Those who are poor or lack the very basics of life have a special claim on our energies and love.

(2.7 IBVM Constitution)
Note: Data in this report is drawn from the most recent available statistics from MWIA and annual reports prepared by MWIA project partners. All amounts are in Australian dollars unless otherwise specified.

A Total of $162,588.50 was spent on sustainable projects in 2013-14.
Cover photo: Young Indian children receiving an education in the brickfields of Kolkata.

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Our Vision

A world where there are equal rights for women and children and shared opportunity for all.

Our Mission

To support the development works associated with the Loreto Sisters and their colleagues as they empower women in transforming structures and systems that keep them oppressed and marginalised.

About Us

Mary Ward International Australia (MWIA) is a registered charity established by the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (IBVM) to address the needs of the most disadvantaged in Australia and developing countries around the world.

Inspired by the founder of the Loreto Sisters, Mary Ward (1609), MWIA is committed to working towards a more just world where there is respect for the dignity of each person and equal opportunity for all. In particular, MWIA works towards the empowerment of women and children.

MWIA is part of the wider Mary Ward International Network established in 2002. As such, the Loreto Sisters and their colleagues are working on the ground, supporting projects across 23 countries.

Since 2006, MWIA has been providing support to many of these projects that align with our vision to create sustainable change for a just and loving world by empowering women to transform unjust structures.

MWIA creates ways for people associated with our projects to collaborate with our mission for justice and development. As the IBVM Constitution states ‘in a world of inequality and injustice we stand with the oppressed, the disadvantaged and those exploited in any way by unjust systems’.

MWIA facilitates the equitable distribution of resources to projects that are holistic, empowering, sustainable and effectively evaluated.

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ACCOUNTABILITY AND ACCREDITATION

Mary Ward International Australia is fully accredited by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), which manages the Australian Government’s overseas aid program. The rigorous accreditation process provides DFAT and the Australian public with confidence that Mary Ward International Australia funds capable of delivering effective development projects. The rigorous accreditation process provides DFAT and overseas aid program. The rigorous accreditation process provides DFAT and the Australian public with confidence that Mary Ward International Australia funds capable of delivering effective development projects. Mary Ward International Australia is part of the wider Mary Ward International Network established in 2002. As such, the Loreto Sisters and their colleagues are working on the ground, supporting projects across 23 countries.

MWIA acknowledges the traditional custodians of this country and offers our respect to the elders both past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Aboriginal Australia.
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Report from the Chair
Report from Kathryn Greiner A.O.

In last year’s report I notied it was a time of consolidation and that theme runs through this year at MWIA, albeit with significant changes.

Previously, the Board focused on developing and implementing our strategic plan to further the work of MWIA in Australia and around the world to support the Loreto Sisters. The Plan has five pillars: a well recognised MWIA identity and story; Effective and Sustainable Networks; Project development; support and monitoring; Income Growth and Good Governance.

Our mission is to be a leading body that empowers women in transforming structures and systems that keep them oppressed and marginalised. The fundamental building block to that strategy is Education whether it be at St Theresa’s Kenya; the schools and libraries in Vietnam, or the village school to be built in Timor Leste. Education leads to personal growth and development as well as employment opportunities. It was the vision of Mary Ward.

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Kathryn Greiner A.O.

Report from the Executive Officer
Report from Kim Nass - Executive Officer

In February this year I was appointed the new Executive Officer of Mary Ward International Australia and have been busy working with the Board and Loreto Sisters to implement the Strategic Plan.

As our Chair has already stated, it has been busy year, starting with the meeting in Toronto for the first Mary Ward International gathering and then opening the new office in Sydney with the Province and MWIA Communications Manager, Elouise Hahn.

Both Elouise and myself have a great respect and connection to the sisters of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, with Loreto Kirribilli. Elouise as a student and myself as a long term employee. I feel our understanding of the vision and mission of Mary Ward and the Loreto Sisters gives us great insight into what MWIA aims to achieve in the world.

To ensure the work of our project partners is effectively supported we would like to assure you that MWIA has a strong framework across all areas of business practice including sound financial management and this year we have been working towards activating a database to provide regular and accurate contact with our donors and supporters. We have also been reviewing our communication mediums, as you have seen with the new look Sustain magazine and we are soon to launch a stand-alone MWIA website.

Our donors and supporters, including our schools, are essential to the long term development of our relationship with our projects partners around the globe. It is our strong business and financial policies which contributed to MWIA recently being granted interim membership to the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID).

This is a testament to the rigor and due diligence that was delivered in the establishment of this company.

This year we were able to send volunteers to our projects in Zambia, Darjeeling and Kolkata. These young women and our one young man have shown great compassion and commitment to offer support with varying skills, each one feeling moved and humbled by their experiences.

Recently, I visited Timor Leste and Vietnam to witness firsthand the projects in action. In Timor Leste, our Sisters are soon to build the first Loreto preschool in Garuai. This remote village, more than three hours from Dili, has a large number of children from a broad radius keen to attend school for the whole day. This Loreto school will offer this opportunity. In Vietnam, we are providing rural and remote areas with libraries, supporting a hostel for young mothers and teaching scholarships for rural students.

We continue to offer support for projects across so many areas. It is important to acknowledge that we are only able to continue this work thanks to our generous donors and supporters. The world can be unforgiving but at MWIA we are able to offer aid and support to the marginalised and disadvantaged woman and children in rural and urban areas, offering education, nutrition and developing sustainable enterprises to give the underprivileged a sense of pride and independence to break the cycle.

In 2015, we aim to continue our work by offering support to our project partners and hope that we can expand our reach focusing on areas of education, development, women’s empowerment, human rights, and justice.

Kim Nass - Executive Officer
Goals for 2015

In order for MWIA to thrive in 2015 and beyond we are developing strategies which will help to overcome the challenges many charities face with such increased competition. These strategies will help us to respond to new opportunities in growing markets. In 2015, we will continue to work towards building a well-recognised identity along with a sustainable network of donors and an increase in volunteers.

Income Growth

In 2015, we aim to build upon and expand our corporate donors in Australia. We will also seek to increase funding from our donors and to grow the number of projects we support. In order to do this we need to create engaging ways to involve our loyal supporters.

Project Development

Externally we want to identify, support and monitor our funded projects and develop excellence in this area to enable the MWIA profile to attract more donors over a longer period. Ensuring MWIA has a rich portfolio of projects is vital to our growth.

Good Governance

To ensure our donors and financial supporters know that their generosity is well utilised, MWIA provides internal rigorous governance and reporting with robust budgeting underpinned by a granular fundraising plan.

If we are successful in achieving our 2015 goals, it will help to position us to become a sustainable and well recognised Australian charity.
Since 2012, MWIA has been supporting the House of Welcome (HoW) which is the largest transitional housing provider for asylum seekers in New South Wales. HoW provides resources to families and individuals who are most at risk of homelessness and destitution, and who are ineligible for many other forms of support. MWIA is assisting HoW to help people build new lives in Australia, by providing them with transitional housing, financial and emergency assistance, advocacy and casework support, and links to essential services and skills-development programs. HoW works to uphold the dignity and human rights of all people living in the community, regardless of how they came to be in Australia.

MWIA has funded one of HoW’s transitional houses in Canley Vale, Sydney. With the help of MWIA, residents in the home are provided with safe and secure accommodation. MWIA funds the caseworker for this house who is responsible for providing ongoing care to the clients. The caseworker is able to connect people with support services which help to build their capacities to live independently in Australia.

PEDAL aims to help children under the age of five prepare for school by establishing playgroups across primary schools. These playgroups enable children to familiarise themselves with the school environment.

Empowering families and individuals in Australia is vital as poverty is very real in this country. Aboriginal people have higher levels of disease and disability and can expect to live up to 17 years less than the average Australian. MWIA funds have enabled PEDAL to successfully provide for young families, allowing them to build their confidence and become involved in their local community. Experience indicates programs which achieve lasting change are those designed and delivered in consultation with Indigenous communities. As such, PEDAL has been developed to address the needs of the community.
Children’s Libraries
- MWIA now funds eight libraries across Vietnam.
- For just $1,500 MWIA is able to purchase and transport new books into many of the villages, and assist new communities to develop their own libraries.

Tan Phu Women’s Shelter
- Vietnam has one of the highest abortion rates in the world.
- The Tan Phu Women’s Shelter provides vulnerable pregnant women with safe accommodation and support.

Zambia
Baby Milk Project
MWIA has sponsored the Baby Milk Program in Lukulu, Zambia since 2008. This project provides much needed basic nutrition for orphans and vulnerable infants whose mothers are living with HIV/AIDS. This project gives children the best start in life by providing relief for mothers. The project also acts as a health and nutrition resource centre for the whole community.

Vietnam
Children’s Libraries
Since 2008, MWIA has been supporting the Children’s Library project in rural communities across Vietnam. What began as a modest program designed to supplement the books in remote libraries has transformed into a nationwide initiative aimed at supporting education and literacy.

Tan Phu Women’s Shelter
MWIA has been providing funds to the Tan Phu Women’s Shelter project since 2011. The Shelter was established in Ho Chi Minh City to provide accommodation and support for young, vulnerable, unmarried pregnant women who have come to the city from rural areas.

The women have often been rejected by their families because of the shame associated with pregnancy. They become homeless and are at risk of illness and malnutrition. Other women have moved to the city for study, but having become pregnant they are too afraid to return home. Some of the young women have been working as prostitutes and fear their family will reject them and their baby.

Vietnam has one of the highest abortion rates in the world, and a very high infant mortality rate. There is a lack of understanding about birth control within society. Many young women who become pregnant have limited understanding about how to care for themselves during pregnancy and prepare for the birth.

The Tan Phu Women’s Shelter provides women with safe accommodation leading up to the birth of their babies, and for short stays after they give birth. The Shelter provides women with food, clothing, antenatal care, nutrition and health education and all psychological support.

MWIA funds the nutrition program for the Tan Phu Women’s Shelter, which not only provides the women with healthy meals, but also teaches them about basic health and nutrition. The food provided is quite basic, but with support from MWIA’s donors, the shelter has the security and ability to plan for the future, buy food in bulk and budget properly.

The Baby Milk project helps parents to recognize signs of illness and malnourishment in their babies, teaches them about the importance of hygiene, safe food and water handling, and supports mothers struggling with breast feeding.

Maternal deaths in childbirth and HIV/AIDS are two of the leading causes of orphaned children in Zambia. UNICEF estimates there are more than one million orphans in Zambia whose mothers have died in childbirth or from HIV/AIDS.

Extended families who are left to care for the orphaned babies often cannot afford milk formula to feed the child. Equally, poor access to health care means many women living with HIV/AIDS are unable to breastfeed their babies due to risk of transmission and their own ailing health.

Hundreds of children and families have benefitted from MWIA’s support. Donors who have helped to support this project over the years can see the positive results as children who first entered the program six years ago are now entering school, happy and healthy.

The condition of the scholarship program is that all recipients must return to Lukulu to teach for one year following their graduation so that the entire community may benefit from their opportunity.

The project is currently in its fourth year, four students have graduated from the Mongu College and have found jobs teaching in primary schools in Lukulu. Although all have completed their compulsory year of teaching in Lukulu, all four have opted to stay in the community and continue to teach in schools in desperate need of their skills. Five more students are currently studying and need continued support to finish their studies.

Teacher Training
With the assistance of supporters in Australia, MWIA is providing scholarships for students from the remote and disadvantaged district of Lukulu, Zambia. The scholarships recipients study Teacher Training, and upon completing their course, return to Lukulu as teachers so that the entire community may benefit from their education.

While education is free in Zambia, children in the Lukulu district face challenges when trying to attend and complete their schooling. Attendance at school is not compulsory, and thus children are often kept home from school to perform household chores, care for siblings, or work on farms to earn money for the family.

Quite often, primary school teachers are unqualified volunteers who may not have finished school themselves. Girls face additional barriers to education; in 2008, 62% of girls in Lukulu cited pregnancy as the reason for dropping out of school between grades 5-9. Those who succeed in completing secondary education in Lukulu overcome extreme obstacles to do so. The Teacher Training project in Lukulu is aiming to address these issues, providing scholarships for Lukulu students to attend Mongu College to train to become teachers.

MWIA is providing scholarships for students from the remote and disadvantaged district of Lukulu, Zambia.
India

Ethical Enterprises

Panighatta Paper Products and the Sukna Jute Projects

“I am so happy that I am part of Ethical Enterprises. It has helped me be independent. After my class ten examination I was waiting for my result. With the money I received from Ethical Enterprises, I took a 3 months course in English and computers. I passed my exam and have a certificate. I am very happy.”

- Vandana, Panighatta Paper Products project participant, 2014

Providing alternative means of generating income is vital in the tea estates of Darjeeling. These projects provide an escape from exploitative tea plucking labour and assist in combating human trafficking.

Up to 40% of families in many tea estates live below the poverty line. For young girls there are limited economic opportunities beyond a career as a ‘tea plucker’ earning $1.50 per day and are deprived of basic rights.

PPP began in 2011 with 18 teenage girls. Today there are 25 girls involved in the project.

SJP replicated PPP’s model, beginning in 2012 with only 12 girls in one location (Sukna) and growing to 38 participants across four tea plantation communities. Among these girls, five have been chosen as representatives to lead their own workshop groups in different villages.

Loreto Tea Plantation Village School, Panighatta

Education is vital in the Panighatta Tea Estate so that the options for employment for young people extend beyond exploitative tea garden labour or being trafficked into larger cities in India and abroad.

The Loreto Tea Plantation Village School is located in the remote district of Darjeeling, India, where the surrounding tea plantation estates exploit workers who live on less than a dollar a day and are deprived of basic rights.

MWIA has been supporting the redevelopment and expansion of the Loreto Tea Plantation Village School since 2012. With support from Loreto Sisters Australia and Loreto Normanhurst, the school has greatly developed.

In 2012, the Loreto Tea Plantation Village School was able to construct a new building to house more classrooms, an auditorium, science laboratories and a computer lab. This expansion has allowed the school to accommodate for students through to year 12. Prior to this, the school was only able to offer classes up to year 10, forcing the majority of students to dropout as they could not afford to travel to nearby schools to complete their education.

Funding has also allowed the school to introduce and continue programs to reduce the dropout rate and improve attendance. A warm midday meal is provided to all students daily, which for many is a luxury. Funding has also ensured the cost of school fees, books and uniforms are subsidised. Additionally, a school bus service enables all children in the tea garden to get to school safely, protecting them from the risks of abduction by traffickers.

The Loreto Sisters are striving to make the Loreto Tea Plantation Village School a resource centre for the whole Panighatta tea garden community, extending education beyond the school walls. Thanks to the generosity of MWIA supporters, the school is now able to host a medical dispensary, adult education classes and community activities. MWIA recently provided funding which helped to improve the school in the following ways:

- More teachers were employed and retained
- Important midday meal program was implemented and delivered
- Costs of fees, uniforms and books were subsidised for the 450 students
- New building constructed is allowing for co-curricular activities to be run

- A new library has been constructed
- School was extended to year 12
- A computer lab has been fitted out and IT classes can now be taught

Collective Voices

Located in the disadvantaged and marginalised tea plantation regions of the Darjeeling regions, is a program empowering the women of rural India to know, promote and enact their rights in four key areas: Education, Protection, Health and Nutrition, called ‘Collective Voices.’

Collective Voices, co-funded by Loreto Family International, was launched in Panighatta, Darjeeling, on International Women’s Day, 8 March 2009. The goal of the project is to create a model “Woman-Youth-Child Friendly Community” whereby women, youth and children are encouraged to participate in the planning process in their community and therefore have access to vital resources.

The last four years have seen overwhelming success in the three ‘Collective Voices’ villages - Panighatta, Chenga and Lohagarh.

More women now give birth in hospital attended by doctors, the rates of trafficking and disappearances are dropping, education and retention in schools is improving, and adult education is flourishing.

The Darjeeling Mary Ward Social Centre, under the auspice of the Loreto Sisters India Province, has assisted communities to prioritise their collective needs, and helped community members to access their government entitlements.

Having been so successful in these three villages, the project entered a new phase in 2014 and has been replicating the program in new villages across the region. Building the project from scratch requires hard work and dedication from the ground staff, as well as much-needed financial assistance from Australian supporters.

Community ownership through proactive partnership is the key to this project. The target is that in three to five years communities will be empowered to make their own decisions regarding their development and access the government schemes available to them.

Collective Voices

- Having been so successful in three villages, the project has been replicating the program in new villages across the Darjeeling region.
The Mathare slum in Nairobi is a particularly perilous area, controlled by militia groups and prone to extreme violence. It is estimated that there are over 600,000 people living in Mathare, an area that is only about 2 kilometres wide. Approximately 70% of these people are women and children. Most of the people living in Mathare are refugees from Somalia or migrants from poor Kenyan villages who have moved to the city to seek employment. The majority of the population of Mathare are unemployed, the people have very low literacy levels and there is limited electricity and sanitation. Education provides hope for a better future for girls living in Mathare, however girls face extreme risks when travelling to school, including violence, exposure to drugs, rape, kidnapping and even murder. For many girls in the area, they cannot attend school if a male relative is not available to escort them to and from school. This means that girls in this area are denied education opportunities in comparison with their peers, especially considering that boarding schools are fast becoming the most popular model of secondary schooling in Kenya. MWIA Volunteer Program

“The whole experience of volunteering in Panighatta ultimately solidified my passion for working with marginalised disadvantaged young people. Living and working with these people was such a humbling experience and truly helped define who I wanted to be and what I wanted to do.” - Past MWIA Volunteer Maddie Schultz, reflecting on her experience

MWIA is proud to support a strong volunteer program which in the last financial year has seen volunteers travel to India, Nepal, Kenya and Timor Leste. Our volunteers, wanting to make a difference, have come to know tea pickers in Panighatta, stone breakers in Nepal, women and children in Zambia, pre-schoolers in Timor Leste and slum dwellers in Albania. Their enthusiastic participation in the projects funded by MWIA builds bridges and helps to create genuine partnerships between MWIA and the local people in these countries. MWIA offers a structured volunteer program which is governed by a strict code of conduct and policy. All volunteers are interviewed for selection and undergo a thorough preparation program before they depart. Preparation is a vital component of the MWIA mode of volunteering, which emphasises volunteerism as a partnership, requiring all volunteers to be open to the idea of volunteering as a two-way exchange. All volunteers are matched with MWIA supported projects around the world and are placed with Loreto Sisters who help to facilitate their placements.

On their return MWIA volunteers become ambassadors for justice and development by speaking at schools, to the media and writing articles for publication. MWIA volunteers learn about diversity and more about themselves through their interaction with people who struggle to overcome disadvantage and alienation, and through their collaboration with dedicated field workers.
John XXIII Teacher Training Scholarship

MWIA and one of Loreto’s associate schools, John XXIII College in Perth have united to support a teacher sacrifice program known as the Teacher Training Scholarship Program in Vietnam and Timor Leste.

John XXIII College staff has pledged to donate a portion of their salaries annually to support this life changing project.

This is an inspiring and heart-warming community action undertaken by teachers to empower students and teachers in developing countries.

The scholarships help students with the costs of tuition, such as text books and stationery, as well as rental payments, food, transportation and other necessary costs.

$5,000 is enough to fund eight students for one academic year. This is a project that has the potential to grow vastly to support many more students per year as time goes on.

2014 marks the first official year of the scholarship, and we have proudly sponsored seven students, six being in Vietnam.

The Teacher Training Scholarship Program also has the provision to sponsor eight in the near future. The students are studying a range of teaching disciplines and we look forward to an ongoing relationship with those students as they progress through their degrees and into their careers.

St Omer Volunteer Program

This year, MWIA celebrated its fifth year of the St Omer Scholarship, an award dedicated to supporting Loreto Mandeville Hall Toorak past pupils undertaking a period of volunteer work with one of MWIA’s volunteer programs internationally or in Australia.

The St Omer Scholarship is made possible through the generous support of school donations, family donors, and in cooperation with MWIA and the Loreto Sisters worldwide.

The scholarship is named after St Omer, a small village in northern France where Mary Ward, the founder of the Loreto Sisters, first travelled in her lifelong mission to establish a religious order of women. St Omer is a special place for all those connected with the Loreto story; it is a reminder of the vision, courage and sincerity of Mary Ward, and of the call for young women to continue to work in her name and to provide outreach to others.

MWIA congratulates the two St Omer Scholarship recipients for 2014, Isabella George and Bridget Sheehan, who will travel to India in December to undertake a placement, teaching English and working with disadvantaged children.
Mary Ward International Australia Ltd. is a Trustee Company that oversees the Mary Ward International Australia Foundation Trust, the Mary Ward International Australia Charitable Trust, the Mary Ward International Australia Overseas Development Fund, and the Mary Ward International Australia Indigenous Education Trust. The trustee company was established in 2006 to support and enable the funding of projects and works through MWIA.

The MWIA Project Advisory Committee identifies works and projects in need of support. This occurs through a structured grant application process which takes place twice a year in May and November. MWIA facilitates the equitable distribution of resources to projects that are holistic, empowering, sustainable and effectively evaluated.

Our Board

Chair - Mrs. Kathryn Greiner, A.O.

Kathryn Greiner has been chair of Mary Ward International Australia since 2013. She has contributed in a wide range of leadership positions in public and private companies, government bodies and non-profit organisations. Kathryn was an elected Councillor to the City of Sydney Council from 1995 until 2004.

Kathryn currently chairs the NSW Ministerial Advisory Committee on Ageing, Loreto Kirribilli School Council, is a Director of Bell Shakespeare Company and LifesStart Ltd. She is also Patron of Show Me The Way, an online mentoring program for First Nations students.

Mr. Julian McMahon, BA (Hons), LLB, LLM

Julian McMahon is a Barrister at the Victorian Bar. He practices in criminal law in Australia and has worked on cases in numerous countries for people facing the death penalty or harsh jail terms. Julian’s sister and daughters attended Loreto schools.

Dr. Susan Stevens, PhD, MEd (Ed Admin), MMus, DipAMusA, GradDip Adol. Health & Welfare, Grad Dip Theol., FACE, MICO, MACEA

Susan Stevens is Principal of Loreto Mandeville Hall Toorak and has been a director of MWIA since 2012. She has served on numerous Loreto Boards and Committees including the Loreto Schools Advisory Committee, where she also held the position of Chair for eight years.

Susan is a member of the Curriculum Committee of the PAVCSS (Catholic Principals Association), the GSV Website Committee, was Chairperson of Girls’ Sport Victoria for 7 years, the Invergowrie Grants Committee, and is also the Deputy Director of the Invergowrie Foundation.


Br. Allen Sherry joined the MWIA Board at the beginning of 2013 and brings with him expert advice in international fundraising, finance and marketing. Br. Allen is the Executive Director of Australian Marist Solidarity and Marist Asia Pacific Solidarity. He was appointed the inaugural Director of the Marist’s International Bureau of Solidarity in Rome in 1994 and worked there for 8 years with projects across all continents.

Dr. Ian McDonald, BSc (Hons), Dip Rec, PhD, Dip Ed

Ian McDonald joined the MWIA Board in 2012 and comes to the table with a vast knowledge of International Aid process, protocol and policy making. Ian has a long history with Australian Volunteers International, having served as an Australian Volunteer in the Solomon Islands (1985-87) and has been a member of staff since that period.

Mr. Peter George, B.Ed, BPsych, Grad Dip. (Counselling and Psychology), APS

Peter is a qualified psychologist and over the last 25 years has held a number of senior executive roles for a variety of firms both in Asia and Europe that have specialised in Human Resources. In addition to Peter’s Board appointments which include MWIA and GTEF, Peter currently holds the position of National General Manager of Career Management for Talent2.
Leadership Team

Our leadership team assists with implementing MWIA’s strategic plan and gives direction to our organisation’s core work. 2013-14 was a year of change for the Leadership Team as we farewelled Project Officer, Catriona Catterson. We wish Catriona all the best in her future endeavours.

Mr. Kim Nass
Executive Officer

Kim has been the Executive Officer for MWIA since the start of 2014. Having worked at Loreto Kirribilli since 1998, most recently as the Community Relations and Development Manager, Kim has a deep understanding of the charism of Mary Ward and the work of the Loreto Sisters.

Kim has extensive experience in corporate business and community relations, and for the past 16 years in education, specifically in development, event management and governance, having studied Public Relations and Business.

For several years Kim has been a Director and newly appointed Chair of the Board of a Good Samaritan School on Sydney’s Northern Beaches.

Ms. Elouise Hahn
Communications Manager

Elouise is a past student of Loreto Kirribilli and has been the Communications Manager for MWIA since the start of 2014. Elouise is a Journalist who has gained many years of experience across mainstream media.

Prior to joining MWIA, Elouise worked as a Producer at the Nine Network and also filmed two full-length documentaries in Kolkata India, about outreach programs associated with MWIA. She has worked at WIN TV in Orange as a reporter, and as an editor and newsreader at 2UE, WSFM and 106.5FM Radio in Sydney.

Elouise was a member of the Loreto Justice, Peace, Integrity of Creation Committee for six years and was one of the first to pioneer the MWIA volunteer program in India after graduating from school.

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Independent Auditor’s Report
to the members of Mary Ward International Australia Limited

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Mary Ward International Australia Limited, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2014, the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of cash flows and the statement of changes in equity for the year ended on that date, from comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors’ declaration as set out on pages 4 to 10.

Directors’ Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 2 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The directors’ responsibility also includes such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and 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.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making these risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity’s preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Auditor’s Independence Declaration

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the Corporations Act 2001, which has been given to the directors of Mary Ward International Australia Limited, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor’s report.

Liability limited by a scheme approved under Professional Standards Legislation.
Member of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

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Opinion
In our opinion, the financial report of Mary Ward International Australia Limited is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
(a) giving a true and fair view of the company’s financial position as at 30 June 2014 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
(b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 2, and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

Basis of Accounting and Restrictions on Distribution and Use

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 2 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the directors’ financial reporting responsibilities under the Corporations Act 2001. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu
Radoslaw Grzegorzewski
Partner
Chartered Accountants
Melbourne, 1st November 2014
How you can help

Everyone can assist MWIA create opportunities for individuals, groups and networks to collaborate with our Australian and international projects for justice and development. Our work is not possible without your support.

Bequests

A gift in your Will is the ultimate way to support a cause. If you are able, we encourage you to consider leaving a legacy that will live on through our vital work.

Call: (03) 9813 4023
Email: kim.nass@loreto.org.au
Website: www.loreto.org.au/mwia

Donate

$200 could equip an Indian woman with the capital costs of starting a small business to support her family. By supporting MWIA you are helping to create change and bring hope to the lives of many through sustainable projects.

Donations of $2 or more are tax deductible.

Call: (03) 9813 4023
Cheque: made payable to ‘Mary Ward International Australia Foundation’ to: MWIA, Suite 105, 3 Eden Street North Sydney NSW 2060
Donate securely via our website www.loreto.org.au/donate

Corporate Partnerships

Becoming a MWIA corporate partner has benefit on many levels – for employers, employees and the global community:

Call: (03) 9813 4023
Email: kim.nass@loreto.org.au
Website: www.loreto.org.au/mwia

Pray

Your prayers help the women, children and men who face poverty and injustice on a daily basis to live a life of dignity. Prayers also assist MWIA’s staff, volunteers and partners to continue our work in the communities we serve.

Social Media

Help spread the word and be an advocate for MWIA by joining us on social media and telling your family and friends about the life changing work MWIA is supporting.

twitter.com/mwiaustralia
facebook.com/mwiaustralia

Website

Our website is a great place to learn and stay up-to-date with the latest news, events, appeals and resources.

Website: www.loreto.org.au/mwia

Volunteer

Click on ‘Get Involved’ on our website and find out how you can become an MWIA volunteer with one of our projects worldwide. We are also always looking for volunteers in our Sydney Office to help with marketing, campaigns, graphic design, grant writing and event management.

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Email: kim.nass@loreto.org.au
Website: www.loreto.org.au/mwia
Mary Ward International Australia would like to extend a very warm and heartfelt thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.

MWIA relies on your support to continue our work.
Helping children reach their potential is one of the best investments we can make to end poverty.

Donate now:
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Thank you for your generosity. Your donations will go towards the projects supported by Mary Ward International Australia.