

Genesis helps growing churches and Christian Organisations with strategic planning and seed capital in order to multiply their work and implement projects that become self-funding. The project needs to be strategic and have a multiplier effect. We review the development plan, strategies, budgets and management requirements. The grant usually is a reducing commitment over 3 years as the organisation steps to a new level of sustainability.

### **Chairman's letter**

The Genesis Foundations have supported 149 projects during 2017/18 to date (156 in 2016/17), including 48 (54) that were approved this year.

Of the funds distributed in 2016/17, 26% were directed to youth ministries, 19% to points of influence (Christian media), 18% to Church Development, and 14% to resource ministries. 84% were for Australian projects (overseas projects included 6 with global impact, 4 in Asia, 4 in NZ, 5 in Africa, 1 in UK).

Our heavenly Father is reaching out to people all over the world: His message of love, forgiveness and holiness is getting clearer - individuals are accepting Jesus, experiencing the "abundant life" He intended and settling into and growing in churches.

We sincerely thank those donors who have continued to support Genesis.

I thank our Board and Committee members who volunteer their time. A special thank you to Tara Carr, our Manager Grants and Lisa Wong, our Administrator who have been a great help in the smooth operations of the Foundations.

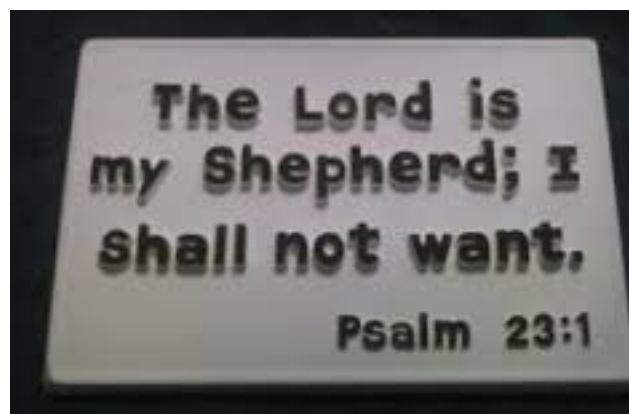
David R Smith  
Chairman

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**Some groups that Genesis currently supports:**

Category	Some recipients in 2017/8
Church development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Various plants in Aust/NZ</li> <li>- Geneva Push</li> <li>- Overseas Council</li> </ul>
Youth ministry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- School Chaplain providers</li> <li>- School Scripture teaching</li> <li>- CRU (Crusader Union)</li> <li>- Logosdor</li> <li>- YFC Aust</li> <li>- RedFrogs</li> </ul>
Christian Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Christian Media &amp; Arts Aust</li> <li>- NSW Regional Hub</li> <li>- Various growing radio stations</li> </ul>
Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry Training Scheme</li> <li>- Arrow Leadership</li> <li>- Christian Ministries Advancement (CMA)</li> </ul>
Evangelism & Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Billy Graham Evangelistic Assoc Aust</li> <li>- City Bible Forum</li> <li>- AFES</li> <li>- Navigators</li> <li>- Military Christian Fellowship</li> </ul>
Community & sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PeaceWise</li> <li>- Focus on the Family</li> <li>- Sports Chaplains Australia/NZ</li> <li>- Extreme Sports</li> </ul>
Global Ministries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- African Enterprise</li> <li>- GAFCON</li> <li>- YFCI</li> <li>- Christian Surfers International</li> </ul>



## Grant Process Report

Our grant application process involves 2 stages – first a brief online “Preliminary Enquiry” (PE), which we ask to be brief to minimise the speculative work by ministries. If we sense it is possible that the proposal will meet our criteria, then the enquirer is invited to make a more substantial “Grant Submission” for consideration by our Board. This year we received 142 PEs (excluding unknown overseas sources), 55 (37% of PEs) were invited to full grant Submission and 48 grants (87% of Submissions) were approved at our 2 Board meetings.

We are in the process of revising our website which will introduce the facility to submit the PE form online.

Our Church Plant Committee considers Church plant submissions – in November 2017, out of 27 PEs, 19 were invited to make a Submission and the Board approved 14.

## Grant Categories

We have target ranges for giving which we monitor retrospectively:

Category	Target range	Actual in 2016/7
Church development	10-25%	18%
Youth work	10-30%	26%
Evangelism	5-15%	6%
Christian Media	15-30%	19%
Resources	0-15%	14%
Social work	0-10%	2%
Leader centred ministry	0-5%	4%
Other Ministries	0-15%	11%

Geographic spread:

Sydney	20-40%	21%
Australia (outside Sydney)	30-50%	63%
Global	15-30%	17%

## Kalgoorlie Mission



Will Graham, grandson of Billy Graham, spoke at the recent weekend of mission in Kalgoorlie, a town of about 30,000. The attendance over the various events was nearly 6,000 – 20% is an unusually high ratio. There were 550 individual responses, with about half those accepting Jesus for the first time. The video cast was watched by over 16,000 viewers.

The churches of Kalgoorlie united together in months of preparation and now in the follow up of each individual who responded. The local churches funded the mission with assistance from Genesis.

## School Chaplain funding

The Federal Government Budget declared that school chaplains should be a permanent feature in public schools and provided an extra \$247million for funding for the next 4 years.

About 3,000 schools (out of about 10,000) have signed up for the program, which provides up to \$20,000 a year for schools in metro areas to employ a chaplain, and up to \$24,000 a year for those in regional areas.

The NSW Government gave a grant for school chaplains under the “Student Wellbeing Support Program”. Under the grant, the Government will provide the school \$7,000pa for 3 years to each school that provides \$7,000 from its own budget and raises \$7,000 from the community (total \$21,000 to provide a chaplain for 10 hours a week). If all schools took up the offer, 428 schools would benefit from having a chaplain on their campus. The chaplain must be employed by an approved school chaplaincy provider. The full potential of the grant will not be taken up this year due to the delays in sorting out the program, however it is estimated that 150-200 schools will benefit.

The school chaplaincy providers of NSW have formed PSCNSW, Public School Chaplains of NSW at the recommendation of Genesis. The peak body will liaise with the NSW Government and media on school chaplaincy in NSW.

Genesis has provided a grant for up to 70 NSW schools engaging a chaplain for the first time. The grant is the “community” component of the requirements for the first year: the lateness of the announcement and finalisation has meant that many schools could not mobilise their community support in time. Once the school and its community sees the benefit of their Chaplain, there will be convincing stories to raise funding in the second and subsequent years. The Genesis grant is available to the established (10 or more chaplains employed) members of the PSCNSW.

*“Do not worry then, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear for clothing?’ ‘For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ‘But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.’ Matt 6; 31-33*

## Sports Chaplaincy demand



There are now over 750 sports chaplains serving in sporting communities with requests for at least another 7,500! A critical incident occurs at a sporting club on average 15% of the time.

**Watch this powerful case study of Tim a sports chaplain at Heathmont Cricket Club – hear what motivates Tim and how the club members respond.**

[View 4 min video here](#)

### **Genesis Foundations Structures**

The Genesis Charitable Foundation is a foundation to which donations are tax deductible. Accordingly, the Australian Taxation Office requires that distributions from this foundation must only be to organisations that are also “Deductible Gift Recipients – item 1”. Genesis Charitable Foundation mainly supports youth and Christian media projects.

Genesis Life Foundation is a foundation to which donations are not tax deductible. The distributions from this foundation must be for organisations that are income tax exempt charities.

The trustee of both Foundations is the company Genesis Charitable Foundation.

**Thank You – your support is achieving great things!**

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