

# Annual Report

## 2023/24

*“To encourage and support kinship carers, including grandparents raising grandchildren, who are the primary carers of diverse family and kin. The group offers peer support, advocacy, information and referral services to member kinship families throughout Tasmania.”*

**28<sup>th</sup> October 2024.**

**Kin Raising Kids Tasmania  
Inc.**

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# Presidents Report 2023/2024

It is my pleasure to write and present my first report for Kin Raising Kids Tasmania as President. I would like to acknowledge our previous President Garry Love. Garry is a founding member of Kin Raising Kids Tasmania and Garry's passion for increased support for grandparent carers and his ability to raise funds has been instrumental in Kin Raising Kids Tasmania success, thank you Garry for your love and passion. We also say goodbye to Tonya Walker who has resigned as our treasurer. Thank you Tonya and we hope you enjoy your new career. I would also like to thank Mark Morrissey for his many years as KKK patron. Thank you for your guidance, Mark, and we hope you enjoy all the travelling you are doing. I welcome our new patron Dr Meredith Kiraly. Thankyou Meredith for taking on this role and we look forward to your support.

The last year has been a year of building and working closely with the ACD Tas, especially Janet Presser, to improve our governance and attract diversity in our governance. I would also like to welcome the new board members to the team. Thank you for coming on board.

Our year started with John, Frank and I being invited to appear before the Federal Inquiry into the recognition of unpaid carers because of our submission earlier in the year. The report from the inquiry released in March 2024 has not recommended the inclusion of kinship care.

We have had great support from Care Victoria, Grandcarers South Australia and Bapcare, Tasmania. Kinship Care Victoria supported two of our board members by paying for their tickets to attend the National Foster and Kinship Carer conference in Hobart.

Grandcarers South Australia provided funding for two board members to attend a face-to-face meeting in Canberra with the Parliamentary Friends of Grandparent and Kinship Carers. The meeting supported carers to speak about their experience of being kinship carers. The meeting included carers from ACT, South Australia, Queensland, Victoria, and Western Australia, thank you to Senator Lambie for her support in reforming the Parliamentary Friends of Kinship Care. Early this year Kin Raising Kids Tasmanian was invited to join Kinship Alliance Australia with other organisations who will

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support the alliance national strategy. The alliance was launched at the South Australian Government House and with support from Grandcarers South Australia and members from all States (except the Northern Territory), with a member of Kin Raising Kids Tasmania attending. This year we became a member of Kinship Alliance Australia. Six delegates from Tasmania went to a Melbourne forum organised by Meredith Kiraly and Mike Feszezak and listened to Kate Bundle, former CEO of Grandparent New Zealand, we wish our politicians would just take on board how they are helping informal kin. We would like to thank Bapcare and Grandparents raising grandchildren Northwest for funds to help us go to this forum.

We have also joined Tascoss and go to appropriate meetings, take part in the Community Kinship Governance meetings, invited by CCYP to be part of the "Nowhere else to go" project on young people's view on homelessness, and visit politicians to let them know we are still here. John has recently had a great catch-up with Minister Jaensch which is what needs to happen, and we were invited to attend the launch of the Centre of Excellence in Child and Family Welfare.

I would like to say a big thank you to the KRK committee. Mostly a committee of four, I think we did okay this year!!

Finally, I would like to thank all the supporters of Kin Raising Kids Tasmania, the Kenlyn Foundation, Kinship Carers Victoria, Grandcarers South Australia, Rotary Club of Somerset, Department of Social Services, Dr Meredith Kiraly and all the Tasmanian kinship carers who provide a safe and loving home for our kin.

Warm Regards,  
Jan Savage  
President  
Kind Raising Kids Tasmania

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# Committee Membership



**Jan Savage  
President**



**John Flack  
Secretary**



**Tonya Walker  
Treasurer**



**Frank Tyers  
Board Member**



**Tracey Flack  
Board Member**



**Ross Henderson  
Past President**

## Finance Committee

Tonya, Jan, Ross and John

## Communications Committee Fortnightly Meetings

Frank, Jan, John and Kate Bean.

## Bimonthly Face to Face State Committee Meeting Campbell Town

Jan, John, Tonya, Frank, Tracey and Ross

## Bimonthly State Committee MS Teams Meeting

Jan, John, Tonya, Frank, Tracey and Ross

# Income Statement

## For year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

2022/23

2023/24

	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>		
Donations Received	4,050	12,240
Government Grants	2,500	0
Subscriptions Received	210	165
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>6,760</b>	<b>14,405</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Advocacy Fees	300	315
Audit Fees	198	319
Computer Expenses	175	383
Meeting Expenses	2,247	532
Postage and Stationery	642	-
Travel	0	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,562</b>	<b>1,549</b>
<b>Current Year Surplus/(Deficit) before Abnormal Expenses</b>	<b>3,198</b>	<b>12,856</b>
<b>Current Year Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>7,352</b>	<b>12,856</b>
<b>Abnormal Expenses</b>		
<b>Abnormal expenses - Computer Write Down</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,792</b>
<b>Total Abnormal Expenses</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,792</b>
<b>Current Year Surplus (Deficit) after Abnormal Expenses</b>	<b>3,198</b>	<b>8,065</b>

## Balance Sheet

### For the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

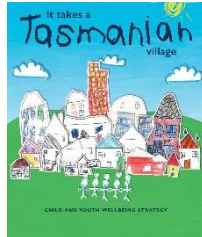
	2022/23	2023/24
	\$	\$
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	5,759	17,817

<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>5,759</b>	<b>17,817</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Property plant and equipment	4,792	798
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>4,792</b>	<b>798</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>10,550</b>	<b>18,615</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>10,550</b>	<b>18,615</b>
<b>Members funds</b>		
Current year earnings	3,198	8,065
Retained earnings	7,352	10,550
<b>Total members funds</b>	<b>10,550</b>	<b>18,605</b>

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# Advocacy

## It Takes a Tasmanian Village



**Being loved, safe and valued**

**Having what you need**

**Being healthy Learning**

**Participating**

**Culture and Identity**

<https://wellbeing.tas.gov.au>

## Supporting Tasmanian Carers



Supporting Tasmanian Carers  
Tasmanian Carer  
Action Plan 2021-25

[https://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/cpp/community-policy-and-engagement/carers\\_policy\\_and\\_action\\_plan](https://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/cpp/community-policy-and-engagement/carers_policy_and_action_plan)

## Kinship Alliance Australia



**A national network of kinship care advocates.**

**Raising awareness and advocacy for policy change that recognizes and address the needs of all kinship carers and the children in their care**

<https://kinshipalliance.org.au/>



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# Facebook Information 2023/24

**Followers** 345

## Age and Gender

**Men** 13.6%  
**Women** 86.4%

## Facebook followers by gender and age

Age	Women	Men
18-24	1.60%	0%
25-34	5.10%	1%
35-44	12.40%	1.90%
45-54	25.70%	2.20%
55-64	24.80%	4.10%
65+	16.80%	4.40%

## Top Cities

1. Melbourne, VIC, Australia 7.2%
2. Hobart, TAS, Australia 5.8%
3. Ulverstone, TAS, Australia 5.5%
4. Devonport, TAS, Australia 5.2%
5. Burnie, TAS, Australia 2.9%
6. Launceston, TAS, Australia 2.9%
7. Perth, WA, Australia 2.9%
8. Wynyard, TAS, Australia 2.9%
9. Adelaide, SA, Australia 2.3%
10. Penguin, TAS, Australia 2%

**Organic Facebook Reach** 1 600

**Facebook Visits** 1 300

**Content Interactions** 400



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# Tasmanian Carers Charter

- 1. Carers should be acknowledged as diverse and are to be treated as individuals with their own needs within, and beyond, their roles as carers.**
- 2. Carers should be consulted in relation to the development and evaluation of policies and programs, and the provision of resources, in so far as those policies, programs and resources affect their role as carers.**
- 3. Carers should be empowered to access information and services that are relevant to them in their role as carers.**
- 4. Carers should be supported to participate in, and contribute to, the social, political, economic and cultural life of Tasmania, if they so desire.**
- 5. Carers should be recognized and respected for their valuable caring role and should be supported in accessing, and engaging in, a wide range of services to ensure their well-being and to maintain their connections to their community.**
- 6. Carers' knowledge about the persons for whom they are caring should be respected, acknowledging that each carer, and each person being cared for, has both rights and responsibilities.**
- 7. Carers should be able to raise concerns about decisions, and services, that affect them as carers or the persons for whom they are caring, without the carers or such persons suffering adverse repercussions, and those concerns should be dealt with as promptly as is reasonably practicable.**