



# ANNUAL REPORT 2023/2024



"I want to express my sincere gratitude from the bottom of my heart for the support you provided me to become who I am today. I got my final MBBS examination results, and I am happy to inform you that I have successfully passed the examination.

Regarding my current situation, I am currently working as an assistant doctor in a private hospital until my internship starts hopefully this November.

I am also spending this pre-intern time learning new skills and reading a few books. Finally, thank you again, LBW Trust for helping me achieve my goal. I am also grateful to CandleAid Lanka for coordinating everything and helping hundreds of needy students like me."

**S.A. WEERARATHNE SRI LANKA**

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The LBW Trust acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands we live on. We pay our respects to all Elders, past and present, of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nations.





# A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

**DAVID VAUX AM**

As I reflect on the period from July 2023 to June 2024, I am proud to share the achievements of The LBW Trust. With the generous support of our donors, the Trust supported 11 educational partners, 2660 students and 78 Australian country libraries.

Our October 2023 Annual Dinner at Doltone House in Sydney's CBD was a highlight, with attendees declaring it a most memorable evening. The T10 National Backyard Cricket (NBYC) Tournaments in Melbourne, Perth and Sydney continued to grow, raising over \$175,000 to further our mission of levelling the global playing field in education.

In September, a unique backyard cricket event at the Governor General's residence in Canberra brought together 480 children from 19 schools, six Afghan National Women's Cricket Team members, and many supporters. Organised with Cricket ACT and the Office of the Governor General, it celebrated the joy of cricket and the power of education.

This year, we farewelled two valued Board Members, Malcolm Alder and Penny Verdich, whose contributions were invaluable. We welcomed Tricia Ho-Hudson, Antony Karpin, Samantha Forbes and Michael Dalton to the Board, bringing new energy to our mission. Additionally, we strengthened our team with Kathryn Toohey as the Marketing and Communications lead and Alex Tynan-Davey as a dedicated Events Coordinator.

The Women for Change Committee had another exceptional year, hosting innovative events such as the Ignite Art Show at Sydney University and a Masterclass featuring Sam Mostyn who soon after was appointed Governor General of Australia. The committee helped women access tertiary education and job-ready programs in India, Nepal and Kenya.

I am deeply grateful to the Board, supporters, volunteers and partners for their dedication and contributions. Together, we continue to empower individuals through education, creating life-changing opportunities and stronger communities worldwide.



## ABOUT US

The LBW Trust (Learning for a Better World) believes everyone deserves an education, and every student deserves an opportunity to realise their potential and to build their own future.

Established in 2006, we have supported more than 15,000 disadvantaged students to receive a university or vocational education. We have also supported 258 projects in Australian country libraries.

We believe education empowers people and can change lives for the better, not only by providing hope for the individual, but by then becoming a change agent for their communities and countries.

### OUR BOARD 2023-2024

Chair: David Vaux AM

Directors: Mike Coward | Tricia Ho-Hudson | Tim Hilton | Ash Perrott | Marek Ristwej | Samantha Forbes | Anthony Karpin | Paul Singer | Michael Dalton

Honorary Treasurer: Euan Callister

General Manager: Emma Bromley





# OUR IMPACT

In 2023-2024, we continued to support 11 Educational Partners across 7 countries. As a result, 1429 students received support for tertiary or vocational training, with additional 1230 attending skills training programs funded by LBW through our partners.

- funding university fees and housing for the most vulnerable, aspiring students in India and Sri Lanka;
- enabling students in Nepal to receive an education through undertaking their studies at a Plus 2 College;
- supporting Afghan refugees displaced in Indonesia to gain the skills to become volunteer teachers, able to teach refugee children while they and their families await the long process of resettlement; and
- transforming the lives of intern Teachers in Tanzania, supporting them as they gain practical classroom experience.

## OUR EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS 2023-2024

- Kakenya's Center for Excellence, Kenya
- Vikash Educational and Charitable Trust, India
- CandleAid, Sri Lanka
- Prerana College, India
- Heartland Academy, Nepal
- Sports Skills for Life Skills, South Africa
- Cisarua Refugee Centre, Indonesia
- SPRJ Kanyashala Trust College, India
- Yuva Parivartan, India
- So They Can, Tanzania (end Dec 2023)

We partner with reputable and well-established NGOs and educational institutions.



## AFRICA

We support students in Kenya, Tanzania and South Africa

## SOUTH ASIA

We support students in India, Sri Lanka and Nepal

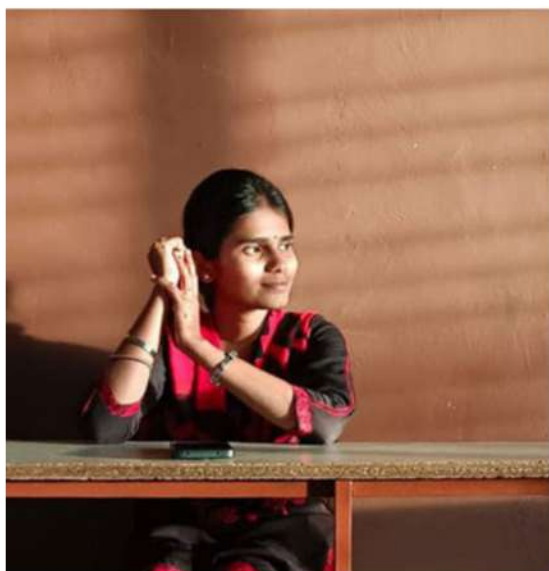
## INDONESIA

We support displaced Afghan refugees

## AUSTRALIA

We support projects in country libraries

Dhanalakshmi is an IT recruiter at Peel-works Pvt Ltd in Bangalore, with prior experience as an assistant professor. Supported by Prerana for 8 years, she completed her B.Com at Bangalore University and her master's at Manasa Gangotri, Mysore University.



26 young adults completed Retail Sales, Nursing Assistant, Tally and Basic Computer Courses and received certificates from Yuva Parivartan's Aurangabad Livelihood Development Center of Youth Transformation.



## EDUCATION COMMITTEE 2023-2024

Chair: Penny Verdich (end Dec 2023) Tom Bowes (Jan 2024)

Members: Tom Bowes | Marian Baird | Pauline Douglas | Nina Burrige | Lucinda Vaux





## OUR EVENTS

Our **Annual Dinner** was held at Doltone House on Sydney's Hyde Park in October where 270 supporters of The LBW Trust community gathered to celebrate.

Sam Perry and Ian Higgins of The Grade Cricketer MC'd the evening with guests enjoying entertainment from Scott Finnie and Blake Bowden, Former Australian Test Cricketer and Coach Justin Langer and former Afghan cricketers, Benafsha Hashimi and Nilab Stanikzai.

Through the generosity of our supporters, the dinner raised over \$185,000 to educate students in developing nations, providing transformational opportunities to change these students' lives and the future of their communities.

We are most grateful to our major sponsors, Allen & Unwin, Arcadia Healthcare, Nexba, Pacific Equity Partners and Reform Construction.







# NATIONAL BACKYARD CRICKET

Through our National Backyard Cricket (NBYC) program we continue to bring communities together around Australia. In September 2023, we partnered with Cricket ACT to bring together 480 ACT primary students from 19 schools to play *Games on the Greens* at the Governor General's residence in Canberra.

The event featured an impressive setup with 17 backyard cricket pitches, equipped with 102 stumps, 136 cones, 45 balls and 34 bats. Adding to the excitement, a cricket ball signed by Pat Cummins was also part of the experience, inspiring awe among the participants.







In February and March, the National Backyard Cricket Committee hosted highly successful T10 Corporate Cricket Tournaments in Melbourne, Sydney, and Perth. The three events raised over \$175,000 to support education for disadvantaged young adults.

We also proudly launched our Workplace Giving program during the tournaments, enabling employees to make direct contributions to The Trust from their wages.



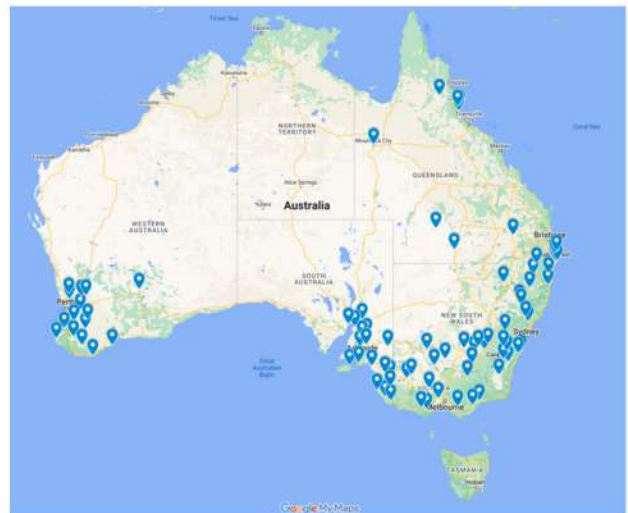


## NBYC COUNTRY LIBRARY GRANTS

In conjunction with our partners FOLA (Friends of Libraries Australia) and Harvey Norman, 78 grants were awarded to **Australian Country Libraries** to the value of \$110,126.

A vibrant country library is essential to strengthening rural communities and transforming them into hubs of learning for a better world.

NBYC funding supports programs like science fairs and cooking classes, educational tools such as robots, VR sets, and computers for learning. It also provides physical resources like books, furniture and hardware including iPads and tablets.



### CUNNAMULLA LIBRARY | QUEENSLAND

"National Backyard Cricket's generous grant made it possible to host a Spring Fair in Cunnamulla, a remote community with some of the lowest early education levels in the country. The fair featured circus acts to help children improve fine motor skills, concentration, and self-esteem, offering a special experience for our predominantly Indigenous community."

Tammy Hickey | Community Library Manager

### NATIONAL BACKYARD CRICKET COMMITTEE 2023-2024

Chair: Marek Ristweij

Members: David Vaux | Harry Moffitt | Dean Phillips | Emma Bromley | Miranda di Ciano

# SCENES FROM 2023-2024 LBW/FOLA FUNDING







Women *for* Change | Supporting  
The LBW Trust

# CELEBRATING A YEAR OF IMPACT AND COMMUNITY

As we reflect on the past year, we have made significant strides in advancing our mission to support hundreds of young women to achieve their goal of a tertiary qualification, a good job, and a better life.

This year, our fundraising events exceeded all expectations, with total funds distributed to education projects in FY24 amounting to \$171k. We proudly held two inaugural fundraising events,

The Level Up Leadership Masterclass and The Ignite Art Event, both of which were met with tremendous success. Their popularity and impact will ensure they become regular components of our signature fundraisers in the years to come.

## WOMEN FOR CHANGE COMMITTEE 2023-2024

Co-Chairs: Kristin Stubbins | Lisa McIntyre

Members: Eleanor Hall | Pip Butt | Christine Sultana | Stephanie Newey |

Denise Stewart | Samantha Forbes | David Vaux | Amanda MacLean |

Kushum Shakya | Preeti Inchody | Kim Hamrosi | Kylie Maddern

General Manager: Louisa Schwartz

# LEVEL UP LEADERSHIP CLASS

The Level Up Leadership Masterclass was a sell-out event and attracted 65 attendees and featured inspiring keynotes from Sam Mostyn AO and Kristin Stubbins AM (pictured here). Amanda MacLean, CEO of the Gravitas Project, led the highly interactive 'Mastering Influence and Impact' skills development workshop.

With practical demonstrations, live coaching, real career stories, and a panel of Australia's leading business women, the Masterclass was all about developing women to be confident leaders.



# THE IGNITE ART EVENT

Women for Change also hosted an inaugural Art Show in February 2024 at the Sibyl Centre, The Women's College at The University of Sydney.

The event was a tremendous success with over 500 attendees to support young women in India, Nepal and Kenya. A number of well-known artists donated works to IGNITE, along with many other emerging artists. A special exhibition of artwork created by inmates in NSW Correctional Centres was also shown.



# KEY HIGHLIGHTS ACROSS WFC PROJECTS

## **Kakenya's Dream | Maasai Mara, Kenya**

WFC supports one new undergraduate scholarship student to study in Sydney annually to continue the strong relationship with Kakenya's Dream.

Four young women continued their various studies in FY24 and continue to be visible role models and influencers in their community.



## **SPRJ Kanyashala Trust | Mumbai, India**

In FY24 WFC created, sponsored and delivered a "key talent" program alongside our Mumbai partner, SPRJ Kanyashala Trust. 25 young women have not only received tuition fees but have also been supported to attend tailored programs to develop computer skills, English language improvement and personal development (including presentation and interview skills).

WFC volunteers have helped mentor these young women as they compete for internships and graduate roles in a highly competitive environment.





## **Heartland Centre for Women | Kathmandu, Nepal**

In 2024 a new tertiary college and health clinic for women opened in Kathmandu with the support of Women For Change.

The college is changing the lives of not only young women, but women of all ages, by creating a safe environment for health care consultations, including cervical cancer screening.



## **Teach Her | India and Nepal**

In partnership with John Marshall via Teach Her and The S Group (Tasmania), WFC continued to support young women from Indian orphanages to access tertiary education.





# OUR SUPPORTERS



## PATRONS 2023-2024

His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd)  
Alex Blackwell | Greg Chappell AO MBE | Adam Gilchrist AM  
Honourable John Faulkner | Michael Holding | Darshak Mehta OAM  
General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK, CVO, MC (Ret'd)  
Dr Maurice Newman AC | Kumar Sangakkara | Basil Sellers AM



# OUR FUTURE

The LBW Trust continues to support education programs both internationally and throughout Australia. However, given the current pressure on fundraising, the Board made the difficult decision to continue with the 10% reduction in our distribution commitments to our educational partners that was implemented in the previous financial year.

The Board is committed to working towards a sustainable fundraising model, with increased diversification in our revenue. This will ensure that we continue to support our current educational partners, and also expand to support more programs.

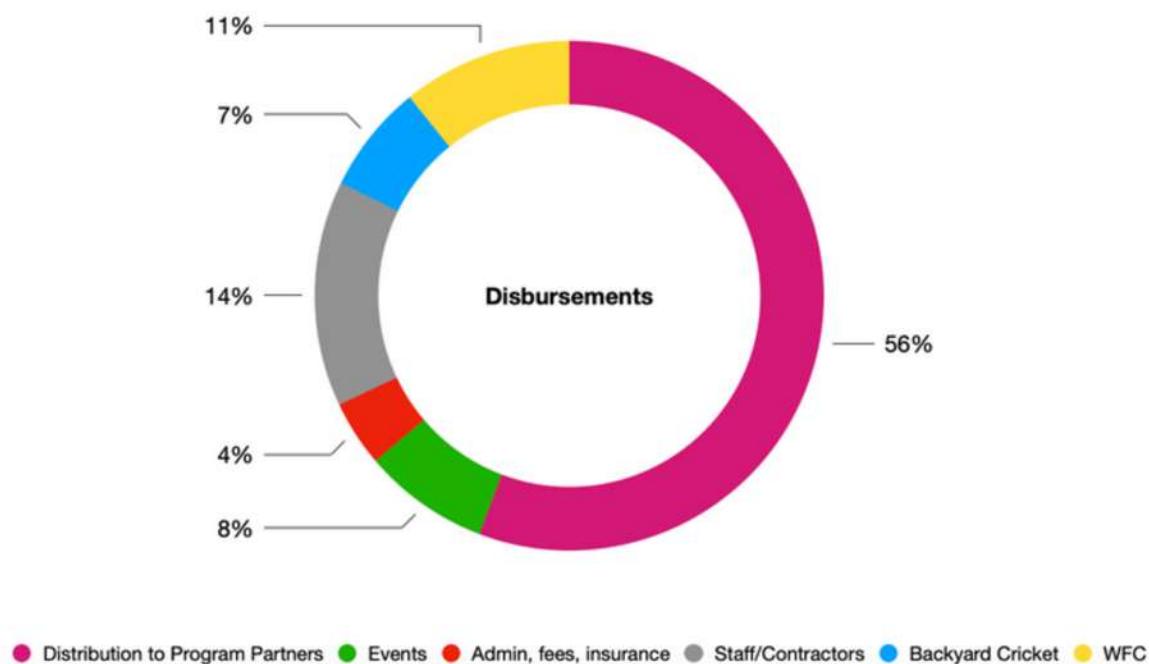
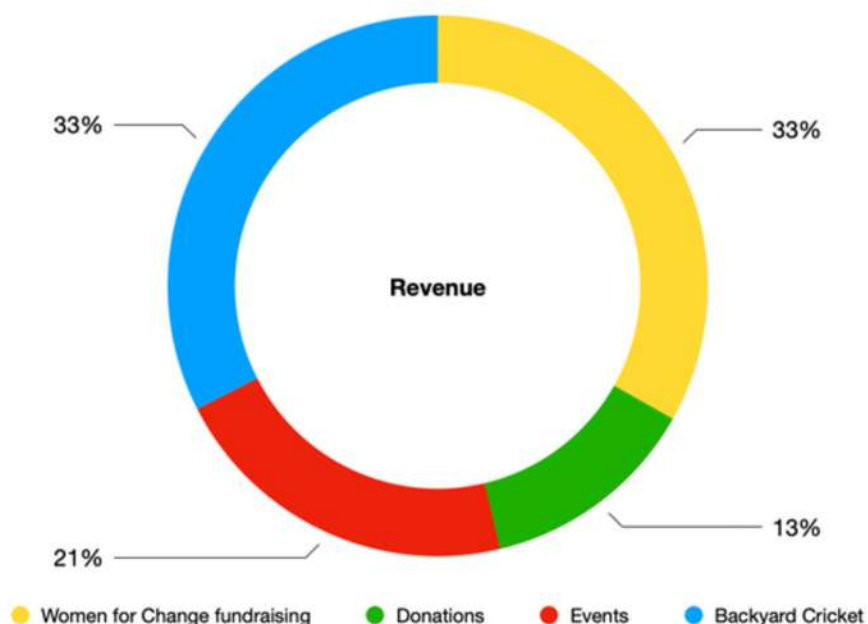
We look forward to growing our cricket events under National Backyard Cricket including increasing the number of corporate teams for T10 carnivals and having even more primary aged children play Games on the Greens.

The success of recent events and initiatives serves as a strong foundation, propelling The LBW Trust toward a future where its influence in promoting education and equal opportunities will continue to flourish.



# FINANCIALS

## Main Sources of Revenue



Audited accounts can be found online at [www.lbwtrust.com.au](http://www.lbwtrust.com.au)





"Looked like a great day, our son  
said it was 'the best day ever!'"

Gary





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