#### Our Mission

The mission of Dress for Success Sydney is to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and career development tools to help women thrive in work and life.

By 2021 Dress for Success Sydney aims to be the leading organisation in Australia for the empowerment of women through employability services.

We have supported more than 14,000 women across New South Wales to get back on their feet and get back into the workforce.



# Annual Report 2018

Our changing rooms change lives.

### **CEO** message

It was an exciting year that saw us expanding our reach across New South Wales with the launch of our Illawarra Showroom operation. This was the first step in achieving our goal of being the leading organisation in Australia for the empowerment of women through employment services.

We also entered into a feasibility study to gauge whether there was sufficient demand to expand our services with a face-to-face operation in Newcastle. Although our Pack & Send service meets the needs of regional and rural clients, these clients face specific challenges in entering employment. The potential of a new branch in Newcastle is an opportunity to extend our work and help address these needs in a meaningful way in the future.

None of this would be possible without a secure financial base and framework in order to support the growing need for our service across the state. With limited government funding, we are reliant on the fundraising activities we undertake and the immense hard work and passion of our committed staff and volunteers.

The results of that dedication showed in the fantastic results from fundraising sales and our Empower Hour campaign. Income from Bubbles and Bargains rose 33% from 2017, and the second year of Empower Hour raised over \$100,000. Thank you to the generosity of all our supporters and corporate partners. All this income goes back into our programs, both in dressing and career support, to ensure we are delivering the best outcomes for our clients. This is highlighted when we measure our impact: 98% of clients state that they feel empowered to achieve their employment goals, and 99% of clients feel more confident and prepared when attending a job interview or starting a new job.

I am once again left in awe by our volunteers and the dedication and commitment they bring to the organisation. It is a privilege working with the volunteers and hardworking Dress for Success Sydney team in achieving real outcomes for the women who walk through our doors. I look forward to seeing what we can achieve together in terms of social impact and lasting change for women in our community.

Ursula McGeown Chief Executive Officer.



## Volunteers help make it happen.





% of hours donated

34% dressing service

6% shadowing stylists

28% stock control and management

8% administration support

5% bubbles and bargains merchandising

15% corporate volunteering

4% Pack and Send



We worked with **414** Referral Agency partners

empower hour
\$103k
raised nationally



Empower Hour is a Dress for Success Sydney created campaign, adopted by other affiliates.

#### We help women believe in themselves.

## 2018 Highlights



Garage Sale income





Sydney Bubbles income \$160k



Illawarra Bubbles income \$28k



Illawarra Showroom Launch



"Dress for Success Sydney transformed my life. Having a job is everything. Having the recourse to help my children and to have my own self confidence back, has truly been life changing."

Former client & Dress for Success Sydney Advocate, Emilia.

#### **Financials**

#### Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

For the year ended 30 June 2018

	2018	2017
Income	\$	\$
Auction	5,792	4,768
Donations	343,845	209,299
Fundraising events	386,601	290,229
Grants	251,577	255,874
Markets/Sale of goods	31,455	19,010
Referral agency	30,550	21,950
Interest income	10,569	8,118
	1,060 ,389	809,248
Accounting	945	738
Advertising and marketing	2,424	4,496
Affiliates receipts	74,909	3,706
Client expenses	7,459	17,225
Depreciation	1,565	930
Fundraising Expenses	69,638	37,885
General expenses	34,735	36,420
Insurance	15,675	20,162
Postage and stationery	1,815	7,202
Rent and utilities	90,704	79,899
Postage and stationery	17,386	12,886
Software, internet and telephone	16,056	19,583
Staff training	11,836	9,847
Storage	12,097	4,260
Subscriptions	8,686	6,641
Superannuation	49,982	43,192
Travel	972	410
Volunteer Expenses	2,101	2,229
Wages and Salaries	548,848	465,810
	<u>967,833</u>	773,521
Net profit for the year	92,556	35,727

#### **Statement of financial position** For the year ended 30 June 2018



## **Our Impact**

**98%** of clients state they feel empowered to achieve their employment goals



**99%** of clients state they feel more confident and prepared, ready for their job interview or new job

99% of our clients said they would refer a friend









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