



ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019
The Common People

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Our mission

The Common People is set up to help a wide range of charities every year. We aim to support local charities as well as international charities based in Australia every year. Being a creative arts group, we intend to raise funds through our concerts and support deserving projects every year. We aim to support charities with Australian offices, with the money raised going directly to uplift the needful. The Common People benefit hundreds of people each year and our members, who give our services voluntarily, strive to make a difference in the world around us and help other people in need.

Our vision

The Common People come together for the purpose of improving the quality of life and addressing the basic necessities of life for people who struggle to get them. Our organisation believes in liaising with other local organisations and working together as a team in addressing and finding solutions to needs around us. Our strong local presence will be beneficial in helping people in need in Australia and thus aid community development. Helping others in need is our motto and passion, and we gather our resources to provide a lending hand to people in need. Working with other organisations helps us in sharing our vision as one big community for a common cause.



Our History

The Common People was formed in 2014 with the motive to be a creative arts based group who are passionate to volunteer their time for various worthy causes around us and thus make a difference in the community we live in.

In 2015, we worked closely with Watoto Australia and raised funds for Watoto African Children's Choir, a group of orphan kids trying to come up through various struggles in life. We did a joint concert with Watoto Australia and thus introduced them to our patrons and well wishers, who are currently sponsoring 36 kids on an ongoing basis. We volunteered for the Operation Shoe Box Program in 2015 run by Samaritan's Purse, helping them with collecting and packing gifts and sending across to kids who have never received a gift in their lifetime for Christmas.

We joined hand with the Christian Blind Mission during the charity concert at St Paul's Cathedral in 2016 and raised funds to restore eye sight to 154 people in need around the globe. In 2018, we supported Samaritan's Purse with our charity concert held at the Sydney Opera House.

We also volunteered our services for a Bunnings barbeque in 2015 to help raise funds for Muscular Dystrophy Australia during the National Superhero Week. We also work closely with Red Cross Australia and volunteer in donating blood every year during the Passion week.



About US

The Common People (TCP) is a non-profit registered charity organisation comprising a group of ordinary people from various walks of life who are passionate about bringing joy and hope to people around us. This is primarily achieved through a wide variety of elements, including creative arts, volunteering, and fundraising for various projects. As an organisation, we conduct thorough research before deciding on which causes to support. The real need and intensity of need is the main criteria we look for while deciding on a cause that we support. We meet up with many people who can shed some light on the various projects under discussion. We always make sure we support a cause that will make a life changing experience to the people we help. In TCP, everyone is family, and there is always a way for anyone to get involved with us—and it is not only limited to creative arts!



General Body Meetings

We had one General Body Meeting which was held on 16th of December 2018.

Executive Committee:

We had eight members as part of the vibrant executive committee including the board members, who actively participated in the meetings and shared responsibilities in running the organisation activities.

We had 32 members during the year 2018-2019, who gave their services voluntarily to make a difference to the people in need.

The following members were elected as board members for the 2018/19 financial year at the General Body meeting held on 16th December 2018:






Board members/Trustees

Name	Position
Sudhin Mammen	President
Arun Ramachandran	Secretary
Binu Koshy	Treasurer
Dino Thomas	Accountant

Name	Position
Sam Joy Chirackal	Member
Mathews Abraham	Member
Benoy Peter	Member
Sharon Oommen	Member



We Support

		
<p>Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child</p>	<p>Christian Blind Mission</p>	<p>Watoto Australia</p>
		
<p>Red Cross Australia</p>	<p>Muscular DystrophyAustralia</p>	



Our Objectives and Activities

The Common People conducted the 2018 charity concert at Sydney Opera House on 10th November, 2018, and raised funds for Samaritan's Purse. Rowan Armstrong, National Manager of Operation Christmas Child, a project run by Samaritan's Purse, graced the occasion with his presence.

In the same month, we joined hands with Samaritan's Purse in their Melbourne warehouse to volunteer for their "Operation Christmas Child" project. We helped in sorting, packaging and shipping their containers filled with gift cartons, ready to go to the hands of eagerly waiting kids in need.

In April 2019, we ran our annual blood donation drive with Red Cross Australia. We do this initiative on a yearly basis, as even a single donation can save upto 3 lives.

In May 2019, we offered our help to BKFA (Birthing Kit Foundation Australia) in assembling birthing kits for vulnerable mothers and new borns. Coinciding with mother's day, we helped BKFA in running a birthing kit assembly day and thus helped in putting together many birthing kits for needy mothers and new borns.



Our Finance

The tireless efforts of our trustees kept the organisation accounts intact. They liaise with the finance department of various other organisations we support and tally the accounts judiciously all through the year.

Balance Sheet for - The Common People

BALANCE SHEET	2019
Current assets	\$2,123
Cash	\$2,123
Petty cash	\$0
Inventory	\$0
Pre-paid expenses	\$0
Fixed assets	\$0
Leasehold	\$0
Property & land	\$0
Renovations/improvements	\$0
Furniture & fitout	\$0
Vehicles	\$0
Equipment/tools	\$0
Computer equipment	\$0
Total assets	\$2,123
Current/short-term liabilities	\$0
Credit cards payable	\$0
Accounts payable	\$0
Interest payable	\$0
Accrued wages	\$0
Income tax	\$0
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Long-term liabilities	\$0
Loans	\$0
SOH Venue hire (Nov 10 2018)	\$0
Total liabilities	\$0
NET ASSETS (NET WORTH)	\$2,123
WORKING CAPITAL	\$2,123



Financial Statements

INCOME	
ITEM	AMOUNT
Bank Interest	\$5.54
SOH tickets	\$17,005.00
Contribution	\$1,679.00
Chocolate Sale	\$1,037.80
BBQ Sale	\$2,863.15
TOTAL	\$22,590.49
EXPENSES	
ITEM	AMOUNT
Church Hire	\$100.00
AON insurance	\$235.00
Australian ANCA Membership	\$90.00
Birthing Kit	\$600.00
Donation to Samaritan Purse	\$2,750.00
Video Shoot	\$500.00
SOH Payment	\$15,593.02
Concert Expenses	\$3,930.20
TOTAL	\$23,798.22



Acknowledgements

I would like to take this opportunity to express my personal appreciation and sincere thanks to all members of The Common People, for their willingness to be a part of the various initiatives in reaching out to people in need. On behalf of the outgoing committee, we wish the incoming committee the very best to lead the organisation forward.

Public Officer

The Common People