

THE MIRABEL FOUNDATION

Annual Report 2024

28,406
hours
of contact time with families

1,229 families supported

**808** groups & events facilitated

**1,465** survey responses to measure impact

an average of **5 new children** 

referred each week

**122** young people took part in

youth activities

**2,153**instances of 1-on-1 support delivered

264
new Mirabel
children
this year



# 5,626 total children supported since Mirabel began

135
new familes
for intake

## 635 children

participated in our programs



128
stories
of
change

6
new team members employed

2,119 children supported

**37** 

children attended their first Mirabel camp

## 802 carers

had services delivered to them

## **110** new First Nations

Mirabel children and carers



Not attracting the media attention that it once did, there has been a dramatic increase in drug overdose fatalities. The effects on children left behind remain devastating. For kinship carers, raising traumatised children amidst their own grief requires endless love and endurance. The hardships facing these families are unrelenting. If we naively thought that demand for Mirabel would stabilise then we were wrong. It has never been greater.

Combined with a tough economic climate, the past year has thrown some challenges. The unwavering promise of 'we'll never turn a child away' weighs heavily but our board's financial foresight ensures that we have resources for years such as this. During uncertain times, nationally and globally, the one certainty is that we can make a difference to a child's life. How much of a difference relies on timing, resources and of course, the trust and tenacity of the child themself.

A Mirabel teenager said recently that he now realises that all children want to feel "good enough". He thought he was the only one who felt that way. A fear of being judged by peers and a childhood full of secrets made him feel alone and despairing. Our role is to help make sense of these feelings, provide opportunities and tell them, until they too believe it, that they are more than enough. It works.

I'm privileged to be part of an extraordinary team, roles vary but intent does not. Whether it's a child being invited to their first birthday party or an alumni graduating with honours in law, every achievement is impressive. Given the chance of a happier childhood and brighter future these young people break through. It's our why, our work and **our inspiration**, made possible through the generosity and kindness of many.

#### Jane Rowe, OAM

Mirabel Founder & CEO

### 6 years

Is the average age of a child when first supported

25%

Are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (compared to 3.3% of all Australians)

**76%**Have child protection involved in placement

77%

Have a disability, medical condition or learning difficulty

93%

Have experienced trauma, domestic violence or abuse





### 61 years

Is the average age of a Mirabel carer

78%

Are grandparents

49%

Are single carers

30%

Have a disability or chronic illness

25%

Were not receiving payments they were eligible for

46%

Needed help navigating government processes

For kinship carers, raising vulnerable children is a daily struggle filled with indescribable hardship and the boundless depths of familial love. We know that both carers and children benefit when carers feel listened to, understood and supported.

#### **OUR WORK**

**264** new children were referred to Mirabel in the past year. We equipped **598** grandparents and other family members with parenting information and provided crisis support when things got tough. Our team offered guidance and care during **1433** counselling calls.

#### **OUR INSPIRATION**

"I can't tell you how much it means to be involved in such a wonderful organisation of good-hearted, kind and patient people who make everyone's well-being a priority. You've helped immensely and I have 100% trust in Mirabel." *Nicola, grandparent carer* 



ASSESSMENT & CRISIS SUPPORT

95% of carers felt empowered

Mirabel children often feel alone, disconnected from their peers and confused by the trauma they've experienced. We know that bringing children together who can relate to one another builds an important sense of belonging and acceptance.

#### **OUR WORK**

**207** children participated in adventurous camps and fun outings where they experienced joy while building valuable connection. We facilitated a total of **39** activities. **122** young people took part in youth activities including learning to surf and street art.

#### **OUR INSPIRATION**

"Thanks to your amazing staff, our niece had a fantastic time at your camp last weekend. The belonging she felt and knowing she is not alone were her big takeaways. That means so much to her." Kevin, kinship carer



RECREATION & SOCIAL INCLUSION

99% of children felt more connected

Significant trauma and instability can set children back in their educational journey and impact their options for the future. We know that children can reach their full potential and thrive if they have access to tailored educational support.

#### **OUR WORK**

**276** children were provided with educational support. **84** children received weekly tutoring to help them catch up to their peers. **75** online homework groups were provided and **202** children received essential school items like school shoes and iPads.

#### **OUR INSPIRATION**

"There was a time that I couldn't even get Kyle to school. The tutoring has helped immensely and given him back his confidence. He even looks forward to school now and said he doesn't feel embarrassed anymore." Mick, grandparent carer



**EDUCATION** 

95% are engaged in their education

The role of a kinship carer can be overwhelming and isolating and requires great personal sacrifice. We know that support groups can provide a sanctuary for carers where their experiences are not just understood but shared and validated.

#### **OUR WORK**

126 kinship carers attended monthly peer support groups. A total of **152** groups were facilitated throughout Victoria and NSW. **152** carers attended 5 carer relax days and 396 carers provided virtual support to one another on our Facebook Groups.

#### **OUR INSPIRATION**

"There was a grandmother at my first group who was inspirational. A lot of us were struggling and she assured us things would get better. She spoke about her granddaughter with such pride. I left feeling hopeful." Helen, grandparent carer



KINSHIP CARER SUPPORT GROUPS

**97%** of carers gained new skills

Many Mirabel children have never spoken about the things they've seen or the reason why they don't live with their parents. We know that children need a safe place to share their grief and make sense of their past.

#### **OUR WORK**

**182** young people attended therapeutic groups throughout Victoria and Newcastle. 103 children's groups were facilitated as well as **41** groups specifically for teens. To help children consolidate the skills they learnt at groups, we provided 4 intensive camps.

#### **OUR INSPIRATION**

"Hamish is not the most active or confident kid but he comes home after each group beaming with excitement and can't stop talking about it. He's even joined our local Scouts group as a result." Joan, grandparent carer



## THERAPEUTIC GROUPS

**98%** of children shared their personal story

Mirabel young people are at high risk of repeating the destructive behaviours of their parents and struggling with their mental health. We know that some young people need extra support to keep them safe and to overcome their difficult past.

#### **OUR WORK**

**55** young people were provided with intensive support with a youth worker to prevent them from repeating the cycle of addiction. There were **416** instances of individual support provided and **763** hours spent providing one-to-one support.

#### **OUR INSPIRATION**

"I wouldn't be where I am today without your help. When I finish school, I'm going to study social work so I can protect children and be the kind of person that I needed to protect me." Melody, 17 years old



## **YOUTH SUPPORT**

**78%** of young people achieved their goal

Mirabel families often find themselves isolated, without the resources and opportunities most families have access to. We know that bringing families together to build happy memories helps to strengthen family relationships and create important bonds.

#### **OUR WORK**

**638** people attended our family events including an exciting family carnival day in Newcastle. We facilitated **10** unique family camps and events. We also distributed 393 tickets so families could spend time together enjoying the latest arts and sporting events.

#### **OUR INSPIRATION**

"Mirabel saved my sanity many times. Their support was exceptional when I had my three very traumatised grandchildren arrive from interstate. Their camps were the only time I saw my kids be kids instead of little survivors." Libby, grandparent carer



## FAMILY CAMPS & EVENTS

**91%** of carers felt better able to cope

Maintaining a connection to people that have been a significant part of their childhood is important for Mirabel young people. We know that giving alumni a forum to stay connected and provide input into our programs is beneficial for everyone.

#### **OUR WORK**

**256** people are part of our Alumni Program. **42** alumni reconnected at our fun events and 13 alumni volunteered to help at our children's camps and events. 7 committed young people met regularly to contribute to our alumni advisory council.

#### **OUR INSPIRATION**

"I've been reflecting on all my nan did for myself and my siblings and what an incredible woman she was. I wanted to thank you for the amazing work you do to support our grandparents who are such warriors." Laura Mirabel alumni



**ALUMNI** 

**95**%

have a secure relationship with their carer

Working at Mirabel is more than a job and we are deeply invested in making a positive difference. We know our work can have a lasting and meaningful impact on some of the most disadvantaged people in our community.

#### **OUR WORK**

25 staff in Victoria and 8 staff in NSW worked tirelessly to carry out Mirabel's goals and objectives. In the past year we welcomed 8 new team members and formed important partnerships with like-minded businesses to benefit Mirabel families.

#### **OUR INSPIRATION**

"I am grateful that such an incredible organisation exists for these families who have seen so much adversity. The impact that Mirabel has on the children's and carer's lives is undeniable and this I am so proud of!" Lucy, Hunter Region Coordinator



**OUR TEAM** 

**94%** completed professional development

#### MIRABEL STAFF

Founder & CEO Jane Rowe

**Manager Policy, Services & Partnerships** Nicole Patton

**Assistant to CEO** Deb Ambrose

**Family Support Coordinator** 

Angelina Keskerides

**Programs Manager** Tina Anderson

**Advocacy & Collaborations** 

Vaughn McCarthy

**Volunteers & Community Engagement** Jules Grover

**Hunter Region Coordinator** 

Lucy Myers

Family Support Juliette Armstrong, Cassie Couper, Debbie Dunn, Sharna Milgate, Belinda Pearson, Janine Pezzotti

Family & NDIS Support

Miranda Purchase

#### **Education & Advocacy**

Alexandra Turnbull

#### **Lead Youth & Children's Programs**

Alan Jackson

Youth & Children's Programs Melissa

Brilla, Isabella Clarke, Reece Dezilva, Tia Hay, Nick Maclaren, Amy Nickholds, Chloe Rooker, Imogen Sullivan

#### **Alumni & Youth Support**

Jackson Fitzpatrick

**NSW Partnerships & Fundraising** 

Jane Shelton

**Data Analyst & Program Support** 

Joey Lee

Finance Manager Lena Hamilton

**Accounts Assistant** Kathy Garoufalis

**Resources & Program Support** 

Magdalena Rozental, Jessica Rowe

**Reception & Program Support** 

Jessica Lyle

**Casual Staff** Jasmine Copeland, Matt Howard, Patrick Leask, Patrick Wilson

**Consultants** Daniel Clohesy, Nick Place, Louis Razuki

### FOUNDING MEMBERS

Jane Rowe, Peter Bucci, Donald Mack, Spencer P. Jones, Jay Jordens, Rebecca Barnard, Simon Northeast, Michael Pavlich, Paul Stewart, Chris Thompson, Melinda Walker, Suzy Walker

#### **PATRONS**

Deborah Conway, Shane Jacobson, Jeff McMullen

#### **AMBASSADORS**

Dr Patch Adams, Rebecca Barnard, Jimmy Barnes, Raimond Gaita, Colin Hay, Rob Hirst, Ella Hooper, Chris Judd, Allison Langdon, Lawrence Mooney, Jane Norris, Lauren Phillips, Mikey Robins, Rhys Wakefield

### BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Chair Ben Dortimer

Treasurer Ed Prendergast

**Secretary** Lena Hamilton

Sandra Eccles, Laura McLachlan, Prue Mahar, Andrew McTrusty, Jane Rowe, Katie Sweatman, Raj Tapper

**NSW Steering Committee** Scott Baker, Gary Gerstle, Nic Halley, Hal Herron, Jamie Irving, Simon Jagot, Tim Lovitt, Daren McKennay, John Minto, Lou Mooney, Kevin O'Hara, Jane Shelton, Carly Lloyd

#### **Grassroots Sports Club Committee**

Darren Baxter, Daniel Clohesy, Shane Cracknell, Stuart Devlin, Rohan Peters, Aubrey Roga, Robert Thorp

**Funds Management Golf Classic Committee** Scott Baker, Bryce
Doherty, Scott Thomas, Jonas Daly

**Advisory Group** Suzi Carp, Peter Chiodo, John & Bianca White

Volunteering offers opportunities for people seeking connection to others and their community. We know that we could not do the work that we do or reach the number of people that we do without the help of our amazing volunteers.

#### **OUR WORK**

**186** volunteers generously donated their time to help us achieve our mission. We offered **33** opportunities to volunteer where countless hours of work were donated. A dedicated **20** volunteers provided weekly online tutoring sessions for children.

#### **OUR INSPIRATION**

"Hats off to your team for the unforgettable experiences and lifelong memories you are giving these kids. Thank you for the opportunity to be part of something life changing and well done for helping to break the cycle." Sam, volunteer



**VOLUNTEERS** 

99% of volunteers felt valued and appreciated

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

#### **Mirabel Events**

James Rowe – Photographer STFIIA & CO

#### **Artwork & Design**

Vince Patton Mity Digital Printing Intelligence

#### Mirabel Children's **Programs & Activities**

Kai Battaglene, Millie Bennetts, Tim Bowman, Luke Burr, Corinne Burt, Terase Calligeros, Yvette Caprioglio, Levai Carlson, Vanessa Cecconi, Emily Cook, Julian Cook, Rebecca Cox, Mia Crawford, Jordan Crisante, Lily Dalton, Vicente del Campo, Chantelle Dokos, Nathan Farrugia, Rob Fitzpatrick, Charley Garling, Lilly Godfrey, Ally Hayes,

Lauren Imbriano, Tessa Imbriano, Daniel Incretolli-Rodrigues, Leona Irvine, Michelle Jones, Heath Kantor, Lauren Kostov, Alex Koulaouzos, Sophie Lowrie, Prue Mahar, Sarah Marshall, Emily Mason, Ash McNamara, Kathryn Miegel, Wayde Mills, Ed Murphy, Jody Myers-Spence, Teghan O'Beirne, Kristine Oke, Elise Ormston, Nicolette Payne, Christine Penklis, Bonnie Prendergast, Jimmy Prendergast, Ed Prendergast, Annie Robinson, Adrian Siew, Stephanie Snelling, Sissi Stasios, Carrie Tambakis, Raj Tapper, Rick Tapper, Lorenzo Tarzia, Callum Tate, Sam Taubert, Nick Taubert, Jordan Taylor-James, Luke Tobin, Fin Trotter, Brandon Ware, Britt Watts, Elanor Williams, Angela Winneke, Bella Wright, Aylin Yigit, Sarah Yigit



#### A TRIBUTE TO MY GRANDMOTHER: A STORY OF LOVE, RESILIENCE & GRATITUDE

At the age of 9, my life took an unexpected turn. My parents were struggling with heroin addiction, and it became clear that my siblings and I needed a new place to call home. On her 50th birthday, my grandmother arrived to pick us up – a day that is etched into my memory.

We were strangers to each other then, and I was filled with fear, torn by the instinct to stay and look after my mum. What was meant to be a temporary arrangement of six weeks turned into 12 transformative years.

During those years, my grandparents became our anchors, providing a safe and loving home where we could grow and thrive. My grandmother, a woman who had faced her own traumas and adversities after emigrating from England, was the heart and soul of our family. She was wise, strong, and above all. a warrior. She modelled resilience daily to her family and by doing so we witness important life learnings. Most of these learnings I incorporate into my adult life now.

One of her lessons was the importance of education. She believed deeply that education was a pathway out of poverty, a belief that inspired me to pursue a Bachelor of Human Services and eventually become a counsellor. As a child, I would often lay in bed, dreaming of what my future might hold. I imagined a life filled with love, a fulfilling career, and the joy of having my own children and husband. Today, I am living that dream, and I owe so much of it to the foundation my grandmother built for us.

I am incredibly grateful for the life I lead today – for my ability to overcome challenges and for the privilege of supporting my clients as they navigate their own struggles with addiction,



We need to raise more than \$4million a year to keep up our current service delivery for families. We know that we couldn't do our important work with vulnerable children and carers without the generosity of our many supporters.

#### **OUR WORK**

Our total income was \$3,574,827 and total expenses were **\$3,715,026** resulting in a deficit of **\$140,199**. We budget accordingly so that we never compromise on our support for children and carers.

#### **OUR INSPIRATION**

"My grandchildren would miss out on so much without the support of Mirabel and the beautiful donors who make it all happen." Margaret, grandparent carer



## **FUNDING**

of Mirabel's income came from trusts and foundations

#### **MAJOR DONORS**

Thank you to the many individuals and organisations who have contributed so generously to Mirabel this year, some

of which include:

The Estate of JGC Abdallah

Amethyst Initiative

Auscap Asset Management

Australian Fund Managers Awards

Alexander & Leah Bischoff

BJLR Foundation

Bupa Foundation

Dr James Butler & Dr Gail Littlejohn

Campbell Edwards Trust

Joshua Canning

David Clark

Georgia Cleary

The Corella Fund

The Corio Foundation

Stuart Devlin

Bryce Doherty

The Eliza Braitling Foundation

Richard Ellis Steele

Romi Elsass

Firetrail Investments

The Flora & Frank Leith Charitable Trust

Future Generation Investment Company (FGX)

Diana Gibson AO

Grace and Emilio Foundation

Grassroots Sports Club

Rae & Peter Gunn Family Foundation

Haan Family Foundation

Harold Mitchell Foundation

Andrew Hewitt

International Power – Engie

The Jenour Foundation

Jibb Foundation

Johnson & Johnson

Philip King

James N. Kirby Foundation

Allison Langdon

Liberty Financial

Liberty Network Services

Edward Lovelee

MA Financial

The Keith Mackenzie Will Trust

Craig McCourtie

Media Assisting Youth - UnLtd

Melbourne Ladies Committee Mark Sayer

Mercer Family Foundation The Scobie and Claire Mackinnon Trust

The Serp Hills Foundation Micador Group

Moelis Australia Foundation & MA Foundation Shaw and Partners Foundation

The Mona Georgina Harris Perpetual Shiva Singam Gala

Charitable Trust Springboard Endowment

Simon Mount Andrew Stevens

MRC. Foundation Tee Up For Kids Foundation

Natural Selection Group TEG Live

Mark & Louise Nelson Patrick Teodorowski

Newsboys Foundation Thyne Reid Foundation

NSW Funds Management Golf Classic UBS AG Australia Foundation

Mark & Lucy Osborn Victorian Women's Benevolent Trust

- The Alma & Albert Tivendale Fund The Pierce Armstrong Foundation

The G W Vowell Foundation PNI Foundation

The Alex and Greg Prouse Foundation Morry Waked

Rainworth Nominees The Wallwork Smith Foundation

Waratah Education Foundation Rellim Foundation

Andrew & Sarah Rennie Ward-Ambler Foundation

Resolution Capital The William Angliss (Vic) Charitable Fund

The S.H. Williams Foundation Julian & Prue Reynolds

The Peter & Ann Robinson Foundation Women of the University Fund

Gemma Salteri Yieldbroker

Samaritans Foundation

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The Mirabel Foundation delivered another year of exceptional support for children in need, while maintaining strong attention to financial discipline and cultural strength. The foundation is very well capitalised and has a strong presence in key areas of fundraising.

Mirabel has total assets of \$10.7m including full ownership of Mirabel House, a long term investment portfolio and a conservative cash position. This gives the board and management high confidence to plan longer term strategies designed to improve the lives of vulnerable children and their carers.

The 2024 year was Mirabel's 25th year, which is a truly amazing milestone. Founder Jane Rowe remains the CEO and deserves recognition for her passion, drive and focus in building such a well structured organisation. On behalf of the board, I would like to recognise Jane's enormous achievement. It is a privilege to be involved.

Mirabel currently supports 1,820 children, taking on 264 new kids

during the year while many moved on from the program after turning 18 years of age.

Total income during 2024 was \$3.6m, slightly down on FY23. There is no denying FY24 was a tougher year to raise funds for most charities. The Australian public is challenged by rising living costs, higher interest rates, and I would suggest a sense of fatigue as a delayed reaction to the disruptions of covid. This is especially evident in fundraising events which Mirabel witnessed during the period. Given this environment. Mirabel rested two key events, resulting in a lower contribution from fundraising. Moving into FY25, the group is looking to reinvigorate its events program to suit the current environment.

Income from trusts and foundations contributes over half of Mirabel's revenue and remained relatively stable at \$2.0m. Donations of \$534,000 were received, which was slightly up on the prior year and contributed 15% of income. Commonwealth government funding was \$321,000 and contributed 9% to revenue while Victorian state government funding delivered 3% of income. While fundraising income was down on the prior year, income from investments was well up and largely covered the shortfall.

Mirabel's investment portfolio of \$5.2m was established 3 years ago to build assets over the long term and enhance financial security. The fund is well diversified, closely monitored by investment specialists and managed on a very low cost basis. With strong global markets the fund delivered an annualised return of 12.1% in 2024.

Expenses and wages rose by more than 2%, reflecting wage increases and operating costs in line with the general economy and other items such as insurance. The quieter year for fundraising events saw associated

**Donations** \$534,239 (15%) **Fundraising Trusts &** & Investments **Foundations** \$595,692 (17%) \$2,019,453 (56%)Vic Govt \$104,331 (3%) **Australian Govt** \$321,112 (9%)

costs lower than the prior year. Overall, we posted a mild deficit of \$140,199.

I personally thank finance manager Lena Hamilton, the board and staff of Mirabel for their contributions to another successful year for this outstanding organisation.

**Ed Prendergast** 

Treasurer

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## STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS and Other Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 30 June 2024			
	Note	2024	2023
		\$	\$
Revenue	3	3,574,827	3,916,374
Net gain/(loss) on financial assets on fair value adjustment	t	344,960	208,429
Employee benefits expense		(2,580,376)	(2,478,716)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	4	(141,453)	(135,329)
Advertising and promotions expense		(7,327)	(19,337)
Communications expense		(44,348)	(41,790)
Consultancy expense		(200,165)	(165,623)
Education expense		(315,972)	(313,518)
Food and consumables expense		(10,250)	(16,191)
Fundraising expense		(112,223)	(249,587)
Occupancy expense		(75,610)	(75,249)
Printing and publication expense		(19,591)	(19,977)
Recreation expense		(275,099)	(254,363)
Travel and accommodation expense		(54,416)	(46,389)
Other operating expenses		(221,092)	(168,047)
Finance costs	4	(2,064)	(1,297)
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	14	(140,199)	139,390
Total comprehensive income/(expense) for the year		(140,199)	139,390

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2024	Note	2024	2023
ASSETS		\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	1,408,209	2,105,231
Trade and other receivables	6	263,536	199,261
Other financial assets	7	5,172,652	4,663,165
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		6,844,397	6,967,657
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	8	3,773,044	3,813,608
Intangible assets	9	45,337	38,414
Right of use assets	10(a)	41,370	64,539
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		3,859,751	3,916,561
TOTAL ASSETS		10,704,148	10,884,218
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	11	102,420	97,016
Provisions	12	372,445	392,899
Lease liabilities	10(b)	21,465	21,340
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		496,330	511,255
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	12	40,960	44,509
Lease liabilities	10(b)	21,571	42,968
TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		62,531	87,477
TOTAL LIABILITIES		558,861	598,732
NET ASSETS		10,145,287	10,285,486
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Reserves	13	1,430,080	1,518,351
Accumulated surplus	14	8,715,207	8,767,135
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		10,145,287	10,285,486

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the Year Ended 30 June 202	24		Youth & Children's	
		Accumulated Surplus	Program Reserve	
	Note	\$	\$	
Balance at 1 July 2023	13,14	8,767,135	575,595	
Deficit for the year	14	(140,199)	-	
Transfers to/(from) reserves:				
Youth & Children's Program Reserve	13,14	150,595	(150,595)	
NSW Program Reserve	13,14	(56,482)	-	
Mirabel HQ Reserve Specific	13,14	30,699	-	
Emergency Relief Fund Reserve	13,14	3,459	-	
Family Program Reserve	13,14	(40,000)	-	
Balance at 30 June 2024	13,14	8,715,207	425,000	
Balance at 1 July 2022	13,14	8,479,817	464,500	
Surplus for the year	14	139,390	-	
Transfers to/(from) reserves:				
Youth & Children's Program Reserve	13,14	(111,095)	111,095	
NSW Program Reserve	13,14	241,420	-	
Mirabel HQ Reserve Specific	13,14	11,938	-	
Emergency Relief Fund Reserve	13,14	5,665	-	
Balance at 30 June 2023	13,14	8,767,135	575,595	

	Family Program	Emergency Relief Fund	Mirabel HQ Reserve	NSW Program
Total	Reserve	Reserve	Specific	Reserve
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
10,285,486	-	5,330	780,346	157,080
(140,199)	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	56,482
-	-	-	(30,699)	-
-	-	(3,459)	-	-
-	40,000	-	-	-
10,145,287	40,000	1,871	749,647	213,562
10,146,096	-	10,995	792,284	398,500
139,390	-	-	-	-
_	_	_	_	(241,420)
_	_	_	(11,938)	(271,720)
_	-	(5,665)	(11,550)	-
10,285,486	-	5,330	780,346	157,080

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## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the Year Ended 30 June 2024	Note	2024	2023
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		\$	\$
Receipts from grantors and donors		3,335,706	3,279,949
Payments to suppliers (inc. GST) and employees		(4,402,935)	(4,217,850)
Interest received		43,921	65,464
Finance costs		(2,064)	(1,297)
Fundraising proceeds received		252,494	748,792
GST received		86,936	56,637
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	15	(685,942)	(68,305)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment		-	34,542
Proceeds from investments		106,743	-
Payment for intangible assets		(42,324)	(23,343)
Payment for property, plant and equipment		(54,228)	(79,866)
Purchase of investments			(591,096)
Net cash (used by) investing activities		10,191	(659,763)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Repayment of borrowings		-	(24,489)
Repayment of lease liabilities		(21,271)	(8,930)
Net cash (used by) financing activities		(21,271)	(33,419)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held		(697,022)	(761,487)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		2,105,231	2,866,718
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	5(a)	1,408,209	2,105,231

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# STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

The Committee has determined that the Foundation is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Committee, the financial report as set out on pages 2 - 23:

- Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of The Mirabel Foundation Inc as at 30 June 2024 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012, the Australian Charities and Not for profits Commission Act 2012, and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not for profits Commission Regulation 2022; and
- At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that The Mirabel Foundation Inc will be able to pay its debts, as and when they become due and payable.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

**Ed Prendergast** 

Treasurer

Dated this 7th day of October 2024



Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Mirabel Foundation Inc.

#### REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Mirabel Foundation Inc. ("the Foundation"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, and the Statement by Members of the Committee of Management'.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Foundation has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Foundation's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 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 Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Accounting Professional and 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.

#### Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Use

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the financial reporting responsibilities under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for Mirabel Foundation Inc. and its members and should not be used by parties other than Client Name and its members. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### Responsibilities of Management and Committee of Management for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation of the special purpose financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 of the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. Management's responsibility also includes such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> or those charged with governance



In preparing the special purpose financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Entity'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 management either intend to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities 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 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 this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Committee of Management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

**HLB Mann Judd Chartered Accountants** 

HIB Mann Judd

Melbourne 10 October 2024

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## **COMPASSIONATE**

We are kind, understanding and concerned for the well-being of others.

## **INCLUSIVE**

We create a sense of belonging, ensuring that everyone feels valued and supported.

## **UNIQUE**

We fill a gap in services and are proud of what sets us apart.

## **ADAPTABLE**

We are open-minded, and flexible in adjusting to changing circumstances and evolving our approach as needed.

## **COMMITTED**

We are deeply invested in our work and apply ourselves wholeheartedly to making a positive difference.



# **OUR VALUES**







## MIRABEL'S BELIEF

Mirabel believes that every child deserves a childhood.

## **MIRABEL'S PURPOSE**

Since 1998, Mirabel has been supporting children who are being raised by extended family due to parental drug use. We assist children and their kinship carers across Victoria and New South Wales.



## **MIRABEL'S MISSION**

Mirabel's mission is to give children the childhood they deserve and break the cycle of addiction.

## **MIRABEL'S VISION**

Mirabel's vision is that every child has a childhood filled with love, hope and belonging.





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