

Toy Libraries



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2018

Annual Report





Toy Libraries Australia (TLA) is the peak body for over 250 not-for-profit toy libraries across Australia. TLA is a non-profit incorporated association. We promote the importance and the value of play and aim to raise the profile of toy libraries in the community.



what is a toy library?

A toy library enables parents and caregivers to borrow a large variety of educational toys, games, and puzzles in a process similar to that of a book library. These toys suit children from birth to primary school and beyond.

Our members operate in a variety of formats and in settings that reflect the needs and capacities of their local communities. Toy libraries are generally situated within premises shared with other community services, with some operating full time and others a few hours a week.

Toy libraries range from small (catering to as few as 20 families in rural towns) - to large (supporting over 500 families). Some toy libraries have part-time paid staff, but all rely on the assistance of a team of volunteers to operate; over 14,000 volunteers support toy libraries each year in Australia.

Toy libraries are generally operationally self-funding through membership fees, fundraising and corporate sponsorships; although limited grants from philanthropic sources and local government funding enable toy libraries to extend their toy collections. Toy libraries do not currently receive any ongoing funding from either state or federal governments.





Our mission:

To support a growing community of Australian not-for-profit toy libraries, encouraging families to play and learn together in a sustainable way.

mission



Completed quality standards

A step-by-step guide assisting toy libraries to improve their service

Toy library social impact research

Initiated professional research on the social impact of toy libraries to be completed by the University of Melbourne.

Welcomed 29 new toy library members

Including 10 new Queensland and 5 NSW toy libraries where TLA has been focusing on growth

Launched Member Planet

Member Planet has streamlined our member data collection and insurance calculations

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highlights



Digital Literacy Grant \$15,000

Assisting 15 toy libraries with \$1,000 grants to set up an online database including devices

Forest Hill Grant \$10,000

Assisting 10 small toy libraries with \$1,000 worth of new toys via Toy Community



grants



- Circular and sustainable consumption
- Quality durable toys – greater lifetime play value
- Toy repair and reuse of parts



- Accessible to all regardless of financial circumstances
- Value for money
- Investment in early childhood
- Volunteering creates pathways to work



- Child development
- Families playing together
- Inclusive community
- Support networks for families
- Shared consumption



benefits of toy libraries



TLA service & activities

TLA supports existing toy libraries, encourages the establishment of new toy libraries and encourages families to play through its service.

- World Play Day (28 May) – celebrates the child's right to play, as enshrined in Article 31 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. For more information on World Play Day visit www.toylibraries.org.au/wpd
- Annual national and state conferences in Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth
- Toy Community – TLA runs Toy Community, a social enterprise that helps toy libraries access toys at wholesale/discount prices
- Networking toy library staff and volunteers both online and face-to-face
- Negotiation of affordable insurance for toy libraries
- Information and support on running toy libraries

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Support member toy libraries to grow

1. Support toy libraries to use the quality standards
2. Continue to grow attendance at WA, SA and VIC training
3. Increase networking opportunities
4. Better support our staff to support our members
5. Grow the usage of Toy Community

Aim for at least one toy library in every council area in Australia

6. Develop a short guide to establishing a new toy library
7. Develop a mentoring program for new toy libraries' committees
8. Run networking/training in NSW and QLD
9. Secure the future of Playgroup Queensland toy libraries

Ensure every family with pre-school children knows about toy libraries

10. Establish an Instagram presence
11. Establish relationships with online influencers

Encourage the environmentally sustainable use of toys

12. Articulate a position statement on environmental sustainability
13. Articulate the environmental benefits of toy libraries
14. Position toy libraries to win environmentally focused grants.

Secure funding for projects to support the above goals

14. Secure corporate partners
15. Continue to apply for grants
16. Lobby for Deductible Gift Recipient status

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2019 priorities

TLA staff & committee

Staff

TLA Manager

Sarah McCarty

Toy Community Manager

Kim Hauser

Committee

President

Debbie Williams

Vice President

Jane O'Connell

Secretary

Rebecca Lalor

Treasurer

Ritu Gupta

General

Ayse Bayramoglu

Bec Brannigan

Diana Condylas

Karen East

Megan Edlich

Amanda Hotchin

Anlina Jones

Claire Kingdon

Caris Morris

Tofu Naitoko

Sharon Pappas

Amy Williams

Heather Wright





Summary - Profit and Loss

Item	2017	2018
Membership and insurance services		
Revenue	91,459	91,237
Expenses	(95,243)	(98,103)
Surplus/(defecit	(3,784)	(-6,866)
Toy Community		
Sales	150,773	208,059
Cost of goods sold	(131,758)	(179,952)
Operating expenses	(19,580)	(27,556)
Surplus/(defecit	(565)	550
Consolidated Toy Libraries Australia		
Interest income	2,210	1,757
Depreciation	(1,373)	-
Total surplus/(defecit)	(3,512)	(4,558)

Summary - Balance Sheet

Item	2017	2018
Combined Assets		
Current assets	111,289	119,365
Non-curent assets	-	-
Total assets	111,289	119,365
Combined Liabilities		
Current liabilities	45,456	58,091
Net Assets/Equity		
Net Assets/Equity	65,833	61,274

2018 financials

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