



ANNUAL RESULTS 2019



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support services

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Our Purpose

“ Committed to the pursuit of excellence and the provision of high-quality educational opportunities and life skills ”



A message from the Chairman

2019 marked a significant milestone in the history of Biala as we celebrated 50 years since our inception.

Since the initial seeds were sown back in the 1960's, Biala has grown into an organisation that serves hundreds of clients and their families within the school and wider community environment on a weekly basis.

This year was as eventful as any other and started with the transition into a Company Limited by Guarantee, from an Incorporation. Other than a small name change, from Inc. to Ltd. the Company structure moves Biala into the next phase of its professional life which includes focusing on the importance of a 'skills-based' Board of Directors.

With this in mind we filled the position of Treasurer with the appointment of Adam Bayly who came with a range of experience, skills and knowledge that the Board have greatly appreciated. We are still lucky enough to have long term Directors Sue Parker and Tricia Puglisi who bring that long-term history of Biala to the table. I would like to personally thank all Board Directors for their ongoing support and input into the future direction of Biala.

With the new structure and name, came a new brand identity to help communicate the new phase of Biala's life.

As the year progressed we said goodbye to our CEO – Linda Walsh. Her tenure at Biala saw the organisation change greatly and we wouldn't be in the position that we are today without her.

After a rigorous recruitment process Biala were fortunate enough to recruit our new CEO Lisa Smith from a local and well established Disability Services organisation. We welcome Lisa and wish her and the team good luck for 2020.

I'm extremely proud of what has been achieved in 2019 and look forward to seeing the organisation develop throughout 2020 and beyond.

Evan Harding

Chairman

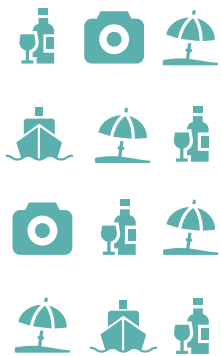
2019 at a glance



Achieved surplus of
\$258,388

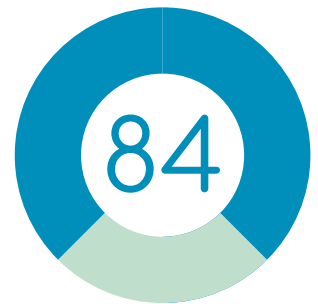


At the completion of the 2019 school year, Biala Special School had 29 students enrolled in special education, with 30 commencing from the start of the 2020 school year.



Covered over
2,500kms

in travel as part of our "Biala Getaways".
Trips include:
Tangalooma, a P&O cruise,
trip to the Clarence Valley
& two Gold Coast
get aways.



Nights of emergency
respite accommodation
BIALA provided in 2019



BIALA has supported over
110

NDIS Participants and
their families to progress
their goals during 2019

Bowled

51,520

bowling balls and
consistently connected
hundreds of local people
with disability to
improve social and
community participation



BIALA prepared to open the doors of a brand-new office in the centre of Ballina at Tamar Village

Donations of **\$31,000** were greatly received

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of our takings from our inaugural Bunnings BBQ was donated to the rural fire service

BIALA supported by the COMMONWEALTH BANK and the local POLICE to fund Biala's annual Christmas celebration for Biala participants

BIALA'S Hydrotherapy Pool reached its highest capacity, with over

40

hydrotherapy session offered per week to Biala's students, private users and two learn-to-swim schools.



BIALA launched new branding and website thanks to the team at BAREFRUIT MARKETING

Sadly farewelled two much loved and respected BIALA participants who passed away this year. May the memory of SCOTT PROWSE and RICHARD MEEKING be eternal.



The fund-raising committee kindly allocated money to BIALA'S DAY PROGRAM to purchase a much needed oven and expand our Life Skills program - many yummy pizzas and cakes have been created as a result!



We welcome our new CEO, Lisa Smith to lead the organisation.

Best wishes and thank you to BIALA'S departing CEO, Linda Walsh.



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Celebrating 50 years

