

# Annual Review 2017



We empower amputees with knowledge and support to make a real difference, because no one should have to go through limb loss alone.



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Making a real difference together

# Message from the Chairman and CEO

In 2016/17, Limbs 4 Life expanded its critical work with several initiatives that embody the goals of our Strategic Plan. The continued national extension of our Peer Support Program for whole of population, increasing awareness among our stakeholder base and the wider community, supporting the limb loss community via the provision of health literacy and the provision of support to healthcare providers directly working to deliver outcomes for people living with limb loss were among our key areas of focus.

We increased the opportunity for the public to engage Peer Support services in New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory, Western Australia and the Northern Territory extending our services generally throughout these states and territories and into some rural and remote communities. During this financial year we answered more than 2,400 calls for support and information, and responded to a stream of email inquiries relating to support needs, funding, the provision of assistive devices and general questions relating to limb loss and limb difference.

A key initiative saw the development of an extensive Guide to assist people with limb loss to identify their goals and navigate the pathways to transition into the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). To assist our stakeholders Limbs 4 Life published articles and case studies in our magazine and online to help people to understand the impact that this Scheme could have on their lives. We also played an active role in the Australian Orthotic and Prosthetic Associations (AOPA) NDIS Advisory Committee, which supports our stakeholders and providers alike.

Notably the Limbs 4 Life ribbon campaign attracted considerable attention in honour of National Amputee Awareness Week. Briefing papers were distributed to all state and federal members of Parliament and we were thrilled to have members wear the ribbon in support of Awareness Week including the Hon. Ken Wyatt Assistant Minister for Aged Care and Indigenous Health. Additionally amputees and healthcare providers nationally joined the ribbon campaign to show their support. Limbs 4 Life also played a key role promoting 'World

Diabetes Day' via our 'Toe Jam' campaign initiative.

Revisiting our brand essence and identifying our brand strategy was an important part of this year's focus. We understand that our brand needs to be representative of our community and the services we provide to our stakeholders, while being modern and effective in a competitive marketplace. The process realigned our board, staff and volunteers with our brand essence which serves to establish our focus and long-term vision.

Limbs 4 Life continued our important work to keep clinicians and healthcare providers informed with the development of additional health literacy resources. We utilised healthcare provider feedback as part of the development strategies for the development and functionality of our new website.

We would like to acknowledge the long-term dedication from our out-going Chair Roberto Colanzi for his 8 years of service, direction and leadership, and recognise the incredible commitment from Fiona Waugh who provided 9 years of voluntary service to the organisation as the founding Chair and subsequent board member and a further 2 years as the National Program Manager launching and rolling out the Limbs 4 Kids program nationally.

Finally, we thank our Board members, and all of our staff and volunteers, whose commitment to our mission and continued dedication makes a real difference to improving the outcomes of the Australian amputee community, those living with limb differences, their families and caregivers. And of course, none of our work would be possible without the generosity of our supporters and donors.



**Natalie Sullivan - Chair**



**Melissa Noonan - CEO**

# Our 2017 strategic goals and areas of focus



Limbs 4 Life have identified four key areas of focus for the 2017 financial year. Our areas of focus are aligned with our Strategic Plan and Strategic Goals and underpin our mission to provide information and support to amputees while promoting and inclusive community and making a real difference together.



## Reporting against our strategic goals

### Peer Support service delivery - adult program

Australia has the second highest rate of diabetic related amputations in the developed world. The most recent figures suggest that there are 8,000 lower limb amputations performed each year in Australia. (1) The number of amputations continue to rise resulting in more requests for Peer Support access, information and resources. As a result of this on-going need, and with the support of a private philanthropic family, Limbs 4 Life continues to respond to this demand by increasing our service provision.

Throughout the year Limbs 4 Life continued toward the national expansion of our Peer Support Program. The Peer Support Program is an early intervention model which provides support and access to information for individuals prior to and/or following an amputation. The program assists individuals and their families to:

- understand what to expect prior to, and following amputation,
- helps to prevent isolation and promote social inclusion,
- assists new amputees to understand the pathway to independence, and;
- promotes the regaining of their mobility and confidence building.

Peer Support is delivered via trained amputee volunteers who visit to individuals (and sometimes their family members) in hospital or rehabilitation settings throughout the country.

Peer Support can also be provided over the phone which is beneficial for those living in rural, regional and remote communities that volunteers are unable to physically access. Peer support is also often provided to family members seeking information and resources to enable them to provide support to their loved one's post amputation.

In 2016/17 we can report that we:

- trained an additional 58 Peer Support Volunteers
- conducted 8 training sessions
- conducted 56 in-service training sessions to healthcare professionals, promoting the value and benefits of peer support as an early intervention approach to individual health and wellbeing; while outlining the 'best practice' framework of our program.

On average Limbs 4 Life receives and responds to 191 calls for support to our national hotline each month. In the past year we have had a 19 per cent increase in total calls from around Australia along with a staggering 78 per cent increase of new callers and referrals during the 2016/17 financial year.

Peer Support training was delivered in New South Wales, Western Australia, the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory in line with the funding requirements; and additional training and recruitment of volunteers was held in South Australia and Victoria. The opportunity to provide national support means that we can further assist the growing number of Australian amputees and their families. Limbs 4 Life is extremely grateful to receive this support for funding.



(1) Dillon MP, Fortington LV, Akram M, Erbas B, Kohler F (2017) Geographic Variation of the Incidence Rate of Lower Limb Amputation in Australia from 2007-12. PLoS ONE12(1): e0170705.doi:10.3371/journal.pone.0170705



## limbs kids

“It is great to know that someone out there cares and is willing to support us whenever we need help. Thank you for organising for two of your people who have also lost multiple limbs to meet my son. It has made us less scared about his future as a quad amputee.”  
(Rosie, Western Australia Parent)

### Limbs 4 Kids program

The aims of the Limbs 4 Kids Program is to provide Nationwide support and advocacy to parents and carers of children with limb difference. In doing so, the development of informational and support strategies for parents/carers at key timeline points including during the antenatal period, following birth and at key development and social milestones.

The Limbs 4 Kids program was successfully launched in June 2015. The use of the website since its launch evidences that it is meeting its objective to provide comprehensive information pertaining to childhood-related limb difference in a ‘one-stop-shop’ format. Internal content management means that information can be amended and new pages uploaded quickly.

The website is regularly updated with static and dynamic content to ensure new and re-engagement, with the most valuable elements for users being the ‘Learning Centre’, ‘Stories’, ‘News’ and ‘Publications - Thrive / Fact Sheets’.

The funding provided by nib foundation allowed us to develop the program in a measured, structured and well managed manner. The program has created more awareness with healthcare professionals across Australia and over the funding period we have become a respected adjunct service that they

recommend and refer their clients to for information and peer support. We now have the policies, static and digital resources and stakeholder recognition with which to continue the program and embed the program as part of our regular service delivery.

“Fantastic news - well done. I applaud all your hard work and commitment to helping us all, and such good news that kids now have their own special program. Thank you.”  
(Penny, Queensland Parent)

The outcomes of the program have been extraordinary and have provided Limbs 4 Life with a platform with which to continue to provide support to children with limb differences and their families. This now means that, coupled with the support Limbs 4 Life provides to adult amputees, the organisation can provide support to all individuals; from ‘the cradle to the grave’.

During the course of the program the following deliverables were achieved:

- 197 x Peer Support engagements provided to parents of children with limb difference between 1 December 2015 and 10 February 2017 (average of 2 per week). Request for peer support comes from medical / allied health professionals or parents themselves, and request for peer support is increasing as the program becomes more widely known.
- A dedicated Limbs 4 Kids closed Facebook group enabling parents to share information with other parents with Nationwide members totalling 422.
- 988 x phone calls and emails seeking information or advice have been received between 1 December 2015 and 10 February 2017 (average of 9.5 per week).
- We are pleased to have made the decision to develop a formal program magazine ‘Thrive’ rather than just provide an E-News.

We have been regularly commended on the professionalism of this magazine, in terms of content and design. Most importantly we have regularly been told that the magazine is of significant benefit to parents, family members and healthcare professionals. While we did not include the publication of a quarterly 24 page magazine in our original program proposal, we are glad to have extended our program offering to include this.

- The development of seventeen Fact Sheets in response to frequently asked questions and specific areas of interest such as: prosthetics, returning to school following an amputation, body image and dealing with grief and loss
- A number of sustainable partnerships have been established which will allow for the ongoing provision of events for our Limbs 4 Kids cohort:
- ‘Christmas Parties for Special Kids’ - allowed for 216 parents and children attend their parties in Albury, Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra, Cairns, Coffs Harbour, Mackay, Melbourne, Newcastle, Perth, Rockhampton, Sydney, Townsville over the two-year funding period. This opportunity will continue into the future.





## The use of social media for Peer Support

The use of social media platforms can be extremely beneficial for people to: share information, tips on coping with limb loss, connect with their peers, promote social inclusion for those living in rural and remote communities, share their stories and concerns, and foster relationships. Limbs 4 Life currently administer and moderate four Facebook Groups and provide administration support to two newly developed interstate Facebook groups.

The benefit of these groups is that they are accessible 24/7 and provide the community with the opportunity to share or ask questions at a time to suits their needs. All pages require membership approval and people requesting to join any of the groups are vetted for authenticity and suitability.

“That’s what I love about being a member of this group. Different amputees, different issues, different solutions but the same positive attitude and willingness to share.”  
Male 62 years thru-knee amputee Perth.

Limbs 4 Life has seen a consistent growth of social media engagement equating to 31.7 per cent on the previous financial year along

with a significant increase of members seeking information about their condition and advice relating to their healthcare. Social media provides a platform for informal peer support for members of the Australian amputee and limb difference community.



## Educate our community

During the year, Limbs 4 Life conducted a health literacy and resource audit. As part of the review and audit process we sought feedback from our key stakeholders along with feedback from healthcare providers to identify what resources would be beneficial to the people in their care – namely the amputee community. The review required respondents to answer a variety of questions and took approximately 10 - 15 minutes to complete. We received more than 100 robust and valuable responses nationally. The feedback provided as part of the review was used to identify gaps within the provision of health literacy, content and articles for Amplified magazine and website content and to develop specific resources in line with reported requirements and current trends.

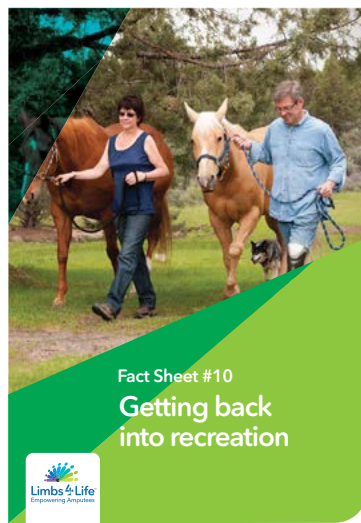
## Health literacy

Empowering amputees enables them to make informed decisions and constructive choices. The decision making process in relation to healthcare (along with other disciplines) should be client centred and self-determined. With that in-mind and following on from the audit review process; Limbs 4 Life continued to honour its mission to inform amputees.

We did this by:

Developing and distributing more Fact Sheets in response to consumer need and the informational gaps within the amputee specific arena. A total of twelve Fact Sheets are now available in hard copy format or can be downloaded from our website. The new Fact Sheets cover topics such as:

- Getting back into recreation
- Caring for your residual limb after amputation
- How to prevent falls following an amputation



## Resources

Limbs 4 Life believes that making effective resources freely available to the public helps to promote a clear and concise message about areas of healthcare specific to the needs of people with limb loss.

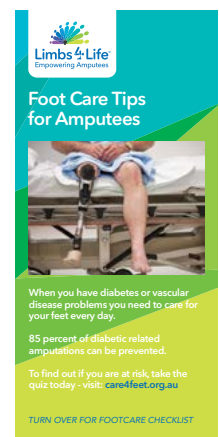
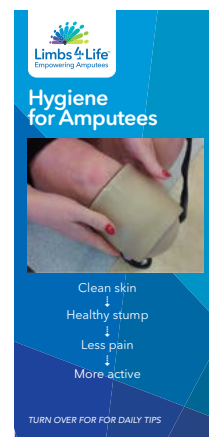
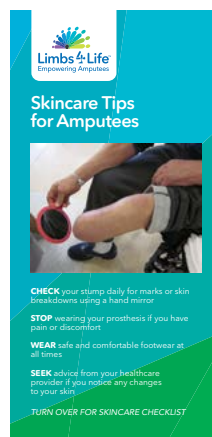
Developing and distributing five easy to use pocket cards which highlight amputee specific areas of health such as:

- Footcare;
- Skincare;
- Stumpcare and Hygiene;
- Prosthetics; and,
- Safety

We distributed more than 15,000 of each of the following healthcare flyers to rehabilitation facilities, prosthetic providers and amputees nationally.

- Footcare
- Skincare
- Hygiene

'A Practical Guide for Amputees' is a guidebook which serves to assist the amputee population to adjust to the impact of limb loss, helps to guide and direct them through their amputation journey, assist them to navigate the healthcare system, understand the process and the people involved in their care, and aids with building confidence and resilience while adapting to limb loss. 'The Practical Guide for Amputees' is extremely popular resulting in more than 10,000 copies shipped nationally.



## A Practical Guide

for Amputees



## Website

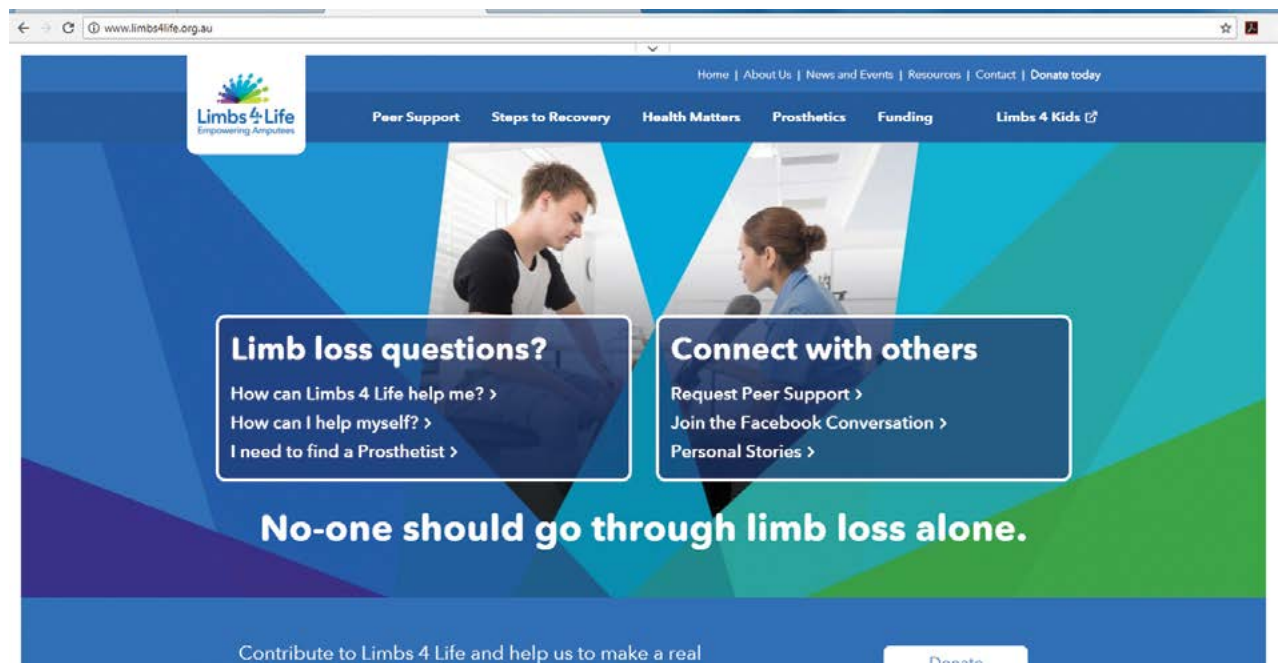
As a relatively small organisation servicing Australia, Limbs 4 Life relies on its website as a tool from which to provide quality information and access to resources 'on demand' and, in essence, be responsive to the needs of our community.

The need for the development of a new website was identified externally via survey consultations with our stakeholders and our 'National Health and Wellbeing Committee' who made us aware that information, resources and tools are not easily accessible as they would like. Prior to the re-development of the website our rates in terms of visitor numbers were significant. Between September 2015 and August 2016 our website had 51,624 visits (averaging 4,302 per month) with 67 per cent of these from visitors located in Australia.

Limbs 4 Life sought funding to re-develop its website so that it best meets the need of our primary and secondary audiences, allow for

the inclusion of a specialised Peer Support Volunteer portal, and enable Limbs 4 Life staff to have content control to ensure that information and resources can be updated and uploaded with immediacy, along with meeting the current accessibility requirements. In addition, and to reduce administrative tasks, the new website would allow busy healthcare providers to log requests for Peer Support visits directly, through the site rather than the onerous system of either calling the organisation for support and/or downloading, printing and scanning request forms.

Following a consultation focus group workshop at the end of 2016, website personas were developed to identify key and secondary stakeholder needs. The new website also needed to incorporate a Peer Support Volunteer portal that will securely allow volunteers to receive Peer Support Visit requests and provide Peer Support Visit Reports to Limbs 4 Life staff. The website will be formally launched in line with National Amputee Awareness Week 2017.



## Amplified magazine

Three editions of Amplified magazine were published in 2016/17. Amplified magazine includes personal stories, health and prosthetics related articles and research provided by experts across an array of fields, information about events, and latest news. Amplified was published through funding from our advertising partners who assist with printing and national postage dissemination costs. In addition to posting Amplified it is also available for download online. In 2016/17:

- 7,500 copies were printed (2,500 per edition) and posted
- On average 5,500 copies are sent electronically per edition



## Supporting healthcare providers

There are a variety of ways that Limbs 4 Life works to support healthcare providers who directly provide services and programs to amputees.

Our new website will allow for healthcare providers to easily access and download key educational and informational resources for their clients.

During this financial year Limbs 4 Life delivered a total of 56 in-service educational sessions to assist healthcare providers to be aware of the services available to them via Limbs 4 Life. These were delivered in:

- Australian Capital Territory
- New South Wales
- Northern Territory
- South Australia
- Victoria
- Western Australia

Healthcare providers who took part in the educational sessions include: rehabilitation consultants, nursing staff, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, social workers, exercise physiologists, podiatrists and prosthetists. In addition, Limbs 4 Life delivered educational sessions to first year students at La Trobe University, health-based community organisations such as: Diabetes South Australia, Healthy Living Northern Territory, Members of the Aus/Par Amputee Physiotherapy Network, Diabetic Foot Australia, The Australian Rehabilitation Nurses Association, Australian Prosthetic and Orthotic State-based Chapters.

## National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

In response to the increase of support and information requests and inquiries regarding the NDIS, Limbs 4 Life developed a comprehensive Guidebook to the NDIS for Amputees and Children Living with Limb Difference. The Guide is a free downloadable handbook made available on our website. It is a detailed publication for people with limb loss transitioning into the NDIS. The publication outlines the processes required for engaging with the NDIS, the pathways required to access support services, along with some goal setting worksheets which assist people with limb loss to understand the process of identifying and setting goals and thus; to ensure that their needs are met to lead both an ordinary life and achieve their desired outcomes.



## Strategic national representation

Limbs 4 Life continued to deliver on its commitment to provide national stakeholder support. To ensure that Limbs 4 Life can best represent our adult amputees, children with limb differences and all those who care for them we held positions on the:

- Australian Orthotic and Prosthetic (AOPA) National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Working Group
- La Trobe University Course Advisory Committee - Masters of Prosthetics and Orthotics
- NSW Amputee Care Standards Review Committee

In addition we attended a variety of national medical, allied health and amputee specific conferences, forums and events to present key organisational and amputee related data. Pleasingly, these activities have enabled Limbs 4 Life to build upon existing or establish new relationships with national and international healthcare providers and researchers



## Increase awareness

## National Amputee Awareness Week

National Amputee Awareness Week is held during 4 - 11 October each year and is promoted by the Australian Government Health Department. Limbs 4 Life uses this week to raise awareness about people living with limb loss and limb difference to the wider community and government representatives. The week is also used to highlight the cause and the impact of amputation upon individuals, their families and primary care-givers.

Limbs 4 Life developed and distributed National Amputee Awareness Week promotional and health-based resources for use in the community, at acute and sub-acute medical facilities for the purpose of informational and awareness displays. Limbs 4 Life provided support to locally based groups, healthcare providers and medical facilities nationwide to hold a range of events including community gatherings, educational sessions and celebration days in South Australia, New South Wales, Western Australia, Victoria and Tasmania.

Limbs 4 Life shipped a total of 5,500 Awareness Ribbons throughout the country. Amputees and their families, along with healthcare providers were encouraged to share photos of themselves wearing ribbons on our social media platforms. A large number of state and federal Members of Parliament wore the ribbons on their lapels during parliamentary sitting days.



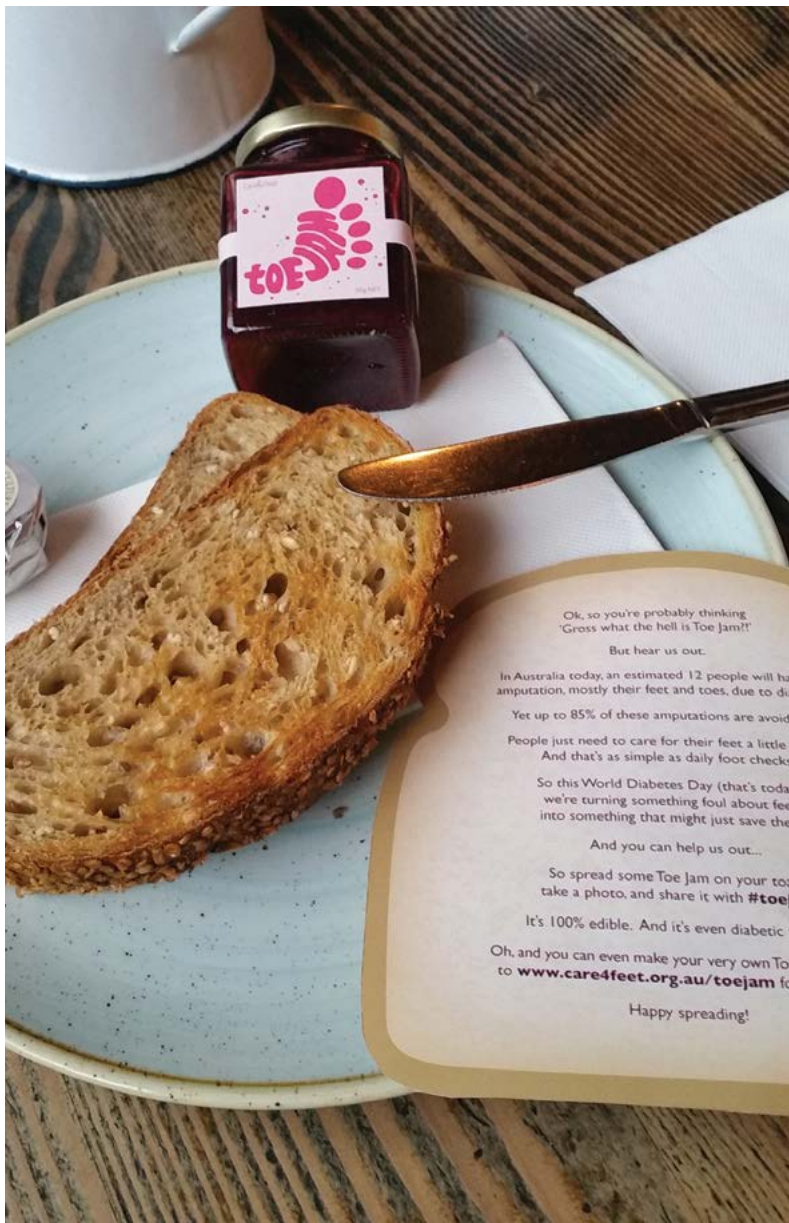
## The 'Toe Jam' campaign

In honour of World Diabetes Day, Limbs 4 Life with the pro-bono support from advertising agency Why/bin developed the concept of the 'Toe Jam' campaign. The purpose of the campaign was to create awareness about the importance of foot-health care and incidence of diabetic related amputations in our community. Diabetes complications can result in the most common reasons for amputation in the developed world. Sadly Australia has the second highest rate of diabetic related amputations.



The campaign attracted the support of Emma Dean (a previous MasterChef winner) who provided us with her recipe for the 'Jam'. Emma had two grandparents impacted by diabetes; her nanna lost her eyesight and her grandfather lost a leg - so she could relate to this campaign and what we were trying to achieve. Emma was also involved in the clip which accompanied the campaign sharing 'Spread the Word' this World Diabetes Day.

Breakfast radio and television hosts nationally were all sent samples of the 'Jam' along with a slice a bread (outlining the concept) and a knife to encourage them to 'Spread the Word.' The 'Toe Jam' film clip was featured on Limbs 4 Life's - Care 4 Feet website and across our social media channels. Outstandingly the film clip attracted more than 225,000 views and reached more than 520,000 people.



## Branding and profile

Limbs 4 Life recognised that it was time to revisit our brand and identity. A brand needs to encapsulate what the organisation is now, along with the fact that as a non-profit organisation; Limbs 4 Life operates in a competitive marketplace, which is significantly different to the marketplace we launched into more than thirteen years ago. We recognise that Limbs 4 Life must be underpinned by a structured and well-articulated brand, which is both recognised and embraced by our stakeholders.

With the support of the nib foundation Limbs 4 Life was able to refresh the Limbs 4 Life brand to ensure that the organisation is perceived as modern and representative of our well respected identity. We recognised that our brand needed to be assessed and re-developed to be even more powerful, attractive and relevant in today's crowded marketplace.

As part of this process Limbs 4 Life conducted a branding evaluation session with stakeholders to inform brand identity decisions and designs. The valuable feedback from this session enabled us to re-visit our purpose, ensure that the organisations brand was in line with our mission and was underpinned by a range of concepts which serve to support our key stakeholders and members. The outcomes of this project included:

- New branding and design
- The opportunity to re-engage with our key and secondary stakeholders to ensure that they were part of the project
- The opportunity to re-visit our mission and purpose to ensure that it is aligned with our brand and our key messages
- To ensure that the Limbs 4 Life brand is effective and the core focus for everyone in the organisation, regardless of location, function or role.
- The project also enabled everyone to have a clear vision about what the organisation is striving for and what drives them every day.

This exciting change comes to facilitate communications to, and user-friendly online interaction with amputee members, followers, volunteers, healthcare professionals and the wider community. We are extremely grateful to the nib foundation for supporting this initiative. Limbs 4 Life will be proud to launch our 'new look brand' during National Amputee Awareness Week in October 2017



**Limbs 4 Life™**  
Empowering Amputees

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**Making a real  
difference together**



# Fundraisers

## 'Dodges Ride'

In September 2016 Jamie Manning, supported by his wife and 3 kids set out to ride a horse 560kms to raise funds and awareness for Limbs 4 Life. Jamie Manning is an incredible individual with the drive and determination to literally get back up on the horse.

In March 2014, Jamie was involved in a serious care crash. The car hit a tree and caught on fire. Against all odds Jamie survived. He had full thickness burns to 40 per cent of his body and face and head injuries that would leave him in a coma for 7 weeks. Due to the burns Jamie lost his left leg above the knee and his left hand. Despite this Jamie considers himself to be an extremely lucky person. "After all I should not be alive today," said Jamie.

A major part of Jamie's life before the accident was horse riding. "So what better way than to ride from Tilpa in far Western NSW to our home in Dubbo to raise awareness for amputees." Stated Jamie.

Incredibly, Jamie and his family raised over 30,000 for Limbs 4 Life. "The support of local businesses and community and the community was outstanding." Jamie said.

Limbs 4 Life is extremely grateful to Jamie and the Manning family for working to raise awareness about amputees and the work of Limbs 4 Life in the community.





## Classic Ladies Foundation

The Classic Ladies Foundation selected Limbs 4 Life as one of their charity partners during 2016. The new Classic Ladies Foundation aim to work together in the lead up to and during the Landmark Classic horse event to raise funds for much needed causes. The fundraising comes through a number of ventures including a monster raffle, merchandise, a charity auction, a social event at the Campdraft finals and of course some fun and entertainment for everyone whilst they are at Tamworth for the week.

Each year the Foundation select different causes that will benefit from their generous work. Limbs 4 Life acknowledges the generous support of the Classic Ladies Foundation and their donation of \$30,000.

## Team supporters and fundraisers

Thank you to all of the individual and corporate donors who supported Dodge's Ride, The Classic Ladies Foundation, Adelaide City to Bay Run, and 'Team Limbs' at the Run Melbourne Event.

## **In 2016 - 2017 our people include:**

### **Board of Management**

The Board of Management includes medical, business, healthcare, and consumer representatives.

### **Chairperson**

Roberto Colanzi (resigned February 2017)  
Natalie Sullivan (appointed March 2017)

### **Deputy Chairperson**

Alicia Salvo

### **Treasurer**

Ken Scott

### **Members**

Anne Richardson  
David Johnson  
Gordon Ireland  
Helen Connor  
Ruth Johnston  
Warren Cecil - sabbatical taken from January 2017

### **Audit and Risk Sub-Committee**

Anne Richardson  
Alicia Salvo  
Ken Scott

### **Nomination and Remuneration Sub-Committee**

Roberto Colanzi  
Natalie Sullivan  
Helen Connor

### **Marketing and Communications Sub-Committee**

David Johnson  
Ruth Johnston

## **Staff**

Melissa Noonan  
Chief Executive Officer  
Organisational Secretary (non-voting rights)

Fiona Waugh (resigned March 2017)  
National Manager - Children, Youth and Family Services

Kylie Franson  
Program Manager - Peer Support

Leahe Walker  
Administration Officer

Ana Argoon  
Communications and Media Officer

## **Auditors**

JTP Assurance

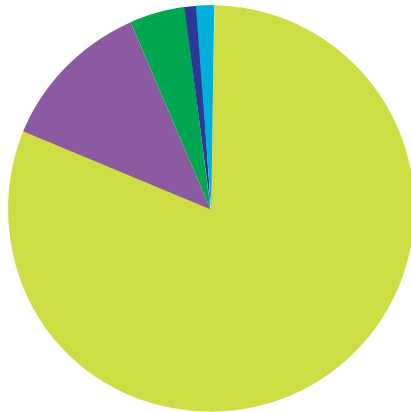
## **Peer Support Volunteers**

Limbs 4 Life could not carry out its valuable work without the generosity of our volunteers who donate their time and lived experience to support the vision of the organisation. We acknowledge and thank them for their continued commitment and support. Limbs 4 Life firmly believe that the organisation would be nothing without the contribution of our dedicated team of volunteers.

# Financial overview

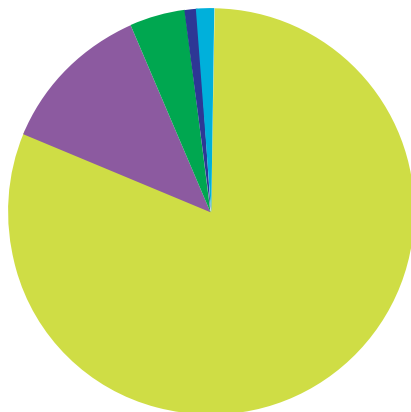
## 2016 - 2017

Limbs 4 Life continued to demonstrate sound financial management during the 2016/17 financial year. The total income for the year was 376,425.04 and was primarily derived from our philanthropic grants, corporate partnerships, and community donations.



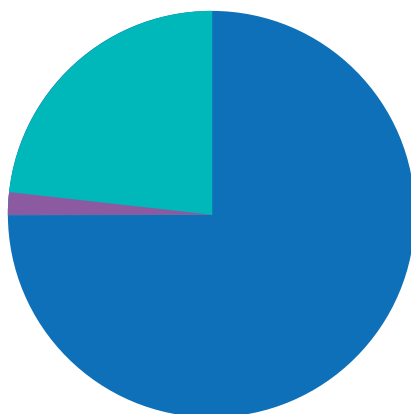
### 2017 Income

Donations	12.3%
Advertising & Activities	4.3%
Other Income	0.8%
Interest	1.3%
Grants	81.5%



### 2016 Income

Donations	12.26%
Advertising & Activities	4.27%
Other Income	0.76%
Interest	1.26%
Grants	81.45%



### 2017 Expenditure

Programs & Services	4.97%
Research & Evaluation	1.75%
Activities & Publications	23.28%

# Thank you

## Organisational partner

Bank Vic

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## Major program partners

Collier Charitable Trust  
Nib foundation  
Private family trust

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## Pro-bono support

Allens Linklaters  
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## Corporate supporters

ANZ Banking Group  
FAP360 Trading  
Grill'd Doncaster  
Quota  
Robcob P/L  
Scentre Group  
Steadfast Group  
Westfield Group

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## Community supporters

Classic Ladies Foundation  
Compartment Seventy/6  
Geostuff

## Individual donors

Anne Hawting  
Bogey Musidlak  
Cathi Tucker  
DA and AR Thomas  
Denis Stafford  
Elizabeth Campbell  
Hermina Wood  
Jamie and Karen Manning  
Jennifer Hewett  
Mabel Cooper  
Maria Apostolakis  
Michael Curry  
Michelle Ryper  
Natasha Owens  
Peter Savage  
Pui Chi and Tsz Kenny Chan  
Rachel Morrissey  
Renee Hewett  
Serene Halawani  
Sharon Middleton  
Steve Zammit  
Tuvya Garfinkel

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## Publishing and event partners

Ascent Footwear/Dominion Cross  
Blue Badge Insurance  
Momentum Prosthetics  
Oapl  
OPC Healthcare  
Ossur  
Ottobock  
Queensland Prosthetics

**LIMBS 4 LIFE INCORPORATED**  
**ABN 25 116 424 461****INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF**  
**LIMBS 4 LIFE INCORPORATED****Opinion**

We have audited the financial report of Limbs 4 Life Incorporated (the association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the certification by members of the committee on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the association.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the association as at 30 June 2017 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the requirements of Div 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

**Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the *Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110: Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code)* that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the association to meet the requirements of the Div 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

**Responsibilities of the Committee for the Financial Report**

The committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the Div 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013* and for such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the committee is responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. Further information about our responsibilities can be found at <http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

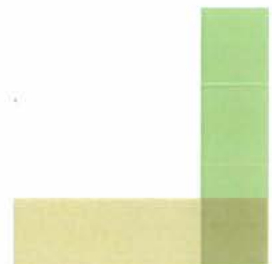
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Signed at Melbourne this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017



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