thank you for all of the Joy and Smiles you brought from just being you!



# OUR PROGRAMS



**HH BOUNCE**

**HH FUTURE**

**HH POWER**



# BOUNCE PROGRAMS

## BROADMEADOWS

Helping Hoops Broadmeadows is a free basketball program for children with an intellectual disability living in Melbourne's north-west. The program runs every Tuesday from 3 to 4pm and 5 to 6pm and is overseen by coach Omar Coles.

## CROXTON

Helping Hoops Croxton is a free basketball program for children with an intellectual disability living in Melbourne's north. The program runs every Wednesday from 3 to 4pm and 5 to 6pm and is overseen by coach Renee Clarke.

## DANDENONG

Helping Hoops Dandenong is a free, multicultural basketball program for children living in Melbourne's south-east. The program runs every Wednesday from 4:30 to 5:30pm and is overseen by coach Omar Coles.

## FITZROY

Helping Hoops Fitzroy is a free, multicultural basketball program for children living on the Atherton Gardens public housing estate. The program runs every Monday from 5 to 7pm and is overseen by coach Omar Coles.

## KENSINGTON

Helping Hoops Kensington is a free, multicultural basketball program for children living in local public housing. The program runs every Thursday from 4:30 to 6:30pm and is overseen by coach Renee Clarke.

## NORTH MELBOURNE

Helping Hoops North Melbourne is a free, multicultural basketball program for children living on the North Melbourne public housing estate. The program runs every Friday from 4 to 6pm and is overseen by coach Kelvin Bowers.

## PRAHRAN

Helping Hoops Prahran is a free, multicultural basketball program for children living on the Prahran public housing estate. The program runs every Tuesday from 5 to 7pm and is overseen by Coach Renee Clarke.

## RICHMOND

Helping Hoops Richmond is a free, multicultural basketball program for children living on the Richmond public housing estate. The program runs every Thursday from 4:30 to 6:30pm and is overseen by coach Omar Coles.

## WERRIBEE

Helping Hoops Werribee is a free, multicultural basketball program for children living in Melbourne's outer-west. The program runs every Friday from 5 to 7pm and is overseen by Coach Omar Coles.



# FUTURE PROGRAMS



## FUTURE DANDENONG

Helping Hoops Future Dandenong is a free, multicultural basketball program for older participants, having come from our community programs and now desiring more challenging and targeted experiences. The program runs every Wednesday from 5:30 to 7pm and is overseen by coach Omar Coles.

## FUTURE FOOTSCRAY

Helping Hoops Future Footscray is a free, multicultural basketball program for older participants, having come from our community programs and now desiring more challenging and targeted experiences. The program runs every Wednesday from 6 to 8pm and is overseen by coach Kelvin Bowers.

## FUTURE WERRIBEE

Helping Hoops Future Werribee is a free, multicultural basketball program for older participants, having come from our community programs and now desiring more challenging and targeted experiences. The program runs every Friday from 6 to 8pm and is overseen by coach Renee Clarke.

THE FUTURE PROGRAMS ARE FUNDED BY  
THE BEN SIMMONS FAMILY FOUNDATION



# POWER PROGRAMS



## POWER KENSINGTON

Helping Hoops Power Kensington is a free, multicultural basketball program for girls living in local public housing. The program is overseen by coach Renee Clarke. The program runs after Bounce Kensington to give participants continuity and opportunities to move up to Power as they get older and seek more of a challenge.

## POWER FAWKNER

Our newest program, Power Fawkner is a free, multicultural basketball program for girls living in the northern suburbs. The program is overseen by coach Renee Clarke. The program commenced in May 2021 to give young women an opportunity to participate in an inclusive safe environment.





# AUDITED FINANCIALS

## ASSETS & LIABILITIES STATEMENT

ASSETS (June 30)	2021	2020
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents</b>		
Cash at Bank	230,742	192,748
<b>Total Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>230,742</b>	<b>192,748</b>
Inventories	2,015	4,566
GST Receivable	2,566	815
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>237,823</b>	<b>198,129</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
<b>Trade and Other Payables</b>		
Total Trade and Other Payables	14,241	11,528
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>14,241</b>	<b>11,528</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>223,582</b>	<b>186,601</b>
<b>Member's Funds Capital Reserve</b>		
Current Year Earnings	36,981	8,196
Retained Earnings	186,601	178,405
<b>Total Capital Reserve</b>	<b>223,582</b>	<b>186,601</b>
<b>Total Member's Funds</b>	<b>223,582</b>	<b>186,601</b>

## INCOME STATEMENT

(For the year ended 30 June 2021)

INCOME	2021	2020
Merchandise		
Retail	1,804	3,731
<b>Total Merchandise</b>	<b>1,804</b>	<b>3,731</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,731</b>	<b>5,881</b>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>	<b>1,804</b>	<b>5,881</b>
<b>Gross Surplus</b>	<b>(1,927)</b>	<b>(1,800)</b>
<b>Other Income</b>		
24 Hour Charity Shootout	-	-
Donations Received	19,141	18,922
ATO- Cash Boost	23,982	10,000
Membership Fees	12,230	13,248
Community Fundraising	5,585	-
Corporate Fundraising	7,500	1,990
Program Funding	190,476	154,204
Interest Received	75	186
Jobkeeper	123,750	30,000
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>147,807</b>	<b>349,412</b>

## EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

EXPENDITURE	2021	2020
Accountancy Fees	1,151	761
Advertising	267	267
Apparel Purchases	2,551	5,531
Bank Charges	221	263
Contact Work	-	2,351
Electricity	-	730
Equipment	183	977
Fundraising Expenses	6,847	6,204
Hire of Courts	9,703	16,720
Insurance	5,206	5,168
IT expenses	1,192	1,272
Legal	942	-
Office Expenses	4,358	2,562
Postage	1,649	875
Program Costs	1,737	3,545
Printing & Stationary	-	912
Rates & Taxes	-	895
Rent	7,117	12,015
Repairs & Maintenance	-	13
Staff Training & Welfare	982	23,091
Shootout Expenses	-	6,204
Stripe Charges	561	3,900
Subscriptions	2,073	1,535
Sundry Expenses	817	1,176
Superannuation Contributions	21,201	20,128
Telephone	588	1,851
Tool Replacement	977	4,138
Traveling Expenses	250	190
Training & Development	-	982
Uniforms	8,805	3,510
Wages	267,345	248,234
Water	-	132
Worker's Compensation	2,894	6,245
Volunteer Expenses	170	1,035
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>347,562</b>	<b>344,946</b>
<b>Net Current Year Surplus (After Income Tax)</b>	<b>36,981</b>	<b>8,196</b>
<b>Total Members Funds</b>	<b>223,582</b>	<b>186,601</b>



# OUR SUPPORTERS

**MAJOR PARTNERS**

Ben Simmons Family Foundation  
Nike

**PROGRAM FUNDERS**

Audsley Family Trust  
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WCF Thomas  
John & Betty Laidlaw Legacy  
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The Shulu Foundation  
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Two Birds Talking  
Max Events

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Jo Lual-Acuil Jr.

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Kit Leong  
The PR Co  
Josh Robenstone  
Mitch Fong  
Georgia Haynes  
Matty Smith

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Hamoodi Hassan  
Mariam Taleb  
Sandra Tay  
Christobel Elliot  
Ror Akot  
Akolda Bil  
Noda Zissis,  
Solomon Dech.

# OUR PEOPLE

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GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Erin Wallace

**SECRETARY &  
GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Neil Gray

**TREASURER**

Jon Traynor

**GENERAL COMMITTEE  
MEMBERS**

Kristen Penny  
Sandra Tay  
David Koopmans  
Solomon Dech

**PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS  
FITZROY**

Dave Zwolenski  
Jason McCurry  
Dimi Petreski  
Tara Tolios  
Kristen Penny  
Lachie Cloak

**BROADMEADOWS**

Jenny Owens  
Jodie Fisher  
Mick Bradley

**PRAHRAN**

Salil Kulkarni  
Georgie White  
James Mawby

**DANDENONG**

Adam Sliwinski  
Eddie Buis  
Roy Groncki  
Ryan Gunasekera

**CROXTON**

Tom Morris  
Anthony Graham

**FUTURE - FOOTSCRAY**

Arise Asham  
Clinton Meehan

**RICHMOND**

Erin Wallace  
Shar Scott  
Eloise Torpy  
Meredith Oldham  
Eric Tee

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# HOW YOU CAN HELP

## DONATE

Money helps break down barriers faced by children who might not have the same opportunities to participate in basketball. By making a tax-deductible contribution towards supporting one of our programs, you help us fulfill our commitment to the hundreds of kids who love attending each week.

## BECOME A MEMBER

Supporting young people in our community requires a team effort. We want you on our squad! Become a member by making monthly donations and enjoy great benefits.

## HOST AN EVENT

Whether it be a Charity Challenge at your work, a presentation for your group, or a Helping Hoops Coach running a session at your school or basketball club, we are always looking to get out into the community to spread the word.

## VOLUNTEER

Whether your skills are on the basketball court or behind the scenes, we rely heavily on volunteers to keep Helping Hoops thriving. Join our team and help us help the next generation of leaders in our community.

## CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

We have different sponsorship packages available, so please contact us — we want to build the strongest team possible!

## SPREAD THE WORD

Sometimes, supporting us simply means helping us widen our audience. Follow, like, share, retweet — it's easy to help us spread the word.

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