St Laurence House Youth Service

Annual Report 2020

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 (SSF) 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 two 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 four Semi –Supported Units. 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's mission is getting homeless children and young people back on track.

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.

St Laurence House

YOUTH SERVICES

A Message From Our Chair

This is my first year as Chair of St Laurence House, and it has been an eventful year. The house has been renovated, we have commenced a major project to renew all of our governance systems and we have coped with the challenges of COVID-19. But most importantly, we have continued to support the children and young people in our care, who continue to have their lives influenced for the better.

Our organisation continues to grow and move forward. The renovated house , with an additional bedroom added, has been completed thanks to a generous donation and active support from the Property Industry Foundation. Further, we now have a total of four one-bedroom units that serve as transitional accommodation when clients are ready to move on.

With the need of our clients at heart, St Laurence House is now engaged in a major programme to review and improve all aspects of its operations. The aim is to achieve a robust and healthy organisation that provides best in class service, capable of meeting any challenge.

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. Thank you also to the members of the Committee of Management for their untiring work this year.

Most importantly, we are able to continue supporting our clients only with the generous support of our benefactors. The government provides only part of the costs to run our facility. To keep us afloat, the balance must come from our benefactors and fundraising – your support and encouragement is so much appreciated.

Alan Soutar

Chair, St Laurence House

Executive Officer’s Message

Hello Everyone

I am sure you will all agree that this has been a year to remember. At SLH we managed to complete our renovation just in time for ‘Lock-Down’ thanks to the brilliant work of the team from Wyatt Projects and the Property Industry Foundation. Our efforts at fundraising for this vital service hit a new high, thanks to a very successful and popular Big Event and Shrove Tuesday. A big thank you to everyone who attended and donated. I also wish to thank the team, for all the support over an exceedingly difficult year. The new world of COVID-19 and its subsequent aftermath has posed many difficulties for SLH, as a service. Whist many of us are still recovering from the Bush Fire crisis that ravaged our communities, my thoughts and prayers are with those of you, who are feeling more isolated than ever, due to our current situation. A heartfelt thank you, for all the calls to office, checking in, to see how we are doing. I have to say that the residents and staff have adapted well under trying circumstances. I would also like to thank the team at The Department of Communities and Justice for your unwavering support of the Youth Homelessness Sector over the past year. We have had to adopt and implement new policies and procedures, as a direct result of the current pandemic. The department has provided not only policy documents, but also critical information needed to continue to operate. Finally thank you to the St Laurence House Management Committee for all your support & guidance over the past year. To all our supporters, we simply couldn’t continue to operate without your steadfast support.

Kind Regards

Nigel Parker

Executive Officer

A Message From Our Case Worker

Despite the uncertainties of 2020, we at St. Laurence House have done well to maintain our focus on what we do best: supporting children &young people at risk of homelessness. Regardless of what circumstances they came from, we are proud to offer these children a comfortable, safe and stable place to call home.

This year we have supported our clients to achieve a number of significant outcomes including family restoration, succeeding in high school and getting into TAFE or university studies, improving their independent living skills (e.g. cooking, cleaning, budgeting), improving their mental health, reinforcing healthy habits like healthy food, good sleep, and exercise…and the list goes on.

Furthermore, in cooperation with our industry partners St. George Community Housing, we have expanded our *STAY* outreach program by acquiring three new one-bedroom apartments for 18-23-year old's who are engaged in work or study. This provides the young people with ongoing case management and heavily subsidised rent, allowing them to improve their living skills and focus on their work or study without the financial burden of Sydney private rental prices.

Whether this is your first or 42nd year supporting St. Laurence House, I'd like to thank you deeply for your support, because without you, we would not be able to continue the important work that we do.

Sincerely

Daniel Novikov

Case Worker

24/7 Refuge- Case Study

In 2018, Jaden was 16 years old, living with his older sister, single father and grandparents, in their family home in Western Sydney, their previously stable home was foreclosed, and the family were evicted. Whilst still attempting to attend school, Jaden was forced to squat, couch-surf, and sleep rough, before Link2Home connected him with Caretakers Cottage, and subsequently to St. Laurence House.

Then aged 17, St. Laurence House supported Jaden through his crucial HSC year by providing safe and stable accommodation, ongoing case management, and a living skills program filling in the gaps from what he wasn't taught in his family home. After a long period of housing volatility, Jaden craved the stability and safety that St. Laurence House had to offer. With our support, he was not only able to successfully complete his HSC, find and maintain a part-time job in hospitality, but was accepted into his preferred university to study a Bachelor of Arts (Psychology). Since finishing his HSC, St. Laurence House also supported Jaden to move into semi-independent Community Housing in the local area. We will continue to support Jaden through case management.

24/7 Refuge -Case Study

In 2017, Sam was 14 years old when she was referred to St. Laurence House through our local crisis refuge (Caretakers Cottage) as a result of Family Violence. Sam had experienced instability at home for some time before she finally made the decision to leave, and as a result, she had adopted a range of maladaptive behaviours that may have helped her cope with trauma. These behaviours manifested both at home and at school and culminated in numerous suspensions and an expulsion from school, several encounters with local police, and several written warnings from the House for consistently breaking rules, putting her only viable accommodation placement at risk.

However, with the long-term support that St. Laurence House can offer, Sam was able to significantly improve her quality of life, by making a few changes to her perspectives and behaviours: With ongoing case management, and trauma informed practice, she was able to identify and adapt him problematic behaviours, transforming into a role model student at school, and a valued member of the house.

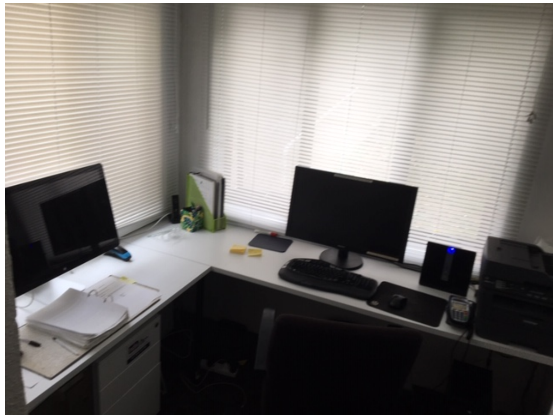
Sam is now 17 years old and in the midst of a busy HSC year. Her recent half-yearly report saw her rank within the top 5 students each of her classes, with a 97.6% attendance record. Sam plans to study next year at UNSW, and judging by her achievements thus far, she is well on track. Upon finishing her HSC, St. Laurence House will help Sam find suitable semi-independent accommodation through our local Community Housing partners. We will continue to provide her with outreach case management working towards supporting her to become self-sufficient by securing a stable income and moving into private rental.

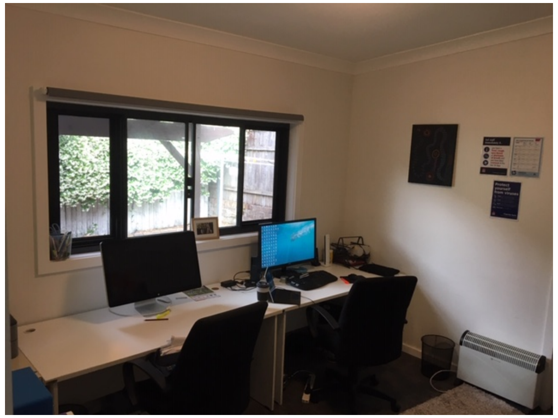
24/7 supported accommodation service Kingsford

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.

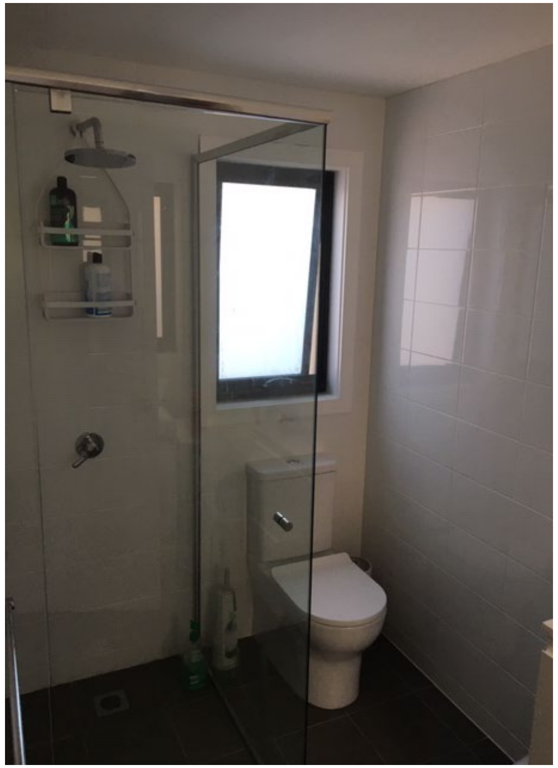
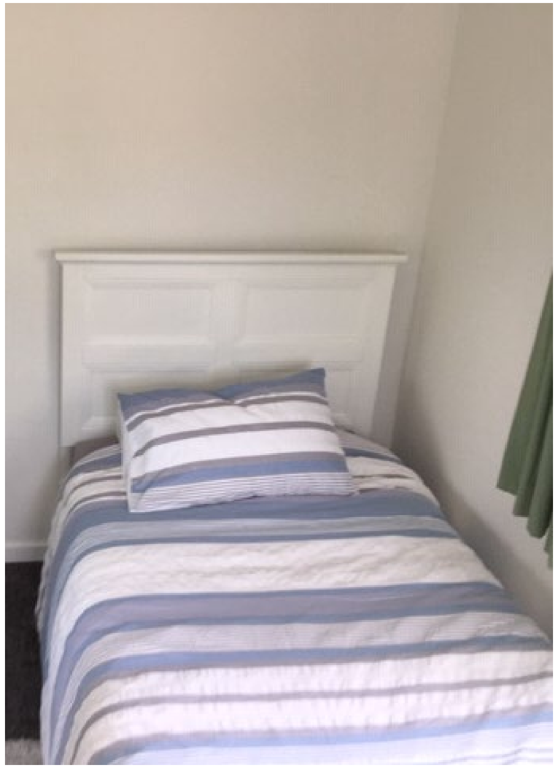
- The renovation of our 24/7 supported refuge in Kingsford has been completed. This project has been a point of focus for a number of years. The initial concept and design was created by Neville Potts some years ago. Our former Chair of the management committee Anne Cogswell approached the Property Industry Foundation (PIF) with a plan and as they say the rest is history. Over the past two years we have worked with the dedicated team from PIF to create a really lovely home for the children and young people coming into our service. We first consulted with the residents and the consensus was that we would stay at home whilst the renovation was underway. We did however have to move out for a week, as essential services were not available. A big thank you for the team at My Foundations Youth Housing for providing us with a safe home in Kensington whist the major demolition process took place. We were so fortunate to have a fantastic team of builders from WYATT projects who completed the project. They worked closely with us to ensure the safety of the staff and residents and completed the works whilst the children were at school. We have to say a big thank you to Jonathan and Chris from WYATT who worked closely with us to ensure that the build went smoothly. In addition to the renovation PIF also organised a day supported by their corporate partners to “ Make a House a Home’ On this day teams worked together to put together furniture for all the bedrooms in the house and also furnish our outdoor areas. The results were amazing, and the residents delighted with the changes made to their rooms and the rest of the house. Finally we have to thank the team from PIF and especially Claudia, Maureen & Nelson .

24/7 supported accommodation service Kingsford – The PIF Renovation Begins !





New Staff Bathroom, Office & Meeting Room.


New Residents Bathroom & Bedroom

We Have to Thank Everyone who Contributed to the Kingsford PIF Project

- Surveyor - SDG
- Engineer - Core Project Consulting
- Asbestos Removal - Chalouhi
- Demolition Labour - DC Demo Solutions
- Reinforcement - Ausreo
- Brickwork Materials - Wyatt Projects
- Brickwork Labour - Fugen
- Window Supply - Modern Glazing
- Paint Supply - Dulux
- Painting - Modern Group & Wyatt Projects
- Shower Screen Supply - Palmers Glass
- Wall Tiles Supply - Wyatt Projects
- Floor Tiles Supply - Beaumont Tiles and Wyatt Projects
- Waterproofing & Tiling - Beaumont Tiles
- Rubbish Removal - Bingo
- Carpet Tiles Supply - Onterra
- Plasterboard Supply - Modern Group
- Plumbing (Discounted Labour) - Velo Plumbing
- Electrical (Discounted Labour) - Bright Group Electrical
- Excavation - KangEx Excavation
- Wardrobes - Aspen Commercial Joinery

The Stats- 2019-2020

15
Males

17
Females

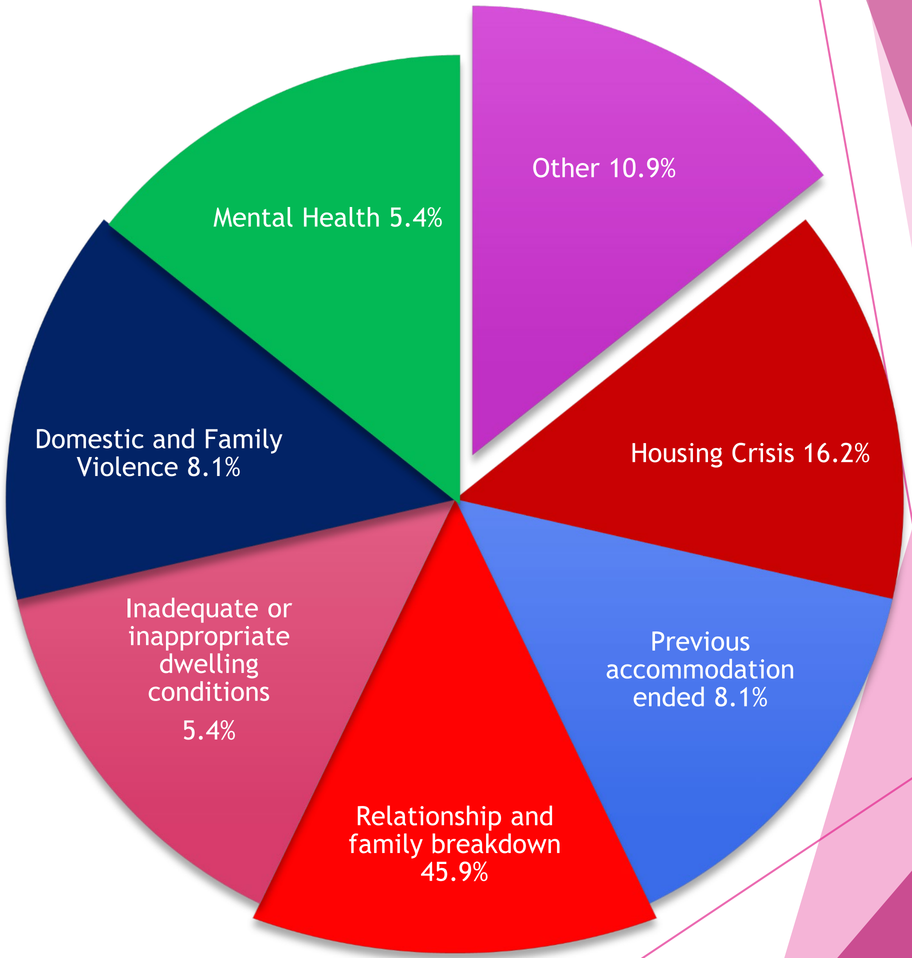
4
Other

19.4% identified as being Indigenous

61 % Children under the age of 17

We provided 2333 Safe Sleeps

Main Reasons for Seeking Assistance 2020



Financial Stats 2019-2020

- DCJ GRANT - $345,546.17
- Donations $143,101.90
- Project Funding $15,840.57
- Rent& Bill Contributions Residents $37,471.66
- Interest Received $2,839.23
- Property Industry Foundation $119,845.00
- Misc.$25,438.00
- Other Grants $2,500.00
- Total Income $692,582.53

Fundraising 2019-2020

- Donations $113,446
- Project Funding $15,840
- Other Grants $2,500
- Corporate Funding $1277
- Events $28,377
- PIF Funding $119,846
- Total Fundraising $281,287

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
- Christ Church St Laurence
- Housing NSW

- YP Space
- 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
- Woniora Road School
- St George Community Housing
- Bridge Housing
- Randwick Girls High School
- Fabulous Jazz Babies
- PEC Unit POW Hospital

St Laurence House Incorporated

GETTING HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE BACK ON TRACK

ABN 79 101 274 350

Special Purpose Financial Report

For the Year ended 30 June 2020

St Laurence House Incorporated
ABN 79 101 274 350

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 2020 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 31 October 2020

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Committee Member CHAIR

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Committee Member SECRETARY

St Laurence House Incorporated
Balance Sheet
As at 30 June 2020

	Note	2020 $	2019 $
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	3	**464,288**	384,433
Other Receivables		**11,141**	-
Total Current Assets		**475,429**	384,433
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Plant & Equipment	4	**5,475**	8,165
TOTAL ASSETS		**480,904**	392,598
LIABILITIES			
Other Payables		**15,541**	12,694
GST Payable/(Recoverable)		**7,544**	7,129
Provisions	5	**88,900**	68,811
Total Liabilities		**111,986**	88,635
NET ASSETS		**$368,918**	$303,964
ACCUMULATED FUNDS AND RESERVES			
Accumulated Funds		**147,464**	257,509
Reserve Funds	2	**221,455**	46,455
TOTAL		**$368,918**	$303,964

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 2020

	Note	2020 $	2019 $
Income			
Interest Received		**2,839**	4,529
Donations		**141,824**	87,823
Rent - Residents		**27,719**	15,817
Grants		**443,731**	343,065
Government Covid Stimulus grants		**25,438**	-
Other		**51,031**	26,226
Total Income for the year		**692,583**	477,460
Less:			
Expenses			
Administration		**33,715**	26,974
Operating		**13,848**	17,041
Property		**141,071**	19,580
Staffing		**438,991**	390,580
Total Expenses		**627,626**	454,175
Net Operating Income		**64,956**	23,285

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 2020

	2020 $ Inflows (Outflows)	2019 $ Inflows (Outflows)
Cash Flows from/(used in) Operating Activities		
Fees, Grants and Donations Received	**609,605**	437,728
Interest and other Income Received	**71,837**	40,836
Payments to Suppliers and Employees	**(602,001)**	(425,397)
Net Cash from/(used in) operating activities	**79,441**	53,167
Funds from/(used in) investing activities		
Increase/(decrease) in GST Balance	**416**	60
Net Cash from/(used in) investing activities	**416**	60
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash Held	**79,854**	53,227
Cash at the beginning of the year	**384,433**	331,206
Cash at the end of the year (Note 3)	**$ 464,288**	$ 384,433

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

	2020	2019
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	**64,956**	23,285
Depreciation charged	**2,690**	4,282
Increase/(Decrease) in provisions	**20,089**	21,359
Increase/(Decrease) in payables	**2,847**	3,138
Decrease/(Increase) in receivables	**(11,141)**	1,104
Cash generated by/(used in) operating activities	**79,441**	53,167

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 2020

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 a special purpose financial report. The financial statements overall comply with all the recognition and measurement requirements in Austra;ian Accounting Standards (except for requirements set out in AASB10 or AASB128)
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

	2020	2019
Accumulated Funds		
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	**64,956**	23,285
Accumulated Funds at the Beginning of the Year	**257,507**	234,223
	322,464	257,507
Transfers (to)/from Reserves	**(175,000)**	-
Accumulated Funds at the End of the Year	**$147,464**	$257,507
Reserves		
Operating Reserve		
Balance at beginning of the year	**20,000**	20,000
Transfer from Accumulated Funds	**175,000**	-
	195,000	20,000
Reserve for Replacement of Vehicle		
Balance at beginning of the year	**26,455**	26,455
Transfer from Accumulated Funds	**-**	-
	26,455	26,455
Total Reserve Funds	**$ 221,455**	$ 46,455

Operating Reserve reflects ,omies set aside to assist diversification into new activities and includes a bequest received during the current year of $40,000.

St Laurence House Incorporated
Notes to and Forming part of the Accounts
For the Year ended 30 June 2020

		2020 $	2019 $
Note 3	**Cash**		
	Cash at Bank	**35,989**	21,418
	Cash on Hand	**145**	472
	Cash on Deposit - Leave provisions	**24,060**	23,896
	Cash on Deposit - Long Service Leave	**7,154**	7,106
	Cash Management Account	**388,969**	331,531
	Undeposited Funds	**7,970**	11
	Total Cash at Bank & on Hand	**$ 464,288**	$ 384,433
Note 4	**Fixed Assets**		
	Motor Vehicle	**13,545**	13,545
	Less: Depreciation provisions	**8,070**	5,380
		5,475	8,165
	Other Equipment - Airconditioning Units	**8,283**	8,283
	Less: Depreciation provisions	**8,283**	8,283
		-	-
	Total Fixed Assets	**$ 5,475**	$ 8,165
Note 5	**Provisions**		
	Provisions - Staff Annual Leave	**26,554**	23,898
	Provisions - Personal Leave	**30,467**	20,613
	Provisions - Long Service Leave	**22,710**	17,203
	Provision for Wcomp & Super on leave provisions	**9,169**	7,097
	Total Provisions	**$ 88,900**	$ 68,811

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
Rodney Ravenscroft	Gregory Murray
Alan Soutar	Joanna Stevens Kramer
Edwina Chappell (ceased during year)	Andrew Cooling (ceased during year)
Elizabeth Cogswell (ceased during the year)	

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

Note 7 Segment Information

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

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

St Laurence House Incorporated
Notes to and Forming part of the Accounts
For the Year ended 30 June 2020

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
Dept of Communities and Justice		
Recurrent Grant	**342,343**	**335,928**
Covid - 19 Grant	**880**	**-**
Indexation Funding	**2,323**	**1,980**
	345,546	**337,908**
Other	**123,623**	**5,157**
	469,169	**343,065**

Note 10 Subsequent and Significant Events

During the second half of the financial year the COVID19 pandemic significantly affected the general population and the economy. SLH faced a situation where demand for services remained strong. Fundraising efforts have needed to be curtailed. Government provided financial aid with Cashboost and Jobkkeeper grants. The service has implemented health recommendations.

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
AUSTRALIA + NEW ZEALAND

SHEDDEN & GREEN PARTNERS

ABN 43 723 342 276

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To: The Members of St Laurence House Incorporated

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the special purpose financial report of St Laurence House Incorporated, which comprises the Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2020, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows, accompanying notes and the Statement by Committee for the year then ended.

In our opinion:
(1) the financial report of St Laurence House Incorporated has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012*, and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) and the Constitution including:

> (a) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
> (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent required for special purpose financial reports, and Division 60 the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

(2) The financial reports and associated records have been properly kept in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act and its Regulations.

(3) Monies received as a result of fundraising appeals conducted during the year have been properly accounted for and applied in accordance with the NSW Charitable Fundraising Act and its regulations.

Basis for opinion

We conducted the audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the registered entity in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the responsible entities' financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC and Associations Incorporation Acts. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibility of Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

The responsible entities of the registered entity are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation of the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act and the needs of the members. The responsible entities' responsibility also includes such internal control as the responsible entities determine is necessary to enable the preparation 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 responsible entities are responsible for assessing the registered entity'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 responsible entities either intend to liquidate the registered entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

The audit 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 our 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 material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report. As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit.

We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the registered entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by responsible entities.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of responsible entities' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the registered entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in the auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify the audit opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the registered entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during the audit.

Shedden & Green Partners
Lawrence R Green FCA – Partner 31st October 2020