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Annual Report





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.

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Kiind acknowledges and pays respect to the past and present Traditional Custodians and Elders of this nation and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Report from the Chair



This year has been one of significant transition, growth and opportunity for Kiind.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to warmly welcome Helen Nys as Kiind's Chief Executive Officer. Helen has brought both strong leadership and lived experience to the role and is exceptionally well placed to lead the organisation into its next chapter. I would also like to extend our sincere thanks to former Chief Executive Officer, Carrie Clark for her decade of service to Kiind and for establishing a strong foundation for our organisation.

Throughout the year, we have heard firsthand about the increasing pressures facing families. The ongoing changes across the NDIS and introduction of Thriving Kids have created uncertainty and complexity. These challenges reinforce the importance of Kiind's strategic goal of becoming a lead systemic advocate in the disability sector. Through our work with the Child and Family Disability Alliance (CAFDA) and our growing engagement at both state and national levels, we have continued to elevate the experiences of children with disability and their families and ensure their needs are reflected in the design of these new systems.

Our goal to become a leader in family-led peer support is being realised through new initiatives such as our Community Outreach Program and the implementation of a robust stakeholder engagement plan that strengthens our relationships and referral pathways across the sector. The success of these initiatives is reflected in the growing demand for our services and the increasing number of families and sector professionals turning to Kiind for guidance and support.

Another major focus this year was the review of our constitution which resulted in amendments that represent an important step in modernising Kiind's governance framework, ensuring it remains contemporary, flexible and fit for purpose. The amendments support greater participation through online meetings and strengthen our ability to govern effectively in an evolving environment.

Kiind remains a stable pillar of support, helping families navigate changes with greater knowledge and confidence. As a family-led organisation, lived experience is embedded throughout Kiind, with representation across our staff, volunteers and Board. The combination of this lived experience, our evidence-based support model and strategic relationships across the sector position us well to thrive as the disability landscape transforms. We welcome all opportunities that allow us to achieve this, including the move towards longer-term funding across the sector.

I would like to thank my fellow Board members, including Leanne Bridges who we say farewell to after 17 committed years with Kiind. I would also like to welcome new Board Director Byron Savage. Sincere thanks go to our dedicated staff, volunteers and partners. Together, we are ensuring that Kiind continues to grow its impact while remaining true to its purpose: supporting Western Australian children and families when it matters most.

Cristian Rapanaro
Chair
Kiind

CEO's Report



As a long-time Kiind member and parent of a young person with disability, it is a privilege to write to you as the Chief Executive Officer of Kiind.

Through my own lived experience, and by witnessing the positive impact Kiind has on families across Western Australia, I am immensely proud to step into the leadership of this family-led organisation. This year has been one of considerable transition, both for Kiind and for the families we support. Much of my focus as CEO has been on helping our organisation and our more than 25,000 members navigate a rapidly changing environment.

The introduction of NDIS reforms and Thriving Kids has been a key focus for us as it brought significant uncertainty for many families. Throughout this period, Kiind has remained committed to providing accurate, trustworthy information and practical guidance to help families feel more confident in preparing for these transitions.

Alongside this, we have been steadfast in our systemic advocacy, ensuring the voices of children with disability and their families were heard by decision makers throughout this service design. This included commencing parent and carer consultations to help inform the delivery of Thriving Kids in Western Australia, and on a national level, contributing to a joint submission on the Securing the NDIS for Future Generations Bill with the Child and Family Disability Alliance (CAFDA). I was honoured to represent this work and speak before the Senate Committee, sharing the experiences and concerns raised by families, particularly ones living in regional areas.

A key strength of Kiind is our ability to meet families where they are in their journey and help them navigate the pathways that best support their needs. Whether connecting with families during vulnerable moments at Perth Children's Hospital, where we are uniquely positioned thanks to the support of Telethon or guiding them through significant milestones and transitions via our Pathway Planning navigation program, we provide support when it's needed most.

This year brought exciting opportunities to expand and strengthen this work. With support from the Stan Perron Charitable Foundation, we launched our Community Outreach Program, enabling Kiind's Peer Navigators to co-locate within five Child and Parent Centres across Perth. This initiative has responded to a clear gap in accessible, face-to-face navigation support for families and was met with overwhelming demand. Its success has already supported expansion into additional locations, demonstrating the value of our family-centred, strengths-based approach and the importance of culturally safe, community-based support.

As we continued delivering the Virtual MyTime program and our Parent Training Workshops, we also expanded our capacity-building and peer support initiatives by partnering with Inclusion Solutions and the Youth Disability Advocacy Network (YDAN) to support young people and their families through key life transitions. An important first step in this work was establishing a parental advisory group to ensure the program is shaped by lived experience and reflects the needs and priorities of the families. We are excited about this collaboration and look forward to commencing the project delivery next year.

As we look ahead, Kiind remains a trusted, long-term source of support for families. While change continues across the sector, we remain optimistic about the opportunities ahead, including our partnership with Amaze to deliver the national Thriving Kids Autism Helpline in Western Australia and our ongoing role in helping families navigate this new environment.

I would like to thank our Board for their guidance and support. I also extend my sincere gratitude to former CEO Carrie Clark, whose dedication and leadership have built strong foundations for Kiind's future.

Finally, thank you to our staff and volunteers. It is a joy to lead a team of talented and dedicated people, united by a shared commitment to support families. Together, we will continue to do so, working towards a future where all families feel empowered, informed and connected.

Helen Nys
Chief Executive Officer

Hospital Support

Our Hospital Support Program, delivered from our location at Perth Children's Hospital (PCH) continues to not only be a critical pillar of our service model but also a unique and world-leading form of family support within a hospital setting. We are incredibly grateful to Telethon for the decades of generous support that has made this service possible.

Safe Spaces and Emotional Support

Our Hospital Support Officers all have lived experience and provide practical guidance layered with empathy to families during some of the most challenging moments of their journey including a new diagnosis or significant surgery.

Over the year we supported 710 inpatient and outpatient families from our location at the Family Resource Centre, helping them to understand the implications of their child's new diagnosis and navigate the subsequent multiple complex systems including disability, health and education.

This helps prepare for hospital discharge, when it's up to parents and carers to get critical supports and services in place for their child. Thanks to additional support from Telethon, we've also been able to provide extra follow-up services to families from regional areas who have travelled to PCH for their child's treatment, in recognition of the additional access barriers they face.

Many of the families we support are facing long periods of admission, which can be both emotionally and physically exhausting. Throughout the year, our team conducted ward visits, providing emotional support and a listening ear when families needed it most.

For families facing unexpected admissions or unable to leave their child's bedside, we provided emergency care packs containing essential toiletries and everyday items, along with small comforts such as quilts and coffee vouchers. These simple acts can make a significant difference during times of crisis, helping families feel cared for.

> **"I could cry with them. They have lived experience. They can relate. They understand."**



Connecting Families Through Integrated Support

Kiind's presence within PCH enables strong collaboration across the disability, health and community sectors, ensuring families receive coordinated and holistic support.

We continued to provide and receive referrals from a range of Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS) teams, including Aboriginal Liaison, Allied Health, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), Genetics, Neonatal Intensive Care, Paediatric Intensive Care, Palliative Care, Pastoral Care, the Rare Care Centre, Social Work and the Refugee Clinic.

Through these partnerships, Kiind helps families navigate complex systems with greater confidence and ensures they remain connected to the services, information and support they need during and beyond their hospital stay.



Tracey and Frankie's Story

When Tracey's son Frankie was around two years old, she began noticing that he wasn't reaching developmental milestones in the same way as other children his age, as well as experiencing significant feeding challenges. Trusting her instincts as a mother, Tracey began seeking answers.

What followed was a series of appointments, assessments, and long waiting periods. When Frankie was three years old, he was diagnosed with Level 2 and Level 3 autism. While receiving a diagnosis can be overwhelming for many families, for Tracey it brought a sense of relief. "It opened the door to support for Frankie and for us," she says.

Following Frankie's diagnosis, Tracey discovered Kiind. Feeling overwhelmed by the complexities of navigating the disability systems, Tracey reached out to Kiind for guidance and support. She connected with a Kiind Peer Navigator who understood the experiences of caring for a child with disability and helped Tracey find the right supports for both her and Frankie. She also participated in Kiind's online peer support groups which become a way to connect with other parents and carers.

What began as a journey centred around autism became increasingly complex as Frankie got older. He developed severe feeding difficulties and was diagnosed with Avoidant/Restrictive Food Intake Disorder (ARFID), requiring tube feeding. The transition happened unexpectedly, introducing an entirely new set of medical challenges for the family.

This led to frequent appointments, emergency presentations and hospital admissions at Perth Children's Hospital (PCH). Tracey found herself spending extended periods at her son's bedside while learning how to manage his increasingly complex medical needs.



“We’re all in this together,” she says. “Finding those connections and that support can make all the difference.”

It was during this difficult period that Kiind’s Hospital Support Program became a vital source of comfort and support. Having already built a trusted relationship with Kiind, Tracey knew exactly where to turn during this challenging time.

The Kiind team supported Tracey by providing coffee, emergency care packs of toiletries, blankets and a welcoming space where she could step away from the ward and talk openly about what she was experiencing. “Those small things meant so much,” she says.

While the practical support was invaluable, it was the emotional support that had the greatest impact. In a hospital environment where the focus is often on the child, Tracey says Kiind was amongst the only places where someone checked in on her wellbeing as a parent.

One of the most difficult moments came when Frankie required his first feeding tube insertion. Remaining calm and regulated while supporting her son through the procedure was emotionally exhausting. “I held it together for him,” Tracey recalls. “But afterwards I went downstairs to see the Kiind team… They were there when I needed somewhere safe and non-judgemental to let it all out.”

While Frankie’s journey continues, Tracey remains grateful for the path her family has travelled. The experiences that once felt overwhelming have transformed her into a passionate advocate, not only for her son, but for other families navigating similar challenges.

Alongside caring for Frankie, she has established community initiatives that support neurodivergent children and young people, facilitates peer support opportunities for families, and contributes to broader conversations about caring, inclusion and lived experience advocacy.

“I’m honestly so grateful for this journey,” she says. “It’s changed my life completely. If the challenges we go through can help someone else, then that’s a gift.”

For families arriving at PCH for the first time, Tracey wants them to know that they do not have to navigate their challenges alone. There is a community of people who understand, who listen without judgement, and who walk beside families during life’s most challenging moments.

As both a mother and advocate, she hopes her story encourages other families to trust their instincts, seek support when they need it, and find strength in the communities around them.

Navigation

Throughout the year, Kiind provided expert navigation support that's strengths-based and grounded in lived experience. With the goal to assist parents and carers in accessing the information, connections, services and supports they need for their child to fully participate in family life and everyday community settings.

What sets Kiind apart is our transdiagnostic, family-centred approach and our ability to provide support over the long term. By supporting families from birth through to 25 years of age, we are there during key milestones and transition points.

Our wide-reaching services help ensure families do not fall through the gaps between mainstream and specialist supports. Whatever circumstances families may be facing, Kiind provides a safe place for them to turn to.

Kiind Pathway Program

This year, 595 parents and carers participated in an individual consultation with a Kiind Peer Navigator through our Pathway Program.

Through these sessions, families received a holistic assessment of their needs alongside practical guidance to navigate complex systems, services and supports. Delivered via phone and online, the program provides flexible and accessible support for families across Western Australia, including those living in regional and remote areas.

By combining professional knowledge with lived experience, our Peer Navigators empower families to make informed decisions, build confidence and identify pathways that best meet their child's and family's needs.

> **"The first people I contacted post-diagnosis were Kiind. They let me know everything they could offer. Said who they were. Asked me where they could offer me support. They clearly understood the service providers and how to navigate."**

“They’re a fantastic place to get reliable information. I didn’t feel overwhelmed. It’s so much stress ploughing through the internet.”

Providing Holistic Supports

Much of the program’s success can be attributed to Kiind’s strategic partnerships and new focus on stakeholder engagement. During the year, we received 159 referrals from schools, allied health professionals and community organisations, demonstrating the trust placed in Kiind as a key access point for families seeking support. In turn, we work closely with referral partners to ensure families can access the right support at the right time, strengthening outcomes and reducing the risk of families falling through service gaps.

What’s On Activity and Event Guide

We reached a new milestone for this valued resource with now over 6,000 families accessing Kiind’s online What’s on activity and event guide and weekly newsletter, helping them discover over 200 inclusive activities, programs and community events across Western Australia.

The guide features a diverse range of mainstream and disability-specific opportunities. We prioritised activities that are accessible and inclusive, including online options and opportunities available in regional and remote areas.

By connecting families with local activities and supports, the guide helped reduce isolation, strengthen community participation and ensure children, young people and families engage in opportunities that foster a sense of belonging.



Community Outreach Program

This year Kiind launched an exciting new area of service delivery through our Community Outreach Program, thanks to generous support from the Stan Perron Charitable Foundation. Designed to improve access to information and practical support, the program extends Kiind's impact into the everyday community settings where families live, learn and connect.

Our Approach

Since January 2026, our Peer Navigators have been co-located with Child and Parent Centres in Roseworth, Brookman, Westminster and Westfield Park to provide free, face-to-face navigation support. Due to exceptional demand, we later expanded our services to the Child and Parent Centre in Middle Swan. Along with this, we have also been offering support to families in Kalgoorlie by partnering with the Goldfields Women's Health Care Centre who have trained their staff to deliver our navigation model.

A key focus of the program is reaching families who may be less likely to engage with formal services. Through trusted community settings and authentic peer relationships, Kiind has connected with many families who had not previously accessed support from us, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) families.

Our Peer Navigators, drawing on their own lived experience, work alongside families to help them better understand available supports, identify priorities, build confidence, and navigate complex disability, health and education systems. The program focuses on building families' knowledge, skills and capacity so they can make informed decisions and advocate for their children with confidence.

Our Impact

Through this pilot, the Kiind Peer Navigators have delivered 64 outreach sessions, creating opportunities for families to access support in familiar and accessible environments. Strong partnerships with local organisations, community leaders and services have been central to the program's success, helping ensure support is culturally safe, responsive and connected to local needs.

From Our Partners

"I have seen firsthand the value that Kiind's Community Outreach Program brings to children and families in our community. By providing support within the Child and Parent Centre Roseworth, Kiind removes the barriers for parents, carers and kin to access information, guidance and connections that benefit their child and the entire family unit.

Many of the families we work with tend to be within the early stages of the disability journey, noticing the signs of developmental delays in their child. This can be an uncertain time, accompanied by a lot of unanswered questions. These families need reassurance and practical support from someone who understands what it's like.

Having Kiind's lived experience Peer Navigators within our centre means families access support at the right time, helping them build confidence, strengthen their advocacy skills and better understand the pathways and supports available to them.

Kiind's strengths-based approach aligns closely with our commitment to supporting children and families. The program reflects the real needs of our community by engaging families from diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds and ensuring support is accessible, welcoming and responsive to individual needs.

We have seen the positive difference our partnership with Kiind makes in helping families feel more informed and connected."

Cailey D'Andrea
Manager
Child and Parent Centre - Roseworth

What's Next?

This work represents a significant opportunity for Kiind's future. By embedding support within local communities and guiding families during the early years of their child's journey, we help to strengthen family capability and create more equitable pathways for children and families.

The success of this initiative has demonstrated the value of place-based peer navigation, and we look forward to taking the learnings from this pilot to expand our model into more Child and Parent Centres.



Responding to Families' Needs

Throughout the year, Kiind supported families facing an increasingly complex and changing disability landscape. While we recognise that every family's journey is unique and our supports are highly individualised, several common themes emerged across our navigation services.

Navigating NDIS Changes

Understanding how to access the NDIS and use their child's plan has consistently been one of the most common issues we support parents and carers with. This year, these concerns grew more complex with many families reporting feeling overwhelmed and needing support to understand the upcoming NDIS changes and how they will impact their child. Our team provided relevant and accurate information to help families feel more prepared and recorded their concerns to help shape our systemic advocacy.

Education and School Advocacy

Many parents and carers needed assistance to help address their schooling concerns and ensure that their child's needs were being met in the classroom, including securing Individualised Education Plans and reasonable adjustments. Our Peer Navigators helped families better understand their child's rights and prepare for school meetings to effectively advocate on their child's behalf.

Challenges for Temporary Visa Holders

Families on temporary visas face significant barriers in accessing supports, largely due to uncertainty about their eligibility for services. Through our Community Outreach Program, we provided information and practical support to help these families understand available options and reduce feelings of isolation.

Growing Concerns about Mental Health

Families reported difficulties accessing assessments and mental health supports with lengthy waitlists often creating additional barriers. Our team supported families to navigate available services and access appropriate mental health resources for both children and carers.

Limited Access to ADHD Supports

Families regularly raised concerns about the availability and affordability of ADHD assessments and ongoing supports. Long wait times, high out-of-pocket costs and limited service options created significant barriers for many families seeking help. Kiind assisted families to explore available pathways, connect with services and access information while waiting for assessments.

“Parenting was a lonely experience. Organisations like Kiind and their courses were worth their weight in gold.”

Carer Burnout and Wellbeing

Many families experience exhaustion, stress and burnout while managing the ongoing demands of being a carer. The emotional impact of navigating multiple systems, combined with limited opportunities for self-care, placed considerable pressure on family wellbeing. Through peer support, practical assistance and connection to services, Kiind provided carers with a safe space to be heard and supported.

Cost of Living Pressures

Families frequently sought support to identify low-cost services, funding opportunities and practical strategies to manage increasing financial pressures while continuing to meet their child’s needs. We connected families to these supports during our Pathway Planning sessions and through the What’s on activity and event guide.

Supporting Neurodivergent Carers

An increasing number of parents and carers accessing Kiind’s services were navigating their own ADHD or autism diagnoses. Our team recognised the importance of tailoring support to these families, ensuring our information and guidance was accessible, achievable and responsive.

Supporting Grandparents

Many grandparents sought guidance to better understand the implications of their grandchild’s disability and available supports. Kiind provided support to ensure grandparents felt equipped in their caring roles.



Peer Support and Capacity Building

In a time where families felt vulnerable and misinformation was easily spread, Kiind prioritised our peer support and capacity building programs to ensure that families had access to timely accurate information along with a supportive community of their peers.

Support through NDIS Changes and Thriving Kids

Amidst these changes and uncertainty, Kiind took a proactive role in supporting our community by partnering with the Child and Family Disability Alliance (CAFDA) to host a webinar that translated the findings of the Thriving Kids Advisory Group Report into practical, easy-to-understand information. We also developed supporting resources to further explain the changes which were accessed more than 4,000 times, and facilitated a dedicated peer support group, providing parents and carers with a safe space to ask questions and connect over their shared concerns.

Virtual MyTime and Parent Training Workshops

We continued the delivery of the national Virtual MyTime program, and our Parent Training Workshops funded through the Australian Government's Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) program.

Designed in response to the information needs of families and the isolation challenges that they face, our sessions featured expert speakers from across the sector and created valuable opportunities for parents and carers to connect with others who share similar experiences. These programs helped families build practical skills and strengthen their support networks.

Kiind delivered six parent training workshops to a total of 112 attendees, reflecting the ongoing demand for accessible learning opportunities for families.

Through Virtual MyTime, Kiind facilitated 28 online sessions across four terms, engaging 169 parents and carers.

This work continued to be supported by our Kiind Families Facebook Network which is volunteer moderated and gives families the flexible opportunity to ask questions and seek recommendations from a community of over 5,300 Kiind members in a similar position.

Our most valued topics:

- Understanding Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA)
- Low Demand Parenting Strategies
- Supporting ADHD
- The Parenting Journey Post-Diagnosis
- Neuroaffirming Practices and Post-School Transition

Community Conversations with Communicare

We entered a new partnership with Communicare to deliver the Community Conversations Project which aimed to identify support needs and priorities of parents and carers of children aged 0–18 years in the southeast metropolitan area. We particularly focused on supporting neurodivergent parents and carers, and culturally and linguistically diverse families.

Through a combination of research, policy and data review, alongside consultations with families, service providers and community stakeholders, the project identified gaps in support while highlighting existing strengths and resources within the community.

Working closely with trusted local partners, including The Fathering Project, Gosnells Child and Parent Centre and the Champion Centre, the project used culturally safe, inclusive and trauma-informed engagement approaches to ensure community voices were at the centre of the findings. The project mapped formal services, informal supports and community assets, explored barriers to accessing support, and identified opportunities to strengthen peer support, local leadership and community-led responses.

The intended outcome was a strong evidence base for more accessible, inclusive and sustainable support, with recommendations that strengthened community ownership and guided longer-term improvements for families. We look forward to sharing these findings soon.

Launching Soon, Pathfinders

We were excited to commence a new partnership with Inclusion Solutions and the Youth Disability Advocacy Network (YDAN) to support young people with disability and their families as they navigate significant life transitions. The Pathfinders Program will involve peer-led workshops for both parents and carers and young people, along with individual future planning. To ensure the program is grounded in lived experience and reflective of the realities of families, we established an advisory group of parents and carers to help shape the training material. This work has been extremely valuable, and we look forward to delivering these workshops in early 2027.



Systemic Advocacy

At a time of significant reform across the disability sector, Kiind's systemic advocacy has never been more important. We worked to elevate the lived experience of children with disability and their families, ensuring their voices helped shape policy, service design and system reform.

Through advocacy across all levels of government and key service systems, Kiind sought to drive change that strengthens access and support, removes barriers and improves outcomes for children and families.

NDIS Reform and Thriving Kids

When Thriving Kids was announced in August 2025, Kiind quickly collaborated with our Child and Family Disability Alliance (CAFDA) partners, ACD in Victoria and Belongside Families in New South Wales to conduct a survey to understand the first concerns from families. The findings demonstrated families wanted more support in regional areas, delivery of supports in everyday settings including schools, and a family-centred approach throughout the whole system.

Kiind was invited to appear and prepare a submission for the Inquiry into the Thriving Kids initiative. To inform this work, we interviewed representatives from the Department of Communities, key autistic groups and regional and remote stakeholders. We particularly advocated for existing state systems including the Child Development Service be considered in the design of Thriving Kids.

On a state level, we had meetings with the Department of Communities team responsible for Thriving Kids, as well as Minister for Disability Services Hon Hannah Beazley BA MLA to provide feedback and raise awareness of the key issues facing families.

When new legislation was announced through the National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Securing the NDIS for Future Generations) Bill 2026, Kiind made it a priority to provide timely information to families. We engaged our Systemic Advocacy Reference Group to give feedback on the draft legislation which helped to inform our advice on the impact of the proposed NDIS changes to legislators and elected members. This included highlighting the impact on carer wellbeing, particularly around the cuts to young people's community participation budgets. Kiind CEO Helen Nys also gave evidence to the Senate Inquiry, speaking on the need for access issues to be considered for regional and remote families.

Other Key Involvements

Kiind played an active role in numerous advisory groups and advocacy forums, including the WA Education Minister's Inclusion Advisory Group, the Child and Adolescent Health Service Disability Access and Inclusion Committee, WA Early Childhood Intervention Collaborative, WA Network of Disability Advocates (WANDA), NDIS Reform Advisory Committee, and the WA Carers Advisory Council to the Minister. Through these forums, Kiind raised emerging challenges experienced by families including barriers to education and appropriate classroom supports, gaps in services for regional and remote families, restrictions on NDIS access and reassessments and the significant service gaps for young people transitioning from the paediatric to adult health systems.

As a family-led lived experience organisation, advocating for the rights of carers has always been a key focus for us. We continued to do so this year by meeting with Minister for Community Services, Hon Matthew Swinbourn BA LLB MLC and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health, Hon Dr Katrina Stratton MLC, along with engaging in consultations on the WA Carers Strategy. We focused our advocacy on the need for stronger supports in place for carers and families navigating increasingly complex systems. We also worked to ensure that carers were recognised for their significant family, social and economic contributions.

Working Together for Improved Outcomes

Kiind's advocacy was strengthened by strong partnerships across the disability, health and community sectors, including with the Child and Family Disability Alliance (CAFDA), Youth Disability Advocacy Network (YDAN), People with Disabilities WA, Kin Advocacy, Carers WA and key government departments. These collaborations enabled Kiind to elevate the experiences of Western Australian families, influence state and national reform processes, and contribute to a growing movement for more inclusive, responsive and family-centred systems.



Treasurer's Report

Kiind remained in a sound financial position throughout the 2025/26 financial year, enabling us to continue delivering critical services to families raising children with disability, autism and developmental delay across Western Australia.



For the year ending 30 June 2026, Kiind recorded a total income of **$1,593,789.74**, compared with **$1,611,325** in 2024/25. Total operating expenditure was **$1,543,134.22**, compared with **$1,436,871** in the previous year. This increase in expenditure reflects the growth of our team and our continued investment in services that respond to the evolving needs of families. Against this backdrop, I am pleased to report that Kiind closed the financial year with a **surplus of $50,655.52**.

We are incredibly grateful to our supporters, who enable Kiind to be there for families when and where they need us.

We extend our sincere thanks to Telethon for its ongoing support of our Hospital Support Program at Perth Children's Hospital, as well as additional support that helps us better respond to the needs of regional and remote families.

We also thank the Stan Perron Charitable Foundation for supporting Kiind to pilot our Community Outreach Program. The success of this pilot has demonstrated the value of co-locating with everyday community settings to deliver navigation support to families and we look forward to expanding it next year.

Our thanks also go to the Department of Communities for supporting Kiind's systemic advocacy. This work has been particularly important during a period of significant change across the disability sector, helping us ensure the voices and lived experience of children and families are heard and represented throughout discussions about NDIS reform and Thriving Kids.

We also acknowledge the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing for its Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) funding, which supports Kiind's core navigation and peer support services and helps families access information, connection and support.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank our funders and supporters, along with the individuals and companies who have made private donations. This support has contributed greatly to Kiind's work and has allowed us to maintain a strong financial foundation while continuing to grow our reach and impact for families across Western Australia.

Dr Lana Weldon
Treasurer
Kiind

Our Sincere Thanks

We extend our thanks to the many individuals, supporters and partners who have contributed to Kiind's work throughout the year. Your collaboration, generosity and commitment help us ensure that families raising children with disability receive the support, connection and opportunities they deserve.

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Our People

Kiind's greatest resource will always be our committed Board, staff and volunteers who use their combined professional and lived experiences to serve Western Australian families.

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