



# GRAHAM WITHERS CHARITY LIMITED

Annual Report 2018

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A group of children are gathered around a table, looking at something on the surface. The child in the center, wearing a yellow and grey striped shirt, is smiling broadly. Other children are visible around the table, some looking towards the center. The background is slightly blurred, suggesting an indoor setting like a classroom or library.

# SECTION 1: OVERVIEW

## About Us

Graham Withers Charity Limited is a Not-For-Profit Charity Organisation that provides financial support to financially disadvantaged Victorian families with children affected by Dyslexia. We aim to encourage and promote awareness for Dyslexia and to support Victorian families. By giving disadvantaged children affected by Dyslexia the financial support they need to achieve their full potential, it allows them to receive the tools and assistance they require to get the most out of their education, which is beneficial to the long-term economic, social and cognitive development of each child.

### Our Mission

To provide financial support to financially disadvantaged Victorian families who have children living with learning disabilities such as Dyslexia.

### Our Vision

To encourage and promote awareness for Dyslexia and to support Victorian families.

### Our Values

“CARE” Values: **C**ommitment **A**mbition **R**espect **E**quality.

## Where We Work



### Victoria, Australia

Through financial aid we aim to reduce the costs for families who have children affected by Dyslexia across the state of Victoria.

**20-25%**

of Victorians struggle with learning difficulties.

## Management Team

Graham Withers Charity Limited consists of three directors and a social media specialist all of which are volunteers. All three directors have a strong community spirit, coupled with a desire to bring about beneficial change to a sector of people who are affected by learning disabilities.



**Graham Withers**  
Director



**Pauline Csuba**  
Director



**Genevieve Thurecht**  
Director



**Zoe Ford**  
Social Media Specialist

## Our Supporters

PRO/RACE Performance Products is an Australian Company owned by Graham Withers, who was Top Fuel Champion in 1966, 1967 and 1968 driving a “front engine 392 blown Hemi slingshot” which he designed and built himself. After 5 Years of dominating Top Fuel Drag Racing in Australia, Graham retired to establish “Graham Withers Speed Shop” on the main Highway leading south out of the City of Melbourne in 1972.

Over the years, Graham has been involved in a number of charity work projects, as former President of Cheltenham Rotary Club, by assisting the Australian Governments Overseas Aid Program of island countries such as Bougainville, East Timor and Solomon Islands through the Rotary Club and his business PRO/RACE Performance Products. Graham was also presented with an award by former Prime Minister John Howard for his work in contributing to the peace and stability of the community in East Timor.



John Howard, Prime Minister of Australia (1996 - 2007), presenting an International Peace Award to Graham Withers.



Graham Withers 'Ampol GT' Dragster 1960's.

A group of young children, likely in a school setting, are smiling and waving their hands. They are wearing light-colored, short-sleeved uniforms. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the children's faces and gestures. The overall mood is joyful and energetic.

# **SECTION 2: GOVERNANCE**

# Structure and Management

Graham Withers Charity Limited was Established April 2017.

**ABN:** 86 618 338 837



Graham Withers Charity Limited is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).



Australian Government

Graham Withers Charity Limited is a Public Benevolent Institution and is endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) from 11 Apr 2017.

## Responsible Persons

**Graham Withers** – President & Director

Manages the board members and daily running of Graham Withers Charity Limited.

**Genevieve Thurecht** – Director & Chief Financial Officer

Manages the financial obligations and reporting of Graham Withers Charity Limited.

**Pauline Csuba** – Director

Manages the day to day operations in conjunction with all Directors.

As responsible persons the above Directors follow the Constitution of Graham Withers Charity Limited.

# Supporters, Associates and Collaborators

Collaborations enable the Graham Withers Charity Limited to identify and fund financially disadvantaged families with children who struggle with Dyslexia or other specific learning differences and require support such as a formal diagnosis to receive the best possible intervention for their child's continued education. As a Charitable Associate, we provide funding towards any Dyslexic program/treatment available to a child student struggling with Dyslexia.

## Alison Lawson Centre Victoria

In 2018, Graham Withers Charity Limited collaborated with the Alison Lawson Centre Victoria. New associations enables us to identify students from disadvantaged families struggling with Dyslexia that require financial support in order to receive the tools, treatment and support they need to successfully learn.

The Alison Lawson Centre Victoria (ALCV) is dedicated to providing vital support and treatment, to both children and adults with Learning Difficulties in particular Visual Dyslexia with the aim of assisting them to achieve their true potential.

Throughout 2018, we had the opportunity to fund disadvantaged primary school students through the Alison Lawson Centre Victoria. After completion of Remedial Dyslexia Therapy, these students have shown major improvements in reading, writing, concentration and most importantly in their level of self-confidence.



The Alison Lawson Centre Victoria  
Remedial Dyslexia Therapy

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## President's Report

During 2018 we bolstered our leadership team and deepened our commitment to a cause where everyone feels valued. What drives our progress is the investment in social, educational and economical equity. Our CARE values encourage Graham Withers Charity Limited to remain vigilant in the pursuit of our Mission to financially support Victorian children living with specific learning disabilities and to raise awareness for Dyslexia.

This year has been one for progress, 2018 saw Graham Withers Charity Limited collaborate with the Alison Lawson Centre Victoria and advance as a charity since establishment in 2017.

This association meant we could identify students from disadvantaged families struggling with Dyslexia that require financial support in order to receive the tools and support they need to achieve their full learning potential. This also meant Graham Withers Charity Limited would further build on reputation and fulfil our charitable purpose and objectives.

In 2018, we had the opportunity to fund disadvantaged primary school students who received Remedial Dyslexia Therapy at the Alison Lawson Centre Victoria. After completion of therapy, these students have shown major improvements in their learning, reading, writing, spelling, concentration and most importantly in their level of self-confidence.

Our information and services were widened as we designed, developed and released our brand-new updated website in 2018. This included a useful amount of new information including a new success stories page and FAQ page to assist parents and teachers.

We thank everyone who made 2018 a successful year for Graham Withers Charity Limited so we could fulfill our mission, objectives and purpose as a charity and effectively help disadvantaged children struggling with Dyslexia to reach their full learning potential.



**Graham Withers**  
President & Director  
Graham Withers Charity Limited

## Grants

Graham Withers Charity Limited would like to advise how we have been proceeding in respect to the funding we received in the 2017 Grant Distribution.

### 2017 Grant

Initially we have been conservative since establishment in 2017 and we are now progressing. Graham Withers Charity Limited collaborated with Allison Lawson Centre Victoria (ALCV) in 2018. This collaboration enables us to fund financially disadvantaged families with children who have Dyslexia or other specific learning difficulties who require a formal diagnosis to receive the best possible intervention for their child's continued education.

We are pleased to advise that we have two (2) children who have received financial assistance (50% cost of treatment per student) and have completed a program or diagnostic assessment through the Alison Lawson Centre Victoria in 2018. We will continue to offer our support to the ALCV and provide funding towards students in 2019.

### Grant Distribution

The following table outlines the current recipients who have been funded in 2018.

Organisation	School/Location	Date	Child/Student	Financial Assistance
Alison Lawson Centre Victoria	Truganina	24/10/2018	Lexus - Year 2	\$1000
Alison Lawson Centre Victoria	Ringwood East	06/11/2018	Joshua - Year 2	\$1000



## Our Finances

An overview of our finances including funding we distributed, donations made to our charity and grants we have received from 2017-2018.

### Operating Costs

Please note the administration costs for Graham Withers Charity Limited including web management and staff professional development (PD) are all donated by Cyco Systems trading as PRO/RACE Performance Products. All grants and donations received go towards an assessment or program for a student with Dyslexia.

### Funding

Funding towards an assessment or program for a student with Dyslexia.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Contribution</b>
Funding of 2 students. Financial assistance provided per student. (50% towards cost of treatment)	\$2000

### Donations

Donations made to the Graham Withers Charity Limited.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Contribution</b>
Fifteen (15) donations were made to the Graham Withers Charity Limited, in collaboration with PRO/RACE Performance Products. Limited Edition posters were sold for a \$25 donation to the Graham Withers Charity Limited.	\$375

### Grants

Grants we have applied for / distribution of Grant funds.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Contribution</b>
2017 Start-Up Grant - Colliers Charitable Fund.	\$20,000

A close-up photograph of two children, a boy on the left and a girl on the right, looking intently at a tablet computer. The boy is wearing a blue polo shirt and has his hand near his face. The girl is wearing a yellow top and is smiling slightly. The background is softly blurred, suggesting an indoor setting like a classroom or library. The text 'SECTION 3: IMPORTANT INFORMATION' is overlaid in large, bold, white capital letters across the center of the image.

**SECTION 3:  
IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION**

## Key Projects and Events

### Collaboration With Alison Lawson Centre Victoria

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The Alison Lawson Centre Victoria  
Remedial Dyslexia Therapy

### Our First Sponsored Children

Twenty-eight marked the year we had the opportunity to fund our first two disadvantaged primary school students. We identified these students through the Alison Lawson Centre Victoria and provided financial funding so they could receive Remedial Dyslexia Therapy and the support they needed to achieve their full learning potential. After completion of therapy, these students have shown major improvements in reading, writing, concentration and most importantly in their level of self-confidence.



## Acknowledgement & Thank You

### Donors



#### **PRO RACE Performance Products**

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### Grants and Funding

Collier  
Charitable  
Fund \*

#### **Collier Charitable Fund**

Level 31 570 Bourke St | Melbourne VIC 3000

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[www.colliercharitable.org](http://www.colliercharitable.org)

### Corporate & Community Associates



#### **Alison Lawson Centre Victoria (ALCV)**

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[www.alcv.com.au](http://www.alcv.com.au)

### Management Team

Graham Withers  
Genevieve Thurecht  
Pauline Csuba  
Zoe Ford

## Looking Into The Future

Looking into the future, Graham Withers Charity Limited hopes to build and increase our number of collaborations and associates so we can further identify disadvantaged students struggling with Dyslexia and through financial aid, help them receive the tools and support they need in order to get the most out of their education. Graham Withers Charity Limited looks forward to continuing to fulfill our charitable purpose, objectives and mission as well as continue to increase our information and widen our services to further help the 20-25% of Victorians who struggle with specific learning difficulties.



Should you wish to partner with Graham Withers Charity Limited go to [www.grahamwitherscharitylimited.org/partners](http://www.grahamwitherscharitylimited.org/partners)

OR contact Pauline at [support@grahamwitherscharity.org](mailto:support@grahamwitherscharity.org)

## How You Can Help



### Make a Donation

Your Donation will support the purpose of our charity and will go towards helping financially disadvantaged Victorian families with children affected by Dyslexia.

[www.grahamwitherscharity.org/donate](http://www.grahamwitherscharity.org/donate)



### Partner With Us

As a Charitable Partner, we provide funding towards any type of Dyslexia program or treatment available to a child who is struggling with Dyslexia.

[www.grahamwitherscharity.org/partners](http://www.grahamwitherscharity.org/partners)

## Follow us on Social Media



**Facebook:** [facebook.com/grahamwitherscharity](https://facebook.com/grahamwitherscharity)

**Twitter:** @GrahamWCharity

**Instagram:** @GrahamWithersCharity

**LinkedIn:** [linkedin.com/company/graham-withers-charity-limited](https://linkedin.com/company/graham-withers-charity-limited)



### Attend or participate in Dyslexia Awareness events or activities

Attend and or participate in Dyslexia awareness events or activities to raise awareness for Dyslexia and other specific learning difficulties.



### Educate yourself about Dyslexia

Start by Educating yourself about what Dyslexia is and raise awareness by sharing facts with your friends, family, school, teachers and peers.



# **GRAHAM WITHERS CHARITY LIMITED**

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