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Entertainment Assist
Chairman's Report
Annual General Meeting 2018

It's been a most productive year for Entertainment Assist and I am very pleased to have a chance to acknowledge individuals and organisations that have made it the success that it is.

On each and every occasion whether it is in writing or at a presentation I take great pride in thanking the Pratt Foundation for being the Founding and ongoing major funder of Entertainment Assist.

The commitment of the Foundation is quite remarkable not only in cash but in kind, and we had the honour of the Chairman Heloise Pratt AM attending our thank you function earlier in the year. Entertainment Assist is proud to have the ongoing support of Sam Lipski AM and Ian Allen OAM and their extended team for their generous time and effort throughout the year.

Our major supporter is Village Roadshow Limited and to Mr. Robert Kirby AO and Mr. Graham Burke AO and to so many of their executive team members who have been involved during the year another huge thank you.

It's been a challenging year for Village Roadshow Limited with so many circumstances outside of their control affecting their business units but not once have they not followed through or continued their passion, energy and guidance for Entertainment Assist – for that I thank them.

The ongoing support of other proud funders is quite remarkable in a very competitive market place where funds are difficult to obtain as well as the in-kind support that Entertainment Assist so generously receives from so many.

Thanks to Freemasons Victoria, Grand Master, Directors and in particular Myles King, and to Aleks and Sussan Vass from the Vass Theatre Group for their many areas of help to Entertainment Assist.

We're very proud that Nat Schivello the President of the Caravan Industry Association of Victoria officially has Entertainment Assist as his "Presidents Charity" and thanks to Rob Lucas the Chief Executive of the Caravan Industry Association of Victoria and his executive team for being ongoing financial supporters.

Paul Wheelton AM KSJ and Angela Wheelton OAM from Wheelton Philanthropy have been amazing. They came to us when we were very short of funds in a particular area made a three year pledge and have assisted in not only a financial capacity but in an events capacity and also in a mentoring sense for some of our staff.

The Chairman of Connected Communities Melbourne the Bendigo Bank Philanthropic arm Melanie Raymond OAM and her Board were very gracious with providing us with a grant, and we also thank them for helping us with our banking needs and networking areas.

Vedran Drakulic OAM the Chief Executive of Gandel Philanthropy is with us on an ongoing basis, and to John and Pauline Gandel and their family, another huge thank you for your assistance.

To bring it back home The Palms Showroom at the Crown Entertainment Complex and in particular the General Manager Bill Davidson appreciates the journey of Entertainment Assist, and has helped financially and also in an awareness sense in many areas and we thank Bill for that.

Our joint venture working partners keep giving and to Everymind, Black Dog, our list of very impressive Ambassador's I personally would like to shake each and every hand and say thank you but that's not possible as some are interstate and overseas but hopefully you do understand that we appreciate you giving of your name, your company name and in so many cases in a financial sense.

We have many projects ongoing and the companies, who are assisting us in many ways such as Peter Konadaris the Managing Partner of PWC Melbourne, Gerry Ryan OAM Chairman of the Ryan Group, Deputy Commissioner of Victoria Police Robert Hill APM, Harold Mitchell AO.

Neil Soullier OAM the Chief Executive of The Victoria Police Blue Ribbon Foundation, Keely Brewster from Ticketmaster, Ben Steele our famous film maker and personal journey man along with theatrical companies controlled by Michael Cassell, John Frost, Rodney Rigby, Ken McKenzie Forbes with the Production Company and local theatre groups thank you.

To former board member Kendra Read who for many years gave so much of her time and network we acknowledge your services and hope that we can reconnect in the future. Finally to an amazing group of people who make up the Entertainment Assist Board being my Deputy Chair Julie Raffe, Ian Allen OAM, Dr. Sandra Hacker AO, Mal Smith, Tim McFarlane AM, Steve Boxshall and to our General Manager Susan Cooper I could not have been more blessed than to have such a productive, quality group of people who have taken our cause to a level that we are all very proud of.

The journey has only just begun, there are so many areas including the 'Alliance' that are in their early stages and over the years will grow along with our wonderful 'Intermission' program, research studies and joint ventures with State and Federal Government authorities.

Hopefully we will see in a years' time Entertainment Assist continuing in a positive, meaningful and life changing way for those in the Entertainment industry.

To our very small and dedicated team in the office my final word to you is keep the engine running, and to Julia Edwards, Raelene Bonnie and your friends you are amazing.

It's a pity a Chairman's report can only be a couple of pages, and for those that I have not mentioned by name or by company you know that everything that everyone does is appreciated.

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