

# Annual Report 2015-16



Helping people through tough times



# Strategic Intent

## Our purpose

**Enabling children, young people, and their families, whānau and friends to navigate through times of grief, loss and trauma** by facilitating their access to expert information, education, professional services and support, and by education, training and support for professionals, agencies and others who assist those dealing with grief, loss and trauma.



## How we do it?

- Highly capable people, working with our network and other development and delivery partners, who reflect the cultural diversity of our communities.
- Professional, innovative and effective development, promotion and delivery of services, programmes, training, support and publications.
- Sustainable revenue earned from services (including referrals), programmes, training, support and publications.
- Professional, responsible and timely promotion and management of sponsorships and donations to support our purpose.
- Efficient, effective business processes, systems, administration and facilities.
- Cooperation with other organisations to serve clients and needs outside our scope, and/or to gain efficiencies and effectiveness.
- Strong social and business brand and culture, reflected in our people, processes, and promotion.
- Phased transition from current model to maintain services, relationships and income while building confidence in new model.



# Chair's Report

## Why are we here?

Imagine 10 people in front of you, who are typical Skylight counselling clients. 4 of the 10 are children under 12, 1 is a teenager, 3 are parents, and 2 are other family and friends. 4 of these 10 people have either suffered a death in the family or someone they love is facing death soon; 1 is from a family that has suffered suicide or murder; another has suffered a traumatic injury or illness; 2 are enduring bullying or mental anxiety; and 3 are undergoing family breakups, 1 of them involving violence.

That's a cross section of our counselling clients and I could add: teenagers in 100s of schools we help with personal well-being and resilience; people who attend our child bereavement and suicide bereavement support groups; families devastated by the Christchurch earthquake; the many users and buyers of our pamphlets and books; and the frontline professionals in our network and other care agencies across the country, whom we train and support.

That's why Skylight is here – to enable children, young people, and their families, whānau and friends to navigate through times of grief, loss and trauma:

- Through our national referral network of professional counsellors and respected delivery partners serving communities and client groups across New Zealand;
- Through our various national and regional resilience programmes, delivered through our network and others (e.g. iwi and hapu, schools, community agencies, etc.);
- Through our books, information packs and professional training courses.

## How do we do that?

We are a service delivery charity. We don't make profits for shareholders, but we try to run Skylight as smartly as we can, to do the maximum good from the resources available. Delivering the maximum good is the offer we make, not just to the individuals, families and agencies who buy our services, but also to the pensioner who donates a gold coin at a morning tea, the wealthy philanthropist, the businesses who sponsor our programmes with money and in-kind services, the volunteers who give their time for free, and the staff who work so hard for modest pay. Those donors, funders, volunteers and staff all have choices for their time and money. They chose to support us. So we have a plan to enable us to do the maximum good, by:

- Building a sustainable business model;
- Developing great programmes, publications and training;
- Growing our network and collaborating with other delivery agencies;
- Professional promotion and management of donations, sponsorship and funded programmes;
- Building effective business processes;
- Building a highly capable team to make it happen in our frontline delivery, our support functions, our leadership team, and around the board table.

## What have we achieved?

2015/16 has been a very constructive year. Skylight achieved an operating surplus of \$11,130 on revenues of \$1,177,070. This is a marked improvement from several years of losses and was achieved while we were investing in our new organisation, systems and processes. Revenues have improved. Our expanded delivery network is starting to gain momentum. A more integrated and focused internal organisation and better business processes are freeing up our staff to do more. Our team has been enhanced by recruiting new skills and experience to key leadership and operational roles. Our work has been recognised in a variety of awards, sponsorship and donations, especially our regional programme with The Warehouse and a major donation from Jenny Bryant to establish our Flashlight Fund, which supports clients who would not otherwise be funded. We also persuaded Judy Bailey and Louise Nicholas to join Kerry Prendergast as Skylight's Patrons.

## What's next?

Having built a stable platform, 2016/17 is a year for growth, expanding our service delivery network, and investing in enhanced clinical and operational processes, practices and systems. We will refresh, replace and expand our suite of resilience programmes and publications, including more digital content and channels to reach a wider range of clients and audiences.

## Who should we thank?

Skylight cannot do what it does without the tangible financial and in-kind support of many people and organisations, whether as buyers and funders of our services, or as individual donors, philanthropic groups, and corporate sponsors. We truly appreciate your backing for what we do.

I thank my fellow trustees for their commitment to Skylight, and look forward to another constructive year. I also thank our Patrons for their support and I'm excited by the audiences you'll help us reach.

Change usually places people and organisations under stress, and Skylight has not escaped that. However, the positive buzz around the place is tangible, and I feel confident that Skylight is well-placed to keep building on what has been a successful year. The Skylight staff have worked hard these last 12 months to continue delivering our services, while the organisation underwent a lot of change. Likewise, our volunteers, who give so freely of their time and energy, and our service delivery partners – individuals and organisations – who are central to Skylight's work. We value our relationships with you all, and we look forward to working with you in future, as the Skylight network goes from strength to strength. On behalf of the board, I thank you all.



**Jim Donovan**  
Chairman,  
Skylight Trust  
Oct. 2016



# Chief Executive's Report

Skylight is a national not-for-profit trust that enables children, young people, their families/whānau and friends to navigate through times of trauma, loss and grief. The services and activities we provide are guided by a committed and experienced Board of Trustees. This is my second Annual Report as the CEO.

This year we introduced the position of Financial Controller, an outsourced position bringing transparency and quality independent audit practices. Skylight staff members who come from diverse backgrounds, qualifications and life experiences are committed, hard-working and passionate about their work. I am so thankful to be surrounded by such a great team of workers, facilitators and contract counsellors who make up the Skylight Team.

I also want to acknowledge our donors who without your support we wouldn't be able to provide the services that we do. Last year we launched the Flashlight Fund set up by a generous donation from Jenni Bryant. The Flashlight Fund has continued to grow with the help of many individual donations and a significant donation from the Disblair Trust. As a result of this fund many individuals, children and families have been able to access free counselling sessions and for this we are truly grateful.



I want to also acknowledge our Patrons, in particular, Kerry Prendergast who has dedicated years of support to the cause of Skylight Trust. Our two new Patrons, Judy Bailey and Louise Nicholas, were launched at the beginning of this year at our Stakeholders Meeting. Both Louise and Judy are exceptional women who have supported our communities for many years and we are extremely lucky to have them alongside Kerry.

Over the last year the highlights have many and I have been proud to represent Skylight Trust. These highlights include:

- A successful Stakeholder Event where we announced our new patrons
- Winning the Social Enterprise Award for the Wellington Gold Business Awards
- Finalist in the 2015 and 2016 Wellington Community Awards
- Winner of the 2016 Wellington Community Awards for Health & Wellbeing
- Finalist in the 2016 Wellington Regional Community Awards
- A successful Loss & Grief Awareness Week, and
- Held our first Trade Me Lunch with a Celebrity Auction

Skylight Trust services include national professional development training, national programme delivery, Counselling, Resource Centre, Library, an 0800line and a Publications House. Skylight's area of specialty is supporting people via education and counselling through grief, loss and trauma.

Over the last year Skylight has worked progressively to develop the Trust into a sustainable viable organisation, this hasn't been easy. In the current funding environment, it has meant we have had to look at our practices, our procedures and how we are delivering services. It's meant we've had to think hard about our services, how we deliver them, our point of difference and our expertise.

With that, we also needed to look at our structure and how our structure supports the work we do; are we delivering at the level which supports the current environment; the needs of our clients and can we do better and how will we know? We have also had to look at our reporting; are we capturing what is needed, does the organisation have a whole picture view, are we giving our funders what they need and is it results based?

After a long year we have entered the new financial year with a new transformed structure and team. This is the beginning of a new journey for Skylight. It is an opportunity to develop new programmes, expand on what we have and what we have learned.

We have entered into new partnerships; looking at gaps in communities and at ways in which Skylight can work collectively with organisations around their expertise and our areas of specialisation. I have met with over 50 organisations across Aotearoa since starting at Skylight just over 18 months ago. When meeting with them I ask, "Do you work with loss, grief and trauma?" The common response is, "No not really". I ask what contracts they have and they usually say MOJ, Corrections, MOH, and MSD, and I say, "Well you work with grief, loss and trauma". Because the reality is that loss, grief and trauma affects

everybody regardless of who you are and where you are from – it doesn't discriminate. So when partnering with agencies who are delivering services into communities it is clear they do need to know about loss, grief and trauma. Whether it is the loss of a job, the loss of a family member, the grief associated with break up, losing a parent, or losing your childhood. They do need to know about what resources are available, how people might react, and what they might need.

So a year on, I reflect on my life work which has been working with families, young people, women and children. I think about the opportunities I may have missed or didn't recognise because I was unaware or maybe just too busy to notice. I know now because of my experience working with Skylight that I have better understanding of this field. I'm more aware of what happens around me. I'm more conscious of people's trauma, people's loss and the impact that has on everyday families in everyday lives. This is something that I think we could all benefit from, something that we can all learn from. It is something we all need an understanding of as we never know what is just around the corner. This last year has been about learning, change, and courage. I say courage because it takes courage to face the hard times, it takes courage to change. Every day out there someone is facing a hard time, someone has to have the courage to be strong, to move forward and to face the change. Skylight Trust exists to support those people, to help make that journey easier and to assist them face those tough times.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Heather Henare'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue background.

**Heather Henare**  
Chief Executive

# Sponsors and Partnerships

Skylight fundraising continues so that we can deliver our services to support people in times of grief, loss and trauma. We strive to have a mix of funding streams including partnerships, government contract and grants, individual donations, philanthropic grants and fundraising events.



## 'Add-a-dollar' Campaign

Skylight's partnership with The Warehouse Region 5 – the Central and Eastern North Island region has continued to grow. This partnership has had several approaches to raising funds and has surpassed fundraising expectations. The 'add-a-dollar' campaign that supported the Skylight Travellers Programme has meant that 32 schools in the region have been able to join this programme and we now have 61 staff trained as facilitators for the Travellers Programme with a total of 1,226 students completing the online survey. Skylight is very grateful to Levi Glasgow, Taupo Store Manager and all the Warehouse staff who got behind the programme and supported the campaign, as well as all The Warehouse shoppers who added-a-dollar at the check-out.



TRAVELLERS WORKSHOP SPONSORED BY THE WAREHOUSE - REGION 5



WELTEC HOSTED A DINNER & AUCTION

## Dinner, Auction and a 'Latte Lab'

The Wellington Institute of Technology (WelTec) and Skylight have a close working relationship. This involves them hosting our Grief & Loss fund raising dinner and auction. The evening is held at the Wellington School of Hospitality training restaurant, Bistro 52. This restaurant is where their students training to be chefs and front of house staff get the opportunity to practice their skills on real guests. It is a great partnership with mutual benefit for both as Skylight is able to hold a fine dining experience at a fraction of the cost.

Weltec students also sold coffee to fellow students to raise funds for Skylight via a Latte Lab. A great initiative as everyone won – students practiced their barista skills, students had coffees at a reasonable price and Skylight gained funds for a good cause.



LATTE LAB (WELTEC STUDENTS)

## Partnerships

Skylight has been working on developing a sustainable network of partner organisations and individuals that share its values and purpose of providing support to everyone who needs it. It's been a collaborative effort and we are finally seeing the blossom of incredible alliances that will allow people throughout all New Zealand to navigate tough times with the support they need. This is an ongoing effort that will undoubtedly keep nourishing the existing network and, what's most important, will reach more people in need of support.

## Skylight's Partnership Network



# 2015-16 Events

## Shareholders Meeting – March 2016



SKYLIGHT'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE, HEATHER HENARE, SKYLIGHT'S PATRONS – JUDY BAILEY, LOUISE NICHOLAS AND KERRY PRENDERGAST WITH SKYLIGHT'S CHAIR JIM DONOVAN.



In March 2016 Skylight started a new tradition by holding a Stakeholders Meeting at the Harcourt's Auction Room, corner of Cambridge Terrace and Vivian Street. Attendees mingled over afternoon tea prior to commencing the meeting.

The Chair and the Chief Executive both talked about the journey Skylight was on, the direction for the future and the need for sustainability in a changing social services environment. They also took the opportunity to thank Skylight's Board and Staff for their ongoing commitment to ensuring Skylight's viability in delivering the specialised services much needed in the area of grief, loss and trauma.

Two New Zealanders known for their compassion and understanding of others, Louise Nicholas and Judy Bailey, joined Kerry Prendergast to become Patrons of Skylight at the Stakeholders meeting. Skylight speakers reiterated how privileged Skylight felt in having three such strong women as patrons. The Chair and the Chief Executive said their thanks to Dame Cath Tizard and Dame Kate Harcourt for their patronage and wished them well for the future.

Louise Nicholas, 2016 New Zealander of the Year Finalist, is an advocate for the rights of women who have been victims of sexual violence. "Louise is highly regarded throughout the country, where she continues to symbolise relentless courage and determination through sharing her own experiences."

Louise welcomed the chance to work with Skylight. "I love what this service provides to so many, and am so proud to stand alongside them, and endorse the beautiful work they do". Louise's patronage with Skylight follows a grief stricken past. In 2007 she lost her brother to suicide and her mother to cancer. "It was a hugely difficult time for all my family. To have had Skylight walk alongside us, in support, would have made our journey to heal a whole lot easier."

Judy Bailey, a familiar face on our television screens, has long been an advocate for children. She is also a patron of the North Shore Hospice, The Grief Centre and of Seasons, a grief support programme for children. She understands very well how grief and trauma can become debilitating and affect all areas of our lives.

*"Skylight provides comprehensive, well-resourced and researched support. I respect its work enormously and a number of close friends have found its service invaluable."* Judy Bailey

## Loss and Grief Awareness Week – July/August

From 27 July to 2 August 2015, Skylight held its second Loss and Grief Awareness week.

The week raised awareness about the unique challenges that children, young people and adults face when they are grieving a difficult loss. The week aimed to improve the wellbeing and resilience of New Zealanders and help people:

- understand the impact of loss and grief;
- find ways to support that make a difference; and
- find the right help when it is needed.

A number of events were held to promote the week, including starting the week with the official opening of the new Skylight Offices on Vivian Street. On the Thursday night there was a movie fundraiser “Learning to Drive”. Friday night was promoted as a Light a Candle Night, via social media.

Organisations and individuals were invited to take some time to remember someone or something important to them by lighting a candle. Throughout the week “Grief is like ...” a series of photos and text were used to illustrate what grief can be like and to encourage people to engage and raise awareness of the aims of the week. This activity saw a major increase in Skylight’s social media presence.

*Skylight received very positive responses from a wide range of organisations and individuals about the week leading to the expansion of this week in July 2016.*



GEORGINA BEYER WITH WINNER



WELTEC STUDENTS AT THE AUCTION DINNER



OUR PATRON, KERRY PRENDERGAST OPENING SKYLIGHT'S NEW PREMISES

## Skylight moves to new premises – July 2015

Skylight is now based on Level 3, 5-7 Vivian Street, Wellington. The move to new premises has allowed all of Skylight to be on the one floor and provided a “one team” environment.

# Our National Programme Delivery



## Travellers

Travellers has had another successful year with:

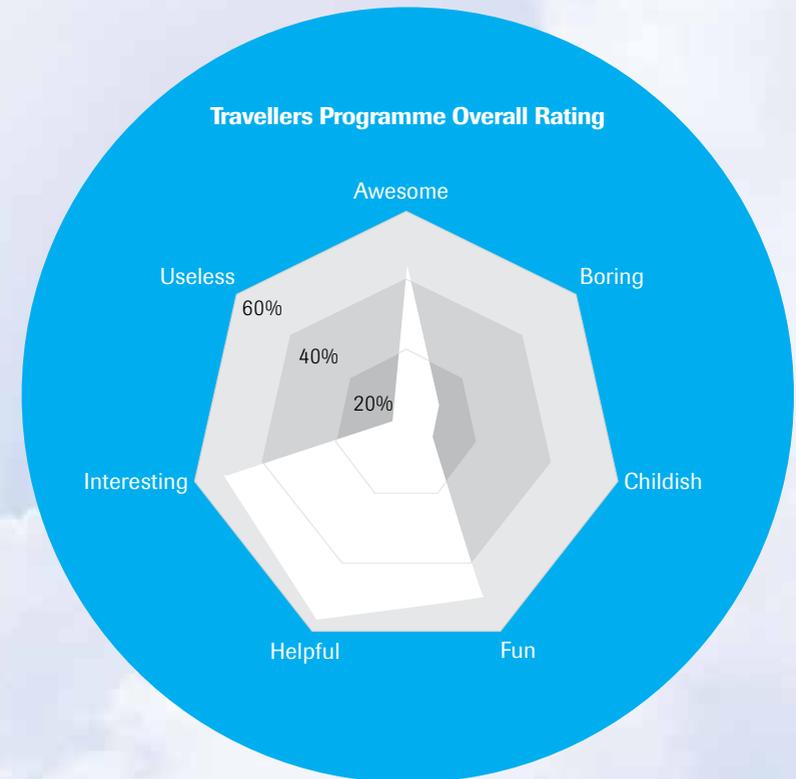


Travellers has not been without some changes as in June 2016 our long-term Travellers Coordinator, Aileen Davidson, and Administrator, Leona Palmer, decided it was time for a change. Skylight wishes them well in their future endeavours. Skylight took the opportunity of the change to create a new Contracts team and Travellers now sits with Maria Lloyd as the Programme Coordinator (Ministry of Health).

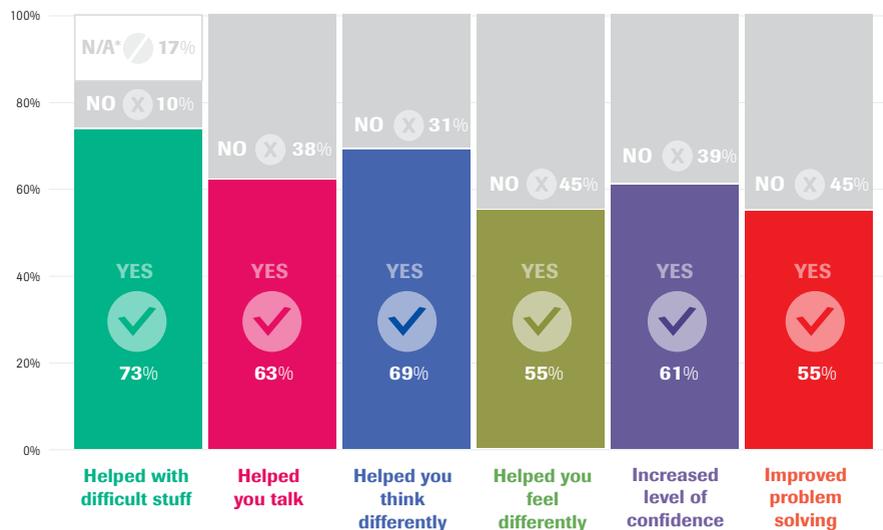
### Student Experience of Travellers

Students are still responding extremely positively to the Travellers Programme with 43% of students rating the programme as **Awesome**, while 51% rated the programme as **Fun**, 58% **Helpful** and 54% **Interesting**.

When it came to helping students Travellers received overwhelmingly positive responses. 73% of students said Travellers helped them **with difficult stuff**, 63% of students said Travellers helped them **talk about difficult stuff**, 69% of students said Travellers helped them **think differently** about difficult stuff, 55% of students said Travellers helped them **feel differently**, 61% of students said Travellers increased their level of confidence and 55% of students said Travellers **improved** their problem solving skills.



### Travellers helped with...



\* N/A = Non Applicable



### Student feedback

*“Travellers has increased my self-esteem and taught me how to solve problems and feel good about myself and life”*

*“It has helped me to think more about the good things in life than the bad things. I’ve been more positive about things because of Travellers”*

### Facilitator Feedback

Facilitators working with the students in schools also gave the Travellers Programme positive ratings. 63% of facilitators rate the programme as meeting “most or all” of the aims of fostering the healthy development of young people. 90% of facilitators report that students engage with the programme material “very well to extremely well”. 98% of facilitators felt students related positively to the images used in the programme. 97% of facilitators felt that students related positively to the language used.

*“This is a fantastic programme that should be delivered to all students as a proactive strategy”*

*“Because I see the Travellers programme as an effective programme to build resiliency and strengths in vulnerable young people. It builds strong and supportive peer relationships and equips young people with skills and strategies that they can call on in life’s tough times.”*

*“After facilitating Year 9 students for four years now I am convinced the programme is an excellent ‘resilience’ programme and in depths*

*and enhances the mandatory Health Programme. Also, the Board of Trustees is very keen that all additional supports are offered to our students in relation to their mental health and wellbeing. In addition, I would like to recommend that the programme now be offered at Intermediate level – Year 8 although I appreciate that there are growing numbers of Year 9 students seriously in need of additional education and guidance in relation to personal development particularly relating to personal development and social issues NAMELY .....SELF ESTEEM, CONFIDENCE, CARING FOR THE BODY AND STAYING HEALTHY, RELATING TO OTHERS, KEEPING SAFE. Thank you for your exceptional professional support in my four years as facilitator.”*

*“Delightful! What a privilege and a pleasure to be involved. Thank you so much. I now understand why my colleague and school counsellor (who has been a Traveller for 6+ years) holds this programme in such high regard. The young people who have gone on to succeed, as school leaders, are evidence of its long term success.”*





## Waves

Suicide statistics have remained high over the past year. The impact a suicide has on families, whānau and communities is huge. On an individual level it impairs people's ability to function and increases their vulnerability and that of their family, and at the community level impacts the workplace. Skylight recognises the need for good post-vention care to support people through their grief and to help them develop healthy coping strategies.

Skylights response to this issue is in the form of:

- Running the Waves programme locally in Wellington for people 17 years and over bereaved by suicide. It is an eight week programme facilitated by 2 trained facilitators twice a year. One person said of the programme last year:

*“As a direct result of attending the programme I no longer feel as isolated and alone. The feeling of shame has reduced and I am able to think past the death to the happy parts of their life we enjoyed together . . . my sleeping has improved, I'm happier and I no longer feel the desperate need to escape as often as I used to.”*

- Having a Resource Centre that provides customised information support packs to individuals, families and communities throughout New Zealand bereaved by suicide.

- We have a contract with the Ministry of Health that has completed its second year. We have a capable team of trainers to run workshops to train facilitators around the country. Most areas of the country have now had the benefit of training and we are now supporting facilitators to run the Waves programme locally across New Zealand. Our gratitude to Chris Bowden, School of Education lecturer at Victoria University who helped design the programme and continues to advise on it and analyse the data we collect.



## Parenting Through Separation

Skylight continues to provide the fully funded Ministry of Justice programme in six venues in the Wellington Region, including Kapiti Coast, Masterton, Lower Hutt, Porirua, Johnsonville and CBD.

The Parenting Through Separation course is a free information programme for individual parents who have separated, or who are contemplating separation, to attend so they can learn how to put their children's needs first.

The Parenting Through Separation course allows parents to have the chance to share their thoughts with other people in a similar situation, in a safe and confidential environment. Participants are given support resources to help them through the process of the Family Justice System.

*90% of participants attending the Skylight facilitated course stated that the course gave them strategies to co-parent with their ex-partner.*



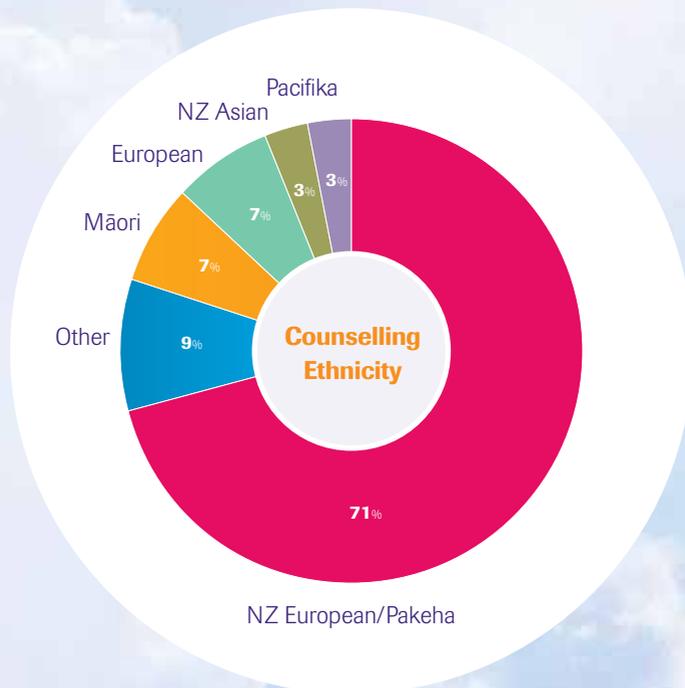
# Counselling Support

The Counselling Team is formed by experienced counsellors who provide counselling support to children, young people and families/whānau. Three are employed counsellors and six are contract counsellors. With the administrative support of the Counselling Coordinator, their joint work ensures everyone can get access to the support they need when dealing with tough times.

During the financial year of 2015/2016, Skylight provided **1343 sessions** across the greater Wellington Region, Masterton and Auckland. With an average number of **33 new client referrals each month**. These client sessions include the children who attended the children's counselling groups and the Ministry of Justice funded Children's Safety Programmes. We have experienced an increase in the number of referrals we receive from other agencies due to the collaborative work Skylight is establishing with its partner organisations.

The clients range in age from 3 years to 68 years old. Specifically, the children and young people represented 71% of the total number of clients seen by Skylight.

Skylight is proud to be an organisation that acknowledges the cultural diversity of Aotearoa, always ensuring all our services are culturally sensitive. We are proud to be a service provider for everyone!



## Feedback

*"My daughter loves seeing her counsellor and asks me when she is going to see her again"*

*Parent of a 7-year-old girl who was receiving counselling due to Family Break Up*

*"Mum says the boy is doing really well at school. Since attending counselling there has been a noticeable change, he even got to take home a toy for Good Behaviour, which made him really happy. He mentioned that the strategies to manage his anger had helped especially when his little sister was annoying him."* Counsellor Report

## Issues that clients and families accessed Skylight for

Skylight's philosophy is that change is part of life and everyone can experience a tough time when facing loss, grief and trauma. Our clients know that too and that's why the most recurrent issues for accessing Skylight counselling are:



# Support Groups

Skylight support always goes the “extra mile” in the effort of helping those in need. That is the reason for us to deliver different support groups for children and adults facing particularly tough times. We are fortunate to receive funding to run these therapeutic groups, free of charge for the clients.

Support Groups		
<b>Family Change Group</b>	For children affected by family break up.	Kindly supported by the Margaret and Winton Bear Trust.
<b>Bereavement Group</b>	For children grieving a family member that passed away.	Kindly supported by the Joe Aspell Trust.
<b>Sharing The Journey Group</b>	For children with a family member facing mental illness and/or addiction.	Kindly supported by the Joe Aspell Trust.
<b>Along The Track Group</b>	Our Children’s Safety Programme.	Kindly funded by the Ministry of Justice through the Domestic Violence Programme.
<b>Heart Song Group</b>	For bereaved parents who have lost a child no matter the cause and no matter how long ago.	Kindly supported by the John Illot Charitable Trust.



## How we got the ‘Heart Song’ name

There are tribes around the world who believe that children’s birthdays are not marked from the day they are physically born, but rather from the day their mothers think of them.

These mothers first have a stray thought or dream of the child to come and they make silent retreats out to the wilderness to listen for the child’s song. Upon return the child’s mother teaches the song to the father. They sing the song as they make love to conceive the child.

Once conceived the parents teach the child’s song to the elders and midwives of the tribe, and the song is sung during pregnancy and birth.

After the child is physically born (regardless of whether they are born dead or alive), the entire tribe and community are taught the child’s song. The child is welcomed with everyone singing the song. The child’s song is sung at any time of significance – coming of age, getting married, upon death, no matter what age.

Thus every child has a song that is held in the hearts of their parents, their family and their wider community. It is their Heart Song.

# Resource Centre

The Resource Centre is one of the most important features of Skylight. Located in the centre of Skylight's Wellington office, it has a vast collection of specialist information on the effects of grief, loss, change and trauma on children, young people and adults as well as their families and friends. There are informative materials regarding ways to deal with these effects and ways to support people through such difficult times.

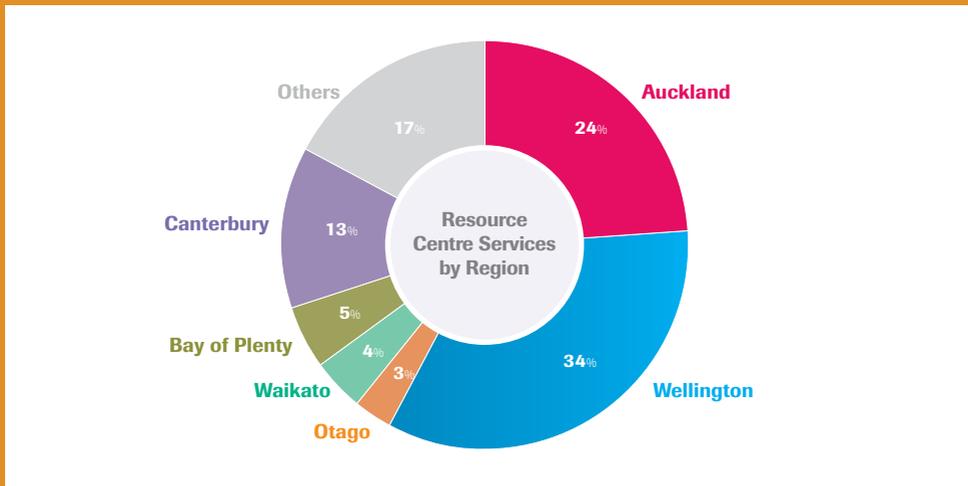
The resource centre operates a library where various items, including books, games and DVDs, can be loaned to individuals of any age as well as professionals looking to further their skills. All library resources are now available online via the Skylight website. Similarly, a number of these emotional support resources can be bought online through the Skylight shop. Furthermore, the Skylight resource centre offers a personalised service where information and support packs can be sent to anyone, anywhere in New Zealand, specifically tailored to an individual's particular situation.

The data shows that Skylight is used by individuals and organisations from various different regions across New Zealand. The Wellington and Auckland areas have, by far, the highest interaction with Skylight services. Canterbury is the third largest user of Skylight services (see below).

These results may not be a surprise as Auckland and Wellington are the most populous areas of New Zealand and therefore it is likely that the more people there are in any given area, the greater the number of individuals you would find there who are experiencing difficulties with which Skylight can help.

It appears that Skylight most commonly supports individuals with issues related to grief, suicide and bereavement. Some of the least common reasons for which individuals seek help from Skylight are relationships, teenage issues and self-harm.

Library loans have more than doubled over the past year. We have also been able to add to our collection thanks to the generosity of the Flashlight Fund which gave a substantial donation for new books.



**800-900**  
resource packs

**Resource packs** have remained at a similar rate (800-900 per year) and continue to be appreciated by those who receive them as per spontaneous responses below. General feedback would suggest that we are becoming more known in the community and as the 'go to' place for resources when people are experiencing tough times.

### Feedback

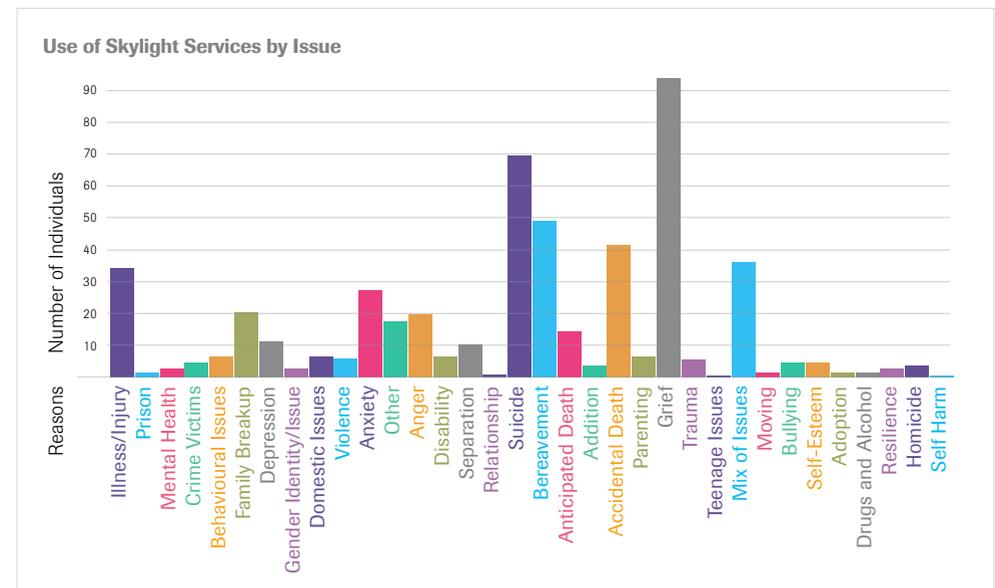
*"Wow, thank you so much. I really appreciate your prompt response and the resources are wonderful"* Social worker in schools. February 2016

*"Thank you so much for the information you sent, it was invaluable as it gave me guidance on how to talk to my friend and her children"* Friend, September 2015

*"I especially want to thank you for your help when my young nephew was depressed and suicidal and lost. Your advice and information was wonderful. Things did come to a head there but he now seems on the road to recovery albeit it very small steps a day at a time."* Aunt, February 2016

*"I would like to say thank you so much for the 'personalised' information pack. It was certainly targeted on my circumstance, and was practical, logical and very easy to understand. It was therefore very useful and it has already lightened our feelings, and made it easier to understand her."* Mother, June 2016

*"I just would like to say thank you for sending me out the heap of information about anger and grief regarding some problems that I have been having with my 7-year-old son. I have read through them they are very informative and helpful and I look forward to working through the information and booklets with my son."* Mother, May 2016



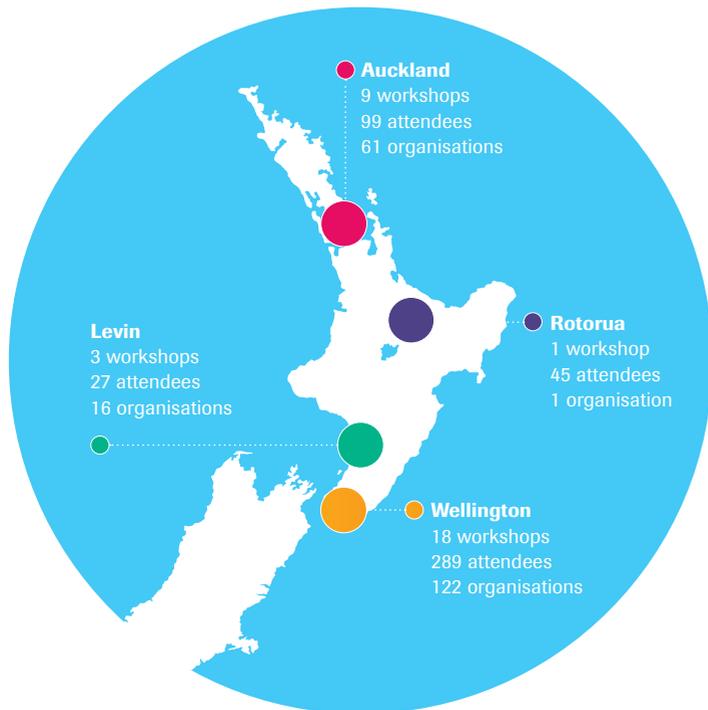
# Professional Development

## Professional Development and Training

The 2015/2016 programme involved a total of **31** workshops delivering opportunities to a total of **460** people in **200** organisations.

Off-site workshops continue to be in demand, with a total of 72 people from 17 organisations attending workshops. The workshops at Skylight and the off-site ones around the country are still meeting a training need for people working in social services. The focus on participation in the sessions enables people to explore tough topics to support the individuals they work with.

These high quality workshops are in demand, due to the expertise and experience of the Skylight contracted facilitators and staff who work to make each session appropriate and accessible to people working in our sector.



# Thank You

Skylight's work is done with integrity and a personalised approach to supporting children, young people, their family/whānau and friends navigate through times of trauma, loss and grief. This work could not be done without the wonderful team of people who have the commitment and passion to give of themselves and their expertise every day.

It is through the dedication of our volunteers, staff, Board of Trustees and all the individuals, organisations and businesses that have become part of the Skylight family that we are able to make a difference in people's lives.

We would particularly like to thank Jenni Bryant (Flashlight Fund) and all the **individuals, families and organisations** who have donated to Skylight to help us continue our vital work. We would also like to acknowledge our **staff and volunteers** who give their time, energy and enthusiasm and all **Board members**, past and present.

## Patrons

Skylight is very grateful for the continued support from Patron Kerry Prendergast. We are honoured to have two new Patrons Judy Bailey and Louise Nicholas.

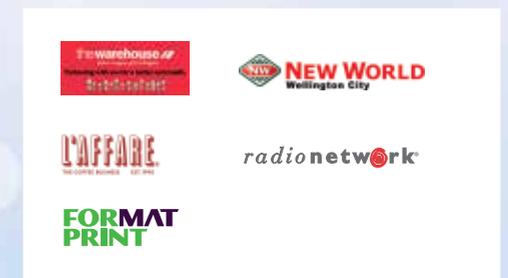
## Government Agencies and Organisations

Compass Health  
 Grant Thornton – Auditors  
 Ministry of Social Development through Child, Youth and Family  
 Ministry of Health  
 Ministry of Justice  
 Well-Health

## Trusts, Foundations and other Supporting Agencies

Bill Brown Charitable Trust  
 Betty Campbell Accommodation Assistance Fund  
 COGS (Auckland, Hutt Valley, Whitireia and Wairarapa)  
 Disblair Charitable Trust  
 Hutt Mana Community Trust  
 Infinity Foundation  
 John Aspell Trust  
 John Illot Charitable Trust  
 Johnson Foundation  
 New Zealand Lottery Grants Board  
 Nikau Foundation  
 Thomas George McCarthy Trust House Foundation  
 Winton and Margaret Bear Charitable Trust

## Sponsors and Partners



# Skylight Trust Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2016

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## Directory

Skylight Trust

For the year ended 30 June 2016

### Legal Name of Entity

Skylight Trust

### Charities Commission Registration Number

319616

### Nature of business

To enable children, young people, their family/whānau and friends to navigate through times of bereavement, loss and grief.

### Board of Trustees

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Caroline Gardner  
Lyn M. Murren  
Frederika Mukherjee  
Bernie Grant  
David Clarke  
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### Physical Address

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## Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expenses

Skylight Trust

For the year ended 30 June 2016

	Note	2016 \$
<b>Revenue from Exchange Transactions</b>		
Core Service Delivery Interest	6	442,621
		7,105
<b>Total Exchange Revenue</b>		<b>449,726</b>
<b>Revenue from Non-exchange Transactions</b>		
Contract Income		581,150
Sponsorship		74,874
Donations	7	75,267
<b>Total Non-exchange Revenue</b>		<b>731,341</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>1,181,067</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Administration Expenses	9	557,093
Publications Cost of Sales		45,007
Service Provision Expenses	8	515,051
Supervision		6,623
Travel and Accommodation		25,973
Other Expenses		16,239
<b>Total Expenses</b>	10	<b>1,155,993</b>
<b>Total Surplus for the year</b>		<b>11,130</b>
Other Comprehensive Revenue and Expenses		-
<b>Total Other Comprehensive Revenue and Expenses</b>		<b>-</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expense for the Year</b>		<b>11,130</b>

This statement should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements



## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Skylight Trust

For the year ended 30 June 2016

	Note	2016 \$
Opening balance 1 July 2015		107,671
Surplus for the Year		11,130
Other comprehensive Revenue		-
<b>Closing equity 30 June 2016</b>		<b>118,801</b>

This statement should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements



## Statement of Financial Position

Skylight Trust  
As at 30 June 2016

	Note	30 June 2016 \$	1 July 2015 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	11	110,632	115,122
Receivables from Non-exchange transactions		16,233	11,625
Receivables from Exchange transactions		77,797	62,002
Inventory	12	88,698	92,134
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>293,360</b>	<b>281,883</b>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>			
Property Plant and Equipment	13	17,763	21,721
<b>Total Non-current Assets</b>		<b>17,763</b>	<b>21,721</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>311,123</b>	<b>303,604</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and Other Creditors	14	95,100	60,761
Employee Entitlements		22,127	43,813
Revenue in Advance	15	75,094	95,859
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>192,322</b>	<b>197,733</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>192,322</b>	<b>197,733</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>118,801</b>	<b>107,671</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Accumulated Surplus		118,801	107,671
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>118,801</b>	<b>107,671</b>

Signed for and on behalf of the Board of Trustees who authorised these financial statements for issue on DATE: 25 October 2016

  
Trustee

  
Trustee

This statement should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements

## Statement of Cash Flows

Skylight Trust  
For the year ended 30 June 2016

	Note	2016 \$
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
Receipts from Donations and Sponsorship		193,560
Receipts from Contract Income and Core Service Delivery		624,945
Receipts from Interest		3,106
Payments to Suppliers		(382,581)
Payments to Employees		(234,848)
Net GST received / (Paid)		(3,352)
<b>Net Cash flows from Operation Activities</b>		<b>439</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities</b>		
Purchase of Property Plant and Equipment		(4,920)
<b>Net Cash flows from Investing and Financing Activities</b>		<b>(4,920)</b>
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		(4,480)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at 1 July		115,122
Cash and Cash Equivalents at 30 June		<b>110,632</b>

This statement should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### Skylight Trust

For the year ended 30 June 2016

#### 1. Reporting entity

The reporting entity is Skylight Trust (the Trust). Skylight Trust is domiciled in New Zealand and is a charitable organisation registered under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 and the Charities Act 2005.

The financial statements are presented for the year ended 30 June 2016 and reflect the activities carried out by Skylight Trust. The Trust provides counselling services and support for community and social benefit.

These financial statements have been approved and were authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 28 October 2016.

#### 2. Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in New Zealand ("NZ GAAP"). They comply with Public Benefit Entity International Public Sector Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime ("PBE IPSAS RDR") and other applicable financial reporting standards as appropriate. They have been authorised for use by the External Reporting Board for Not-For-Profit entities. For the purposes of complying with NZ GAAP, the Trust is a public benefit not-for-profit entity and is eligible to apply PBE IPSAS RDR on the basis that it does not owe public accountability and is not defined as large.

The Board of Trustees has elected to report in accordance with Tier 2 Not-For-Profit PBE Accounting Standards and in doing so has taken advantage of all applicable Reduced Disclosure Regime ("RDR") disclosure concessions.

#### 3. Effect of first-time adoption of PBE standards on accounting policies and disclosures

This is the first set of financial statements that is presented in accordance with PBE standards. The Trust has previously reported in accordance with New Zealand Financial Reporting Standards ("NZ FRS"). These have now been restated to Not-For-Profit PBE IPSAS-RDR. On review of our prior year transactions there was no change to our net assets.

The Trust's transition date is 1 July 2015 and it has prepared its opening PBE IPSAS Statement of Financial Position as at that date.

Consistent with the application of PBE FRS 47 First-time adoption of PBE standards by entities other than those previously applying NZ IFRSs paragraph RDR27.2 and DR27.3, the Trust has not presented comparative information in accordance with PBE Standards in this first set of financial statements under PBE standards. A copy of the previous year's financial statements are available from the CEO, Heather Henare, Skylight Trust, PO Box 7309, Wellington 6242.



## Notes to the Financial Statements

### Skylight Trust

For the year ended 30 June 2016

#### 4. Summary of accounting policies

##### 4.1 Basis of measurement

These financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historical cost. The financial report is presented in New Zealand dollars which is the functional currency and has been rounded to the nearest dollar.

##### 4.2 Revenue

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefit will flow to the Trust and revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received. The following specific recognition criteria must be met before revenue is recognised.

##### Revenue from non-exchange transactions

###### Donations

Donations are recognised as revenue upon receipt and include donations from the general public, donations received for specific program or services or donations in kind. Donations in-kind are recognised where fair value of the services can be reliably estimated. Donations in-kind are measured at their fair value as at the date of acquisition, ascertained by reference to the expected cost that would be otherwise incurred. Volunteer time is not recognised.

###### Grant Revenue

Grant revenue includes grants given by other charitable organisations, philanthropic organisations and businesses. Grant revenue is recognised when the conditions attached to the grant has been complied with. Where there are unfulfilled conditions attaching to the grant, the amount relating to the unfulfilled condition is recognised as a liability and released to revenue as the conditions are fulfilled.

##### Revenue from exchange transactions

###### Publication Revenue

Publication revenue is recorded as revenue when the publication has been ordered and invoiced.

###### Interest Revenue

Interest revenue is recognised as it accrues, using the effective interest method.

##### 4.3 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

##### 4.4 Inventories

For inventory that was acquired through non-exchange transactions, the cost of the inventory is its fair value at the date of acquisition. For inventory held for distribution or consumption in providing goods and services to be distributed at no charge or for nominal charge, these are measured at cost adjusted for any loss of service potential.



## Notes to the Financial Statements

### Skylight Trust

For the year ended 30 June 2016

#### 4.5 Property, plant and equipment

Items of property, plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. Where an asset is acquired through a non-exchange transaction, its cost is measured at its fair value as at the date of acquisition.

Depreciation is charged on a diminishing value basis over the useful life of the asset, except for land and buildings. Land and buildings are not depreciated. Depreciation is charged at rates calculated to allow for the wear or valuation of the asset, less any estimated residual value over its remaining useful life:

• Computing equipment	48%
• Office equipment	28 - 40%
• Furniture	12 - 18%

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each reporting date and are adjusted if there is a change in the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits or service potential embodied in the asset.

#### 4.6 Leases

Payments on operating lease agreements, where the lessor retains substantially the risk and rewards of ownership of an asset, are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

#### 4.7 Income Tax

Due to its charitable status, the Group is exempt from income tax.

#### 4.8 Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST except for receivables and payables, which are stated with the amount of GST included.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the Inland Revenue Department is included as part of receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are included in the statement of cash flows on a net basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities, which is recoverable from, or payable to, the Inland Revenue Department is classified as part of operating cash flows.

#### 4.9 Equity

Equity is the community's interest in the Trust, measured as the difference between total assets and total liabilities. Equity is the accumulated comprehensive revenue and expense since its formation.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### Skylight Trust

For the year ended 30 June 2016

#### 4.10 Financial Assets

Financial assets within the scope of NZP/BC (PSAS 29) Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement are classified as financial assets at fair value through surplus or deficit, loans and receivables, held-to-maturity investments or available-for-sale financial assets. The classifications of the financial assets are determined at initial recognition.

The categorisation determines subsequent measurement and whether any resulting revenue and expense is recognised in surplus or deficit or in other comprehensive revenue and expenses. The Trust's financial assets are all classified as loans and receivables. The Trust's financial assets include cash and cash equivalents, receivables from non-exchange transactions and receivables from exchange transactions.

All financial assets are subject to review for impairment or cost at each reporting date. Financial assets are impaired when there is any objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. Different criteria to determine impairment are applied for each category of financial assets, which are described below.

#### Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. After initial recognition, these are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any allowance for impairment. The Group's cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments, receivables from non-exchange transactions, receivables from exchange transactions and non-equity investments fall into this category of financial instruments.

#### Impairment of financial assets

The Trust assesses at the end of reporting date whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired. A financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired and impairment losses are incurred if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (a 'loss event') and that loss event has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or the group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated.

For financial assets carried at amortised cost, if there is objective evidence that an impairment loss on loans and receivables carried at amortised cost has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account. The amount of the loss is recognised in the surplus or deficit for the reporting period.



## Notes to the Financial Statements

### Skylight Trust

For the year ended 30 June 2016

#### 4.11 Financial Liabilities

The Trust's financial liabilities include trade and other payables (excluding GST and PAYE), employee entitlements and deferred revenue (in respect to agreements whose conditions are yet to be completed).

All financial liabilities are initially recognised at fair value (plus transaction costs) for financial liabilities not at fair value through surplus or deficit) and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method except for financial liabilities at fair value through surplus or deficit.

#### 4.12 Employee Benefits

Liabilities for wages and salaries and annual leave are recognised in surplus or deficit during the period in which the employees provide the related services. Liabilities for the associated benefits are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

#### 5. Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the accompanying disclosures, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities. Uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets or liabilities affected in future periods.

#### Judgements

In the process of applying the accounting policies, management has made the following judgements, which have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements:

#### Operating lease commitments

The Trust has determined, based on an evaluation of the terms and conditions of the arrangements, such as the need from not constituting a substantial portion of the economic life of the vehicles, that it does not retain all the significant risks and rewards of ownership of these properties and accounts for the contracts as operating leases.

#### Estimates and assumptions

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, are described below. The Trust based its assumptions and estimates on parameters available when the consolidated financial statements were prepared. Existing circumstances and assumptions about future developments, however, may change due to market changes or circumstances arising beyond the control of the Trust. Such changes are reflected in the assumptions when they occur.



## Notes to the Financial Statements

### Skylight Trust

For the year ended 30 June 2016

#### Useful lives and residual values

The useful lives and residual values of assets are assessed using the following indicators to determine probable future use and value from disposal:

- The condition of the asset
- The nature of the asset, its susceptibility and adaptability to changes in technology and processes
- The nature of the processes in which the asset is deployed
- Availability of funding to replace the asset
- Changes in the market in relation to the asset

	2016
<b>6. Core Service Delivery Revenue</b>	<b>\$</b>
Counselling Services Income	119,110
Professional Development Income - Workshops	19,328
Publication Income	141,165
Sundry Grants Received - NGO GST	54,321
Sundry Grants Received with GST	91,712
Training & Development	5,217
Travellers Programme	8,661
	<u>442,622</u>
<b>7. Donation Revenue</b>	<b>\$</b>
Donations	73,666
Event Income	1,031
Raising Income	479
	<u>75,267</u>
<b>8. Service Provision Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>
Advertising and promotion	10,215
Programme development	22
Programme evaluation	15,995
Resource packs/development/training	16,358
Contractor payments	75,371
Venue hire and/or catering	21,725
Salaries - Service Delivery	373,393
	<u>515,037</u>
<b>9. Employee Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>
Employee remuneration has been allocated to the following categories:	
Service Provision Expenses	376,393
Administration Expenses	324,903
<b>Total Employee Expenses</b>	<u>701,296</u>



## Notes to the Financial Statements

### Skylight Trust

For the year ended 30 June 2016

10. Components of Net Surplus	2016
	\$
Total expenses include the following specific expenses:	
Account Fees - Grant Thornton Audit Partnership	1,735
Know / Donations	100
Vehicle Hire / Catering	20,720
Leasing and Rental Costs	25,052
Depreciation	7,878
Loss / (Gain) on Disposal of Assets	-

11. Cash and Cash Equivalents	30 June 2016	1 July 2015
	\$	\$
ANZ Accounts	110,467	114,552
Cash Float	20	20
Petty Cash	250	150
	<u>110,737</u>	<u>114,722</u>

The Trust has a credit card facility with ANZ of \$15,000 at reporting date (2015: \$21,000).

12. Inventories	30 June 2016	1 July 2015
	\$	\$
Inventory held for sale:	94,256	111,858
Less provision for obsolete stock	(5,596)	(19,722)
	<u>88,660</u>	<u>92,136</u>

Inventory consists of printed publications purchased by the Trust which are then on-sold.

### 13. Property Plant and Equipment

30 June 2016	Computer Equipment	Furniture & Fittings	Office Equipment	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cost	103,977	30,778	19,051	153,806
Accumulated Depreciation	(102,512)	(19,432)	(17,365)	(139,309)
Net Book Value	<u>1,465</u>	<u>11,347</u>	<u>1,686</u>	<u>17,763</u>

Reconciliation of the carrying amount at the beginning and end of the period:				
	Computer Equipment	Furniture & Fittings	Office Equipment	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Opening Balance	10,256	7,461	3,004	20,721
Additions	-	1,900	-	1,900
Depreciation	(9,826)	(1,332)	(1,018)	(12,176)
Closing	<u>4,430</u>	<u>11,347</u>	<u>1,986</u>	<u>17,763</u>



## Notes to the Financial Statements

### Skylight Trust

For the year ended 30 June 2016

1 July 2015	Computer Equipment	Furniture & Fittings	Office Equipment	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cost	155,473	25,859	19,051	200,383
Accumulated Depreciation	(145,223)	(18,399)	(16,017)	(179,639)
Net Book Value	<u>10,256</u>	<u>7,461</u>	<u>3,034</u>	<u>20,751</u>

Reconciliation of the carrying amount at the beginning and end of the period:				
	Computer Equipment	Furniture & Fittings	Office Equipment	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Opening Balance	20,606	8,393	3,881	32,880
Additions	947	400	915	2,302
Disposals	-	-	-	0
Depreciation	(1,127)	(1,332)	(1,832)	(4,291)
Closing	<u>10,256</u>	<u>7,461</u>	<u>3,034</u>	<u>20,751</u>

14. Trade and Other Creditors	30 June 2016	1 July 2015
	\$	\$
Contractual Obligations	3,881	282
Creditors and Accruals	61,767	31,545
PAYE Payable	19,032	14,866
GST	9,100	60,551

15. Revenue In advance	30 June 2016	1 July 2015
	\$	\$
Ministry of Health Funding	41,519	-
Ministry of Justice Funding	28,250	-
Other Revenue With Use or Return Conditions	7,106	96,553
	<u>76,875</u>	<u>96,553</u>

### 16. Categories of Financial Assets and Liabilities

The carrying amounts of financial instruments presented in the statement of financial position relate to the following categories of assets and liabilities:

	30 June 2016	1 July 2015
	\$	\$
<b>Financial Assets</b>		
Loans and receivables		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	110,532	115,122
Receivables from Exchange Transactions	16,233	14,525
Receivables from Non-exchange Transactions	72,257	92,332
	<u>209,022</u>	<u>222,079</u>



## Independent Auditor's Report

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### To the Members of Skylight Trust

We have audited the accompanying financial statements on pages 4 to 16 of Skylight Trust which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2016, and the statement of comprehensive revenue and expenses, statement of changes in net assets and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

### The responsibility of Trustees for the financial statements

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Public Benefit Entity International Public Sector Accounting Standards (Not For Profit) Reduced Disclosure Regime, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand). Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of financial statements 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, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in Skylight Trust.

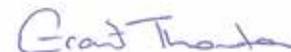
### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements on pages 4 to 16 present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Skylight Trust as at 30 June 2016, and its financial performance and cash flows, for the year then ended in accordance with Public Benefit Entity International Public Sector Accounting Standards (Not For Profit) Reduced Disclosure Regime.

In accordance with PBE FRS 47 First-Time Adoption of PBE Standards by Entities Other Than Those Previously Applying NZ IFRS, the entity has not presented comparative information associated with its transition to its new financial reporting framework. As required by Paragraph 27.3, the entity has instead attached a copy of its prior year signed financial statements and accounting policies to the financial statements.

### Restriction on use of our report

This report is made solely to the Trustees, as a collective body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Trustees those matters which we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Trustees for our audit work, for this report or for the opinion we have formed.



Grant Thornton New Zealand Audit Partnership  
Wellington, New Zealand  
25 October 2016



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Registered Charity Number: CC 27206

Skylight is registered with both the Charities Commission and the IRD Donee list as: Skylight Trust