



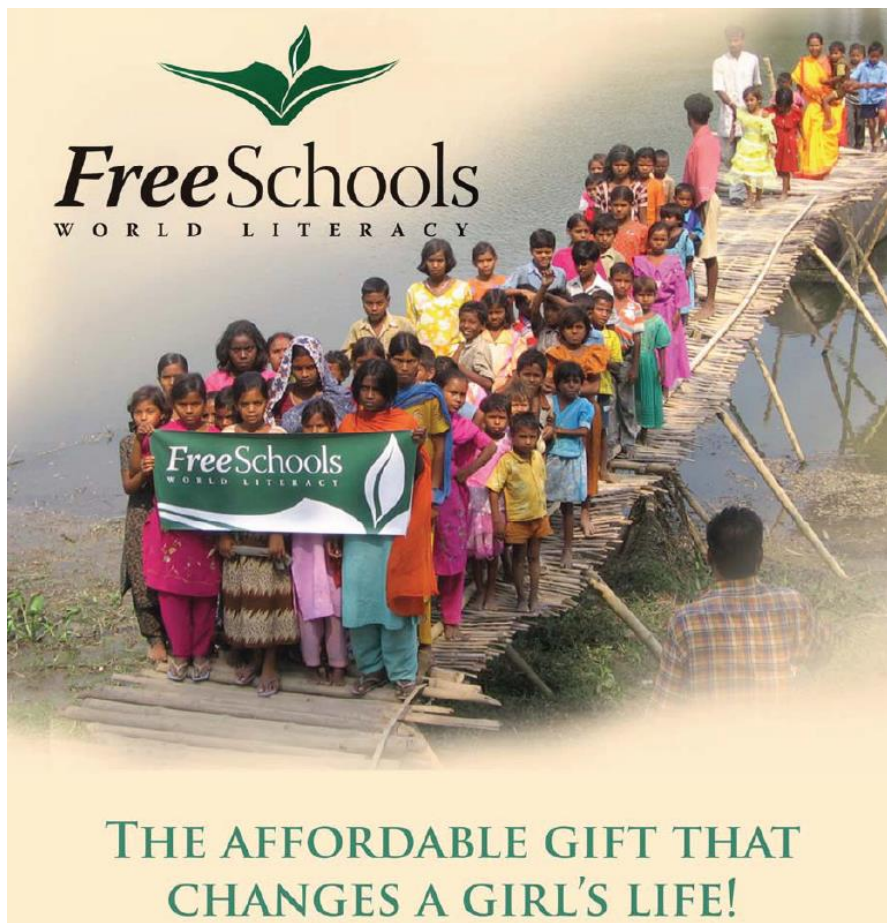
Free Schools
WORLD LITERACY

**FreeSchools World Literacy
(Australia)**

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR YEAR ENDING

31 DECEMBER 2023



Children selected for Scholarship by Sister Crescence



Pooja Kumari—Pooja comes from very ordinary family, but if helped with her education, she will be definitely become a public servant with the government.



Chulbul Kumari--Chulbul has no mother, no brothers, no sisters but only her father who is sickly and cannot work.



Sabita Kumari---Sabita is talented in mathematics but her father is only a simple labourer who has no spare money for education



Rupani Kumari---Rupani is highly talented in English and other subjects. Her father is only poor worker.



Ishika Kumari—Ishika is very talented girl and is one of a family of three girls. Her father has no job and barely enough for necessities, let alone to send them all to school

**During 2023 we
continued to
support our five
Scholarship
Students**



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STATEMENT OF GOALS AND PURPOSE

The purpose of FreeSchools World Literacy is to provide free education in order to break the cycle of ignorance and poverty that leaves millions in hopeless despair. The organization provides free literacy programs; teacher employment and training; income-producing skills, health education; food and clothing; and is documenting changes in the wellbeing of the community as a result of its programs. By providing ongoing funds and scholarships for the existing and planned new schools, FreeSchools World Literacy hopes to replicate its model throughout India and other developing countries of the world.

FreeSchools World Literacy Objectives are as follows:

1. To provide literacy programs and classes to members of the public.
2. To develop and provide education and training programs to persons who will conduct literacy training.
3. To develop employment training and education programs for needy persons.
4. To relieve poverty in developing nations by providing food and other basic supplies to persons in need.
5. To develop or promote public health in developing nations by educating and instructing the public on prevention of and curative measures for, health problems and by researching and documenting changes in the health of the community

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

President's Report

I am proud to announce that Australian donors have raised a total of \$118,147 towards our educational efforts since FreeSchools World Literacy's humble beginnings in the year 2000 as a single-classroom evening school for the poor children of Motihari village—a concept developed by our in-country partner, Sister Crescence, with help from founding supporter Mark Bloomfield.

Over the past two decades the outcomes have been life-changing for thousands of children otherwise unable to attain an education, with the benefit of that knowledge flowing from the students to their families and to the local community.

*Welcoming new members of the FreeSchools World Literacy Management Committee:
Melissa Schellekens—Public Officer and Secretary, and Phillip Marriott—Committee Member*

It is with great pleasure that I announce the addition of two new members to our Committee of Management.

Melissa Schellekens replaces Ian Esmore as our Public Officer and Secretary. She holds a Bachelor of Science (Hons) from the University of Melbourne, a Masters of Applied Positive Psychology (University of East London) and a Doctorate in Educational Psychology from the Australian Catholic University). Melissa is currently a Researcher and Lecturer at Deakin University, Melbourne.

Phillip Marriott is an electrician and owns a Security Technician Business. He is a Board member of Urantia Association International and Study Group Chairperson (elect).

Our Schools

In Bihar State, we have 1148 students being taught by 27 teachers at 23 FreeSchools World Literacy funded centres.

A total of \$6,245 was raised during the 2023 calendar year for the FreeSchools centres in Bihar, India, thanks to our dedicated group of regular donors¹ including Melissa Alldis, Bernie & Merindi Belarski, Warrick & Lorna Brady, Chelsea McLean, Bob Mills, Kenneth & Elizabeth Morley, Glenda Smith and the Gresford Book Club, Che Stapleton, Kathleen & Trevor Swadling, Andrew & Delphine Swadling, the Coenraads Family's Francis C. Nieves Memorial Fund, and the Forest Kirk Men's Fellowship, Women's Fellowship and Kidz Club. This will be used for FreeSchools teachers' salaries and scholarships for the five girls we are sponsoring. FreeSchools World Literacy annual registration fees of \$59.20 were donated and paid directly by Secretary Melissa Schellekens.

FreeSchools World Literacy maintains high-quality audited annual accounts and reportage presented to Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) standard and which have been audited by accountant Bob Mills.

Finally, I would especially like to thank the FreeSchools World Literacy Committee of Management, many of whom have been members and donors since the Committee's inception.



Dr. Robert Coenraads
President – FreeSchools World Literacy (Australia)

1. If any of our donors would prefer not to be thanked by name in the President's Report or listed in FreeSchools detailed accounts, please advise the Committee and your donation will be listed as 'anonymous'.

2023 MEMBERSHIP OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Our Committee of Management has now been in operation since the first official meeting of FreeSchools World Literacy-Australia in June 2007. The Committee has been meeting online at regular intervals and conducting annual general meetings since that time.

The Members of the Committee elected during the 2022 Annual General Meeting are as follows:

ROBERT COENRAADS President of FSWL Australia

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Professional Qualifications: BA Hons Geology (Macquarie University), M.Sc Geophysics (University of British Columbia, Vancouver). Ph.D Geology (Macquarie Uni), Fellow Gemmological Association of Australia), Fellow Australian Institute of Geoscientists

Occupation: Director (Coenraads GEMS Pty Ltd)/

Chief Geologist (Cann Global Limited)/

Lecturer, (Gemmological Association of Australia)/

Author – non-fiction/fiction

MERINDI BELARSKI Treasurer of FSWL Australia

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Professional Qualifications: Bachelor of Business

Major in Human Resources, minor in Ethics and Sustainability

Occupation: Senior Manager, Customer Engagement and Service for Community Sector Banking

BERNARD GABRIEL BELARSKI Committee Member of FSWL Australia

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Professional Qualifications: Father

Occupation: Parent

GRAEME CHAPMAN Committee Member of FSWL Australia

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Professional Qualifications: PhD Geophysics (Macquarie University)

Occupation: Geophysicist; Artist (Architectural Art, Brisbane)

MARION LESAFFRE Committee Member of FSWL Australia

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Professional Qualifications: Degree in Clinical Psychology

Occupation: Chief Operations Officer Cann Global Ltd

DELPHINE SWADLING Committee Member of FSWL Australia

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**FreeSchools World Literacy
(Australia)**

FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR YEAR ENDING

31 DECEMBER 2023

FreeSchools World Literacy - Australia			
INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING			
		2023	2022
REVENUE			
Donations and Gifts - monetary	\$	6,245	\$ 4,096
Donations and Gifts - non monetary	\$	-	\$ -
Grants	\$	-	\$ -
Other Income	\$	-	\$ -
Total Revenue	\$	6,245	\$ 4,096
EXPENSES			
Overseas Projects	\$	6,235	\$ 4,076
Community Education	\$	-	\$ -
Fundraising Costs	\$	-	\$ -
Administration	\$	20	\$ 40
	\$	-	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$	6,255	\$ 4,116
Excess/(shortfall) of Revenue over Expenses			
	\$	(10)	\$ (20)

NOTES:

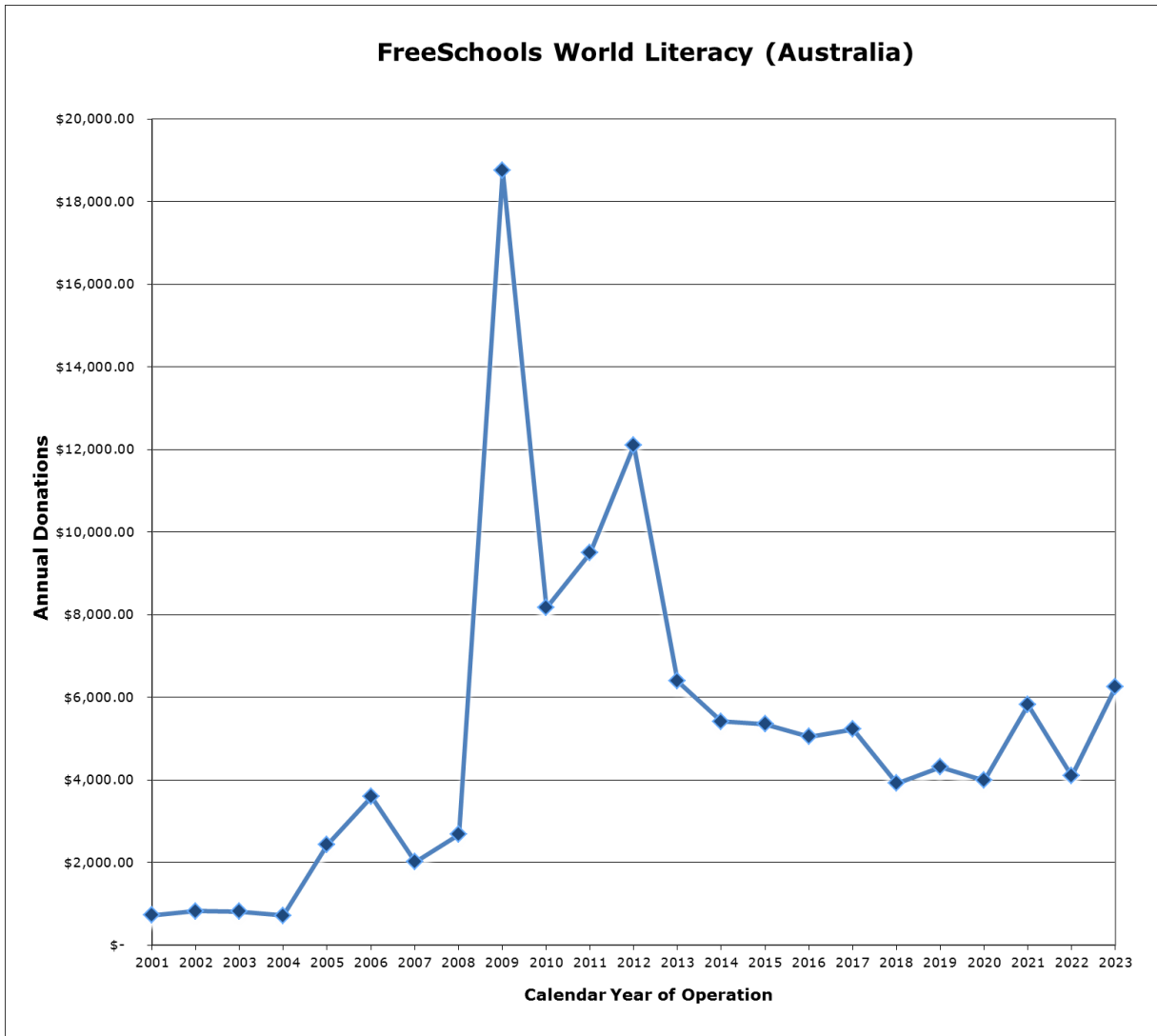
1. Fundraising is via donations so no costs are involved
2. Administration costs \$20 - international transfer fees

FreeSchools World Literacy - Australia					
TABLE OF CASH MOVEMENTS FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES					
Cash movements for year ended	Designated Project	Cash available at beginning of year	Cash raised during year	Cash disbursed during year	Cash available at year end
2023	Bihar, India	\$ 30.00	\$ 6,245.00	\$ 6,255.00	\$ 20.00
2023	Interest	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
TOTAL 2023		\$ 30.00	\$ 6,245.00	\$ 6,255.00	\$ 20.00

NOTES:

Note: Cash dispersed includes transfer of funds to India \$6,235 on 29/12/2023 for teachers' salaries and 2023 scholarships (\$700) plus \$20 international transfer fees for 2023 donations

FreeSchools World Literacy - Australia
 GRAPH OF DONATED FUNDS VERSUS CALENDAR YEAR



Statement:

- FreeSchools World Literacy is reliant on donations for its overseas projects and is financially healthy. During 2023 FreeSchools raised \$6,245, and dispersed \$6,255 bringing its available cash balance to \$20 on December 31, 2023.
- These donated funds were disbursed in their entirety to FreeSchools project in Bihar, India where they were used to pay, as follows: \$5,535 for 2023 salaries of teachers working at FreeSchools centres, \$700 for 2023 scholarships for five girls, and \$20 bank international transfer charges. We consider this application of donor funds to be highly effective in providing an education to disadvantaged children.
- Although currently not a financial member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID), FreeSchools World Literacy remains fully committed to full adherence to the ACFID Code of Conduct.
- Complaints can be lodged against FreeSchools World Literacy with the President of the Organization, Dr Robert Coenraads, or any of the other members of the FreeSchools World Literacy Committee of Management, whose full contact details are provided in this report.
- Complaints about a breach of the Code of Conduct can be made directly to Code Manager of the ACFID Code of Conduct Committee, by completing a complaint form on their website <http://www.acfid.asn.au/code-of-conduct/files/complaint-form>, and attaching all relevant information.

FreeSchools World Literacy (Australia)

DETAILED CASH MOVEMENTS

FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022

GOVERNING BODY DECLARATION

The Committee of Management of FreeSchools World Literacy declare that:

- i) The financial statements and notes as set out on pages 10 to 13, are in accordance with the Incorporated Associations Act of Victoria and:
 - a. Comply with relevant Australian Accounting Standards as applicable; and
 - b. Give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31st Dec 2023 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the association;
- ii) In the Committee of Management's opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that FreeSchools World Literacy will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee of Management of FreeSchools World Literacy



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Dr Robert R. Coenraads
[President]

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Mrs. Merindi Belarski
[Treasurer]

[Sydney] January 2023

FreeSchools World Literacy - Detailed Cash Flow Movements for the year ending 31 December 2023						
Date	Description	Project Bihar,India=1	Cash available at beginning of year	Cash raised during year	Cash disbursed during year	Cash available
1-Jan-23	opening balance Bihar, India	1	\$ 30.00			
1-Jan-23	Interest Accrued	1	\$ -			\$ 30.00
3-Jan-23	Fee for Overseas Telegraphic Transfer	1			\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00
13-Jan-23	Delphine & Andrew Swadling	1		\$ 15.00		\$ 25.00
16-Jan-23	Chelsea McLean	1		\$ 10.00		\$ 35.00
16-Jan-23	Che Stapleton	1		\$ 20.00		\$ 55.00
16-Jan-23	Merindi & Belarski Family	1		\$ 25.00		\$ 80.00
19-Jan-23	Kathleen & Trevor Swadling	1		\$ 25.00		\$ 105.00
23-Jan-23	Robert Coenraads (Francis Nieves Memorial Fund)	1		\$ 980.00		\$ 1,085.00
30-Jan-23	Melissa Alldis	1		\$ 30.00		\$ 1,115.00
1-Feb-23	Robert Coenraads (Francis Nieves Memorial Fund)	1		\$ 140.00		\$ 1,255.00
6-Feb-23	Bob Mills	1		\$ 200.00		\$ 1,455.00
6-Feb-23	Kenneth and Elizabeth Morley	1		\$ 200.00		\$ 1,655.00
15-Feb-23	Chelsea McLean	1		\$ 10.00		\$ 1,665.00
15-Feb-23	Delphine & Andrew Swadling	1		\$ 15.00		\$ 1,680.00
16-Feb-23	Che Stapleton	1		\$ 20.00		\$ 1,700.00
16-Feb-22	Merindi & Belarski Family	1		\$ 25.00		\$ 1,725.00
20-Feb-23	Kathleen & Trevor Swadling	1		\$ 25.00		\$ 1,750.00
1-Mar-23	Deposit Bondi Junction	1		\$ 160.00		\$ 1,910.00
1-Mar-23	Melissa Alldis	1		\$ 30.00		\$ 1,940.00
1-Mar-22	Robert Coenraads (Francis Nieves Memorial Fund)	1		\$ 140.00		\$ 2,080.00
15-Mar-23	Chelsea McLean	1		\$ 10.00		\$ 2,090.00
15-Mar-23	Delphine & Andrew Swadling	1		\$ 15.00		\$ 2,105.00
16-Mar-23	Che Stapleton	1		\$ 20.00		\$ 2,125.00
16-Mar-23	Merindi & Belarski Family	1		\$ 25.00		\$ 2,150.00
20-Mar-23	Kathleen & Trevor Swadling	1		\$ 25.00		\$ 2,175.00
30-Mar-23	Melissa Alldis	1		\$ 30.00		\$ 2,205.00
3-Apr-23	Robert Coenraads (Francis Nieves Memorial Fund)	1		\$ 140.00		\$ 2,345.00
14-Apr-23	Delphine & Andrew Swadling	1		\$ 15.00		\$ 2,360.00
17-Apr-23	Chelsea McLean	1		\$ 10.00		\$ 2,370.00
17-Apr-23	Che Stapleton	1		\$ 20.00		\$ 2,390.00
17-Apr-23	Merindi & Belarski Family	1		\$ 25.00		\$ 2,415.00
18-Apr-23	Smith Stains	1		\$ 100.00		\$ 2,515.00

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19-Apr-23	Kathleen & Trevor Swadling	1		\$ 25.00		\$ 2,540.00
1-May-23	Melissa Alldis	1		\$ 30.00		\$ 2,570.00
1-May-23	Robert Coenraads (Francis Nieves Memorial Fund)	1		\$ 140.00		\$ 2,710.00
15-May-23	Chelsea McLean	1		\$ 10.00		\$ 2,720.00
15-May-23	Delphine & Andrew Swadling	1		\$ 15.00		\$ 2,735.00
16-May-23	Che Stapleton	1		\$ 20.00		\$ 2,755.00
16-May-23	Merindi & Belarski Family	1		\$ 25.00		\$ 2,780.00
18-May-23	Gresford Book Club Donation	1		\$ 240.00		\$ 3,020.00
19-May-23	Kathleen & Trevor Swadling	1		\$ 25.00		\$ 3,045.00
30-May-23	Melissa Alldis	1		\$ 30.00		\$ 3,075.00
1-Jun-23	Robert Coenraads (Francis Nieves Memorial Fund)	1		\$ 140.00		\$ 3,215.00
15-Jun-23	Chelsea McLean	1		\$ 10.00		\$ 3,225.00
15-Jun-23	Delphine & Andrew Swadling	1		\$ 15.00		\$ 3,240.00
16-Jun-23	Che Stapleton	1		\$ 20.00		\$ 3,260.00
16-Jun-23	Merindi & Belarski Family	1		\$ 25.00		\$ 3,285.00
19-Jun-23	Kathleen & Trevor Swadling	1		\$ 25.00		\$ 3,310.00
20-Jun-23	Janine Campbell	1		\$ 200.00		\$ 3,510.00
30-Jun-23	Melissa Alldis	1		\$ 30.00		\$ 3,540.00
3-Jul-23	Robert Coenraads (Francis Nieves Memorial Fund)	1		\$ 140.00		\$ 3,680.00
11-Jul-23	Kenneth and Elizabeth Morley	1		\$ 250.00		\$ 3,930.00
14-Jul-23	Delphine & Andrew Swadling	1		\$ 15.00		\$ 3,945.00
17-Jul-23	Chelsea McLean	1		\$ 10.00		\$ 3,955.00
17-Jul-23	Che Stapleton	1		\$ 20.00		\$ 3,975.00
17-Jul-23	Merindi & Belarski Family	1		\$ 25.00		\$ 4,000.00
19-Jul-23	Kathleen & Trevor Swadling	1		\$ 25.00		\$ 4,025.00
31-Jul-23	Melissa Alldis	1		\$ 30.00		\$ 4,055.00
1-Aug-23	Robert Coenraads (Francis Nieves Memorial Fund)	1		\$ 140.00		\$ 4,195.00
15-Aug-23	Chelsea McLean	1		\$ 10.00		\$ 4,205.00
15-Aug-23	Delphine & Andrew Swadling	1		\$ 15.00		\$ 4,220.00
16-Aug-23	Che Stapleton	1		\$ 20.00		\$ 4,240.00
16-Aug-23	Merindi & Belarski Family	1		\$ 25.00		\$ 4,265.00
21-Aug-23	Kathleen & Trevor Swadling	1		\$ 25.00		\$ 4,290.00
23-Aug-23	Doug and Jen Meredith Talk for Forest Kirk Mens Group	1		\$ 210.00		\$ 4,500.00

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Date	Description	Project Bihar,India=1	Cash available at beginning of year	Cash raised during year	Cash disbursed during year	Cash available
30-Aug-23	Melissa Alldis	1		\$ 30.00		\$ 4,530.00
1-Sep-23	Robert Coenraads (Francis Nieves Memorial Fund)	1		\$ 140.00		\$ 4,670.00
15-Sep-23	Chelsea McLean	1		\$ 10.00		\$ 4,680.00
15-Sep-23	Delphine & Andrew Swadling	1		\$ 15.00		\$ 4,695.00
18-Sep-23	Che Stapleton	1		\$ 20.00		\$ 4,715.00
19-Sep-23	Kathleen & Trevor Swadling	1		\$ 25.00		\$ 4,740.00
2-Oct-23	Melissa Alldis	1		\$ 30.00		\$ 4,770.00
2-Oct-23	Robert Coenraads (Francis Nieves Memorial Fund)	1		\$ 140.00		\$ 4,910.00
13-Oct-23	Delphine & Andrew Swadling	1		\$ 15.00		\$ 4,925.00
16-Oct-23	Chelsea McLean	1		\$ 10.00		\$ 4,935.00
16-Oct-23	Che Stapleton	1		\$ 20.00		\$ 4,955.00
19-Oct-23	Kathleen & Trevor Swadling	1		\$ 25.00		\$ 4,980.00
30-Oct-23	Melissa Alldis	1		\$ 30.00		\$ 5,010.00
1-Nov-23	Robert Coenraads (Francis Nieves Memorial Fund)	1		\$ 140.00		\$ 5,150.00
15-Nov-23	Chelsea McLean	1		\$ 10.00		\$ 5,160.00
15-Nov-23	Delphine & Andrew Swadling	1		\$ 15.00		\$ 5,175.00
15-Nov-23	Forest Kirk Mens Fellowship	1		\$ 35.00		\$ 5,210.00
16-Nov-23	Che Stapleton	1		\$ 20.00		\$ 5,230.00
20-Nov-23	Kathleen & Trevor Swadling	1		\$ 25.00		\$ 5,255.00
30-Nov-23	Melissa Alldis	1		\$ 30.00		\$ 5,285.00
1-Dec-23	Robert Coenraads (Francis Nieves Memorial Fund)	1		\$ 140.00		\$ 5,425.00
15-Dec-23	Delphine & Andrew Swadling	1		\$ 15.00		\$ 5,440.00
18-Dec-23	Che Stapleton	1		\$ 20.00		\$ 5,460.00
19-Dec-23	Kathleen & Trevor Swadling	1		\$ 25.00		\$ 5,485.00
21-Dec-23	Janine Campbell	1		\$ 250.00		\$ 5,735.00
22-Dec-23	Forest Kirk Kidz Club	1		\$ 200.00		\$ 5,935.00
22-Dec-23	Forest Kirk Women's Fellowship	1		\$ 200.00		\$ 6,135.00
22-Dec-23	Warwick and Lorna Brady	1		\$ 100.00		\$ 6,235.00
29-Dec-23	Donation of Transfer Fee by R. Coenraads	1		\$ 20.00		\$ 6,255.00
29-Dec-23	International Transfer to India - Fakirana Sisters Society	1			\$ 6,235.00	\$ 20.00
31-Dec-22	TOTAL	Project Bihar,India=1	\$ 30.00	\$ 6,245.00	\$ 6,255.00	\$ 20.00

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Date	Description	Project Bihar,India=1	Cash available at beginning of year	Cash raised during year	Cash disbursed during year	Cash available
NOTES:						
29-Dec-23	International Transfer to India - Fakirana Sisters Society for 2023-including Five Student Scholarships				\$ 6,235.00	
31-Dec-23	Interest for 2023			\$ -		
31-Dec-23	Bank Fees for 2023				\$ 20.00	
Total funds in account on 31 Dec 2023 of \$20.00 agrees with bank statement						
Date	Description	Project Bihar,India=1	Cash available at beginning of year	Cash raised during year	Cash disbursed during year	Cash available at year end
31-Dec-23	Bihar, India Project	1	\$ 30.00	\$ 6,245.00	\$ 6,255.00	\$ 20.00
31-Dec-23	Interest for 2023		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
31-Dec-23	TOTAL		\$ 30.00	\$ 6,245.00	\$ 6,255.00	\$ 20.00
NOTES:						
2023	Interest		\$ -			
2023	Bank Fees		\$ 20.00			
Total funds in account on 31 Dec 2023 of \$20.00 agrees with bank statement						

FREESCHOOLS WORLD LITERACY (AUSTRALIA)

Audit Report for the year ending 31 December 2023

Following an audit of the above organization, it is my opinion that the financial records and supporting statements give a true and fair view of the activities of the organization for the year indicated above.

It is noted as in past years no official receipts were issued for each donation, but it is understood each donation is acknowledged by letter or email and each donation can be traced as a separate entry on the bank statements. This is considered to be satisfactory at present.

In accordance with the ACIFD Code of Conduct a Table of Cash Movements for Designated Purposes has been included in the Financial Reports for the year ended 31 December 2023 and has been noted and verified by the auditor.

In regard to compliance with the annual and financial reporting requirements of the ACFID Code of Conduct, it is understood that the financial statements and reports by the FreeSchools World Literacy charity basically conform to the requirements laid down by that code.



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