



ANNUAL REPORT 2019

INTRODUCTION

This report covers the period January to December 2019.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Aspley Caring Through Service (ACTS) is registered with the *Australian Charities and Not-for Profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Managed by the **Board of Management**, ACTS members included Everald Compton (Chairman), Wally Rea (Secretary), Barbara Adamson (to 5 Sept. 2019), Reg Miles, Margaret Goody (to 5 May 2019) and Rev. Sandra Jebb (Ex officio member as the placed Minister). Three new members joined the Board during the year including Andrew Norton (from 6 Jun 2019), Jose Faktaufon (from 6 Jun 2019) and Shirley Kuhbauch (from 7 Nov 2019).

ACTS SUNDAY 2019

The ACTS Sunday service was held on the 16 June 2019. Ms Debbie Bruford from the Uniting Church Community Services was invited to provide an overview of UCCS's services offered for victims of domestic violence. ACTS has offered funding for some of their activities on domestic violence for the year.

GIFTS/DONATIONS RECEIVED

Every dollar received is donated in full to people in need. All ACTS activities are supported by volunteer services.

Congregation members contributed most of the donations received. Special donations were received from the annual Arts and Craft Day, the Ladies Evening Fellowship and Glenda Wood's fund-raising activities. ACTS is deeply appreciative for the support and prayers from members of our Congregation. Searching and asking for new funds from sources outside AUC is our current priority.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES FOR THOSE IN NEED

Emergency payments for people in need amounted to \$60,577.40 compared to \$45,191.80 made in 2018.

The Table below outlines the spread of ACTS emergency payments to the 6 Support Areas as a percentage of total emergency payments made during the year.

The bulk of ACTS activities for the year was of course outreaching and offering support to the victims of the bushfires that ravaged areas stretching from Queensland down to South Australia. The safety and welfare of members of the Partnered organisations in the affected areas were continually challenged but did not stop their efforts in reaching out and offering help to those most affected by the bushfires.

	SUPPORT AREAS	% total
1	The Homeless, the unemployed and people without family support	6%
2	People in need including single parents, older Australians, people with disabilities & people living on struggle street	19%
3	Refugees and asylum seekers on Temporary Visas	3%
4	Rural Australians confronting the effects of bushfires, droughts and severe weather conditions	60%
5	School Assistance for children going to school without breakfast, students needing school resource support	6%
6	Domestic Violence and other abuses	6%

FAMILIES ON TEMPORARY VISAS

The Sri Lankan families on temporary bridging visas are still in the legal system awaiting a call-up of their Court cases.

PARTNERS IN ACTS MINISTRY

ACTS ministry to support people in need was greatly enhanced with the support and blessings of various organisations including:

- Rosies - providing meals for the homeless on our streets
- YMCA for school breakfast

- The UC Community Services for victims of domestic violence, Brisbane northside
- Accessing people adversely affected by the droughts were partnered through the following organisations:
 1. The Lifeline Office, Toowoomba
 2. The Burke & Wills Patrol Padre in Cunnamulla
 3. The Tenterfield Anglican Church
 4. St Vincents de Paul Conference Coonabarabran, and
 5. The Uniting Churches in Glen Innes, Longreach and Stanthorpe
- Outreach help for the Bushfire victims involved partnerships with the following organisations
 1. Uniting Churches in Yeppoon and Crows Nest in Qld; Bodalla, Lithgow, Taree and Ulladalla in NSW and the Kangaroo Island UC in SA.
 2. The Anglican Churches in Batemans Bay and in Cobargo NSW
 3. The Frontier Service Padre Swifts Creek Victoria
 4. The Baptist Church Buxton NSW and
 5. The Gippsland Emergency Fund in Bairnsdale and Mallacoota NSW
- The GIVIT website as the source for accessing people in need around the country

ACTS extends its appreciation and prayers to all our Partner organisations as they continue their great services in love and grace.

CONCLUSION

May all that we have offered continue as our contribution towards a more caring community.

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