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www.connectingup.org
It is a pleasure to present a Chair’s report for 2013-14. It has been a year of sustained growth and the board is very pleased that our staff have met our Key Performance Indicators, under the very positive leadership of Anne Gawen. These revolve around increasing our outreach into the community sector and adding to the suite of offerings. Our goal to unleash the power of the not-for-profit sector by encouraging the use of technology remains strong in the mind of the board members.

The board understands that many small to medium agencies cannot afford specialist IT services of their own and we like to think that we can fill this need to a degree. Our generous partners and suppliers make this possible. Of course, our important connections to TechSoup Global and Microsoft give strength to our offer as they allow us to be the gateway for their services.

Our board was enriched with a new member, Mr James Austin, from New Zealand. James has brought to the board excellent knowledge of the community sector there and is a bridge to useful information which allows us to offer the IT products and services to a growing number of agencies.

Like all organisations, we are seeking to prepare for generational change and to get the best knowledge on to our board. We have a board observer/participant Aron Hauser (somewhat younger than many of us) who brings a deep understanding of future trends and present opportunities to link the community sector and its strengths to government initiatives.

Our board remains focused on the strategic level and reviews the strategic plan regularly (attached for examination). Our focus has been on collaboration and the board made a conscious effort this year to meet with representatives of Microsoft and Infoxchange to strengthen these relationships.

I am pleased to report that each member of our board regularly attend and contribute positively to board member meetings. The board considered the option of fees for members but decided very rapidly that theirs was a voluntary contribution to a sector which depended on volunteer effort and we should operate within that spirit ourselves. Given that many members are self employed or work long hours in business, this contribution is significant.

Deputy Chair Jane Brabham and I would especially like to acknowledge yet again the work of the Treasurer Andrew Culley, who manages to provide excellent advice on the financial statements and strategic business assistance.

Our board secretary Karen Vance left for other employment but I would like to acknowledge her years of assistance to the Board over time. The board thanks all the staff members who are positive, creative and very focused on our goal to support the community sector.
I am coming up to my second year anniversary at Connecting Up. What an exciting two years I have had, and I am so pleased to be leading this wonderful organisation. Connecting Up’s mission is to unleash the potential of not-for-profit (NFP) organisations and this year we have introduced lots of initiatives to support organisations to achieve their mission.

Connecting Up has expanded its services and we have launched a Suppliers Directory, presented various events and webinars and extended our conference program. We are also focused on ensuring that NFP organisations have a choice of cloud technologies, tablets, software and ICT services, we have done a lot but there still is lots more to do!

One of our key strengths is our work with our local, national and international partners. Our key strategic partner, TechSoup Global, is based in San Francisco and is the leader of our global network which includes over 100 countries. I am part of the advisory group to assist to steer this network and look at the NFP sector globally. Connecting Up is constantly working globally and locally to establish relationships with donors to bring more choices and support to the sector in Australia and NZ. We are also continuing to partner with TSG and Hong Kong Council of Social Services to provide products and services to the NFP sector in Southeast Asia.

The Connecting Up Board has been a great support to the organisation and to me as CEO. Its ability to interpret trends, foster strategic relationships and set the direction for Connecting Up is its real achievements.

A special thanks to Sue Vardon AO, our esteemed board chairperson and an inspirational leader and community member. I also must thank our dedicated treasurer from Deloitte: Andrew Culley, his expertise in all areas of business has assisted Connecting Up in many ways.

The real strength in our work is driven by a dedicated, professional staff and volunteer team. We are small but the work that is done is amazing. We welcomed Emma and Mathan Allington to our team this year, they have added another dimension to our Communications team, and we are looking forward to their fresh ideas in the future. The other departments of Customer Support, Technology and Information, Business Development and Partners and Sector liaisons can be so proud of the work that they have achieved this year.

Our primary donor partner is Microsoft, they have donated over $45 million dollars worth of products this year in Australia and New Zealand. We have worked with them on various capacity development initiatives for the sector including free Office 365 roadshows.

A final thank you to our other partners, Google, Adobe, Reboot IT, Infoxchange, MYOB and many others. Our partners make a positive contribution to the not-for-profit sector globally.

I am so lucky to be working in a vibrant sector that supports our community and makes the world a better place.
Volunteer Facts
Connecting Up now also works with a team of 20 skilled volunteers who contribute their valuable time to assist us with updating our directories and other helpful tasks.
Huddle (AU and NZ)
The Huddle donation program has been introduced to Connecting Up and TechSoup New Zealand. It provides a collaborative online service to not-for-profit organisations and charities throughout Australia. Many not-for-profit customers across Australia and New Zealand are using Huddle to share and edit documents inside and outside their organisations. Huddle assists NFP organisations to manage projects and tasks, and provides streamlined communication channels via whiteboards and discussion threads.

BitDefender (AU and NZ)
The Bitdefender donation program has been introduced to Connecting Up and TechSoup New Zealand. Bitdefender provides anti-virus and security software to NFP organisations. Connecting Up is very happy to be assisting Bitdefender accomplish its aim of achieving internet security for all NFP organisations.

Office 365 Readiness Assessments (AU and NZ)
Connecting Up has partnered with Infoxchange, to offer an Office 365 Readiness Assessment Service in Australia and New Zealand that provides a detailed report with recommendations for NFP organisations considering the transition to an Office 365 platform. Infoxchange works to strengthen communities and organisations, using information technology as the primary tool to create positive social change.

Adobe Creative Cloud (AU)
Adobe Creative Cloud gives you creative tools, cloud storage, plus access to new features and products as soon as they are released. The Creative Cloud brings together everything content creators would need to create their best work. Whether it’s an illustration, a video, an animation, or an app, membership to Adobe’s Creative Cloud gives creators access to the most advanced creative tools at anytime, anywhere. The Creative Cloud also gives creators access to the world’s largest creative community to get inspired, get feedback, and find opportunities.

Refurbish Program growth (AU and NZ)
Connecting Up has introduced a wider range of refurbished equipment to its offerings in Australia and New Zealand to include tablets, printers, hard drives, monitors and more to keep the cost of hardware in reach for our not-for-profit clientele. With additional RAM upgrades and extended warranties, the Refurbish Program enjoyed its most successful year ever in 2013-14.
Suppliers Directory (AU)

Connecting Up’s Suppliers Directory was launched in Australia 2013-14. Hundreds of trusted IT professionals, consultants, and IT service and solution providers have listed in our Directory to offer support and advice to NFP organisations across Australia. NFP organisations can search for the solution they require by the type of service required, geographic location, and the level of trust the Supplier has in the NFP sector. NFP organisations registered with Connecting Up can now engage the Suppliers Directly via our Ask an Expert platform. The Suppliers Directory has been an extremely valuable addition to our technology donation and discount programs as we can now offer a level of IT support and advice to our valued not-for-profit clients.

Premium Membership

Connecting Up has introduced Premium Membership which rewards everyone within NFP organisations with our new rewards program. Included with every membership, not-for-profit employees and volunteers gain access to discounts on movie tickets, fuel, and even household grocery shopping from a range of companies including Woolworths, Coles, Hoyts, Big W, Caltex, and more.

Giving Tuesday (AU & NZ)

Giving Tuesday is a new global movement that celebrates the act of giving and falls on the first Tuesday of December each year. Connecting Up has been driving an awareness program throughout 2013-14, hosting a community event to showcase NFP organisations, business and government involvement in Giving Tuesday. Connecting Up continues to play a vital role in bringing together government, business, NFP organisations, and individuals to celebrate the sector.
It has been another huge year in the expansion of TechSoup Asia. This financial year marked the first full year of donations in Vietnam and Indonesia, with over quarter of a million dollars worth of donations in each country.

TechSoup Asia has also enjoyed its biggest year yet in Thailand and Singapore, with a 420% increase in donations in Thailand and a 13% increase in Singapore.

Connecting Up have continued to provide customer support, marketing, communications and tech support for TechSoup Asia, maintaining the techsoup.asia website and ensuring Asian NGOs have access to the technology they need in partnership with TechSoup Global and the Hong Kong Council of Social Service.

Donor partners have continued to strongly support TechSoup Asia, and we thank Microsoft, Adobe, Symantec and SAP for their support.

December 2013 also marked the first TechSoup Asia regional partner meeting, bringing about TechSoup Global partner NGOs and TechSoup Asia Memorandum of Understanding partners in Hong Kong. Hosted by the Hong Kong Council of Social Service and run in conjunction with their ICT Roundtable event, it provided an excellent opportunity for the sharing of knowledge and developing future strategies for TechSoup Asia.

**Total Donations - $2,167,193.99**

- **Vietnam** - $261,335.40 (first year)
- **Thailand** - $247,207.40 (previous year $58,834). 420% increase
- **Singapore** – $455,472.34 (previous year $403,765). 13% increase
- **Malaysia** – $221,287 (previous year $333,325)
- **Philippines** – $695,649.25 (previous year $806,630.96)
- **Indonesia** - $286,242.60 (first year)
In 2013-2014, Connecting Up took on two new community projects alongside our usual work of providing valuable content through our blog, learning centre and social media channels. These projects allowed us to engage in new ways with the communities we work with and participate in.

#GivingTuesday 2013

In 2012, a movement to promote giving began in the US called #GivingTuesday. Using social media as its primary channel, the movement sees NFP organisations, businesses and individuals rally around the idea of giving back in different ways on the first Tuesday of December.

In 2013, the movement made its way to Australia with Connecting Up taking on the role as lead organiser. On 3 December, the first #GivingTuesday in Australia saw over 300 Australian organisations participate in the global movement.

With NFP organisations taking the lead, #GivingTuesday saw plenty of Australian activity with organisations using it to boost their end-of-year campaigns and give back by saying thank you to their supporters.

Resources for participants were provided through the #GivingTuesday Australia website (givingtuesday.org.au), Facebook Page (facebook.com/givingtuesdayaus) and amplified through Connecting Up’s own communication channels.

The #GivingTuesday global movement saw thousands of organisations in across 43 countries celebrate the day over 40 hours.

“Polyglot Theatre raised over $20,000 for our end of year fundraising appeal in 2013. The appeal raised almost 50% more than our target due to two factors that bolstered the appeal. The first was our matched-funding partnership with Gandel Philanthropy, the second was associating our appeal with the #GivingTuesday campaign”, Rebecca Chew, Polyglot Theatre

TechSoup Global Community support

This year saw Connecting Up lead the development of a Marketing Centre of Excellence to provide support and education to the TechSoup Global community that we are a part of.

TechSoup Global is our international partner that fosters major partnerships with corporate organisations such as Microsoft, Symantec and Cisco to provide technology donations in 60 countries.

The goal of the Marketing and Communications Centre of Excellence was to share best practices within the community to ensure more NFP organisations around the world are aware of technology donations available to them to use in their service delivery.

For the project, Connecting Up created an online hub to access resources, developed downloadable e-books, provided online meetups and collaborated with the TechSoup Global Partner community to share different perspectives on topics such as content development and social media.

The project not only helped in providing education and training, but also helped to strengthen relationships within the community and the resources developed will be used as a platform for future projects.

“We are learning a lot by using social media in three countries, which seem to be fairly similar. So, many thanks to Dulcey and Ben for this initiative! And to the network partners in general: keep sharing!”

Pia Pragenberg, Stifter-helfen.de (German partner)

“I am convinced that the website and meetups are useful because I used them to find articles for our newsletter and to improve my way of work.”

Karen Toris, Les Ateliers du Bocage (French partner)

Other community initiatives we have supported this year have included the 2013 NetSquared Downunder Organisers Summit, the inaugural Social Enterprise Masters Conference, Social Enterprise Awards 2014 and the Salisbury and Modbury Digital Enterprise program.
The Connecting Up Events Program, which started in July 2012, is run with the aim to increase IT capacity and knowledge across the not-for-profit sector in Australia, New Zealand and South East Asia.

A key focus in this financial year was increasing the number of events targeted at executives, broadening out from technology. This saw us running successful webinars on recruiting and managing volunteers, what leaders need to know and do to be successful in the not-for-profit sector, and more.

From June 2013 to July 2014, 3124 registrations had been received for Connecting Up's Australian Events Program. These 3124 people have attended a large variety of webinars, workshops and online course series on topics specifically aimed at the not-for-profit sector. Topics have included Microsoft Office 365, cloud computing, email, mobile technology, technology planning and more.

Here is a list of just some of our events:

• Excel for database - tips and tricks
• Get started with email marketing using MailChimp
• Leveraging Social Media for NFP events
• Microsoft Office 2013 overview
• Online collaboration with Microsoft tools
• Technology leadership academy
• Windows 8.1 overview

Our New Zealand program has also been increasing in registration. From February until December 2014, New Zealand events have seen 907 delegates attend a variety of webinars, workshops and online course series on topics specifically aimed at the New Zealand not-for-profit sector.

A brief overview of some of our New Zealand events:

• Building a sustainable organisation
• Connecting Communities: Cloud Computing for Charities
• Excel for database - tips and tricks
• How to produce a great annual report for your not-for-profit organisation
• How to use storytelling for fundraising
• Introduction to Microsoft Office 365
• Leadership - solving complex problems
• Microsoft Office 365 to empower your not-for-profit
• SharePoint for NFP organisations for collaboration and productivity

Our Events Program in both Australia and New Zealand is promoted to a wide network of members. Our program is not only promoted through newsletters but through our websites, social media, at other events and via phone.

To ensure relevance of event material, Connecting Up regularly collects feedback from members and event participants regarding event/training topics to ensure we present relevant & current information and continue to meet the needs of the not-for-profit sector.
In 2014, the Connecting Up Conference was again held on the Gold Coast due to the success of 2013. The theme was “Driving change through strategy and innovation” to encourage a new way of thinking about innovation – that it is about making small and step-by-step changes that delegates could implement straight away.

The Connecting Up Conference 2014 received a total of 342 registrations across all the conference programs, with 325 registrations for the Conference only (i.e. some delegates only registered for the masterclass).

The top 5 sectors represented at the Connecting Up Conference was similar to the statistics of 2013:
- Community organisation and development (37%)
- Health and disability (23%)
- Personal and family support (7%)
- Education (6%)
- Recreation, sports and arts (4%)

Communities in the Future Conference 2014

The 2014 Communities in the Future Conference was the inaugural New Zealand conference presented by Connecting Up and TechSoup New Zealand, held in Auckland on 13 May 2014.

Following the Australian conference theme, 'Driving change through strategy and innovation', the conference was also aimed at encouraging a new way of thinking about innovation, and making incremental changes, that delegates could implement straight away.

The conference was categorised into three streams based on the sessions offered: technology management, technology tools, and digital and marketing. It received very positive feedback and high ratings, particularly in regards to speakers, relevance and takeaways.

- 96 delegates
- 95% rated conference very good/good
- 89% rated content relevance very good/good

**Delegates**

“Great conference! You’ve outdone yourself since last year! Most of all I just love being inspired by so many inspiring people in one room. I will definitely recommend this conference to others.”

“My first time at your conference and I hope to attend many more. Very professional, relevant, engaging and invigorating.”

“The booths were very well set up and useful information was available. I gathered useful info and resources from the sponsors’ stands to pass on to other staff.”

“Best time I’ve ever had at a conference and I came away very motivated and have been working on new learning since!”
Australia
2577 registered organisations, and 1638 qualified organisations (64%)
Increase of 13%

New Zealand
1006 registered organisations, 855 qualified organisations (85%)
Increase of 12% (764 previous year)

Asia
435 registered organisations, 285 qualified organisations (66%)
(177 previous year)

2014 was another year of growth for marketing at Connecting Up.

We recorded more new qualified organisations than 2013: 13% in Australia, 12% in New Zealand, and 61% more new registrations in South East Asia.

We grew the team, with Tori Jaffer joining the Marketing, Communications and Events Team as a Trainee Marketing Officer. Tori joined Ben Teoh, Christine Halim and Ryan Jones in this team, working across different programs to assist NFP organisations.

We continued to utilise direct mail campaigns as one of our leading outreach strategies to new organisations, working with Post Haste, a division of not-for-profit Phoenix Society, to deliver these mail campaigns to NFP organisations.

In New Zealand, we worked with charity CCS Disability Services to send direct mail to new NZ charities not yet registered with us.

We connected with Third Sector and Pro Bono Magazine, exhibiting at the Third Sector Expo and providing content to both organisations.

We sought out new groups of NFP organisations to educate about Connecting Up’s programs and services, working towards our goal of having all NFP organisations registered and taking advantage of our programs.

For those NFP organisations already registered with our programs, we have long prioritised email and digital marketing as our key communication channel. It’s low cost, easy data reporting and immediacy makes it an excellent communication channel to those already aware of our programs, to let them know about new partners and products. We revamped this communication schedule in 2014 in response to ever increasing communication needs, and feedback from the NFP sector regarding the volume of communications. We introduced a weekly Events newsletter, to cater for the huge growth in the Events program, and rationalised remaining communications on three key days: Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Marketing at Connecting Up will continue to evolve in the next financial year as we continue to look for new ways to reach new organisations, maintain data on existing registered organisations, and keep existing registered organisations informed regarding what products are available to them.
A relatively new program at Connecting Up, membership launched late in the 2013 financial year with the goals of strengthening engagement with NFP organisations and expanding access to our programs.

There were a range of benefits on offer for members, including discounts to Connecting Up events and one hour of mentoring per year.

Members have particularly found benefit from mentoring sessions, where a Connecting Up staff member spends an hour assisting a member with their IT, marketing or social media.

In the 2014 Financial Year, 181 new members joined, giving a total of 236 members at Financial Year end.

A VERY INTERESTING AND USEFUL SESSION WITH LOTS OF PRACTICAL TIPS. USING THEM ON OUR TWITTER ACCOUNT ALREADY!

Anne Messenger, Editor, Public Health Research & Practice,
SA community provides a current comprehensive community information service for South Australia. It comprises over 14,000 listings with information about community, government and other relevant organisations and services. It continues to be heavily used by service providers, government agencies and the general public.

SAcommunity underwent a comprehensive redesign in May 2014. Connecting Up's Marketing and IT staff contributed greatly to the planning and successful implementation of the new design. We are also grateful to the State Government for providing funds to support this initiative. The new look was well received by our team of editors and overall feedback from users has been positive.

Regional visits were made to Eyre Peninsula and Upper Spencer Gulf in March 2014. Connecting Up has actively assisted service providers in Port Augusta who have adopted SAcommunity as their platform for information sharing and management as part of the local Close the Gap action plan.

The monthly SAcommunity News has featured the following topics: Tax Help; Community Legal Education; Palliative care information; MapIQ community services map; Seniors in South Australia; Disability SA's individualised funding program; Home energy - cutting costs; Community Events, finding out what’s on. SAcommunity has over 5000 Twitter followers.

Connecting Up Directory currently lists over 42,000 NFP organisations. The charity and not-for-profit sector actively support the directory with contributions of new listings and provision of updated information.

Connecting Up’s volunteer team plays a significant role in the maintenance of our directories. We now have several volunteers who have worked with us for over a year. Our team of virtual volunteers has been boosted with new recruits joining and working from home. We also work with Volunteering SA/NT to host work experience students.

“A fabulous portal for individuals and organisations in providing up to date service listing”

Annual User Survey
CONNECTING UP INC
Trading As
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STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS AND
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

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The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.
# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
## AS AT 30 JUNE 2014

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| **NET ASSETS** | 727,366  | 508,052  | 312,360  |
| **EQUITY**     |       |       |       |
| Retained Earnings | 727,366  | 508,052  | 312,360  |
| **TOTAL EQUITY** | 727,366  | 508,052  | 312,360  |

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.
The Board Members have determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

The Board has determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Members of the Board, the financial report as set out on pages 2 to 15:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Connecting Up as at 30 June 2014 and its performance for the financial year ended on that date.

2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Connecting Up will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Board and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:

[Signatures]

Dated this 30th day of September 2014
CONNECTING UP INC

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF CONNECTING UP INC


We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Connecting Up Inc ('the Association'), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2014, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory information, and the declaration by the board.

Board Members’ Responsibility for the Financial Report

The board members of Connecting Up Inc are responsible for the preparation of the financial report, and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1, is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act, 1985 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The board members’ responsibility also includes such internal control as the board members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor’s Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

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CONNECTING UP INC

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF CONNECTING UP INC


We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Connecting Up Inc (‘the Association’), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2014, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory information, and the declaration by the board.

Board Members’ Responsibility for the Financial Report

The board members of Connecting Up Inc are responsible for the preparation of the financial report, and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1, is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act, 1985 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The board members’ responsibility also includes such internal control as the board members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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