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# HELPING THE PEOPLE OF THE HIMALAYA

Annual Report  
2013/14

SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT PROJECTS

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HIMALAYAN  
FOUNDATION



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**The Australian Himalayan Foundation aims to help the people of the Himalaya through improvements in health, education and conservation and for over ten years has been working in partnership with local communities in a long term, sustainable way.**

# WHO WE ARE

Over the years, thousands of Australians have visited the Himalaya. For many it is an opportunity to trek beneath the world’s highest peaks and to appreciate some of the world’s most hospitable cultures.

Yet the Himalaya is not just a vast adventure playground. For the local communities life is anything but easy – with access to basic health and education services often out of reach. In response to these needs, the Australian Himalayan Foundation was formed in 2003 and strives to ensure the long-term viability of sustainable health, education and conservation programs across the Himalaya.

These cost-effective projects are combined with practical on-the-ground outcomes in the poorest, most under-resourced areas of the Himalaya across Nepal, Bhutan and Northern India. These programs help to reduce poverty and address human rights like gender equality, child rights and the rights of marginalised groups in rural regions throughout the Himalaya.

The AHF is a registered Australian NGO with no political or religious affiliations. We are members of the Australian Council for International Development and have accreditation status with the Australian Government Overseas Aid Program (DFAT).





# CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW



I am very happy to report that 2013-2014 has been a terrific year for the AHF. We ended it well prepared for what promises to be in many ways a hallmark period for the Foundation, 'scaling new heights' of assistance for the people of the Himalaya.

It was such a busy year, with so much happening, that it seemed at times to flash by in a blur.

But at the end of the year, it was clear we were in great shape, and that the AHF team – the staff (Carolyn, Garry, Debbie and Siobhan) and supporters, sponsors, volunteers and partners – had done a brilliant job to bring the Foundation to a new level of assistance, with outstanding on-the-ground outcomes in the Himalaya.

So on behalf of the Board, I thank the team so much – and I thank the Board itself for its strong and deep commitment and its spirit of generosity and camaraderie.

Highlights of 2013-2014 included:

- The growth of our programs into new areas and with new levels of assistance for people – in particular the Teacher Training and Quality Education program which we have begun rolling out to the new regions of Necha and Kerung.
- The consolidation of our position in Nepal as a leading NGO, having in place strong agreements with government and partners to continue and expand our work, and strong recognition from the Australian and Nepal governments and communities of the worth of that work.
- The fundraising of a record \$850,000. This is testimony to the sheer hard work of staff, volunteers and supporters and our growing reputation as an organisation, which does amazing things for its (administrative) size.
- The rapidly growing number of committed supporters organising and going on fundraising treks – including the 2014 Chairman's Trek which Peter Hillary and I had the pleasure of leading. Your support and loyalty to us is highly appreciated.

It is going to be a continuing challenge to maintain the fine balance between doing everything we need to do (the demand for our assistance grows constantly too), and being able to seek and grab the opportunities, while maintaining our low overheads and cost-effectiveness.

But we have much to look forward to – new partnerships, more and more loyal supporters and new supporters, and new opportunities to help the people of the Himalaya.

Again in 2013-2014, it was a privilege and honour to be involved.

**Simon Balderstone AM**  
Chairman

# FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER



What an enormous privilege it was to travel this year into Nepal and Bhutan to see some of our programs in action. The transformative work being done on the ground by our in-country partners is nothing short of inspiring and I was quite moved by their perseverance (in the face of so many odds!) dedication and commitment to improving the lives of those in need.

Of course there is nothing like seeing this work firsthand and meeting people like Gita to propel you into some major fundraising efforts! I am truly grateful for the incredible activities that have taken place in this last year including fundraising treks, gala dinners, supporter dinners, morning teas, afternoon teas, film nights, online giving, workplace giving, corporate partnerships and from so many supporters an enormous generosity of spirit.

This remarkable level of activity saw the AHF set a new benchmark in funds raised this year (see Page 17) and we are thrilled to be reaching these new heights together.

We are committed to seeking greater efficiencies in all our development programs to ensure the funds we work so hard to raise, are dispersed in a transparent, accountable and sustainable way. I am also keen to connect you more closely to the work in the field that I have described above, as this connection inspires the work to continue and to refine our processes for measuring and evaluating the effectiveness of our programs.

In Nepal it was fantastic to meet with our partners, REED, responsible for the management of our flagship Teacher-Training and Quality Education Program and to understand the lengths to which they go, to ensure that all Nepalese children have access to an education as a basic human right. In the airport town of Lukla in the Solu Khumbu I met one of REED's trainers, Gita Subedi.

Gita is a wife and mother and a committed staff member of REED. She wants all her fellow Nepalese to have proper access to a quality education and was about to embark on a 30-day trek into the Everest region to visit the schools where we work. The purpose of Gita's annual visit is to understand what challenges the schools are facing and how the training is improving enrolment rates, attendance rates and impacting girls' enrolment. She would be walking for weeks to some of the remotest schools in the region, sometimes on her own and was to be away from her family for more than a month.

**These are the people you are supporting and this is their commitment to improving the lives of those living in some of the harshest terrains on earth.**

Thank you for the part you played in the rewarding results of this year.

**Carolyn Hamer-Smith**  
General Manager





Ensuring access to a  
quality education for all

# PROGRAM REVIEW

In early 2014 I was scheduled to visit the Deputy Director of Nepal's National Council for Educational Development (NCED). I assumed it would be a formality and an opportunity for the AHF to reaffirm its support for REED, our TTQE program partner who had been recently accredited and recognised by NCED to provide teacher training.

The Deputy Director had recently visited our training workshops conducted in the lower Solu Khumbu and was very impressed by the AHF program. The Deputy Director then made a proposal: simply put, would AHF be willing to work with the NCED to assess how similar training workshops could be conducted in some of the other districts of Nepal? It is a far-reaching proposal and underlines the quality of work that AHF and its donors have supported since 2005.

**As a result of this visit, and following further discussions it has been proposed that AHF and NCED work collaboratively in six underprivileged districts in Nepal outside of the Solu Khumbu region, commencing in July 2015.**

In June 2014, the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (DFAT) visited our TTQE program in Nepal for monitoring and evaluation purposes. In addition, AHF also conducted an internal evaluation of the education program in the region of Nele. The lessons learnt from these monitoring trips are critical to improving the program in the future.

Other highlights of this year include the proposed expansion of AHF's role in Bhutan to support girls' education in remote rural districts. In Zaskar, Ladakh our Primary Health Care program has received a new impetus with the offer of collaboration with His Holiness the Dalia Lama's Trust in Dharamsala, while we are currently working with the Snow Leopard Conservancy on a long term conservation corral program in this isolated mountain region of the Indian Himalaya.

Over the last seven and half years it has been a privilege to work as Executive Director as well as in my current role. AHF is now in an ideal position to further extend its capacity with the appointment of a full time Program Manager.

Garry Weare  
Program Manager





# TEACHER TRAINING AND QUALITY EDUCATION – OUR FLAGSHIP PROGRAM

The Australian Himalayan Foundation recognises that a quality education empowers children to achieve their full potential and can change the life outcomes of a child forever.

Nepal faces large disparities in literacy rates between urban and rural areas, with urban areas recording literacy rates of approximately 73% but only reaching 43% on average in rural areas. Therefore the key challenge facing education in rural districts of Nepal is not necessarily building more schools but improving the quality of the education delivered, so children are equipped with the kind of education that changes lives.

Our Teacher Training and Quality Education program helps ensure that all children have access to a fulltime primary education as a basic human right.

This program focuses on the impoverished districts of the lower Solu Khumbu that lie well away from the main tourist trails. In these areas there is a dire need for educational support with low literacy and attendance rates and poorly resourced schools.

We also work with the wider community – including local community groups and parents and teachers associations – to promote the value of education with year round teacher training workshops as well as Child Clubs to help children appreciate their rights and role in the educational process.

We are deeply proud of the difference this project has made in the last nine years including the training of 1200 teachers in over 170 schools resulting in:

- Increased primary school attendance
- Increased girls' enrolment rates
- Increased retention rates of students through to secondary school

The program also includes support for Key Teacher workshops designed to fast track the most able teachers so that they can eventually train other teachers – creating a truly sustainable program. The AHF has to date trained over 50 local teachers in the region who have now become teacher trainers themselves.

We are currently entering the 10th year of the program and are now focused on expanding into the Necha and Kerung districts of the lower Solu Khumbu.



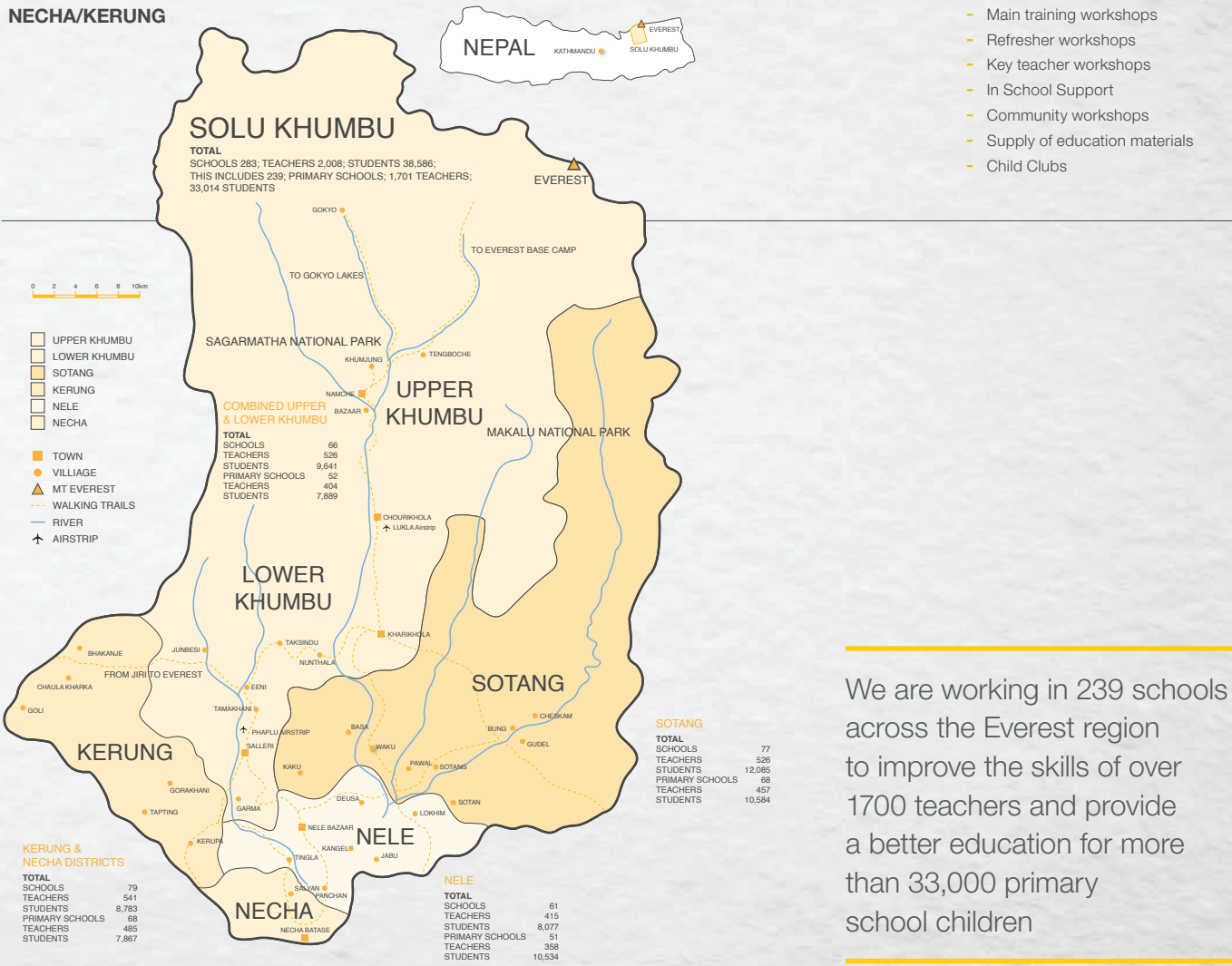
## The TTQE Team

On the ground our program is managed by our dedicated project partners REED (Rural Education & Environment Development), a Nepalese NGO based in Kathmandu and our Education Consultant, Jim Strang who was instrumental in establishing the original teacher-training program run by Sir Edmund Hillary. A further dimension to the program is the valued contribution of a team of volunteer teachers from Australia and New Zealand who work with REED in the field.

## Solu Khumbu TTQE Program Plan

	2005 to 2008	2008 to 2011	2011 to 2014	2014 to 2017
LOWER KHUMBU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refresher workshops</li> <li>Key teacher workshops</li> <li>In School Support</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refresher workshops</li> <li>Key teacher workshops</li> <li>In School Support</li> <li>Supply of education materials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refresher workshops</li> <li>Key teacher workshops</li> <li>In School support</li> <li>Supply of education materials</li> <li>Child Clubs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refresher workshops</li> <li>Key teacher workshops</li> <li>In School support</li> <li>Supply of education materials</li> <li>Child Clubs</li> </ul>
SOTANG		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Main training workshop</li> <li>Refresher workshops</li> <li>Key teacher workshops</li> <li>In School Support</li> <li>Community workshops</li> <li>Supply of education materials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refresher workshops</li> <li>Key teacher workshops</li> <li>In School support</li> <li>Supply of education materials</li> <li>Child Clubs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refresher workshops</li> <li>Key teacher workshops</li> <li>In School support</li> <li>Supply of education materials</li> <li>Child Clubs</li> </ul>
NELE			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Main training workshops</li> <li>Refresher workshops</li> <li>Key teacher workshops</li> <li>In School Support</li> <li>Community workshops</li> <li>Supply of education materials</li> <li>Child Clubs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refresher workshops</li> <li>Key teacher workshops</li> <li>In School support</li> <li>Supply of education materials</li> <li>Child Clubs</li> </ul>

## NECHA/KERUNG



We are working in 239 schools across the Everest region to improve the skills of over 1700 teachers and provide a better education for more than 33,000 primary school children



# OUR PROGRAMS

## EDUCATION SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS & EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

### Nepal

As part of our TTQE program, we provide school scholarships for children in the greatest need of educational support. There are many families living away from the major tourist trails that cannot afford to send their children to school. Additional expenses such as school uniforms, lunches and text books make school out of reach for many of these families however through this program we are helping to bridge the gap. We currently support 500 children to receive an education with a priority focus on girls, disabled children and dalit (untouchable) boys.

Educational materials are also an important component of our Quality Education program and critical to its long-term success. For many of these schools in this remote region, books are a rare luxury and stationery often unheard of. The AHF is supporting these schools with a regular supply of the necessary basics including pens, paper, writing books and textbooks.

### Bhutan

The AHF is working in some of the remotest corners of rural Bhutan where children often walk up to 3 hours a day just to reach the nearest community primary school. These children are from isolated communities that experience extreme poverty and girls in particular are often affected. AHF supports girls' education in these communities through a school scholarship program that enables these girls to attend school. The scholarships provide school meals, uniforms, textbooks and the building of girls boarding facilities. The funding of these resources ensures that just as many girls attend school as boys.

Her Majesty, Ashi Sangay Choden Wangchuck, the Queen Mother of Bhutan, is the Patron and Founder of RENEW, an organisation dedicated to the empowerment of women and girls in Bhutan. AHF partners with RENEW to support girls education in Bhutan, recognising that investing in the education of women and girls is fundamental to creating strong, stable families, communities and countries. Our program in Bhutan is supporting ten years of education for 200 girls across the remotest regions of Bhutan where the challenges of receiving an education are greatest. We are now in the process of scoping an expansion of our work in Bhutan, ensuring a whole of community approach that brings greater sustainability to the overall project.

### India

In association with the Australian Tibetan Society we support the 'Gangjong Doeghar' Tibetan performing arts in Kalimpong, North India which preserves and promotes traditional Tibetan cultural dance and music. With our support they are able to provide training to many young people of the Himalayas in keeping alive Tibetan cultural dance and music traditions of all the regions of Tibet.

The AHF is also supporting the Himalayan Buddhist Cultural School in the foothills of the Himalaya, Salugara, gateway to the northern hill stations of Darjeeling, Kalimpong and Sikkim. Here the AHF is helping educate disadvantaged primary school children from ethnic minority groups, largely from the border areas. This support includes a vocational training program set up for the senior students and community.

## HEALTH

### WORKING WITH WOMEN AND CHILDREN

#### Lower Solu Khumbu, Nepal

Cervical cancer is the number one cause of cancer death for women between the ages of 20 and 50 in Nepal, and far exceeds even breast cancer. Currently less than 5% of women in Nepal receive cervical cancer screening. Through an education and prevention program, the AHF is partnering with the Nepal Network for Cancer Treatment and Research (NNCTR) and the Australian Cervical Cancer Foundation. This program is now focussed on the disadvantaged regions of the lower Solu Khumbu and in 2012 we launched a cervical cancer vaccination project followed by a series of breast and cervical cancer screening and education workshops, successfully screening approximately 1000 women in 2014.

In memory of AHF Founder and Director Lincoln Hall, we have also recently launched a new project that further strengthens our Solu Khumbu Health program. The project supports maternal health care and service delivery for pregnant women, mothers and newborn babies. The project covers both antenatal and post natal care and involves funding and training two dedicated maternal health care nurses for the region.

#### Ladakh, Indian Himalaya

Zaskar is one of the most remote regions in the entire Himalaya. Located in the region of Ladakh in the Indian Himalaya, heavy snows in winter cut it off from the outside world for over six months of the year. During this time medical facilities are non-existent and villagers rely heavily on the amchi – traditional medical healers – for primary health care. Sadly, the region has unacceptable rates of infant mortality, often as high as one in two children. Our aim is to decrease these tragic rates of infant mortality and assist with improving maternal healthcare in the region – both of which are part of the UN Millennium Development Goals.

We do this by funding annual workshops for the amchi aimed at improving their traditional health care practices, as well as enhancing them with modern health care techniques. These workshops are well attended by the amchi in the region who in some cases trek up to one week to participate and over the last seven years, the AHF is proud to have gained the confidence and co-operation of the amchi, which is essential for long-term success of this project.

Many amchi, with the assistance of the AHF, have gone on to undertake further training in the government hospital in the capital Leh, as well as monitoring prenatal

visits births in their own villages, educating new mothers and passing on their knowledge to other community members.

## ENVIRONMENT

### Snow Leopard Conservation

In 1974, Snow Leopards were internationally declared an endangered species and today there may be as few as 3500 leopards left in the world. Humans are largely responsible for their decline – poachers hunt them for their pelts, body parts are used for traditional medicines and the leopards often come into conflict with local farmers. The AHF is working closely with the Snow Leopard Conservancy to protect the endangered snow leopard through partnerships with local communities in India, Nepal and Bhutan.

The SLC supports community-based protection of these big cats through grass-roots conservation initiatives, environmental education, training of herders in wildlife monitoring and research – blending traditional knowledge and modern science. Through this partnership, we provide basic training in improved animal husbandry and other livelihood skills to eliminate the threat of poaching and unnecessary killing of snow leopards.

## Special Projects

### Himalayan Art Awards

Although the Himalaya boasts a rich cultural heritage, there are few opportunities for creative expression for many talented artists in the Himalaya. The Himalayan Art Award provides financial support for a select number of emerging artists for the period of one year and in return, the artists commit to donating one major and one minor artwork to the AHF. The works are then sold in Australia at our major events, and the funds are designated for future awards, creating a fully sustainable arts program. Long-term AHF supporter Margie Thomas manages this program.

### Schools for the Himalaya

Our Schools for the Himalaya program was established by Lincoln and Barbara Hall and is aligned to our Teacher Training and Quality Education program.

Schools in Australia are encouraged to raise funds for a 'cluster' of schools to help improve basic facilities and educational resources. There are also opportunities for schools to visit these schools and gain firsthand experience of the extent and effectiveness of our educational program.

LADAKH

DELHI

NEPAL

KATHMANDU

SOLU KHUMBU

TIBET

Everest

LHASA

BHUTAN







# BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STAFF



## Board of Directors

**Simon Balderstone** *AM (Chairman)*  
Director of consultancy company; adviser to Olympic movement; member of the 1984 First Australian Everest Expedition; journalist and author. Former Prime Ministerial adviser, SOCOG Board member and General Manager.

**Cheryl Bart** *AO*  
On 24 May 2008, Cheryl and her 23-year-old daughter Nikki became the first mother-daughter team to reach the summit of Mount Everest. The scaling of Everest also saw them complete the 'Seven Summits' challenge: climbing the highest mountain on each continent. Cheryl is a Director of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Spark Infrastructure and ESTA Utilities.

**Julia Booth**  
Julia's area of expertise is in the development and management of projects in the Private, Government and NGO sectors. For the last 15 years she has concentrated on development projects with a focus on livelihood and education programs for women and children. She has a long history of cultural exchange with the Himalayan region and with the nation of Bhutan in particular. Julia was appointed to the Board in March 2014.

**Janine Constantine**  
International Development specialist with 20 years' experience developing and managing aid projects for the Australian Government, United Nations agencies and NGOs.

**Christine Gee** *AM*  
Nepalese Honorary Consul General (1987– 2009); co-founder of Australian Himalayan Expeditions (now World Expeditions); Attache to Sydney 2000 Nepal Olympic team, member of Chief Executive Women.

**Barbara Hall**  
Barbara is a long-time secondary school teacher. As a teacher at the International Australian School in Singapore she began, with husband Lincoln Hall, the AHF "Schools for the Himalaya" program and has visited the region regularly, determining first-hand the needs of schools.

**Peter Hillary**  
Adventurer (twice Everest summiteer, South Pole overland via Shackleton Glacier, first high-altitude traverse of entire Himalayan range); expedition leader, public speaker, leader of philanthropic missions; author and photographer.

**Greg Mortimer** *OAM*  
Greg is one of the world's foremost mountaineers. His many achievements in mountaineering include being a member of the first Australian ascent of the north face of Mount Everest in 1984; the first ever ascent of the south face of Annapurna 2; the first Australian ascent of Vinson Massif, the highest mountain in Antarctica; the first Australian ascent of K2; and an ascent of Mt Manaslu. Greg was appointed to the Board in March 2014.

**Garry Weare** *(Deputy Chairman)*  
*Co-convenor – ACFID Nepal Working Group*  
Veteran trek guide with over 35 years' experience in the Himalaya; Honorary Secretary (Australia) for the Himalayan Club; former Director and now consultant to World Expeditions; author and photographer.

## Ambassadors

**Michael Dillon** *AM*  
*AHF Ambassador*  
Adventurer and one of the world's leading mountain cinematographers and documentary filmmakers with 40 films to his credit; member and Director of Photography on the First Australian Everest Expedition 1984; AFI award winner. After many years of service as a Director, Mike now continues his support as an excellent Ambassador for AHF.

**Dylan Hall**  
*AHF Youth Ambassador*  
Dylan's passion for the Himalaya was first ignited as a young boy travelling in the early 1990's. As the son of founding AHF Director Lincoln Hall, he has always had a close association with the Himalaya.

**Alice l'Anson**  
*AHF Ambassador*  
Alice's passion for travel and international aid led her to complete a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and recently completed an internship with the AHF. Alice is the daughter of renowned Lonely Planet photographer, Richard l'Anson.

**Andrew Lock** *OAM*  
*AHF Ambassador*  
Acclaimed as Australia's most accomplished high-altitude mountaineer, Andrew recently became the first Australian to climb all 14 of the world's 8,000 metre peaks. The Foundation is proud to have Andrew as its first Ambassador.

## AHF Staff

**Carolyn Hamer-Smith** – General Manager  
**Garry Weare** – Director and Program Manager (part time)  
**Siobhan Reynolds** – Communications & Finance Manager (part time)  
**Deborah Dukes** – Fundraising Manager (part time)  
**Jim Strang** – TTQE Program Co-ordinator





# OUR DONORS, SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS



With heartfelt thanks to our major donors, sponsors and loyal supporters that make this work possible:

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- National Geographic Channel
- Robert Oatley Wines
- SMEC Foundation
- Stewart's Way
- The Sunrise Foundation
- Tyrrells Wines
- Westpac Matched Giving Program
- World Expeditions

We would also like to thank the following individuals and groups who organised fundraising treks and challenges in support of the AHF: 2014 Chairman's Trekkers, 2014 Kathmandu Summit Club Trekkers, 2014 Everest climber Will Sayer, 2014 Lhotse trekker Allie Pepper, 2013 Bhutan trekkers Heather McNeice and Krista Waddell, 2013 Ladakh trekkers Andrew Stobart and friends, the 2013 Blackmores Sydney Running Festival Sherpa Team and all those who generously contributed to the Sherpa Support Fund in support of those killed in the Everest disaster on 18th April 2014.

Finally, our sincere thanks to our Annual Supporters and our regular individual donors who are the backbone of AHF and the work we do – we are immensely grateful for their ongoing support.



# FINANCIAL INFORMATION



## Strategy

We continue to build up our Overseas Aid account in order to fully commit to our long-term programs – in particular our financial commitment to complete the 15-year cycle of our TTQE program.

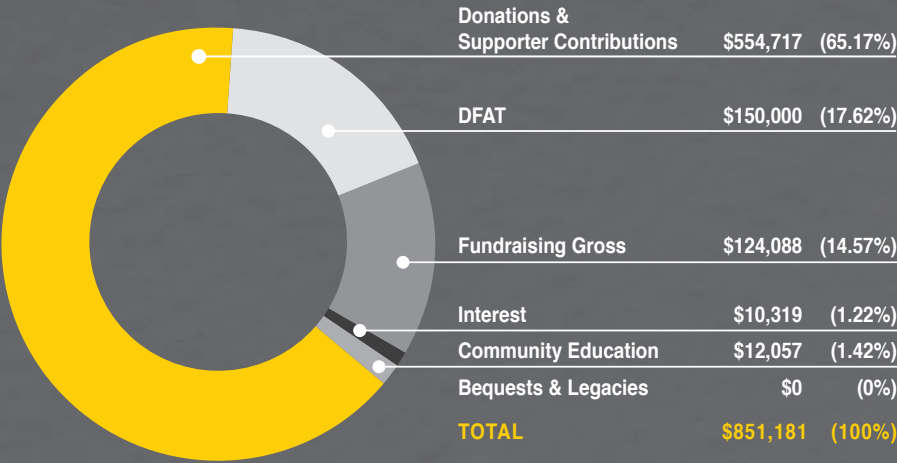
## Donations

Donations go into our Overseas Aid Account for program payments and associated program costs. The funds are held in a bank account with all interest credited for future program payments. In line with DFAT requirements as well as our commitment to high standards of program delivery, 20% of donations were spent on management and administration costs. This reflects best practice that ensures the AHF maintains robust, professional standards consistent with industry practice.

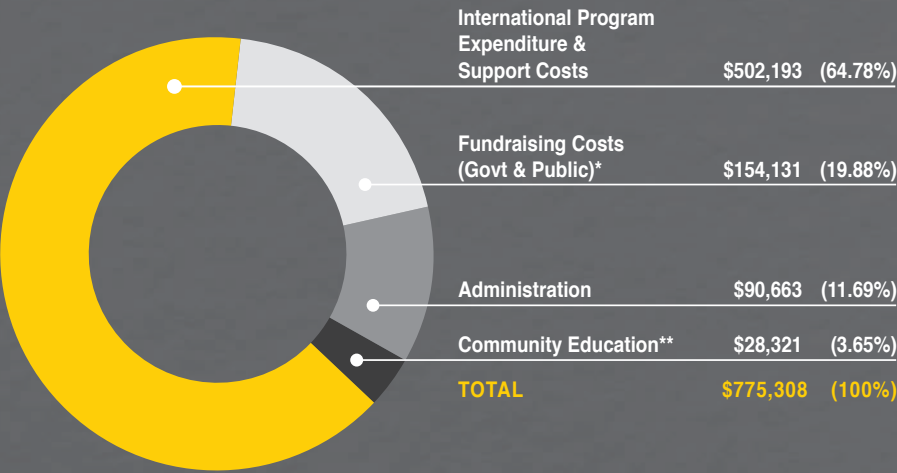
## Directors' Benefits

Director Garry Weare is also the Program Manager. He is paid for one and a half days a week. The rest of his considerable workload is on a voluntary basis. The Chairman and all other Directors did not receive payment or benefit of any kind.

### How we raised our funds in 2013/14



### How we spent our funds in 2013/14



\* Fundraising costs include all costs associated with events plus expenses integral to applications for government funding.

\*\* Community Education expenses include regular AHF Supporter events, which are not organised as fundraising events but as an opportunity for our supporters and friends to gain insights and updates on the work of AHF. Community Education costs also include a percentage of expenditure from general fundraising events that are assigned to promoting our development programs.

# INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014	2014 \$	2013 \$
<b>REVENUE</b>		
<b>Donations and Gifts</b>		
– Monetary	537,342	453,706
– Non Monetary	–	–
<b>Bequests and Legacies</b>	–	2,500
<b>Grants</b>		
– DFAT	150,000	150,000
– Other Overseas	–	–
<b>Investment income</b>	10,319	10,976
<b>Other Income</b>		
– Fundraising revenue	124,088	88,575
– Supporter contributions	17,375	25,450
– Community Education	12,057	12,880
<b>Revenue for International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs</b>	–	–
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>851,181</b>	<b>744,086</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure</b>		
<b>International Programs</b>		
– Funds to Overseas Programs	425,335	424,643
– Program Support Costs	76,858	60,342
<b>Fundraising Costs</b>		
– Public	124,332	82,792
– Government and Multilateral	29,799	16,416
<b>Community Education</b>	28,321	24,473
<b>Accountability and Administration</b>	90,663	70,480
<b>Non-Monetary Expenditure</b>	–	–
<b>Total International Aid and Development Expenditure</b>	<b>775,307</b>	<b>679,146</b>
<b>Expenditure for international political or religious adherence promotion programs</b>	–	–
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>775,307</b>	<b>679,146</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ORDINARY ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>75,874</b>	<b>64,940</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



# BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2014	2014 \$	2013 \$
<strong>ASSETS</strong>		
<strong>Current Assets</strong>		
– Cash & cash equivalents	540,013	458,216
– Trade and other receivables	747	3,814
<strong>Total Current Assets</strong>	<strong>540,760</strong>	<strong>462,030</strong>
<strong>Non-Current Assets</strong>		
– Property, plant & Equipment	914	–
<strong>Total Non-Current Assets</strong>	<strong>914</strong>	<strong>–</strong>
<strong>TOTAL ASSETS</strong>	<strong>541,674</strong>	<strong>462,030</strong>
<strong>LIABILITIES</strong>		
<strong>Current Liabilities</strong>		
Trade and other payables	5,912	2,142
<strong>Total Current Liabilities</strong>	<strong>5,912</strong>	<strong>2,142</strong>
<strong>TOTAL LIABILITIES</strong>	<strong>5,912</strong>	<strong>2,142</strong>
<strong>NET ASSETS</strong>	<strong>535,762</strong>	<strong>459,888</strong>
<strong>EQUITY</strong>		
Retained earnings	535,762	459,888
Member's Guarantee	–	–
<strong>TOTAL EQUITY</strong>	<strong>535,762</strong>	<strong>459,888</strong>

The accompanying notes from part of these financial statements.

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014	Retained Earnings \$	Total \$
<strong>BALANCE AT 30 JUNE 2012</strong>	<strong>394,948</strong>	<strong>394,948</strong>
Excess of revenue over expenses	64,940	64,940
Items of other comprehensive income	–	–
<strong>BALANCE AT 30 JUNE 2013</strong>	<strong>459,888</strong>	<strong>459,888</strong>
Excess of revenue over expenses	75,874	75,874
Items of other comprehensive income	–	–
<strong>BALANCE AT 30 JUNE 2014</strong>	<strong>535,762</strong>	<strong>535,762</strong>



A copy of the full statutory financial report for 2013/14 is available on request from our office. Our summary financial report complies with the standards set out by the ACFID Code of Conduct. Please refer to [www.acfid.asn.au](http://www.acfid.asn.au) for further information.

Australian Himalayan Foundation Ltd's reserves are comprised entirely of retained earnings held for unrestricted purposes. There were no adjustments, transfers or asset revaluations made in 2012/13 or 2013/14.

A copy of the full statutory financial report for 2013/14 is available on request from our office.

### Table of Cash Movements for Designated Purposes

No single appeal or any other form of fundraising for a designated purpose generated 10% or more of the Australian Himalayan Foundation's international aid and development revenue for the financial year ended 30 June 2014.

### Independent Audit Report Scope and Opinion

We have audited the summarised financial report of the Australian Himalayan Foundation for the year ended 30 June 2014 comprising the income statement, statement of changes in equity, balance sheet, statement of cash flows and the declaration of cash movements for designated purposes.

In our opinion, the information reported is consistent with the ACFID Code of Conduct reporting requirements and with the annual statutory financial report dated 7 October 2014 from which it was derived and upon which we expressed an unqualified audit opinion. For a better understanding of the scope of our audit, this report should be read in conjunction with our audit report on the annual statutory financial report.

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21 November 2014

**Australian Aid**



The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is the Australian Government agency responsible for managing Australia's overseas aid program.

DFAT's accreditation process provides both the federal government and the Australian public with confidence that where the Australian Government provides grants to Australian NGOs to implement aid and development programs, it is funding professional, well-managed, community-based organisations capable of delivering good development outcomes.

As an officially accredited aid agency, the Australian Himalayan Foundation is required to demonstrate that all relevant financial and program policies and procedures are in place and adhered to when providing funds to our in-country partners. These included acquittals, audits (in Australia and overseas) and monitoring and evaluation reports. In addition the AHF is obliged to develop stringent risk assessment guidelines and policies, and provide evidence of co-operation agreements with relevant statutory authorities in the countries where programs are implemented.

## Complaints Policy

The Australian Himalayan Foundation is a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and a Signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct, which is a voluntary, self-regulatory code of good practice. Information about how to make a complaint can be found at [www.acfid.asn.au](http://www.acfid.asn.au)

The AHF has a process in place for handling any complaints. Please direct your complaint to Carolyn Hamer-Smith (General Manager) on **02 9438 1822** or email: [carolyn@australianhimalayanfoundation.org.au](mailto:carolyn@australianhimalayanfoundation.org.au)



# HOW CAN YOU HELP?

You can contribute to the success of the AHF and its projects by becoming an Annual Supporter, or by making a donation or bequest. Please visit our website for payment options.

## Join as a Supporter

Our Supporters are crucial to our development – we are a community-based organization and rely on a pool of talented supporters to provide expertise, inspiration and assistance. We hold regular events and keep Supporters informed through our Yakety Yak newsletter and updates to our website.

## Supporter Categories

All Supporter Fees are tax deductible:

Individual	\$50 per annum
Family	\$75 per annum
Bronze	\$250 per annum
Silver	\$500 per annum
Gold	\$1,000 per annum

## Make a Donation

All donations to the AHF are greatly appreciated, and can be made online or by post. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

## Make a Bequest

Create a living legacy to assist future generations in the Himalaya by remembering the AHF in your will.

## Trek for the AHF

Trekking in the Himalaya provides an ideal opportunity to raise funds for the AHF. Contact the AHF office for further information.

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