



ANNUAL REPORT 2015



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PATRON'S MESSAGE

I'd like to take a moment to reflect on why I became a part of Ronald McDonald House Perth. Growing up in regional New South Wales, I understand how important the regions are to the rest of Australia and the challenges that come with living outside major cities. We were brought up understanding the importance of family, mateship and giving people a helping hand when they need it. We were taught to give the shirts off our backs to help others, and this is something that has helped me throughout my life.

Ronald McDonald House Perth embodies that same sentiment. The House is a helping hand for regional WA families in their hour of need. It provides a safe and comfortable environment for these families to thrive whilst they're hours from their home, family and friends. This demonstrates the importance of the service and a reminder that any support provided to Ronald McDonald House Perth is an investment in the future of regional Western Australia.

It is for this reason that I am proud to have served my 16th year as Patron of Ronald McDonald House Perth. This charity is very close to my heart and I am looking forward to working with the House well into the future.

2015 was a huge year for the charity and I am proud to have been a part of the success. The Stronger Together Capital Campaign came to

fruition with the completion of the new Ronald McDonald House Perth in Nedlands. I'd personally like to congratulate Peter Meurs and his committee of incredibly dedicated, passionate people who worked tirelessly to ensure we were able to build our dream home. They understood the necessity of this vital facility and not only helped us to raise the money, but also ensured we built incredible relationships with people who we are proud to include in our Ronald McDonald House family.

Not only has the House provided and delivered on the mission of caring for the regional WA families of seriously ill children but we have also made a significant impact through our other programs, such as the Learning Program, Family Rooms and Family Retreats. We are truly here to help families thrive through what can be the toughest time in their life.

It has been an honour and a privilege to be a part of this charity for another year. I would like to acknowledge and thank the Board, the Staff and Volunteers of the House for their untiring work in 2015.

Adam Gilchrist AM
Patron



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



I would like to begin by thanking Glenn Baker for his 14 years of service Chairing the Board of Ronald McDonald House Perth and his commitment to the charity over the past 26 years.

Glenn played a fundamental role in making Ronald McDonald House Perth what it is today. In fact, without him, the House simply would not exist. In the late 1980's, Glenn identified the need for accommodation for families close to Princess Margaret Hospital and endeavoured to meet that need. In 1990, the first Ronald McDonald House for Western Australia was opened, named 'The House of Life'.

Over the years leading the Board, Glenn helped govern the charity, keeping it in line with its mission and setting the standard of professionalism that the organisation prides itself on today. The most defining point in his tenure was the decision to build a new Ronald McDonald House for

Western Australia. This was a bold decision, but together with former Executive Officer Alison Salmond, the path was forged to create what we have today. Glenn, we thank you.

Today Ronald McDonald House Perth is situated on the QEII Medical Centre Site, a stone's throw from the new Perth Children's Hospital. Our new location in Nedlands represents the future of Ronald McDonald House in Western Australia. The new building is purpose built not only to accommodate families in their hour of need, but to help families thrive. Growing from our humble beginnings at Subiaco with our 18 room facility to our new and amazing 47 room facility providing 17,000 nights of accommodation each year. I'd like to thank the Capital Campaign Committee led by Campaign Chairman; Peter Meurs, Leadership Gifts Taskforce Chairman; Dalton Gooding, Campaign Patrons; Adam Gilchrist AM and Dr Ken Michael AC and the supporters for bringing this project to fruition in 2015. Your commitment and dedication to this service for regional families is something we are not only grateful for, but something we're extremely proud of. Thank you

to all of our generous donors and partners in this project including Lotterywest, BHP Billiton Iron Ore, Royalties for Regions, Fortescue Metals Group, Georgina Hope Foundation, Stan Perron Charitable Foundation, Minderoo Foundation and McDonald's WA Corporate and Licensee Community. We could not have achieved such a successful opening without your commitment, support and dedication. A special thank you to Charlie and Sylvia Bass for their continued contribution and support of the Ronald McDonald House Learning Program. With their support we opened the very first Learning Centre for Ronald McDonald House Charities in Australia at our new House - The Bass Family Foundation Learning Centre.

The Board is grateful for the extraordinary team who look after the operations of Ronald McDonald House Perth day in and out including our 170

volunteers. Led by Executive Officer, Peter King ASM, 2015 was a huge year transitioning to our new House in December, what a success! A special thank you to Peter, Katie Ball, Transition Manager and Courtney Kennedy, Operations Manager who worked tirelessly with the aim to ensure that transition was seamless for our families.

The financial results detailed in this Annual Report indicate the strong position of the organisation and the professionalism with which Peter and his team work. Not only does the charity have a strong financial position, but it also maintains a high level of service across its programs. I look forward to the future of this charity and its programs that will only continue to help the regional families of seriously ill children.

Janiene Pollock
Chairman



EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S MESSAGE



2015 has been a landmark year for Ronald McDonald House Perth.

This year marked 25 years of service, providing accommodation to the regional families of seriously ill children undergoing treatment at Princess Margaret

Hospital - an extraordinary achievement for all those who have given their time to the charity since first opening our doors in 1990. Over this time RMH Perth has provided accommodation to over 4,500 families

In any other year, 25 years of service would have been the standout highlight, however the opening of our new 47 room House in Nedlands was the culmination of many years of work. The opening was not only a celebration of the magnificent facility which will be enjoyed by families, but more of a celebration of the coming together of the community to provide for families in need at what is arguably the most difficult times of their lives.

Upon opening, the Nedlands House was immediately met with high demand, regularly

accommodating an additional 10 families over and above the capacity of the former Subiaco premises. The new House will accommodate up to 1,000 families each year and with high demand, we expect to be running at full capacity by May 2016. With this in mind the retention and improvement of the Subiaco house has been approved by the Board. The intention is to use the old Subiaco House to cater for regional families utilising the Neonatal services at King Edward Memorial Hospital. Plans for this project will be developed throughout 2016.

Our Learning Program experienced growth of 234% providing 4,620 hours of professional tuition to 180 students reconnecting to school life after serious illness. This represents outstanding growth in the number of children whose confidence in returning to school after serious illness is being boosted. Along with the steady utilisation of our Family Retreats and the growing number of families utilising our Family Rooms in PMH and Peel Health Campus, RMH Perth is providing a suite of services that is assisting families to thrive throughout their medical journeys.

These services will be expanded further in 2016 with the commissioning of the Parent Accommodation Facility and the Family Resource

Centre & Aboriginal Lounge in the new Perth Children's Hospital. RMH Perth was awarded these services after a competitive tendering process and they will be managed under the RMHC brand as a Ronald McDonald House and Ronald McDonald Family Room.

To conclude I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the enormous number of people who support RMH Perth and make it such a positive place to stay. A truly supportive Board, extraordinarily dedicated staff and an enthusiastic

group of volunteers who all bring huge amounts of energy to our mission. To our Patron Adam Gilchrist, our Ambassadors, the business community of Western Australia and the countless community groups and individuals that continue to believe in the mission of RMH Perth, we simply could not support our families without your passionate dedication to our cause. Thank you.

Peter King ASM
Executive Officer

RMH TEAM



L-R Back row: Clare, Peter, Rebecca, Courtney, Laura, Dawn, Haydn. L-R Front row: Megan, Alicia, Katie.

Operations Manager	Courtney Kennedy
Project Manager - Transition	Katie Ball
Business Manager	Megan Jacob
Learning Program State Manager	Clare O'Connor
Learning Program Education Coordinator	Alicia Jeans
Learning Centre Coordinator	Helen Barns
Volunteer Coordinator	Laura Smith
Administration Assistant	Dawn Cooke
Manager of Mission Funding	Rebecca Stott
Partnerships Executive	Will Beresford
Fundraising Executive	Nadine Magill
Marketing and Communications Coordinator	Haydn Kruger
Family Liaison Officers	Paula Brooks Pippa Clarke Nina Ford Kristie Nye Michelle Marshall Sarah Stevens
Overnight Supervisor	Roma Russell

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

Opened in November 1990, Ronald McDonald House Perth provides a Home Away From Home for regional families of seriously ill children undergoing treatment for life threatening illnesses at Princess Margaret Hospital.

2015 saw incredible fundraising efforts, culminating in the opening of a new \$27million Ronald McDonald House Perth on 4 December.

After 25 years in Subiaco, the Ronald McDonald House was relocated to the QEII medical site adjacent to the new Perth Children's Hospital in Nedlands.

The new House now hosts 47 rooms, accommodating nearly three times as many seriously ill regional children and their families than possible before.

With this significant upgrade, less families risk being turned away in their time of need and are able to call the House their Home Away From Home.

The 'Stronger Together' Capital Campaign was instrumental in fundraising for the new House with

over \$27million raised since launching in 2013. Funds needed to commence building were raised within 15 months of the campaign beginning.

The WA State Government recognised the significance of RMH Perth and the services it will continue to deliver to regional families and contributed \$13million to the project - a Lotterywest grant of \$8million and Royalties for Regions contributing \$5million.

Western Australia's business community also dug deep to put the needs of seriously ill children first: BHP Billiton is the largest corporate donor with a \$5million contribution; Fortescue Metals Group raised \$2million from directors, employees and staff fundraising; a significant confidential donation from the Georgina Hope Foundation and Hancock Prospecting, Mission Partner McDonald's WA licensees and its corporate community came together to donate \$1million, and other \$1million partners included the Stan Perron Charitable Foundation, and the Minderoo Foundation.

VISION

To be Australia's leading charity continually striving to improve the health and well-being of seriously ill children and their families.

MISSION

Ronald McDonald House Charities creates, finds and supports programs across Australia that help seriously ill children and their families.

PURPOSE

We're here for seriously ill children and their families.

RMH PERTH RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN (RAP)

Ronald McDonald House Perth's 'Reflect' Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) embodies our enduring commitment to Reconciliation. Having supported Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and their families for 25 years, RMH Perth made a public commitment to Reconciliation in 2014 with the development of its first RAP. We are committed to Closing the Gap and strengthening our services through a commitment of respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. 18% percent of the families we accommodated in 2015 identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

In 2015 our Reflect RAP status was maintained and we proudly celebrated Reconciliation Week in the House across a number of programs. A morning tea for staff and volunteers, staff and volunteer cultural awareness training, Learning Program projects, movie week, reading recommendations for staff and a cultural tour of Kings Park were just some of the activities we enjoyed as a House throughout the year.



Reconciliation
A U S T R A L I A

Reconciliation Australia acknowledges the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respect to them and their cultures; and to elders both past and present.

THE STRONGER TOGETHER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



When first approached by former RMH Perth Chairman, Glenn Baker and former Executive Officer, Alison Salmond I was honoured to help fundraise for this incredible project to provide a bigger and better Home Away From Home for regional WA families.

RMH Perth is a charity close to not only my heart, but the heart of every individual and business that supported this campaign. I'm humbled at the generosity of the WA community and believe we should all be proud of this achievement.

There were many parties involved in bringing this project to fruition who were all heavily invested in the future of the charity and the welfare of regional families. These supporters were rallied together from the business community by the Capital Campaign Committee and without them we quite simply wouldn't have succeeded with our efforts in raising the \$27million required to build the new home.

I'd like to make special mention to Campaign Patrons Dr Ken Michael AC and Adam Gilchrist AM who generously donated their time, and committee members Peter McBain, Paul Dalglish, Alan Bishop, Keith Sheppard, Brad Shallard, Chris Bates, Sharon

Kais and Dalton Gooding as the RMH Stronger Together Leadership Gifts Taskforce Chairman.

Among the first to pledge their financial support were Andrew and Nicola Forrest, and Quadrant Energy (formerly Apache). Our staff and volunteers were humbled by the generosity so early on and it helped set the tone for such a successful campaign. We were also thrilled by the support offered from the Georgina Hope Foundation who were inspired by the project that assisted families from their areas of operation.

In just over 18 months I had the opportunity to see the House transform from a carpark into the beautiful home it is today. An incredible achievement, thanks to the hard work by our builders, Doric Group who did more than build the House - they put their heart and soul into making it the best it could be.

We have provided a soft place to land for families facing one of the most challenging times of their lives and I am humbled to be a part of something that will continue to care for regional WA families well into the future.

Peter Meurs

Stronger Together Campaign Chairman

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SUBIACO HOUSE

2015 was once again extremely busy for Ronald McDonald House Perth with over 727 patient visits for a total of 5,629 accommodation nights. Sadly we turned away over 160 families in an 11 month period and unfortunately there were many more families who didn't even call due to our House continuously being at capacity.

On 4 December 2015, we opened our doors to the new Ronald McDonald House Perth which can accommodate 47 families at any one time which equates to 220 people. We know our families are excited about the new House and we're looking forward to providing much more for our families.

**IN 2015
SUBIACO HOUSE...**

199 - New patients stays
153 - Returning patient stays
727 - Patient visits
5629 nights - Nights accommodated

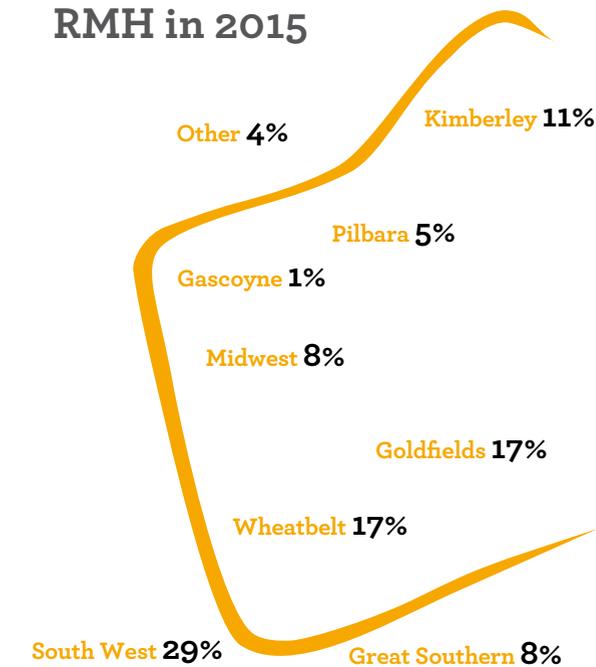
**Length of Stay Period at
Ronald McDonald House Perth**

1 to 3 days - 69% 4 to 7 days - 17%
 8 to 14 days - 7% 15 to 30 days - 3%
 31 to 45 days - 1% More than 45 days - 3%
 Average length of stay - 10 days

Breakdown of illnesses presented by Children in 2015

Oncology/Haematology	43%
Neurological	14%
Respiratory	11%
Orthopaedic	6%
ENT	4%
Cardiac	4%
Trauma / Accident	4%
Neonatal / Premature Birth	3%
Gastrointestinal	2%
Endocrine	2%
Renal	1%
Ophthalmology	1%
Burns	1%
Auto-Immune	1%
Unknown	1%
Other	2%

Regional Breakdown of families who stayed at RMH in 2015



PAULA BOLTO'S STORY THE RMH JOURNEY

On April 25, 2015 our 10 year old son Hamish had a horrific motorbike accident on our property in Katanning. He rode through a barbed wire gate and cut his throat severing his trachea, oesophagus, laryngeal nerves and bruised his right carotid artery.

My husband performed lifesaving CPR through the cut in his neck while we waited for local volunteer ambulance officers and paramedics to arrive. He was stabilised and was taken to our local hospital where we waited for the RAC Rescue helicopter and critical care paramedics to arrive.

Hamish was sedated and flown to PMH where we was immediately taken to theatre for life saving surgery. Surgery was successful and he was taken to ICU in an induced coma. Two days later the blood clot in his right carotid artery broke loose causing a stroke. He was taken to theatre again for a craniectomy to relieve the pressure.

Hamish was in ICU for 2 weeks and we were very fortunate to have a room to sleep in down the corridor from ICU. After two weeks in ICU he was transferred to Ward 5C where he would remain for 3-6 months.

As a result we were unable to stay in the hospital and when you go through a trauma like this, all that matters is you're close to your child. Our

social worker organised accommodation at RMH Perth.

We were warmly welcomed into the House with a bed to sleep in, a warm shower and a home cooked meal each night. We knew we'd be in Perth for at least 3-6 months, so knowing we had somewhere to stay alleviated those worries. We have three other children who were being cared for back in Katanning and joined us on weekends so we could stay as a family.

The close proximity of RMH to the hospital was absolutely essential. It eased the worries of being too far from Hamish and the commute and the friendly staff and volunteers bent over backwards to help.

Our lives have been turned upside down but RMH gave us security, stability and a Home Away From Home. We still have regular visits to PMH for ongoing therapy and theatre procedures so we still stay at RMH when needed. We sincerely thank all staff, volunteers and major sponsors for such an amazing new facility that has made such a difference to our family.

Paula Bolto - Hamish's mum



RONALD McDONALD FAMILY RETREAT

Our Ronald McDonald Family Retreats provide respite and time away for families to reconnect, laugh and create beautiful memories together as a family. In 2015 we were able to provide family time at our Family Retreats in Bunbury and Jurien Bay for 56 families for a total of 318 days. Our families feel so privileged to have this time-out and are so thankful for what the Family Retreats stand for and provide.

Messages of thanks from some of our families who have utilised the Family Retreats:

Thank you so much for such a wonderful, long weekend. It was just what the doctor ordered after the last year and a half! We look forward to going up north again soon! - Christine Wilson-Banks

Just want to say a big thank you for allowing us to stay at the Ronald McDonald Family Retreat in

Jurien Bay. After spending so much time in PMH over the past 3 years it was fantastic to be able to go away with the kids and just have a family holiday, with no medical appointments or hospital visits, this was our first holiday in over 3 years. We loved the accommodation and all the fantastic people in Jurien Bay who were so friendly. Thank you so much - Karen Kujawski

I just wanted to thank you for the last minute booking at the Ronald McDonald Family Retreat in Jurien Bay. We had such a wonderful holiday - if not the best ever my husband says! All the stars aligned for us - we had some good test results just prior to leaving, the weather was absolutely perfect and Jasmine learned to ride without trainer wheels while there, something we were not sure we would ever see but will be memories forever for us and for her. - The Wendt Family

Thank you so much for this week for our family, it was just what we needed. Everyone involved in the Ronald McDonald Family Retreat program gave us something I could never have done and my kids have been able to create memories that will never be forgotten. We were able to just be a normal family for a week where all the stresses were not there and everything was so much easier. - Emma Parkes



RONALD McDONALD FAMILY ROOM

A Ronald McDonald Family Room provides all the comfort of a Ronald McDonald House but within a hospital; an oasis for parents and carers to relax and unwind whilst being only steps away from their child's bedside. In WA we are lucky to have 2 Family Rooms; in Princess Margaret Hospital on the Oncology Ward and at the Peel Health Campus in the Sarich Wing.

A snapshot from our wonderful volunteers who help out in our Family Rooms.

Volunteering in the Family Room is about making a 'cuppa' and cupcakes for an exhausted parent and their child, and putting a smile on someone's face. It's also about providing a clean and homely environment for those who are far away from the comforts of home. I love spending my three hours a month volunteering in the Ronald McDonald Family Room at Princess Margaret Hospital. It swells my heart and leaves me feeling light. It's my passion, it's my purpose. I work full-time, otherwise I'd give more of my time. The RMH team is like family to me, the love and care they give me as a volunteer is always appreciated and it keeps me coming back. I'm excited to continue volunteering in the Family

Room at the new Perth Children's hospital where we can assist more families in need, with much newer facilities. Can't wait!
- **Heather O'Brien**

As a Volunteer I'm truly humbled seeing the little legends being empathic and compassionate. I am touched and moved to hear their joyous, spontaneous delighted laughter regardless of their journey on the Children's Cancer Ward at Princess Margaret Hospital. - **Werner Lupker**

I love going to the Family Room and trying to do my bit to make the families feel more comfortable during this hard time. It's only a small amount but I always try really hard to make the room a safe and comfortable place they can take a break and relax. - **Jacqui Barns**

It's wonderful and enriching to be able to help in a small way to make a parent's day run a little smoother. I have had so many people express how grateful they are for muffins, vacuumed floors, a quiet space, a clean bathroom and to have a refuge to sip a nice cup of coffee! - **Megan Robinson**



In my role as an RMH volunteer, I help to maintain a clean and homely environment while providing many hot cuppas and a variety of tasty snacks for the families and friends of seriously ill children. But more importantly, I'm a listening ear, a comforting smile and sometimes, a much needed shoulder to cry on. Over the years, I've been privileged to share the triumphs and tragedies of so many amazing families. And their sincere gratitude for the services we provide is always evident. So my contribution, no matter how small, is personally, very rewarding. - **Judi Hannah**

My greatest thrill comes from seeing the families help each other. They can do much more than I can in providing the right kind of support and I learn a lot from them. I'm also amazed how thoughtful the parents are, in regard to each other and even to me. They are offering to make ME a cup of tea!
- **Shirley McInnes**

I can't imagine a ward like 3B without somewhere for parents to make a cuppa, store (and cook) their own food and to chat with other families if they feel like it. RMH provides this very special place/space and it is so much appreciated by so many. Our role as frommies is to make that space as welcoming as possible - a clean, tidy, safe place to bring their sick children if they want respite from their hospital rooms or just to have 'time out'. On some days there is much cleaning to be done and there isn't too much time for chatting with parents but on those days you take delight in knowing in some small way you have contributed to making the Family Room a nice place just to be. - **Marsha Hopkins**

Providing a space where for a little while you can laugh, meet someone, have a cuppa and forget about the child who is sick. Leave the room and know you are not alone. Know the volunteer is the conduit for communication, hospitality and friendship. The volunteer is a valued member of the staff on Ward 3B. We complement all the stages of the family's support systems. - **Kevin Davis**

I have been volunteering for 5 and a half years in the Family Room. The Family Room is a much needed solace for the parents and families from their hospital room. It is a part of the circle of support to such a devastating cruel part of their child's life. It is a friendship room for parents to encourage, listen, rejoice, a warm hug, and at times a much needed shoulder to shed a lot of tears. It also is 'forget where we are at times' room. Dad's watching the footy and the cricket on the weekends, whilst gently holding their child who at times is hooked up to the Chemo drip. Families and parents coming together to have a cup of coffee or tea, made for them, always grateful for some warm pancakes.

Even if you spend a long period of time just in conversation, an ear to listen, for that parent is also very important. Parents appreciate the idea of a much needed use of the bedrooms, a warm shower and being just down the hallway from their precious children. The feedback to me is; they very much appreciate somewhere to spend some time with who are the only ones who understand what they are going through and how they feel. It has been a pleasure, a purpose and honour to volunteer in the Family Room. - **Michele Rosair**

RONALD McDONALD LEARNING PROGRAM

The Ronald McDonald Learning Program is a national program of Ronald McDonald House Charities helping children with serious illness catch up on their missed education following lengthy hospital stays and absence from school. All services are provided free to families and schools thanks to the funding from generous supporters of Ronald McDonald House Charities.

The Learning Program is often the first step towards normalcy for seriously ill children and their families and sends a clear message that we believe in their future. Approximately 15% of children around Australia are affected by serious health conditions such as cancer, heart disease and cystic fibrosis. We are fortunate to live in an age where more children are now long term survivors of serious illness thanks to advances in medical treatments. However, each child's treatment varies, and the impact of hospitalisation, medications and lengthy convalescence means many children will fall behind in their education, often leaving a greater long-term impact than the illness. This can have a devastating effect on a child's future and life chances.

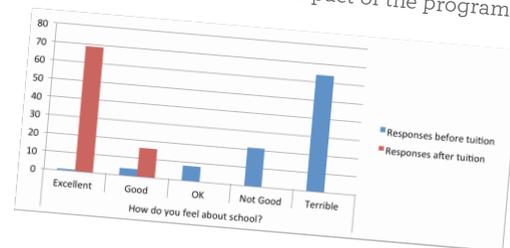
The program is holistic and looks at all aspects of a child's learning by providing comprehensive assessment, therapy and tuition with qualified professionals. In addition to individual support for children the Learning Program has expanded to provide EDMed accredited professional development for teachers.

FUN & FRIENDS & LEARNING
GAMES & SPORTS SCHOOL



IN 2015, WE GREW THE PROGRAM EXPONENTIALLY

- 257% increase in referrals from 2014
- 520 teachers attended our free EDMed Professional Development sessions
- 4,620 tuition sessions delivered in 2015
- 8% of our students do not have English as a first language
- 47% of our students are secondary, 53% are primary
- Over 73% of our referrals came from Hospital School
- Our Learning Program team has a combined total of 44 years of teaching experience - two Primary teachers and two Secondary
- The feedback from the students themselves is the greatest measure of the impact of the program:



MEET SAMANTHA

Hi, my name is Samantha Hall and I have been a tutor for Ronald McDonald Learning Program for the last 3 years. During this time I have had the opportunity to work with some wonderful students.

I was born with Spina Bifida in 1972 and my parents were told that if I made it through the first year I'd be ok. During the 70's and 80's if you had a disability it was expected you would attend "special school". Not me! Being the only child with a disability at the school had its challenges. There was no educational support and Mum had to come at lunch time to help with personal care. Missing school for appointments and hospital stays was just that; missing chunks of learning and having to work out what was going on when you returned.

Secondary School posed a whole new set of problems. There were no local schools completely wheelchair accessible. The nearest school which I could attend told me I could only take subjects as long as they were on the bottom floor, meaning half the curriculum was not available to me.

Nonetheless, I persevered and graduated with a Bachelor of Education in 2009 and have since completed my Master of Education in 2014 and in the meantime I achieved a Postgraduate Certificate in Education specialising in Education for Social Justice.

Since graduating from my Bachelor of Education I have worked as a Supervisor in Out of School Hours Care, a relief teacher and am currently working for Camp Australia on a casual basis, as

well as tutoring for the Defence Force Transition Program and of course the Ronald McDonald Learning Program.

I am thoroughly enjoying working with students one to one. I finally feel I have found what I'm supposed to be doing.

To new Ronald McDonald Learning Program tutors I would just say;

- Be open to learning new things from your students, not only about teaching, but about yourself.
- Try not to take anything personally. No matter what, you are making a difference.
- Have a sense of humour!
- Be willing to put yourself in the shoes of someone else, be it the teachers, the parents or the students.
- Have lots of fun, the children in this program are fantastic!

Samantha has won the prestigious 'Tutor of the Year' Award for her ongoing commitment and dedication to the Ronald McDonald Learning Program 2015. Samantha consistently goes above and beyond for her students, often taking taxis around the city at her own expense to ensure students across the Metropolitan area catch up with missed learning due to hospitalisation and ongoing treatment.



RONALD McDONALD VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Our volunteers provide endless hours, energy and dedication across all aspects of the charity – when our families are going through a vulnerable time in their lives, our volunteers truly do make a difference.

We are proud to boast a team of volunteers who continue to go above and beyond in their volunteering duties. Our transition to our new Nedlands home emphasised the positivity and loyalty that shines through our volunteer service.

We now have more volunteers involved than ever before at RMH. Our Family Ambassadors provide a warm, friendly welcome to all families entering the house. Domestic Gods & Goddesses focus on the vital housekeeping whilst our Rise 'n' Shine Team takes care of all the laundry. Fabbie Cabbie's provide crucial transport to Princess Margaret Hospital and back. The Green Team are responsible for maintaining the outdoor spaces and the Dinner Squad look after the evening meal time service. We have volunteer teaching assistants in the form of our ED-Heads and our

FRoomies look after our Family Room at Princess Margaret Hospital. Whatever your interest, there is something for everyone.

Undoubtedly, our volunteers build the foundations of our House and without their support we would not be able to provide the love, comfort and security that makes RMH Perth a 'home away from home.'

In 2015, RMH Perth had 190 regular volunteers who dedicated over 8,400 hours of their time, creating a financial saving of \$210,000 to the House. On top of this we had many volunteers assist with fundraising events, the Red Shoe Society and Corporate Volunteering opportunities.



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2015

SCOTT HERBERT

(Domestic God Volunteer)

My time volunteering for Ronald McDonald House Perth has been a very humbling and rewarding experience. I began my association with the House in 2012 by volunteering for Movies by Burswood as part of the volunteer team arranged by the House. At the end of the season, I started helping regularly at the House in July 2013. A few hours each Saturday morning is a small amount of time to give and is something I look forward to each week.

Along with regular volunteering at the House, I'm always happy to put my hand up and get involved in ad-hoc ways, such as assisting behind the scenes at the ground breaking ceremony and the official opening of the new House, as well as Christmas gift wrapping, organised by the House at local shopping centres which raises extra funds and spreads the message about the important work the House does.

Some of the most rewarding times I've had at the House were the several occasions I stayed at the Subiaco house while covering the leave of the weeknight caretaker, Roma, who was away for a week or two at a time. It was a unique experience in



which I was able to have dinner with the families, hear some of their individual stories and journeys as well as interact with them on a different level to my normal volunteer shifts. During my stays I don't think there were two nights the same, but one thing that really shone through is how the families support each other in their times of need.

With the incredible new house in Nedlands now open, the next chapter has begun in the book that is Ronald McDonald House Perth. I'm very proud to be part of such a great team of volunteers who, along with the amazing staff, really do turn the house into a home. Regional WA families with sick children rely on the services Ronald McDonald House Perth provides and I look forward to seeing the House helping many more families into the future.

RONALD McDONALD CATERING PROGRAMS

In 2015, we welcomed 320 Make-A-Meal teams into our Subiaco House to prepare the evening meal for our families. When parents have spent a long day at the hospital with their sick child, the last thing they want to consider is cooking a nutritious meal on their return. Our Make-A-Meal groups take care of that for them – and in return they receive a fun and rewarding experience whilst helping make families lives that little bit easier.

Anything goes in our kitchen. We have culinary experts and total novices cooking up roasts, Italian, Mexican, BBQs, Chinese and everything in between. Not to mention delicious desserts! In addition to the wonderful cuisine served, the teams are paramount in helping to create a homely, welcoming environment which ensures our families are happy to return to their Home Away From Home after a long day.

Now that we're in our Nedlands House, Home For Dinner is the new dinner time service which has introduced the support of two full time chefs thanks to supporters PMI Catering. Darryl and Louise provide the help required to work in a commercial kitchen which allows cooking for a large number of guests whilst keeping everything our groups loved about the old Make-A-Meal program. We look forward to developing this program with new and existing community and corporate groups in 2016.

Our 'Lovin from the Oven' program, was a big success in 2015 with over 40 groups coming into the House to cook a range of baked goods for the families. The delicious aromas coming from our kitchen added to the homely feel of the house and of course, our families always enjoyed the end produce. We are delighted to be able to continue and expand this program in 2016.

At the end of 2015, we added our new offering 'The Big Breakfast', which provides teams with the opportunity to start our families' day with a hearty breakfast. Families can fuel up before heading to the hospital, running errands or spending a much deserved day of relaxation with their loved ones.

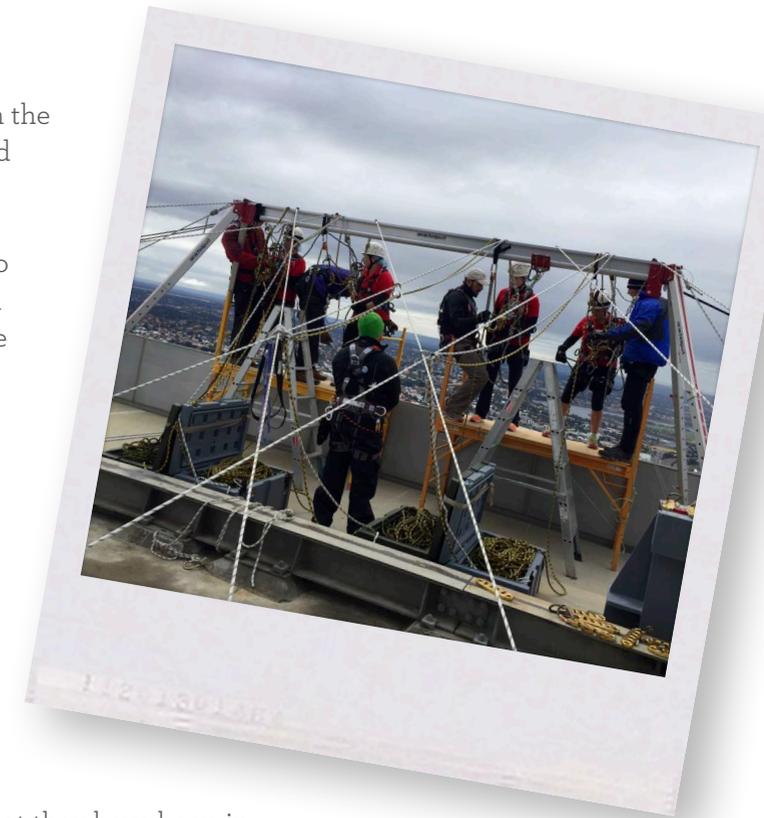
Every individual who enters our kitchen is instrumental in making the RMH Perth a warm and inviting home and certainly enriches the lives of regional WA families with seriously ill children.



FUNDRAISING HIGHLIGHTS

Central Park Plunge

In August, 100 brave souls quite literally put their body on the line to raise money for RMH Perth. In what was considered to be Australia's tallest urban abseil, participants took the plunge spiderman-style down all 52 floors (or 220 metres) of the Central Park building in Perth's CBD. Some chose to dress as superheroes but most were more than happy with the standard issue harness and safety helmet and for those that dared to look, the view from above was quite simply spectacular. Our intrepid daredevils raised an astounding \$180,000 with the highest team of fundraisers being from FMG – great friends of the House. We thank and admire all who took part and the funds raised will certainly help to take Ronald McDonald House Perth to new heights!



McDonald's Community Cinemas

The main objective of McDonald's Community Cinemas is to improve the quality of life of children in a health or physical ability crisis and over the many years that they have been in operation, they have assisted many charities to do just that! RMH Perth have been a beneficiary of this fantastic initiative since 2005 and have received an incredible \$700,000 to date. In 2015 we were grateful to receive \$50,347 which will certainly go a long way to helping us achieve our mission.

HBF Run for a Reason

Each Wednesday year 11 Hale students volunteer their time to visit the House to spend time with our little residents. This year they also made time to fundraise for us by participating in the HBF Run for a Reason. 22 Hale students signed up; however one in particular has made this a very special and personal commitment. 16 year old Matt Hyde from Dalwallinu was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma in February. The Hale School Boarder was expected to drop out of the program but instead has made extra commitments to continue to visit the House and share his story and his courage with the younger children. "When I was diagnosed, I knew I could either stay at home and recover, or I could use this to help the House and myself at the same time". What makes this incredible student even more special, is that Matt joined fellow Hale Big Brothers in running 12km in the 2015 HBF Run for a Reason. We are so proud and inspired by Matt's commitment to helping the seriously ill children and their siblings staying at the House. This is a massive achievement and we thank Matt and the 21 other Big Brothers for their ongoing support of the House.



Every Cent Counts!

It just goes to show that fundraisers come in all shapes and sizes. Jarrod is a proud member of the 1st Wembley Downs Scout Group and a dedicated fundraiser to the House! He participated in a community service campaign for his badge of attainment and rallied his fellow Scouts to help out. At only 7 years old his sense of community spirit is clearly evident... he managed to raise an incredible \$153 and we couldn't be more thrilled. What a champion!

BECAUSE OF YOU

Thank you to all our 2015 supporters who helped us help more seriously ill regional children and their families!

With your help we are making the journey a little easier for seriously ill regional children and their families. Below is a list of our Major Donors:

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

The Home Away from Home Inc (T/as Ronald McDonald House) has experienced another successful financial year (ending 31 December 2015) recording a Comprehensive Surplus of \$9,371,701 and a position Net Asset of \$37,923,379.

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements and comply with all relevant accounting standards.

I would like to acknowledge the other members of the Executive Committee which included Janiene Pollock, Glenn Baker and Ante Golem. I would also like to acknowledge Peter King and Megan Jacob for their role in managing the finances of the House and their support of the Executive Committee and Board of Management. The Board of Management's commitment to establishing a solid financial framework for the House through the development of specific financial policies and systems has resulted in our strong financial position.

The most significant highlight this year has been the completion of the new House in Nedlands (on budget) and the successful move from Subiaco.

The financial result would not have been achieved without the generous support of our Sponsors, Donors and community through financial and in kind donations. We are always overwhelmed by this substantial unconditional support and look forward to ongoing support in the coming year.

We recognise the efforts of all personnel over the past year but also clearly understand and look forward to the challenges that we face in funding and operating our new House in Nedlands, which will accommodate over three times as many families as our Subiaco House. Given this we have established the necessary goals and objectives to ensure that the financial position into the future is solid.

Congratulations on a great year to everyone involved.

Andrew Sullivan
Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	NOTES	2015 \$	2014 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents - Unrestricted	7	7,143,089	6,278,982
Cash and cash equivalents - Restricted	7	1,593,101	10,137,928
Trade and other receivables	6	840,152	690,838
Inventory		948	992
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		9,577,290	17,108,740
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	4	29,991,525	11,781,664
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		29,991,525	11,781,664
TOTAL ASSETS		39,568,815	28,890,404
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	9	1,524,056	237,284
Provisions	8	73,532	63,045
Financial liabilities		981	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,598,569	300,329
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	8	46,867	38,397
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		46,867	38,397
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,645,436	338,726
NET ASSETS		37,923,379	28,551,678
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		7,993,838	6,661,152
Revaluation reserve		-	1,146,165
Learning Program reserve	16	54,979	73,305
Capital Campaign reserve	10	29,874,562	20,671,056
TOTAL EQUITY		37,923,379	28,551,678

As at 31 December 2015.

This statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the notes of the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	NOTES	2015 \$	2014 \$
Revenue	3	2,323,107	2,000,517
Investment income	3	2,141	101,452
		2,325,248	2,101,969
Employee benefits expense		(1,138,915)	(1,082,966)
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment		(340,305)	(347,139)
Fundraising expenses		(59,652)	(18,644)
Loss on sale of listed investments		(27,229)	(11,701)
Other expenses		(590,952)	(489,716)
		(2,157,053)	(1,950,166)
		168,195	151,803
OPERATING SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR			
Donations received	3	3,157,876	8,104,375
Fundraising income	3	-	392,057
Grants received	3	5,955,820	5,544,180
Investment income	3	188,620	284,764
Other income	3	1,200	2,574
		9,303,516	14,327,950
Building costs - prior year capitalised costs		-	624,583
Employee benefits expense		(98,426)	-
Fundraising costs		-	(55,323)
Other expenses		(1,584)	(16,058)
		(100,010)	553,202
		9,203,506	14,881,152
TOTAL SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR BEFORE INCOME TAX		9,371,701	15,032,955
Income tax benefit		-	-
SURPLUS AFTER INCOME TAX EXPENSE FOR THE YEAR ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE HOME AWAY FROM HOME INC.		9,371,701	15,032,955
Other comprehensive income, net of income tax		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE HOME AWAY FROM HOME INC.		9,371,701	15,032,955

For the year ended 31 December 2015.

This statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the notes of the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	CAPITAL CAMPAIGN RESERVE \$	LEARNING PROGRAM RESERVE \$	REVALUATION RESERVE \$	RETAINED EARNINGS \$	TOTAL EQUITY \$
BALANCE AT 1 JANUARY 2014	5,789,904	-	1,146,165	6,582,654	13,518,723
Surplus for the year	14,881,152	-	-	151,803	15,032,955
Transfer to/(from) reserve	-	73,305	-	(73,305)	-
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	14,881,152	73,305	-	78,498	15,032,955
BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2014	20,671,056	73,305	1,146,165	6,661,152	28,551,678
Surplus for the year	9,203,506	-	-	168,195	9,371,701
Transfer to/(from) reserve	-	(18,326)	(1,146,165)	1,164,491	-
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	9,203,506	(18,326)	-	1,332,686	9,371,701
BALANCE AT 31 December 2015	29,874,562	54,979	-	7,993,838	37,923,379

For the year ended 31 December 2015.

This statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - UNRESTRICTED

	NOTES	2015 \$	2014 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING SERVICES (Unrestricted)			
Receipts from:			
Donations and appeals		471,265	1,175,352
Operational grants		389,772	296,439
Accommodation		424,590	423,450
Other income		1,259	687
Payments to suppliers and employees		(619,007)	(1,309,248)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		667,879	586,680
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES (Unrestricted)			
Interest received		199,563	105,649
Proceeds on disposal of assets held for sale		-	1,556,134
Proceeds on disposal of assets		(3,335)	27,300
Purchase for property, plant and equipment		-	(67,874)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES		196,228	1,621,209
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		864,107	2,207,889
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		6,278,982	4,071,093
	7(a)	7,143,089	6,278,982

For the year ended 31 December 2015.

This statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - RESTRICTED

	NOTES	2015 \$	2014 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING SERVICES			
Receipts from:			
Donations and appeals		9,114,898	13,542,434
Payments to suppliers and employees		(97,177)	(187,821)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		9,017,721	13,354,613
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Interest income		188,620	196,126
Proceeds on disposal of assets held for sale		-	261,138
Payments for construction of building		(17,751,168)	(9,146,967)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(17,562,548)	(8,689,703)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(8,544,827)	4,664,910
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		10,137,928	5,473,018
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year (Restricted)	7(a)	1,593,101	10,137,928
Total cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year		8,739,190	16,416,910

For the year ended 31 December 2015.

This statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

Note: The information contained on pages 27-31 was extracted from the audited financial statements of Ronald McDonald House Perth for the year ended 31 December 2015 and is included here for information purposes only. These statements should be read in conjunction with notes to the financial statements. The independent Audit Report can be provided on request.



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