

Wilkins Public School P&C Association

Annual Report 2018



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Introduction

22 November 2018

This report summarises the Wilkins Public School Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C) activities in the 2018 school year. It outlines the P&C's achievements in fundraising, new developments, activities of sub-committees and ways in which the P&C has built relationships in the community and supported the school's teachers and executive.



The Role of the P&C

The role of the P&C is to assist the school in delivering the best possible educational experience for the students.

The *Education Act* 1990 states that P&C Associations are established to:

- Promote the interest of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation;
- Assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school and promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the school;
- Encourage parent and community participation in curriculum and other education issues in schools;
- Report, when requested by the Minister, on the material requirements of the school and advice on the subject of maintenance of the school, alterations and additions to school facilities and the selection of new sites;
- Assist and co-operate with teaching staff at public functions associated with the school;
- Be responsible for the election of parent representatives to any school council constituted at the school in consultation with the Principal of the school; and
- Assist in any other matters in which the Minister may seek the co-operation of the association.

All P&C members are volunteers. Any parent, carer, teacher or interested community member is welcome to join for a one-off annual fee of \$2.

Office Bearers

2018 Office Bearers	
President	Amanda Brown
Vice President	Brad Steyn
Vice President	Theona Bustos
Treasurer	Hugh Morrison
Assistant Treasurers	Susan Elias/Julie Landers
Deputy Treasurer (Profitability)	Emitt Mayson
Secretaries	Victoria Hiley/Sheridan Percival
Fair Day Coordinator	Veronica Mayson
Auditor	Matt Paull
Uniform Shop Coordinator	Holly Bisnette/Robyn Morrison
Wilkins Green	Chloe Wyatt
Wilkins Association for Visual Arts (WAVA)	Robyn Chiles
Wilkins Music Association (WMA)	Melita Jazbec

P&C Activities

Wilkins P&C is very fortunate to have a strongly supportive school community and many parents and carers who have assisted in running and supporting P&C events during the year, but also on a myriad of other ways during the year, including:

- Initiating and running a well attended parent forum on Cyber Safety, including working with one of our after school care providers, TASK, to provide childcare on the evening, and catering the evening;
- Running the uniform shop including ordering and stocking plus providing low cost, good quality uniforms to the school community. The uniform shop is open for half an hour on Tuesdays and Fridays;
- Moderating the Wilkins P&C facebook page and running facebook groups for each year to provide forums for informal questions and social events;
- Initiating Return and Earn bins provided by Citizen Blue to collect cans and bottles from the school community, improving our awareness of recycling and raising money for the P&C;
- Working with local real estate agent, Cobden and Hayson to provide a sponsorship agreement for Wilkins Green for two years, sponsorship of the sausage sizzle at Fair Day and an ongoing agreement to work with the P&C for any house sales referred by the Wilkins Community;
- Administering the hire and repair of musical instruments to the school community, and funding additional musical instruments – this year approximately \$3,500 of instruments were purchased to be hired to students;
- Running the Wilkins Green Community Garden through managing our Garden Coordinator, contributing through working bees and harvest sales;
- Built relationships with the wider Inner West Schools Community through participation in the Inner West P&Cs facebook group, and lending our equipment to other local public schools.

P&C members and the wider community also contributed their time to a supporting school activities during the year by way of:

- Parent representatives on staff interview panels;
- Parent representatives on panels for selection of a canteen operator, selection of a social worker, and selection of a garden coordinator;
- Co-ordinating the provision of Ethics as an alternative to Special Religious Education and teaching Ethics on a weekly basis;
- Working with teachers during training days on the use of ceramics and art techniques;
- Assisting at swimming, athletics and cross country sport carnivals and on school excursions;
- Classroom support by assisting with reading, mathematics, art or music;
- Presenting at Kindy and Opportunity Class orientation days;
- Supporting students in 13 music ensembles including performances at the Sydney Town Hall, Opera House, local fairs and fetes.

Resources for the school

Our P&C continues to make an enormous contribution to the school through the work of our volunteer parents and carers and financially through fundraising.

During the year, we completed our funding of air-conditioning the remaining classrooms downstairs. The P&C funded a thermal study a few years ago, with the third party finding that the temperature of our classrooms is 3 degrees above ambient temperature (i.e. 36 degrees on a 33 degree day) and due to the design of our buildings, does not cool down overnight. A recent study (*“Cool Schools” by Western Sydney University, 2018*) found that learning outcomes for children decrease by about two per cent for each one-and-a-half degree increase in temperature and that children are more vulnerable to heat stress than adults due to their higher metabolic activity. The reverse cycle air-conditioning also means that teachers no longer need to use the aging gas heaters in winter. All classrooms have now had air-conditioning installed, funded by the P&C.

This year, P&C also funded painting of 5 of the 7 oldest bathrooms around the school. This was a funding request received through the Student Representative Council and the School Executive. The age of the bathrooms (built in 1980), leaking cisterns, exposed pipework and untiled brickwork was making students reluctant to use the bathrooms. Very positive feedback has been received from students.

To 30 September 2018, we funded:

- Air-conditioning (\$27,000);
- Painting of the toilets (\$11,920);
- Musical instruments (\$3,137);
- Joint funding for a social worker for school (\$7,000); and
- Garden Coordinator (\$10,000).

Our plans for future funding include air-conditioning the hall and upgrading the “wet areas” outside our permanent classrooms to be future focussed spaces with flexible furniture options so these can be adapted for multiple purposes.

We applied for a Community Building Partnerships Grant from our NSW Member of Parliament, Jo Haylen, and we were told we were successful in November 2018. This funding will be spent on a much needed upgrade of the hall sound equipment.

Wilkins P&C 2018

Events

Wilkins P&C has a strong tradition of running amazing events, bringing members of our school community and the wider Marrickville community together. P&C events for 2018 included the following, run by the parent listed:

- Tea and tissues – Spencer McDonald
- Welcome BBQ for kindy parents, hosted by Year 1 parents – Veronica Mayson
- Mother's Day Stall – Susan Elias/Amanda Brown
- Henson Park Day – Brad Steyn
- Walkathon – Holly Bisnette/Kirriily Druery
- Winter Music Recital – Melita Jazbec
- Father's Day Breakfast – Theona Bustos
- Fair Day – Veronica Mayson
- Year 6 Halloween Disco – Thuy Doan-Smith
- Ensembles Night – Melita Jazbec
- Festive Markets – Veronica Mayson
- Ongoing Wilkins Green Harvest Wheelbarrows and working bees down at the Green – Wilkins Green Committee



Communication

Communications have been an area of significant focus for the past year. P&C news has been produced weekly this year and inserted into the Wilkins Weekly – meaning that parents are able to obtain all school related information in one document. More recently, changes to the format of the school newsletter have made this even easier to read.

In response to parent feedback, an annual P&C calendar was published at the commencement of the year detailing each event and the proposed date. While a few events required amendments during the year (due to weather, or conflicting with other school events), this has been positively received and parents have been able to plan further in advance around their other commitments.

We will endeavour to continue these initiatives in 2019.

We also have a dedicated team of moderators who run our P&C facebook page providing reminders and information to our parent community. We have 680 followers of our facebook page. Our moderators are led by Naomi Burn, and include Melita Jazbec, Rachel Ayre, Ruth Corris, Phuc Bui, Marion Turner, plus support provided by Veronica Mayson, Nikki Pitkethley, Theona Bustos and Kirrily Druery. Thank you to all the moderators for your dedication in keeping us informed!

For the last few years we have had a Fair Day facebook page, where we provide call outs to local businesses who donate and information about the event. This was shared on many local facebook groups to advertise the Fair. This year we also had a dedicated web-page run and designed by Emitt Mayson, and it was an effective addition to our facebook posts and print material. All ride tickets were sold through the web-page and we had great engagement through the page. The facebook pages and web page have now been shuttered until our next Fair Day in 2020.



Treasurer's Report



Treasurer's Report

Revenues for the year grossed \$245,000 and included income from fundraising activities, external grants received, donations, instrument hire, produce sales, uniform shop takings and fee generating program activities in the Green.

After accounting for expenses including grants made to the school during the year the P&C had a net profit of \$74,400.

Monies on deposit at the Bank closed the year at \$171,981 and will be available for funding future grants and commitments to the school.

Fundraising

Wilkins parents, students and school community together raised \$151,584 during the year. The 2018 Fair Day held in September was a great success raising \$101,600 in revenue and producing a net profit of \$72,898 after costs. The annual Walkathon fundraiser held in Term 2 raised \$14,924 and produced a net profit of \$14,108 after costs. The Mother's Day fundraiser in May produced revenue from stall sales of \$3,712 and a net profit after costs of \$3,279. A BBQ breakfast held before Father's Day in September raised \$1,516 with a net profit of \$1,149 after costs. The Xmas market held in December 2017 provided revenue of \$8,833 and net profit of \$4,937 after costs. Other fundraising activities held in conjunction with Kindy orientation, Cyber Safety Information night, Newtown Jets opening home game, Wilkins Music Winter Recital collectively raised \$8,266 and produced net profit of \$7,047.

Grants

Wilkins P&C received a \$7,000 grant from a generous donor towards the Green Sustainability Officer position (\$3,500 each year for FY19 and FY20).

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop had sales during the year of \$60,545 and spent \$35,513 on uniforms and other items for sale in the uniform shop, resulting in overall profit to the P&C of \$25,032. As the uniform shop aims to keep prices low, purchases are marked up by only around 15%. The additional profit this year (15% is around \$10,000) is due to planned reduction in stock levels which had built up over previous years, and keeping fewer stock items on the shelves.

Wilkins Music

We took \$4,075 in musical instrument hire fees and to date have spent \$2,078 on instrument repairs. The intention is that the hire programme is self-supporting and need not be subsidised by other P&C initiatives (i.e. expenses incurred will not exceed hire fees). The P&C did provide a grant of \$3,138 during the year for the purchase of new musical instruments.

Wilkins Green

The Green raised a total \$26,540 which included program activities income of \$17,331 for the Guardians of the Green program (note: payments to the educators also goes through the P&C), \$1,304 from sales of produce, \$7,000 as a grant toward the Green Sustainability Officer position (\$3,500 each year for FY19 and FY 20) and sundry income \$65. Total costs incurred of \$17,771 (against FY 18 revenues excluding the grant) produced a net operating result of \$1,769. Wilkins P&C also contributed \$10,000 to the costs for the part time Garden Co-ordinator, the school funded the difference.

Treasurer's Report

Summary of School Support

P&C provided \$60,758 to the school during 2018 as detailed in the *Resources to the School* section.

Available Funds for 2018/19

At year end (30 September 2018), the bank balance was \$171,981. The P&C has identified the upgrade to air-conditioning in the school hall as a priority for Term 4, 2018. Indicative cost estimates are in the order of \$40,000.

Remaining funds will be allocated to school programmes and events as identified, prioritized and approved.

Conclusion

The accounts of the Wilkins Public School P&C Association to 30 September 2018 have been audited by Matthew Paull, parent and Chartered Accountant, and a copy of this report is attached and will be tabled at the AGM on 20 November 2018. On behalf of the P&C, I'd like to thank Matt for performing this role.

I'd also like to thank all the members of the P&C for your support throughout the year. A special thank you to Amanda for helping with overall planning and effecting payments, Veronica Mayson for much effort associated with Fair Day finances, the P&C Assistant Treasurers, Susan Elias for the hours counting and banking and Emmitt Mayson for deputising – thank you for all your time; and to the school front office – Belinda, Susan and Lynette and Veronica – thank you for your support of P&C activities.

Hugh Morrison
P&C Treasurer



Wilkins Green



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a pathway to learning





Environmental Education

The Wilkins Green Committee remains committed to the provision of an outdoor classroom with nature-based learning opportunities, for the benefit of Wilkins students and the local community.

The Environmental Education Program

The program ran successfully again in 2018 with additional administrative support from the Wilkins Green Officer. Each student enjoyed 1 hour per week for 7 weeks on a Wednesday or Thursday. Funding of the program was almost entirely covered this year by a significant increase in the number of families paying the Garden Levy with their school fees. Clearer information about the Levy and the Program was distributed through various communication channels. Special thanks also to Cobden & Haysen for their sponsorship of \$1,250 to the program.

Term One	no program delivered
Term Two	Stage 1: Schoolyard Safari, Features of Living Things. Stage 3: Adaptations of Living Things
Term Three	Stage 2: The Earth's Environment.
Term Four	Kindergarten: Paddock to Plate

Keen After-School Programs

Guardians of the Green continued all year on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Art in the Green continued all year on Tuesday afternoons. These three after-school programs donate 10% of their fees to the P&C each term.

Wilkins Green Officer

At the start of Term 1 the new Wilkins Green Officer, Sierra Glasson, commenced one day per week. After a great start in the role she was offered a full-time teaching position, so Helen Kosac was employed in the role at the start of term 2. Sierra and Helen have achieved many successful outcomes which include but are not limited to:

- Establishing a Duke of Edinburgh volunteer program in bush-care with Marrickville, Dulwich Hill and Tempe high schools. High school students will continue volunteering in site care and maintenance in one afternoon a week in 2019
- Hosting a Primary Teachers training day in Wilkins Green, in which 3 Wilkins staff members participated
- Establishing paperwork and administrative procedures for external educators delivering the Environmental Education program
- Establishing a program for learning support staff to enable students on ELPs to work outdoors on focused sensory projects to assist with behavioural management
- Reinstating the lunchtime Green Team for all student wishing to extend their environmental education and participate in extra projects.

The Officer position has proved invaluable in strengthening the smooth running of all aspects of Environmental Education at Wilkins. The faculty are supported and supportive, the students have increased opportunities to be in The Green and the sub-committee have greater capacity to focus on site maintenance, fund-raising and building community relationships.

The value of this role was recognised by Wilkins family whose local business 'Australian Enviro Services' made a significant financial donation to assist with the employment costs for this position.

Helen Kosac has regularly attended the Inner West Sustainable Schools Network meetings, to build relationships with other schools in the area.



TASK continue to care for the chickens one morning per week and collect the eggs to sell, as well as maintaining two garden beds. Globe Pre-School continue to maintain two healthy garden beds and feed the chickens two mornings a week.

Projects

The Compost Toilet

The toilet has been successfully opened, used and maintained throughout the year. The Canterbury Hurlstone Park community grant was fully acquitted. The committee acknowledges and extends huge thanks and recognition to Tracy Graham who has spent countless hours delivering and managing this huge project. The remaining grant funds will be used to make and install educational signage about the compost toilet.

The Compost Collective – Wilkins Waste Warriors

Thanks to the enormous efforts of Lucy Sharman, Wilkins Green has successfully introduced a composting program at Wilkins. A number of families, classrooms and the canteen are collecting compost and delivering it to bins set up throughout The Green. We have diverted 3 tonnes from landfill this year so far.

Promotional Videos

As an extension of the Compost Project, Lucy Sharman was able to secure over \$10,000 from LendLease to make 3 promotional and informational videos about Wilkins Green and about composting. The can be viewed on the Wilkins Green You Tube Channel here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAB0qdZL0SErjPs4ZEz5WUg>

Outgoings		Income		
Maintenance & Consumables	\$813	Wheelbarrow & Egg sales	\$1,048	
Insurance	\$120	Keen Programs	\$1,690	
Event costs	\$145			
Total	\$1,078	Total	\$2,738	Profit = \$1,660

Events

Monthly working bees were held on the last Saturday of the month from 2.30pm – 4.30pm. Monthly Wheelbarrow sales selling produce in the playground at 3pm on the last Friday of each month.

A National Tree Day planting event was held in July, with well over 100 native plants and bush tucker plants going into Walinga'naminina and along the ridge.

Wilkins Green ran a double stall at Fair Day with plant sales, competitions, information and a pedal power bike smoothie stall. An acoustic stage ran all day in The Green. Special thanks to Emma Toohey for her enormous efforts organising these stalls.

A team of bush care enthusiasts attended our Bushcare's Major Day Out in September, when extensive weeding in Walinga'naminina, helped the native plants from National Tree Day survive and thrive.

Finance

The committee extends thanks to Eliza Ludwig who took on the role of treasurer for The Green and has worked hard to track and manage our finances.

Current Committee

Chloe Wyatt, Tracy Graham, Tealia Scott, Emma Toohey, Lucy Sharman, Eliza Ludwig, Helen Kosac, Bonnie Laxton-Blinkhorn, Siobhan Drury, Sophie May, Kath Norris



Wilkins Music Association



Wilkins Music Association



WMA repertoire of Events has changed significantly this year. Nevertheless, our students still had opportunities to be enriched in music. Thank you to our teachers, ensemble conductors, tutors, support staff and members of the Wilkins community for facilitating opportunities in music for our students at Wilkins.

There was no exclusively designated music teacher at Wilkins this year. Instead music was taught to students as part of music, drama and dance.

Instrument Hire

The music Instrument Hire, managed by P&C, was run for three terms by a parent Volunteer, Trish Rebeiro. However, Trish was unable to continue due to personal commitments and the WMA is currently seeking a new volunteer (or shared volunteers) for the next year. The instrument hire program is valuable to students particularly with the expensive instruments and it generates a revenue which enables the purchase of new instruments. P&C hopes to maintain this affordable system and expand the number and range of instruments to hire in the coming years.

Ensembles

The 2018 ensembles at Wilkins were: *Senior Choir, Junior Choir, String Orchestra, Middle Strings, Beginner Strings, Concert Band, Training Band, Recorder Ensemble, and Rock Bands.*

We would like to thank the teachers and tutors who have given their time to lead an ensemble and enrich our school community with opportunity. The 2017 conductors were – Strings, Ms. Mee, Ms. Brownhill and Ms. Worthington. Recorders – Ms. Smythe and Ms. Nye. Senior Choir, Ms. Mee and Ms. Lehrhaft. Junior Choir – Ms. Yazbeck and Infant Choir – Ms. Smythe, Concert and Training Band- Ms Ryan, the Rock Bands Mr Archer. Our new coordinator Ms Smythe ensured all Music fees were paid.

We held our annual *Winter Recital* in May. This event provides an opportunity to students to perform on their own or in smaller group. There were more students interested in performing that we could accommodate due to time restraints. Winter Recital was this year accompanied by curries and was proven to be a huge success. The ensembles night, usually held in Term 3, has been scheduled for late November to allow our students to concentrate on performing at our biennial Fair Day.

The WMA provided support to the teachers with the logistics of running the events and also mentor interested students in the technical stage support.

Our ensembles still had many opportunities to perform this year. The Senior Choir students from years 5 and 6 recently performed at the Opera House for the Festival of Choral Music along with over 700 other students from across NSW. Junior Choir have been working very hard learning challenging repertoire all year.

They represented Wilkins in the NSW Arts Unit combined schools' junior choir at the Sydney Town Hall for the 2017 Primary Proms. The Strings and recorders have also had a great year performing at the Opera House in the Festival of Instrumental Music. Our Rock Bands have been very busy with Gigs around out local community including Marrickville Fair. Rock bands and choirs will also perform Christmas carols at the upcoming Twilight markets to celebrate the end of the year. Thank you to all tutors and conductors who have provided these opportunities.

Thank you

Thanks again to all the parents who have assisted the WMA over the year, coming to meetings and volunteering to assist with events. Your help is very much needed and appreciated. Finally, the WMA would like to acknowledge all the students who attend ensembles and for making the Music Program such an asset to the school and community.

With the music not featuring exclusively in the classes and limited opportunity for students across the whole school to perform, WMA would like to look into join productions with Drama and Dance at school for next year.

The WMA could not have run without the support of a core group of dedicated parents who help to create a well organised group dedicated to supporting music at Wilkins: Abigail Hatherley, Emma Foster, Michael Amendolia, Veronica Mayson, Amanda Brown and Patricia Rebeiro.

Melita Jazbec



Wilkins Association for the Visual Arts

Wilkins Association for Visual Arts



Wilkins Association for Visual Arts

Thank you once again to all WAVA Members & the Wilkins community for their contribution to enriching the Visual Arts of Wilkins Public School, we have continued to add creativity to our community and enhance the confidence in Art making workshops with all the teachers in an enrichment teacher training workshop focussed solely on art techniques.

The following projects & programs took place in 2018:

Teacher Development Art Workshops

Robyn Chiles and Jo Boag were invited to direct art making workshops with all the staff during the term 2 pupil free teacher development day. Over the course of the day, the teachers rotated through a range of art making techniques including, observational drawing and multiple mediums and approaches, ceramic science and pinch pot making, drawing leaves from the green that were then transferred onto tiles and painted with ceramic paint. The Tiles were then glazed and fired and will be installed in the teacher staff outdoor area as a reminder of their creativity skills and to enhance their communal environment.

2018 Public Schools Arts Festival - Addison Road Community Centre Organisation (ARCCO)

This year projects by Wilkins P.S class 5H (The Garden of Re-imagined Fairy tales, Paper Collage) was submitted & exhibited in the StirrUP Gallery Space as part of the 2018 Public Schools Arts Festival at the Addison Road Community Centre Organisation (ARCCO).

Students from over 16 public schools exhibited and performed for this annual Public Schools Arts Festival Event. Opened again this year by Anthony Albanese MP, joined by Mayor of Marrickville, Councillor Darcy Byrne, the opening event on Friday 3rd August saw close to 200 School Students, parents and teachers gathered to celebrate creativity in Public Schools. This year the Opening Night Program was extended to included performances on outdoor stages by the Marrickville High School Shakespeare Ensemble, the Marrickville High School Rock Band & both Wilkins P.S Rock Bands, 'Venemous' & 'Pugz with a Z'.



Wilkins Association for the Visual Arts

Fair Day

Once again the WAVA stall created a beautiful range of handmade ceramics tableware, ceramic garden birds and wearable jewellery, printed cards of the art from Art in the Green, bags made from fabric painted by the students, hand wrapped sketchbooks and tea towels of the birds of Wilkins playground made from the 2017 Trivia Night art. The stall made over \$1,800 which was a fantastic result of which we are very proud.

Adjoining the WAVA stall was an art making workshop run by parent Felicity William who also runs a TASK after school craft workshop at Wilkins. The Wilkins Dragon was created over the course of the day by students at the fair. Scales were individually decorated and glued onto the dragon making a shimmering coat of scales. Once his scales were finished, he was paraded through fair with a trail of music making children. It added a whimsical, delightful and joyful moment to the fair that brought many a smile to the faces of the thousands of people who attended.

Ceramics

Teachers have continued to embrace clay work in their classrooms and building their confidence in this medium through their own experimentation. High Potential Learners were taken through some more sophisticated clay techniques such as sgraffito and Japanese paper stencilling to create some high quality end results with Miss Lehrhaft.

The resource was also once again shared with Arncliffe Public School as they work toward getting their own kiln up and running in the School.



Art In The Green (with Robyn Chiles)

Art In The Green was run as part of the Wilkins P&C KEEN programs in Term 1, 2, 3 & 4 with students using the Wilkins Green as inspiration for their exploration, experimentation & creation of artworks in various media including drawing, water colour painting, printmaking & ceramics. Students this year painted a beautiful splashback of plants and leaves from the green. The splashback sits on the newly completed compost toilet shed, permanently installed. Students also created & constructed a 3D 'map/model' of the Wilkins Green which was displayed at the Wilkins Green stall on Fair Day.

2018 Year 6 Local Creatures Project

The departing gift from Year 6 2018, has begun with 120 students creating beautiful ceramic sculptures of birds, lizards, and insects that they have been studying in stem Looking at the creatures on their own playgrounds and backyards, the students spent an afternoon enjoying the clay making process, creating beautiful works with intricate detail and observation. In week 8 the students will paint the sculptures and we hope to have them installed for the final week of school. The sculptures will be added to the butterflies that fly down from the kindy block to the Year 6 Block. The plan for next year's mural is the add a garden of green leaves and flowers to the mural for the creatures to live amongst.

Thanks to all from the Wilkins community who have volunteered and assisted with WAVA projects over the year. Every minute and contribution is greatly appreciated.

WAVA Committee 2018

Robyn Chiles, Joanne Boag, Susie Redfern, Felicity Williams, Liz McKay, Imogen Rowe



Conclusion

Our community working together

Wilkins P&C has had a very successful year – parents and carers have worked very effectively with the School Executive, teachers, learning support officers, community members, and local businesses to deliver incredible opportunities for our children and to build our reputation in the community. We have had our most successful fair day ever, raising \$72,500 with the support of the Inner West Community and we are able to enrich our student's experience at primary school through funding hall upgrades and harnessing the latest learning methods for our “wet areas” outside our permanent classrooms.

Every three years the school undertakes an external validation – initially a self assessment and then an external evaluation team reviews the document. One of the 14 areas assessed is “Community” and both the self assessment by the school and the independent assessment by the evaluation team rated the relationship we have as outstanding – the highest rating. This speaks to the quality of interactions – at P&C meetings, events, in classrooms, working together for the benefit of our children. I would like to thank Sheila Bollard for the support for P&C activities (some wildly ambitious and slightly disruptive!) and for our open communication and responsiveness to our requests (for example, the Cyber Safety talks). Thank you!

Thank you to departing parents

A very big thank you to long standing P&C members who are leaving the school this year and who have generously donated their time and skills over the years.

Jo Boag has performed executive roles for both the Wilkins Music Association and the Wilkins Association for Visual Arts. She has made a huge difference to our school community – including obtaining grants to fund the kiln, the composting toilet and various murals and artworks around the school; she

organised the music extravaganzas for many years, managed the entertainment at Fair Day for many years and has spent hours of time with students producing amazing artwork. Her talent, time, energy and passion for improving the experience of Wilkins students is unparalleled and will be greatly missed.

Tanya (Tarn) Ljubic was on the founding committee of WAVA, and helped set up WAMPA, co-coordinated Fair Day in 2012 and has spent many hours assisting classes prepare for art exhibitions, trivia nights and assisting teachers in the classroom with curriculum-based teaching.

Toni Leeman has been generous with her time and effort in managing the Green during 2016 and also trained as an Ethics teacher when the program launched at Wilkins.

Victoria Hiley joined P&C when her son commenced in the Opportunity Class in 2017. Throwing herself in at the deep-end as Secretary meant Victoria had a good understanding of WPS very quickly and her efforts in volunteering have greatly contributed to our successful P&C.

Robyn Morrison has jointly run the Uniform Shop this year and has been a volunteer at the Uniform Shop for many years. She has been a strong supporter of Wilkins P&C throughout her time as a Wilkins parent through other events such as Mother's Day and Fair Day.

Whilst neither have been part of the P&C executive Dare Kavanagh and Lucy Sharman will also be very greatly missed from our school community. Dare has taught Ethics for many years & has always crafted her heart out for Fair Day and Lucy has provided her sustainability expertise to the Green and composting projects around the school.

Thank you to all departing parents this year who have volunteered and contributed to our school community over the time you've been with us!

Conclusion

Thank you

I would also like to personally thank everyone who has helped out this year - we have a full schedule of events and we couldn't do it without you! Thank you to everyone who ran events, turned a sausage, managed the stage, baked a cake, ran a stall, helped in a classroom, or attended a P&C meeting. Every hour of your time inspires our children, encourages our teachers and makes our community.

A very special thank you to the P&C Executive – Hugh, Brad, Theona, Susan, Emmitt, Julie, Victoria and Sheridan for the hours of work you've put in this year. You have been an amazing team and I have valued your support.

Thank you also to the sub-committee teams Jo Boag and Robyn Morrison, Melita Jazbec and Abigail Hatherley, Chloe Wyatt and Emma Toohey. Your passion for art, music and the Green has been inspirational.

A huge thank you to Holly Bisnette for running the uniform shop for a number of years and who is passing on the mantle next year – thank you for all your efforts in coordinating volunteers, ordering stock, implementing new software and managing suppliers – you have been amazing!

I would also like to thank the incredible Veronica Mayson for her tireless energy for fair day 2018. Veronica ran both the fair day committee and organised the fabulous entertainment line-up plus obtained donations and sponsorships from many local businesses. In addition to her fair day role, Veronica has run other events, organised sharing of resources with other P&Cs, assisted with mundane P&C tasks – like cleaning out the storeroom – advocated for Wilkins Public School in the community and been a rock solid sounding board for me. Thank you!

Thank you also to the amazing, experienced P&C volunteer Nikki Pitkethley for all the advice and help during the year!

Amanda Brown

President

