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We are excited to announce we have launched our brand new monthly e-Newsletter in 2015! This new e-Newsletter will give our supporters a monthly overview of our current projects, and news of our upcoming events and programs. If you would like to subscribe to our monthly e-newsletter, please send an email to info@aboriginalliteracyfoundation.org. You can also view the previous issues under the 'Media' tab on our website aboriginalliteracyfoundation.org.

If you haven't joined us on Facebook yet, we would love to see you there! You can find us at [facebook.com/aboriginalliteracyfoundation](https://www.facebook.com/aboriginalliteracyfoundation) for all the latest news around Indigenous literacy. Our online community has grown to include over 1700 of you, and we are very grateful for the support!

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HELLO AND WELCOME TO 2015!

SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER AT CHRISTMAS!

Firstly, going forward we have decided to release a newsletter twice yearly, one in the middle of the year and one at the end of the year. The simple fact is we only have a small team of staff dedicated to our program work and general administration. However, in order to improve our communication with you, and to save on paper, we have decided to send out a concise e-Newsletter at the beginning of each month. Hopefully this, combined with our weekly posts on our Facebook and Twitter pages, should keep you up to date with our progress. Thank you for consistently reading our news updates and engaging with us across all these platforms!

Secondly, over the last six months I been very lucky to travel around Australia and overseas in an effort to promote our organisation, raise awareness, seek donors, and open and extend programs and partnerships. One of the most exciting trips I have ever been on was to Hamilton in Victoria where I met a number of new partners and some local Aboriginal Elders, all of whom made me feel very welcome. I look forward to announcing a new partnership in that area very soon.

I also had the privilege of attending a First Nations Conference in South Dakota USA. At this amazing conference in Rosebud I met with local Elders, and I was also introduced to descendants of Crazy Horse, the legendary Indian Chief. On this trip we announced a partnership that will work together to create new eBooks and animated apps featuring stories and legends from First Nations. This program works to promote literacy and to incorporate age old languages and dialects from First Nations around the world. This incredible program will start in Australia and continue to America and New Zealand. This is an incredibly exciting project that reclaims and aims to preserve native languages and culture, while aspiring to work with English and commercial realities.



As well as these amazing trips overseas, The Aboriginal Literacy Foundation has been very busy expanding our programs and partnerships in Australia. We can now finally announce the arrival of our long awaited Digital Literacy Hub (DLH). I am so pleased to be able to report to you that with the help of our digital partners, and in particular our DLH Chairman, Tony Harris and his company ThinkSoft, the DLH it will be freely available to members of ALF programs and interested members of the public. This new platform, which can be accessed upon application via the ALF website at www.aboriginalliteracyfoundation.org, will feature a library of eBooks (both ALF and other suppliers); a directory of useful links and resources; a webinar facility for online mentoring and tutorials; a portal for academic and employment pathways; and also a range of educational tools, website links, and assets that will help any ALF student and/or their families. The DLH has been a long time coming! Unfortunately delays and complications with our supply network have made the creation of the DLH rather complicated, but I am happy to say it has been worth it. I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to our many sponsors of the DLH. Your patience and dedication to the project has been exemplary. While some partners are publicly acknowledged on our DLH platform, some have wished to remain anonymous. I would like to point to one of our anonymous donors in Sydney, and readily and sincerely thank her and her organisation for their commitment to the project! You have been a wonderful partner - Thank you. In this newsletter we hope to let you know more about the DLH, and over the next few months we will provide updates via our e-Newsletter and social media pages.

Finally, as we approach the end of the financial year, please remember all the students and families that are associated with the ALF. Their needs as students often reflect their overall disadvantage. As such, when you are thinking of tax returns, why not think of a tax deductible donation to the Aboriginal Literacy Foundation?

Thank you all for your continued interest in and support of our work, and indeed thank you for supporting Indigenous education.

Best to you all,

David Perrin (CEO)

Tony Harris (left) and David Perrin (right) attend First Nations Conference with Sioux Nation in South Dakota, USA.

DIGITAL LITERACY HUB (DLH)

The Aboriginal Literacy Foundation is extremely proud to announce the arrival of its long awaited digital education and resources platform, The Aboriginal Digital Literacy Hub (DLH).

This project aims to bring to one interactive, digital platform a range of assets, networks, libraries, schooling resources, tools and portals that will make the educational experience of our Indigenous students and their families a much easier and more interactive one. This rich learning environment will make available the following:

- **A huge number of eBooks** – targeted towards children aged 1-11 across a range of reading levels; some will contain audio. Our eBook library will also contain a huge range of Indigenous books; designed and written specifically for an Indigenous audience.
- **Literacy and numeracy games** – designed to extract engagement and proficiency in reading and competency in spelling.
- **Educational resources** – easy to download forms and puzzles designed to engage and challenge students for literacy & numeracy progression.
- **Testing and evaluation** – A program will be designed to challenge and test students' skills in spelling, maths and general knowledge.
- **A webinar format** – specifically for appointments between students, tutors and mentors. This engaging format will allow for more chat and study assistance in our aim to deliver more direct tutorials and mentoring to our students and their families.
- **A direct portal to Indigenous employment opportunities** – this portal will reflect at any one time nearly 100 vacancies for positions in Industry, Government and within the Education sector, not to mention a range of available traineeships.
- **Academic Links and Support** – this aspect of the DLH will allow personal and individualised assistance to ALF students and families when they are accessing or reviewing their options for Higher Education.
- **Health, Finance and Wellbeing Support** – This link will allow direct and individual support for Indigenous students and families seeking support in non-academic areas of life.
- **A direct link with Indigemail** – This link will reflect a continuum of news and vacant positions for Indigenous candidates nationwide.
- **A unique repository of Indigenous statistics and facts** – we hope that the DLH will once and for all assist students, Indigenous or non-Indigenous, to find out about the Australian Aboriginal population, their culture, their reality in the past and today, and the challenges that they face. This link will include up to date statistics.



All of these attributes are designed to assist and aid students in being competitive and successful, and to stay in school longer to ensure they access the opportunities that come with finishing school, including higher education and/or employment. This online asset is a generational game changer. We hope that through continual improvement and communication, we will assist thousands of ALF students and family members in their academic and personal development, so that they will change (once and for all) the shocking statistics of disadvantage that hold back Indigenous Australia from prosperity and self-determination.

The DLH is available by direct link from the Aboriginal Literacy Foundation's official website at www.aboriginalliteracyfoundation.org. Again, the DLH and all that it offers is FREE to all registered students or ALF members.

The board wishes to acknowledge the sponsors of this project. In particular we wish to thank the directors of the ALF General Trust Fund whose vision for this project was undaunted. We also wish to thank our general database of supporters whose regular assistance in a variety of campaigns have very generously supported our work and this project. Thank you to the **Snow Foundation**, **auDA Foundation**, **Besen Family Foundation**, **Andrews Foundation**, and **Commonwealth Bank Community Fund**, all of whom have been major supporters of this project. Also, thank you to several anonymous and major supporters of our DLH project!

We wish to acknowledge the support and patience of our students and families through their participation in the testing and preparation that was need to ensure this project worked.

Lastly, I would like to thank our DLH Board for their advice, direction, expertise, commitment and patience with this platform. You have helped make this platform a great asset for the ALF and its students and families. In particular, we wish to make reference to Mr Tony Harris, our DLH Chair and a major innovator in the IT sector. Without his help the DLH would not have come together!

BACCHUS MARSH & DARLEY HOMEWORK CLUB

IN EARLY 2014, DJERRIWARRH HEALTH SERVICES, DARLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE, ABORIGINAL LITERACY FOUNDATION AND THE SHIRE OF MOORABOOL JOINED TOGETHER TO FORM THE DARLEY INDIGENOUS HOMEWORK & WELLBEING PROGRAM.

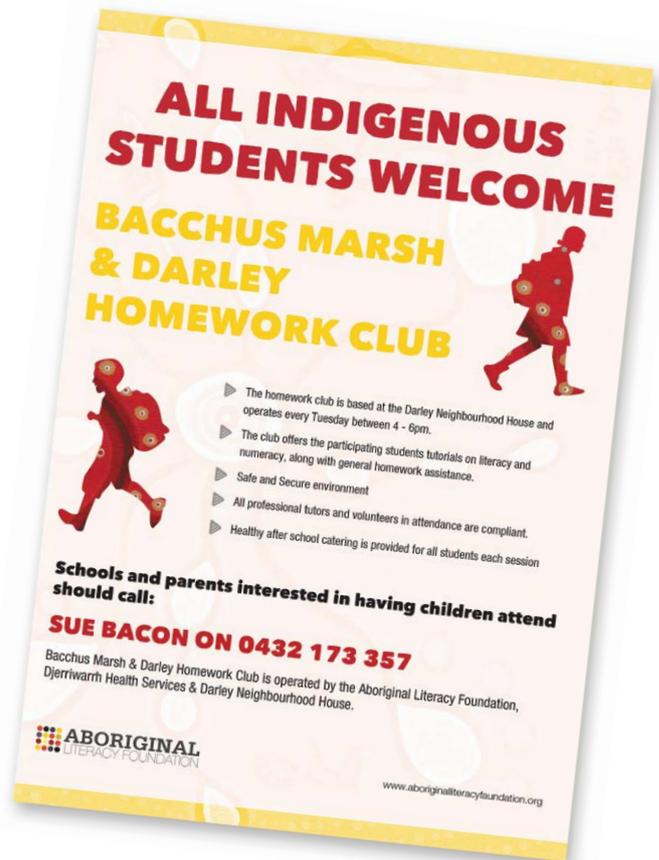
The Bacchus Marsh/Darley homework club participants get together every Tuesday afternoon between 4-6pm at Darley Neighbourhood House to receive support with their homework, as well as general assistance with their literacy skills and other subjects they may be struggling with at school.

A small gathering was held at the end of 2014 to not only celebrate Christmas, but also the wonderful achievements of our students over the year! ALF CEO, David Perrin, attended the celebration, along with 15 children and 7 family members, and 5 tutors/volunteers. The Christmas gathering began with our final literacy and numeracy class for the year, and then proceeded onto a huge afternoon tea which was freshly prepared by Sue Bacon. The party then continued with a visit from Santa where all the kids received packs of new books for their own libraries courtesy of ALF.

The club recommenced in February 2015, and has proven to be very successful, with over 40 kids enrolled in the program, which has increased from the 22 kids who started with us in June 2014.

The Aboriginal Literacy Foundation and Darley Neighbourhood House worked together to put on a small gathering before a 2 week break up over the Easter period, including a fun Easter egg hunt which was thoroughly enjoyed by the younger members of the club.

If you would like to learn more about the club or how you can get involved, you can contact David on **(03) 9650 1006**.



Students and volunteers of the Bacchus Marsh and Darley Homework Club

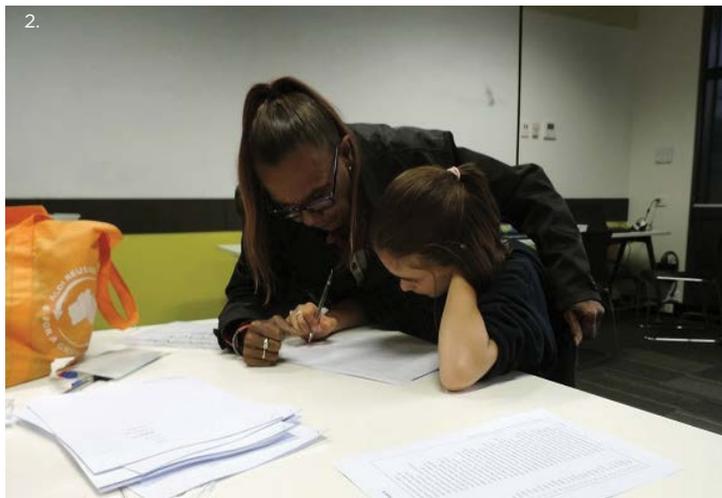
LITERACY & HERITAGE CAMPS



We held our first Literacy and Heritage camp for 2015 on Saturday 7th March at Federation University in Ballarat, which was attended by 27 Indigenous children.

Our camps provide a fast track intensive literacy learning program for some of the most struggling students in our wider tutoring program. This involves literacy and numeracy testing, one-on-one tutoring sessions, open discussions with mentors, and literacy themed computer games and activities.

Our next Literacy and Heritage camp is scheduled in May and will bring together student groups from both our Ballarat and Bacchus Marsh tutoring programs.



1 - Students playing literacy games 2 - Anne Cooper with a student 3 - ALF tutor, Lisa McGlade with student 4 - Volunteers and students undertake literacy testing 5 - Student with ALF tutor, Donald White



THE MELBOURNE PROGRAM



The Aboriginal Literacy Foundation is proud to announce the establishment of the new Melbourne Program. This program brings together all of our work in the CBD and the North Melbourne suburban corridor under one roof, at 'The Library at The Dock' in Docklands.

Together with the City of Melbourne and The Library at The Dock, the ALF will shortly begin an interactive tutorial, mentoring, and pathways program aimed at eventually supporting more than 200 Indigenous boys and girls, and their families. This program will focus on building a sustainable homework club and a mentoring circle, while offering a range of innovative job and/or higher education focused experiences and projects. All of this will of course be free to our students and families.

We are over the moon at the degree of support this program has received from a range of Indigenous community organisations and indeed from the City of Melbourne.

Already we have been delighted to have received assistance from the **Bank of Melbourne**, **The Readings Foundation** and **CBB** the not4profit people.

Our next newsletter and e-Newsletter will detail the progress of the program.



Top right: David Perrin with Richard McGlade of the Bank of Melbourne

Bottom right: ALF Queensland Manager, Richard Muller (left) with David Perrin (right) at The Readings Foundation grant presentation



Our Books for Learning program provides high quality books to Indigenous children and youth, primarily in regional and remote communities, with the aim of enhancing reading and learning in the home. Providing children with books of their own encourages them to read more frequently, and it also encourages parents to read with their children. This gives children the building blocks to ensure they have the best chance at success. We also distribute sets of our early reader books, the Healthy Living Series, free of charge.

We recently delivered a range of children's books to the **Cherbourg Mobile Library in Queensland**. Cherbourg is an Indigenous community with half of its 1300 people being under the age of 19 according to the last census.

The Cherbourg Mobile Library travels the town after school and currently services about 60 homes on a constant route. This involves parents, carers and children from those houses taking books and giving back the ones they had from the week before. Other people hail down the library car as it drives past to ask for books and are never refused.

Late last year we sent a number of our Healthy Living Series books to **Catholic Education Services** in Cairns, Queensland, after identifying a real need for such learning resources throughout the area.

The Catholic Diocese of Cairns consists of 18 Primary Schools and 6 High Schools, educating almost 10 700 students. The geographic distribution is from Tully in the South, West to the Atherton Tablelands and North to the Torres Strait.

The Aboriginal Literacy Foundation supported Child Protection Week in 2014 by donating books to the **Government of Western Australia Department for Child Protection**.

In March, we delivered 200 sets of our Healthy Living Series to **Life Without Barriers in Townsville** as part of Foster Care and Kinship Care Week. Life Without Barriers supports young people in care and their carers, many of which identify as Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander.



Top right: Staff from the Catholic Diocese of Cairns

Bottom left: Life without Barriers stall as part of Foster Care and Kinship Care Week

Bottom right (and top of page): Cherbourg Mobile library book giving

LATEST NEWS FROM ACROSS AUSTRALIA

ACT & NEW SOUTH WALES

ALF CEO David Perrin presented at the Quota Regional Conference in Canberra on Saturday 2nd May. Quota International is a ladies service organisation dedicated to helping disadvantaged women and girls.

ALF and Quota have agreed to work closely together to alleviate poverty and disadvantage in Canberra and NSW amongst Indigenous women and girls. David said "This will be The Aboriginal Literacy Foundation's first major partnership in NSW and Canberra. By working together, Quota and ALF can make a huge difference in this region!"

The partnership has already seen 2000 books and 200 electronic eBook readers distributed across Canberra schools.

David is pictured below with Indigenous educator and Quotarian Val Price-Beck (right) and Deb Debenham (Canberra Quota-middle).

ALF will also be soon announcing the extension of the ASPIRE program into NSW and Canberra. This innovative girl's education program has already made great progress in Victoria with nearly 100 girls enrolled. The program is focused on literacy and leadership. We have already received expressions of interest from two major partners in NSW and the ACT to host the program. More to come on this great project.



QUEENSLAND

The Aboriginal Literacy Foundation is proud to be the first non-profit to join the 'Together With' Volunteering Queensland program.

The 'Together With' program is a unique approach to managed services. 'Together With' boosts the capacity of non-profits to effectively meet the needs of their clients by providing access to effective and affordable front and back of house operations, systems and IT, and premises that nurture sustainability, collaboration and innovation.

Thanks to this wonderful partnership, the Aboriginal Literacy Foundation and our Queensland Manager, Richard Muller, have a new office space in Brisbane. We're located at level 6, 333 Adelaide Street, Brisbane.

The Aboriginal Literacy Foundation is very proud to be a part of this fantastic initiative.

The Aboriginal Literacy Foundation have also recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with The Benevolent Society in Queensland to resource their Early Reading and Young Mums Literacy Programs. We will be sending books and literacy resources up North to help several hundred young mums and their children, and a few hundred kinder kids with their reading! These resources will be all sent free of charge. We can't wait to help more kids in Queensland and beyond with their literacy!



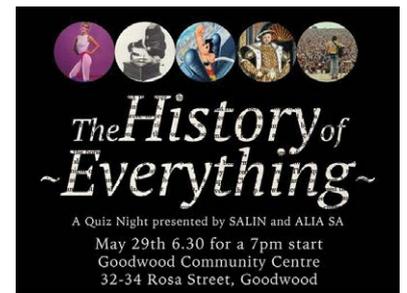
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The ALF continues to support the Discovery Book Club and its expansion. Already considered one of the best and most successful literacy support programs in Australia, it is being copied around the nation. The ALF is one of the first and most prominent suppliers of books and assistance to the web of Discovery Book Clubs that dot the WA coastline from Perth to Fremantle and surrounding districts. Already the ALF has delivered more than 2000 books this year to the West. More will be delivered this month.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The ALF continues its book distribution into South Australia with the aid of Rotary. So far more than 1000 books have been sent to South Australian schools and Indigenous care agencies in that state.

ALF also looks forward to the 2015 SALIN ALF Fundraising night to be held in Adelaide in May 2015. This is SALIN's (South Australian Library and Information Network) second year of supporting the ALF. We send our best wishes for the night and our sincere appreciation for their support.



BOOK DRIVES & DONATIONS

Indigo, aged 12 (pictured below), came to our Melbourne office with her mum and brother and presented us with over 600 children's books she had collected through a book stall in her front yard. The book stall was very successful! Members of the school community, local community, friends and family were a huge help, and in the end Indigo raised over \$1000 for the Aboriginal Literacy Foundation, as well as the books that were donated! Indigo said she chose our foundation as she feels very strongly about Aboriginal illiteracy. "I love reading and I think that everyone should have access to books so they too can learn to love to read".



Our generous partners at **Lilydale Books** sent us a delivery of over 600 books in November. These books made a fantastic addition to our book orders that were sent out just in time for Christmas!

The Aboriginal Literacy Foundation teamed up with **TheRitualist.com.au** during February for 'Aboriginal Literacy Month'. The Ritualist team created a collection of products to be sold on the site with a percentage of the proceeds going to The Aboriginal Literacy Foundation. A total of \$683 was donated to us at the end of the campaign!

The kids at **Lloyd Street Primary School** in Malvern, Melbourne donated hundreds of new books to our Books for Learning Program. All the books are simply fantastic in quality and content! When we opened the boxes, we also discovered the kids had written letters of friendship and encouragement to the recipients of the books! Such a thoughtful touch!

We recently received a lovely book donation and visit from the kids at the **Gowrie Victoria Harbour Family and Children's Centre** in Docklands. Knightsbridge Girl Guides in South Australia held a face painting stall to buy 24 new books for the ALF, and Burnie Girl Guides in Tasmania also made a generous book donation!

Annette from **Heavensent Cupcakes** kindly donates the profits from her stall at Whitehorse Market to the Aboriginal Literacy Foundation. Heavensent Cupcakes started in early 2014, working first at Warrandyte Market and then Whitehorse Market in Nunawading in August. Since then, Heavensent have appeared at St Kilda Market and Bayside Farmers Market, as well as making cupcakes to order. Annette says of supporting the ALF – "Apart from enjoying a good day of sales for myself on Market Days, I always get a buzz knowing that part of it will go towards your organisation. It's a nice 'feel good' factor".

Some lovely students from **St Columba's School** in Elwood dropped off 3 boxes of books for our Books for Learning program.

If you would like to donate books and give Indigenous children the gift of literacy, please visit our website aboriginalliteracyfoundation.org for details, or email us info@aboriginalliteracyfoundation.org.

EXXONMOBIL DAY OF CARING



ExxonMobil Australia employees took part in the annual Day of Caring volunteering initiative on Thursday 20th November 2014.

Eight volunteers from the company joined us at the ALF office for the day, helping to sticker our Healthy Living Series books and prepare them for distribution to Indigenous children across the country.

In the morning, the volunteers were given a speech by ALF Chairman Dr Tony Cree about the work that we do and their important contribution. The volunteers then got straight to work and got through a tremendous amount throughout the day; preparing 7000 books for delivery to children in remote communities. They also helped us prepare newsletters and envelopes for our Christmas campaign mail out.

ExxonMobil Australia Community Relations Manager, Lisa Trood, said, "The Day of Caring is one of many worthwhile programs we support each year to help the local community."

The program, which is in its twelfth year, involves around 230 ExxonMobil Australia employees assisting 18 community organisations in areas where the company has its main facilities, including Gippsland, Melbourne, Altona, Yarraville, Western Port and Perth. United Way Australia, a non-profit organisation that promotes business and employee involvement in the community, played a key role in supporting the ExxonMobil Day of Caring.

The Aboriginal Literacy Foundation took part in the Day of Caring in 2013, and this year we even had one volunteer who chose to help us out again since she had enjoyed it so much.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all the volunteers who helped on the day, and everyone involved in ensuring the Day of Caring was such a success. If you think your organisation might be interested in corporate volunteering opportunities with us, please call us on **(03) 9650 1006**.



NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

NOVEMBER

- We received a generous donation of over 600 books from our partners Lilydale books.
- ALF supported Child Protection Week in WA by donating books to the Department of Child Protection which were used as prizes in an art competition.
- ALF acknowledges the 60th anniversary of the annual UNESCO Universal Children's Day on social media. It is a day to remember the importance of upholding the rights of and promoting the welfare of children everywhere.
- ExxonMobil employees helped out at the office as part of their Day of Caring initiative on 20th November. 8 volunteers sorted through nearly 7000 of our Healthy Living Series books, ensuring they are ready for distribution to Indigenous children across the country. We would like to thank all the employees for their hard work and interest in our organisation, and United Way for supporting the day.
- ALF would like to thank IntelliMail International for providing us with pro bono warehouse space for book storage.
- ALF are excited to announce we have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Volunteering Queensland.
- Our annual Christmas campaign was distributed to our 1500+ individual donors across Australia.

DECEMBER

- We are delighted to have been selected to receive support through the 2014 Giving Tree program at Parliament House over the Christmas period.
- ALF recognised the wonderful contributions that volunteers make to our organisation on International Volunteer Day, 5th December, through social media.
- Our staff and volunteers helped put together a lovely Christmas break up at Bacchus Marsh Homework Club. Students received book parcels as gifts.

- We would like to thank all our supporters who purchased our greeting cards over the Christmas period. The cards are adorned with beautiful Aboriginal artwork by Bibi Barba.
- A huge thank you to Burnie Girl Guides in Tasmania for their recent donation of some lovely books!

- Some lovely students from St Columba's School in Elwood dropped off 3 boxes of books for our Books for learning program.

- We recently sent a number of our Healthy Living Series books to Catholic Education Services in Cairns, Queensland. Indigenous Education Officer, Patricia O' Donnell, will ensure the resources are distributed widely throughout the Catholic Diocese, with a particular emphasis on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

- Thanks to ABB Australia who have been kind enough to accept book donations on our behalf over the Christmas period.

JANUARY

- ALF looks forward to a positive and productive new year, with programs resuming throughout January.

- We were thrilled to receive a wonderful gift of several boxes of books from the staff at Equity Trustees – thank you!

- We are very proud to announce that The Readings Foundation have come on board as a funding partner in 2015, supporting our Aspire girls program.

- Thank you to Knightsbridge Girl Guides of Adelaide who held a face painting stall to buy 24 new books for our foundation.

- The results from our Christmas book drive are in, with an astounding 8454 books being donated!! Thanks to all our supporters for their efforts to provide us with the books, and ABB Australia for the cartage support!

- ALF wishes to acknowledge the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal for their amazing generosity in terms of a financial donation and the gift of several new laptop computers and a tablet. These much needed resources will be allocated to our Ballan and Darley programs in Victoria.

FEBRUARY

- ALF CEO, David Perrin, visits Artful Dodgers studio in Collingwood and The Library at The Dock in Docklands, in order to discuss how we can all work together to develop an urban arts & cultural program in 2015.

- We wish to thank The Strategist Group for their very generous donation of furniture and computers for our Melbourne office, which already looks so much more inviting!

- ALF is proud to announce we have just signed a MOU with The Benevolent Society in Queensland to resource their Early Reading and Young Mums Literacy Programs with our Healthy Living Series books.

- ALF staff and volunteers spent a day at our new book warehouse in Fairfield, sorting the books into age categories and packing them ready for delivery to deserving children.

- We are proud to join the 'Together With' Volunteering Queensland program. We now have a Brisbane office located at Level 6, 333 Adelaide Street.

- We are excited to have reached 1200 followers on Twitter!

- We launched our new, monthly e-newsletter which will give our supporters a monthly overview of our current projects and news of our upcoming events.

- ALF CEO, David Perrin attended the 2014-15 AFL SportsReady Graduation Celebration at the MCG! We will be working with AFL SportsReady this year to offer employment and trainee pathways for our students and families across Australia.



Top to bottom:

Bronwyn Bishop at the 2014 Giving Tree at Parliament House

Greeting cards with artwork by Indigenous Artist, Bibi Barba

Donations from staff at Equity Trustees

ALF staff and volunteers sorting books at the ALF warehouse in Fairfield, Victoria

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

MARCH

- ALF CEO, David Perrin, gave a presentation on our Books for Learning program to Keilor Rotary club in Melbourne. We value our strong partnerships with various Rotary clubs across Victoria.
- ALF staff had a fantastic morning attending the Women in Rotary International Women's Day breakfast at Crown Palladium in Melbourne.
- We held our first Literacy and Heritage camp for 2015 on Saturday 7th March, at Federation University in Ballarat.
- A huge thank you to Indigo and Linda from Melbourne who donated over \$1000 and more than 600 childrens books in fantastic condition from their book stall.
- The ALF was proud to sponsor the Arts Trail Cambrian Hill Indigenous Arts show in conjunction with Raintree Art Gallery of Cambrian Hill on Saturday 21st March. This event and other work at the Gallery will form the backbone of our new Arts & Cultural Awareness Program.
- A big thank you to Monash Rotaract for their donation of 400 new books to the ALF. CEO David Perrin attended the Monash Rotaract 5th birthday dinner celebration on Saturday 21st May at Burrinja Art Centre.

APRIL

- ALF staff attended the World Literacy Council annual conference held on Saturday 11th April at Australian Catholic University in Melbourne.
- We sent a delivery of books to the Cherbourg Mobile Library, Queensland, and received some wonderful photos and acknowledgements back from kids in the community.
- ALF CEO David Perrin made a trip to South Dakota, USA to attend a First Nations conference with the Sioux Nation. The visit built relationships and discussion around an international book project led by the ALF, which will focus on language reclamation and Indigenous content.
- ALF Queensland Manager, Richard Muller, made a donation of some journals and pens to 'Donate a Journal for Depression'.
- We received a lovely visit from some of the kids at the Gowrie Victoria Docklands Childrens' Centre, who donated some fantastic young childrens books!



Top to bottom (left):

David Perrin gives presentation to Keilor Rotary Club

ALF staff attend Women in Rotary International Women's Day Breakfast at Crown Palladium

ALF volunteer, Janet Curtin preparing for the Arts Trail Cambrian Hill Indigenous exhibition

Monash Rotaract donate 400 hundred new books

Top to bottom (right):

ALF Chairman, Tony Cree with Brett Watkins, at the opening of the WLC Annual Conference in Melbourne

Cherbourg Mobile Library in Queensland

Tony Harris (left) and David Perrin (right) attend First Nations Conference with Sioux Nation in South Dakota, USA.

ALF Queensland Manager, Richard Muller contributes to 'Donate a Journal for Depression'



A big thank you to the kids from **Lloyd Street Primary School** in Malvern for donating hundreds of new books to our Books for Learning program. The kids also included letters of encouragement to the recipients of the books!



CORPORATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A BIG THANK YOU TO CORPORATE AUSTRALIA

Often businesses in Australia get a hard wrap for a lack of corporate citizenship. In this newsletter, the ALF is delighted to acknowledge our three corporate sponsors that are leading the way with Corporate Social Responsibility and Corporate Citizenship.

Firstly we would like to acknowledge **IntelliMail International**, who have provided us with pro bono warehouse space for book storage since November 2014. This very generous gift of free space has enabled us to save a sizeable sum of money on rent, which has helped us divert much needed funding into our Book Distribution program. Thank you to the Pesce Family for this very generous contribution to the foundation.



Secondly the ALF wishes to acknowledge the **O'Brien Catering Group**. The O'Brien Group has agreed to become a long term corporate benefactor of the foundation, entering into a ten year support package worth \$25,000. This wonderful act of generosity is most appreciated. So often donors only look at a one year gift. Such an agreement understands that turning around Indigenous disadvantage is a long term issue. As such we extend our thanks and salute the O'Brien Family and the staff of The O'Brien Group for dedication to the cause.



Lastly we would like to thank **R2A Pty Ltd.**, a Melbourne based Engineering Due Diligence firm that has been a stalwart of support for the ALF. Their continued financial and networking support for the foundation has been invaluable for our Books for Learning Program. As such we acknowledge and express our sincere thanks to Mr Richard Robinson and Ms Gaye Francis of R2A.



PHILANTHROPIC SPONSORS



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