

GRAHAM WITHERS CHARITY LIMITED

Annual Report 2019

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A photograph of a classroom. A female teacher stands at the front near a whiteboard, smiling. Several students are seated at desks, with their hands raised in the air. The text 'SECTION 1: OVERVIEW' is overlaid in large white letters in the center of the image.

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 close-up photograph of three young girls of diverse backgrounds smiling warmly. The girl on the left has dark hair and is wearing a blue shirt and a white headband. The girl in the center has curly brown hair and is wearing a purple dress. The girl on the right is wearing a bright pink shirt. The background is softly blurred, showing hints of green and white.

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

Partnerships enable the Graham Withers Charity Limited to fund financially disadvantaged families with children who have a specific learning difference/difficulty of Dyslexia, Dysgraphia or Dyscalculia, who require a formal diagnosis to receive the best possible intervention for their child's continued education.



In May of 2019, the Graham Withers Charity Limited partnered with the SPELD Victoria Inc. As a Charitable Partner, We provide funding to clients who are disadvantaged and require financial support in order to receive treatment.

We are proud to announce that we have provided funding for three (3) disadvantaged students so they could receive the support they need to get the most out of their education.

SPELD Victoria Inc. offers assessment services to establish a comprehensive learning profile and identification of any learning difficulties for the purpose of intervention and/or diagnosis of learning disorders, with recommendations for the future.



The Alison Lawson Centre Victoria
Remedial Dyslexia Therapy

Throughout 2019, we continued to build on our partnership with the Alison Lawson Centre Victoria.

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.

President's Report

During 2019, we continued to bolster our leadership team and deepen our commitment to a cause where everyone feels valued. Our CARE values encourage Graham Withers Charity Limited to pursue 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. During 2019 Graham Withers Charity Limited partnered with SPELD Victoria Inc. in our endeavour to financially support children living with Dyslexia and specific learning disabilities.

This association has meant quicker identification of students from disadvantaged families struggling with Dyslexia that require financial support in order to receive a diagnostic assessment, in order to receive the tools and support they need to achieve their full learning potential.

In 2019, we had the opportunity to fund three disadvantaged primary school students from Kolbe College who received a Diagnostic Assessment through SPELD Victoria Inc. Our information and services were further widened by adding supportive evidence, annual reports, beneficiaries and a designated SPELD Victoria Inc. page for easy find.

Once again, we thank everyone who made 2019 a successful year for Graham Withers Charity Limited, so we could continue our mission, objectives and purpose as a charity. A big thank you to Claire Stonier-Kipen, Chief Executive Officer, SPELD Victoria Inc. for her wonderful commitment to assisting financially disadvantaged families and their children.



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.

Grant Distribution

In May of 2019 we partnered with SPELD Vic Inc, this partnership in addition to our partnership with ALCV (2018), enables us to fund financially disadvantaged families with children who have Dyslexia or other specific learning difficulties who require a formal diagnosis or treatment to receive the best possible intervention for their child's continued education.

Throughout 2019, Graham Withers Charity Limited has contacted fifty (50) low socioeconomic schools in Victoria where poverty status, low income and educational achievement are affected. We currently offer 50% of the cost per child per assessment and with individual hardship cases may pay the full amount if required. Each family has come directly via ALCV, SPELD, or a School.

In 2019, we have provided three (3) Students with funding towards programs/treatment at the Alison Lawson Centre Victoria or SPELD Victoria Inc.

The following table outlines the current recipients who have been funded in 2019 or are in the process of going through a program/diagnostic assessment to be funded in 2020.

Organisation	School/Location	Date	Child/Student	Financial Assistance
SPELD Vic Inc	Kolbe Catholic College	24/06/2019	Student Year 7	\$1500
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SPELD Vic Inc	Kolbe Catholic College	24/06/2019	Student Year 9	\$1500

Our Finances

An overview of our finances including funding we distributed, donations made to our charity and grants we have received from 2019

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.

Description	Costs
Funding of Three (3) students. Three (3) students received	\$1500
\$1500 financial assistance provided per student (100% cost of treatment.)	\$1500
	\$1500

Donations

Donations made to the Graham Withers Charity Limited.

Description	Costs
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Grants

Grants we have applied for / distribution of Grant funds.

Description	Costs
Applied for a Grant from Collier Charitable Fund.	Unsuccessful
Applied for a Grant from Gandel Community Grant For Education.	Unsuccessful
Applied for a Grant from Bennelong Foundation.	Unsuccessful
Applied for a Grant from Colonial Foundation.	Unsuccessful
Applied for a Grant from RE Ross Trust.	Unsuccessful

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

Three Day Workshop With SPELD VIC Inc.

Pauline Csuba (Director) Graham Withers Charity Limited attended a three (3) day Professional Development Program on Individual and Small Group Teaching of Students with Learning Difficulties to gain knowledge and understanding of specific learning difficulties. The workshop was run by SPELD Victoria Inc. and payment was funded by PRO/RACE Performance Products.



Partnership Agreement With SPELD Vic Inc.

On the 26th June 2019 the Graham Withers Charity Limited signed a partnership agreement with SPELD Victoria Inc. Through this partnership we are able to provide financial support to children from low socio-economic families who suffer from a Specific Learning Difficulty so they are able to access treatments, diagnosis assessments and tutoring initiatives that they otherwise couldn't afford. Graham Withers Charity Limited has already sponsored disadvantaged children through the Alison Lawson Centre Victoria and hope to increase the number of sponsored children significantly with the help of SPELD Victoria Inc.!



Acknowledgement & Thank You

Donors



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Grants and Funding

Collier
Charitable
Fund *

Collier Charitable Fund

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Corporate & Community Associates



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Management Team

Graham Withers
Genevieve Thurecht
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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

OR contact Pauline at 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



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

Follow us on Social Media



Facebook: facebook.com/grahamwitherscharity

Twitter: @GrahamWCharity

Instagram: @GrahamWithersCharity

LinkedIn: 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.

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