



ST LAURENCE HOUSE YOUTH SERVICE

ANNUAL REPORT 2019





Established in 1978, St Laurence House has provided accommodation & support to homeless youth in the Eastern Suburbs of Sydney in accordance with the Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) Program regulated by the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) at a State level. The organisation has been providing accommodation, support and care for homeless children and young people for the past forty years. It has evolved from the original drop-in centre/ Crisis Refuge, to a long-term residential service that currently operates a refuge, staffed 24 hours a day and a semi supported unit in Randwick. The service offers a unique, holistic, 'Trauma Informed Care' program that focuses on meeting the complex needs of homeless children and young people. There are of course no easy remedies or short cuts in helping the clients to overcome many years of hurt and neglect, this takes a very long time and considerable commitment, sensitivity and careful planning by all the staff at St. Laurence House.

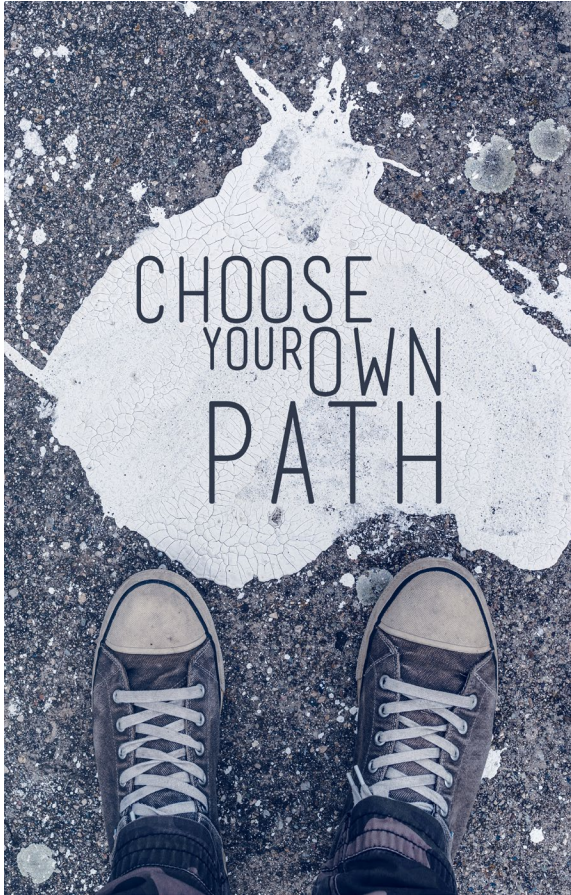
MISSION STATEMENT

St Laurence House is committed to the continuous improvement of service to provide a better quality of life to disadvantaged youth.

PHILOSOPHY

The Philosophy of Saint Laurence House is to retain an essential humanitarian approach in the provision of care, support and hope to youth who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and to endorse the right of these individuals to achieve their full potential.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR



Thank you to Nigel Parker, our executive officer, and his staff for their excellent work in continuing to provide long-term accommodation and teaching life skills in a supportive environment for children and young people at risk of homelessness. Thank you also to the members of the Committee of Management for their untiring work this year. This has led to an increase in our donations, a very successful Big Event with Benjamin Law, author and journalist, and Zoe Robinson CEO of Y Foundations as our guest speakers and great improvements in the way we communicate and present ourselves as an organisation, not least in having an updated and effective website. Our thanks also go to the Rectors and congregations of Christ Church St Laurence and St James King Street for their continued encouragement and support.

We were thrilled that in June this year SLH received Vice Regal patronage. The Honourable Margaret Beasley AO QC, Governor of NSW agreed to become our patron.

Our corporate relationship with the Property Investment Foundation (PIF) has continued. The mission of PIF is to make a tangible difference to the serious and persistent problem of youth homelessness. The Foundation is funding the extension of the house in Kingsford. Again my thanks to Nigel who eventually managed to get all the agencies including FACS and Department of Housing to sign off on the contract. No mean feat! The renovations commence in August 2019.

The SLH Community were shocked and saddened when Ruth McCance, a former chair and committee member, died in May in a tragic mountaineering accident in the Himalayas. There is a 'Vale' to Ruth on our website. Ruth will be greatly missed by the community of SLH.

This is my last year as chairperson. I am also leaving the Committee. My husband Richard has recently retired. We hope to do some travel. I wish the incoming Committee well.

Regards,

Anne

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS MESSAGE

Hi Everyone,

It's been a busy year at St Laurence House and as we head towards the Christmas Holidays, we have much to be grateful for. Two of our long-term residents sat for the HSC this year and we are anxiously waiting for the results of their endeavours. One of them has already been offered a place at a college in Wollongong as a pre entry to University. We are all very proud of this young person's achievements. As I write this report, we are undergoing a major refurbishment of the Kingsford refuge. This has come about as a result of our new service partner the Property Industry Foundation (PIF). I'm sorry but you will have to wait until next year for the pictures of our 'New Home'. This year we had a major focus on fundraising and the results were fantastic – we are truly blessed to have such a supportive community many of whom have supported St Laurence House from its early days in the 1970's. Our Big event was a great success as was our annual 'Shrove Tuesday' event. We continue to receive support from the St James Outreach Fund and the Coulson Trust. In the coming year we hope to extend our Semi- Supported Accommodation Program by nominating for more units to support homeless Children and young people.

This year we are all deeply saddened by the sudden death of our former Chair Ruth McCance. Ruth was not only a committed supporter of the work of St Laurence House but also served as a mentor to me, in my role as Executive Officer. She was an integral part of the St Laurence House Family.

I would like to thank our community for all your support this year and have to say its been lovely to chat with many of you over the past twelve months. To the management committee and SLH team thanks for a great year. This year we say goodbye to Anne Cogswell the chair of the management committee. Anne has worked tirelessly to secure donations and develop corporate partnerships. The PIF relationship and subsequent renovation is thanks to Anne's ability to foster new relationships with the wider community. Thankyou Anne for all your hard work.

On behalf of all the team and the children and young people we support – I offer a heartfelt Thankyou!!

Nigel Parker

Executive Officer



SEMI-INDEPENDENT CASE STUDY



Kate

Kate has been a client of St Laurence House for about three years – Kate was initially at the Kingsford refuge before moving into one of our semi- Independent units – Kate had a long history of homelessness and an unstable home environment- Kates journey with us was at first a difficult one and it was evident that Kate had suffered significant trauma throughout her life and had developed many different coping mechanisms as a result. Kate began to settle after a period of about fourteen months and began to focus on her fitness and gaining employment – Kate managed to commit to a savings plan and eventually moved into our semi-supported unit. Kate secured a role in the fitness industry and worked hard to overcome the many obstacles before her. After two years in the Semi- supported unit Kate was now working full time and moved out into a local private rental unit with a work colleague

SEMI-INDEPENDENT PROGRAM- CASE STUDY

Jason

Jason has been a tenant in our semi-independent unit for just over two years – Jason had to leave a situation of family breakdown and sought support from St Laurence House.

Jason moved into our Semi Supported Unit and once settled, continued to study at UNSW – Jason was very proactive in the case management process and committed to all aspects of the St Laurence House program – As part of Jason's regular meetings our case worker Daniel completed resumes and helped Jason look for part time employment . Towards the end of his tenancy Jason submitted his Honour's Thesis to UNSW and began to study for a PHD. Jason also managed to save money whilst in our care and at the end of his tenancy with us, moved into private rental with his partner.



24/7 SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION SERVICE KINGSFORD

Our 24/7 supported refuge in Kingsford continues to offer intensive support to children aged 13-18 who are either homeless or at risk of homelessness. We are fortunate to have strong connections in our local community including specialist mental health services, schools, drug and alcohol services and crisis accommodation services.

This year we began negotiations with the Property Industry Foundation (PIF) to complete a major renovation of the Kingsford House. We were successful in gaining their support to transform the lower part of the property to include another bedroom for a vulnerable child, a new bathroom, new office, new meeting room, new storage area and a new staff bedroom with ensuite. PIF have also garnered support from their major partner on the project, to upgrade all the furniture in the existing bedrooms and create a new outdoor area for the residents. This will totally transform the way we operate and increase our capacity to serve more children and young people experiencing homelessness.





24/7 SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION SERVICE KINGSFORD – THE PIF RENOVATION BEGINS !

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CASE WORKER

To say that I am pleased with the positive outcomes we have achieved for young people at St. Laurence House this year, would be an understatement. We have equipped numerous disadvantaged children and young people with the life skills that most of us take for granted, enabling them to move forward with their lives both independently and sustainably. Depending on their individual goals, we have supported young people to re-establish positive relationships with their families; to live self-sufficiently in private rental or community supported accommodation; to finish their HSC and move onto tertiary education; to find work; to gain confidence; to improve their communication skills, mental health, financial literacy, and much much more. We also took the children on a day trip to visit the Blue Mountains for their first time, take them out for dinner and ice-cream for their birthdays', and even do group exercise classes on occasion!



One particular story I'd like to share with you is that of 15-year-old Joanne, who has historically had quite severe behavioural issues, leading to police involvement and expulsion from several schools. Over the past year I have built a certain level of rapport with her, simply by allowing her to feel heard and valued (perhaps for the first time in her life). In addition, the staff at St. Laurence House, have continued to make a concerted effort to foster an environment of stability, comfort and peace, allowing all of the children to feel safe and secure in the place they call home. After several months, these interventions have had a markedly positive impact on Joanne, as not only is there now very rarely a situation of conflict at home with our staff, but her school principal called and wrote to me personally, recognizing Joanne's improved effort and achievement both behaviourally and academically. Joanne now also has more friends, has improved her relationship with her family, and not surprisingly, acknowledges herself that she is much happier in general.

This is just one small example of the many that we have seen here, that is testament to the fact that a safe and stable home environment is essential for children and young people to find their feet and flourish in all aspects of their lives. I look forward to continuing the important work that we do at St. Laurence House, to support disadvantaged children and youth to be the best versions of themselves.

Daniel Novikov

Caseworker



TRIP TO THE BLUE MOUNTAINS



THE STATS 2018-2019

21males

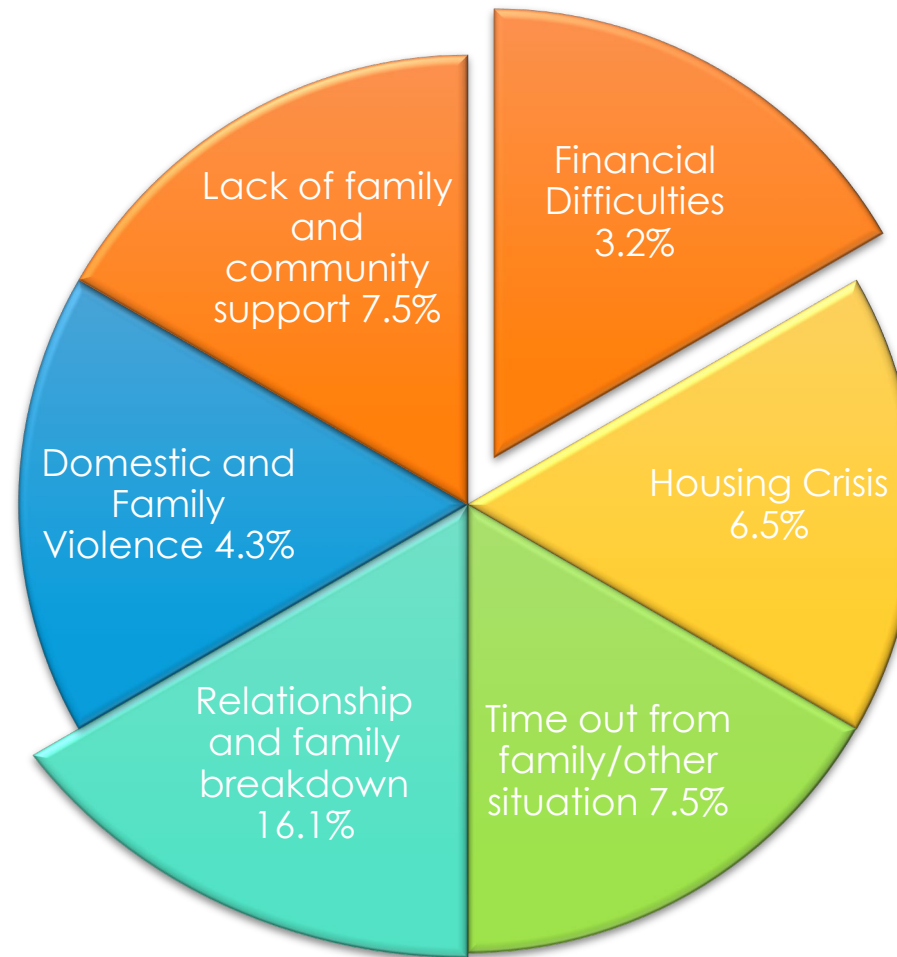
18 Females

15.4% identified
as being
Indigenous

48 % Children
under the age
of 18

We provided
1844 Safe
Sleeps

MAIN REASONS FOR SEEKING ASSISTANCE



FINANCIAL STATS 2018-2019



FUNDRAISING
2018-2019

Donations \$87,823.00

Project Funding \$18,307.00

Other Grants \$5,157.00

Total Fundraising \$111,287.00

THANKYOU TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS



- DCJ South East Sydney
- Lillian Howell Project
- Project Youth
- Taldumande Youth Service
- Options Youth Housing
- Caretakers Cottage
- Salesforce
- The Gender Centre
- Maroubra Police
- Prince of Wales Adolescent Mental Health Unit
- ESYN Forum
- Y Foundations
- Street Smart
- St James Outreach
- Christchurch St Laurence
- Housing NSW
- YP Space
- AMP Foundation
- My Foundations
- OZ Harvest
- Youth of the Streets
- South East Sydney High School
- Centre 360
- Randwick Boys High School
- The Property Industry Foundation
- The Ted Noffs Foundation
- Coulson Trust
- Headspace Bondi
- St James Church
- Woniara Road School
- St George Community Housing
- Bridge Housing
- Randwick Girls High School
- Fabulous Jazz Babies
- PEC Unit POW Hospital

ST LAURENCE HOUSE

HELPING YOUNG HOMELESS PEOPLE FIND THEIR WAY

ABN 79 101 274 350

Special Purpose Financial Reports

For the Year ended 30 June 2019

St Laurence House Incorporated

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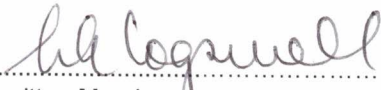
Statement by Committee

The Committee hereby states that:

1. The financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not For Profits Commission Act 2012 including:
 - (a) complying with relevant Australian Accounting Standards and requirements of the Associations Incorporation (NSW) Act 2009; and
 - (b) giving a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30th June 2019 and performance and cashflows for the year ended on that date of the association;
2. The provisions of the Charitable Fundraising Act and the conditions attached to the Authority to Fundraise have been complied with;
3. Internal Controls exercised by the Organisation are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied from any fundraising appeals.
4. In the Committee's opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission Regulation 2013.

Dated 29 October 2019

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Committee Member

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Committee Member

St Laurence House Incorporated
Balance Sheet
As at 30 June 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	3	384,433	331,206
Other Receivables		-	1,104
Total Current Assets		384,433	332,310
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Plant & Equipment	4	8,165	12,447
TOTAL ASSETS		392,598	344,757
LIABILITIES			
Other Payables		12,694	9,557
GST Payable/(Recoverable)		7,129	7,069
Provisions	5	68,811	47,452
Total Liabilities		88,635	64,078
NET ASSETS		\$303,964	\$280,679
ACCUMULATED FUNDS AND RESERVES			
Accumulated Funds		257,509	234,225
Reserve Funds	2	46,455	46,455
TOTAL		\$303,964	\$280,679

The above Statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

St Laurence House Incorporated
Income Statement
For the Year ended 30 June 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
Income			
Interest Received		4,529	3,740
Donations		87,823	56,556
Rent - Residents		15,817	15,146
Grants		343,065	337,143
Other		26,226	23,728
Total Income for the year		477,460	436,313
<i>Less:</i>			
Expenses			
Administration		26,974	23,403
Operating		17,041	13,876
Property		19,580	15,451
Staffing		390,580	352,094
Total Expenses		454,175	404,824
Net Operating Income		23,285	31,490
Prior year adjustments		-	1,530
Accumulated Funds at the Beginning of the Year		234,225	201,205
Accumulated Funds at the End of the Year		<u><u>\$257,509</u></u>	<u><u>\$234,225</u></u>

The above Statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

St Laurence House Incorporated
Statement of Cashflows
For the Year ended 30 June 2019

	2019 \$	2018 \$
	Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)
Cash Flows from/(used in) Operating Activities		
Fees, Grants and Donations Received	437,728	400,824
Interest and other Income Received	40,836	37,445
Payments to Suppliers and Employees	(425,397)	(403,084)
Net Cash from/(used in) operating activities	53,167	35,185
Funds from/(used in) investing activities		
Increase/(decrease) in GST Balance	60	172
Net Cash from/(used in) investing activities	60	172
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash Held	53,227	35,359
Cash at the beginning of the year	331,206	295,846
Cash at the end of the year (Note 3)	\$ 384,433	\$ 331,206

Reconciliation from Operating Surplus/(Deficit) to Cash from Operations

Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	23,285	33,020
Depreciation charged	4,282	2,173
Increase/(Decrease) in provisions	21,359	6,997
Increase/(Decrease) in payables	3,138	(7,430)
Decrease/(Increase) in receivables	1,104	426
Cash generated by/(used in) operating activities	53,167	35,185

The above Statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

St Laurence House Incorporated
Notes to and Forming part of the Accounts
For the Year ended 30 June 2019

Note 1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis that the entity is a non-reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. The financial statements are therefore special purpose financial reports.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not For Profits Act 2012, the basis of accounting specified by relevant Australian Accounting Standards, and the disclosure requirements of Accounting Standards AASB101 Presentation of Financial Statements, AASB107 CashFlow Statements, AASB108 Accounting Policies Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors AASB1031 Materiality and AASB1054 Additional Disclosures.

The reports are drawn up under the historical cost convention. Accordingly, values shown have not been adjusted to reflect changes in the purchasing power of money.

a) Plant and Equipment

Items of equipment etc are expensed in the year in which they are purchased.

The cost and charge against previous assets remains shown in the notes to the balance sheet for information purposes.

Items costing in excess of \$5,000 are taken to the balance sheet and depreciated over their estimated remaining useful lives using the diminishing balance method.

b) Income Tax

The organisation is a non profit incorporated association and is exempt from Income tax Exemption from income tax is under section 50-45 of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

SLH is registered with the ACNC and as a Public Benevolent Institution for income tax purposes providing assistance to those in need and accordingly donors to SLH may claim a tax deduction for their donations.

c) Employee Entitlements

Provision is made for liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Contributions to employee superannuation are charged as expense when incurred. Funds are set aside for replacement staff required during periods of sick and maternity leave based upon the organisation's history and experience of these.

Note 2 Funds and Reserves

	2019	2018
<u>Accumulated Funds</u>		
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for the year before adjustments	23,285	31,490
Accumulated Funds at the Beginning of the Year	232,693	201,203
	255,977	232,693
Transfers (to)/from Reserves	-	-
Accumulated Funds at the End of the Year	\$255,977	\$232,693
<u>Reserves</u>		
Reserve for Replacement of Equipment		
Balance at beginning of the year	20,000	20,000
Transfer from Accumulated Funds	-	-
	20,000	20,000
Reserve for Replacement of Vehicle		
Balance at beginning of the year	26,455	26,455
Transfer from Accumulated Funds	-	-
	26,455	26,455
Total Reserve Funds	\$ 46,455	\$ 46,455

St Laurence House Incorporated
Notes to and Forming part of the Accounts
For the Year ended 30 June 2019

	2019 \$	2018 \$
Note 3 Cash		
Cash at Bank	21,418	52,591
Cash on Hand	472	252
Cash on Deposit - Leave provisions	23,896	23,542
Cash on Deposit - Long Service Leave	7,106	7,000
Cash Management Account	331,531	242,271
Undeposited Funds	11	5,550
Total Cash at Bank & on Hand	\$ 384,433	\$ 331,206
Note 4 Fixed Assets		
Motor Vehicle	13,545	13,545
Less: Depreciation provisions	5,380	2,690
	8,165	10,855
Other Equipment - Airconditioning Units	8,283	8,283
Less: Depreciation provisions	8,283	6,691
	-	1,592
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 8,165	\$ 12,447
Note 5 Provisions		
Provisions - Staff Annual Leave	23,898	13,168
Provisions - Personal Leave	20,613	15,027
Provisions - Long Service Leave	17,203	14,362
Provision for Wcomp & Super on leave provisions	7,097	4,895
Total Provisions	\$ 68,811	\$ 47,452

Note 6 Related Parties

There were no significant transactions with related parties not disclosed elsewhere in these accounts. The names of persons who held positions on the committee during the financial year were:

Susan Allton	Philip Logan
Edwina Chappell	Gregory Murray
Elizabeth Cogswell	Alan Soutar
Andrew Cooling	Joanna Stevens Kramer

No Committee member received remuneration from the organisation during the year.

Note 7 Segment Information

St Laurence House Incorporated operates long-term accommodation in various locations in Sydney, N.S.W.

The premises for the accommodation is provided by the Office of Community Housing.

St Laurence House Incorporated
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For the Year ended 30 June 2019

Note 8 Fundraising

The Association is authorised under the Charitable Fundraising Act of NSW to raise funds from the general public.

The authority to Fundraise #14097 expires 2 April 2024.

Fundraising activities are generally carried out by the St Laurence House management committee and the local community.

General fundraising by newsletter and by letters to financial supporters is carried out.

Note 9 Grants Received

	This year	Last year
Family and Community Services		
Recurrent Grant	335,928	328,094
Indexation Funding	1,980	1,894
	337,908	329,988
Other	5,157	7,155
	343,065	337,143