Lifeline is a national charity that has been saving lives and supporting Australians in need for more than 50 years. We do this by delivering 24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services in every state and territory.

The organisation was founded in 1963 by Rev Dr Sir Alan Walker OBE after he took a call from a distressed man who later took his own life. Determined not to let isolation and lack of support be the cause of more deaths, Sir Alan launched what was later to become our 24/7 telephone crisis line, 13 11 14.

The 13 11 14 service now answers more than 2200 calls each day – one every 33 seconds – with around 120 calls from people considering suicide now or in the future. Furthermore, our online Crisis Support Chat service continues to extend its reach, with more than 40,000 chats answered during the year.

We understand that a person can experience crisis for many reasons, such as a relationship breakdown, loss of employment, the loss of a loved one, violence, trauma or the onset of mental health issues. However, we also know that the offer of help can save a life.

While our lifesaving services, research and training programs have saved countless lives over the years, there is still much to do; sadly, suicide remains the leading cause of death for Australians aged between 15 and 44.

We can only turn the tide against these statistics through the ongoing support of the community, our staff and thousands of dedicated volunteers. We strongly believe that, together, we can take steps towards our vision of an Australia free of suicide.

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1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: Causes of Death 2013

Incorporation

Lifeline Australia (ABN 84 081 031 263) is a public company limited by guarantee. It had 22 Members in FY15 and a National Board of Directors. Its registered office is located at 24 Thesiger Court, Deakin ACT.

Charitable status, tax concessions and fundraising

Lifeline Australia is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) as a Public Benevolent Institution (PBI). The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) has endorsed the company as an Income Tax Exempt Charity. As a result it receives income and certain other tax concessions, along with exemptions consistent with its status as a PBI which relate to Goods and Services and Fringe Benefits taxes. Lifeline Australia is also endorsed by the ATO as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR).
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I also want to thank our employees, especially our CEO Jane Hayden who left Lifeline in July 2015 after three years in that role.

In FY15, with the support of the Commonwealth Government, all state and territory governments, our corporate sponsors and the boundless generosity of the community, we have been able to touch the lives of more Australians than ever. Not only have we ensured that many people thinking about suicide know they are not alone and help is available, but we have saved countless others the heartache of losing a friend, colleague or loved one.

This year we answered 85 per cent of calls. Whilst that is an extraordinary 821,804 calls, 142,219 calls went unanswered. Our commitment is to answer 100 per cent of calls – to be there for everyone who needs us when they need us.

In four short years we have gone from answering 61 per cent of 710,531 calls to 85 per cent of 964,023 calls. I truly believe a 100 per cent answer rate is achievable soon. To reach it, we need to strive that little bit harder and smarter.

To meet the 100 per cent target we have commenced a reform and restructure program with our members - Better Connected Lifeline. I am confident that by progressing reform we can free up resources to deliver better, more efficient services to ensure we never miss a call from an Australian in crisis. It’s a timely and necessary process, and I thank the network for their involvement and patience. We can unlock great potential by better linking our 41 Lifeline centres across Australia, each with invaluable experience working at the coalface of suicide prevention.

It is in the interests of Lifeline and, more importantly, the people across Australia in crisis or thinking about suicide.
In July 2015, Lifeline farewelled Jane Hayden after three years in the role of CEO, and a total of five years of dedicated and passionate service to our vision of an Australia free of suicide.

The Board appointed an interim CEO to continue the momentum of Better Connected Lifeline (BCL) – a program that will streamline our organisation through the implementation of shared services and greater knowledge transfer. Director Brett Goodridge stepped off the Board to be interim CEO and we are very grateful for his stewardship.

In October, Pete Shmigel was appointed Lifeline Australia’s permanent CEO, bringing with him more than 20 years of experience in public policy, business and consulting.

Lifeline Australia would like to acknowledge the unwavering commitment and skill of Lifeline’s staff and volunteers during this period of change; not only have you ensured the uninterrupted delivery of our services, but you have been a positive force in the lives of more Australians than ever before.
Lifeline continues to be guided by the strategic framework to address suicide; equipping individuals with the courage to ask for help when they need it and building communities that are more resilient and suicide-safe.

In 2016, continued discussions with Members and outcomes from our key strategic program, Better Connected Lifeline, will help shape our strategic direction for the coming years.
how we deliver our services

Lifeline comprises 22 Member organisations; individual body corporates that own and operate the 41 Lifeline Centres located across all Australian states and territories. Lifeline Australia accredits each Centre to ensure the consistent and effective delivery of services in accordance with a set of national service standards.

Lifeline Centres are supported by Lifeline Australia through the development and maintenance of quality assurance processes, the provision of policies and procedures, and the management of Lifeline’s national service infrastructure. This infrastructure includes the 13 11 14 crisis support line, the online Crisis Support Chat service, the Suicide Hot Spot phone crisis line and various training programs.

The Lifeline Australia Board is responsible for the overall performance of Lifeline Australia, providing strategic direction, governance and leadership.

Member organisations, and the Lifeline Centres they operate, each outline local achievements and performance in their own annual reports. Lifeline Australia reports on the performance of its national services and achievements in this annual report, providing transparency around its financial management, employees and the activities of the Lifeline Australia Board.

Better Connected Lifeline

The Better Connected Lifeline program has developed a framework that will enable the separate Lifeline Centres to work more efficiently together, guided by the following principles:

**Agility**: A streamlined operational structure, shared strategic vision and clear accountability at management level will enable quick decisions to turn ideas and solutions into action.

**Unlocking potential**: Providing high performers the opportunity to share their knowledge across the organisation.

**Sustainable**: Improved revenue generation across the network will reduce our reliance on government funding and allow us to take control of our future.

**Simplified**: A simpler operational structure across Australia will reduce waste and duplications to make us more efficient.

**High performance**: We will establish clear policies and procedures across the network to make sure our service is delivered to a high quality standard across Australia.
Crisis support and suicide prevention

National crisis line 13 11 14

In FY15, we answered more calls than ever before. Of the 821,804 calls answered:

• 75% of the calls were from people in crisis. Note: a crisis is any situation that is causing someone to have difficulty coping and can cover a range of issues including suicide, loneliness, mental health, relationships or finances.

• Suicide was discussed in 70% of crisis calls, and was the main safety issue in more than 90,000 calls.

• In about 120 calls per day the help seeker was considering suicide now or in the future. Lifeline Telephone Crisis Supporters made safe plans in more than 95 of these calls each day.

• Where age was disclosed, the highest numbers of crisis calls answered were from the 45-54 age group (30%), followed by the 35-44 age group (25%) and the 55-64 age group (23%).

• In more than 424,412 crisis calls, help seekers were provided with referrals to other support including mental health and e-mental health services.

• Calls focused on family and relationships (25%), mental health (19%), and issues around loneliness and self-confidence (19%).

Females made up 59% of crisis calls where gender was disclosed. This indicates that Lifeline is reaching a significant number of men; a group that many health and community organisations find hard to target.

In recent years, Lifeline has employed Crisis Supporters for both overnight and weekend shifts. This is because we recognise how difficult it can be for volunteers to undertake shifts at these times, especially for those with work and family commitments. In FY15, Lifeline Paid Shifts answered more than 170,000 calls.

This year in numbers

• 964,023 calls were made to 13 11 14 in FY15
• 821,804 calls were answered by Telephone Crisis Supporters, which is an increase of 33% from 2013/14, and 12% from 2014/15
• This equals a call answer rate of 85%
• Four years ago, our call answer rate was 61%
• 46,213 requests were made to the online Crisis Support Chat service in FY15
• 43,295 conversations were engaged in by our Online Crisis Supporters
• This equals a chat answer rate of about 94%
• Each day, more than 95 safe plans were made by Telephone Crisis Supporters for considering suicide now or in the future
Online Crisis Support Chat

Lifeline recognises that people often have different preferences for the way they access services. In 2011, demonstrating our innovation and leadership in the crisis support field, we translated the telephone crisis line into an online Crisis Support Chat service. This service is available every night, including Christmas Day, thanks to partnerships with a number of corporate supporters.

In FY15, there were 43,295 chats answered. Of these:

- Suicide was discussed in 68% of crisis chats.
- In about 33 chats per night, help seekers were considering suicide now or in the future. Lifeline’s Online Crisis Supporters made safe plans in more than 20 chats each day.
- 84% of help seekers were between 15 and 44 years of age, with the main group being 25-34 years of age (25%). This indicates that the service is providing a significant response to the highest risk age groups for suicide in Australia.
- Women made up 79% of contacts, men 20% and transgender / intersex 1%.
- More than 40% of chats were from people in regional and remote locations.

People helped through telephone and online services

Hot Spot Service

Lifeline reaches out to people at a number of suicide ‘hot spots’ across the country, promoting our 24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services at locations where suicides occur frequently.
In FY15, the Hot Spot Service received 5,661 calls.

Eight dedicated emergency crisis phones are located at two locations in Sydney and Brisbane, providing direct lines to Lifeline and 000. Hot Spot Service signs are also located in Sydney, Brisbane, Wollongong and Ballina at sites where suicides are known to occur.

Lifeline engages with stakeholders, including local government, police and emergency services, and communities in these areas for a collaborative approach to suicide prevention. Fencing and other infrastructure also supports the aim of reducing suicides.

As well as promoting Lifeline’s crisis support and suicide prevention services, the Hot Spot Service helps grow suicide-safe communities and encourage help seeking.

Cannabis Information and Helpline

The Cannabis Information and Helpline (CIH) is an initiative of the National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre at the University of NSW. The CIH provides evidence-based information for the general community, structured and therapeutic counselling intervention sessions for cannabis users, as well as a counselling support program for cannabis users or people impacted by another’s cannabis use. The service is operated from 11am to 8pm, Monday to Friday. In FY15, more than 1,650 calls were answered, with 86 cannabis assistance counselling hours provided.

Continuous improvement

Lifeline is at the forefront of suicide prevention and crisis support, and is committed to continuous improvement activities across our services and Centre support functions.

As demand for 13 11 14 continues to grow, we regularly plan for, and implement, projects to improve the quality and accessibility of the service. In FY15, we have focused on implementing the national Workforce Management System. In addition, we have commenced an externally evaluated call quality and supervision project to further support quality and consistency of service and ensure the wellbeing of our Crisis Supporters.

Lifeline Australia guides continuous improvement through the facilitation of sharing knowledge and information with and between Centres. Two national training and operation meetings took place in FY15, and more regular webinar and teleconferences provided the opportunity for Lifeline Australia and Centres to discuss issues and opportunities. This collaboration ensures we are providing the best possible service to help seekers across the country.

Our continuous improvement process ensures that help seeker feedback and developments in best practice are incorporated into our service delivery.

DV-alert

Lifeline Australia is contracted by the Department of Social Services to deliver domestic violence response training across Australia, with a focus on regional and rural areas. The DV-alert training program aims to ensure that incidents of domestic and family violence are identified and reported nationwide by upskilling health, allied health and frontline community workers.

During FY15, more than 2,200 people across all states and territories undertook DV-alert training. The program commenced in 2007 and has expanded into a number of streams including general, e-learning, Indigenous and multicultural.
our governance

Lifeline Australia Corporate Governance Framework

- External auditors
- External lawyers

INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE

BOARD

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Accountability

Delegation

Board Committees

- Governance in accordance with: Corporations Act 2001 (Cth); Australian Charities & Not for profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth); The Lifeline Australia Constitution; Lifeline Governance Charter; Board Governance Charter; and the ASX Corporate Governance Principles & Recommendations 2010
- Delegates specific responsibilities to the Committees and Management via the Board Charter
- Delegates specific authority to the CEO, who delegates authority to specific members of the Leadership Team
- Retains responsibility for a range of matters including providing strategic direction, CEO succession planning and appointment, budget setting and monitoring, and strategic risk management

BETTER CONNECTED LIFELINE
- Ad hoc committee established in February 2015
- Oversee and report to the Board on the Better Connected Lifeline Program

AUDIT & RISK
- Integrity of financial statements & reporting systems
- External auditors qualifications, performance, independence & fees
- Oversight & performance of the internal audit function
- Compliance with financial reporting & regulatory requirements
- Risk appetite, risk policy & risk management framework

GOVERNANCE
- Corporate governance (including Board meetings, governance & ethics matters & Member engagement)
- Nominations (including annual evaluation of Board performance & skills mix/needs)

FUNDING & SUSTAINABILITY
- Fundraising strategy & policy
- Government relations strategy & policy
- Sustainability strategy & policy

SERVICE
- Strategic service development
- Strategic workforce matters
- Service & quality impact/evaluation

External auditors

External lawyers

Integrity of financial statements & reporting systems

Oversight & performance of the internal audit function
Our approach to corporate governance

Lifeline Australia is governed in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (Cth), the Constitution of Lifeline Australia, Lifeline Governance Charter, and Board Governance Charter.

Our approach to corporate governance is based on a set of values and behaviours that underpin day-to-day activities, provide transparency and protect the interests of stakeholders. This approach includes a commitment to corporate governance excellence, which Lifeline sees as fundamental to its sustainability and performance.

Since 2011, Lifeline has used the *ASX Corporate Governance Principles & Recommendations 2010* as the foundation for its approach to corporate governance. The following table shows how Lifeline has applied these principles.
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<td><strong>1. Lay solid foundations for management and oversight</strong></td>
<td>The Board is comprised of 11 unpaid non-executive directors. Additionally, the board co-opts individuals with suitable expertise to its Board Committees to assist each Committee from time to time. The profiles for Lifeline Australia’s Directors and Co-opted Committee Members can be found at lifeline.org.au. The functions reserved for the Board and those delegated to Management are formally documented in the <em>Board Governance Charter, Director Letter of Appointment, and Instrument of Delegation</em>. These documents are reviewed regularly and are available at lifeline.org.au. Lifeline Australia’s senior executives are subject to Lifeline Australia’s Performance Review Policy, which includes a six-monthly and annual performance evaluation. As part of this process, position descriptions are reviewed and updated, with performance objectives for the forward period being set. In FY15, every senior executive was subject to performance review with the CEO. The CEO’s performance was reviewed by the Board.</td>
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| **2. Structure the Board to add value** | At 30 June 2015, the majority (6:5) of the Board were independent directors. The Board is committed to ensuring that Board-appointed Directors are independent. The Board is also committed to the following Board roles being filled by independent directors:  
- Chairman  
- Chair – Audit & Risk Committee  
- Chair – Governance Committee  
As outlined in the Board Governance Charter, Lifeline has a formal process in place to assess director independence. Although the Board strives to maintain independence in this regard, from time to time, the Board may temporarily waive these requirements having regard to the requirements and best interest of the organisation at that time. As at 30 June 2015, the status of director independence was as follows:  
| Mr John Brogden | Independent |  
| Dr Robyn Clough | Independent |  
| Mrs Annie Corlett | Non-independent |  
| Ms Libby Davies | Non-independent |  
| Mr Bob Gilkes | Non-independent |  
| Mr Geoff McClellan | Independent |  
| Mr Bruce Mansfield | Non-independent |  
| Ms Jacinta Munro | Independent |  
| Ms Sheryl Weil | Independent |  
| Ms Tessa Marshall | Independent |  
| Mr Brett Goodridge | Non-independent |  
| Brian Cammerman | Independent |  
There is also a procedure in place for directors to take independent professional advice at the expense of the company. The Board has delegated responsibility for nominations to the Governance Committee. On an annual basis, the Governance Committee undertakes a Board skills assessment and makes recommendations to the Board on any skills gaps. It is a requirement that vacancies are advertised nationally and that a competitive recruitment process is undertaken. The Board reviews its performance regularly using a combination of external and internal board effectiveness reviews. In FY15, Lifeline Australia resolved to engage PricewaterhouseCoopers to conduct a Board Effectiveness Review during the first part of FY16. The review is currently underway. Additionally, the Board is committed to ensuring Board diversity. Lifeline’s website discloses the Board’s objectives for achieving gender diversity. The Annual Report provides information on the proportion of women employees in the organisation, women in senior executive positions and women on the Board. |
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<td>3. Promote ethical and responsible decision making</td>
<td>Lifeline Australia has in place <em>Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest</em> and Diversity policies. Each director is required to adhere to the <em>Lifeline Australia Ethical Guidelines for the Board</em> (available online).</td>
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<td>4. Safeguard integrity in financial reporting</td>
<td>The Board is supported by a largely independent Audit &amp; Risk Committee. The Committee consists of four non-executive Committee members, is chaired by a non-executive director, who is not Chair of the Board, and consists of a majority of independent Committee members. The Committee has formal charter, which is available in the <em>Board Governance Charter</em> on our website.</td>
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<td>5. Make timely and balanced disclosure</td>
<td>Lifeline Australia makes extensive public disclosures concerning its activities, policies, practices, audited financial statements, service performance, and director information on our website and in the Annual Report.</td>
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<td>6. Respect the rights of shareholders</td>
<td>Lifeline Australia has in place a comprehensive annual program of engagement aimed at promoting effective communication with Members and other stakeholders. This includes updates to the Boards, CEOs and operational staff of our Member organisations, and consultations with Member organisations to review policy, service practice, training and governance. In addition, Lifeline runs a half-yearly Member’s Forum where Board Chairs and their CEOs come together with the Lifeline Australia Board and management team to discuss strategic matters.</td>
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<td>7. Recognise and manage risk</td>
<td>Lifeline Australia has in place a comprehensive <em>Risk Management Policy</em> and maintains strategic and operational risk management plans aligned with ISO31000. The Audit &amp; Risk Committee has oversight of risk matters and the Board regularly reviews strategic risks. Management has designed and implemented an effective risk management and internal control system to manage Lifeline’s material business risks and reports to the Audit &amp; Risk Committee and Board on how those risks are being managed. The CEO and CFO provide an annual declaration that the financial statements have been properly maintained in accordance with the <em>Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012</em> (Cth).</td>
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<td>8. Remunerate fairly and responsibly</td>
<td>The Governance Committee has oversight of management and staff remuneration. The Governance Committee is chaired by an independent chair and has four Committee members. The Board is comprised of non-executive directors who are unpaid; Director expenses are disclosed on the following page.</td>
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Reimbursements to Lifeline Directors during FY15

Lifeline Australia’s Board Members are not paid for their services, so out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the services of Lifeline, and the community, are compensated. Expenses mainly consist of travel and accommodation for meetings.

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Compliance

Quality management

In late FY14, Lifeline Australia commenced a review of its Quality Framework. It is anticipated that Lifeline Australia, along with several Member organisations, will work towards the achievement of Quality Improvement & Community Services Accreditation certification during FY16.

Information security

Privacy and confidentiality of data and information is a critical concern for all organisations. Lifeline requires security controls that provide an appropriate level of protection to guard this private and confidential information, while still providing its essential national services to the help seeker. As part of our proactive approach to information security, Lifeline regularly reviews its security and engages independent experts to test its controls.

Registered training organisation

Lifeline is committed to quality services and this requires quality training. As a registered training organisation (RTO) we ensure we comply with the conditions of our registration as described within the National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011 (Cth), the National VET Regulations (NRV) Standards and those imposed by the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA).

Fundraising

Lifeline is endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR), adhering to all ATO and Not-for-profit Commission regulations to ensure compliance and retain DGR status. Lifeline complies with all relevant national, state and territory fundraising regulations. Where required, Lifeline holds valid charitable fundraising licences and permits in all states and territories.

Regulatory environment

Lifeline Australia’s compliance obligations continue to be driven by state and territory legislation, in addition to compliance with Federal legislation and regulations.

“Thank you. I never thought I’d need this service but it probably saved me from suicide.”
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The role of Lifeline Australia is to implement the organisation’s strategic framework. We achieve this through the management of Lifeline’s national services, including quality assurance and maintenance of service standards. We also undertake the accreditation of Centres and the operation of a national call network to support our national crisis support services.

Our employees

We recognise that achieving our vision of an Australia free of suicide can only be realised through the talent and commitment of our employees.

Nationally, Lifeline has around 1000 employees, with the majority of these working in one of our 41 Centres.

Lifeline Australia employed an average of 44 FTE during FY15. Throughout FY15, the team was led by former CEO Jane Hayden and a leadership group that worked to provide a clear, coherent direction for our services, managing risk and harnessing the passion and commitment of employees and supporters; in short, to turn our vision into a reality.

More information on our CEO and the leadership team can be found at lifeline.org.au.
Diversity

Lifeline Australia continued to demonstrate its strong commitment to diversity and inclusion in the workplace through a variety of strategies. Many employees engaged in using flexible work options to meet both personal and work commitments. Working from home arrangements were used by a great portion of the organisation by either leveraging this opportunity on a full time, regular or ad hoc basis. Accessing the leave provisions offered by Lifeline Australia which are above the standard entitlements offered within the National Employment Standards and Award provisions was also pursued throughout the year. Examples of leave provisions accessed by employees were additional leave via the annual leave purchasing scheme; paid maternity and paternity leave; and generous compassionate leave conditions.

Gender figures

Women on Board – 48%
Women employees at Lifeline Australia – 70%
Women in executive roles – 62%
Women in management roles – 70%

Professional development at Lifeline Australia

During the year, employees pursued a variety of professional development opportunities:

• Presenting on Lifeline and suicide prevention at national and international forums.
• Attending LivingWorks Applied Suicide Intervention Training (ASIST).
• Executive coaching.
• Maintaining professional memberships.
• Tertiary education qualifications from certificate to post graduate levels.
• Participation in training courses, workshops and conferences.
• Attending internally delivered management training and PRINCE2 certification.

Work health and safety

The focus and importance of Work Health and Safety (WHS) for Lifeline is cemented within our strategic foundation of promoting emotional wellbeing. In FY15, the pursuit of activities that support this for our employees continued. Mandatory compliance training on both obligations and the practicalities relating to WHS are completed upon all employee commencements. We maintained our offerings of free flu vaccinations for all employees and the provision of an Employee Assistance Program for employees and their family members. Lifeline Australia also introduced a Wellness Program including a multi-layered approach to supporting employee wellbeing in both their personal and professional lives. Strategies included the provision of healthy snacks; group exercise and mindfulness activities; and ‘health stations’ offering information on a range of wellbeing matters.
Employee satisfaction

Lifeline Australia conducts an annual Climate Survey to measure employee satisfaction and engagement and to solicit ideas and recommendations on what our people expect from the organisation as an employer. The FY15 Climate Survey has helped redefine our workplace culture. Significant steps in this cultural change have been realised with the finalisation of collectively designed cultural attributes. At Lifeline Australia, our values and ways of working are underpinned by: passion, transparency, accountability, respect, innovation and fun. Strategies for embedding these values are planned and will be implemented over the coming year.

The results of the FY15 Climate Survey continued to indicate high levels of employee commitment to Lifeline, with 85% of employees agreeing that they are proud to work for the organisation; 80% that they are often motivated to make a greater effort and achieve more than they need to; and 72% that their work gives them a sense of personal enjoyment and is more than just a job. The narrative provided by employees in the Climate Survey on what motivates them is mirrored in other employee voice mechanisms such as exit interviews and other feedback avenues. These narratives include:

• Employee belief and commitment in achieving Lifeline’s vision and purpose, and a sense of pride in contributing to savings lives.

• Strong and supportive working relationships that foster a collaborative culture.

• Employing great people who are skilled, passionate and committed to serving those in crisis.

• Support for professional development.

Our volunteers

Lifeline’s crisis support and suicide prevention services are only made possible due to the passion and dedication of volunteers across the country. Our volunteers contribute significantly through direct service delivery, advocacy and awareness-raising, office and administration support and retail and fundraising to sustain our services.

Lifeline’s Volunteer Engagement Strategy is designed to support, engage, recognise and reward about 11,000 volunteers who work in our Centres throughout Australia. This year, we have commenced a project to improve the recruitment processes for our volunteers. In addition, our national volunteer feedback survey was conducted to continue to inform the improvement process.

We also continue to recognise the enormous contribution of both staff and volunteers across our Lifeline family. The Golden Wattle Award is presented to long serving staff and volunteers who have given more than 15 years’ service to Lifeline. In FY15, there were a total of 82 awards presented.

The Opal of Honour Award is presented to long serving staff and volunteers upon retirement after 20 or more years’ of service. In FY15, there were 36 awards presented.
Our sector partners and stakeholders

While Lifeline works to ensure no suicidal person is left alone, we recognise that we cannot do this in isolation and are committed to a whole-of-community approach to suicide prevention.

Working with partners and stakeholders is vital to the delivery of our purpose and, to best support individuals, families and communities, we seek partnerships based on shared values and objectives. Our partners include community-based networks, industry associations, workplace and occupation-based organisations, non-government organisations, academic institutions, government agencies and private companies.

Lifeline is one of more than 20 member organisations that make up the National Coalition for Suicide Prevention, which was formed with the support of Suicide Prevention Australia. The Coalition is establishing collaborative models for suicide prevention and has set a target for halving the number of suicide deaths in Australia in 10 years.

Lifeline is also a member of Mental Health Australia, the Community Council of Australia and the national peak association, Suicide Prevention Australia.

In responding to Australians in crisis, we are grateful to work with both federal and state governments to help deliver our purpose of supporting people in crisis.

We work cooperatively with other helplines in Australia and with e-mental health services that offer online and technology-enabled services. In particular, Lifeline promotes Australian Government funded services under the national eMental Health Strategy, such as the website MindHealthConnect and Mind Spot – the virtual clinic.

Our community awareness work in the suicide prevention area is undertaken through our own campaigns, and our partnership with the Mindframe National Media Initiative – encouraging responsible representation of mental illness and suicide in the Australian media. Lifeline also supports R U OK? in the promotion of positive conversations, and each year undertakes specific campaigns for World Suicide Prevention Day and World Mental Health Week.

In FY15, Lifeline Australia was an active member of:

- Suicide Prevention Australia
- Community Council of Australia
- Mental Health Council of Australia
The Lifeline Research Foundation was established in 2011 to perform a variety of research, advocacy and policy work to contribute to the evidence base surrounding crisis intervention and suicide prevention. In doing so, it works to translate research findings for the continual improvement of Lifeline services.

The Foundation undertakes its work through academic research partnerships and the engagement of experts in evaluation and service performance measurement.

To facilitate the dissemination of research knowledge and its translation to service and program development, the Foundation has presented at a number of conferences this year, ensuring that crisis support and suicide prevention remain engaged in the professional dialogue in Australia. These include:

- Hunter/New England Local Health District GP Mental Health Forum
- South East Sydney Medicare Local Mental Health Forum
- World Suicide Prevention Day Forum – Australian Institute for Suicide Research and Prevention
- Police and Mental Health Conference
- Mates in Construction Mental Health Conference
- Mental Health and the Workplace Conference
- National Online and Telephone Support Services Interagency Group
- Riverina Suicide Prevention Networks Forum
- National Suicide Prevention Conference, Suicide Prevention Australia
- International Association for Suicide Prevention Congress in Montreal – Helplines Symposia

A 12-member Expert Advisory Group assists the work of the Lifeline Research Foundation. The Group’s Chair is Emeritus Professor Beverley Raphael AM.

Research activities

Major research and evaluation by the Lifeline Research Foundation this year has included:

- Research on frequent callers to Lifeline 13 11 14
- The Lifeline Caller Research Project
- Research to develop and validate a Crisis Support Skills Scale to reliably measure the proficiency of crisis supporters
- safeTALK in Schools Research Project
Evaluation activities

The following evaluation activities have generated knowledge to improve Lifeline services:

- Evaluation by Westwood Spice examining the impact of a new training course for telephone crisis supporters and its impact on skills and overall capability of trainees to deliver Lifeline’s 13 11 14 service.

- Evaluation by Roberts Evaluation examining the MTAA-funded Read the Signs program that provides workshops and materials on suicide prevention and personal wellbeing for workers in the motor trades industry.

- Evaluation by KPMG examining the NSW Health Grant to Lifeline 13 11 14, measuring the improvements in service capacity and performance achieved by this funding in Lifeline Centres in NSW.

Advocacy and policy

The Lifeline Research Foundation has contributed to public policy development by supporting the following:

- National Mental Health Commission Review
- Mental Health Australia
- NSW Mental Health Commission
- Northern Territory Action Plan on Suicide Prevention
- Human Rights Commission - National Children’s Commissioner Inquiry into Intentional Self-harm and Suicidal Behaviour in Children
- The Suicide Prevention Australia response to the World Health Organisation Report on Suicide
- National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-22

As an active participant in the National Coalition for Suicide Prevention, Lifeline Australia has provided research evidence, policy advice and service program insights towards the development of improved suicide prevention strategy in Australia.

The Executive Director of the Lifeline Research Foundation, Alan Woodward, is a Board Director for Suicide Prevention Australia, a member of the R U OK? Scientific Committee and sits on several committees and strategy groups relevant to crisis support and suicide prevention. He is coordinator of the Special Interest Group on Helplines for the International Association for Suicide Prevention.

Information on the Lifeline Research Foundation can be found in the Lifeline Research Report 2014 available at lifeline.org.au.

“The lady I spoke to saved my life!”
Sustain our services

Sustainability of our services is an identified strategic priority for our organisation in order to be able to continue to provide our lifesaving services to Australians in crisis.

Lifeline Australia focuses on key areas to sustain our services: individual and regular giving; gifts in wills; community and peer-to-peer fundraising; corporate relations; workplace giving; philanthropic trusts and foundations. Through these areas of activity, we work to strengthen our relationships with our supporters, corporate and philanthropic partners, as well as to provide meaningful opportunities for community and corporate engagement.

Commitment to building our retail operations

Social enterprise is the single largest revenue stream for Lifeline, and the biggest contributor to our strategic priority of sustaining our services. Lifeline Centres run more than 250 retail outlets across the country, selling a range of donated goods.

“I was down enough to call Lifeline and the guy just listened and asked questions and offered support. After I hung up I was feeling so much better.”
Lifeline continues to work in tandem and partnership with the government, media and communities to advocate on behalf of Lifeline and importantly, the communities we serve.

Partnering with government

By working closely with governments across the country, Lifeline can ensure we maintain a high level of engagement on suicide prevention at a federal and state level.

We are also grateful to the Australian Government, who continued to provide free calls from mobile phones to our 13 11 14 crisis line.
Highlights

Our financial position has improved steadily over the last five years with retained surpluses now totalling $5.81 million. Building our reserves is a crucial part of our sustainability, assisting to mitigate potential future funding shortfalls. The FY15 surplus of $0.81 million (up 139% on FY14 results) has assisted in this endeavour.

As compared with FY14, total revenue in FY15 increased by $1.08 million (5%). This reflects the growth in our donations (22%) achieved through the sustained continuation of a range of fundraising activities; particularly events such as Liptember, Black Dog Ride and community fun run initiatives. Individual Major Gifts was also a significant contributor to the increase ($0.37 million). This increased funding has directly enabled us to increase our reach and diversify our service stream to connect with more help seekers.

Grant funding increased by 5% on FY14, predominantly as a result of philanthropic funding to support our structural reform program. We were also successful in our tender to the Department of Social Security, this has provided impetus to the Financial Counselling program.

Total expenditure excluding in-kind donation support amounted to $21.43 million in FY15 as compared with $20.81 million in FY14; a $0.62 million increase (3%). This growth is largely attributable to the increased funds directed to the Lifeline Centres throughout Australia (FY15 payments amounted to $9.16 million; a 22% increase on FY14 payments). These payments under sub-contract recognise the core work undertaken at Centres in providing the paid overnight, weekend and online Crisis Support Chat services, as well as the delivery of programs such as the domestic violence response training, DV-alert.

Cost containment continues to be at the forefront; strategies to reduce consultants, subcontractors and IT costs have been successful in reducing this expense stream from $4.13 million in FY14 to $3.09 million in FY15; a 25% reduction. Of this decrease, $0.30 million reflects changes to the DV-alert training program administrative business model. These savings were fully directed to the Centres enabling further outreach into the community and to our help seekers.

As compared with FY14, marketing and communications costs dropped by 42% ($0.29 million). FY14 costs included $0.18 million in training materials necessary for the delivery of the DV-alert program, and to facilitate RTO requirements.

Other administrative costs increased by $0.07 million (9%) during the period under review. This reflects increasing legal costs associated with the protection of our trademark. $0.02 million also relates to increased expenditure in growing and developing staff capabilities; an investment that we foresee returning dividends into the future.
**Government funding agreements**

Funding has been secured for the next 12 months as follows:

- COAG telephone counselling, self-help and web-based support programs - **$9.89m**
- Domestic Violence Response Training - **$4.10m**
- NSW Department of Health Grants - **$2.91m**
- Commonwealth Financial Counselling and Financial Capability Grant - **$0.44m**
- Victorian Government Grant - **$0.05m**

Funding has been secured for the next six months as follows:

- Health System Capacity Development Fund - **$0.10m**

Excluding the Health System Capacity Development Fund that expires in December 2015, and the Commonwealth Financial Counselling and Financial Capability Grant that commenced in March 2015, these amounts are largely consistent with the grants received in the financial year ending 30 June 2015. All grants, excluding the NSW Department of Health Grant and the Commonwealth Financial Counselling and Financial Capability Grant, will require renegotiation for the FY17 year.

**Cost ratios**

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<td>Cost of fundraising ratio</td>
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<td>75%</td>
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The program expenditure ratio is the total amount spent on our service programs, including crisis support services, governance and support for our members, and research and advocacy, expressed as a percentage of total expenditure.

The cost of fundraising ratio is the total amount spent on public fundraising expressed as a percentage of revenue from individual, community and corporate sectors. It excludes funding and costs related to grant and contract funded programs.

The cost of administration ratio is the total amount spent on administration and accountability expressed as a percentage of total expenditure.
### Five-year financial results at a glance

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<td>985,719</td>
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<td><strong>Surplus</strong></td>
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<td>784,659</td>
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### Where the Money Comes From

- **Government grants** (64%)
- **Community support** (19%)
- **Corporate support** (10%)
- **Other income** (7%)

### Where the Money Goes

- **Service support** (83%)
- **Fundraising and promotions** (12%)
- **Administration** (5%)

### Where the Money is Spent on Service Support

- **13 11 14 service** (62%)
- **Online Crisis Support Chat Service** (7%)
- **Helplines** (3%)
- **Other services - community engagement, advocacy and retail** (15%)
- **Governance** (6%)
- **Better Connected Lifeline** (5%)
- **Lifeline Research Foundation** (2%)
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for the financial year ended 30 June 2015

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DIRECTORS’ REPORT

Your directors present this report on the company for the financial year ended 30 June 2015.

DIRECTORS

The names of each person who has been a director during the year and to the date of this report are:

- Mr John Brogden AM  Mr Brian Cammerman (to 7/11/2014)
- Dr Robyn Clough  Ms Annie Corlett
- Ms Libby Davis  Mr Grant Foster (from 20/07/2015)
- Mr Robert Gilkes  Mr Brett Goodridge (to 5/07/2015)
- Mr Geoffrey McClellan  Mr Bruce Mansfield
- Ms Tessa Marshall  Ms Jacinta Munro
- Ms Sheryl Weil

INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS

Mr John Brogden AM
Chairman
(Director since 02/11/2012)
Director qualifications: MPA; FAICD

Experience: John is the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD). John is the Chairman of UrbanGrowth NSW and Chairman of Furlough House Retirement Village. John is also the Patron of Kookaburra Kids, Sailability Pittwater, Bilgola Surf Lifesaving Club and Avalon Beach Surf Lifesaving Club. From 1996 to 2005 John was the Member for Pittwater in the NSW Parliament and was Leader of the Opposition from 2002 to 2005. In January 2014, John was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to the community through representational roles with social welfare organisations, particularly Lifeline, to the business and financial sectors and to the Parliament of New South Wales.

Dr Robyn Clough
Deputy Chair
(Director since 05/11/2011)
Director qualifications: PhD (Usyd): BA (Hons); AIMM

Experience: Robyn was elected to the Board in November 2011. She was a director of the Board of Lifeline Canberra from 2005 to 2011 and Board President from 2009. Robyn also worked as a Telephone Crisis Supporter for five years. Robyn has extensive experience in research and project development across the public, community and private sectors.
Mr Brian Cammerman  
(Director since 27/05/2014 to 07/11/2014)  
Director qualifications: BComm (Hons)  
Experience: Brian has an impressive background in general management, finance and consulting with specialist skills in business process redesign, productivity improvement, benchmarking, management information systems as well as organisational and operational reviews. In his 35 years of experience in commerce and consulting, Brian has worked in the tertiary, retail, travel, logistics, property and not-for-profit areas. In the past 20 years, he has provided consulting services to many of the large NFPs in Australia, covering areas such as aged care, recycled op shops, drug and alcohol as well as financial management information systems and organisational and operational reviews. Brian is currently the Director of Monash Retail & Print Services.

Ms Annie Corlett  
(Director since 05/11/2011)  
Director qualifications: BEc (Sydney), MAICD  
Experience: Annie has extensive business experience as Company Secretary and Executive Director of publicly listed mining companies. Annie is currently the President of the University of Sydney Alumni Council, the university’s peak alumni body. Annie is also a member of the External Advisory Committee for the Department of Government and International Relations at the University of Sydney. She is also an accredited Lifeline Telephone Crisis Supporter, Facilitator and In-shift supervisor.

Ms Libby Davies  
(Director since 29/11/2013)  
Director Qualifications: BA, Dip. Ed. MAICD  
Experience: CEO, White Ribbon Australia. Libby has held executive and advisory positions in education, social policy and community services and chief executive positions, including CEO for Family Services Australia and National Director, UnitingCare Australia. She was the immediate past Chair of the Board of UnitingCare NSW/ACT, has served on a variety of advisory, ministerial and organisational boards including the House with No Steps and The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. Libby is a member of the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Council.

Mr Grant Foster  
(Director since – 20/07/2015)  
Director qualifications: MBA, MAICD  
Experience: Grant Foster was appointed to the Board in July 2015. Grant is one of the founding directors of strategic consultancy Ellis Foster McVeigh and an Adjunct Member of The Australian Graduate School of Management (UNSW). He has held senior marketing roles in Australia, the US and European-listed technology businesses and is one of Australia’s leading consultants in business and brand strategy, working with clients in Australia, New Zealand, Asia and United Kingdom. Grant has an MBA from Bond University, has completed the Executive Program at Stanford University and is a member of the AICD.
Mr Robert Gilkes  
(Director since 05/11/2011)
Experience: Robert is the Executive Director of UnitingCare Communities. Robert has 28 years of experience in the disability, aged care and community services sector. He is the former Director of Organisational Development and Regional Director for Blue Care and has also worked for Health and Human Services as Director of Child, Youth and Family Support as well as other executive roles within the Tasmanian Government.

Mr Brett Goodridge  
(Director since 06/11/2010 to 05/07/2015)
Director qualifications: Tertiary studies in business, finance and administration; AICD
Experience: Brett has over 35 years of commercial experience at senior management levels in both the private and public sectors. His areas of expertise include the financial, legal, and accounting professional services industries.

Mr Geoffrey McClellan  
(Director since 17/10/2011)
Director qualifications: BEc (Sydney); LLB (Sydney)
Experience: Geoffrey has over 30 years experience as a commercial lawyer and has been Chairman of the board of a major Australian Law firm for six years and board member for an additional five years. He has also been a board member Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration for three years.

Mr Bruce Mansfield  
(Director since 19/04/2013)
Director qualifications: BCom, MAICD, Ffin.
Experience: Bruce is currently the Managing Director of eftpos Payments Australia Limited – a business that processes over 2.4 million payment transactions representing $130 billion annually. Bruce has substantial board experience in the corporate, industry and NFP sectors, most notably on Save the Children Australia Limited Board, Tourism Task Force Advisory Board and Australian Payments Council.
Ms. Tessa Marshall  
(Director since 07/11/2014)  
Director qualifications: BEd, GradDip (Marketing), GradDip (Counselling and Psychotherapy)

Experience: Tessa is a Professional Coach, Facilitator and Counsellor. Tessa joined the Board of Lifeline Harbour to Hawkesbury nine years ago and currently chairs the Board Human Resources Committee. Tessa has also volunteered as a TCS at Lifeline Harbour to Hawkesbury prior to this. She currently volunteers as a face-to-face counsellor and co-facilitates suicide bereavement support groups. She is a clinical member of the Australian Human Resources Institute, Counsellors and Psychotherapists Association of NSW, and the Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia. Tessa is also an accredited facilitator for Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, MLQ360 and Certificate IV Training and Assessment. Tessa runs her own business, Marshall Coaching Group, which has been operating for 15 years, specialising in leadership development, coaching and training for corporate clients and career and personal counselling for private clinical clients. She is responsible for personally delivering many of the services, for driving overall business growth and for the senior account management of key clients.

Ms. Jacinta Munro  
(Director since 16/04/2013)  
Director qualifications: BBus (Accounting), CA, GAICD

Experience: Jacinta is a Chartered Accountant with 25 years' experience with KPMG, and over 10 years as Partner. Jacinta currently has the dual role of Partner responsible for Regulatory Compliance and Sector Leader for Wealth Management. Her experience spans audit, governance, compliance and risk advisory services and she has extensive experience working with Boards. She is a graduate and member of the AICD, and is a key figure in the investment management industry in Melbourne.

Ms Sheryl Weil  
(Director since 29/11/2013)  
Director qualifications: GAICD

Experience: Sheryl is an Executive Director at Macquarie Bank Ltd. and holds the role of Head of Service and Operations for the Banking and Financial Services Division. Sheryl has substantial and in depth-experience within the financial services sector and, in particular, with back office operations and client service provision. Sheryl is also a longstanding board member of the Macquarie Group Foundation and is on the board of directors for Schizophrenia Research Institute.
BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Board Chair – Mr John Brogden AM (from 02/11/2012)

Board Deputy Chair – Dr Robyn Clough (from 29/11/2013)

Audit and Risk Committee
Chair – Mr Bruce Mansfield (from 19/04/2013)
Membership – Ms Jacinta Munro (from 16/04/2013), Mr Brett Goodridge (from 13/12/2013 to 23/02/2015), Mr Samuel Hinchcliffe (from 22/04/2015), Ms Tessa Marshall (from 20/07/2015), Ms Teresa Dyson (co-opted from 23/04/2013)

Governance and Remuneration Committee
Chair – Mr Geoffrey McClelland (from 6/07/2012)
Membership – Mr Robert Gilkes (from 16/12/2011), Ms Libby Davies (from 29/11/2013) and Ms Lindy Tallis (co-opted from 29/01/2013)

Funding and Sustainability Committee
Chair – Mr Brett Goodridge (from 6/11/2010 to 5/07/2015), Ms Annie Corlett (from 20/07/2015)
Membership – Mrs Annie Corlett (from 16/12/2011), Mr Brian Cammerman (from 27/05/2014 to 7/11/2014 and previously an independent advisor to the Committee from 9/01/2014 to 27/05/2014), Mr Grant Foster (from 20/07/2015), Ms Kate Brown (Co-opted from 12/03/2014), Mr Taine Mouffarige (Co-opted from 19/03/2014), Ms Eve Brown (Co-opted from 04/01/2015)

Services Committee
Chair – Mrs Annie Corlett (from 1/02/2013 to 20/07/2015), Ms Sheryl Weil (from 20/07/2015)
Membership – Dr Robyn Clough (1/02/2013), Ms Sheryl Weil (from 29/11/2013), Mr Geoffrey Robinson (co-opted from 13/02/2013)

Better Connected Lifeline Committee
Chair – Ms Jacinta Munro (from 23/02/2015)
Membership – Mr Geoffrey McClellan (from 23/02/2015), Ms Tessa Marshall (from 23/02/2015)

MEMBERS
As at 30 June 2015, there were 22 members of Lifeline Australia (2014: 23). If the company was wound up, each member would be required to contribute $2.
Our vision | An Australia free of suicide
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Our purpose | To support Australians in times of crisis and equip individuals and communities to be resilient and suicide-safe
Our strategic foundations | Provide crisis support services 24/7 that help change the focus in people's lives from crisis to opportunity | Promote emotional wellbeing | Build community capacity
Our services | 13 11 14<br>Online services<br>Community information services<br>Crisis support services | Pathfinder to services<br>Promoting emotional health and wellbeing<br>Promoting volunteering<br>Advocacy | Lifeline learning<br>Community education<br>Education of other agencies and professional groups
Our strategic priorities | Refocus service provision on suicide prevention through crisis support and connection | Ensure our roles, relationships and governance support our purpose | Sustain our services | Influence and advocate | Measure our impact

The strategic framework outlined above was developed for the three years to 2014. Lifeline Australia is currently focussing on our key strategic project, the Better Connected Lifeline program (BCL), which has strategic implications at both a national and local level. The strategic framework will be revisited for discussion with Members in 2016, subject to the outcomes of BCL-related Member discussions at the 2015 Annual General Meeting.
PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND ALIGNMENT WITH OBJECTIVES

Lifeline Australia is a company limited by guarantee with 22 Members. Lifeline Australia accredits Member organisations to provide national Lifeline services, which are presently telephone crisis support, suicide prevention programs and the Lifeline Information Service.

Lifeline Australia provides service infrastructure and support to Member organisations in the operation of national Lifeline services, especially through the provision of virtual contact centre technology.

Lifeline Australia raises funds to support its operations, service provision by Members and represents the needs and interests of its Members in contributions to public policy and development of effective services in Australia to promote emotional wellbeing.

Lifeline Australia has responsibility for the protection and management of the Lifeline trade marks on behalf of its Members and undertakes national marketing and fundraising activities to foster financial support for national services and to promote the work of its Members in the general community.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Lifeline Australia measures and reports on both financial and non-financial data to the Board. The financial reports indicate performance against budgets and viability of the organisation. The non-financial measures include information on national service performance, progress on strategic projects, work health and safety, statutory and regulatory obligations, compliance matters and human resource matters.

OPERATING RESULT

The net result of operations of Lifeline Australia for the year ended 30 June 2015 was an operating surplus of $813,102 (2014: $339,688).

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STATE OF AFFAIRS

No significant changes in the company's state of affairs occurred during the financial year.

DIVIDENDS PAID OR RECOMMENDED

The company is limited by guarantee and is prohibited by its objects from distributing its surplus to its Members. Accordingly no dividend has been paid or declared for the year by the company since the end of the previous financial year and up to the date of this report.
AFTER BALANCE DATE EVENTS
No matters have occurred subsequent to balance date that require disclosure.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS
The company expects to maintain the present status and level of operations while the structure of the company is being reviewed, via the Better Connected Lifeline (BCL) project, to determine how best to configure Lifeline into the future.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES
The company's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under Commonwealth, or territory law.
MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

During the financial year, eight meetings of directors were held. Attendance by each director was as follows:

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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
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<td>Mr John Brogden AM</td>
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<td>Dr Robyn Clough</td>
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<td>Ms Annie Corlett</td>
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<td>Mr Robert Gilkes</td>
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<td>Mr Brett Goodridge</td>
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<td>Mr Geoffrey McClellan</td>
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<td>Mr Bruce Mansfield</td>
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<td>Ms Tessa Marshall</td>
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<td>Ms Jacinta Munro</td>
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<td>Ms Sheryl Weil</td>
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* For the avoidance of doubt, Ms Marshall was an apology but was unable to attend the meeting held on 7 November 2014 due to insufficient notice as she was elected at the AGM held on 7 November 2014 immediately prior to the Board meeting.

INDEMNIFICATION OF AUDITORS AND OFFICERS

The company has not, during or since the financial year, in respect of any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the company or a related body corporate, indemnified or made any relevant agreement for indemnifying against a liability, including costs and expenses in successfully defending legal proceedings.

During the financial year, Lifeline Australia paid premiums to insure the directors and officers. The confidentiality provisions of the policy prevent the disclosure of the premiums paid and the nature of the cover provided.
AUDITORS INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration in accordance with Section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 for the year ended 30 June 2015 has been received and is set out on the following page.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

[Signature]

John Brogden
Director

[Signature]

Bruce Mansfield
Director

Dated this 2nd day of October 2015
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF LIFELINE AUSTRALIA


We have audited the accompanying concise financial report of Lifeline Australia (the company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2015, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and related notes, derived from the audited financial report of Lifeline Australia for the year ended 30 June 2015. The concise financial report does not contain all of the disclosures required by the Australian Accounting Standards and accordingly, reading the concise financial report is not a substitute for reading the audited financial report.

Director's Responsibility

The directors are responsible for the preparation of the concise financial report in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 1039 Concise Financial Reports and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the concise financial report.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the concise financial report based on our procedures which were conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard ASA 810 Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements. We have conducted an independent audit, in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, of the financial report of the company for the year ended 30 June 2015. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on that financial report in our report dated 8 October 2016. The Australian Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report for the year is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the concise financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the concise financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity’s preparation of the concise financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Our procedures included testing that the information in the concise financial report is derived from, and is consistent with, the financial report for the year, and examination on a test basis, of audit evidence supporting the amounts, discussion and analysis, and other disclosures which were not directly derived from the financial report for the year. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the concise financial report complies with AASB 1039 Concise Financial Reports and whether the discussion and analysis complies with the requirements laid down in AASB 1039 Concise Financial Reports.
We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, provided to the Board of the company, would be in the same terms if provided to the Board as at the time of this auditor's report.

Opinion

In our opinion, the concise financial report of Lifeline Australia for the year ended 30 June 2015:

i. is consistent with the full annual financial statements of the company that have been audited by us and in respect of which we have issued an independent audit report dated 8 October 2015 that was not subject to any qualification; and

ii. complies with Accounting Standard AASB 1039: Concise Financial Reports.

Eric Hummer
Director
Moore Stephens

Dated at Canberra: 8 October 2015
AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
TO THE DIRECTORS OF LIFELINE AUSTRALIA

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2015 there have been no contraventions of:

1. the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 in relation to the audit; and

2. any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Eric Hummer
Director
Moore Stephens

Dated at Canberra: 29 September 2015
DIRECTORS’ DECLARATION

The Directors of the Company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth) and:

   (a) Comply with Accounting Standards; and

   (b) Give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2015 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the Company.

2. In the Directors’ opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

John Brogden
Director

Bruce Mansfield
Director

Dated this 2nd day of October 2015
STATEMENT OF
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

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<td><strong>Revenue</strong></td>
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<td>Operating activities:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Grants</td>
<td>15,459,161</td>
<td>14,662,393</td>
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<td>Corporate sponsorships</td>
<td>1,054,236</td>
<td>1,372,695</td>
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<td>Donations and bequests</td>
<td>4,171,855</td>
<td>3,419,196</td>
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<td>Sale of services</td>
<td>589,075</td>
<td>698,793</td>
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<td>Sale of merchandise</td>
<td>6,920</td>
<td>24,304</td>
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<td>Resources received free of charge</td>
<td>470,027</td>
<td>496,752</td>
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<td><strong>Total income</strong></td>
<td>21,751,274</td>
<td>20,674,133</td>
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<td>Other revenue:</td>
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<td>Affiliation Fees</td>
<td>447,960</td>
<td>419,541</td>
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<td>Interest</td>
<td>249,520</td>
<td>231,890</td>
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<td>Other revenue</td>
<td>271,270</td>
<td>350,868</td>
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<td><strong>Other gains/(losses)</strong></td>
<td>(70)</td>
<td>(27,415)</td>
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<td><strong>Total income</strong></td>
<td>22,719,954</td>
<td>21,649,017</td>
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<td>Purchase of goods for resale</td>
<td>(5,970)</td>
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<td><strong>Gross operating surplus for the year</strong></td>
<td>22,713,984</td>
<td>21,649,017</td>
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<td><strong>Expenses</strong></td>
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<td>Employee benefits expenses</td>
<td>(5,418,096)</td>
<td>(5,030,121)</td>
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<td>Consultants, subcontractors and IT costs</td>
<td>(3,086,903)</td>
<td>(4,129,160)</td>
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<td>Depreciation and amortisation</td>
<td>(388,149)</td>
<td>(425,162)</td>
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<td>Interest expense</td>
<td>(2,273)</td>
<td>(3,933)</td>
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<td>Bad and doubtful debts expense</td>
<td>(283,370)</td>
<td>(319,200)</td>
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<td>Occupancy costs</td>
<td>(413,349)</td>
<td>(706,915)</td>
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<td>Marketing and communications</td>
<td>(699,614)</td>
<td>(754,741)</td>
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<td>Meeting and travel costs</td>
<td>(817,957)</td>
<td>(747,102)</td>
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<td>Other administrative costs</td>
<td>(9,157,888)</td>
<td>(7,507,708)</td>
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<td>Payments to Lifeline Centres</td>
<td>(1,633,283)</td>
<td>(1,685,246)</td>
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<td><strong>Total expenses</strong></td>
<td>(21,900,882)</td>
<td>(21,309,329)</td>
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<td><strong>Net current year surplus</strong></td>
<td>813,102</td>
<td>339,688</td>
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<td><strong>Other comprehensive income</strong></td>
<td>-</td>
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<td><strong>Total comprehensive income for the year</strong></td>
<td>813,102</td>
<td>339,688</td>
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The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

2015  
2014  

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ASSETS
CURRENT ASSETS  
Cash and cash equivalents 7,101,589 7,127,874  
Receivables 300,583 622,363  
Inventories 29,795 4,535  
Other current assets 552,078 380,235  
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS 7,984,045 8,135,007  

NON CURRENT ASSETS  
Receivables 8,752 -  
Plant and equipment 232,240 284,594  
Intangible assets 276,171 485,863  
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS 517,163 770,457  

TOTAL ASSETS 8,501,208 8,905,464  

LIABILITIES
CURRENT LIABILITIES  
Payables 1,538,157 1,347,941  
Unearned revenue 977,032 2,378,207  
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES 2,515,189 3,726,148  

NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES  
Provisions 175,188 181,587  
TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES 175,188 181,587  

TOTAL LIABILITIES 2,690,377 3,907,735  

NET ASSETS 5,810,831 4,997,729  

EQUITY  
Retained Surplus 5,810,831 4,997,729  
TOTAL EQUITY 5,810,831 4,997,729  

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

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<td><strong>RETIRED SURPLUS</strong></td>
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<td>Balance at beginning of the year</td>
<td>4,997,729</td>
<td>4,658,041</td>
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<td>Net surplus for the year</td>
<td>813,102</td>
<td>339,688</td>
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<td>Balance at end of the year</td>
<td>5,810,831</td>
<td>4,997,729</td>
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

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<td><strong>CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Cash receipts from operations</td>
<td>18,791,597</td>
<td>18,353,337</td>
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<td>Donations received</td>
<td>4,040,436</td>
<td>3,419,196</td>
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<tr>
<td>Interest received</td>
<td>273,204</td>
<td>228,193</td>
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<tr>
<td>Merchandise sales</td>
<td>16,200</td>
<td>25,238</td>
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<td>Interest paid</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>(41)</td>
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<td>Payments to suppliers and employees</td>
<td>(23,021,549)</td>
<td>(21,748,504)</td>
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<td>Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities</td>
<td>99,888</td>
<td>277,419</td>
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**CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES**

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<td>Payments for plant and equipment</td>
<td>(66,730)</td>
<td>(112,880)</td>
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<td>Payments for intangible assets</td>
<td>(59,443)</td>
<td>(90,785)</td>
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<td>Proceeds from disposal of plant and equipment</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>Net cash used in investing activities</td>
<td>(126,173)</td>
<td>(203,645)</td>
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Net increase/(decrease) in cash held | (26,285) | 73,773 |

Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the financial year | 7,127,874 | 7,054,101 |

Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year | 7,101,589 | 7,127,874 |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.
NOTE 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE CONCISE FINANCIAL REPORT

The concise financial report of Lifeline Australia (the Company) is an extract from the full financial report for the year ended 30 June 2015. The concise financial report has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards AASB 1039: Concise Financial Reports, and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Act 2012 (Cth).

The financial statements, specific disclosures and other information included in the concise financial report are derived from, and are consistent with, the full financial report of the Company. The concise financial report cannot be expected to provide as detailed an understanding of the financial performance, financial position and financing and investing activities of the Company as the full financial report. A copy of the full financial report and auditor’s report will be sent to any member, free of charge, upon request.

The presentation currency used in this concise financial report is Australian dollars.

NOTE 2. DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

This discussion and analysis is provided to assist Members in understanding the concise financial report. The discussion and analysis is based on the Company’s financial statements and the information contained in the concise financial report has been derived from the full financial report of Lifeline Australia.

Statement of Comprehensive Income

The current year surplus for the year to 30 June 2015 is $813,102 compared to a surplus of $339,688 in the preceding financial year.

Lifeline Australia was able to increase its income from donations (22%) through the sustained continuation of a range of fundraising activities; particularly events such as the Liptember, Black Dog Ride, and community fun run initiatives. Individual Major Gifts was also a significant contributor to the increase. Grant funding increased by 5% on 2014 largely as a result of philanthropic funding to support our structural reform initiatives. Sponsorship income decreased 23% compared to 2014 due to a decline in revenue from two key supporters. This situation was unique to 2015; both supporters have since committed to funding Lifeline for the next three years. Revenue from the sale of services was also lower compared to the previous year largely due to the internal streamlining of the administration of DV-alert Statement of Attainments to fall in line with existing RTO processes.
Overall, expenses incurred in 2015 are largely consistent with the prior year and relate to the provision of services and support to Lifeline Centres in delivering crisis support services across Australia. The year includes additional payments to Centres for the further expansion of the paid crisis support and Online Crisis Support Chat provided under contract by various Lifeline Centres. Expenditure on Consultants and subcontractors decreased compared to the previous year reflecting changes to the DV-alert program business model. Costs associated with a comprehensive Retail Review were also included in 2014.

**Statement of Financial Position**

Total assets decreased by $404,256 to $8,501,208, a decline of 5%. Receivables decreased in 2015; 2014 included outstanding grant funds of $200,000 due from the Department of Social Services, and $35,734 due for commercial training. The accounts were paid in July 2015. There has also been a decrease in the recognised value of intangible assets; a few high value assets now being at the end of their useful economic life.

Total liabilities decreased by $1,217,358 to $2,690,377 reflecting reduced balances held as unearned revenue. Grant monies were almost fully utilised in 2015 compared to some underspends in the prior year.

**Statement of Changes in Equity**

The retained surplus increased by $813,102 being the addition of the net surplus for the year.

**Statement of Cash Flows**

Cash flows indicate both increased receipts and payments relative to 2014. An increase in operating cash flows occurred primarily through the expanded donations program and the resulting additional expenditure on Centre payments enabling service delivery.
Our donors and supporters form a valued part of the Lifeline community and play a direct role in achieving our strategic framework. We would like to acknowledge and thank you for your support. We would also like to thank our dedicated volunteers and staff who work tirelessly to help us achieve our vision of an Australia free of suicide.

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How can you help?

Suicide remains the leading cause of death for Australians aged between 15 and 44 (ABS: Causes of Death 2013).

Lifeline supports a whole-of-community approach, in which everyone plays a role in preventing suicide.

There are many different ways you can contribute to Lifeline and help us support Australians in crisis:

- make a donation
- volunteer your time
- become a corporate supporter
- help raise awareness
- become involved in fundraising

For further information on how you can make a difference to your community, please visit our website www.lifeline.org.au

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