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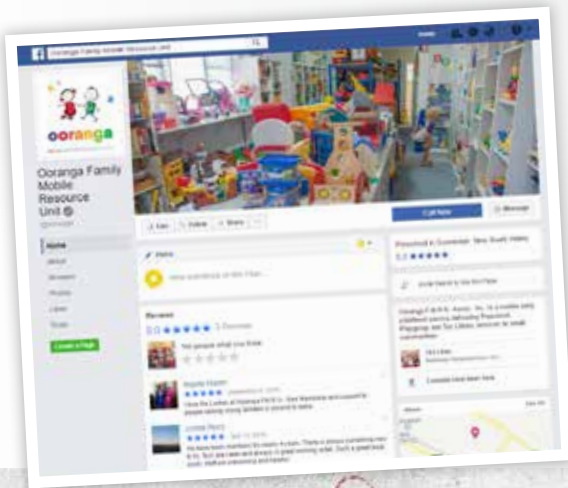
ooranga family mobile resource unit assoc inc

# 2016 annual report

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## 2016 Annual Report

Ooranga joined the digital age and launched a website and Facebook page in 2016. The team at KEO Design enabled development of a user friendly online platform to increase awareness of all Ooranga services and promote our activities across the region. Funding provided by the NSW Early Childhood Education and Care Directorate through Community Preschool Outreach Grants supported the development of the online media in addition to our first Annual Report and other promotional materials. Ooranga members and the wider community are invited to like our Facebook page where the regular playgroup schedule is posted each week along with early childhood information and updates about our activities.



# 2016 Achievements

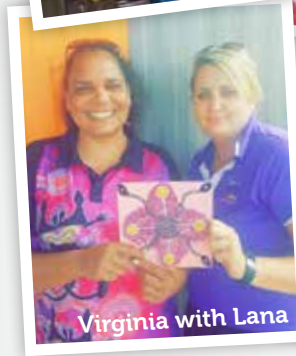
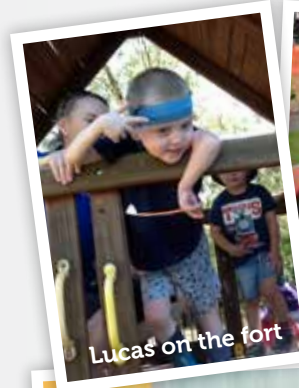
## Community collaboration to improve infrastructure

The collaboration between Ooranga staff, local parent committees and our community partners saw many improvements made to the buildings and play areas where our preschools and playgroups operate. In Walhallow, a partnership between Gunida Gonyah Aboriginal Corporation, the Walhallow Local Aboriginal Land Council and Ooranga saw an eye-popping makeover to the preschool building. Both the exterior and interior of the building now have a colourful new look, with children, families and staff now enjoying a vibrant environment.

The Boggabri preschool parent committee and staff were supported by funding from Boggabri Coal, Civeo and the Boggabri RSL to install new sandpit edging and lattice work around the base of the preschool building. The parents and staff worked together to update the play equipment and cubby house to make the outdoor area more stimulating for the children attending preschool and playgroup.



**Walhallow Preschool Makeover**



## Supporting children and families with additional needs

Community preschools have access to funding through the NSW Preschool Disability Support Program to assist inclusion of children with additional needs. Ooranga has a long history of inclusion of children who may have unique needs, with experienced staff to ensure preschool activities are appropriate to support development in cognition, fine and gross motor ability and social interactions. In 2016, Lucas was enrolled at Currabubula Preschool and had a great time participating in preschool activities, including climbing the fort! Lucas has Cerebral Palsy and was able to access Occupational Therapists, Speech Pathologists and Support workers while at preschool. Preschool staff collaborated with Lucas's family and other support agencies, implementing targeted support and appropriate programs, to ensure a smooth transition to school in the following year.

Another example of this type of collaboration was for Miresha, who has Autism Spectrum Disorder, and was enrolled at Walhallow preschool in 2016. Collaboration with a team ensured a successful transition to the local school. Miresha's journey was depicted in artworks by her mum, Virginia, which were presented to the staff at the end of the year in recognition of their work.







Ooranga Committee



Ooranga Staff 2016

## From the Management Team...

Our Management Team is a vibrant and proactive group of members who act as stewards, representing the community we work in, to ensure Ooranga continues to deliver a sustainable and quality service. In 2016, the Ooranga team has strengthened and continued to improve on the services delivered across the region. Contract funding secured from the NSW Early Childhood Education and Care Directorate will support the delivery of mobile preschool services until December 2019 and has provided some security for continuity and sustainability into the future.

Additional funding provided through the Federal Indigenous Advancement Strategy enabled Ooranga to deliver a third day of preschool in the Walhallow community from July 2016.

The Ooranga staff streamlined preschool programming across all locations to align with best practice under the National Quality Standard and Early Years Learning Framework. Professional development and training of staff continues as a major focus of the service, both for educators and administrative staff. Continuous improvement through incorporating new knowledge and skills and program continuity has enabled consistency and higher quality service delivery across the organisation.

## By the numbers

**272** families and services accessing Ooranga Services

with **2164** borrowings from the Ooranga Toy Library

**93** families accessing Ooranga Preschools in **7** locations

in regional NSW

**95** families accessing supported playgroup in **13** locations over three local government areas

### our locations

\* Playgroup & Preschool

Blackville Playgroup  
Boggabri PG+PS \*  
Curlewis Preschool  
Currabubula Preschool  
Emerald Hill Playgroup  
Gunnedah Toy Library  
Kelvin Playgroup

Maules Creek Playgroup  
Mullaley Preschool  
Pine Ridge Playgroup  
Premer PG+PS \*  
Spring Ridge PG+PS \*  
Walhallow PG+PS \*  
Wallabadah Playgroup  
Willow Tree Playgroup





## Where to in 2017



- Expand the profile of Ooranga services in the surrounding area to boost enrolments and build community partnerships
- Investigate options for providing services to new communities
- Enhance business capacity to reduce expenditure on professional business support services
- Continuation of high quality early childhood services to rural communities

## Financials

Ooranga gratefully acknowledges the support and participation from the communities in which we operate, including the local parent committees, Councils and community organisations. The majority of funding for Ooranga services is provided by the Australian and NSW Governments. Special thanks to Gunida Gunyah Aboriginal Corporation and the Walhallow Local Aboriginal Land Council for the refurbishment of the Walhallow Preschool building, and Civeo, Boggabri Coal and Boggabri RSL for financial contributions towards improvements at Boggabri preschool.

### Cost of Services

includes depreciation

- 77%** Wages and oncosts
- 3%** Accounting, audit and legal
- 3%** Motor vehicle costs
- 4%** Depreciation
- 4%** Venue costs
- 2%** Training and conferences
- 4%** Teaching resources
- 4%** Other operational expenses

### Operating Revenue

- 81%** State funding
- 11%** Memberships and fees
- 4%** Federal funding
- 1%** Fundraising and donations
- 1%** Interest
- 2%** Small grants

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

Young children flourish within their local community

### mission

To support individual child development through the provision of high quality, mobile early childhood services to rural communities

### 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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