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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

At commonkind, we acknowledge and pay respect to the past, present and future Traditional Custodians and Elders of the lands where we serve and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

We recognise the world's oldest living culture and the strong sense of community among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the power of this connection not only for the individual but also for society.

We aspire to strengthen the communities in which we live, work, study and play.

In our mission to build a kinder and more connected world, we are inspired by the living history of kindness to people and planet demonstrated by First Nations communities across Australia.



This is the power of commonkind's model. The activities completed through our programs provide practical benevolent relief, but their influence reaches further. They help young people understand the challenges experienced by others, recognise their own ability to contribute and begin developing the habits and values that can support lifelong civic participation.

The launch of Bowl Lotta Love has been an important demonstration of this model. The initiative responds to the immediate and very real challenge of food insecurity while enabling children and young people to play an active role in supporting other members of their community. It creates two forms of impact at once: practical relief today and the development of empathy, agency and social responsibility for the future.

Recently, while reviewing feedback from students who had received the Bowl Lotta Love breakfast boxes, I was deeply moved by what they shared. Many wrote that they were no longer arriving at class hungry and explained how having a good breakfast helped them feel settled, concentrate and be ready to learn.

Likewise, I was deeply affected by the feedback from students who participated in our school-based Learn by Heart service-learning program. Their responses spoke not only of enjoying the experience, but also of feeling purposeful, feeling proud to have helped others and wanting to do more.

These reflections bring commonkind's impact to life in a way that numbers alone cannot. They show that when young people are trusted with meaningful opportunities to contribute, they respond with empathy, enthusiasm and a genuine desire to continue serving their communities.

As a Board we refined our Theory of Change - a powerful living document that continues to provide a valuable foundation for our strategic planning. Through this work, the Board confirmed that commonkind has established a strong mission, a credible model and clear evidence of impact, and that its next stage must be pursued thoughtfully.

For this reason, the Board has determined that the coming period should be one of purposeful consolidation rather than growth for growth's sake. Our ambition must remain aligned with our resources. Program quality must not be compromised by excessive demand, and the sustainability of commonkind's leadership and operating model must be treated as a central governance responsibility.

Our strategic direction therefore prioritises the Learn by Heart school-based program, supported by carefully aligned Work of Heart corporate activities. It places greater emphasis on sustainable funding, repeatable delivery models, disciplined evaluation and the organisational capability required to support future impact.

This discipline does not diminish our ambition. It protects it.

FY26 was also a year of continued governance development. Our renewed Board came together with a shared commitment to commonkind's purpose and a clear understanding of its responsibilities as commonkind enters its next stage of maturity.

During the year, we strengthened Board and committee structures, increased our focus on financial and risk oversight, established clearer strategic priorities and developed a more deliberate approach to stakeholder engagement and fundraising.

The Board recognises that financial sustainability is not simply an operational matter. It is fundamental to the responsible stewardship of commonkind's mission. While financial sustainability remains a continuing priority, it is encouraging that commonkind closed FY26 with a surplus of \$19,498 and cash reserves of \$40,094, strengthening commonkind's foundation for the year ahead. The introduction of program fee income, alongside continued donor and grant support, also represents an important early step towards a more diverse and sustainable funding model.

commonkind continues to achieve an extraordinary amount through the generosity of volunteers, pro bono advisers, partners and supporters. However, commonkind's long-term success cannot depend on unlimited unpaid leadership capacity or the ongoing goodwill of a small number of people.

Developing a more sustainable financial and operating foundation is therefore not separate from our mission. It is essential to ensuring commonkind can continue serving the community safely, effectively and for the long term.

On behalf of the Board, I extend my deepest appreciation to Carolina. Her vision, creativity and determination remain at the heart of commonkind. Just as importantly, her openness with the Board about opportunities, constraints and risks has enabled us to make informed and responsible decisions. Her leadership has created not only an organisation, but a community of people who believe kindness can be purposeful, practical and powerful.

I also thank my fellow Non-Executive Directors - Adriana Hartcher, Sheree Bamkin and Dani Townsend - for the expertise, generosity, thoughtful challenge and care they have brought to the Board.

I acknowledge our Child and Youth Advisory Group, whose members remind us that young people should not simply be the subjects of our decisions, but active contributors to them. My thanks also go to our advisers and volunteers, whose skills and time strengthen commonkind in ways that may not always be visible but are deeply valued.

Finally, to every school, charity partner, funder, donor, corporate supporter, pro bono provider, educator, parent, carer and young changemaker who has walked alongside commonkind this year: thank you.

Your contribution demonstrates that children and young people do not need to wait until adulthood to participate in building a better society. They are capable of contributing now.

By giving children and young people meaningful opportunities to serve, we are not only responding to disadvantage today. We are helping to cultivate the compassionate citizens, community leaders and volunteers Australia will need tomorrow.

Together, we are taking meaningful steps towards commonkind's vision of evolving Australia from the lucky country to the loving country.

Nikki Accornero

Chair

Our vision is a nation where volunteering is second nature, children grow up empowered to lead with kindness, and families find joy in giving together. Through the voices of children, young people and the energy of families, Australia can evolve from the "lucky country" to the **loving country**.

To our incredible young volunteers and their families - your energy and compassion are the true engine of commonkind. To our partners, supporters, and dedicated board of directors - thank you for your steadfast belief in our mission and for walking this path with us.

Together, we are proving that small acts of service, led by young hearts, can transform whole communities.

Carolina Puleston

CEO & Founder

WE ARE COMMONKIND

Our Mission

We believe that charity begins at home and by harnessing the power of children, young people and families through service, we can build a kinder world.

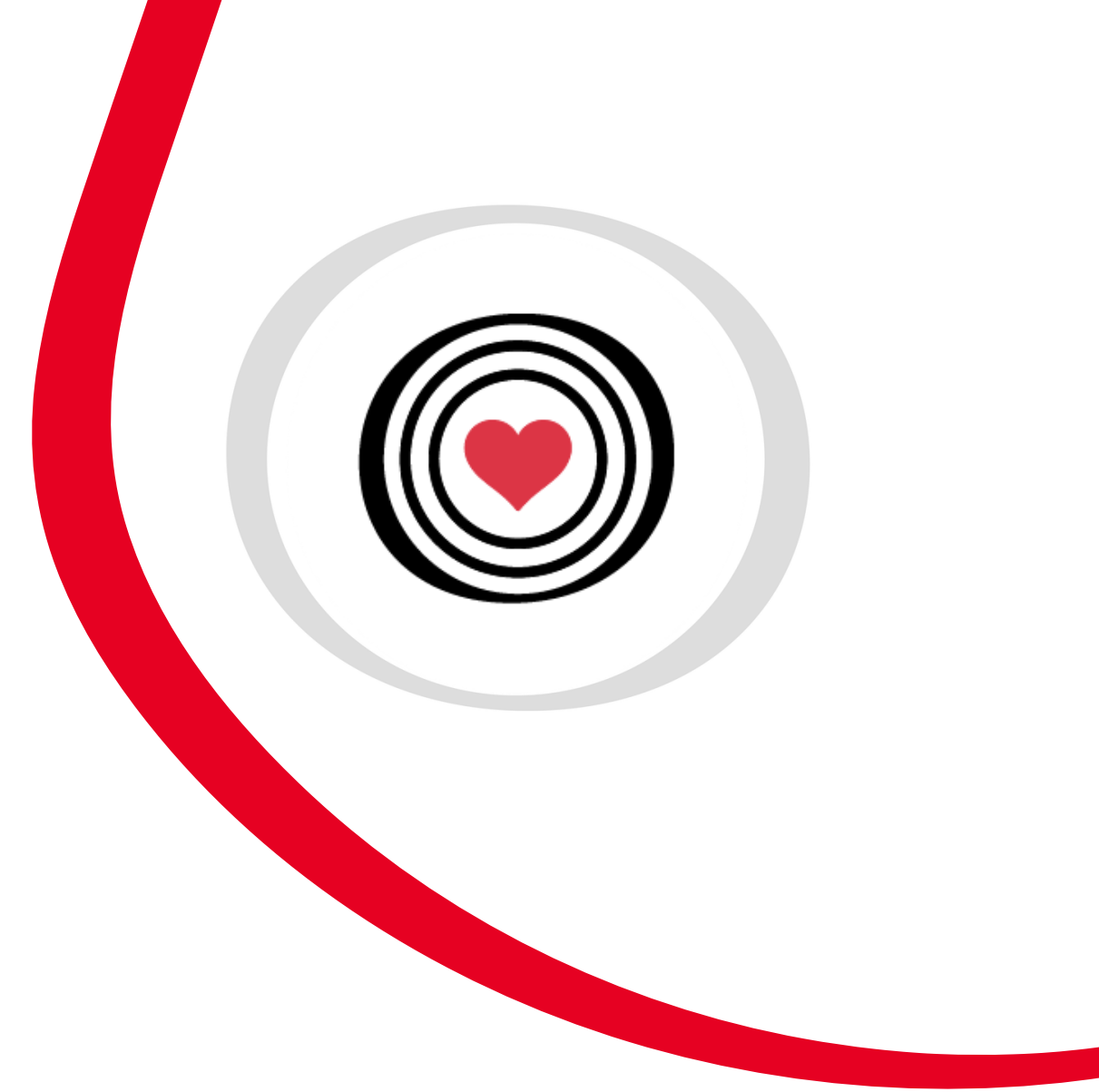
Our Vision

Australia evolves from the lucky country to the loving country.

Our Values

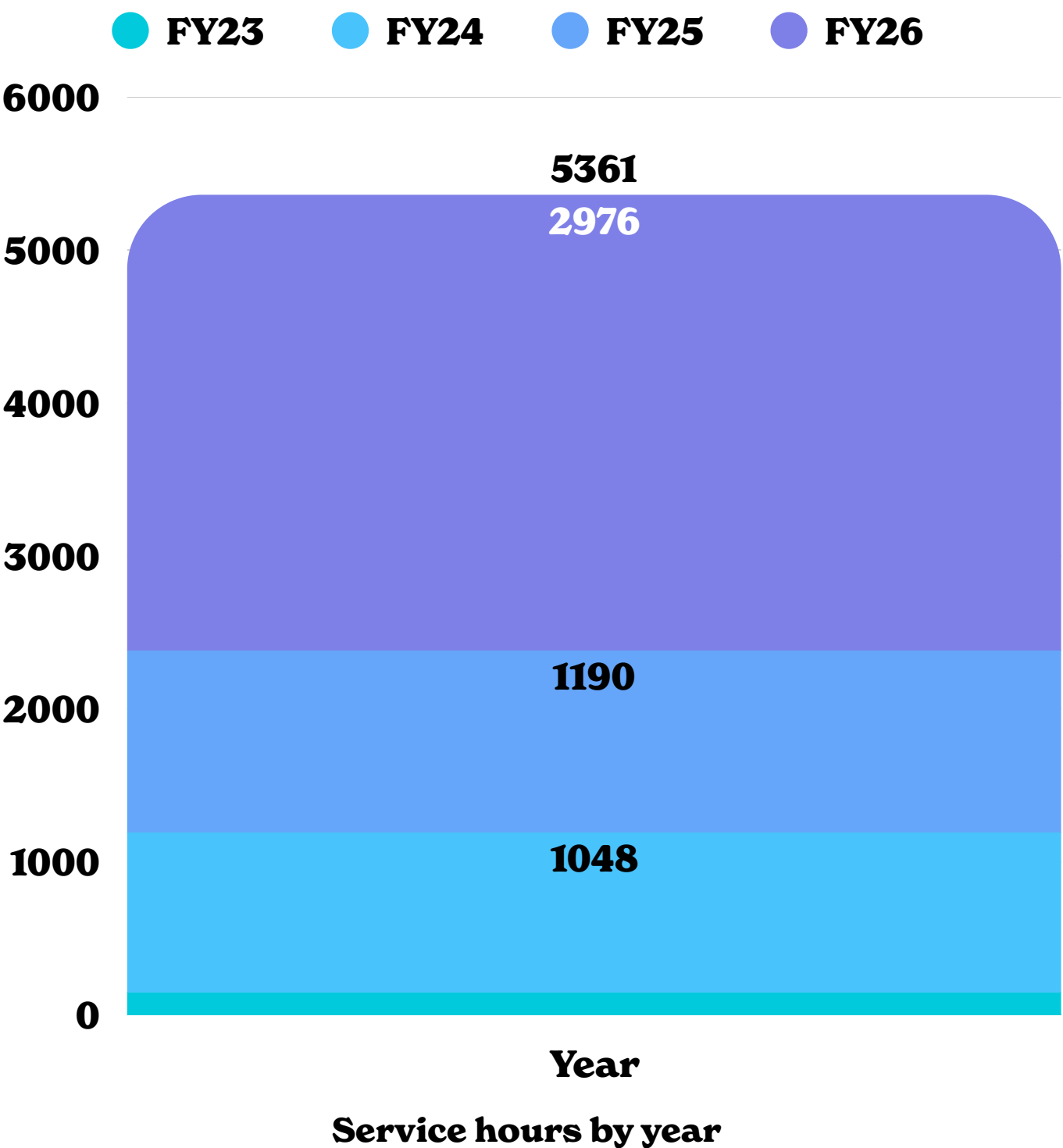
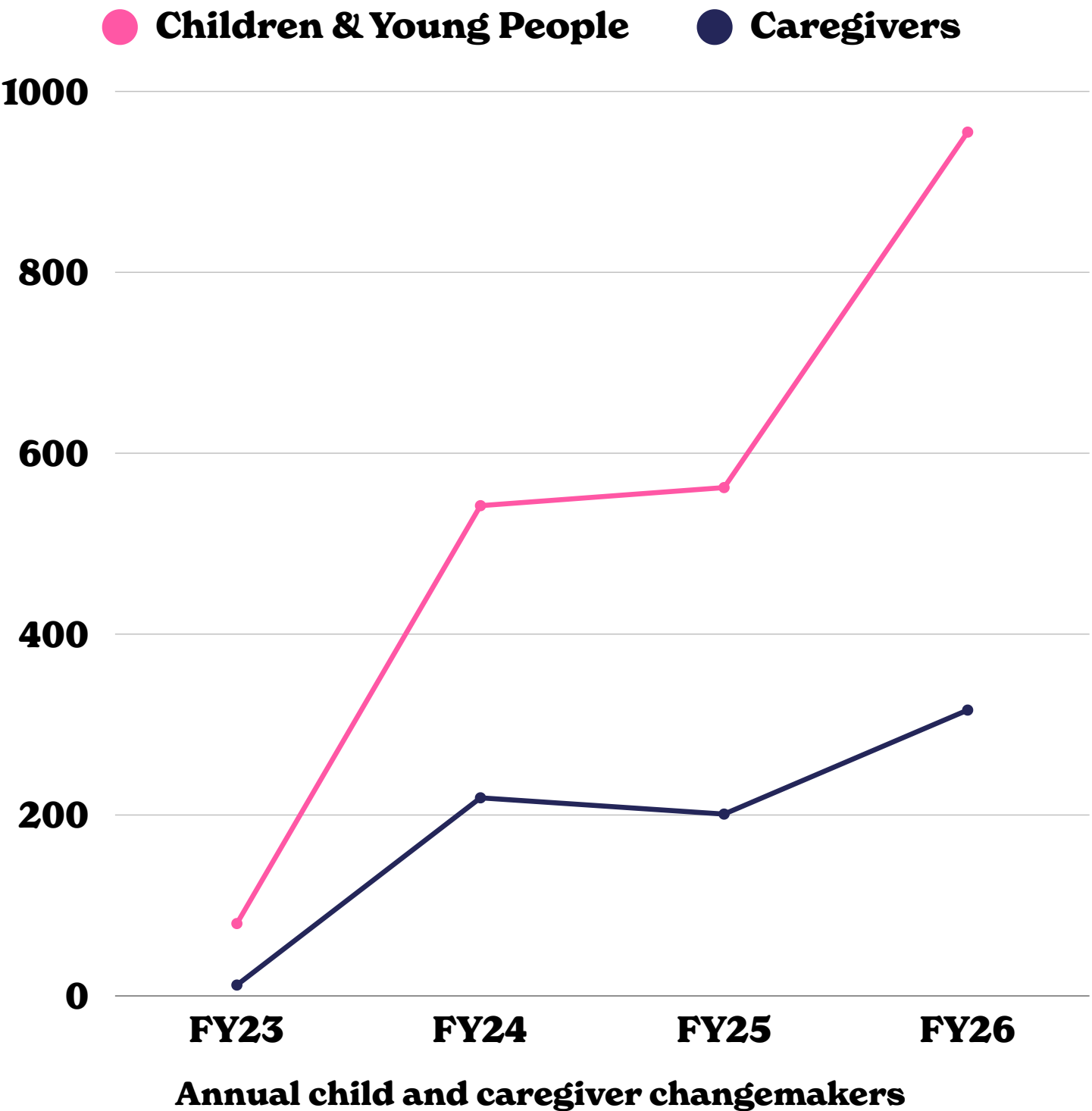
We strive to GIVE:

- G** Generous - we give what we can freely
- I** Inclusive - we welcome everyone to participate
- V** Valuable - we seek to create value for our stakeholders and we value others
- E** Enterprising - we embrace innovation and seek new ways to make an impact



On average each year (with just one team member)...

we engage 721 changemakers (74% children/youth) who collectively give 1340 hours p.a. in service.



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