

2022

ANNUAL REPORT



MISSION, VISION, VALUES

Our vision is to create an inclusive society where all children and families reach their full potential.

We walk with families, amplify their voices and empower them with knowledge and connections to reach their full potential.



We have
a soul



We collaborate
and connect



We bring hope
and empower



We are for every
child and family



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Kalparrin acknowledges the Whadjuk Noongar people as the original custodians of the land on which we live and work.



Celebrating 35 years

It is with enormous pride that, this year, we celebrate 35 years of supporting Western Australian families raising children with disability and additional needs.

Kalparrin's origins lie in the vision and initiative of Margaret Cole, a clinical psychologist who recognised the isolation and often overwhelming demands on parents caring for children with disability and additional needs.

Observing women in the outpatients' waiting room, who were bringing their children to Princess Margaret Hospital for frequent medical and therapy appointments, Ms Cole began organising informal morning teas with the aim of providing mothers with connection and a forum through which to seek emotional support, advice, recommendations, discuss coping strategies and generally catch up.

As enthusiasm grew for these informal support groups, weekend breaks were organised, providing exhausted mothers with an opportunity to relax away from home, develop friendships and supportive networks.

As the number of families looking to connect and learn from the experiences of one another increased, it became clear that a more formal arrangement was needed. In 1987 a steering committee was formed to oversee the development of Kalparrin as an organisation and in 1989 Parents of Children with Disabilities, trading as Kalparrin, was incorporated.

With a dedicated space provided by Princess Margaret Hospital, the Kalparrin Centre was established in 1992 and officially opened in 1993 by **Professor Fiona Stanley AC** who became Kalparrin's founding Patron the following year.

The Kalparrin Centre quickly became an invaluable hub of information, support and service to families, provided by volunteers, who were themselves parents of children with disability and additional needs.

From these humble beginnings, Kalparrin has survived and thrived thanks to the foresight, compassion and immeasurable generosity of Margaret Cole and the band of parent volunteers and supporters who gave unstintingly of their time, their knowledge and experience.

Today, Kalparrin supports approximately 21,000 family members in Western Australia who comprise 5,620 families caring for 6,546 children with disability and additional needs. Kalparrin provides families with practical assistance, emotional support, connection to other families and help to find the most appropriate services and supports at any age, developmental stage or point of transition in their child's disability journey.

With 35 years of operation, Kalparrin is well-known and widely-respected by families and those that operate in the disability, health and education sectors. The organisation is valued and trusted and considered a vital link for families trying to find and connect with one another, navigate the complex world of disability and secure the support they need to help their children and their family thrive.



In 2020, Margaret Cole was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Health Sciences from Edith Cowan University for her lifetime of commitment to working with children, women, families and communities throughout Western Australia.

In her citation, Dr Cole credits Kalparrin mothers as a source of inspiration, who have “enriched her life immeasurably by their generosity, resilience and courage”.



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“I have watched as these women, out of necessity and commitment, develop doctoral-level core skills to support their children.”

“They demonstrate expertise in research, communication, leadership, project management, critical thinking, collaboration, and conflict resolution. Yet despite their constant challenges they give warmth, humour, sensitivity and support to others.”

DR MARGARET COLE, KALPARRIN FOUNDER

Speaking of her experiences with mothers on receiving an Honorary Doctorate from Edith Cowan University and induction into the WA Women's Hall of Fame in 2020.



Top
Dr Margaret Cole

Left
Barbara Scott OAM, Patron, 2011 to 2020
(left) and Professor Fiona Stanley AC,
Founding Patron, 1993 to 2011 (right).

Kalparrin through the years

THE EARLY YEARS

1980s

Early 80s

Thanks to the initiative of **Dr Margaret Cole**, Clinical Psychologist, mothers meet regularly for morning tea at Princess Margaret Hospital following their child's medical and therapy appointments.

Mid 80s

More parents join these informal gatherings and weekends away are organised for exhausted parents to connect and develop supportive networks.



1987

A Steering Committee is established to develop Kalparrin as a formal organisation with the purpose of helping more families in need of emotional and practical support.

1989

Parents of Children with Disabilities (Inc), trading as Kalparrin, is officially incorporated, later changing to Parents of Children with Special Needs Inc.

RESOURCE CENTRE OPENS

1990s

1992

The Kalparrin Resource Centre opens at Princess Margaret Hospital, with opening hours from 10am to 2pm, two days per week and staffed by volunteers from Kalparrin's Board.



1993

Professor Fiona Stanley AC becomes Kalparrin's Founding Patron.

FIRST

PAID
EMPLOYEES

1995

For the first time, Kalparrin is able to appoint and pay two part-time staff to support volunteers.

1995

Kalparrin introduces its first newsletter, 'Kalparrin Cares', providing member stories, helpful information and parent resources.

KALPARRIN GOES ONLINE

2000s

2000

Kalparrin launches its first website thanks to the fundraising efforts of a team of volunteers.

2004

New funding enables Kalparrin to support families through the first 18 months of their child's diagnosis and extend opening hours to five days per week.

2006

The Kalparrin Centre relocates to the Children's Rehabilitation Unit at Princess Margaret Hospital, resulting in a 70% increase in service provision.

50

WEEKEND
MOTHERS' CAMPS



2008

Kalparrin appoints its first paid, part-time Executive Officer and full-time Family Support Officer.



MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

2010 - 2022

2009

Grants from Lotterywest and Channel 7 Telethon Trust provide a new website, development of a membership database, improvements to Kalparrin's digital capability and increased activities and events for members.



2011

Professor Fiona Stanley AC steps down after 18 years as Kalparrin's Patron and **Barbara Scott OAM** takes over the helm.

2012

Member, Anita Peiris, helps launch Kalparrin's first members-only Facebook group, providing an invaluable hub for members to connect with others, share knowledge and experience.

2014

Kalparrin rebrands to the now familiar orange K and Kalparrin's weekly email is now distributed digitally as eNews.

2015

Kalparrin appoints its first, full-time General Manager.

4,000

VOLUNTEER HOURS

2016

Kalparrin Families Facebook Group becomes Western Australia's largest online peer support network with 2,000 members sharing a staggering 101,097 conversations.

10,000

KALPARRIN FAMILY MEMBERS

2017

The NDIS begins to roll out across Western Australia.

2018

Kalparrin relocates to Perth Children's Hospital and introduces its Next Steps program to support families following diagnosis and at key transition points.



2019

Kalparrin launches the Super Power Kids Project at the Awesome International Arts Festival, including a 200-page book and three-month photographic exhibition at the State Library.



2020

The COVID-19 pandemic sends all staff home to work and Kalparrin finds new ways to reach out, connect and deliver support to isolated families.

2020

Kalparrin takes up systemic advocacy roles with a number of government committees and advisory panels.

2022

A new and ambitious strategic plan will see Kalparrin broaden delivery of support and services and build a stronger advocacy voice for children and their families.

20,757

KALPARRIN FAMILY MEMBERS

Report from the Chair



It is remarkable to reflect how far Kalparrin has travelled and the challenges the organisation has overcome thanks to the tenacity and relentless determination of Kalparrin's early pioneers, unpaid for many years but who none-the-less agreed to take on the biggest and most worthy of missions with the smallest of resources.

This year has been a milestone year for Kalparrin in many ways. During the year, the Board undertook an ambitious strategic planning process which involved wide consultation with a range of stakeholder to understand the evolving needs of our members and our important place in the sector as a connector of families to services and supports.

Thank you to everyone who took part in this process. It gave us a solid basis to plan for our future, a future that will see us growing and transforming while still retaining the strong focus on families that sits at the core of what we do.

In November the Board signed off on our five-year strategic plan which included a refresh of our mission, vision, and values, outlined at the beginning of this Annual Report.

It also contains our plans to undergo digital transformation, which includes the development and installation of a new membership management system that will be integrated with a new website. This will give the organisation greater capacity to respond to the information needs of our members and the wider community.

Our strategic plan also details our intention to expand services to families through the development of a systemic advocacy arm. Consultation with our members during our strategic planning process very clearly told us that families were struggling with multiple, complex systems and parents and carers wanted help to create systemic change.

In a bold move, we will change our trading name from Kalparrin in 2023 to a new name that will reflect who we are

and what we bring to the world. Keep an eye out for this in the early part of next year.

With that in mind, I'd like to thank CEO, Carrie Clark, and her team for their tireless work during a difficult year, particularly with the additional challenges that COVID-19 presented for staff who continued to find innovative ways to deliver high quality support to families while simultaneously delivering complex, major projects.

Thank you also to our committed team of volunteers, all of whom are Kalparrin members and who, together with the rest of the Kalparrin community, continuously look out for the wellbeing of one another.

I would like to acknowledge my fellow directors and say farewell to Ben Berthon-Jones, Kim Flintoff and Belinda Honess and welcome new directors Nicole Butler and Cecilia Donovan who bring with them significant skills and lived experience.

Finally, sincere thanks to our long-term patrons, Sarah Flanagan and David Flanagan AM and to the Hon Donna Faragher MLC, Liberal Member for the East Metro Region, former Minister for Disability Services and a long-time advocate of organisations and initiatives that support children and young people across Western Australia.

Simon Corrigan
Chairperson
Kalparrin



**Sarah Flanagan and
David Flanagan AM**
Family Patrons

Hon Donna Faragher MLC
Patron



CEO's Report



It is with enormous humility that I thank everyone who has been involved with Kalparrin in one capacity or another over the years, many of whom have dug deep, at various times throughout the organisation's history, to find a way to ensure that not only did Kalparrin endure but thrived to become the strong and resilient community of families that it is today.

This has been another challenging but exciting year for Kalparrin. While COVID-19 continued to impact operations, particularly in respect to our Hospital Support Program, our resourceful Family Support team continued to embed innovative ways of working with families, including delivery of our individualised Next Steps support via phone and video call, further extending this invaluable, one-on-one support to families across Western Australia.

Kalparrin continued to build out our Peer Support Model, consulting with members and refining our programs. I am delighted to report that our online Connect & Learn Peer Support Program, introduced in 2020 to combat the isolation felt by families as a consequence of COVID-19, continued to be popular and well attended. During the year, Kalparrin launched a new online group and dedicated private Facebook group for families of children with rare and genetic diseases.

A suite of helpful information resources were developed, including an NDIS Workbook to help families prepare thoroughly for their child's NDIS Planning Conversation, a template for developing a Carer Impact Statement and a further NDIS resource to help families navigate their child's NDIS Plan once approved. A suite of COVID-19 Quick Guides were also developed, written specifically for children with disability and their families. These were distributed widely throughout our various online forums and platforms.

Kalparrin was involved in various systemic advocacy initiatives during the year, taking active roles with the Carers Advisory Council to the Minister (CACM) and Disability Access and Inclusion Committee (Child and Adolescent Health Service).

We also worked with a large number of organisations in the disability sector to keep members informed about disability-related, inclusive opportunities, events and activities, supporting both families and the sector as a whole.

Of particular note was the endorsement of a new five-year strategic plan. This ambitious plan will see development of new infrastructure to support our plans for growth. This includes a new member relationship management system and a new website. This digital transformation will extend our reach and change the way we work going forward.

As Kalparrin moves forward into the next financial year, we do so with clear direction, informed by the needs of our thousands of members. In addition to information support and connection with other families, our members have told us they need an effective voice to bring about change. Systemic advocacy will be a focus for us in the coming financial year.

At the end of another busy year, I would like to sincerely thank all the extraordinary individuals and organisations with whom we work. A particular thank you to Department of Communities, Child and Adolescent Health Service, Channel 7 Telethon Trust, Lotterywest, Stan Perron Charitable Trust, Disabled Children's Foundation Inc, our dedicated Board, our Patrons, Hon Donna Faragher MLC and Sarah Flanagan and David Flanagan AM and our incredibly committed staff and volunteers. We couldn't do it without you.

Carrie Clark
Chief Executive Officer
Kalparrin

Our impact

5,620

Families supported with 11 new families joining Kalparrin on average each week.

20,757

Total Kalparrin family members, representing 12% increase.

1,059

Families received one-on-one, individualised planning and support from an experienced Family Support Officer.

4,580

Members connected with one another online each week.

157

157 families joined an eight-week Connect & Learn parent support group with expert guest speakers.

500+

Free or low-cost inclusive activities, events and opportunities were offered to families.

2,200

Members were able to buy, sell, donate or exchange disability-related aids and equipment via Kalparrin's online platform.

375+

Disability-related organisations collaborated with Kalparrin to distribute valuable services and supports to members.

Meet Nate

Nate is a Kalparrin Super Power Kid. He's brave, a fighter and brings joy to everyone who meets him. According to his sisters, he's great at being happy, can survive on no sleep and will fearlessly try any new food!

When Nate's Mum, Kellie, was 20-weeks pregnant, she was given the news that fluid had accumulated in Nate's lungs. Referred to a specialist care team, Kellie underwent four separate procedures to have the fluid drained while Nate was still in the womb.

At birth, Nate was resuscitated and put on life support where he remained for the next two months. Diagnosed with Pulmonary Lymphangiectasia and Cerebral Palsy as a result of a series of strokes, it was also discovered that Nate had multiple missing vasculatures, obstructions within his heart and a build-up of fluid in his brain for which surgery was necessary.

During Nate's long hospital stay, Kellie connected with a member of Kalparrin's Family Support team who was able to offer a range of practical supports, including information and guidance to help Kellie and her husband, Dean, navigate the hospital, health and disability systems.

With family a number of hours away, Kalparrin also connected Kellie to other families with similar experiences to lessen her sense of isolation and to help her develop a supportive network. Regular Next Steps sessions were provided to assist with access to services and supports as Nate progressed through various milestones and points of transition.

After 260 days of endless tests, surgeries and trailing equipment, Nate proved himself to be a strong and resilient fighter and Kellie and Dean were finally able to take their son home.

Today, Nate is a strong and happy six-year old and big brother to a baby sibling. He consistently charms everyone around him, including his team of 11 medical specialists as he continues with ongoing intensive therapies and regular hospital appointments.





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“For us Kalparrin was a sanity saver. They offered a shoulder to cry on and support whenever it was needed. The ladies that work for Kalparrin have such an incredible depth of knowledge that helped guide us in this whole new world of having a sick and vulnerable child. They were able to advise us which services to access and how to get the most out of those services.

They have cheered, just as loud as us, every time Nate reached a milestone and got closer to making it home. I don't know where we would have been or how we would have got through that first 12 months without them.”

KELLIE, NATE'S MUM (2022)

Supporting almost 21,000 family members

Kalparrin supports Western Australian families caring for children with disability, developmental delay, autism, genetic, rare, undiagnosed and/or chronic conditions, aged between birth and 25 years. We provide practical assistance, emotional support, connection to other families and help to find the most appropriate services and supports.



Connecting parents and carers with their peers and to the services and supports they need.

Next Steps Program

Individualised, one-on-one support from a Family Support Officer, with lived experience, to help parents and carers get connected quickly to the supports and services they need.

Kalparrin supported an average of 90 families each month with tailored support and services during 2021/22.

Connect & Learn Peer Support Groups

Sessions run weekly during the school term and bring together small groups of parents and carers with children of similar ages, developmental stages or diagnoses. Sessions are run by experienced facilitators and expert guest speakers on topics of interest to the group.

Seven eight-week programs for 157 participants during 2021/22.

Kalparrin Families Online Peer Support Network

Western Australia's largest online peer support network. A private, judgement-free forum through which to connect with other families and tap into an eternal font of knowledge, insight, information and shared experiences. Where applicable, members can also join Kalparrin's High Medical Needs group or our Genetic, Rare and Undiagnosed Conditions group. A further group, Sell, Buy, Donate, enables members to source or sell disability-related aids and equipment directly to other families raising children with disability.

The Network operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is continuously moderated by Kalparrin's team of volunteer moderators.

Kalparrin Families grew to almost 4.6K members who posted 4.2K questions, received 44K comments and 52K reactions during 2021/22.

Hospital Support Program

Assistance for inpatients and outpatients at the Perth Children's Hospital, including ward visits, emergency care packs, next steps planning, connection to other families and warmth and understanding in the Kalparrin lounge, located in the Family Resource Centre.

COVID-19 caused disruption to inpatient support but normal operations resumed in April 2022.

Keeping the whole family connected

Kalparrin's weekly eNews keeps parents and carers informed about free or low-cost opportunities for the whole family. Delivered direct to members' inboxes, eNews ensures families are the first to hear about fun and inclusive family events, skill-building and therapy-based activities, parenting workshops, school holiday activities and much more.

500-plus inclusive opportunities and events delivered direct to members during 2021/22.



Empowering parents and carers with the knowledge and information they need to advocate effectively for their child and their family.



Seeking
a diagnosis



Advocating for
your child



National Disability
Insurance Scheme



Early childhood
intervention



Support
for carers



Education



Sibling
support



Puberty, adolescence
and beyond



Positive
behaviour
support



Recreation
and time out



Financial and
other support



Aids, equipment,
home and vehicle
modifications

Our unique Peer Support Model

Since 1987, Kalparrin has been a leading pioneer of the Peer Support Model to deliver critical support and services to parents and carers of children with disability and additional needs.

Peer work is a non-clinical, collaborative approach in which a person with lived experience is employed, (in either a voluntary or paid capacity), and trained to draw on their experience to support others, in similar circumstances, to move forward and make progress towards positive outcomes.

Kalparrin's highly invested and committed team of Family Support Officers all have lived experience and a personal understanding of the emotional load and challenges faced by parents and carers.

A combination of their lived experience, training and extensive knowledge of the health, disability, education and social systems in Australia enables them to deliver capacity-building programs and high quality, peer-reviewed resources that empower parents and carers with the knowledge they need to advocate effectively on behalf of their children.

Kalparrin's Peer Support Model is a key contributor to helping lower isolation and levels of stress, anxiety and depression felt by families while increasing coping skills, capacity and well-being.

Parent-to-Parent Peer Mentoring Program

During the course of the year, Kalparrin continued to build our volunteer Peer Mentoring Program. This one-on-one program aims to match an experienced Kalparrin parent (a mentor) to another parent who is seeking guidance from someone who is further along their child's disability journey. To support the program, Kalparrin:

- Appointed a dedicated Program Coordinator to develop and grow our Peer Mentor Program.
- Increased our mentor recruitment process.
- Developed new training materials for volunteer mentors.
- Produced a range of supporting resources, including a Peer Mentor Guide to support the program.





Improved support for volunteers

Kalparrin's Online Peer Support Network operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week and relies on the support of Kalparrin parents who volunteer their time to moderate the network and maintain a safe and respectful forum at all times.

To support the expansion of our online activities, Kalparrin appointed a Volunteer Coordinator, introduced a new on-boarding and training program, together with helpful resources to support the role of volunteer moderators.

New resources

During the year, Kalparrin was excited to unveil the second part of a series of helpful, step-by-step, peer-reviewed resources designed to assist parents and carers to navigate their way through the complex world of disability and the NDIS. The full suite of resources includes:

- First Steps: A guide for parents raising a child with a recent, or yet to be confirmed, diagnosis of disability, developmental delay, genetic, chronic medical and/or health condition
- Getting Started with the NDIS, Book 1
- Navigating your Child's NDIS Plan, Book 2

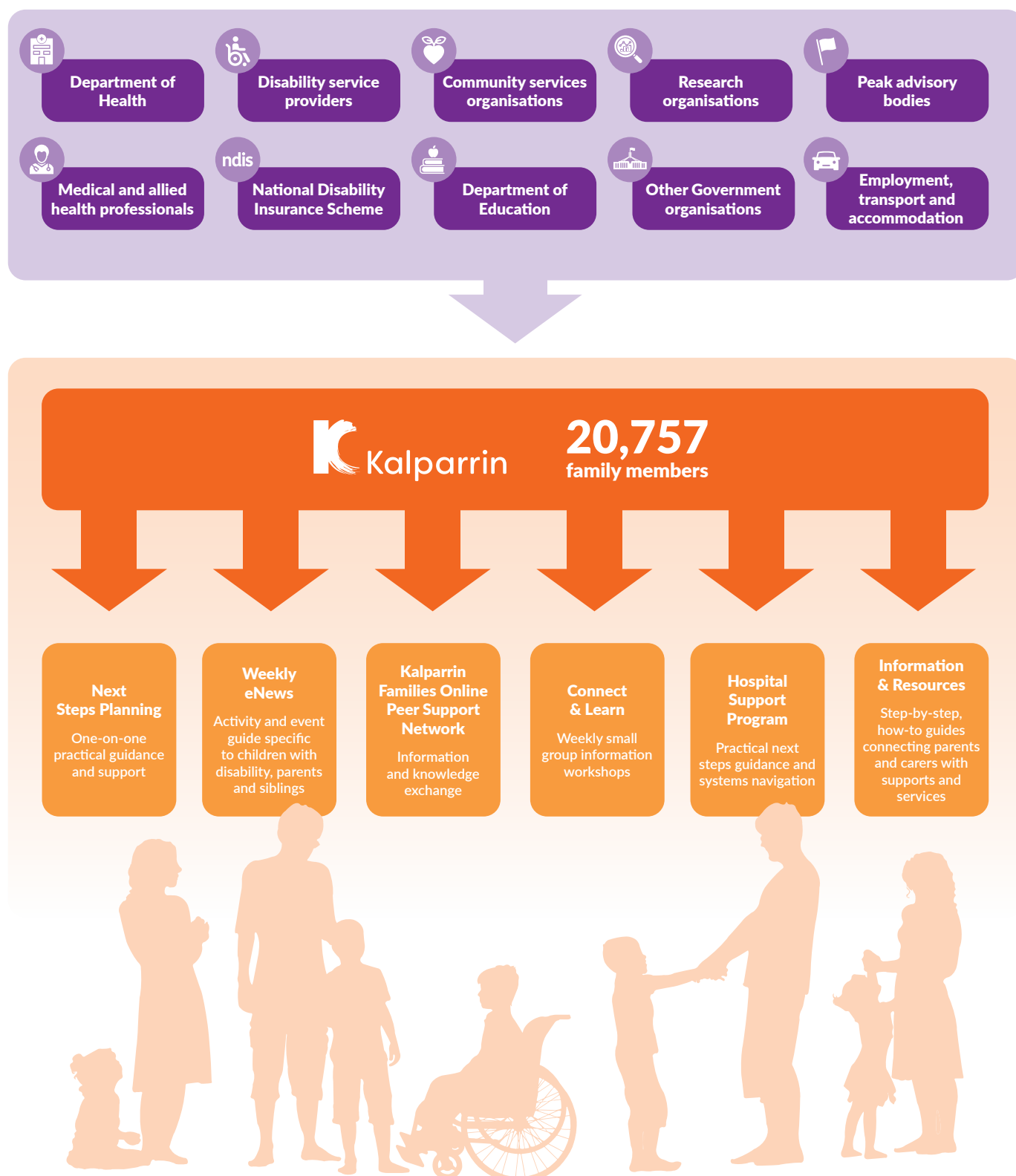
- NDIS Planning Workbook
- Template for Developing a Carer Statement
- Emergency Care Plan

Kalparrin also produced a series of succinct COVID-19 Quick Guides, specific to parents and carers of children with disability, including:

- Helplines and Emergency Contacts
- Preparing your home for COVID-19
- A Guide to COVID-19 Vaccination
- Preparing your Child for Vaccination
- Getting Tested for COVID-19
- Living with COVID-19
- Face Masks
- COVID-19 and the NDIS

Our support in the sector

Kalparrin works strategically and collaboratively with hundreds of organisations across Australia. We collect and collate important information, services, supports, activities, events and opportunities and disseminate this information direct to members via a mix of distribution methods and resources.





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“I find **loads of help** about what is happening around Perth through your newsletter so **keep up the good work** guys.”

”

“It is an **incredible, invaluable** resource for families in shock, dealing with disability for the first time and a place to gain some info when you know nothing about the disability world. **Thank you Kalparrin.**”

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“**I love Kalparrin.** I love knowing that I have that **support** and **information** available to me.

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“Just a **huge thanks**. It's great to have **support** all in one place.”

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“The Kalparrin FB group is **AMAZING!** I have gotten so much **help** and **support** from the people on there. Honestly **don't know what I'd do without it.**”

As quoted, Kalparrin Member Survey, 2020.



Looking to the future

An overarching objective of Kalparrin's future business strategy is to assist more families. We aim to achieve this by scaling parts of our business model, upgrading our infrastructure, leveraging technology and investing in our people to broaden delivery of practical support and amplifying the collective voice of our members across Western Australia and beyond.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

1

Rebrand

Kalparrin will rebrand to reach more families nationally. As there currently exists a number of unrelated organisations who share the name Kalparrin, we will rebrand to avoid confusion and facilitate discovery.

2

New infrastructure

A new Member Relationship Management platform and website is planned for development to better map and support the needs of children and their families as children grow and develop and their support needs change over time.

3

A louder, collective voice

We will further develop our systemic advocacy activity, working with government, communities and families to bring about positive change to social and institutional policy, legislation and the subsequent design of government systems that empower children and young people with disability to live as they choose in communities where they belong and feel valued.

4

Further embed our Peer Support Model

Kalparrin's workforce will expand and we will continue to recruit those with lived experience and leverage the knowledge and experiences of members to co-design and embed our Peer Support Model across all of our programs and resources.

5

Expand strategic collaboration and partnerships

We will continue to work with disability-related organisations across the sector to disseminate valuable information and increase our collective voice with government policy and decision-makers.



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

BUSINESS AS USUAL



Connect

Continue to build a strong and valued community for families, further embedding our unique Peer Support Model across the organisation and its programs.



Learn

Continue to provide families with the knowledge and information they need to understand, take control and successfully navigate their child's disability journey.

STRETCH AREAS



Be Heard

Become the collective voice of families on important issues and reforms with government decision-makers at State and Federal level.



Grow

Increase internal capacity to broaden our reach and impact in Western Australia and beyond.

Treasurer's Report



Sincere thanks to our long-term supporters, WA Department of Communities - Office of Disability, Department of Social Services, Child and Adolescent Health Service, Channel 7 Telethon Trust, Lotterywest, Stan Perron Charitable Trust, participants of our Partnership Program, the Disabled Children's Foundation Inc for their generous donation and numerous other donors who provided support to Kalparrin throughout the year.

This year, in alignment with our strategic plan, Kalparrin sought additional funding to increase our systemic advocacy activity within the sector. In March 2022, we were pleased to be awarded with a contract to deliver these services and look forward to launching this program in FY23.

Income for the year to 30 June 2022 was \$941,935.03 compared to \$756,741.29 in 2020/21, representing an increase in revenue of 24% predominantly as a result of new grant funding.

Total operating expenditure was \$899,760.66 in the period compared to \$658,172.03 in 2021, an increase of 37% due to increased staffing, expansion into new offices, located close to the Perth Children's Hospital, consultants' fees to support Kalparrin's growth and expansion plans and participation in disability expos and events.

Kalparrin finished the year, recording a net surplus of \$42,174.37.

As we move into the next financial year, Kalparrin will continue to actively explore new opportunities to diversify revenue streams to build greater financial sustainability and resilience into the future. This includes proactively applying for funding for projects that we believe will be of benefit to our members.

Dr Lana Weldon

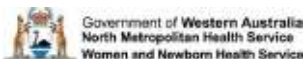
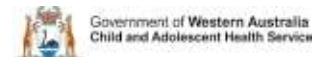
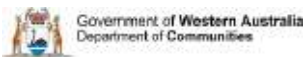
Treasurer

Kalparrin



Our thanks

We extend our sincere thanks to all the individuals and organisations that support the mission, vision and values of Kalparrin in many and varied ways. It is through this generous commitment that we are genuinely able to support and walk alongside families on what, at times, can be a challenging but ultimately rewarding journey.



Get involved

Implementing our strategic priorities requires secure funding and Kalparrin invites you to help us make a positive difference in the lives of families caring for children with disability and additional needs.

If you would like to talk about how you or your organisation can get involved with Kalparrin, please contact Carrie Clark, Chief Executive Officer, on **(08) 6456 0035** or by emailing **carrie.clark@health.wa.gov.au**



Donate

Your donation helps Kalparrin to deliver our Next Steps and In-Hospital Support programs, source and communicate low-cost, disability-specific opportunities, activities and events, develop information resources and provide staffing to deliver all of the above. If you would like to donate to Kalparrin, please visit our website kalparrin.org.au/donate.



Volunteer

Your time is precious - especially to us. If you'd like to get involved in supporting parents and carers or if you have lived experience and would like to share your knowledge with a parent just starting out on their child's disability journey, then we'd love for you to join our team.



Become a Corporate Partner

You can be specific about where financial support is directed including Next Steps planning, help in the hospital, sponsoring our weekly activity and event guide and more.



Introduce Workplace Giving

A program that enables employees to make small, regular donations each month from pre-tax dollars via company payroll.



Fundraise

Choose Kalparrin as the charity of choice for an individual or organisational fund-raising activity or challenge.



Donate and Celebrate

Donating in lieu of a birthday present or wedding gift is a wonderful way to celebrate a special occasion whilst supporting others.



Leave a Bequest

By leaving a gift in your Will, you can help families to access practical assistance, emotional support, connection to other families and find the most appropriate services and supports for their child.

Kalparrin has Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status so all donations over \$2 are tax deductible.



Our people

A committed and highly-invested team

PATRONS

Hon. Donna Faragher MLC

**Sarah Flanagan and
David Flanagan AM**

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Board Director

Belinda Honess
Board Director

Shawn Pearson
Vice Chair

Leanne Bridges
Board Director

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Board Director

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Family Support Officer

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Manager (P/T)

Simone Yandell
Operations Manager – WA

Katarzyna Clark
Family Support Officer (P/T)

Danica Christidis
Digital Communications Lead

Kerryn Harper
Office Manager (P/T)

Diane Keenan
Connect and Learn Coordinator
(P/T)

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Carrie Maher

Moira Honman Coady

Karla Murphy

Kate Cousins

Susan Hoskins

Amy Scott

Vanessa Edwards

Vicki Keeble

Janice Timms

Leticia Grant

Sylvia Molloy



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“As part of the team at Kalparrin, I get enormous satisfaction from helping families to implement and navigate their child’s NDIS Plan. If I can save parents a bit of stress, and probably a lot of frustration, then I’m pretty happy with my day.”

TERESA, KALPARRIN FAMILY SUPPORT OFFICER



Parents of Children with Special Needs Inc trading as Kalparrin.
ABN 20 440 047 551

Kalparrin

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15 Hospital Avenue, Nedlands WA 6009
C/- Child and Adolescent Health
Locked Bag 2010, Nedlands WA 6909

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