Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth Limited

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Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

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The directors present their report on Australian Research Alliance for Children & Youth Limited for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.

General Information

Directors

The names of the directors in office at any time during, or since the end of, the year are:

Names	Appointed/Resigned
Professor Gervase Chaney	Resigned as a director 4 December 2024
Ms Anne Cregan	Resigned as a director 11 June 2025
Adjunct Associate Professor Shamal Dass	Appointed Chair 17 Nov 2023
Ms Hawa Mohammad	Resigned as a director 4 December 2024
Dr Jenny Proimos	
Dr Norman Swan	
Professor Karen Thorpe	
Emeritus Professor Stephen Zubrick	
Jessica Oostenbroek	Appointed as a director 4 December 2024
James Waddell	Appointed as a director 15 April 2025

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

Principal activities

ARACY was established in 2002 for the charitable purpose of facilitating, coordinating and supporting the development of knowledge through research and advocacy, for the implementation of evidence-based policies within Australia to improve the wellbeing and life chances of Australia's children and young people. ARACY does this through a national action agenda and measurement framework, The Nest.

ARACY adopted a new Constitution in May 2024. This change resulted in a new application to the ACNC for charitable status. We are pleased to report that effective from 1 July 2024 ARACY is approved as a Health Promotion Charity focussed on disease prevention and raising awareness of diseases through a wellbeing lens.

ARACY continues as it was established, a not-for-profit public company limited by guarantee. The refreshed purpose of the company is to promote the Social Determinants of Health and the prevention and control of disease to enhance the wellbeing, welfare and life chances of children and young people

Directors' Report

For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

The activities of the company include:

i. identifying, understanding and articulating the factors that positively and negatively impact on the health, wellbeing and life chances of children and young people, including through consulting with and otherwise collecting information from children and young people, their families, carers and educators, and from other stakeholders who engage with children and young people;

ii. developing, facilitating the development of, co-ordinating the development of and/or supporting the development of knowledge about the prevention and control of disease and the Social Determinants of Health in children and young people including through research and innovation and monitoring and evaluation of research and pilot programs;

iii. identifying and prioritising evidenced-based strategies that:
   a) effectively address the causes of disease and other factors that negatively impact the Social Determinants of Health for children and young people; and
   b) promote the prevention and control of disease in children and young people and the factors that promote the Social Determinants of Health in children and young people

iv. translating research and other knowledge on effective measures for the prevention and control of disease and the promotion of the Social Determinants of Health for children and young people into practice including by:
   a) raising awareness among the general public of the causes of disease and effective measures for the prevention and control of disease among children and young people and the promotion of the Social Determinants of Health;
   b) making research findings and other knowledge accessible;
   c) training and otherwise supporting communities, organisations, business, educational institutional institutions, government and other relevant bodies involved with children and young people on the research findings and other knowledge;
   d) working with stakeholders, including facilitating the collaboration of stakeholders, to implement effective strategies for the prevention and control of disease and the promotion of the Social Determinants of Health for children and young people; and

v. such other things as are incidental or conductive to the attainment of the Charitable Purpose.

Events after the reporting date

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

Likely Developments and Expected Results

ARACY organised its work for 2024-25 under the following strategic pillars.

- We are leaders in systems transformation – we lead systems improvements for children and young people by using our skills and experience in bringing people and organisations together and creating a unified approach.
- We create momentum for change by advocating for what really makes a difference for children and young people.
- We are a learning organisation capable of adaptation - we are accountable to children and young people and use evidence to amplify their voices to change how things work.

- We are an independent and resilient organisation.

The enabling activities that support our aspiration and intent are:

- Securing our financial sustainability
- Strengthening our engagement with children and young people
- Strengthening our engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, communities and organisations
- Enhancing employee wellbeing
- Strengthening our reputation and relationships
- Measuring our impact
- Continuously improving our processes, systems and infrastructure

During the 2024-25 Financial Year, ARACY saw significant progress in our flagship initiatives, Thriving Queensland Kids Partnership (TQKP) and the Investment Dialogue for Australia's Children IDAC).

TQKP finalised it phase two work and readied itself its planned third phase, achieving significant funding from a range of philanthropic partners and continuing to earn income from commissioned work. In turn it commissioned and partnered with numerous other organisations working for improved outcomes for children and families in Queensland

IDAC launched its strategic framework in November 2024 and announced an historic co-investment between government and philanthropy in March 2025, the $100m Building Early Education Fund.

In line with our role to promote the Social Determinants of Health and the prevention and control of disease to enhance the wellbeing and life chances of children and young people, we partnered with the Minderoo Foundation, Western Sydney University and Murdoch Children's Research Institute to expand our successful Sustained Nurse Home Visiting collaboration, MECSH, into Western Australia.

We also worked with disability and community service providers, Capital Regional Community Services, Northcott, and Uniting on tailored training and implementation using ARACY's Common Approach professional development for practitioners. We will be seeking to expand our work with service providers following the announcement of the Commonwealth Government's Thriving Kids program.

We have expanded our groundbreaking 2024 report Young & Wise with an ongoing Young & Wise reference group of young people. These young collaborators support ARACY's own strategic planning and advocacy work; and contribute to roundtables and policy work with the Commonwealth Department of Health. Topics so far have included Mental Health and Social Media, Alcohol and Other Drugs, Nutrition, and Sexual Health and Contraception.

ARACY has continued its work leading and supporting key collaborations, including the National Children's Commissioner's *Act for Children* Campaign, as a member of *Thrive By Five*, and as a steering group member of the *Intergenerational Fairness Coalition*, which was successful in working with Independent MP Sophie Scamps to introduce the Wellbeing of Future Generations Bill into Parliament. ARACY presented papers at the Public Health Association's Preventative Health Conference and the Justice Reform Initiative's Puzzle Reintegration Conference.

ARACY has partnered with Minderoo Foundation and UNICEF Australia to refresh and expand our Australian Children's Wellbeing Index, with a major report to be delivered in the second half of 2025. A further report focused on the health of Australia's young people and a webinar focused on the Valued, Loved and Safe domain of The Nest were both delivered under this project in 2024-25.

ARACY continues to act as co-author and lead partner of the Future Healthy Countdown 2030 supplement to the Medical Journal of Australia, with the 2024 issue focused on the Participating Domain of The Nest.

ARACY's communications and advocacy went from strength to strength, with new records set for webinar registrants, social media subscribers, and engagement with our weekly newsletters.

Environmental matters

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

Adjunct Associate Professor Shamal Dass	Chair Director since February 2021
Qualifications	BEc (Hons) F FIN
Experience	Shamal is the Head of Family Advisory and Philanthropic Services, JBWere. Under his leadership the team provide tailored advice to for purpose organisations and private clients in areas ranging from governance, leadership, capacity building, structuring, sustainability, and strategy. Shamal is also an Adjunct Associate Professor at the Centre for Social Impact, University of NSW Business School, where he co-created the Governance for Social Impact course at the Australian Graduate School of Management (AGSM), which he continues to teach. Shamal's research, writing and teaching is focussed on the development of frameworks that enable all participants in the social impact ecosystem (for purpose organisations, philanthropists, governments, and corporates) to deliver better outcomes for beneficiaries. Shamal also serves on the Boards of Earthwatch Institute Australia and Two Good Foundation and is a member of the NAB Foundation Council, Centre for Social Impact Advisory Committee and JBWere Charitable Endowment Fund Investment Committee. Shamal was born in Lautoka, Fiji and his family migrated to Australia when he was 8. He grew up in Southwest Sydney, currently lives in Sydney's inner west, and has been blessed with two lovely children – Samuel and Camille.
Ms Anne Cregan	Director February 2021 – June r025
Qualifications	MCrim (Hons 1) LLB and BA
Experience	Anne is a partner in Gilbert + Tobins pro bono practice. She has over 25 years experience acting for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with disabilities and refugees and asylum seekers and the organisations working with those communities. Anne has acted in public interest and test case litigation in relation to judicial independence, discrimination, the capacity of people with cognitive impairment or mental illness to participate in proceedings affecting them, consumer law and imprisonment without conviction. Anne has been an active contributor to the development of pro bono practice in Australia and is recognised for her expertise in making the law accessible, particularly for hard-to-reach communities. Anne has a long standing interest in the law as it affects people with cognitive impairment and/or mental illness and has presented and consulted widely and been actively engaged in law reform on the issues. She also has an interest in working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to develop legal structures in support of self-determination. Anne is on the steering committee of the Gilbert + Tobin Centre for Public Law, the Board of Kingsford Legal Centre at the University of NSW, the Indigenous

	Issues Committee of the Law Society of NSW, and is a founding member of Justice Reinvestment Inc.
Ms Hawa Mohammad	Director September 2021 – December 2024
Qualifications	LLB BComm
Experience	Hawa is an Associate to a Judge of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1). Hawa was a UNICEF Young Ambassador in 2021 who was part of a team that listened to over 3000 children and young people across Australia to hear their concerns in areas including education, mental health, climate change, and discrimination. She has helped to author ‘Children’s Voices in a Changing World’ and presented the Report to Parliament in June 2021 to elevate children’s voices from all corners of the nation, particularly those disproportionately affected by the pandemic. From 2021 to 2024, Hawa was a Youth Advisory Board Member on the Multicultural NSW Advisory Board, advising the Minister for Multiculturalism on community issues and initiatives surrounding diversity, inclusion, and cohesion. She is passionate about child rights, policy and advocacy, and diversity and inclusion in commercial law.
Dr Jenny Proimos	Director since November 2022
Qualifications	MBBS, MPH
Experience	Jenny is a consultant paediatrician and adolescent health physician, executive and organisational coach and academic at Monash University. She has an interest in strategy and policy, having spent a decade working in the Victorian Government as the Principal Medical Advisor for child and adolescent health. She currently works at the Monash Centre for Health Research and Implementation, where her research interests focus on organisational and system change to promote gender equity and advance women in healthcare leadership. Jenny is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and has been a non executive director for the past 15 years. Jenny is a Past President of the Paediatrics and Child Health Division of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians from 2008 to 2010, and a regional Vice-President of the International Association of Adolescent Health.
Professor Karen Thorpe	Director since November 2022
Qualifications	PhD
Experience	Karen is Australian Research Council, Laureate Professor and Group Leader in Child Development, Education and Care at the Queensland Brain Institute, University of Queensland. Her research is grounded in the understanding that early learning experiences shape brain development and are critical in establishing trajectories of health, social inclusion and learning across the lifespan. A particular focus of her work is early care and education environments including parenting, parent work, quality of care and education, and the early years workforce. Karen was Foundation Psychologist on the Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children at the University of Bristol, UK; led the evaluation of the Preparing School Trial for Queensland Government; led the Queensland team of the E4Kids

	study of quality in Australian Early Education and Care and a recent data linkage project with Queensland Government to track participants through their school journey. In 2013 and again in 2019 Karen was named by the Australian Financial Review as among Australia's 100 Women of Influence for the impacts of her research on educational and family policy. In 2020 she was recognised by Australian Government, Advance Global Awards for her international contribution to education. Karen chairs the Australian Early Years Reference Council for Evidence for Learning, Australia whose remit is to build a strong evidence base in early childhood education and care with focus on translation into policy and practice. Karen serves on the National Advisory Board of Beyond Blue-Be You, and on the leadership table of Thriving Queensland Kids Partnership.
Professor Gervase Chaney	Director since October 2012 to December 2024
Qualifications	MBBS FRACP FAIM
Experience	Gervase has been on the Board of ARACY since 2013 and was Chair from 2019 - 2023. Gervase is the Research and Partnerships Manager of the Stan Perron Charitable Foundation (and a Board member of that Foundation since 2018) and a general paediatrician at Perth Children's Hospital. He was previously the National Head of School, School of Medicine, The University of Notre Dame Australia and prior to that the Executive Director (Commissioning) of Perth Children's Hospital in the Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS) in Western Australia. He has held other senior roles in CAHS and WA Health. He is a past President of the Paediatrics and Child Health Division of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) 2010 - 2012 and he was on the Board of the RACP from 2008 - 2012. He was on the Board of Kidsafe WA from 2004 – 2015 and is a foundation member of the Academy of Child and Adolescent Health (ACAH).
Dr Norman Swan AM	Director since May 2009
Qualifications	AM, FRCP, FAHMS, MD (Hon Causa)
Experience	Norman co-hosts RN's Health Report and the ABC's What's That Rash podcast. During the COVID19 pandemic, he cohosted Coronacast, a daily podcast on the coronavirus. Norman is also a reporter and commentator on RN Breakfast, the ABC's 7.30, Midday, News Breakfast and occasionally Four Corners. He is a past winner of the Gold Walkley and has won other Walkleys including one in 2020. He created Invisible Enemies, on pandemics and civilisation for Channel 4 UK and broadcast in 27 countries. Norman was awarded the medal of the Australian Academy of Science and has an honorary MD from the University of Sydney. He was appointed as a Member the Order of Australia (AM) in the 2023 Australia Day Honours for "significant service to the broadcast media as a science and health commentator". Norman trained in medicine and paediatrics in Aberdeen, London and Sydney before joining the ABC.
Emeritus Professor Stephen Zubrick	Director since April 2015
Qualifications	MSc MA PhD FASSA FAAMHS
Experience	Stephen currently and Emeritus Professor in the Centre for Child Health Research at the University of Western Australia and is also a Senior Honorary Research Fellow at the Telethon Kids Institute. From 2002 to 2018 he Chaired the

	Consortium Advisory Group for the National Longitudinal Study of Australian Children. He is currently a Member of the Steering Committee for the Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children. From 20142020 he was the Deputy Director of the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Children and Families Across the Lifecourse. In 2010 he received a Western Australian Citizen of the Year Award for lifetime contributions to children and young people. Stephen currently holds several national competitive research grants and his research interests include the study of the social determinants of health and mental health in children, studies of the genetic and environmental determinants of language development, and large-scale psychosocial survey work in non Indigenous and Indigenous populations. Over the past 30 years he has been instrumental in designing and implementing the leading Australian studies (national and state) of child and adolescent mental health.
Mr James Waddell	Director since April 2025
Qualifications	MAppFin (Macq) BCom (UNSW)
Experience	James is a non-executive director and financial markets leader with more than three decades of experience across banking, sustainable finance, and corporate governance. He currently serves as an Honorary Fellow at Macquarie University's Applied Finance Centre, where he curates and co teaches the Sustainable Finance unit. Over a 37-year career at National Australia Bank (NAB), James held a range of senior positions in money markets, foreign exchange, interest rate derivatives, and debt capital markets. His career culminated as Director in the Corporate Finance Group, where he specialised in sustainable finance—designing innovative financial instruments to address climate change, deliver affordable housing, and generate measurable social impact. His work since 2018 has been guided by a shared value philosophy, integrating commercial outcomes with societal and environmental benefits. James' governance expertise is underpinned by his capacity to navigate complex regulatory landscapes, structure and execute sophisticated transactions, and embed ESG principles into organisational strategy. He brings a depth of experience that supports boards and executive teams in building resilient, purpose-driven enterprises that create long-term stakeholder value.

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Directors' Report
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During the financial year, four meetings of directors were held. Attendances by each director during the year were as follows:

	Directors' Meetings	
	Number eligible to attend	Number attended
Professor Gervase Chaney	2	2
Ms Anne Cregan	4	4
Adjunct Associate Professor Shamal Dass	4	4
Ms Hawa Mohammad	2	1
Dr Jenny Proimos	4	4
Dr Norman Swan	4	2
Professor Karen Thorpe	4	4
Emeritus Professor Stephen Zubrick	4	4
Ms Jessica Ooestenbroek	2	2
Mr James Waddell	1	1

Liability of members and dividends

ARACY is a Company Limited By Guarantee. The liability of members is limited to the amount of the guarantee ($1).

Remuneration Report

The Directors do not receive any remuneration or other benefits as the positions are honorary in nature.

Indemnification and insurance of directors and officers

Premiums have been paid for a Community Organisations Insurance portfolio including Protector/Association Liability, Personal Accident and General and Products Liability cover.

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

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

Auditor's independence declaration

The auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 June 2025 has been received and can be found on the following page of the financial statements.

Directors' Report
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Sign off information

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

Director: Signed by: C89CE47BFE414D3... .... Director: Signed by: Dr Jenny Proimos 866A1496AE3B486... ....

Dated 2/10/2025 | 11:58 AM AEST

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Auditor's Independence Declaration
Under Subdivision 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission Act 2012 to the Directors of Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth Limited

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2025 there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Nexia Duesburys (Audit)
Canberra, 2 October 2025

G J Murphy
Partner

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

	Note	2025 $	2024 $
Revenue			
Revenue from contracts with customers	2	**7,938,654**	6,647,211
Other income	2	**132,679**	134,115
		8,071,333	6,781,326
Expenses			
Amortisation of lease assets	9	**(62,863)**	(66,373)
Communications expense		**(5,444)**	(13,822)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		**(42,189)**	(43,154)
Employee benefits expense		**(1,774,442)**	(1,402,668)
General expense		**(109,474)**	(124,836)
Gurwinda project external expenses	12	**(66,550)**	(54,000)
IDAC expenses		**(1,161,304)**	(701,416)
Information technology expenses		**(84,503)**	(77,935)
Insurance expense		**(44,430)**	(38,829)
Interest on lease liabilities		**(7,015)**	(13,672)
Premises expenses		**(11,892)**	(14,917)
Professional fees expense		**(369,793)**	(318,148)
Research partners expense		**(50,473)**	(129,839)
Superannuation contributions		**(188,867)**	(152,209)
Travel expense		**(93,313)**	(71,119)
TQKP expenses		**(3,713,366)**	(3,268,808)
WACFA expenses		**(74,338)**	-
		(7,860,256)	(6,491,745)
Surplus before income tax		**211,077**	289,581
Income tax expense	1(a)	**-**	-
Surplus for the year		**211,077**	289,581
Other comprehensive income		**-**	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		**211,077**	289,581

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Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 June 2025

	Note	2025 $	2024 $
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	**10,782,842**	4,183,736
Trade and other receivables	4	**1,380,148**	282,381
Other assets	5	**98,421**	231,596
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		**12,261,411**	4,697,713
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	6	**11,155**	12,779
Intangible assets	7	**65,794**	67,779
Right-of-use asset	9	**26,193**	89,056
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		**103,142**	169,614
TOTAL ASSETS		**12,364,553**	4,867,327
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	8	**1,108,625**	620,136
Lease liability	9	**32,015**	70,853
Contract and other liabilities	10	**9,586,951**	2,778,558
Employee benefits	11	**226,984**	160,030
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		**10,954,575**	3,629,577
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lease liability	9	**-**	32,015
Employee benefits	11	**22,883**	29,717
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		**22,883**	61,732
TOTAL LIABILITIES		**10,977,458**	3,691,309
NET ASSETS		**1,387,095**	1,176,018
EQUITY			
Gurwinda project reserve	12	**202,463**	384,819
Research fund reserve		**-**	88
Retained earnings		**1,184,632**	791,111
TOTAL EQUITY		**1,387,095**	1,176,018

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

2025

	Note	Retained Earnings $	*Research Fund Reserve $	*Gurwinda Project Reserve $	Total $
Balance at 1 July 2024		**791,111**	**88**	**384,819**	**1,176,018**
Surplus for the year		**211,077**	**-**	**-**	**211,077**
Transfer from Research Fund Reserve		**88**	**(88)**	**-**	**-**
Transfer from Gurwinda Project Reserve	12	**182,356**	**-**	**(182,356)**	**-**
Balance at 30 June 2025		**1,184,632**	**-**	**202,463**	**1,387,095**

2024

	Note	Retained Earnings $	*Research Fund Reserve $	*Gurwinda Project Reserve $	Total $
Balance at 1 July 2023		418,918	467,519	-	886,437
Surplus for the year		289,581	-	-	289,581
Transfer from Research Fund Reserve		(8,569)	(467,431)	476,000	-
Transfer from Gurwinda Project Reserve	12	91,181	-	(91,181)	-
Balance at 30 June 2024		791,111	88	384,819	1,176,018

*The Research Fund Reserve and Gurwinda Project Reserve were established to set aside funds for specific projects.

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

	Note	2025 $	2024 $
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Receipts from customers and grant funds		**15,930,856**	7,919,247
Payments to suppliers and employees		**(9,244,000)**	(7,175,101)
Interest received		**28,698**	36,785
Interest payments on lease liability		**(7,015)**	(13,672)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		**6,708,539**	767,259
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Payment for intangible asset		**(32,970)**	(37,920)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		**(5,610)**	(7,739)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		**(38,580)**	(45,659)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Repayment of lease liability		**(70,853)**	(66,117)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities		**(70,853)**	(66,117)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held		**6,599,106**	655,483
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		**4,183,736**	3,528,253
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	3	**10,782,842**	4,183,736

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

1 Material Accounting Policy Information

Basis of Preparation

Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth Limited (the Company) is a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. The financial statements cover the Company as an individual entity.

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars which is the Company's functional and presentation currency. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

A number of new or revised Australian Accounting Standards are effective for the first time in the current financial year. These standards have had no material impact on the Company.

The material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

Accounting Policies

(a) Income tax

The Company is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

(b) Leases

At inception of a contract, the Company assesses whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is considered to contain a lease if it allows the Company the right to control the use of an identified asset over a period of time in return for consideration.

Where a contract or arrangement contains a lease, the Company recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the commencement date of the lease.

The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, which is the present value of future lease payments adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, plus any make-good obligations and initial direct costs incurred. Lease assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the shorter of their useful life and the lease term. Periodic adjustments are made for any re-measurements of the lease liabilities and for impairment losses.

Lease liabilities are initially measured at the present value of the future minimum lease payments, discounted using the Company's incremental borrowing rate if the rate implicit in the lease cannot be readily determined, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate. Minimum lease payments include fixed payments, amounts expected to be paid under a residual value guarantee, the exercise price of purchase options for which the Company is reasonably certain to exercise and incorporate the Company's expectations of lease extension options.

The lease liability is remeasured where there are changes in future lease payments arising from a change in rates, index or lease terms from exercising an extension or termination option. A corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the lease assets.

1 Material Accounting Policy Information continued

(b) Leases continued

Short term leases (lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low value assets ($10,000 or less) are recognised as incurred as an expense in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

(c) Financial instruments

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. For financial assets, this is the date that the Company commits itself to either the purchase or sale of the asset (i.e. trade date accounting is adopted).

Financial instruments (except for trade receivables) are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs, except where the instrument is classified 'at fair value through profit or loss', in which case transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately. In most circumstances trade receivables are initially measured at the transaction price.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial instruments are subsequently measured at either fair value or amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. The subsequent measurement depends on the classification of the financial instrument as described below.

Fair value represents the amount for which an asset could be exchanged or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction. Where available, quoted prices in an active market are used to determine fair value. In other circumstances, valuation techniques are adopted.

The effective interest method is used to allocate interest income or interest expense over the relevant period.

Financial assets

All recognised financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial assets.

Financial assets that meet the following conditions are subsequently measured at amortised cost:

- the financial asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows; and

- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Financial assets that meet the following conditions are subsequently measured at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVTOCI):

- the financial asset is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling the financial assets; and

- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

1 Material Accounting Policy Information continued

(c) Financial instruments continued

By default, all other financial assets are subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL).

Despite the above, the Company may make the following irrevocable election/designation at initial recognition of a financial asset:

- the Company may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in fair value of an equity instrument in other comprehensive income if certain criteria are met; and

- the Company may irrevocably designate a financial asset that meets the amortised cost or FVTOCI criteria as measured at FVTPL if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch.

Financial liabilities

All financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method or at FVTPL.

Impairment of financial assets

The Company recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses on financial assets that are measured at amortised cost or at FVTOCI. No impairment loss is recognised for investments in equity instruments. The amount of expected credit losses is updated at each reporting date to reflect changes in credit risk since initial recognition of the respective financial asset.

The Company recognises lifetime expected credit losses for trade receivables. The expected credit losses on these financial assets are estimated based on the Company’s historical credit loss experience adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtors, general economic conditions and an assessment of both the current as well as the future direction of conditions at the reporting date, including time value of money where appropriate.

(d) Impairment of non-financial assets

At the end of each reporting period, the Company reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

(e) Revenue and other income

(i) Revenue from contracts with customers

Revenue recognised under AASB 15 is measured at the amount which the Company expects to receive in consideration for satisfying performance obligations to a customer. A performance obligation is the distinct good or service defined within the contract with a customer. The transaction price is allocated to one or more performance obligations contained within the contract, with revenue being recognised as or when the performance obligation is satisfied.

1 Material Accounting Policy Information continued

(e) Revenue and other income continued

Where consideration comprises variable components, the amount recognised as revenue is constrained to that amount that would not result in a significant reversal of the cumulative revenue recognised when that uncertainty is resolved.

Timing of Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognised either at a point in time or over time, when (or as) the Company satisfies performance obligations by transferring the promised goods or services to its customers.

If the Company satisfies a performance obligation before it receives the consideration, the Company recognises either a contract asset or a receivable in its statement of financial position, depending on whether something other than the passage of time is required before the consideration is due.

Revenue from rendering of services

Revenue from rendering of services is recognised over the period in which the services are rendered. Where payment is required upfront, a contract liability is recognised on receipt of the payment and recognised as revenue as or when the services are provided.

Grants and donations

Grant and donation funding that contains specific conditions on the use of those funds is recognised as income as and when the Company satisfies its performance obligations stated within the funding agreement. A contract liability is recognised where grant funds have been received but the Company has not yet satisfied its obligation under the funding agreement. A financial liability is recognised for unspent grant funds for which a refund obligation exists in relation to the funding period.

(ii) Other income

General grants and donations

General grants and donations that provide the Company with discretion, or do not contain sufficiently specific performance obligations regarding their use, are recognised as income in accordance with AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities when the Company controls those funds.

Principal versus agent

The Company has determined that it is acting as agent in relation to various consortium funds administered on behalf of consortium partners for the right@home program. As a result, the receipts and payments in relation to these activities are not recognised as revenues and expenses, except for any program administration fees received by the Company under these arrangements, which are recognised as revenue. Any funds received in advance and not transferred to consortium partners at year end are determined to be liabilities and are included within contract and other liabilities in the statement of financial position.

(f) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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1 Material Accounting Policy Information continued

(g) Employee benefits

Provision is made for Company's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled plus related on-costs. Employee benefits expected to be settled more than one year after the end of the reporting period have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In calculating the present value of future cash flows in respect of long service leave, the probability of long service leave being taken is based upon historical data.

Contributions are made by the Company to employee superannuation funds and are charged as expenses when incurred.

(h) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are stated inclusive GST.

Cash flows in the statement of cash flows are included on a gross basis, except for the GST components of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

(i) Economic dependence

The Company is dependent on the Department of Social Services and Paul Ramsay Foundation for the majority of its revenue used to operate the business. At the date of this report the directors have no reason to believe these parties will not continue to support the Company.

(j) Comparative amounts

Comparative figures have been adjusted, where necessary, to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The directors evaluate estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the Company.

The directors do not believe that there were any key estimates or key judgments used in the development of the financial statements that give rise to a significant risk of material adjustment in the future.

2 Revenue and Other Income

	2025	2024
	$	$
Revenue from contracts with customers		
Common approach blended learning course (NSWDCJ)	**25,003**	297,501
Department of Social Services programs	**964,494**	671,658
Department of Health programs	**447,372**	433,080
Investment dialogue for Australia's children (PRF)	**1,376,947**	1,160,317
Other grants	**717,905**	294,585
Right@home support service fee	**93,999**	50,400
Right@home scaling with PRF	**154,543**	141,895
Thriving Queensland Kids Partnership	**3,816,036**	3,469,861
Thrive by five	**227,273**	90,909
Training	**115,082**	37,005
Total revenue from contracts with customers	**7,938,654**	6,647,211

	2025	2024
Represented by:		
Revenue recognised at a point in time	**1,127**	5,028
Revenue recognised over time	**7,937,527**	6,642,183
	7,938,654	6,647,211

	2025	2024
Other income		
Donations	**100,000**	17,500
Interest	**28,698**	59,618
Other income	**3,981**	56,997
Total other income	**132,679**	134,115
	8,071,333	6,781,326

3 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2025	2024
	$	$
Cash at bank and in hand	**10,757,374**	4,158,268
Short-term deposits	**25,468**	25,468
	10,782,842	4,183,736

4 Trade and Other Receivables

	2025	2024
	$	$
CURRENT		
Trade receivables	**1,261,876**	185,975
Other receivables	**116**	901
Accrued income	**118,156**	95,505
	1,380,148	282,381

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5 Other Assets

	2025	2024
	$	$
CURRENT		
Prepayments	**98,421**	231,596

6 Property, Plant and Equipment

	2025	2024
	$	$
Plant and equipment		
At cost	**73,209**	67,599
Accumulated depreciation	**(62,054)**	(54,820)
	11,155	12,779

Movements in carrying amounts

	Plant and equipment	Total
	$	$
Year ended 30 June 2025		
Balance at the beginning of year	**12,779**	**12,779**
Additions	**5,610**	**5,610**
Depreciation	**(7,234)**	**(7,234)**
Balance at the end of the year	**11,155**	**11,155**

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7 Intangible Assets

	2025	2024
	$	$
Common Approach Blended Learning Course		
At cost	**89,577**	89,577
Accumulated amortisation	**(89,577)**	(59,718)
	-	29,859
Website		
At cost	**52,170**	37,920
Accumulated amortisation	**(5,096)**	-
	47,074	37,920
Common Approach Foundation Program		
At cost	**18,720**	-
	18,720	-
	65,794	67,779

Movements in carrying amounts

	Common Approach Blended Learning Course	Website	Common Approach Foundation Program	Total
	$	$	$	$
Year ended 30 June 2025				
Balance at the beginning of year	**29,859**	**37,920**	**-**	**67,779**
Additions	**-**	**14,250**	**18,720**	**32,970**
Amortisation	**(29,859)**	**(5,096)**	**-**	**(34,955)**
Balance at the end of the year	**-**	**47,074**	**18,720**	**65,794**

8 Trade and Other Payables

	2025	2024
	$	$
CURRENT		
Trade payables	**267,062**	245,750
Accrued expense	**248,875**	287,526
GST payable/(receivable)	**485,789**	(9,063)
PAYG payable	**66,564**	61,878
FBT payable	**-**	4,838
Other payables	**40,335**	29,207
	1,108,625	620,136

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9 Lease Assets and Liabilities

	2025	2024
	$	$
Right-of-use assets - Office		
At cost		
Balance at 1 July	**314,317**	366,971
Disposals	**-**	(52,654)
	314,317	314,317
Accumulated amortisation		
Balance at 1 July	**(225,261)**	(206,275)
Amortisation for the year	**(62,863)**	(66,373)
Disposals	**-**	47,387
	(288,124)	(225,261)
Net book value of right-of-use asset	**26,193**	89,056

	2025	2024
Lease liabilities		
Current	**32,015**	70,853
Non-current	**-**	32,015
	32,015	102,868

The future minimum lease payments arising under the Company's lease contracts at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

	2025	2024
	$	$
Not later than one year	**32,808**	70,853
Later than one year and not later than five years	**-**	32,015
	32,808	102,868

The lease relates to office premises in Canberra, which expires on 30 November 2025. The lease has a renewal option of 5 years which is not included in the calculation of the right-of-use asset or lease liability.

The Company holds a concessional lease for office space in Queensland, which expires 31 October 2025. The Company is required to pay $1 per annum (2024: $1 per annum).

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10 Contract and Other Liabilities

	2025 $	2024 $
CURRENT		
Contract liabilities		
Unspent funds	**7,173,324**	2,493,558
Other liabilities		
Amounts received in advance - DGR	**-**	285,000
Funds held - right@home	**2,413,627**	-
	9,586,951	2,778,558

11 Employee Benefits

	2025 $	2024 $
CURRENT		
Provision for annual leave	**187,020**	137,363
Provision for long service leave	**39,964**	22,667
	226,984	160,030
NON-CURRENT		
Provision for long service leave	**22,883**	29,717
	22,883	29,717

12 Gurwinda Project Reserve

During the year, an amount of $182,356 (2024: $91,181) has been spent under the Gurwinda Project, which includes external costs of $66,550 (2024: $54,000).

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13 Financial Risk Management

The Company's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, accounts receivable and payable. The Company is not exposed to any significant credit risk, interest rate risk, price risk or foreign exchange risk.

The carrying amounts for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 9: Financial Instruments as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

		2025	2024
		$	$
Financial assets			
Financial assets held at amortised cost:			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	**10,782,842**	4,183,736
Trade and other receivables	4	**1,380,148**	282,381
Total financial assets		**12,162,990**	4,466,117
Financial liabilities			
Financial liabilities at amortised cost:			
Trade and Other Payables	8	**622,836**	629,199
Other liabilities	10	**2,413,627**	-
Total financial liabilities		**3,036,463**	629,199

14 Members' Guarantee

The Company is registered with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and is a company limited by guarantee. If the Company is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of $1 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the Company. At 30 June 2025 the number of members was 419 (2024: 419).

15 Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel is defined by AASB 124 “Related Party Disclosures” as those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the entity, directly or indirectly, including any director of the Company.

The total of remuneration paid to the key management personnel of the Company during the year is:

	2025	2024
	$	$
Total key management personnel compensation	**576,933**	494,046

In addition to the above compensation, the Company has paid insurance premiums of $10,510 (2024: $10,015) for its Not For Profit Insurance which incorporates management liability insurance. It is not practical to obtain details of the components of the insurance premium that relates to key management personnel.

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16 Related Party Transactions

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

There were no related party transactions during the year other than key management personnel compensation.

17 Auditor's Remuneration

	2025	2024
	$	$
Auditing of the financial statements	**22,000**	12,250

18 Contingencies

The Company has no contingent liabilities or contingent assets at the end of the financial year (2024: None).

19 Events After the End of the Reporting Period

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board on the date of signing the attached Directors' Declaration. The Board has the right to amend and re-issue the financial statements after they are issued.

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

20 Statutory Information

The registered office and principal place of business of the company is:

Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth Limited
Suite 9.1, 15 London Cct,
Canberra ACT 2601

Directors' Declaration

The directors of the Company declare that:

1. the financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 11 to 26, are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, and:

   a. comply with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures; and

   b. give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2025 and performance for the year ended on that date of the Company;

2. In the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

On behalf of the directors:

Signed by: C89CE47BFE414D3...
Director ....

Signed by: Dr Jenny Proimos 866A1496AE3B486...
Director ....

Dated 2/10/2025 | 11:58 AM AEST

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth Limited

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth Limited (the Company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Company, is in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including:

(i) giving a true and fair view of the entity's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and

(ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the entity in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards) (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the Company's directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2025, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

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

Nexia Duesburys (Audit)
Canberra, 2 October 2025

G J Murphy
Partner