



# ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Mending Casts Inc is a non-profit organisation incorporated in Victoria, Australia since the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019. The organisation aims to promote the health and well-being benefits of Fly Fishing and Fly Casting to people with cancer by hosting free community based events and support programs that introduce people of all ages and backgrounds to the sport. This includes the Casting for Recovery program in Victoria, the Reel Recovery program across Australia, our Casting for Kids days plus regular clinics, fly fishing events and promotional activities.

As a registered non-profit organisation, we require independent funding to provide these programs and services. That money is obtained through fund raising events, donations from a broad range of supporters, sponsorships from other organisations plus partnerships with corporate groups. Ad-hoc funding is occasionally gained from government grants or other philanthropic sources as and when they become available. Run solely by non-paid volunteers, every dollar received is invested back into our programs and the activities which support them.

We have been operating now for just over 18months and as part of our first full year, some significant milestones have been achieved. The major highlights being;

## Strategic Highlights

- Aug 2019 - Annual General Meeting
- Nov 2019 - VFFA Dinner with guests from Casting for Recovery USA
- Nov 2019 - Mending Casts present at Eildon Boat & Fishing Show and Talk Wild Trout Conference
- Dec 2019 - Exclusive MOU signed with Reel Recovery USA to bring their program to Australia

## Financial Highlights

- Funding opportunity with AACON construction (now on hold)
- Program funding from Bayer Australia under consideration
- Supporters provided goods & services that will be auctioned before the end of the year.
- See details in Treasurers financial report

## Operating Highlights

- Sept 19 - 1<sup>st</sup> Casting for Recovery Victoria was held at Eildon
- Apr-19 - 1<sup>st</sup> Reel Recovery Australia retreat booked for October 2020 (now on hold)

## Looking Ahead



The past 12 months has been a year of extremes. The year started with the “Highs” achieved in October following the resounding success of our first ever Casting for Recovery retreat in Victoria and the signing of an exclusive agreement with Reel Recovery USA to host their programs across Australia. This is in contrast to the “Lows” experienced in December from widespread

bushfires and their impact on so many communities, followed by local floods in January and then the unprecedented impact of the global COVID-19 pandemic that hit Australia in February 2020. It has been a year like no other in living memory, but despite these challenges our organisation continues to receive generous support from not only the Australian Fishing Industry, but the wider community in general. We are very grateful for that backing for it will hold us in good stead as we face the challenges of the year ahead.

In the current environment it is unlikely that fly fishing related activities involving live-in retreats will be permissible. Hence we must wait for State and Federal government mandated restrictions to be eased before we can commence planning for any future events, be they retreats, fund-raising activities or other fly fishing related gatherings. Furthermore, the context in which those events are conducted and the type of risk management needed to host them safely, will undoubtedly mean we need to change the structure of our programs and how we deliver them. We have already seen this eventuate in the USA, where Casting for Recovery and Reel Recovery programs have been impacted. Ultimately, the safety of our participants, staff and volunteers is of paramount importance.



It is foreseeable that the expected economic downturn ahead will not only impact our ability to secure volunteers and venues for next year's events, but also mean future funding opportunities in both the public and private sector will be limited. As a consequence, most of our major activities planned for 2020/21 have been suspended until the way forward from the COVID pandemic becomes clearer. In the interim, we will be focusing on securing more operating capital, through targeted fundraising and sponsorship arrangements. At the same time expenditure will be restricted to ensure we have sufficient funds to meet our financial obligations.



I would like to pass on my sincere gratitude to the members of the Mending Casts committee and the fabulous volunteers who contributed to the successes of the past year. Without their help, diligent hard work and support, we would not have been able to put on our events and so many cancer patients would have missed learning about the joys of fly fishing and how it can significantly help their quality of life and personal journeys.

It will be a challenging year ahead on many levels, but I am confident we have an executive and membership that is more than capable of turning those challenges into opportunities and positive outcomes.

John Billing  
Chair & acting President  
10<sup>th</sup> September 2020



# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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## Financial Summary for the Year Ended 30th August 2020

The Committee has determined that the Association is a Tier One reporting entity and that this special purpose financial statement should contain the following reports for the association's financial year.

- the Balance Sheet Report
- transaction report

In the opinion of the Committee the following statement, Balance Sheet report and the Notes to the financial Statements:

- Presents fairly the financial position of Mending Casts Incorporated as at August 30th 2020 and its performance for the year ended on this date; and
- At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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

Signed:

Signed:

.....  
Joanne Dobson

Treasurer

15<sup>th</sup> September 2020



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John Billing

Chair & acting-President

15<sup>th</sup> September 2020

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Financial Report as submitted by the Treasurer

## Statement of Comprehensive Income (Profits and Losses)

Income		Expense	
Event Fundraising	\$ 4840.69	General	\$4092.86
Donations (cash)	\$ 6000.00	Legal	\$
Grants	\$ 0	Retreat	\$9338.24
other/Interest	\$ 53.77	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13431.10</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10894.46</b>		

## Statement of Changes in Equity

Assets		Liabilities	
Bank Balance:	\$ 3276.16	Expenses to pay	\$
Petty Cash	\$ 0	Unspent Grant funds	\$0
Property ( assets Register)	\$ 2500	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ NIL</b>
Donated Goods RRP	\$1500		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7276.16</b>		



# OPERATIONAL MILESTONES

## Chronological timeline:

A brief timeline showing the key operational achievements from the past year:





# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



**Brenda Galey**

President

- Fishing Guide
- Membership Co-Ordinator
- Fly Fishers International Certified Casting Instructor



**John Billing**

Chairman & Vice President

- Webmaster
- Qualified 1st Aid
- Fly Fishers International Certified Casting Instructor



**Cherrie Ninness**

Secretary

- Programs Co-Ordinator
- Administration
- Emergency Services Liaison



**Jo Dobson**

Treasurer

- Owner Aussie Angler Tackle Shop
- Victorian Fisheries Grants Committee
- Casting Instructor



**Alisa Christie**

Event Co-Ordinator

- Retreat Co-Ordinator
- Fund Raising Events/Activities
- Casting for Kids Co-Ordinator



**Alan Staton**

Funding Co-Ordinator

- Grants / Sponsorship Coordinator
- Procurement Officer
- Fund Raising Events/Activities
- Reel Recovery Co-Ordinator



**Andrew Connell**

Casting Instructor / Guide

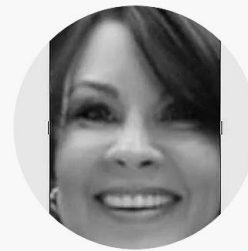
- Fishing Guide
- Qualified 1st Aid
- Fly Fishers International Certified Casting Instructor



**Val Young**

Casting Helper / Reiki

- Casting Program Helper
- Reiki Practitioner
- Natural Therapies



**Shelley Olson**

Fund Raising

- Fund Raising Events/Activities
- Event Co-Ordinator

# PROGRAM SUB-COMMITTEES

## CASTING FOR RECOVERY - Victoria:

Program Coordinator:	Cherrie Ninness
Retreat Coordinator:	Alisa Christie
Medic / Psychosocial Officer:	Renata Fliegner (volunteer)
Reiki Practitioner:	Val Young
Casting Instructor:	Brenda Galey
Casting Buddies:	Jo Dobson John Billing Andrew Connell Val Young Angus Ingram Jo Ellerton Bob Young (volunteer) Kate Nolan (volunteer) Charley May (volunteer) Rick Dobson (volunteer)
Photographer:	Tony Liparota (volunteer)
Activities:	Shelley Olson
Yoga:	Lyn Jordan (volunteer)
Massage Therapy:	Jody Ann (volunteer)
Nature Walks:	Lyn Jordan (volunteer)
Websites & Social Media:	John Billing



**Casting for  
Recovery**  
*Victoria, Australia*



## REEL RECOVERY AUSTRALIA:

Program Coordinator:	John Billing
Retreat Coordinator:	Alan Staton
Medic / Psychosocial Officer:	Renata Fliegner (volunteer)
Reiki Practitioner:	Val Young
Casting Instructor:	Andrew Connell
Casting Buddies:	Jo Dobson John Billing Andrew Connell Val Young Angus Ingram Jo Ellerton Bob Young (volunteer) Rick Dobson (volunteer)
Photographer:	Tony Liparota (volunteer)
Activities:	Cherrie Ninness Alisa Christie Shelley Olson
Websites & Social Media:	John Billing



## CASTING FOR KIDS

Program Coordinator:	Alan Staton
Retreat Coordinator:	Alisa Christie
Medic / Psychosocial Officer:	Renata Fliegner (volunteer)
Reiki Practitioner:	Val Young
Casting Instructor:	Andrew Connell
Casting Buddies:	Jo Dobson
	John Billing
	Brenda Galey
	Val Young
	Angus Ingram
	Jo Ellerton
	Bob Young (volunteer)
	Kate Nolan (volunteer)
	Charley May (volunteer)
	Rick Dobson (volunteer)
Photographer:	Tony Liparota (volunteer)
Activities:	Cherrie Ninness
	Shelley Olson
Websites & Social Media:	John Billing



## MENDING CASTS – FUND RAISING

### *Roles:*

Fund Raising Coordinators: Cherrie Ninness  
Jo Dobson  
Peter West

Assistants: Alisa Christie  
Shelley Olson  
Val Young  
Andrew Connell  
Angus Ingram

Grants: Alan Staton  
Jo Ellerton

Websites & Social Media: John Billing



# OUR SPONSORS

We gratefully acknowledge the help and support of the following organisations.  
Please see links to their respective businesses on our website.

Ammo Flies	Harfin Fly Reel Company
Antiquarian Angler Bookstore	Hurleys Fly Fishing
Aussie Angler Fishing Tackle	Holmesglen at Eildon
BWC Flies	Jager Flies
Bob Young - Master Casting Instructor	Jayco Bayswater
Charley May Fly Fishing	Jerusalem Creek Marina & Holiday Park
Compleat Angler Geelong	Leigh Dowell Fly Casting
Corniola Wines	Manic Tackle Project
Dividing Creek Farm	Mayfly Tackle
Driftwater Tasmania	Millbrook Lakes
Essential Fly Fisher	Ms Guided Fly Fishing
Fish Hard Cast Easy	Shane Broadby Flies
FlyLife Magazine	Symmetry & Balance Kinesiology & Reiki
Fly Odyssey Australia	The Lost Fly
FlyFinz Fishing Tackle & Books	Tonic Polarised Eyewear
The Flyfisher	Tony Liparota Photography Fly
The Geelong Fishing Show	Trevor Hawkins Art
Geelong Freemasons	Troutflies
Glandstone Fly and Sport Fishing	Troutlore
Goulburn River Lodge	Trout on a Fly
Goulburn River Fly Fishing	Untamed Flies and Tackle
Greg Beeroft Guiding Tasmania	Wildfish with Peter Morse

## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

In the year ahead it appears unlikely that we can return to running our weekend retreat programs with any degree of normality, if at all in 2020/21 as there is so much uncertainty around the social and economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Restrictions on the permitted movements of people both locally and interstate, as well as the ongoing restriction of international travel will impact on our planning for the year ahead, especially in relation to our first Reel Recovery Australia retreat.

Our focus in the short-term will turn to expanding revenue streams and promotional activities. The aim being to place us in a stronger financial position so that we are able to recommence our activities quickly as soon as circumstances allow. To that end, focus will be on attaining Deductible Goods Registration (DGR) status as well as registered charity status with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission. This will open up significant opportunities for widespread corporate support and better position the organisation to take advantage of government grants, sponsorships and future funding opportunities in both the public and private sector. This in turn will strengthen our position to engage in partnerships with major organisations in the cancer treatment and support sectors, as well as the wider fishing industry in Australia.

In addition, promotional activities will continue with several online raffles and auctions planned to take place before December 2020. It is hoped that some social gatherings and face-to-face events can then resume early in the New Year.



# ANNUAL STATEMENT NOTICE

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As part of our obligations under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act in Victoria, MENDING CASTS INCORPORATED is required to submit its annual statement to Consumer Affairs Victoria within one month after the date of the Annual General Meeting.

The annual statement must be submitted online

This requires the following:

- finalise the accounts for the year, closing on the financial year end date 31st August 2020;
- two committee members must check the finalised accounts and sign the relevant declaration;
- hold our annual general meeting (AGM) within five months of 31st August 2020 and present the declaration to the members with the accounts; then
- submit our annual statement to CAV.

Under the Act, an association's financial reporting obligations depend on the total revenue for their financial year.

Tier 1 associations have revenue below \$250,000

Tier 2 associations have revenue from \$250,000 to \$1 million.

Tier 3 associations have revenue of more than \$1 million.

## *Note on Fundraising*

If our association intends to conduct fundraising and expects to raise more than \$20,000, we do not need to register this CAV if we only raise funds from members and their relatives and friends, or if we raise less than \$20,000 gross per year using only unpaid volunteers.

Otherwise, we are required to register these activities with CAV.