



2019 ANNUAL REPORT Broken to Brilliant



Our Mission

***Survivors mentoring domestic violence survivors
to create a new chapter in their lives***

Our Values

Our values are based around respectful relationships in all interactions through work, home and play. The mnemonic R.E.S.P.E.C.T.F.U.L describes the foundational values for relationships and our organisation. Respectful relationships are emotionally supportive, positive, enriching, caring with togetherness, friendship, understanding and love.

*Relationships
Emotionally
Supportive
Positive
Enriching
Caring
Togetherness
Friendship
Understanding*

A message from our Patron



I am extremely proud to be your Patron and it has been an honour to watch Broken to Brilliant grow, and publish yet another book and audio book in 2019.

I had the honour of joining you in Brisbane, for the Christmas in July High Tea. It was inspiring to meet the amazing women and men who have been able to rebuild their lives after surviving Domestic Violence.

It was a special moment in my career to sing the debut live performance of 'I Believe You', a powerful song that sends a strong message to all domestic violence survivors. 'I Believe You' was written in collaboration with my dear friend Valerie Bennis.

On behalf of domestic violence survivors, and those who give their support, congratulations to the team at Broken to Brilliant. Your achievements in 2019 are a shining light on what is possible. I wish you an exceptional 2020.

A message from our Directors

The Board of Directors are proud of the progress made by Broken to Brilliant this year. Our board went from 3 to 4 Directors which have brought additional, insights, ideas and real progress in many areas.

As well running our 2nd book writing workshop, we published and launched our 3rd book *Shattered to Shining*. This was particularly exciting as this workshop incorporated more survivors mentoring survivors than in the initial workshop and included an additional day allowing for new programs to be added. We also held our first Authors reunion workshop with many of the authors from all 3 books coming together.

We continued our fundraising with our annual High Tea and Melbourne Cup function and established links to allow us to receive funds from the recycling program.

Our present relationships continue to develop further as well as new ones established this year, which is something we are particularly excited and proud of. The money received from our Fund for a Future champion, Michael from Walts Espresso assists with the continuing demand for supply of books to refugees. The establishment of the partnership with Rein Changers Equine Therapy has been of benefit to our members, the legal firm Clyde & Co is of great value and the

relationship with Solution Management offering tangible items to DV survivors is very appreciated. We expect all these relationships to continue to grow and we will work towards developing new ones.

The awareness brought about by our authors continued book promotions along with a number of voice over artists reading our audio books and a community radio ad along with the trip taken by Nicola and Kate to the West and North of Australia has increased the awareness of Broken to Brilliant.

We have many ambitious goals for 2020 and appreciate all our volunteers and supporters who we hope will continue along this journey with us.



Regards
Andrea, Linda, Margaret, Karen and Kate,

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ABOUT US

Purpose	Broken to Brilliant is established to be a charity whose purpose is to relieve poverty, distress, misfortune and the effects of abuse and suffering for domestic violence survivors. This will be achieved by establishing a Success Centre that will provide support and relief services, life skills training, education, training and career guidance. We will work in collaboration with other welfare services, organisations, government bodies and research institutions to best meet the needs of domestic violence survivors.
Who do we help	We work with women, children and men who have safely left an abusive relationship (≥6 months out of the unsafe environment).
Goal	<p>Broken to Brilliant's goal is to reduce the long-term impact of domestic violence by increasing financial independence, decreasing distress, increasing opportunities through education, life skills training and social support networks and supporting the rebuilding efforts of those who have experienced domestic violence.</p> <p>We aim to create a community of connection, support and mentorship amongst Australian domestic violence survivors.</p>
Why	<p>One in 6 Australian women and one in 16 men have been subjected, since the age of 15, to physical and/or sexual violence by a current or previous cohabiting partner (ABS 2017b). Family, domestic and sexual violence happens repeatedly—more than half (54%) of the women who had experienced current partner violence, experienced more than one violent incident (ABS 2017bi)</p> <p>Personal experience, anecdotal reports from other survivors and the research literature identified that there is a lack of services and support for survivor's long-term recovery. The "current responses to family violence do not sufficiently emphasise recovery and restoration and may even impede it [1]"</p>
Five key action areas	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Success Centre - establish a Success Centre as a hub for provision of services, training and research. 2. Partnerships - develop and maintain partnerships with other services and organisations 3. Education - develop and implement foundation courses and life skills training. 4. Awareness Raising – promote building emotional resilience, financial independence, healthy and respectful relationships. 5. Research – undertake research into survivors' resilience and factors for success.
Success measures	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Success Centre is open and accessible 2. The number of partnerships established 3. Education session participant numbers, satisfaction, life changes, testimonials 4. Awareness - message recall, membership numbers, social media platform engagement 5. Research – secured funding for research and the results have been published in a peer reviewed journal.

[1] Victorian Royal Commission into Family Violence 2016 <http://www.rcfv.com.au/Report-Recommendations>

OUR STORY

Broken to Brilliant was founded in 2015, by four survivors of domestic violence.

The thought of founding the charity and writing the books, began with one survivor who kept hearing an inner voice, even whilst living within an abusive relationship. After leaving, the call to act intensified with wanting to create a WAAVE, a wave of people Working Against Abuse, Violence and Entitlement. She envisioned a powerful wave of thousands of people fighting against the belief held by some, their families and others in society that it is justifiable and acceptable to abuse your partner. For her, there was not enough being done to counter the sense of entitlement held by the perpetrator and their families. They were not being held to account.

The focus on rebuilding her and her children's life, took her further down the road of recovery. However, a few years later, after self-development, her focus shifted to wanting to highlight how survivors successfully rebuilt their lives after domestic violence.

She was not alone. Other survivors were walking the same journey. They also had experienced the limited support available for their long-term recovery. Together, they supported each other over the years, shared their stories and launched the charity. The book *Broken to Brilliant, Breaking Free to be you after Domestic Violence* was a result of taking action and believing there is a reason for living through the abuse and paying it forward to help our fellow survivors.

It isn't just another book, it supported the launch of Broken to Brilliant™ LTD, an Australian registered charity where survivors mentor survivors helping them to create a positive new chapter in their life after domestic violence. It is a pay-it-forward model with support, coaching, mentoring, workshops, work experience placements, publishing and success centres.

Broken to Brilliant helps victims become victors and survivors become thrivers by acknowledging, validating and embodying their accomplishments to rebuild happy and successful lives. Through the stories of battling abuse – being broken and nearly defeated – to break through to reveal their true self, their inner brilliance

Your support of Broken to Brilliant's programs, events and fundraising provides domestic violence survivors with hope, that someone cares about them and wants to help them with their journey to rebuild their life.

PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT OUR WORK

Our dedicated volunteers



Elaine has been volunteering for Broken to Brilliant since the organisation was founded. The Broken to Brilliant High Tea is a result of Elaine's passion to give back to the community. The first high tea hosted 22 people, it doubled in the second year and the third high tea had 70 people attend.

Elaine is passionate about supporting Broken to Brilliant because as a young girl, she knew someone close to her that was abused mentally, physically, emotionally and financially and there wasn't a support system for them. People would end up sleeping on a park bench or under a bridge and there was nowhere to go.

"Being involved with the charity and meeting the domestic violence survivors who have overcome these challenges and have created a positive new chapter in their lives is inspiring. Whatever I can do to support the charity's work and domestic violence survivors is one of the most valuable things I can do to give back to the community. The high tea is an amazing event which creates connection and gives people a sense of belonging. I look forward to our next high tea 25th July 2020".



Lynn has been involved in a number volunteer positions in the community and now volunteers for Broken to Brilliant organising the annual high tea. "I really think it is important to support our local charities, in our local community. I like giving my time and energy to things that are going to make a difference to people's lives. For these poor people coming out of these awful domestic violence situations, I cannot imagine how bewildering it must be to have to rebuild their lives. Anything we can do to help make a difference to people's lives is important. The high tea events are super and very special, and I find it is something very joyful to be involved with. It is so lovely to see so many happy people enjoying the high tea, it makes it all worthwhile".

As a charity we rely on the support from the community, Elaine and Lynn's support has helped us achieve our goals and made a difference in the lives of domestic violence survivors and their families.

We thank you for your continued support.

Our valued people

Broken to Brilliant would not exist without our dedicated and valued volunteers and supporters. As at 27 November 2019, we have 49 volunteers and supporters many of whom work fulltime and offer their time and energy after hours.

We have people who organise and assist with fundraising events, lead walking groups, sell books and raffle tickets, donate items, provide governance and financial advice, develop websites, provide book-keeping and audit reports, and provide event photography. Their passion and ongoing dedication to Broken to Brilliant is recognised and greatly appreciated.

Our valued partners

We sincerely thank all of our partners, donors and fundraisers for their ongoing commitment to our cause and their meaningful contributions which support our sustainability and provided pro bono services

Silky Oak Espresso	Portabella Restaurant, Albany Creek
Walt's Espresso	SMN Accounting, Shauna Niland
Rein Changer, Linda Sawrey	Pauline Ferris
Small Blue Dog Publishing. Belinda Pollard	Matt Ryder
Annie Paull, Personal Trainer	Solutions Management



Our valued supporters

Walt's Espresso	Signature Promotions Australia	Becky B Hair Salon,
Rein Changer	QLD Ambulance Service	Imperial Clothing
Merlo Coffee	Coles, Bray Park	Cyn-Lizzie, Albany Creek
Maria Thom	Dan Murphy's, Strathpine	Pet Café, Albany Creek
Fancynators	Woolworths, Petrie	Gregory Ladner
Bean Alliance	The London Hair Bar	Chobani Greek Yogurt,
Silky Oak Espresso	Deep Grey family portrait studio	Home-baked Memories
PCYC Bray Park	JB Touchwood Creations	Priceline Pharmacy, Albany Creek
Christmas Alight	Co. Studio Hairdressing	Elaine Lacey
Salvos Op Shop	Kreative Art Traders	Bird in the Hand

Our valued members

We have 36 financial members. The authors of *Shattered to Shining* have received a 12 month honorary membership.

Our valuable grants

Lord Mayor's Community Grant We received \$1320 in November 2019 from the Lord Mayor's Community Grant; All funds were for the <i>Give-a-Book campaign</i> and provided 44 books for beds in refuges and transition homes for domestic violence survivors.	
Community Sector Banking and Community Enterprise Foundation, Bendigo Bank In 2019, we continued to utilise the funds (\$16,738) from the Community Sector Banking Social Investment Grants Program. The publication and launch of third book in the series, <i>Shattered to Shining</i> , was held in August 2019.	

*We are not just another Charity our work
is from survivors dedicated to fellow
domestic violence survivors.*



*May our support and services guide you
to a new chapter in your life.*

STRUCTURE & MANAGEMENT

At a national level, Broken to Brilliant LTD is registered and regulated by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) and incorporated as a company limited by guarantee.

The Company is also registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) with the charitable status of a Public Benevolent Institute and operates Australia wide. The Charity is also registered with the Australia Tax Office and has been endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) from 22 Mar 2016. It is covered by Item 1 of the table in section 30-15 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.



- Australian Company Number: 609 591 997
- Australian Business Number: 63 609 591 997

At a State Level Broken to Brilliant has met the individual state requirements for Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia.

- Queensland Charity Number: CH2852
- South Australia Charity Number: CCP3078
- Western Australia – not required to register as per state requirements The Charity is governed by a Constitution, compliant with the Corporations Act 2001.

OUR DIRECTORS

The Directors on the Board provide expert advice and give of their time in a voluntary capacity to support Broken to Brilliant. Thank you to the Directors who formed the Board throughout this financial year.

The Composition of the Board includes Directors who collectively bring an appropriate mix of skills, commitment, experience and diversity to the Board

Name	Joined		Skills diversity
Kate Smith	2016	Founding Director	Administration, grant writing, project management, author, budget management, creative thinking, social marketing, research.
Andrea Miller	2016	Co-founding Director	Business management, sales, marketing, grant writing, budget management, author.
Margaret King	2017	Director	Administration, project management, governance, strategic planning.
Linda Sawrey	2018	Director	Research writing, psychology, teamwork, author, equine assisted psychotherapy.

OUR BOARD

Has adhered to all the general duties outlined by our board member job description and Charity legislative requirements. We have Directors and Liability Insurance, are aware of our obligations under funding agreements and monitor their fulfilment.

We have maintained the rules of confidentiality, and our joint responsibility for well-considered and collaborative decision making.

We have ensured the Board provides appropriate leadership and input to the organisation's strategic planning by critically reviewing our long-term goals and objectives with the guidance from an external consultant.

The Directors have met on a monthly basis, except January when a planning day was held to map out activities and events for 2019. Our board minutes are accurate, and distributed with a detailed action list. We apply a priority schedule, monitor and record the implementation of all actions. We have appropriate, safe storage arrangements for all official documents.

We have maintained a register of members, directors, volunteers, sponsors and successful grant applications.

OUR COMMITTEES

The Board has six committees to assist with its role in governing the organisation and operate under formal terms of reference. Committee members receive no remuneration

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

2019 Education Committee

Kate Smith	Fiona Grayson	Jill Garvey
Andrea Miller	Julianne Booth	

Workshop for authors 'Get involved pay it forward'



Broken to Brilliant held its first authors 'get involved and pay it forward workshop'. This workshop was the inaugural meeting of 18 authors from across the three books.

The aim of this workshop was to create a community of connection, support and mentorship amongst Australian domestic violence survivors.

Broken to Brilliant presented ways to get involved and pay it forward to support other survivors. By 'Paying it Forward' and sharing the power of your story, each one of us has the power to make a difference and together we can create change.

Online education

The free online education *Steps to rebuild your life after domestic violence* is based on the key themes from the book Broken to Brilliant and was initially funded by a Westpac Grant. Flyers promoting the course are inserted into books that are given through the give a book program. There have been 88 people who have enrolled in the online course. Topics covered in the course include fun your way, the importance of friends, financial fitness, fitness your way, frugal food and your brilliant future.

Shattered to Shining book writing workshop

A four day live-in writing workshop which was held on Friday 29th March to Monday April 1, 2019. This workshop is designed to build the capacity and skills of domestic violence survivors in their writing skills, public speaking, learning how to laugh, play and create again. Activities also encourage the building of trust and creating connections with other people. Feedback from the workshop was very positive.

My journey through working with Broken to Brilliant has changed my life by giving me a strength and a peace I have never known.

FUNDRAISING & AWARENESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Members

Margaret King	Linda Wray	Lynn Thurley	Rhonda Brown
Kate Smith	Elaine Thurley	Fiona Grayson	Melanie Watson

Fundraising remained a strong focus in 2019 with more than \$3000 raised for Broken to Brilliant.

Our major fundraising events once again included the High Tea with a Christmas theme in August and partnering with Portabella Restaurant at Albany Creek for the Melbourne Cup.

Funds from our recycling efforts have increased in 2019. Margaret and Linda have been collecting truckloads, literally, of cans and bottles from their respective work places, then cashing them in at their local 'Container Exchange' facility.

PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

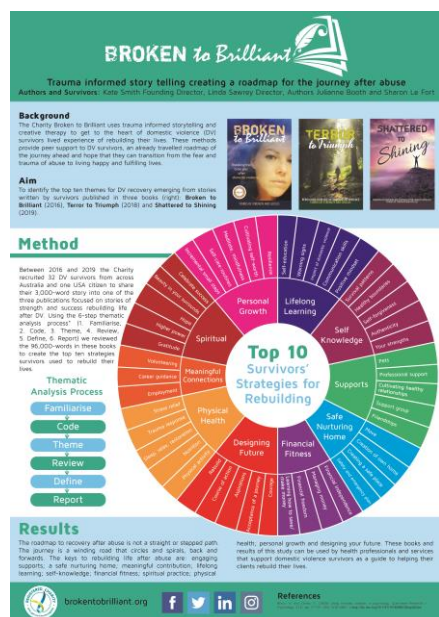
The Directors of Broken to Brilliant are responsible for establishing partnerships with individuals and/or organisations. Kate Smith, Andrea Miller, Linda Sawrey, Margaret King.

Clyde & Co Australia, an international legal has partnered with Broken to Brilliant to facilitate the publication of '*Shattered to Shining*', provided pro bono advice, prepared a donation agreement and raised funds for the Give a Book campaign.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Members

Linda Sawrey	Julianne Booth
Kate Smith	Noeleen Bowen
Sharon LeFort	



Broken to Brilliant was accepted to participate in the 5th Stop Domestic Violence Conference held at the Gold Coast 9-11th December 2019. We contributed to the proceedings through:

A poster presentation, titled “*Trauma informed story telling creating a roadmap for the journey after abuse*”. A thematic analysis of the *Broken to Brilliant*, *Terror to Triumph* and *Shattered to Shining*; 96,000 words collated into ten key themes.

Founding Director and author Kate Smith and speaker Sharon Le Fort co-chaired Day 1 Conference session titled *Early Intervention & Response*.

A blog article was published titled '*Beyond Now – domestic violence survivors creating a roadmap for the for the journey after abuse*'

Meetings have commenced for the Mentorship program and draft plan is under development. The proposed program was presented at the writer's reunion. Meeting with Anne Rolfe from 'Mentoring works' has occurred and Ann is happy to review final plan. Linda is currently undertaking 'Mentoring Works' monthly mentoring program development webinars.

CAREER ADVISOR/S COMMITTEE REPORT

Members

Kate Smith	Margaret King
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Other priorities have prevented the careers advisor/s committee to progress any actions in 2019.

LONG-TERM HOUSING COMMITTEE

Members

Kate Smith	Andrea miller
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Other priorities have prevented the Long-term housing committee to progress any actions in 2019.

OUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

It's been three years, May 2016, since the official launch of the Charity Broken to Brilliant. We are amazed at what we have achieved with dedicated part-time volunteers. We have achieved most of our activities in our strategic plan and more, of which we are really proud. Thank you to all past and present Directors, Committee Members and Volunteers who have helped to achieve so many outcomes.

A plan for the next 3 years commenced in June. We thank Anna Hebron for her generosity in supporting our Board strategic planning day with the Directors of Broken to Brilliant. We have big plans and we can't wait to bring these to life as we continue our mission of mentoring domestic violence survivors to create a new chapter in their lives.

The Broken to Brilliant strategic plan will continue to be implemented in 2020.

We will:

- develop partnerships with other services and organisations
- continue the availability of 'Steps to rebuild your life' – finance, food, fitness, friendship, fun and future for domestic violence survivors
- continue to promote Broken to Brilliant book sales via digital online sales and offline hard copy sales
- continue to promote the Give a Book for a bed campaign aiming to place the book onto beds in refuges and transition housing services across Australia
- raise awareness of rebuilding life after domestic violence through social media, presentations and speaking engagements
- gather survey results from readers regarding their feedback on the book
- apply for grants and funding
- release an audio version of the book *Shattered to Shining*
- assist survivors to reassess their career path using the online career guidance system
- increase membership
- continuously review and update the website
- prepare *Frugal Food*, cook book for publishing
- maintain the Saturday morning gratitude walks and Pilates in the Park
- expand the Funds for the Future campaign
- develop and launch the mentoring program
- submit an abstract for a conference presentation or poster
- look for opportunities to grow the organisation and reach more survivors
- continue to be grateful for the opportunity of the 'adversity advantage' – resilience, courage and strength and the ability to 'pay it forward'.

AUDITOR'S REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Broken to Brilliant Limited

I have audited the financial report of Broken to Brilliant Limited which comprises Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2019, and the Statement of Financial Performance and Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and Director's Declaration.

In my opinion, except for the qualifications below, the accompanying financial report gives a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2019 and of its performance for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements prescribed by Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act).

Qualification

As common for organisations of this type, donations are a significant source of revenue for the Company. The Company has determined that it is impracticable to establish complete control over the collection of donations prior to entry into its financial records. Accordingly, as the evidence available to me regarding fundraising revenue was limited, my audit procedures with respect to receipts had to be restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. I am therefore unable to express an opinion whether receipts the Company recorded are complete.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Basis for Opinion

I have conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of my report. I have fulfilled my ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standard's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

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Emphasis of Matter

The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Directors' financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The Directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the ACNC Act and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the Company or cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibility for the audit of the financial report

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered to be material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of user taken on the basis of this financial report.



Shauna Niland
Institute of Public Accountants

16 September 2019
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**Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 June 2019**

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Broken to Brilliant Ltd ABN 63 609 591 997
Detailed Profit and Loss Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2019

	2019 \$	2018 \$
Income		
Audio Book Sales	215	71
Book Sales	3,860	1,258
Cupcake Sales	638	
Donations	2,611	1,929
Events/Fundraising	17,473	8,319
Fund For A Future Campaign	501	369
Give A Book Sales	620	150
Grants	31,638	13,500
Interest received	92	53
Membership - Adult	131	56
Online Book Sales	327	56
Op Shop Sales	75	150
Raffles	1,327	1,620
Rebates & refunds		316
T Shirt Sales	120	125
Total income	59,628	27,971
Expenses		
Advertising, Promotion, Website	1,016	1,315
Bank fees & charges	212	184
Event/Fundraising	12,113	2,015
General expenses	321	
Hire Of Room		8,000
Insurance	1,923	2,179
Meetings		36
Postage	283	76
Printing & stationery	1,265	526
Publishing	22,433	6,927
Subscriptions	2,044	978
Training	500	
Uniforms	136	384
Website	535	335
Total expenses	42,782	22,953

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Broken to Brilliant Ltd ABN 63 609 591 997
Detailed Profit and Loss Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2019

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Profit from Ordinary Activities before income tax	16,846	5,017

Broken to Brilliant Ltd ABN 63 609 591 997
Detailed Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
Current Assets			
Cash Assets			
Cash At Bank		21,297	6,742
Community Solutions Account		748	329
Cash At Bank - Eway		674	171
Cash At Bank - PAYPAL		339	
Cash on hand		304	154
		<u>23,361</u>	<u>7,395</u>
Receivables			
Trade debtors		880	
		<u>880</u>	
Total Current Assets		<u>24,241</u>	<u>7,395</u>
Total Assets		<u>24,241</u>	<u>7,395</u>
Net Assets		<u>24,241</u>	<u>7,395</u>
Equity			
Retained profits / (accumulated losses)		24,241	7,395
Total Equity		<u>24,241</u>	<u>7,395</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

OUR BOOKS

Our book writing projects where domestic violence survivors share deeply personal stories of tragedy and eventual triumph help to fill the gap in the research and knowledge about the long-term recovery for domestic violence survivors.

Stories of strength and success, 3 books in our series



Number of Books sold

Broken to Brilliant 32

Terror to Triumph 45

Shattered to Shining 80

SHATTERED TO SHINING

In 2018, Broken to Brilliant called for authors and we received more applications than spaces in the book. Nine women and one man were accepted to share their stories in the third book in our series of stories of strength and success after domestic violence. A part of the process is to attend a 4-day live in workshop which was held on Friday 29th March to Monday April 1, 2019. All authors rated the writing workshop as extremely worthwhile, well organised and facilitated with supportive activities.

The Community Sector Banking and Community Enterprise Foundation provided the funding to edit, proofread and publish the print and ebook of *Shattered to Shining*. On the 24th August, *Shattered to Shining* was launched by Loretta Ryan, ABC Journalist at a twilight event overlooking Brisbane city.

All authors, their families and friends helped to celebrate this achievement. A beautiful cake was made by a Broken to Brilliant volunteer and the sparkling wine was donated by Bird in the Hand'. The Community Banking Sector Grant has also funded podcasts which are being released at the end of the year.



Our book publishing work could not be achieved without the support of Belinda Pollard, Small Blue Dog Publishing who said;

"Working with the authors to help bring their stories to life is an emotional experience. Sometimes we share anger, sadness and tears at how much they have gone through, to joy and happiness at how much they have achieved."

"I am proud to have worked with each author and their story. They inspire me as they shine brightly after abuse,"

The writing process gives survivors a voice, and its importance cannot be overstated, especially when so many people have been shamed and silenced through domestic violence in the past. The workshop builds connections with others that have experienced similar hardship is a very powerful part of recovery. We see strength and healing when people come together to move forward from their trauma.

We commend each author for their courage and persistence; they have risen above their situation and come out the other side shining with positivity, strength, commitment and empathy for others. Each chapter in the book *Shattered to Shining* is filled with shortcuts and tools that domestic violence survivors can use to travel this road of recovery, so they too can stand shining in their new life.

What our authors had to say

Shattered to Shining authors said:

- Reading other people's stories helps make you feel not so alone.
- Having an opportunity to write knowing it was anonymous was liberating.
- It helped me see just how far I had come in my journey post DV.
- I feel like I have changed so much I do not recognise who she is, #youdidit,
- I am proud, I am strong, honest and worthy, I believe that I have found a space where I can be true to myself without fear.
- It was validating in the sense that I am "believed", it was beyond powerful.
- It had to be the most cathartic experience I've ever had in my life.
- It allowed me to have a voice, something I didn't have for years. Writing helped heal my heart and soul.
- Writing down my story meant reliving the hardest years of my life, but while the experience was incredibly confronting, the reward has been far greater than I could have ever imagined.
- I'm grateful to contribute the gift of my story and by doing so, throw this vibrant, dynamic thread, a golden lifeline of hope.
- Recognition by others of your story as a man, is a major part of moving forward and becoming brilliant.
- Writing my story has helped me to heal and bring more joy into my life. As we bring more joy into our life, we raise our vibration. As we raise our vibration we connect with more like-minded people.
- My journey through working with Broken to Brilliant has changed my life by giving me strength and a peace I have never known.

The Community Banking Sector Grant is also funded podcasts and a video which have been released.



TERROR TO TRIUMPH AUDIO BOOK

Helping domestic violence survivors to recalculate their lives, the charity Broken to Brilliant and Karen Jacobsen, the original Australian Voice of Siri and the voice of the Broken to Brilliant audio book officially launched the *Terror to Triumph* audio book on Saturday 6th July, 2019, 2-4pm at a Christmas in July themed high-tea held at Northgate Hall, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.



In the book *Terror to Triumph* there are 11 women and 1 man who have penned powerful stories of adversity, each with their own message of resilience and steps for recovery.

For Broken to Brilliant's second book, Karen and eleven volunteer professional voice artists have all donated their talent and time to narrate the book *Terror to Triumph Rebuilding your life after domestic violence stories of strength and success*.

The charity Broken to Brilliant is truly grateful for the generosity provided by professional voice artists from Scout Management and RMK Voices who helped to narrate the book. Also, for the expertise provided by Chris McCallum the Sound Engineer for bringing the narrators together on this project.

GIVE A BOOK A CAMPAIGN

Sixteen (16) refuges throughout Australia have received Give-a-books this year.
Broken to Brilliant 60, *Terror to Triumph* 98 *Shattered to Shining* 25

Give a Book for a refuge bed



The 'Give a Book for a bed campaign' enables people to help victims of domestic violence to rebuild their lives, by purchasing the book *Broken to Brilliant* or *Terror to Triumph* and/or *Shattered to Shining* gifting it on to domestic violence refuges and transition homes as a message of hope.

The aim is to provide a book for every refuge bed in Australia.
<https://www.broken-brilliant.com/store>.

Feedback from the refuges and transition homes has been encouraging; with the recipients openly saying they can relate to the stories and are taking the book with them for future reference.

To meet the demand from refuges and transition homes, the Board applied and received a grant in November from the Lord Mayors Community Grant. Walt's Espresso at Hamilton continues to donate their tips to Broken to Brilliant for the Give a Book for a refuge bed campaign.

OUR FUNDRAISING

Our major fundraising events once again included the High tea and Melbourne Cup

High Tea Xmas in July



A very successful 'High Tea' was held on the 6 July 2019 to raise funds for the We catered for 60 guests and managed to include 10 more on the day.

Thank you to our Broken to Brilliant volunteers Elaine, Lynn and Kathy who spent 12-months planning and collecting high-tea items. They also helped prepare and cook the Christmas in July themed food. The event was a huge success raising around \$2400 from sales of event tickets, books, the *I Believe You* CD and raffle tickets.

Thank you to all the businesses who donated to the event with food, Christmas trees and non-alcoholic bubbles.

Melbourne Cup





The first Tuesday in November, maybe the date for a race that stops the Nation, but at Portabella's Restaurant Albany Creek, Cup goers have raced in to book their seat for the sold out three-course luncheon that supported local charity Broken to Brilliant. For the fourth year Broken to Brilliant has partnered with Portabella Restaurant at Albany Creek for the Melbourne Cup. We thank the businesses have donated raffle prizes we raised over \$900.

OUR ONLINE PRESENCE –

Four social media platforms have been maintained throughout 2018 and a closed Facebook group for private communications to domestic violence survivors and financial members.

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/brokentobrilliant/>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/brokentobrilliant/>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/BrkntoBrilliant>
- Website: <http://brokentobrilliant.org/>

 1.3K Facebook likes	Website For the last 3 months 1,052 Total clicks 12,506 Total impressions Social Media
 265 followers	 37 LinkedIn followers

Become a member <http://brokentobrilliant.org/>

B2B Adult Membership A\$28.00 per year

\$25 Annual adult Broken to Brilliant membership. Total fee inclusive of \$3.00 credit charges. This membership is valid for 52 weeks.

B2B Organisation Membership A\$103.00 per year

\$100 Annual Broken to Brilliant membership fee for an organisation. Total fee inclusive of credit charges of \$3.00. This membership is renewable every 52 weeks.

Volunteer your time

Join the Broken to Brilliant committee and help grow the Charity and reach survivors of domestic violence. Get involved through fund raising, awareness raising, research, education, marketing and social media.

Buy a book

Buying a book online from Kindle, Nook, Angus and Robertson, Kobo and more via <https://www.books2read.com/brokentobrilliant>

Buy a hard cover book direct from Broken to Brilliant in person or from the website <http://brokentobrilliant.org>

Give a Book for a bed- Broken to Brilliant A\$30.00

Give a copy of the book Broken to Brilliant and we will arrange for the book to be donated to services that support domestic violence survivors. Stories of strength and success as women share how to rebuild life after adversity.

Make a donation

Go to the website and on the right-hand side click the donate button <http://brokentobrilliant.org/about/>



Leave a bequest

Any properties contact Broken to Brilliant at email: contact@broken2brilliant.com

Support an event or fundraising activity

Melbourne Cup 3rd November 2020– Portabellas Restaurant
High Tea 25th July 2020

Recycle your containers

Donate your cans, glass and plastic bottles to Broken to Brilliant at any recycling station. Simply quote our charity number (C10029698) and the recycling station will print a sticker to be attached to your bag.

Become a corporate partner

Contact Broken to Brilliant at email: contact@brokentobrilliant.org



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