



**2015**

**Annual Report**

## **President's Report**

Footscape has now been operative for six years. During this period significant progression has been made towards achieving organisation objectives (listed right) through:

- Registration as an 'Incorporated Association' with *Consumer Affairs Victoria*.
- Endorsement as a 'Health Promotion Charity' by the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission*.
- Development of strong working relationships with like-minded community organisations serving disadvantaged persons.
- Initiation of cost-effective and sustainable projects.
- Establishment of financial viability.
- Dedicated efforts of committee members and volunteers generously donating their time and expertise.

### **Asylum Seeker Resource Centre**

Footscape continues to administer fundamental Podiatry services for recipients of care at the *Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC)*. Establishing an equipped clinical setup to work alongside the largest provider of aid, advocacy and health services for asylum seekers in Australia has been a substantial achievement for Footscape. I'm pleased to report our volunteer Podiatrists have attained commendable outcomes for attending clients encountering foot pathology. Footscape acknowledges *Footwork Podiatric Laboratory* in providing orthoses for our ASRC clients without charge.

The ASRC Health Clinic will soon be commencing a diabetes orientated health promotion project. Footscape will support this work by providing foot care kits for affected clientele of the organisation.

### **Footscape Objectives**

1. *To educate, train and provide awareness for the incorporation of podiatric principles and practices.*
2. *To address the social and medical determinants of foot pathology within settings of Australian disadvantaged and Indigenous communities and developing communities abroad.*
3. *To provide Podiatrists and other health professionals involved in lower limb pathologies with opportunities for self-development through exposure to developing communities.*
4. *To advance foot and lower limb research within developing communities.*
5. *To serve economically disadvantaged individuals in need of foot and lower limb medical care.*
6. *To raise funds for the operating and capital monies for the works of the Association.*
7. *The Association has all the powers of a natural person to enable it to achieve these purposes, but not for any other purpose.*

## [Donate to the Children's Orthotic Project](#)

*Children with lower limb development problems are at greater risk of suffering foot and leg pains, disengaging from physical activity and experiencing social exclusion. Orthoses are commonly utilised by Podiatrists in the management of such problems. However, as they are expensive to purchase, financially disadvantaged families can have difficulty affording this treatment option. Footscape will therefore use donations to fund orthoses for such financially disadvantaged children. To make a tax deductible donation please go to:*

[www.givenow.com.au/footscape](http://www.givenow.com.au/footscape)

## Children's Orthotic Project

Footscape initiated the Children's Orthotic Project in 2013 and has subsequently developed partnerships with the following Community Health organisations that assist clients experiencing disadvantage throughout metropolitan Melbourne:

- cohealth
- Darebin Community Health
- Inner South Community Health Service
- ISIS Primary Care
- Merri Community Health Services
- Plenty Valley Community Health

Footscape has now funded orthoses for over fifty financially disadvantaged children attending these services with foot problems. This project is allowing 'at-risk' children the opportunity to access orthoses and ensure their young bodies can grow and develop as healthy as possible.

Through assistance provided by the *Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation* Footscape is currently reviewing this project. It is anticipated implementation and effectiveness of the Children's Orthotic Project will be enhanced as it continues to be rolled out throughout Victoria.

## Shoes for the Needy

During the 2014-15 financial year a collective total of five hundred second hand shoes and new socks have been distributed to homeless persons and asylum seekers in association with our partnering organisations *cohealth* and the *Asylum Seeker Resource Centre*. Amongst facing numerous health and well-being issues, homeless persons and asylum seekers are at risk of developing foot problems as they are often forced to walk long distances upon poor footwear. Footscape acknowledges Active Feet, Ascent Footwear, Brooks, Run with Life and Shoes for Planet Earth for their respective contributions to this project.



*An assortment of donated shoes awaiting distribution at cohealth.*

## Equatorial Opportunities



*Brianna enjoying the local Nauruan delicacy*

During July 2014, Podiatrist and Footscape committee member Brianna High accompanied Sue Barker of our partnering organisation *Equatorial Opportunities* on an expedition to Nauru. Brianna noted health care in Nauru is extremely different to that in Australia. Nonetheless the focus of health care is essentially the same despite limitations in service capability. Brianna shall be returning to 'Pleasant Island' alongside Sue for a second time in the coming months. A focus for the 2015 trip will entail offloading the diabetic foot.

Footscape congratulates Sue Barker on receiving the *Australian Wound Management Association (Victoria)* 'Jan Rice Volunteer Service' award in recognition of her longstanding philanthropic efforts in Nauru.

## Community Engagement

Community engagement has been an area recently identified by the committee as requiring improvement. Accordingly a plan of action has been formulated for implementation over the coming period. Efforts are being directed towards increasing membership numbers, developing an effective online presence, collaborating with industry stakeholders and educating tertiary students. Specific activities conducted over the past year have included social media and electronic newsletter communications, presentations to La Trobe University Podiatry students pertaining to volunteering within disadvantaged and developing communities as well as deliverance of a satchel insert at the 2015 Australasian Podiatry Conference (right). Footscape acknowledges the *Australasian Podiatry Council* for distributing the satchel insert at no charge.



Australasian  
Podiatry  
Conference  
May 6-8, 2015

### About Footscape

Footscape is a health promotion charity that recognises disadvantaged communities are predisposed to debilitating foot pathology and endeavours to assist affected individuals sustain quality of life. Our projects include:

1. Children's Orthotic Project: Footscape has developed partnerships with several Community Health Services in Melbourne to fund orthoses for financially disadvantaged children encountering foot problems.
2. Shoes for the Needy Project: Footscape is collating second-hand shoes and new socks for homeless persons.
3. Provision of pro bono Podiatry services for recipients of care at the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre.
4. Footscape is promoting Podiatry principles and practices to help address diabetic foot wounds in Nauru.



Footscape founder and Podiatrist Anthony Lewis wearing a traditional 'sulu' whilst presenting a diabetic foot care tutorial at the Nauru Hospital

### Get Involved

- Sign up to become a Footscape member
- Collect second hand footwear in your clinic
- Participate in an expedition to Nauru
- Like our Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/Footscapeinc](http://www.facebook.com/Footscapeinc)
- Make a tax deductible donation to support the Children's Orthotic Project



An assortment of shoes ready to pass on to homeless persons in Melbourne at cohealth

[www.footscape.com.au](http://www.footscape.com.au)

## Footscape Committee

### President

Anthony Lewis

### Vice President

Daniel Bryant

### Secretary

Catherine Hegarty

### Treasurer

Charles Lewis

### Ordinary Members

Brianna High

Charlarm Tauntab

## **Financial Report**

On behalf of Charles Lewis, Footscape Treasurer, the end of year bank balance totalled \$30,535.23. Please refer to the Treasurer's report for clarification of the financial position. Significant funds were secured during the financial year through grants, donations and fundraising activities. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the supporters of Footscape for their contributions towards such fundraising efforts. Acquired monies have enabled the Children's Orthotic Project to be expanded and reviewed. At the same time further activities will now be facilitated during the second half of 2015 including modernising our website and purchasing a washing machine to strengthen the quality of the Shoes for the Needy project. Thanks to James Copes for auditing records of the financial year.

The year ahead promises many new and exciting challenges. I look forward to working with the committee, volunteers and partnering organisations to advance foot health equity for all.

*Anthony Lewis  
President*

# Auditor's Report

I have inspected the accounting records kept by the Footscape Incorporated in respect of the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 and received information and explanations I required for the purpose of my inspection.

In my opinion:-

they were kept by the organisation in respect of the year, satisfactory accounting records, detailing the sources and nature of the income of the organisation and the nature and purposes of expenditure

and

the attached Accounts and Statements were prepared with recognised bookkeeping principles and practices and give a true and fair view of:

(a) the financial affairs of the organisation as at the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015

and

(b) the income and expenditure of the organisation for the year ended on that date.



James Copes

Chartered Accountant – Member 130374

Dated 11 August 2015

# Treasurer's Report

## FOOTSCAPE INC.

### Treasurer's Annual Report for Year 1/7/14 to 30/6/15

	\$	\$
Balance 30/6/14		16,881.20
<u>Receipts</u>		
Grants	33,550.00	
Fundraising	3,873.00	
Donations	1,290.10	
Term Deposit Interest	275.48	
Bank Interest	<u>68.57</u>	<u>39,007.15</u>
		55,888.35

#### Payments

Public Liability Insurance	627.62	
Children's Orthotic Project	4,700.00	
Service Fee (A.Lewis)	15,000.00	
Service Fee (D.Bryant)	2,000.00	
Website Domain Name	50.00	
Socks	189.50	
Website Hosting	250.00	
Printer Toner	96.88	
Consumer Affairs Victoria - Annual Registration Fee	53.00	
Shoe Delivery	154.19	
Conference Satchel Inserts (Printing)	460.43	
Department of Health - Freedom of Information form	26.50	
Laptop and Accessories	1,660.00	
Our Community Newsletter Subscription	<u>85.00</u>	<u>25,353.12</u>

Balance 30/6/15 30,535.23

#### Bank Reconciliation

Balance as per Bank Statement		31439.35
Less Unpresented Cheques		
52	26.50	
54	250.00	
55	<u>627.62</u>	<u>904.12</u>
		<u><u>30,535.23</u></u>

	\$	\$
Organisation Assets (Purchase Price)		
Autoclave	6,600.00	
Workstation	874.50	
Office Furniture	1,016.26	
Medical Instruments and Assessment Tools	4,627.70	
Printer	664.05	
Saddle Chairs and Equipment Cases	1,298.00	
Podiatry Drill and Accessories	3,740.00	
Patient Chair	7,095.00	
Ultrasonic Instrument Cleaner	1,496.00	
Laptop and Software	1,660.00	
Esky	<u>120.00</u>	<u>29,191.51</u>

C.Lewis  
Treasurer  
6/08/2015