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Our Vision:

We envision a South Africa where all older persons have equal access to accommodation and care that is affordable and pro-motes quality of life, protection, development and participation.

Our Mission:

The mission of Abbeyfield South Africa is to develop, support, and pioneer affordable housing and care for senior citizens regardless of their race, religion, or political affiliation.

Our Values:

Dignified Ageing
Family
Respect
Hope

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Chairpersons' Report 2016/17

As this will be my last Chair's report as I will hand over to Cedric Meiring as from today, I would like to spend a little time reflecting. I can hardly believe that this is my 5th Abbeyfield AGM. Time has just gone by so fast and lots have happened since day 1.



Cheryl Dean - Chairperson

Often we resist change especially when things have plodded on same old same old for many years, we all become complaisant and our blinkers become a fixture on our being. But sometimes change is necessary, and 2013 was the start of the change of Abbeyfield SA.

At the October 2013 AGM, the first woman of color was appointed as Chair, the new exec director arrived in November 2013, and a new Board was put in place and things started to move.

The Board took the decision to transform the composition of its trustees so that it reflects the demographics of our country as well as the composition in the houses.

The relationship with the The Abbeyfield Society (TAS) in the UK was strengthened. Currently the Abbeyfield family consists of houses in Australia, Belgium, Canada, New Zealand, Jersey, Ireland, United Kingdom and South Africa. We are part of the International movement.

Our new flagship house, Pelican Park, which was funded by TAS UK, had been purpose built by Power Construction. Here we saw how families work together in times of need, various houses in Ireland fundraised for their Pelican Park counterparts by having cake sales, tea parties and residents big walks to furnish the house. The first of the 14 residents moved in, in December 2015.

This model of Abbeyfield living is slightly different from our other houses which is solely independent living, each resident provides for themselves. Here the residents are provided with a lunch time meal. This is in line with Richard Carr Gomes ethos of combatting loneliness.

The next project which was also funded by TAS UK was the renovation of the first SA Abbeyfield house, No5 Wyndover, She has received a facelift, and can now accommodate 11 residents.

Administration offices in Observatory were sold and the administrative staff first moved to Bellville and now is housed at No5 Wyndover in Claremont. The past 3 years have seen staff changes in the development officer's posts.

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Tribute to Natasha Singarayer

The Abbeyfield family was saddened by the news of the passing of the CEO of The Abbeyfield Society, Ms Natasha Singarayer. She was instrumental in securing the funds for both Pelican Park and the renovations of Wyndover Mansions.

We will miss her caring smile and endless amount of energy. Our most heartfelt condolences go out to her family.

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Funding is drying up and we need to find new innovative ways to bring in much needed funds. With the proceeds from the sale of the office, Abbeyfield has purchased No7 Wyndover. It will be rented out to a family and the monthly rental income will be used to fund administration. Money pots are drying up and all NPO's need to become self-sustainable; all our houses need to break even. I know that is difficult when SASSA pensions increase marginally each year and prices of food and petrol rise every other month.

We have realized that bringing so many houses under the centrally managed Head office wing has been a mistake, especially since the Head office does not have the capacity to deal with everything that house committees handled.

A bit like learning to walk in someone else's high heeled shoes.

There is also not have enough accommodation for the long waiting list of elderly folk wanting to enter Abbeyfield, but before we embark on acquiring more housing stock we need to look at our existing houses. Are they still fit for purpose, what is the state of the house both appearance and financially, but more importantly are our residents comfortable, safe and happy and most of all do we have Local Committees to run the house.

The life blood of Abbeyfield is volunteers of local societies that run many of our homes. Through you selfless service to residents, Abbeyfield have become known as a premier housing provider for seniors. I would like to thank all committee members for your hard work during this year, not forgetting all members that have left Abbeyfield through the year.

I would like to thank the Department of Social Development, the Abbeyfield Society (TAS), our Irish Family members and all our funders for their loyal support, without which Abbeyfield could not provide the safe, homely accommodation our senior kings and queens deserve.

To all the Board members who have supported me throughout the years thank you for your unselfish commitment and free advice.

To the staff, Roedolf, Henriette and Alfreda, thank you for your dedication.

I will step down now as Chair to take up my new role as the Abbeyfield International Partnership Manager.

Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve for the past 4 years.

Cheryl Dean - Chairperson



From the Abbeyfield SA Office

"If I had known I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself." Mae West

Every South African has the right to dignity and the right to have that dignity respected and protected. The Older Persons Act therefore aims to alleviate the plight of older citizens in South Africa by setting up a framework for their empowerment and protection. The Act promotes and maintains the rights, status, wellbeing, and safety and security of older persons.

The Act aims to do five things:

1. to maintain and promote the **status, wellbeing, safety and security** of older persons,
2. to maintain and protect the **rights** of older persons,
3. to help older persons to **stay in their homes** in the community for as long as possible,
4. to **regulate services** and residential facilities for older persons, and
5. to **combat abuse** of older persons.

Who Does this Act Affect?

- All older persons living in South Africa, and
- All officials, employees and representatives of the State.

The State is expected to take reasonable measures to achieve the aims of this Act, hence why we receive funding from Department of Social Development. To qualify for this funding we have to Ensure Excellent Financial reporting, Quarterly Reporting and most of all be fully compliant in all aspects as per Department requirements.

We at Abbeyfield endeavor to obtain these requirements but the least we can ask all Abbeyfielders, to assist in achieving this, is to abide by Our Rules and Regulations and to ensure there is full co-operation with Committees and or the office. Two years ago we reported we will embark on a new and more comprehensive application form; this is in full swing at the moment. With your co-operation this will all be in place by End October.

With the present financial situation and the lack of available funding, Funders and Donors are not very keen to give money to organisations that are not compliant and thus my emphasis and plea to everyone to work together to achieve this. The past year especially it was very difficult for us to obtain funding from other donors and will be no better for us this year, going forward and as an organization that are purely dependent on financial goodwill from others, we had to tighten our belts on spending and would even have to be tighter this year. We have been always trying, not to impart our financial burden on our residents, but can only appeal to

you to help us to keep our houses as cost effective as possible.

We can proudly report that one of our biggest projects we have been busy with over the past year Wyndower 5, has been completed. This has not been without any difficulties and we were faced with many obstacles and we have to be grateful to our Donors for the funding and we also have to give thanks to all those who were involved with this project. Especially also to the residents for all the inconvenience you endured, and your co-operation during the time of the renovations, thanks to you all.

To further save funds we have decided to have our offices at Wyndover 5 instead of relocating to a new premises and this was much more cost effective for us. To the Wyndower committee thus for accommodating the Head office,

We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead and know we can count on you Abbeyfielders to assist us in making it a very successful year. Let us walk together as one happy family and ensure that we make our homes a place of comfort, happiness and a loving environment for everyone.

Cherish all your happy moments: they make a fine cushion for old age." — **Christopher Morley**

Some remarks from Pelican Park:

Audrey Phillips: "Home from home"

Yvonne Small: "Abbeyfield is Tops, very accommodating"

Salome Andrews: "I am very happy here because I met someone special here."

Carol Parenzee: "When I was desperate for accommodation Abbeyfield helped me within a week and I am very happy here."



Pics of some Pelican Park ladies



Ladies from Gugulethu

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Annual Financial Statements as at 31 March 2017

Statement of Financial Position

Figures in R	Notes	2017	2016
Assets			
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	3	6 001 664	3 713 187
Current Assets			
Trade and other receivables	4	161 877	67 381
Cash and cash equivalents	5	601 891	3 105 504
		763 768	3 172 885
Total Assets		6 765 432	6 886 072
Reserves and Liabilities			
Reserves			
Retained earnings		5 869 262	3 116 059
Non-Current Liabilities			
Borrowings	6	400 000	400 000
Deferred revenue	7	-	-
		400 000	400 000
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	358 614	282 519
Current portion of long term liabilities	6	-	5 257
Income received in advance	9	137 556	3 082 237
		496 170	3 370 013
Total Reserves and Liabilities		6 765 432	6 886 072

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Statement of Comprehensive Income

Figures in R	Notes	2017	2016
Revenue	10	3 924 471	1 984 592
Operating costs		(1 281 784)	(1 700 071)
Operating surplus	11	2 642 707	284 521
Finance income	12	110 496	74 770
Finance costs	13	-	(780)
Surplus for the year		2 753 203	358 511

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Statement of Changes in Reserves

Figures in R	Accumulated surplus	Total
Balance at 1 April 2015	2 757 548	2 757 548
Total comprehensive income for the year		
Surplus for the year	358 511	358 511
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>358 511</u>	<u>358 511</u>
Balance at 31 March 2016	<u>3 116 059</u>	<u>3 116 059</u>
Balance at 1 April 2016	3 116 059	3 116 059
Total comprehensive income for the year		
Surplus for the year	2 753 203	2 753 203
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>2 753 203</u>	<u>2 753 203</u>
Balance at 31 March 2017	<u>5 869 262</u>	<u>5 869 262</u>

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Walking for Abbeyfield ...

The first on African soil

The African Centurion Walk took place on the World Renown Robben Island, a South African National Heritage Site, symbolic of triumph of the human spirit over adversity.




Walking 160km in 24 hours is not an everyday achievement, but **Abbeyfield South African (ASA) entered 1 relay team of 4 headed by our executive Director Roedolf Kay and a friend of ASA attempted the full 160km solo.**

Walkers from all over the world part take in this annual event. Abbeyfield was the recipient of the funds raised at the event. The Centurion Walk started in Britain in 1911 and since been hosted in Australia, New Zealand, United States, Malaysia, Isle of Man and the Netherlands.

South Africa will be the first African country to host the Centurion event.

Well done to our Abbeyfield Walkers!!!!

On 21 October 2017, Abbeyfield has once again entered. This year we have 2 teams of 4. We have imported 6 admin staff members from TAS, UK offices and 2 Abbeyfield friends from East London. Staff and Board members will form the support team.



It was a sad day when we said goodbye to Hilda Radel who left Abbeyfield Wyndover Manor on Friday, 22 September 2017 to live in a frail care facility.

She is such a special, loving and warm person and will definitely be missed.

A Special Word of Thanks to all our Donors and Supporters

JW Findlay Will Trust, JB Findlay Will Trust, Estate late J H Munroe, The Theron Trust, ER Tonneson Trust, The Jet Lee Will Trust, The Simmonds Hampton Trust, The Gray Trust, Mathers Trust, Carl and Emily Fuchs Foundation-Lynette Croudace, C Jowell, WE Tonneson Trust, The Douglas Jooste Trust, Clifford Harris Trust, Alphenvale Retirement Home, The Department of Social Development, Fuchs Foundation, Douglas Jooste Trust, Melanie from African Centurion walk, Zailab, Pick n Pay, Lombardi Trust, Abbeyfield UK

And all other donors that prefer to remain anonymous.

The board and management of Abbeyfield are extremely grateful to all donors and partners that assist us to make the dream of affordable accommodation and care for seniors a reality.

