

# ANNUAL REPORT

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2014 // 2015



**L2R NEXT GEN INC.**

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## OUR STORY

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## OUR MISSION

To provide opportunity for youth to participate in dance workshops that would usually struggle to access regular recreation classes due to barriers associated with poverty, disadvantage and being newly arrived in a foreign country. We aspire to attract young people who share a passion for dance by providing a safe and nurturing environment. Our Unique, fun and engaging workshops increase social connections and encourage individuals to experience the empowering facets which dance possess regardless of their age, race, gender, culture, religions or economic status. Dance can give youth a sense of joy and social connection, which filters into other parts of their life increasing positive pathways, health and well being.



## WHAT WE DID

The funds received from Medicare Local in early 2015 were extremely important because it was the first donation we received as an incorporated not-for-profit organization with DGR (Deductible Gift Recipient) status. The funds allowed us to operate in the first half of 2015 delivering two successful free Hip Hop dance programs on Tuesday and Saturdays. L2R prides itself on keeping overheads to a minimal and working with existing service providers and organisations to develop and deliver programs that address community needs and concerns at a grass roots levels.



Through these two programs we were able to perform at some of Melbourne's biggest festivals such as Braybrook Community Hub Launch, White Night Melbourne, Emerge In the West and the AFL's Multicultural Round 'One Game. Many Cultures' held at the MCG.

Performance opportunities for participants are important as they give us goals to develop and train for while increasing social connection and teams bonds amongst participants. Performance outcomes are also invaluable as they give participants the opportunity to get out and about in the broader community and share their passion for dance with others. We believe this empowers young people and gives them a sense of achievement and pride while breaking down social barriers through the joy and freedom of dance.



L2R also supported other Not-for-Profits at their fundraising events including Bounczn Dance Company fundraiser at DanceHouse and Dancing For A Dream.

We believe this is an important part of community development for our participants and a way for us to give back to the community and assist other not-for-profits. Six of our members who are Bboys entered into the annual Freestyle Fever held at Melbourne Sports Aquarium Centre all achieving fantastic personal results. Bboy Lonowon won the award of 'Most Valuable dancer' and 'Most Outstanding Battle'. This is a great achievement for him and he was extremely proud and humbled by the recognition for his hard work and determination to achieve as a Break-dancer. Lonowon migrated from Nigeria and is aged seventeen. He has been in Australia for less than five years and has been part of L2R since he first arrived in Australia and met Jacinda at Western English Language School.

In January 2015 L2R was recognized by the Ministry of Arts Australia and added to the Register of Cultural Organisations (RoCO). L2R's purpose is to advance culture through Arts and Culture, contributing to the nation's vibrant cultural life. In July 2015 L2R's registration with the Australian Charity and Not-for-Profit Commission (ACNC) was successful. The Australian Tax Office (ATO) further endorsed L2R with Tax Concession Charity (TCC) status.

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**L2R is a Not-for-Profit Cultural Organisation registered with the ACNC and endorsed with DGR and TCC status.** L2R can now receive donations through the L2R Public Fund and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible to donors. L2R is now its own resourceful and sustainable entity allowing us to dream bigger while addressing community needs and concerns at a grass roots level.

### NEW PROGRAM- PANDA SQUAD

Hip Hop workshops for middle years. L2R has noticed a demographic shift with a boost of children aged in the middle years living in the Braybrook, Footscray and surrounding suburbs. We believe there is a huge need for positive and accessible physical activities for children aged 7-12 years old. Therefore L2R created Panda Squad to address this need and get kids actively engaged early, increasing confidence, health and well being. Panda Squad runs on Monday afternoons from 4-5pm at the Sunshine Visy Cares Hub. There are currently 15 children enrolled in Panda Squad! We also believe this will assist L2R with sustainability as younger kids can come up through the ranks and join Next Gen allowing the oldermembers to mentor this journey through youth leadership and participation.



### NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS ENGAGED

- Tuesday 4:30-6:30pm @ Visy Cares Hub Sunshine – 35 Participants
  - Saturday 12:30-2pm- @ Rec West– 25 Participants
  - Panda Squad- Mondays 4-5pm @ Visy Cares Hub Sunshine- 15 participants
- Participants are aged between 7-25years of age and come from diverse backgrounds including Burma, Vietnam, Congo, Liberia, Nigeria, Uganda, Iran, Korea, India, and Eritrea.



### CREW UNIFORMS

We were in desperate need of new uniforms. We believe this is an important part of L2R because participants come from low socio economic backgrounds and money for clothing and shoes can be difficult.

The uniforms are free for participants and are worn with extreme pride and unity. Each member was given a tee shirt and a varsity jacket with our new logo, which will be used for clothing and merchandise. It was amazing to see the joy of each members face when presented with their uniform.



## WORKSHOP FLYERS

Through the funds received from RE Ross Trust - Building and Strengthening Organizational Capacity, we were able to get new flyers designed, which we will use for promotion and distribution throughout 2015. We hope these flyers will help us reach a wider range of youth with potential for us to grow further in capacity.

**WHEN**  
Saturdays  
12 - 2pm

**COST**  
FREE

**WHERE**  
RecWest  
Braybrook YMCA, Lily St  
Braybrook, VIC 3019

**FREE WORKSHOP**

# BREAKING @ BRAYBROOK

Calling all Bboys, Bgirls, Hip Hoppers and lovers of Dance!!!  
Come and join the free, fun and engaging Break dance workshops suitable for all levels from Beginner to Advanced!

"We want youth who share a passion for dance, specifically the 'we-ness' that Hip Hop dance encompasses, the opportunity to experience the empowering facets which dance possess, regardless of their age, race, gender, culture, religions or economic status."

We believe dance can give you a sense of joy and social connection, which filters into other parts of their life increasing health and well-being.  
Bring the funk, bring the flava and get ready BOOGIE!  
FREE Workshops on Saturdays 12 - 2pm, at the RecWest Braybrook YMCA, Lily St, Braybrook, VIC 3019

www.L2R.com.au  
RecWest Braybrook

For more info and to secure your spot contact:  
Jacinda from L2R on 0417 101 514.  
L2RNextGenInc. www.facebook.com/L2RNextGen

L2R believes there is one language we can all speak...

# DANCE

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AGES 15-25yrs

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**100% respect, passion and commitment is all you need!**

Tuesdays 4:30-6:30pm,  
Vivay Cares Hub - Youth Centre  
808 Harvester Rd, Sunshine

For more info & to secure your spot contact: Jacinda from L2R on 0417 101 514.  
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**FREE HIP HOP CLASSES!**  
AGE 7-12

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inspire culture  
create passion dance respect

**PANDA SQUAD**  
3RD AUGUST - 14TH SEPTEMBER 2015  
4 - 5 pm

VIVAY CARES HUB  
808 HARVESTER ROAD  
SUNSHINE  
VIC 3030

www.L2R.com.au  
TO REGISTER: JACINDA OROGOSH

## FUNDS SOURCED

- RE Ross Trust - \$9800
- Igniting Change - \$7500
- Medicare Local - \$7100
- Schudmak Family Foundation - \$2000
- Coca Cola Community Grants - \$10,000



## FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Thanks to Artists for Kids Culture generous donation L2R is going on camp!!! This has been a dream of ours for quite some time so we are very excited. Twenty young people from L2R will load the Maribyrnong City Council bus and drive down to Alexandra Adventure Resort near the shores of Lake Eildon. The camp will run 2 night and 3 days from the 23rd-25th September during Term 3 school holidays. The camp is free for L2R participants and for some young people this will be their first camp. Activities will include canoeing, flying fox, high ropes course, rock climbing and wall abseiling, crate stacking, cooking and of course dancing!



## NEW WEBSITE

[www.L2R.org.au](http://www.L2R.org.au)

Here you will find updates and achievements on L2R. We are always on the move and grove dedicating our weekends to sharing our passion for dance with community. You will also find loads of video and pictures of each member.



**MANY  
CULTURES  
ONE GAME**

**#MANYCULTURESONEGAME**





## IN SUMMARY

Many of the students we engage have come from circumstances of poverty and disadvantage. Nevertheless, although humans differ in social identities, we have in common our human bodies. We believe dance can offer alternative ways of expressing oneself when dealing with the barriers of being newly arrived in a foreign country. Dance has the potential to give the body a voice through emotional offering and physical pleasure. Dance can also promote or allow a certain kind of physical and emotional generosity, a willingness to show oneself through real, intimate and personal exchanges.

Participants come from diverse backgrounds and may have not had the opportunity to meet or connect with others without L2R. Participants who are very different in many ways simply come to L2R each week to share in the one thing they have in common. Dance allows humans to tap into their experiences and sensations, fostering poetic transformation and social connection.

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**L2R GEN NEXT INC.  
REG. NO. A0060710N**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2015**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
SOCIETY CHEQUE ACCOUNT	19,174	4,500
BOND PAID	495	-
GST REFUNDABLE	252	-
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>19,921</b>	<b>4,500</b>
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<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
SUNDRY CREDITORS	127	-
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>19,794</b>	<b>4,500</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
ACCUMULATED MEMBERS FUNDS	19,794	4,500
	<b>19,794</b>	<b>4,500</b>

## Committee of Management Members

The names of committee of management members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

President	Jacinda Richards	
Secretary	Kirsty Hooper	(Appointed 28 July 2015)
Treasurer	Rhonda Lim	
Secretary	Kirsty Hooper	
Ordinary Member	Kate Mc All	(Secretary until 28 July 2015)
Ordinary Member	Dennis Pennalligen	
Ordinary Member	Lenard Trae	
Ordinary Member	Dustin Halse	(Appointed 13 August 2015)
Ordinary Member	Simon de Lacy-Leacey	(Appointed 13 August 2015)
Ordinary Member	Alisa K Herbert	(Resigned 28 July 2015)
Responsible Person	Mitchell Neary	
Responsible Person	Rebecca Thomas	

## Principle Activities

The principle activities of the entity during the financial year were:

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Follow L2R on:   

Donate to L2R!



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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Dance performance and workshop	500	-
Donation - Colman Foundation for Igniting Change	7,500	4,500
Donation - General	100	-
Donation - RE Ross Trust	9,800	-
Donation - Coca Cola	10,000	-
Donation - Medicare Local	7,100	-
Donation - Schudmak Family Foundation	2,000	-
Interest Income	-	-
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>37,080</b>	<b>4,500</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Accounting & Bookkeeping Fees	1,350	-
Bank Charges	7	-
Costumes	1,252	-
Film Photography	114	-
Flyer Printing Promotion	123	-
Food For Programs	790	-
Insurance	632	-
Job Materials	3	-
Motor Vehicle Expenses	166	-
Music	65	-
Printing & Stationery	211	-
Subcontractors - Artist Fees	14,158	-
Subscriptions Costs	352	-
Supported Access	264	-
Telephone & Internet 80 percent	450	-
Training & Seminar Costs	160	-
Travel - National	233	-
Venue Hire	727	-
Website Costs	729	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>21,786</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>15,294</b>	<b>4,500</b>

