

preschool playgroup & toy library



2015 annual report 1

# ooranga

ooranga family mobile resource unit assoc inc

Young children flourish in their local community



# 2015 Achievements

## New preschool venue at Currabubula

Ooranga added another venue, Currabubula, to their preschool service schedule. The Currabubula community approached Ooranga when closure of the outreach service by another provider was imminent. Feedback from parents with children enrolled at Currabubula is extremely appreciative that Ooranga was able to meet their needs, with comments like "we are so thrilled with the wonderful progress at Currabubula Preschool" and "fantastic staff, professional". Ooranga appreciates the support of the Currabubula parents for significant fundraising events held in 2015.



## Community collaboration at Curlewis

The parent committee and Ooranga staff have raised funds, received a grant and had goods and services donated to make dramatic changes at the Curlewis preschool. Not only has a new bike track been installed with donations from Hanson's Concrete and concreter, Lindesay Allan, but new playground equipment, garden beds and watering system have also beautified the outside play areas. These improvements have been welcomed by children and staff.



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## Resourcing children and families with special needs

A New England Early Childhood Inclusion Grant from Brighter Access enabled Ooranga to purchase a wide range of sensory and therapy resources. These resources are now available for borrowing by Ooranga members and early childhood staff to support children with additional needs.



## Indigenous funding and activities

Ooranga was successful in securing funding under the new Indigenous Advancement Strategy from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet to support targeted activities for children at Walhallow. This funding supports the development of Indigenous staff, like Lana Boxsell (pictured right with graduating pre-schooler, Christopher Brown-Johnson) who started as Preschool Coordinator at Walhallow in 2015. Lana and Assistant, Zoe Allan, have worked hard to build relationships with the Walhallow community. Success from their efforts is evident in community participation in preschool and playgroup activities and feedback from parents like "as a parent I am very grateful for my child to be educated by Indigenous people which reflect their culture.." and "the education program at Walhallow is exceptional and the preschool is friendly and inviting for our community".

## From the Management Team....

2015 was a year for consolidation and renewal. The new structure of the organisation provided stability, evident by the reduction in staff turnover and increase in staff satisfaction. The full implementation of the Department of Education Preschool Funding Model provided some challenges however has supported scheduled business analysis and strategic planning for the future of Ooranga. We look forward to a continuation of high quality early childhood services to our rural communities in 2016.



## By the numbers

Number of members accessing Ooranga services -  
**220 families & services**

**21 staff**  
including 2 full time administration staff and 19 early childhood staff

**2068** borrowings from the Toy Library

**13 playgroup locations**  
every 2 weeks located across 4 Local Government Areas

**\$33,392**  
in small grants to improve resources

**2 days of preschool**  
each week at 7 different small communities across 3 Local Government Areas

**85 children enrolled**  
across the preschool services with **excellent attendance** rates throughout the year

**8 community volunteers**  
on the Ooranga Management Committee

**143 families with 212 children**  
regularly attending playgroup sessions each fortnight

**100%** of 77 parent surveys returned  
**reported satisfaction** with the level and quality of services provided



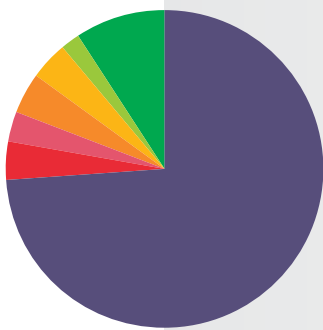
# Where to in 2016

- Increase the profile of Ooranga services to grow enrolments, attract partnerships and demonstrate the great value of mobile services
- Secure additional sources of revenue to diversify sources of funding for special projects and to supplement state funding
- Website under development – improve our communication with members and the wider community
- Continuation of high quality early childhood services to rural communities

## Thank you

Ooranga gratefully acknowledges the support and participation from the communities in which we operate. A majority of funding for Ooranga services is provided by the Australian and NSW Governments. Special thanks to Shenhua Australia, NSW Brighter Access, Real Insurance and the Gunnedah Bowling and Service Club for small grants provided in 2015.

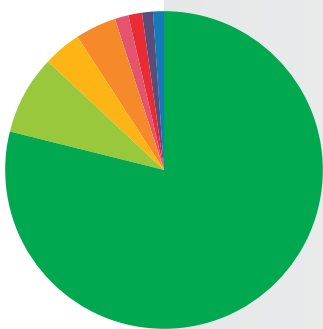
## Financials



### Cost of Services

includes depreciation

- 74%** Wages and oncosts
- 4%** Accounting, audit and legal
- 3%** Motor vehicle costs
- 4%** Depreciation
- 4%** Venue costs
- 2%** Training and conferences
- 9%** Other operational expenses



### Operating Revenue

- 79%** State funding
- 8%** Memberships and fees
- 4%** Small grants
- 4%** Federal funding
- 1.5%** Fundraising and donations
- 1.5%** Other
- 1%** Provisions
- 1%** Interest

Complete audited financial statements for Ooranga FMRU Assoc. Inc. can be found at the ACNC website, [www.acnc.gov.au](http://www.acnc.gov.au).



# ooranga's philosophy

## vision

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## mission

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## values

**C**hild directed programs  
**I**nclusion of all children and families

**R**espect in our interaction with others

**C**ommitment to local communities

**L**earn through play

**E**xcellence through continuous improvement

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