



**2014**

**Annual Report**

## **President's Report**

Welcome to the Footscape 2014 Annual Report. The 2013/2014 financial year was productive as devised Footscape projects were strengthened and expanded. Before I elaborate upon these I firstly wish to acknowledge the tremendous work of our committee and volunteers who all generously donated their time and expertise to help advance the cause of Footscape.

Significant highlights of the financial year included:

1. Advancement of the *Children's Orthotic Project*. The Children's Orthotic Project is allowing 'at-risk' children to access orthotics and ensure their young bodies can grow and develop as healthy as possible. After twelve months of operation at ISIS Primary Care, Footscape funds have been used to help a number of children, including an eight year old with Asperger's Syndrome suffering chronic leg pain and a nine year old with Autism encountering plantar fasciitis. After achieving such positive outcomes it was mutually agreed to continue implementing the project at ISIS Primary Care.

Through the availability of additional funds, discussions were initiated and Memorandum of Understanding documentation developed with Plenty Valley Community Health to expand the project. Over the coming period the Committee will endeavour to offer and implement the Children's Orthotic Project with further Community Health Centres throughout metropolitan Melbourne.



*An assortment of donated shoes at cohealth awaiting distribution*

2. Progression of the *Shoes for the Needy* project. Footscape recognises the work of cohealth (a newly established configuration of several agencies including our friends at Dousta Galla Community Health) and their outreach Podiatry service which endeavours to improve the quality of life of people experiencing homelessness. Amongst facing numerous health and well-being issues, homeless persons are at risk of developing foot problems as they are often forced to walk long distances upon poor footwear. Accordingly, Footscape has been collecting second-hand shoes and

new socks for cohealth to distribute to their homeless clientele. During the 2013-14 financial year one hundred items have been sourced and dispensed to cohealth. A further twenty shoes were distributed at the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre.



*An example of a client helped is a homeless man presenting with these shoes which were too small for his feet. The Podiatrist was able to provide some newly washed, correctly fitting Brooks runners and new socks. As walking is currently his only mode of transport, his mobility will now be much better over the coming months. If you would like to assist this project and help such described persons then please start gathering your old shoes!*

3. Continuation of Podiatry Services at the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC). It has been a period of transition as ASRC have relocated their central premises to Footscray. Chief Executive Officer Kon Karapanagiotidis highlighted that the move brings hope and opportunities, 'This opens so many things for us. On the one hand it allows us to help more asylum seekers than we could in the former building; secondly it allows us to create the asylum seeker innovation hub, a world first, a one stop-shop hub that focuses entirely on free asylum seekers from poverty, unlocking their potential and enabling them to work.'



*The new premises are located on 214-218 Nicholson Street, Footscray*

Promoting Podiatry and increasing patient referrals hasn't been easy during this period. Nonetheless through the acquisition and use of major clinical equipment items our clinical setup is now fully equipped for a Podiatrist to assess and manage presenting foot pathologies. Over the coming period it is anticipated an assortment of health promotion activities will be undertaken with staff, volunteers and asylum seekers to raise awareness for the importance of foot health and concurrently foster patient referrals.

4. Community engagement activities: Presentations were made to final year La Trobe University Podiatry students and several Rotary Clubs detailing Footscape and concepts pertaining to volunteering within disadvantaged and developing communities. Several electronic newsletters were developed for website subscribers to inform, educate and motivate Podiatrists and other health professionals. An essay writing competition was concurrently developed with the La Trobe Podiatry Department encouraging students to gain an understanding and appreciation of foot health inequity experienced by disadvantaged individuals and population groups. The outcomes of this competition will be known later in 2014.

In an effort to increase Footscape membership numbers an electronic form has been made available on the website (<http://www.footscape.com.au/membership.html>). I encourage all supporters and volunteers of Footscape to become members of our organisation. Members will automatically receive the news updates and electronic newsletters subscribers' access. In addition members have the opportunity to attend and vote at Annual General Meetings as well as stand for General Committee election.

5. Progression towards financial viability: On behalf of Charles Lewis, Footscape Treasurer, significant funds were secured during the year enabling the purchase of essential clinical equipment and heightened contributions towards aforementioned projects. The end of year bank balance totalled \$16,881.20. Revenue was obtained through several mediums including grants, donations and fundraising activities. I would like to thank the supporters of Footscape for assisting with such fundraising activities. Footscape concurrently received generous support from Footwork Podiatric Laboratory for providing orthoses in our work at ASRC.

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

*Anthony Lewis*

# 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 2014 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 2014

and

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



James Copes

Chartered Accountant – Member 130374

Dated 15 November 2014

# Treasurer's Report

FOOTSCAPE INC.

Treasurer's Annual Report for Year 1/7/13 to 30/6/14

	\$	\$
Balance 1/7/13		12,595.10
<u>Receipts</u>		
Grants	20,300.00	
Fundraising	2,638.20	
Donations	1,609.60	
Bank Interest	<u>237.26</u>	<u>24,785.06</u>
		37,380.16

## Payments

Public Liability Insurance	590.32	
Ross House Association Annual Membership Fee	44.00	
Podiatry Drill and Accessories	3,740.00	
Magnifier Lamp and Accessories	591.80	
Patient Chair	7,095.00	
Ultrasonic Instrument Cleaner	1,496.00	
Service Fee (A.Lewis)	4,150.00	
Children's Orthotic Project	2,000.00	
Website Hosting	250.00	
Printer Ribbon and Paper	321.44	
Socks for the Homeless	84.00	
Our Community Newsletter Subscription	85.00	
Consumer Affairs Victoria - Annual Registration Fee	<u>51.40</u>	<u>20,498.96</u>

Balance 30/6/14 16,881.20

## Bank Reconciliation

Balance as per Bank Statement		21,211.52
Less Unpresented Cheques		
36	3,740.00	
37	<u>590.32</u>	<u>4,330.32</u>
		<u>16,881.20</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	1,353.00	
Esky	<u>120.00</u>	<u>28,884.51</u>

C.Lewis  
Treasurer  
17/08/2014