



ANNUAL REPORT

2021

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Message from our CEO



Dear Friends,

The end of June 2021 saw iDaredream complete its third year of operation. This year has been both exciting and at times, challenging. The unanticipated ongoing presence of COVID 19 continues to be a serious concern, especially for our precious grandparents who are amongst the most vulnerable groups affected.

However, these amazing carers have a resilience and determination that is to be admired and emulated. While they cope with the ever-present stress and uncertainty of what would happen to their grandchildren should anything happen to them, they use this concern to fuel their determination to maintain a healthy and strong mindset and be available for the children in their care.

Thank you grandcarers!

A major and exciting highlight this past year was the welcoming of the Osborne Park Harvey Normal Electrical Superstore as our first corporate sponsor. This support has been above and beyond our expectations.

Another highlight was the launch of our website in November 2020. Built by a voluntary team of IT experts as part of Perth's WordPress Hackathon run by Jo and Ross Minney of House Digital, this has given us a valuable digital presence and easy access to resources for our members and those wanting to know more about the mission and work of iDareDream.

Our deepest Thank You must go to you, our generous friends, supporters and regular donors! Without you we could not go on. Your financial contributions have allowed us to provide children's workshops, sponsor many more children to activities of their choice, provide hardship care where needed, and social and emotional support to the big-hearted grandparents who have so willingly accepted the role of raising yet another family in their latter years.

An organisation is only as good as its people, and iDareDream is no exception. It has been a pleasure to welcome some new office holders to our dedicated team, particularly our new Directors, Jason Sawkins and Isobel Lyall. We are a voluntary group and I thank each team member, old and new, for their valuable contributions and willingness to share this journey with me.

With heartfelt thanks to you all!

Virginia

Virginia Huupponen, Founder & CEO

The Need

**" Grandparent care is the fastest form of out-of-home care
for vulnerable children in Australia"**

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, 2019

What we know about our Grandcarers

58% are single and
usually women

Grandcarers
experience worse
physical, emotional
and financial health
than their peers

44% care for more
than 1 grandchild

What we know about their Grandchildren

Almost all have
suffered trauma

Many are affected by
both physical (ADHD,
FASD, etc) and
psychological conditions
but receive no free
counselling

30% or more have a
high-needs mental issue



Like all children in out-of-home care, these children have frequently been neglected and come to their grandparents from untenable home situations. This is most frequently due to parental substance addiction, mental illness, violent relationships or accidental death.

iDareDream's mission is to restore these children's sense of self-worth, belonging and hope. Our focus is to join with the grandparents in ensuring these children enjoy the most normal childhood possible.

We are based in Perth WA and currently support grandparent families from Bindoon to Baldivis.

Activities & Workshops



'when I've had a hard week, seeing the horses and being around them makes me feel very happy'



Preparing Teenagers with a Motor Matters Workshop



Developing team skills



Embracing new experiences



'He was SO excited he couldn't sleep!'



Facing fears



'She had an absolutely wonderful time and gained an enormous amount of confidence from this.'



Highlights & Achievements



Hackathon
team building
our website



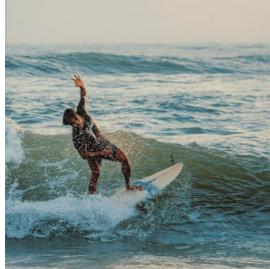
Annual Picnic





What the grandcarers tell us . . .

'thank you all for your love and concern for our children'



'Thank you so much for this opportunity . . . it was the first time she was able to overcome her anxiety and stay without me. She came home so happy and proud.'

'He was thrilled with the chance to learn to surf and hopes to continue next summer.'

The average Australian family has 1.5 children, but a recently published 3-year study revealed that WA grandcarers are raising an average of 2.5 children – and on less than \$19,000 per year!

'Just a note to you and your donors . . . my granddaughter was ashamed because she couldn't swim and her schoolmates could . . . her confidence has increased and she's passed 3 levels'



'Horses are amazingly therapeutic and have been a huge part of her healing journey. Many thanks for your support.'

'My main fear in bringing up this traumatised little boy was that he would go the way of his parents. When his athletic talent really came out 4 years ago, I was in a predicament as he obviously needed coaching and I was on a pension. So I really appreciate this sponsorship.'

The Team

Right to Left

Helen O'Sullivan
Michael Andrews
Isobel Lyall
Karina Sawkins
Virginia Huupponen
Jason Sawkins
Jennifer Mulder



Q & A with some of our team



Helen O'Sullivan

What is your role within iDareDream?

I'm the Events Coordinator, assisting with the organisation of events that raise awareness of iDareDream while raising funds to inspire and support the children to achieve their dreams.

How long have you been a voluntary committee member? What drew you to it?

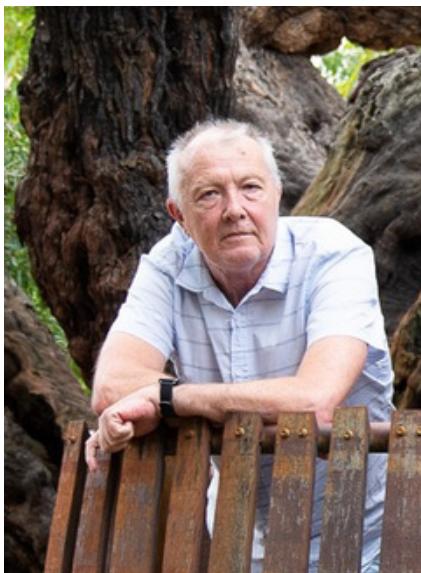
This is my third year. I strongly believe in the value of community and iDareDream provides an opportunity to recognise and support an often hidden sector who raise children under very challenging circumstances.

This role has allowed me to meet some wonderful people, both those supporting the organisation and the families we support.

Why do you continue to be involved?

It is very rewarding to be part of a rapidly growing organisation that strives to build skills and confidence in young people while also engaging with their wonderful grandparent carers.

Q & A with some of our team



Mike Andrews

What is your main role within iDareDream?

I'm the treasurer of iDareDream and have been in this position for some 18 months. It's been an honour to fulfill the obligations of this position.

What inspires you most to be part of this particular organisation?

My work has inspired in me a great admiration for both the grandparents who, with little support and in very difficult circumstances, must again navigate the demands of rearing another generation, and for iDareDream's work in providing the children opportunities they so justly deserve.

Yeah! Thank you Team

Are you also on the committee?

Yes, I was invited to join 11 months ago as one of the Directors.

What inspired you to become part of iDareDream?

iDareDream is a grass roots charity that helps make a lasting difference to children in need.

What has been the most thrilling for you over the past year ?

Hearing the feedback from the grandcarers about the positive impact the ability to participate in these activities has on their grandchildren.



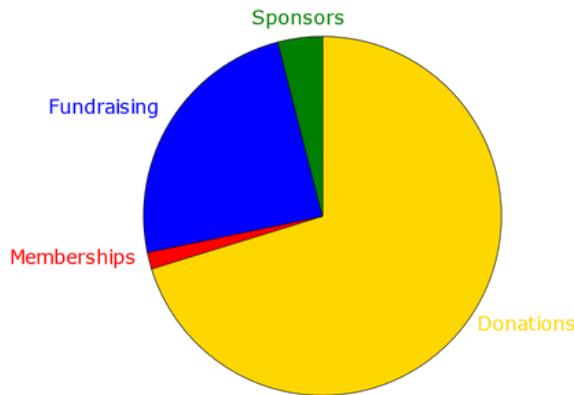
Jason Sawkins

Financial Summary

iDareDream ended this financial year in a more secure financial position with net assets of \$8,966.80, an increase of \$8,147.84 on the previous financial year.

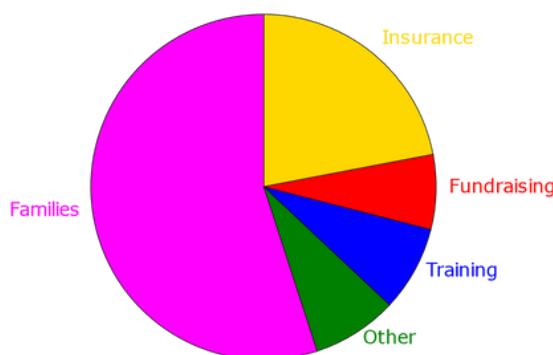
INCOME

Donations	70.25%	\$15,285
Memberships	1.5%	\$ 340
Fundraising	24.25%	\$ 5,348
Corp Sponsorship	4%	\$ 900



EXPENDITURE

Member Activities	55%	\$6,566
Insurance	22%	\$2,673
Staff Training	8%	\$1,008
Other	8%	\$ 906



The Future

iDareDream's future promises to be positive and exciting.

The skills, dedication and guidance of our voluntary committee together with the wonderful support of you, our loyal and generous supporters, enables us to provide more resources and opportunities to grandparents raising a new generation.

We gratefully acknowledge and thank the businesses whose significant contributions have so greatly assisted our growth this year.



For providing free web support



For providing free website hosting



For being our 1st Corporate Sponsor



For supporting every event



For funding the children's Christmas gifts