



2016/2017 Annual Report



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Our Mission

Our mission is to raise awareness of Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva (FOP), provide a support network for those individuals and families affected by FOP and establish and fund research towards treatment and a cure for FOP

Overview of FOP Australia Ltd

The primary object for which the Company is established is to:

- a) Promote and raise funds within the community for research into the cause(s), treatments and cure(s) for Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva (FOP);
- b) Conducting research that seeks to provide improved outcomes for people with FOP;
- c) Raising awareness within the medical community of the particular characteristics and symptoms of FOP to eliminate incorrect diagnoses that leads to incorrect treatment which can have severe outcomes for people with FOP;
- d) Assisting those with FOP and their families by providing support through networking with medical community, as well as information on the latest treatment guidelines and any advances in the search for treatments and a cure;
- e) Doing all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the operation of the Company and otherwise for the attainment of all or any of the above objects of the Company

Structure and Management

FOP Australia was established in 2015, by those affected by FOP. Whether they were a patient, family member or friend. The first Annual General Meeting was held in Brisbane in May that year.

FOP Australia is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) as a charity with Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status through the Australian Tax Office.

Our organisation is a company limited by guarantee; we have a board of directors and are accountable to our members. We have no paid employees and run purely through volunteers.

Board of Directors

The current board consists of:



Lydia Scott
Chairperson



Talia Wilson
Treasurer



Brooke Scott
Secretary

Chairperson's Report

Dear supporters of FOP Australia,

The first and most important message is thank you. Thank you for your support throughout the 2016/17 year, whether it be financial support, practical support with fundraising and communications, becoming a member, or by letting us know that you care about the goals and work of FOP Australia.

Global perspective

Before describing the year for our own national organisation specifically, it must be acknowledged that 2017 has been a landmark year for the global International Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva community, with enrolment opening for the first phase III trial of a potential FOP therapy, palovarotene. With two other agents in phase II trials, several pharmaceutical companies engaging in research, and potential trials of other agents on the horizon, it is also a crucial time to support researchers in academic centres working to understand the nature of FOP including how to best assess disease activity and the effects of therapy. The impossible now seems possible. We are closer to a cure than ever before, but the challenges for our community are increasingly complex and resource-intensive. Our community's current opportunities only exist because of the result of hard work by community advocates for many decades. There has never been a more important time to support to the global FOP research effort to ensure these precious opportunities are not wasted.

Fundraising activity

At this critical time, it is heartening to see the generosity of supporters across Australia contributing through donations and a broad range of fundraising activities. The fundraising goal for the 2016/17 financial year, set in January 2017, of a \$10,000 donation to IFOPA was exceeded. Over \$10,000 was raised in activities, and over \$27,000 was received through individual direct donations. Further details of our fundraising activities are outlined in the 2016/17 Activities section of this report. Mirroring the experience of similar rare disease organisations, our fundraising model is currently largely reliant on 'pod fundraising' - a series of diverse, small scale, local community events run by those closely associated with our cause. In order to maximise the potential of this model we have tried to develop a structure that encourages and supports people to organise these local activities. For example, the mycause.com.au enables automatic receipting, minimises money handling, and assists with online promotion. The GiveNow facility is promoted as a mechanism for direct donations, but has also proven useful for local fundraising event organisers for hassle-free transfers and receipting for events that do not utilise the mycause platform.

Our fundraising activities are also significantly reliant on social media and online networks. Online fundraisers have the advantage of being accessible to supporters around the country and internationally. Several of our members that live with impaired mobility due to FOP have helped build our online fundraising capacity by sharing social media posts and increasing post interactions. This is a simple but very important way to help improve visibility beyond our current fundraising base, so please take a second to like/share/comment or retweet our key messages!

Expanding our fundraising base is a key challenge, and this includes looking beyond our current models towards large scale fundraisers, grant applications, and novel strategies. This is an example where supporters could make a significant contribution without needing to commit to a board term or official role, and we welcome the opportunity to discuss your ideas for new events and strategies.

Supporting research

The fundraising activities and direct donations during 2016/17 enabled us to subsequently give a donation of \$25,000 to IFOPA after the completion of the financial year, which in turn helped them

award more Competitive Research Grants than in any previous year. FOP Australia were proud to be named as sponsors of one of the four CRG projects announced in October 2017, Pam Yelick and Ed Hsiao's work on 'Interrogating new FOP treatments'. This project will test potential therapeutics, as well as developing a new in vivo model of FOP which will help our understanding the effects of the FOP gene mutation. Because our research donation target was exceeded we were also able to support the important longterm efforts of the Shore Lab of the University of Pennsylvania, with a \$5000 donation towards their foundational science work. These donations follow a donation to IFOPA of \$34,000 for research from funds raised in the 2015/16 year, bringing FOP Australia's financial contribution to the global research effort to \$68,000 so far. FOP Australia look forward to reporting the progress of the work of the committed researchers that we are very proud to support.

However FOP families can provide support for research that is even more crucial than money. For example, contributing data to the FOP Connection Registry is a priceless contribution to understanding FOP. The registry is an invaluable tool for helping clinicians and researchers, and will inform all future study of FOP, so the more people contribute the more complete this understanding will be. Registry data can also play an important role in demonstrating the need for FOP therapies to regulatory authorities when the opportunity to apply for access to drugs in Australia arises.

Transport time and procedures still cause significant barriers to utilising medical samples from Australia in research. However we are working with researchers to improve this, as more samples means more research can be done. IFOPA's work to develop a biobank for tissue samples is also a promising source of potential solutions in this regard.

FOP Australia were also represented at the IFOPA Drug Development Forums in Boston 2016 and Sardinia in 2017, with both events being important opportunities to build relationships with the leading researchers and maximise future opportunities for people with FOP in Australia and New Zealand. FOP Australia funds were not used for travel or accommodation to these meetings.

Communication

Facilitating communication with and between people in Australia and New Zealand living with FOP is a key component of our work. Communicating with our supporters is also vital to achieve our goals. We have received positive feedback on our member newsletters, and welcome contributions or suggested topics, particularly from those living with FOP. These have been distributed electronically in order to avoid administrative costs and minimise volunteer time, but hard copies can be provided upon request. In 2017 we have continued to increase and improve interactions with our website and social media platforms, including facilitation of a closed Facebook group for FOP patients and families. These communication methods are all used as a conduit for relaying information from IFOPA. We are also grateful for the ongoing support and efforts of Professor Matt Brown, who communicates regularly with our secretary Brooke Scott to provide or review key information. FOP Australia also recognise the importance of appropriate engagement with the pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies engaged in the global research effort, and are grateful for their efforts to help us keep members up to date on research developments.

Support activities

As well as providing a conduit for communication, FOP Australia is now developing enough consistency in fundraising to developing more structured commitments to supporting members of our community. Specifically, the board is currently working on developing a mechanism for support grants. Because the fundraising total for research donations in 2016/17 was exceeded, we are able to direct funds towards the development of a support grant program. We are consulting with medical staff and patient advocates experienced in executing such programs for other rare disease organisations. Given the small size of our community, emphasis is being placed on ensuring the grant selection process is unbiased and transparent, whilst maintaining strict confidentiality of medical details. The plan is to

develop a program that will complement, rather than duplicate, the IFOPA Quality of LIFE awards. We look forward to launching this in early 2018.

Advocacy

One of the 2016/17 KPIs that was not met within the financial year was the goal to develop an advocacy strategy for our organisation. To ensure this goal is addressed in the current financial year, treasurer Talia Wilson attended Rare Voices Australia advocacy workshop and we have allocated time of each board meeting to monitor progress. Assisting in developing our advocacy strategy is another example of where members can contribute to the organisation without needing to commit to a board position, and volunteers are welcome to share their skills and experiences in this area.

Clinician education

Clinician education and medical community awareness is another area with great potential, that has not yet had sufficient time allocated to it within the organisation. As reflected by identifying this as a key area in our 2017/18 goals, we hope to make more progress over the next year. We have already begun liaising with our Australian medical leaders to identify opportunities to in this area, including publications and presentations for target groups.

Strategic planning

The goals identified in strategic planning are included in the 'Strategic Planning' section of this report. The Key Performance Indicators developed in January 2017 to track our progress in 2016/17 are detailed in the 'About Us' section of fopaaustralia.org, with a review of our performance against these targets for the financial year. Please also take the time read the KPIs we have identified during our strategic planning for the 2017/18 year. As part of our commitment to transparency for our community, the review of our performance against these goals will be uploaded after 2017/18.

Board function and governance

It has been my pleasure and privilege to work with Talia Wilson and Brooke Scott as a focused and supportive board for FOP Australia. We are lucky to follow on from the hard work of the inaugural board who had to break the ground and begin the building of our organisation. Since the appointment of the current board at the 2015/16 AGM in December, Talia, Brooke and I have worked hard to clarify and consolidate FOP Australia's organisational and governance processes. Robust and transparent policies are necessary for a small grassroots charity such as FOP Australia to meet regulatory requirements, to maintain capacity, to be responsible stewards of donated funds, and to be worthy representatives of our diverse community. As we are reliant on the passion and efforts of volunteers, building our skill base and avoiding burnout are also priorities for the productivity and longevity of FOP Australia.

Looking forward

We look forward to welcoming new directors and expanding the skill base and capacity of our board. Even more importantly, we hope to increase activity in the general membership, and broadening our support base amongst the wider community. Thank you for taking the time to consider what and how you can contribute to our goals. FOP Australia has much to be proud of, and much potential to achieve more for people with FOP.

With sincere thanks and best wishes



Dr Lydia Scott
Chairperson, FOP Australia
December 2016 - present

Strategic Planning

As part of ongoing strategic planning the board has identified the following priorities, the board identified the goals below in 2016.

1. Provide a significant proportion of our fundraising to advances in research into treatments and/or a cure for FOP
2. Build and maintain links with the medical community, including clinicians in Australia and overseas to understand new developments in medical research and its potential application to FOP Patients
3. Build and maintain strong links with pharmaceutical companies, undertaking any drug trials that may have potential application to FOP patients.
4. Build and maintain strong links with the international community, specifically IFOPA, to assure new information and developments in medical research are provided to FOP Patients in Australia and New Zealand.
5. Position any treatment for FOP patients early in order to ensure Federal Government funding for the maximum number of FOP patients.

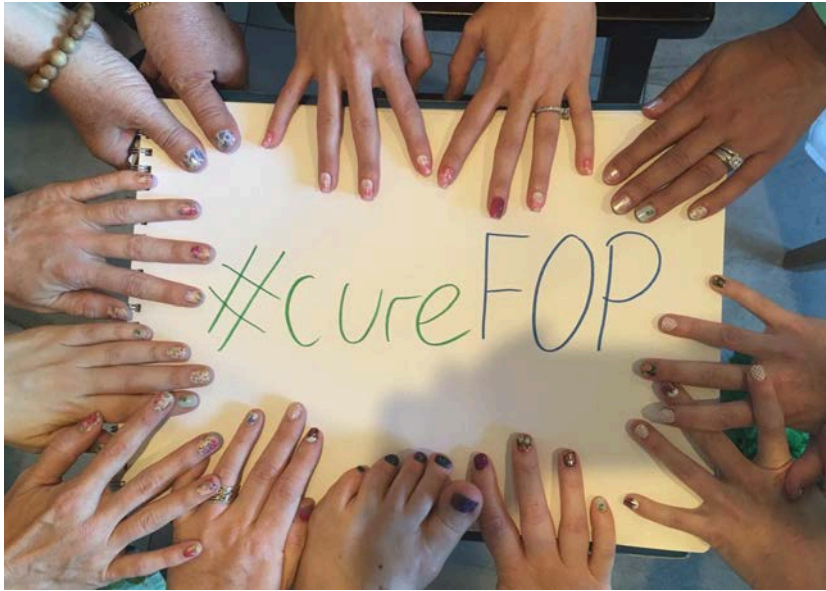
In January 2017, the board operationalized these by identified key performance indicators for the 2016/17 year. The review of the performance of the organisation against these KPIs is available in the 'About Us' section of our website, fopaustralia.org, along with the KPIs identified for the 2017/18 financial year.

Fundraising activities 2016/17

The amounts raised in fundraising events in 2016/17 are detailed below. Exploration and planning was also undertaken for fundraising activities in the next financial year, including launch of the CharityBuy online shopping platform, development of FOP Australia fundraising merchandise and development of new fundraising activities. Further discussion of fundraising strategies is included in the Chairperson's report.

Table 1: Amounts raised by Fundraising events in 2016/17:

Event	Amount	Description	Event participation accessible to all members	Online platforms used
City2Surf	925	Team entered for FOP Australia in Sydney event. Co-ordinated by Imogen Taylor.	No	GiveNow
Jamberry	941	Sales of nail wraps and nail care products. Co-ordinated online by Shan Carty.	Yes	Jamberry website
Disco	538	Fundraising event in Somerville, Victoria, run by Tyson Stanley.	No	Nil
Peninsula City Church Quiz Night	970	Fundraising quiz night in Victoria, initiated and run by Peninsula City Church	No	GiveNow
Bay-City Fun Run	1909	Team entered for FOP Australia in Adelaide event. Co-ordinated by Brooke Scott and Lydia Scott.	No	MyCause
Entertainment Books	389	Online and in person sales. Co-ordinated by Lydia Scott and Lara Boniface.	Yes	Entertainment Book website
Quiz Night Extraordinaire	5870	Event in Somerville, Victoria Co-ordinated by Talia Wilson	No	Nil
Total	10617	Does not include direct donations		



Participants in Broome, Western Australia, show their support for FOP Australia's Jamberry fundraising event.



Participants in the Bay-City fun run in Adelaide, South Australia



Promotional poster for disco in Somerville, Victoria



Quiz Night Extraordinaire, Somerville Victoria

Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to be able to make this report to members on the financial circumstances of FOP Australia.

I hereby submit to members a statement of the accounts of FOP Australia, namely the financial statements of FOP Australia for the year ended 30th June 2017, and the auditor's report dated 11th December 2017, including:

- A) Income and Expenditure during the last financial year; and
- B) Assets and Liabilities in the last financial year;

The 2016-2017 Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Profit and Loss and Statement of Cash Flows are attached. This shows that FOP Australia made a net profit of \$10,123 for the financial year. As at 30th June 2017 FOP Australia had equity of \$45,005. While our self-declared commitment to research funding for the 2016-2017 year was quite reserved due to a reduction in number of board directors and need to focus on consolidating the organizational structure, we were able to not only meet but considerably exceed this value, with funds allowing for a total \$30,000 contribution to be made to FOP research after the 2016/17 year. This amount follows the contribution made of \$34,000 as a result of fundraising in 2015/16.

FOP Australia is in a stable financial position and well placed to continue to grow our fundraising capacity to address our financial commitments, now and in the future. Implementation of electronic platform GiveNow has allowed for a continuous stream of varying dollar values in. GiveNow and My Cause platforms both allow a reduction in handling of cash amounts by fundraising organisers.

FOP Australia's main sources of income are pod fundraisers and donations. Securing regularity in these contributions will allow for a more predictable stream of income. A one-off grant of \$1,552 from Clementia can be noted, which was issued for assistance in covering costs towards enabling patients to participate in the Clementia FOP Patient Narrative Project, and therefore the concurrently held patient gathering, held in the previous financial year.

Expenses have been kept to an absolute minimum. These are expected to rise fractionally during the 2017-2018 year, to cover general running costs mainly related to maintaining and developing our online facilities. Continued work on FOP Australia's fundraising events, increasing membership contributions and extending into grant applications will see FOP Australia continue to grow.



Talia Wilson
Treasurer, FOP Australia
December 2016 - Present

Financial Statements and Auditor's Report

The financial statements and independent auditor's report for the 2016/17 financial year are included on the following pages.

FOP Australia Ltd

ABN 51603 200 871

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Directors' Report

Your directors present this report on the company for the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

Directors

The names of the directors in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

Brooke Scott
Lydia Scott
Talia Wilson
Alton Budd (resigned July 2016)
Lara Boniface (resigned December 2016)
Mark Boulton (resigned December 2016)
Julie Collins (resigned September 2016)
Helen Gillies (resigned September 2016)
Maris Stanley (resigned December 2016)

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Operating Result

The profit of the company for the financial year after providing for income tax amounted to \$10,123 (2016: \$34,822)

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the company during the course of the year were that of a charity focused on the disease Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva (FOP). The objectives of the company are:

- 1/ Promote and raise funds for research into the causes of FOP
 - 2/ Raise awareness within the medical community of the characteristics and symptoms of FOP
 - 3/ Assist those with FOP and their families by providing support through networking with the medical community, as well as information on the latest treatment guidelines.
- No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Significant Changes in the State of Affairs

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

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After Balance Date Events

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the company in subsequent financial years.

Future Developments

The company expects to maintain the present status and level of operations and hence there are no likely developments in the operations in future financial years.

Environmental Issues

The company's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory.

Dividends

No dividends were declared or paid since the start of the financial year. No recommendation for payment of dividends has been made.

Share Options

No options over issued shares or interests in the company were granted during or since the end of the financial year and there were no options outstanding at the date of this report.

Directors Benefits

No director has received or has become entitled to receive, during or since the financial year, a benefit because of a contract made by the company or related body corporate with a director, a firm which a director is a member or an entity in which a director has a substantial financial interest.

Indemnifying Officer or Auditor

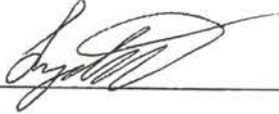
No indemnities have been given or agreed to be given or insurance premiums paid or agreed to be paid, during or since the end of the financial year, to any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the company.

Proceedings on Behalf of Company

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the company or intervene in any proceedings to which the company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the company for all or any part of those proceedings. The company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

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Directors' Report

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors on 11 December 2017:



Lydia Scott
Director



Talia Wilson
Director

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income
For the year ended 30 June 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
Conference and fundraising		42,734	43,506
Grant from Clementia Pharmaceutical		1,552	16,975
Other		-	12,062
Total Income		<u>44,287</u>	<u>72,543</u>
Conference		-	(36,019)
Donations to IFOPA		(34,044)	-
Other		(120)	(1,642)
Profit before income tax		<u>10,123</u>	<u>34,882</u>
Income tax (credit) expense		-	-
Profit for the year		<u><u>10,123</u></u>	<u><u>34,882</u></u>
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u><u>10,123</u></u>	<u><u>34,882</u></u>

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Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash assets		<u>45,005</u>	<u>34,882</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>45,005</u>	<u>34,882</u>
Total Assets		<u>45,005</u>	<u>34,882</u>
Net Assets		<u>45,005</u>	<u>34,882</u>
EQUITY			
Retained Profits		<u>45,005</u>	<u>34,882</u>
Total Equity		<u><u>45,005</u></u>	<u><u>34,882</u></u>

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Statement of Cash Flows
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	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Cash Flow From Operating Activities		
Receipts from members and supporters	44,287	64,643
Payments to suppliers and employees	(34,164)	(29,761)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>10,123</u>	<u>34,882</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash held	10,123	34,882
Cash at the beginning of the year	<u>34,882</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash at the end of the year	<u>45,005</u>	<u>34,882</u>

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Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Revenue recognition relating to the provision of services is determined with reference to the stage of completion of the transaction at the end of the reporting period and where the outcome of the contract can be estimated reliably. Stage of completion is determined with reference to the services performed to date as a percentage of total anticipated services to be performed. Where the outcome cannot be estimated reliably, revenue is recognized only to the extent that related expenditure is recoverable.

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Cash at the end of the year	<u><u>45,005</u></u>	<u><u>34,882</u></u>

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Directors' Declaration

The directors of the company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes:
 - (a) Comply with accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements; and
 - (b) Give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2017 and of its performance for the year ended on that date;
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.



Lydia Scott
Director



Talia Wilson
Director

Date: 11 December 2017



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of FOP Australia Ltd

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Qualified opinion

We have audited the financial report of FOP Australia Ltd (the Entity), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial report, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the *Basis for qualified opinion* section of our report, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Entity as at 30 June 2017 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in note 1.

Basis for qualified opinion

Cash donations and cash collected at fundraising events is a significant source of revenue for FOP Australia Limited. FOP Australia Limited has determined that it is impracticable to establish control over the collection of cash donations and other cash collections at fund raising events prior to entry into its financial records. Accordingly, as the evidence available to us regarding fundraising revenue from these sources was limited, our audit procedures with respect to cash donations and cash collected at fundraising events had to be restricted to amounts recorded in the financial records. We therefore are unable to express an opinion whether cash donations and cash collected at fundraising events is complete.

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 Entity in accordance with 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 qualified 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 Entity to meet the requirements of the Collections Act 1966. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor's report is the directors' report.



Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Collections Act 1966 and for such internal control as management 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, management is responsible for assessing the Entity'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 management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website (<http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>) at:

http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

BDO Audit Pty Ltd

A J Whyte
Director

Brisbane, 11 December 2017

Acknowledgments

We would like to acknowledge the efforts of all our supporters, without their help we would not have achieved the great outcomes that we did, thank you for supporting FOP Australia.

- Australian and New Zealand FOP Patients and Families
- FOP Australia Members
- International FOP Association (IFOPA)
- FOP clinicians, including Professor Matt Brown, Linda Bradbury and team at Queensland University of Technology
- Fundraising activity co-ordinators, including Shan Carty (Jamberry), Tyson Stanley, and the Peninsula City Church.

Corporate & community partners

- BDO
 - Rare Voices Australia
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How you can help

Here are lots of ways to help FOP Australia and the fight to cure FOP, and many of them don't cost a cent!

- **Spread the word**
 - Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram like and share our posts and ask your friends to do the same
 - Read and share our member newsletter and clinician updates (emailed to members and available at fopaaustralia.org)
 - Encourage friends and family to sign up as members online. Membership for the 2016/2017 financial year is \$10 per individual. Lifetime free membership is offered to those living with FOP, or clinicians interested in learning more about FOP.
- **If you/your child has FOP**
 - Register for the FOP Connect Registry and update your data every six months
 - If you/your child have FOP are likely to lose a tooth, please let us know so we can help develop sample transport processes
 - Share your story and news in our member newsletter, or the 'My Life With FOP' page on fopaaustralia.org
- **Support our fundraising activities**
 - Use CharityBuy to support us while you shop, at no extra cost to you
 - FOP Australia Coffee Club subscriptions will be available in early 2018, which will offer the chance to support FOP research for the price of a coffee a week, and receive your own FOP Australia reusable coffee cups. Stay tuned to find out more!
 - Many of our fundraising activities are designed for communities across Australia to get behind at a local level. Recurring activities such as Entertainment Books and Jamberry sales can expand in your area with your support. Contact us to learn how you can help
 - Launch your own fundraiser using our mycause.com platform or contact us for support in developing your ideas
 - Join our fundraising team in 2018
 - Follow our website and social media to hear of upcoming activities, and spread the word!
- **Become a corporate partner**
 - Contact us to discuss how your business can contribute to FOP Australia's goals and activities
- **Direct donations**
 - Single or recurring donations can be made through the 'Donate' button on our website at any time, with automatic tax receipts issued. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.
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- **Share your time, knowledge and skills**
 - Considering a term as a board director? Get in touch with us to discuss how to learn more (standard term length is three years)
 - If you have marketing, IT, legal, accounting, graphic design, lobbying, communications, governance, fundraising, social media or event planning experience, you can help!

Whatever your skill set is, and whatever you have time to contribute, we can help you find a way to help the global effort to #cureFOP!

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