



2012

Annual Report

Public Officer's Report

Welcome to the Footscape 2012 Annual Report. The 2011/2012 financial year was productive for Footscape as we endeavoured to implement several projects. Before I expand upon these I firstly wish to acknowledge the tremendous work of the committee: Catherine Hegarty, Catherine Tudor, Charles Lewis, Daniel Bryant, Linda Hammond, Margaret Ryan, Rebecca Mannix and Tracy Davis. All committee members generously donated their time and expertise to help advance the cause of Footscape.

The major activities undertaken during the financial year included:

1. Commencement of pro bono Podiatry services at the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC). A Memorandum of Understanding has been established and signifies recipients of care at ASRC may access clinical assessment, education and referral services in an efficient manner. Clinical assessment data is concurrently being compiled for the purpose of research.
2. Implementation of Podiatry principles and practices in Nauru. Footscape devised a diabetic foot care manual and donated three sets of Podiatry instruments for staff use at the Republic of Nauru (RON) Hospital. Rebecca Mannix, a Podiatrist, self-funded an expedition to Nauru with our partnering Equatorial Opportunities medical team to provide training of these items for RON Hospital staff.



Rebecca (left) with Sue Barker of Equatorial Opportunities at the end of a busy day in Nauru.

3. Development of four educational electronic newsletters for website subscribers. As part of website activities quarterly newsletters were produced to inform, educate and motivate Podiatrists and other health professionals. These compilations serve the purpose of informing subscribers and stakeholders of Footscape's projects and partnerships with like-minded Australian organisations. Stories were presented from those who have made, and continue to make, inspiring contributions to the care of feet and lower limbs in disadvantaged communities. At the conclusion of the financial year there are seventy subscribers to the Footscape electronic newsletters. Thanks to Ross Green for volunteering to edit submitted articles.

4. Endorsement as a *Health Promotion Charity* by the Australian Tax Office with acquisition of *Deductible Gift Recipient* and *Tax Concession Charity* status. Amongst the significance of this title Australian residents can now claim financial contributions to Footscape as a tax deduction. The task of securing endorsement as a health promotion charity has been a long and difficult process and could not have been achieved without the pro bono legal assistance of *Middletons*. Footscape's application was based upon the significant impact chronic health conditions bestow upon foot health. It is pleasing that the Australian Tax Office recognised this link and the resultant implications for health and well-being in the greater community.
5. Progression towards financial viability. On behalf of Charles Lewis, Footscape Treasurer, significant funds were secured during the year and facilitated a bank balance of \$9,292.27. Revenue was obtained through several mediums including:
 - Grants: Footscape successfully applied for the *Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs* 'Volunteers Grant 2011' which enabled office amenities to be acquired for administrative duties. Payment of 2010/11 grants were forthcoming from the *Mercy Foundation* and *Eastweb* which allowed clinical equipment to be purchased.
 - Fundraising activities: *Bunnings Warehouse* community barbecues were operated and chocolate drives undertaken to address organisation overheads and secure essential equipment items. Thanks to a number of Footscape supporters for assisting with these fundraising activities.
 - Donations: Online donation opportunities were made available for prospective donors to directly fund projects.



Volunteers at a barbecue fundraiser serving a hungry customer

Momentum is building for Footscape and it is anticipated implemented projects will continue to evolve and contribute towards alleviating the burden of debilitating foot pathology within disadvantaged communities. Watch this space!

Anthony Lewis

Treasurer's Report

FOOTSCAPE INC.

Treasurer's Annual Report for Year 1/7/11 to 30/6/12

	\$	\$
Balance 1/7/11		5,343.23
<u>Receipts</u>		
Grants		
FaHCSIA	1,950.00	
Mercy Foundation	3,217.50	
Eastweb	2,000.00	
Community Barbecues (Net proceeds)		
7/1/12 - Thomastown	1,013.05	
3/3/12 - Doreen	853.00	
12/3/12 - Mill Park	1,504.00	
14/4/12 - Thomastown	740.40	
Donations	469.44	
Chocolate Drive	400.00	
Bank Interest	32.20	12,179.59
		<u>17,522.82</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Medical Instruments	4,627.70	
Engraving Instruments	200.00	
Office Furniture	1,016.26	
Workstation	874.50	
Public Liability Insurance	610.99	
Website Hosting	250.00	
Drinks for barbecues	360.00	
EasyGrant Newsletter Subscription	55.00	
Esky	120.00	
Consumer Affairs Victoria - Alteration of Rules	73.30	
Consumer Affairs Victoria - Annual Registration Fee	42.80	8,230.55
		<u>9,292.27</u>
Balance 30/6/12		<u>9,292.27</u>
<u>Bank Reconciliation</u>		
Balance as per Bank Statement		<u>9,292.27</u>

C.Lewis
Treasurer
13/08/2012