

### \$139.8m -> \$19.6m 2017-18 2020-21

# Government support dives, burdening charities As the pandemic bites deeper our Federal Goverment

makes it much worse for asylum seekers, slashing support by some 86% within just four years. This, and the projected ending of the state government's

emergency funding, threatens to overwhelm charities and not-for-profits. With COVID-19 destroying the jobs and threatening the

security of our clients, many of the most vulnerable among us now face insurmountable challenges.

86% of aid withdrawn

## Government

squeezes hard

Federal



asylum seekers

on lives

and hopes of

#### assisting 167 clients last financial year. This largesse has also enabled us to extend monthly aid (on average)

to 75 people—including 19 children.

Hitherto your support has proved invaluable, with Bridge

Sadly, we must ask again—on behalf of those that can't.

Please donate here

Well written

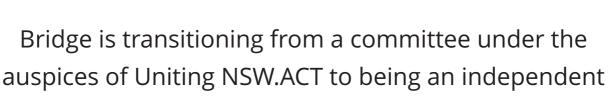
An excellent article by Robyn Read highlights the disturbing

decline in asylum seeker support from our government—

## from increasingly inhumane visas to life-threatening

cuts in financial support. Read it here: johnmenadue.com

**Our transition** 



association and registered charity. A combination of pro

bono assistance from lawyers Gilbert and Tobin, and lots of

work by our committee members will see a New Year's

launch of Bridge for Asylum Seekers Incorporated. The Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission has approved our application. Additionally, the Australian Taxation Office has endorsed Bridge for Charity Tax Concessions and as a Deductible Gift Recipient. This ensures receipt of donations and grants

can continue as previously.

Bridge bank account details as of January 1st, 2020:

Bridge For Asylum Seekers Incorporated BSB: 313140 • Account Number: 12297971 Donations made to the current Bridge account will be transferred to the new one until the beginning of February. Please click to visit our website for more information.

All donors please note: Donations received Donations received

All donations

over \$2 will be

tax deductible

**Banking details** 

up to December 31st

will be receipted

using Uniting's ABN

(i.e. as previously)

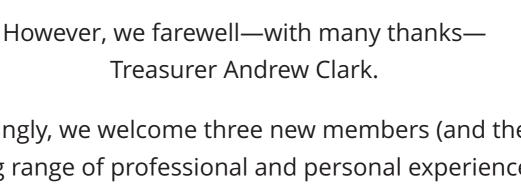
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**Our committee** As Bridge changes from an autonomous committee of Uniting NSW.ACT to an incorporated association, pleasingly Chair Janet Castle, Secretary Felicia Tesoriero and general

97.42% of every dollar you donate

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is received by asylum seekers—



after December 31st

will be receipted

under Bridge's new ABN (i.e. from hereon)

Treasurer Andrew Clark. Excitingly, we welcome three new members (and their strong range of professional and personal experiences):

Rebecca Ding, Bridge's new Treasurer. University-trained in

both accounting and law, Rebecca is expert at strategy at

an executive level and heads consultancy firm Diligent

Advisory. She has led teams at Qantas, NBN Co, and

NRMA—transforming them to deliver improved outcomes.

committee members Janice Thompson and Caroline

Mackie will continue their service.

Jack Collins, general committee member, is a property consultant well versed in volunteer-run organisations, with much knowledge of governing NFPs and grant application writing. Jack is Secretary of Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club, an NFP with \$1 million of assets.

Ruth Kestermann, general committee member, is CEO at

Holdsworth Community, an NFP (\$6 million p.a. income)

working with older people, those living with disabilities

and memory loss, families and carers. Ruth has been an

engineer in the UK, New Zealand, Kiribati and Australia, and is expert in organisational management.

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LOOKING TO ESCAPE PERSECUTION

NO JOB, NO HELP, NO HOPE

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