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2019 ANNUAL REPORT



**END CHILD DETENTION
COALITION AUSTRALIA LTD**

WHO WE ARE

The End Child Detention Coalition Australia Ltd (ECDC) is currently made up of 26 member organisations from across Australia, amongst which there is a total of 150 staff, around 1,200 volunteers and approximately 220,000 supporters across all States and Territories. Collectively, these organisations possess a wealth of experience in policy and advocacy, as well as years of experience working effectively together. The End Child Detention Coalition advocates for the release of children from immigration detention and takes the position that detention is never in the best interests of a child. Our membership reflects a diverse cross section of Australia's civil society. The coalition also has collaborative partnerships with many organisations based both in Australia and overseas.

OUR MISSION

The company's purpose is to relieve suffering of children and their families who have been affected by immigration detention by supporting organisations assisting children and their families affected by immigration detention by, without limitation:

- a) coordinating the provision of services;*
- b) promoting alternatives to immigration detention;*
- c) advocating for the release of children being held in immigration detention facilities; and*
- d) raising awareness of the harm caused to children in detention*

OUR STRUCTURE

End Child Detention Coalition is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) with the subtypes: Advancing social or public welfare; and Public benevolent institution (PBI). The effective date of registration as a charity is 1 July 2017, and registration with the subtype PBI is effective from 13 June 2018 (being the date ECDC's constitution was amended).

THANK YOU

The End Child Detention Coalition would like to thank our members and supporters from around all the States and Territories in Australia for their continuing support this year.

Thank you all for your energy and commitment to the work as a member of the End Child Detention Coalition, for your willingness to share your knowledge and to continue the effective collaboration that drives this campaign.

We would also like to extend our particular thanks and gratitude to the generosity and support from our sponsors and donors.

A special thank you to

Tina Kothari
Effie Mitchell
Vivian Court Trading

Neil Pharaoh

Pro Bono Audit
RSM Australia Pty Ltd
Cameron Hume
Jonathan Liu

ECDC Accounting
Catholic Mission
Andrew Hurt
Gigi Par-Adriano

DIRECTORS & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

In many ways 2019 has been a challenging year for the End Child Detention Coalition (ECDC). We had high hopes in October 2018 when we released our policy proposal seeking a legislative amendment to ensure children are never placed in an immigration detention facility on Australian territory. Due to shifts in policy at the time and a looming federal election, we were unable to achieve the results we had hoped for but continue to build our parliamentary relationships and support in the community for such change.

The last Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on 18 December 2018. At this AGM we welcomed three new Executive members – Margaret Rasa (Rural Australians for Refugees), Dr Robyn Sampson (International Detention Coalition) and Mariane Quintao (International Detention Coalition, youth ambassador). Margaret also nominated to be a Director and has since undertaken the Governance Foundations for Not-for-Profit Directors which will assist our organisation with its governance responsibilities.

At this AGM we recognise and thank those who have resigned from their Executive roles, Mariane Quintao due to work and study commitments; Dr Robyn Sampson, talented researcher and our technical expert who was always available to explain the finer detail of our proposal to stakeholders; and Alex Hogan who has also stepped down from the Executive Committee while she takes a break with her new baby, Theodore Matthew born on 8th November. Their commitment to this work has enabled ECDC to thrive and make a significant contribution to the protection of children. In particular, Robyn's contribution internationally has facilitated the documentation of protection mechanisms and workable models of more humane management.

Thank you to our Directors. Carolina Gottardo, Director for Jesuit Refugee Service Australia (JRS), Co-Chair and Director of ECDC will relinquish her responsibilities as Co-Chair and member of the Executive but will continue as Director of ECDC. Her many commitments make it difficult to continue with a 'hands-on' role but allow her to be involved at the high governance level, where complex problem-solving is needed.

Thank you to Effie Mitchell and VivCourt for their generous contribution to our annual strategy day held on 19th September 2019. This day affirmed our current political strategy as well as highlighting the need for better member engagement. Thank you also to Tina Kothari for her wonderful support in facilitating this day and to all our members who were able to attend.

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The Executive Committee and all members of ECDC are enormously indebted to our Project Officer Michelle Ferns who has once more worked tirelessly to support the work of ECDC in 2019 and calls us continually to dialogue re best practice approaches to this work.

ECDC has highlighted the priority of member engagement; fundraising strategically (submitting several applications for funding in 2019) and our continued lobbying and political engagement. Our members are at the core of what we do and enable this work to happen. We have been strengthened by a growing membership and participation and look forward to a continued empowerment of our civil society coalition as we champion the rights of children and their families.

Throughout the year ECDC played an active role in the sector through participation in the Refugee Alternatives conference and strategy day as well as community forums, key sector meetings. We strategized around the federal election and managed ongoing relationships with parliamentarians and other key decision makers. We refreshed the mapping of our resources, especially our membership identifying our latest membership reach through our organisational members as 220,000 supporters. Our international work particularly through Carolina and Robyn focused on the Global Compact on Migration and the Global Compact on Refugees.

In 2019, ECDC secured the services of Catholic Mission to support our bookkeeping and accounting. We have opened bank accounts and all money held in trust with IDC was transferred over. See Financial report for further details. We acknowledge and thank Catholic Mission for this support. We were also fortunate to secure the pro bono services of RSM Australia Pty Ltd to complete an annual audit. This has been completed and we are awaiting the final RSM report. We are immensely grateful to Jonathan Liu and Cameron Hume for their support and assistance with this.

In September ECDC held a strategy day which has led to the formulation of a Working Group structure with reports from each group to the Executive. We are hopeful that this new model will encourage more engagement from our members and build more energy behind both aspects of our work: building support in the community and with our parliamentarians to protect children in the immigration detention system.

Jenny Collins-White on behalf of the Directors and Executive

OUR PEOPLE

FULL MEMBERS

Asylum Seekers Centre
Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office
Australian Lawyers for Human Rights
Australian Muslim Women's Association
Australian Young Christian Students (AYCS)
Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project (BASP)
Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA)
Catholic Mission
Catholic Religious Australia
Global Campaign to End Child Detention
Hazara Women of Australia Inc. (HWA)
Jesuit Refugee Service Australia (JRS)

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Australian Council of Social Services (ACOSS)
Australian National Committee on Refugee Women (ANCORW)
Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF SA Branch)
Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network (MYAN)
Circle of Friends Australia Inc
Child Rights Australia
Darwin Asylum Seeker Support and Advocacy Network (DASSAN)
Grandmothers Against Detention of Refugee Children (GADRC) Sydney
House of Welcome
Justice for Refugees SA
Montmorency Asylum Seeker Support Group (MASSG)
National Ethnic Disability Alliance (NEDA) on behalf of Disabled People's Organisations
Australia
Rural Australians for Refugees (RAR)
Refugee Council of Australia (RCOA)
Uniting Church in Australia
House of Welcome

OUR PEOPLE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jenny Collins-White, Catholic Mission
Carolina Gottardo, Jesuit Refugee Services
Leeanne Torpey
Margaret Rasa

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Jenny Collins-White, Chair - Catholic Mission
Carolina Gottardo, Chair - Jesuit Refugee Services

Liesje Barratt Secretary, - Catholic Mission

Margaret Rasa
Robyn Sampson - International Detention Coalition (resigned)
Alex Hogan - Uniting Church Australia (resigned)
Marianne Quintao - Youth Ambassador, International Detention Coalition (resigned)

CONTRACTORS

Michelle Oledan Ferns

FINANCES

CURRENT FUNDS

End Child Detention Coalition Australia Ltd

TRIAL BALANCE FOR JUNE FY ENDING 2019

Account number	Account Name	Movement in Selected Period		Current Year to date	Last Year
		Debit	Credit		
4-1000	Grants			-24,007.91	
6-2600	Insurance	2,790.22		2,881.54	
6-5000	Project/Administration Fees	1,660.00		9,462.00	
9-1000	Other expenses	1,992.00		1,992.00	
1-1000	Cheque account		1,660.00	14,454.59	
2-1800	Accounts payable	1,660.00	3,674.83	-2,014.83	
2-1880	Accrued Expenses		2,767.39	-2,767.39	
Total:		8,102.22	8,102.22	0.00	0.00

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Annual financial report for the year ended 30 June 2019

End Child Detention Coalition Australia Ltd Insurances: <https://bit.ly/2Ot30Fq>

End Child Detention Coalition Australia Ltd Financial Statements: <https://bit.ly/2QXyiGr>

End Child Detention Coalition Australia Ltd book keeping and accounts has been completed by Catholic Mission. Our annual audit is being completed by RSM Australia Pty Ltd.

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