



Making a difference
in the lives of
Victorian children

**STATE
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2019

ANNUAL REPORT

Celebrating 89 Years of Service



SSR

State Schools' Relief is a not-for-profit organisation that improves the lives of tens of thousands of disadvantaged Victorian students, and their families, each year.

Our simple and practical service ensures that all students can attend school in warmth and comfort with a greater sense of belonging and improved self-esteem, which in turn enhances their educational engagement.

Issues such as poverty, neglect, family illness, abuse and homelessness continue to affect many Victorian families. SSR provides government school students with new uniforms, footwear and educational resources, including learning devices. We work side by side with all Victorian primary, secondary, specialist and language schools to ensure that any students facing hardship have the necessary items they require for school.



Our Values

Unity

Working together to support every young person.



Equality

Supporting equal life chance and access to opportunity for all young people.

Dignity

Making sure that every young person is able to participate with the same pride and dignity as their peers.

Belonging

Fostering a sense of participation, inclusion and belonging to their school community.

Our History

State Schools' Relief was founded in June 1930 during the Great Depression, by Anton Vroland a Head Teacher from Elsternwick State School. Anton organised an initial meeting with fellow teachers and principals who were concerned about the students living in the barges along the Yarra and huts around the Dudley Flat tip. At the conclusion of this meeting, the State Schools' Relief Committee was formed to undertake any relief possible to Victorian students.

Almost 90 years on SSR continues its mission of supporting of Victorian state school students by removing barriers to education. Our anonymous assistance ensures that those students receiving help can do so with dignity.

The tens of thousands of students we help each year, ensures that each young person feels included and valued.

The importance of our work, and the tens of thousands of students we help each year, ensures that each young person feels included and valued. It provides every student, regardless of their background, with the opportunity to participate fully in their schooling, without any barriers. When young people feel that they belong, they thrive.

The following members have all contributed significantly and worked tirelessly to advance the mission and vision of SSR.

Life Members

Sir William Fry, Arthur Lewis, Ian McArthur, Stuart Chambers, George Moody, Charles Roach, Colin Dawson, Ron Cooper, Ray Addicoat, Frank Corr, Ralph Francione, Bruce Spratling, Alan Pinkerton and David Schmidt

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President's Report

On the eve of our 90th anniversary, and with state government funding support secured until the end of 2023, State Schools' Relief is well placed to continue its important role in Victorian state education by enabling students from disadvantaged backgrounds to fully participate in school through the provision of uniforms, shoes and other essential items.

The last year has once again been a year of growth and development for SSR as we have expanded our service offerings, grown our staff capacity and increased stakeholder engagement. During this period, the Board has given much thought to our expanded responsibility with regard to both managing, and being accountable, for taxpayer dollars.

Our brief is to enhance stakeholder and community value and to be accountable by rigorous oversight of strategy, culture, risk, regulation and finance and our aspiration is to perform these functions as a high-performing Board. To this end, the Board, together with key staff have participated in workshops on what it means and what it takes to be a high performing organisation.

The focus of this is the development of a 4-year strategic plan with our aim being to expand our social enterprise clothing label Student's Choice, develop new programs and to continue our core work of providing uniforms, shoes and other essential educational resources with a high level of corporate governance, emphasising accountability and performance.

The Student's Choice label has become a major source of revenue-raising, as an increasing number of schools are choosing to use SSR as their uniform provider. This is a longer-term strategy to ensure that we can maximize our impact in, and service to schools and in return receive revenue which flows directly back to our charitable provision.

To assist with non-school revenue raising, SSR is establishing a Community Council to both seek and facilitate fundraising from business and philanthropic organisations. A good example of this type of partnership is the iPad Program which delivered iPads to non-verbal students in Victorian specialist schools and was funded by Bank First and Gandel Philanthropy.

The Glasses for Kids program which is funded by the State Government and managed by SSR has been an overwhelming success with over 20,000 students tested and around 2000 receiving glasses.

Glasses for Kids was delivered as a partnership involving 11 different projects and a wide range of organisations. Due to its success, Glasses for Kids has received 4-year funding by the State Government, recommencing in 2020 and will again be delivered as a partnership with SSR as the lead partner.

Last year SSR welcomed a new CEO, Sue Karzis. Now 18 months into the role, Sue has brought leadership and direction to SSR in a time of change and growth. Sue has built productive and lasting relationships with stakeholders and has been instrumental in establishing an environment of high performance to ensure SSR meets its strategic and corporate objectives.

I would like to thank my fellow Board members for their support and involvement in working to ensure that SSR becomes a high performing Board. Their willingness to embrace the new challenges brought about by increased funding has been much appreciated. Welcome to Barbara Laidlaw as a new Board member representing VASSP and thank you to predecessor Judi Benney for her work on the Board.

Our Board sub-committees play a critical role in strategy development and accountability and I would once again like to thank subcommittee convenors Rommie Redlich, Christine Stewart, Robyn Wilson and Tony Ross for their work.

This year, once again has been a challenging year for staff with the splitting of locations into two sites. On behalf of all Board members I would like to thank the SSR staff for embracing change and for their work and effort in maintaining high standards of customer service in their dealings with schools, students and other stakeholders.

Our sponsors large and small are the life-blood of SSR, and without their support we would not have an organisation. Particular thanks go to the Department of Education, The Australian Education Union, Bank Australia, Bank First and the Australian Schools Canteen Association for their continued commitment. Support from the Freemasons Foundation Victoria, Gandel Philanthropy and Holding Redlich has also been invaluable to SSR.

Thank you to those schools who fundraise for SSR, your support for disadvantaged students is critical to our ongoing operation. We are hopeful that with an increased marketing presence in schools that we will have many more schools contribute to the work of SSR. Similarly, thank you to all the teachers who

contribute to our Payroll Giving fundraising program, which has now been running for a number of years and is increasingly important as more teachers contribute through their fortnightly pay.

SSR has had significant growth in the last 5 years, and is now a key participant in Victoria's not for profit community.

This has occurred primarily because of increased support and funding from the state government through the Department of Education and has enabled our services to assist many more students from disadvantaged families. With funding assured for the next four years, SSR is able to continue and expand the work of ensuring that every student can participate in education on an equal footing. It is a great privilege for SSR to be able to play that role in the Victorian community.

Barry Smith

President



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Ambassador's Message

I am proud to continue in my role as the Victorian Government Ambassador for State Schools' Relief.

The Andrews Government and State Schools' Relief continue their commitment to helping Victorian families access education without barriers. The support State Schools' Relief provides our children is a key part of this, assisting with the cost of uniforms, shoes and educational resources.

State Schools' Relief is helping children to feel included at school - boosting their sense of wellbeing and self-worth and ultimately supporting them to more fully engage in school. And this is a great thing. Because we want to see all Victorian children have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

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Sonya Kilkenny MP

State Member for Carrum

State Schools' Relief Ambassador



In 2018/2019, we assisted **56,622** students with school uniforms, shoes and other educational resources such as graphing calculators, text books and glasses.



Creating Value

Our Own Brand of Uniforms and Shoes

One successful method of reducing the cost of our service has been the creation of 'our own' brand of uniforms and school shoes. By working closely with schools to provide our **Student's Choice** uniform items and shoes where possible, it means that high-quality clothing is supplied which closely resembles the branded items largely used by other students.

There are many benefits to this: it ensures the items are received by students are free of charge; there is no parent co-contribution required; and crucially this enables more children to benefit from our support.

With Student's Choice, we're able to provide approximately three uniform items for the same cost of one comparable item that is purchased via a school's uniform shop or retailer.

STUDENT'S ✓ CHOICE



Student's Choice Easily Accessible

Another way we create value is to retail our Student's Choice quality leather shoes. These shoes can be purchased directly from a large number of retail outlets across the state, or online, via our website.

Our shoes are great quality at an affordable price and all profits from the sales of these shoes are returned to the organisation to further benefit disadvantaged students.



CEO Report

SSR is a not-for-profit organisation that improves the lives of tens of thousands of disadvantaged Victorian children, and their families, each year.

Founded in 1930 during the Great Depression, SSR provides government school students with new uniforms, footwear and educational resources, including learning devices. The organisation's aim is to remove barriers so that every student, regardless of their background, will participate fully in their education. When young people feel that they belong, they thrive.

In 2018, SSR developed a new 4-year strategic plan with a focus on expanding our social enterprise arm, developing new programs to assist state school students in need and continuing our work of providing school uniforms, shoes and other essential educational resources. Our focus for the next 4 years, is to create effective programs that tackle the root causes of inequality and deliver a clear and positive community benefit. SSR plans to grow its service delivery to ensure that disadvantaged students and their families have the support to enable successful participation in education.

With core funding provided by the state government in the 2018/19 financial year, SSR was able to authorise 56,622 applications for support, with the total value exceeding \$6.3m. SSR provided over 210,000 items including school uniforms, school shoes, graphing calculators and work boots for VCAL students. In the last financial year, 83% of Victorian state schools were assisted by SSR, at an average cost of \$111.00.

In order to meet the growing demand of charitable applications, SSR established its own label in 2016. The Student's Choice label is produced exclusively for SSR and our label is distributed to schools wherever possible. The advantages for schools and families receiving the Student's Choice label is twofold – firstly, it means that the items are received completely free of charge.

Secondly, the cost of supplying the Student's Choice label is far more economical than supplying a retail voucher – this means that we can assist many more vulnerable young people.

To remain sustainable into the future, SSR also retails generic uniform items to uniform shops and provides whole of school uniforms to several schools. Our social enterprise arm continues to grow, with the number of schools using SSR as a uniform retailer having doubled. The revenue generated by sales of uniforms flows directly back into the organisation to help fund the charitable provision of uniforms and educational resources.

In December 2018, with the support of the state government, SSR facilitated drought relief support for students in East Wellington and Gippsland, with a package comprising of uniform items and educational resources, including text books.

Our team was able to deliver approximately 9,000 packages to communities who were grateful for the support.

Other new initiatives included the iPad Program, which delivered 191 iPads to non-verbal students in Victorian specialist schools. These were made available through the generous support of Bank First and Gandel Philanthropy.

The Glasses for Kids program concluded in September 2018, 9 months ahead of schedule and having surpassed the target of 250 schools. In total, 290 schools were visited, with over 20,000 children from prep through to grade 3 receiving vision screening and testing. This program delivered significant impact for the children who participated in it.



A new head office in Bentleigh signalled the sustained growth in our organisation. Along with new office space, during 2018/19 we created exciting new roles within our organisation including Operations Manager, Community Engagement Manager and Purchasing, Inventory & Supply Chain Manager. As we head into an exciting future of growth and innovation, we are upgrading our systems and infrastructure to ensure that we are well-positioned to deliver in excess of 60,000 applications in the new financial year.

SSR is grateful for the ongoing support received from the state government, which has enabled the organisation to impact 83% of Victorian state schools. The long-standing support of the Department of Education and Training (DET), the AEU, Bank First, Bank Australia, ASCA, the VPA and VASSP have contributed to the growth and success of SSR over the last year. The support of Freemasons Foundation Victoria, Gandel Philanthropy and the in-kind support provided by Holding Redlich cannot be underestimated.

Finally, I would like to thank the Board of SSR for their support and commitment. As we embark on an exciting era of growth and innovation, I am particularly grateful for the support

of the President, Barry Smith, who has provided direction and unwavering commitment to the vision and direction that the organisation is taking.

Looking ahead to our 90th year in 2020, it is important to reflect on the longevity of our organisation and the key role that it has played in supporting Victorian state school students in need. Our mission has, and will continue to be, to remove barriers so that every student, regardless of their background, can participate fully in their education. Thanks to the 4-year funding provided by the state government, SSR will continue to innovate and diversify our offerings in order to ensure that our most vulnerable children and young people are receiving the support that they need.

Sue Karzis

Chief Executive Officer



Facts & Figures



Participation in **education** is the main way out of poverty and this pathway must remain **open to every child**.



Applications 9,636
No. of Items 42,220
Value \$1,361,011



Applications 12,231
No. of Items 47,069
Value \$1,403,317



Applications 38,423
No. of Items 144,742
Value \$5,470,729



Applications 45,785
No. of Items 160,691
Value \$5,481,980



Applications 56,142
No. of Items 177,691
Value \$5,067,788



Applications 56,622
No. of Items 210,758
Value \$6,336,549



We've come such a long way in our history.

The year of
— 1935 —

146

schools provided
financial aid

369

puddings were made
and distributed

4,355

garments were issued
at a cost of £505

2,224

pairs of first-class footwear
were issued for needy cases

No case of necessity brought before the S.S.R.C. has gone unrelieved

Flood relief

As a result of the disastrous Gippsland floods, urgent relief became necessary. In a short period £302 was received from schools as special contributions, towards relieving flood distress among school children. Thirteen schools were assisted, some several times, with new clothing and footwear, mattresses, bedding and leather.

Milk

8,520 children of 113 metropolitan schools received a daily drink of milk over 4 ½ months, as the S.S.R.C. accepted the responsibility of administering a Government grant for the supply of milk to ill-nourished children of state schools. In total, 42,173 gallons were purchased at a cost of £2,518.

Review

The S.S.R.C. has now been functioning for 5 ½ years. Teachers generally, it would appear, have confidence in its administration and support it well. They are invited to organise local efforts to help the funds, and also to seek any assistance needed.

We have assisted **56,622** underprivileged Victorian State School students.



Item	No. of Items	Value
Briefs	5,265	\$15,795
Calculators	253	\$55,660
Dresses	10,887	\$447,057
Hats	6,610	\$64,306
iPads	191	\$82,989
Jackets/Tops	28,544	\$898,525
Jumpers/Cardigans	3,149	\$188,679
Other	1,961	\$36,137
Pants	32,143	\$612,075
School Bags	722	\$29,470
T-Shirts/Shirts	48,301	\$975,755
Shoes	28,234	\$1,123,196
Shorts	19,109	\$418,745
Singlets	1,283	\$3,234
Skirts	1,479	\$65,295
Socks	12,634	\$13,912
Text Books	7,005	\$1,230,700
Ties	692	\$11,072
Windcheaters	2,093	\$63,786
Work Boots	203	\$161
Grand Total	210,758	\$6,336,549

Shirts, Tops, Jackets and Shoes make up **105,000 items**

We supplied over **17,000 pairs** of socks and briefs.



Circumstances of our help: Charity vs CSEF

Charity vs CSEF	No. of Students	No. of Items	Value
Charity	36,036	157,626	\$4,777,330
CSEF	18,596	44,197	\$1,306,763

Utilisation of our services: 75 P-12 schools, 900 Primary schools, 234 Secondary schools and 75 Specialist/Language schools. **83% of Victorian State schools were assisted in 2018/2019, that's 1,284 schools!**

Average cost of support per child

\$111

Average number of items per app

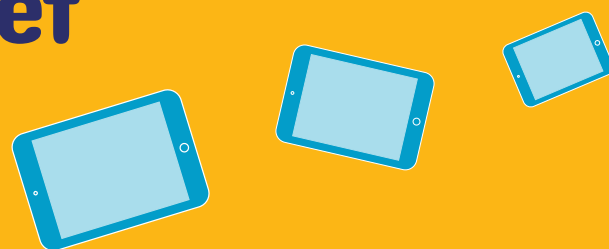
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Fundraising

195 schools donated to SSR in 2018/2019, totalling **\$135,074**



State Schools' Relief iPad Program



In late 2018, we launched a pilot program, **iPads for Non-Verbal students**, aimed at assisting students experiencing significant communication barriers within the school environment and at home.

These students were identified by teachers, allied health staff and principals in specialist schools as struggling with the impact of material disadvantage, and the cost of the iPads has proved to be prohibitive for many families.

In Victoria alone, there are over 80 specialist schools. Many students within these schools are non-verbal. Traditionally there hasn't been an adequate solution to assist these students communicate with their teachers, allied health workers, families, peers and the wider community. Technology now enables the use of various apps to assist with language learning. Most importantly, iPads are a crucial tool in helping special needs students to break down barriers and improve their communication skills.

For parents who can afford them, iPads have enabled engagement with learning and meaningful communication for these young people; however, at a cost of more than \$600 each, many families and carers are not in a financial position to be able to provide this essential device for their child. In one specialist school alone, there were over 45 non-verbal children that had no means of formal communication outside the classroom. At State Schools' Relief we recognised this need and wanted to make a difference in the lives of these children and young people.



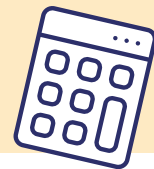
Outcomes

With the support of Bank First and Gandel Philanthropy, the iPad program reached **29 Specialist schools** across Victoria and provided **191 iPads** to students in need.

Of the 29 schools which received the iPads, 14 were in metropolitan Melbourne and 15 were in regional Victoria.



Graphing Calculators in partnership with Bank Australia



Bank Australia
RESPONSIBLE BANKING

In 2018 State Schools' Relief once again benefitted from the generous support of Bank Australia, a long-time supporter of our organisation. The support provided by Bank Australia funded the provision of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) calculators to hundreds of Victorian students that otherwise would not have been able to access these devices for the successful completion of their subjects.

In the 2018/2019 financial year SSR supplied 251 calculators to students in 63 secondary schools across Victoria.

To evaluate the effectiveness of this continuing program, we sent a survey to all schools whose students benefited from receiving a STEM calculator. Of the 30 schools that responded, the feedback received was hugely positive;

36%

of those surveyed believe that had the student not been provided a STEM calculator, they would not have completed the subject

46%

believe the number of calculators received did not meet the needs within their schools, with 60% agreeing that between 1-10 extra calculators would be required to adequately fulfil the need

96%

believe that by receiving a STEM calculator from SSR the student was able to participate in their education independent of personal circumstances

90%

agreed that by having the calculator program available, that it addresses an essential need for the tool that was previously inaccessible; and further that it improved engagement in the classroom and school activities

OVER 90%

of those surveyed agreed that improved learning outcomes and increased participation in lessons were the number one benefits of this program

100%

of schools would like to see this program continued



Feedback



- “ One of my students had no chance of purchasing one and was really struggling in class. His only option was to use the software on the school's computer so had to watch along in class when we demonstrated the use. Getting his own calculator to use meant that he has been able to learn along with his peers and I really think this has enabled him to pass his year 12 maths subject as I could observe firsthand his use of technology and therefore he could pass that outcome.
- “ Tom* who is a refugee from Afghanistan was able to complete and achieve highly in a high-level maths class that he would not be able to access without this calculator. He is a very capable student and it was great to see that he was able to excel in a study area that is universal and where he is not limited by his EAL status. **name changed for privacy*
- “ Our school was able to acquire 2 graphing calculators on behalf of 2 students. One of these students is living independently at Year 11 level and would not have been able to complete Math Methods without the support of SSR funding for calculator. This student is supporting himself financially, emotionally, all home living skills and the provision of the calculator provided one less hurdle and allowed him to undertake his chosen subject career path.
- “ One of our female Year 11 students comes from a financially disadvantaged family. Without access to a calculator she would have struggled to have kept up with the work both in class and at home. She has however excelled in Maths this year.

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising is crucial for our organisation to enable us to continue assisting all Victorian students in need.

A casual dress day, footy day, sausage sizzle, fun run or even a Topsy Turvy day (where students can wear their uniforms back to front and/or inside-out!) are easy and effective fundraising ideas and offer great opportunities for all students to get involved.

Contact us for a flyer of other fundraising ideas to make it fun and simple for everyone.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

The demand on our services is growing. In the last four years, applications for our assistance have increased by almost 400%.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

If you'd like to help Victorian students and show your community spirit, make a donation or hold a fundraiser for us. Alternatively you can contact us; we are always looking for new ideas, groups and organisations to potentially partner with to provide more Victorian children with the opportunity to succeed in their education.

DONATIONS

Since 1930, successive Victorian governments have provided operational costs. This means that 100% of funds donated to State Schools' Relief are used to purchase quality clothing, footwear and educational supplies for students in need.

State Schools' Relief is a registered charity with ATO Deductible Gift Recipient status. Donations over \$2.00 are fully tax deductible.

Donations can be made via the links on our website or directly deposited into our bank account: Bank Australia: BSB 313 140, ACC 1926 5272.

State Schools' Relief acknowledges the generous support of the Victorian State Government.



Our Board Members

The direction and strategy of State Schools' Relief is overseen by a Board of Directors.



Barbara Laidlaw

M.E.P.A, B.Ed (Arts/Lib secondary), A.L.A.A. Represents the Victorian Association of State Secondary Principals. Barbara is Principal of Mullauna College Mitcham, and has had diverse career opportunities across 11 rural and metropolitan secondary colleges with enrolments of between 280 and 1550 students.



Barry Smith, President

B.A, Dip. Ed, GAICD. Elected member.

Barry has had a varied career as a teacher, teacher union official, government adviser and business owner.



Christine Stewart, Vice President

B.A., Dip. Ed. Represents Australian Education Union.

Christine has been a secondary teacher for over 20 years, including roles as Student Welfare Coordinator. Christine also held the role of deputy secretary at the AEU for 12 years and has been a director of VicSuper for 10 years.



Cheryle Osborne

PhD, MEPA, MEPI, B Ed Dip. Teach (Primary) Represents the Victorian Principals Association (VPA)

Cheryle has over 35 years' experience in Victorian Government schools and is currently Principal of Aspendale Gardens Primary School. Cheryle has been a member of the VPA for 23 years and a VPA Board Member for the past 13 years.



Esther Wood

T.P.T.C.; B. Ed, Grad Dip. Special Education. Elected member.

Member of VPA for over 20 years, member of Principal Class for 24 years. Recipient of Principal of the Year Award 2014, Medal of the Order of Australia 2015.



John Hurley

B.A. Commerce, B. Ed, Certificate Counselling & Psychotherapy. Elected member.

Principal for 33 years in State Schools, working across 14 different schools.



Lisa Amalfi-Chiera

Represents Parents Victoria.

Lisa's introduction to becoming a Parent Advocate for public education in Australia started as Parent Representative on school council at Seaford Primary School and on the Board at Mount Erin College. In 2017, Lisa joined the voluntary executive of Parents Victoria, the peak body representing parents of students in Victorian public schools.



Maria Shearn

M. Student Welfare, Grad Dip. Multicultural Education, Dip. Ed. Represents Australian Education Union (Primary).

Maria has over 30 years' experience in Victorian Government schools and is currently the Principal at East Bentleigh Primary School. Maria has been an AEU member for 30 years and a State Schools' Relief Board member since 2013. Maria is passionate about inclusive education.



Ralph Francione

B.A., B. Ed, M. Ed. Admin. Elected member.

Ralph has a wealth of experience as a teacher, Principal, Inspector of Schools, Senior Administrator (Dept. of Education) and Chairman of State Curriculum Committees.



Robyn Wilson

D. Bus. Admin. Elected member.

Robyn has worked for 20 years as a business manager. Representative for the Business Managers Victoria.



Rommie Redlich

Adv. Dip. Financial Planning, Adv. Dip. Banking & Accounting. Elected member.

Over thirty years' experience working for large corporations in senior roles, specialising in Financial Planning and Superannuation. Previously, Rommie spent thirteen years working closely with the Victorian Education sector.



Susan Mann

B.A., Dip. Ed., GAICD. Elected member.

Susan has worked in education in Victoria, nationally and internationally, as a secondary teacher, teacher educator, policy analyst and senior administrator for over 40 years. Over the last 20 years, she has developed extensive experience in managing not-for-profit companies owned by the Australian Ministers for Education, as Chief Operating Officer of the Learning Federation and Chief Executive Officer of Curriculum Corporation and its successor, Education Services Australia.



Tony Ross

M. Ed. Admin, Dip. Ed. Elected member.

Tony has held many senior positions in education, is a Board Member of Bendigo Bank and Vice President of Pakenham Living Learning Centre.



Wilma Culton

B. Ed, M. Ed. Elected member.

Currently Principal of Serpell Primary School in Templestowe. Special interest in International Education, International Standards and Accreditation of Schools with a strong focus on development of students with a positive contribution as global citizens.

Member	Member Since	Status	Meetings Attended
Barbara Laidlaw	April 2019	Current	2 out of 8*
Barry Smith	September 2011	Current	8 out of 8
Christine Stewart	February 2010	Current	7 out of 8
Cheryle Osborne	February 2016	Current	7 out of 8
Esther Wood	March 2009	Current	7 out of 8
John Hurley	August 2007	Current	8 out of 8
Lisa Amalfi-Chiera	February 2018	Current	6 out of 8
Maria Shearn	October 2013	Current	8 out of 8
Ralph Francione	1986	Current	8 out of 8
Robyn Wilson	April 2015	Current	6 out of 8
Rommie Redlich	August 2009	Current	6 out of 8
Susan Mann	October 2017	Current	7 out of 8
Tony Ross	1987	Current	6 out of 8
Wilma Culton	November 2012	Current	7 out of 8

* Members joined during the year.

Financial Performance



The Financial Report has been audited by McPhail and Partners who have advised the report is in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

If you would like to request a copy of the complete audited 2018/19 financial statement, please call 03 98769 8400 or email contact@ssr.net.au

- Operating surplus amounted to **\$1,756,268** an increase compared with the previous financial year.
- Cost of assistance grew by 34% to **\$5,237,244** up from **\$3,907,519** the previous year.
- Total expenses amounted to **\$2,200,681** an increase of 10% compared with the previous financial year.
- Cash at bank **\$2,630,109** increased from the previous financial year.

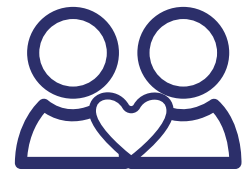


Statement of Financial Position	2019	2018
Current Assets	\$	\$
Cash at Bank	2,630,109	971,605
Trade and other receivables	12,797	14,192
Inventories	734,097	511,180
Other Assets	-	206,382
Total Current Assets	3,377,003	1,703,359
Non-current Assets		
Financial Assets	15	15
Plant and Equipment	174,076	62,362
Intangible Assets	-	-
Total non-current Assets	174,091	62,377
Total Assets	3,551,094	1,765,736
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	674,408	631,839
Income in advance	-	51,542
Provision for Employee Entitlements	84,199	46,136
Total current liabilities	758,607	729,517
Total Liabilities	758,607	729,517
Net Assets		
Retained earnings	2,792,487	1,036,219
Equity	2,792,487	1,036,219

Statement of Cash Flows	2017	2018
Cash flows from operating activities	\$	\$
Receipts from operations	9,404,193	5,174,313
Payments to suppliers and employees	-7,644,925	-5,440,346
Interest received	20,198	6,339
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,779,466	-259,694
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payment for property, plant and equipment	-120,962	-317
Payment for intangible assets	-	-
Net cash used in investing activities	-120,962	-317
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	1,658,504	-260,011
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	971,605	1,231,616
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	2,630,109	971,605

Statement of Profit & Loss ** using 2018 categories	2019	2018
Revenue from continuing operations	\$	\$
Corporate Sponsorship	39,091	38,182
Fundraising - Events	320,126	114,219
Fundraising - Contributions	118,867	193,707
Fundraising - Gifts	333,938	260,380
Grants	8,232,228	4,476,123
In Kind Revenue	129,745	349,417
Other Income	0	4,234
Total Revenue	9,173,995	5,436,262
Less cost of Goods		
Clothing and Footwear	1,667,479	1,643,910
Orders	3,309,669	2,077,108
Calculators	18,335	0
iPads	80,870	0
Freight	160,891	186,501
Total Cost of Goods	5,237,244	3,907,519
Less Expenses		
Administration	551,001	504,887
Fundraising	10,304	1,241
Philanthropic	2,608	15,758
In Kind Employee and Rental Costs	129,745	349,417
Employee Benefits	1,321,372	1,013,417
Maintenance/Repairs	22,327	2,029
Other Expenses	163,324	107,552
Total Expenses	2,200,681	1,994,301
Finance Income	20,198	6,339
Surplus/(deficit) before tax	1,756,268	-459,219
Income tax Expense	0	0
Other Comprehensive Income	0	0
Total Comprehensive Income	1,756,268	-459,219

Partnerships, Support and Fundraising



In the past year individual donors, partner organisations, philanthropic foundations and schools across the state continued to help us support young Victorian students in need by providing the necessary footwear, clothing and educational resources required for educational engagement.

At State Schools' Relief we are committed to breaking the link between disadvantage and achievement. Thanks to our generous supporters, we can continue to provide Victorian state school students with the opportunity to reach their full potential.

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THE IMPACT OF OUR WORK

“ State Schools’ Relief clothed me for most of my schooling life. Much respect always. You made me proud.
Name withheld

“ Thanks so much for the service you provide. Many of our families would not be able to cope without this service.
William Ruthven Secondary College

“ We thank you for your ongoing support of our students in need.
St Albans Heights Primary School

“ Thank you so much for extending this generous offer for our students to receive these brand-new devices. Needless to say, we have three thrilled and extremely grateful students who thoroughly enjoyed the experience of unpacking their new devices. It was been a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the success and development of our students who have all left custodial settings. These devices are an extension of our shared hopefulness for all that our students endeavour to pursue, and the high expectations and regard we hold them in.
Thank you for considering Parkville College and our students in your invitation.

“ I just wanted to say a big thank you for the two devices we received today. The students are both very grateful and very pleased with their devices – they are very deserving young people. Once again thank you for making a difference in our student’s lives.
Mildura Senior College

“ What incredible work you’re doing. Thanks for sharing! Keep bringing hope and a brighter future for our kids!
Education Changemakers

“ I personally have been involved with SSR for over 50 years as a teacher, congratulations on the fabulous work you do, often unseen for almost 90 years.

“ We really value the support of State Schools’ Relief.
Sebastopol Primary School

“ I am a Youth Counsellor at a local high school and often put in applications to State Schools’ Relief for uniforms. I am especially seeing an increase now that winter is here. I have never been knocked back on a uniform request from SSR.

“ These guys are awesome. I’m in my 50’s and remember getting clothes and shoes from SSR way back in the early 70’s.

“ I worked in schools for many years and know what a great job SSR have done and the difference made to children at school over many decades.

“ I taught for 45 years, often got kids help from you. I’m glad this service is still available.

DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE?

State Schools' Relief will support any student attending a Victorian government school on the advice of the school.

If you are a parent and struggling financially to provide for your child's government education, make an appointment with the school principal, assistant principal or wellbeing/welfare coordinator to discuss your situation.

If you're a teacher or principal you can access our assistance by contacting us on 03 8769 8400.

DID YOU KNOW?

State Schools' Relief assists tens of thousands of students each year.

In fact, one in 10 Victorian state school students and 8 in 10 Victorian state schools utilise our service. In 2018/2019 over 56,000 underprivileged Victorian state school students were assisted.



How you can help

The important work of State Schools' Relief requires your support.
All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.



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