



**2017**

# **Annual Report**



## President's Report

Welcome to the Footscape 2017 Annual Report. Footscape has now been operative for eight 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*.
- Charity endorsement 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.

The 2016/2017 financial year was productive as devised Footscape projects were strengthened and expanded. Significant highlights have included:

1. Community engagement activities: Footscape proudly exhibited for the first time at an Australasian Podiatry Conference. The exhibition booth was shared with our friends and colleagues at *Walk For Life*. The opportunity to engage directly with the Podiatry industry marked the largest community engagement activity our organisation has undertaken.



### 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.

*Chalerm Tuantab, Anthony Lewis and Jessie Duff representing Footscape at the national conference.*

Footscape continues to inform, educate and motivate Podiatrists, other health professionals and the greater community in regards to the foot health inequity encountered by disadvantaged persons. Regular electronic newsletters are being produced whilst social media communications are undertaken via Facebook and Twitter. At the same time presentations are delivered annually to Podiatry students at *La Trobe University* and *Western Sydney University*. The enthusiasm of students to learn more about foot health issues amongst disadvantaged persons is very pleasing.

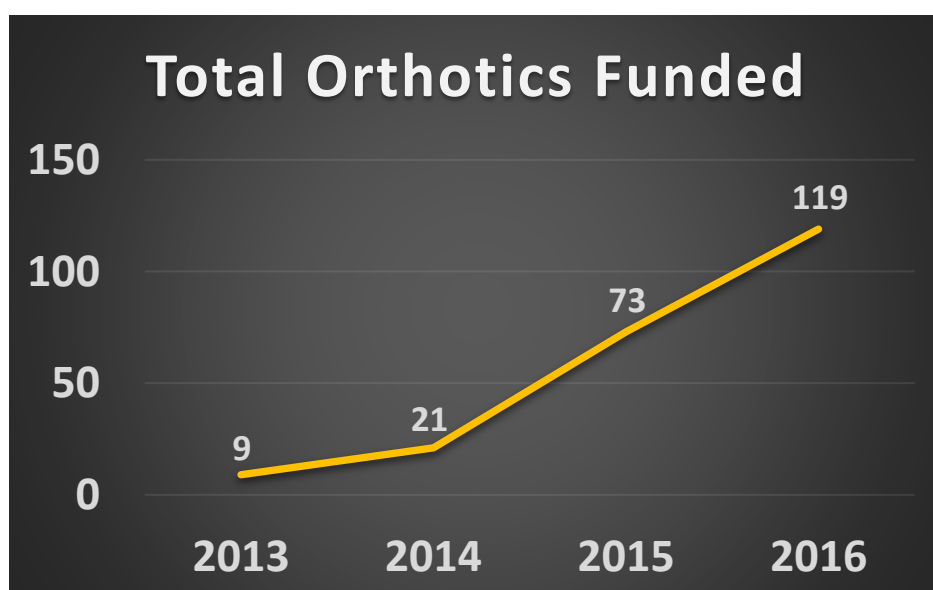
2. Advancement of the Children's Orthotic Project: During the 2016 calendar year Footscape funded 46 orthotic devices for financially disadvantaged children encountering foot pathology across eleven project affiliate organisations. The project has been further streamlined through:
- a) Establishment of an online portal for prescribing Podiatrists to complete reporting requirements of orthotic devices funded and children helped.
  - b) Establishment of a standardised Memorandum of Understanding template for affiliate organisations to participate in the project. This template will be rolled out during the 2017/18 Financial Year for which all eligible Victorian organisations will be invited to participate in the project.

### 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)



- Record distribution of footwear and socks to homeless and other disadvantaged persons: Following a successful Sock Drive during Foot Health Month in October the Footscape committee distinguished the respective footgear collections into two project categories, 'Shoe It Forward' and 'Sock It To 'Em'. Shoe It Forward sourced an amazing 1,452 pairs of new and quality second hand footwear for distribution through project affiliate organisations. Footscape acknowledges *Active Feet*, *Bilby Shoes*, *Brooks*, *Generation Run*, *Mizuno* and *New Balance* for their respective contributions to this project over the past twelve months.

At the same time Sock It to 'Em facilitated an astonishing 3,967 new pairs of socks for distribution through project affiliate organisations. Numerous Podiatry clinics have concurrently participated by serving as Sock Collection Points for supporters to donate. Footscape equally acknowledges *Hanes* for their incredible donation of socks to this project.



*(Left) Langmore Podiatry contributed 400 pairs to the Sock It To 'Em project.*

*(Below) The wealth of socks donated by Hanes awaiting pick up at the Ivanhoe Podiatry Centre.*



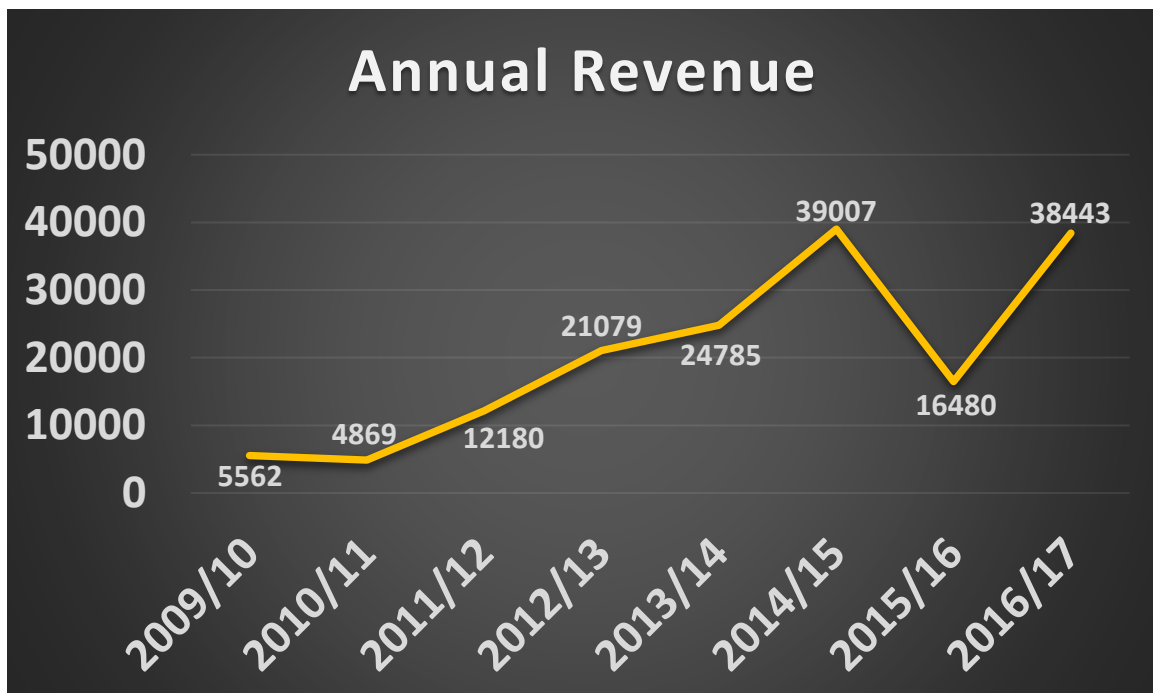
- Expansion of international project work: In order to maintain Footscape's charity status with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission the vast majority of organisation work needs to be undertaken within Australia. Nonetheless Footscape maintains a strong working relationship with *Equatorial Opportunities* to advance diabetic foot care practices in Nauru. Equally during the financial year Footscape also commenced involvement with Walk For Life.

Since 2009 Walk For Life has been providing free treatment to children affected by clubfoot under the age of three years by the Ponseti method. The aim of the organisation is to make Ponseti treatment available to all Bangladeshi infants born with a clubfoot in a safe, effective and sustainable manner. Footscape recognises the outstanding work of Walk For Life in addressing the burden of this terrible congenital abnormality. A financial contribution of \$480 for the year will enable four Bangladeshi children with clubfoot to receive free treatment and eradicate this lifelong deformity.

5. Achieving five years of volunteer Podiatry clinical services 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. ASRC recognised my personal contribution during National Volunteer Week with a certificate of service. Footscape acknowledges *Footwork Podiatric Laboratory* in providing orthoses for our ASRC clients without charge.



6. Record fundraising: During the year Footscape was awarded several grants from philanthropic trusts and local councils to implement our projects. On behalf of Charles Lewis, Footscape Treasurer, the end of year bank balance totalled \$20,669. An additional \$35,000 term deposit is set to mature during July, 2017. Please refer to the Treasurer’s Report for clarification of the financial position.



In addition the R.E. Ross Trust and Lord Mayor’s Charitable Foundation have already confirmed a collective total of \$30,000 funding for the 2017/18 financial year. This salary based funding will be used to create a Chief Executive Officer position for Footscape.

*Anthony Lewis*  
President

# Treasurer's Report

FOOTSCAPE INC.

Treasurer's Annual Report for Year 1/7/16 to 30/6/17

	\$	\$	\$
Balance 30/6/16			29,036.49
<u>Receipts</u>			
Grants			
Stockland	1,000.00		
Sentinel Foundation	4,000.00		
Department of Social Services	2,250.00		
Equity Trustees	5,000.00		
R. E. Ross Trust	20,000.00		
City of Melbourne	1,400.00		
City of Maribyrnong	500.00		
City of Yarra	<u>1,000.00</u>	35,150.00	
Term Deposit Interest		295.81	
Donations		2,935.31	
Bank Interest		<u>61.59</u>	<u>38,442.71</u>
			67,479.20

## Payments

Term Deposit	35,000.00		
Walk For Life Donation	480.00		
Sock Purchases	400.00		
Public Liability Insurance	663.62		
Website Domain Renewal	60.00		
Website Hosting	250.00		
Western Sydney University student essay competition	250.00		
APodC Conference Exhibition Booth	1,000.00		
Organisation Shirts	566.06		
Service Fee (A.Lewis)	2,500.00		
Service Fee (D.Bryant)	1,500.00		
Children's Orthotic Project	3,500.00		
Stationery	167.20		
Paper Statement Fees	7.50		
Flyers	325.00		
Our Community Newsletter Subscription	85.00		
Consumer Affairs Victoria - Annual Registration Fee	<u>55.80</u>		<u>46,810.18</u>
Balance 30/6/17			<u><u>20,669.02</u></u>

Bank Reconciliation

Balance as per Bank Statement			21,669.02
Less Unpresented Cheques			
	87	500.00	
	91	<u>500.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
			<u>20,669.02</u>

Term Deposit

\$35,000 at 2.05% to mature on 18/7/17

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	
Washing Machines	1,960.00	
Laptop and Software	1,660.00	
Esky	<u>120.00</u>	<u>31,151.51</u>

C.Lewis

Treasurer

9/07/2017