



ANNUAL REPORT 2024

STATEMENT OF RECONCILIATION



St Laurence House acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the traditional custodians of the lands on which our services are provided.

We embrace the Vision of the Council of Aboriginal Reconciliation.

"A united Australia which respects this land of ours; values the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage and provides justice and equity for all".

We recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the first Australians. We are strongly committed to improving the lives of children and young people and to uphold the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children to be cared for within their own communities.

We will develop policies and deliver services that are appropriate and relevant to meet the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people.

We will work in positive and practical ways with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to achieve long term generational change for children, young people, families, and communities.

We value and recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and heritage and will promote and raise awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues within St Laurence House and in the broader community.

We will demonstrate leadership in reconciliation.

St Laurence House actively supports reconciliation by working in a meaningful and respectful way with Aboriginal families and communities.

Our team acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which we work, the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. We acknowledge and pay our respects to Elders, past, present, and emerging.

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INTRODUCTION

St Laurence House (SLH) provides accommodation and support to young people who are experiencing homelessness.

SLH provides this support through our:

- fully supported, medium term refuge for 13 - 18 year olds
- Transitional housing program for 16 - 24 year olds.

SLH provides the stability and support young people need to help them complete their educational goals and develop their independent living skills to enable them to thrive.

We have been supporting young people experiencing homelessness for over 48 years!

OUR MISSION

Getting Homeless Children and Young People back on track.

OUR VISION

We innovate and build supportive communities to help young people achieve their full potential.

OUR CORE VALUES



INTEGRITY

We work with honesty and transparency



EQUITY ACCESS

We treat our clients fairly and as equals, ensuring that they have access to services that they need in order to flourish



INCLUSIVENESS

We embrace the many differences our clients and staff bring into our work



EMPOWERMENT

We work towards providing clients with the tools to transform their lives



DIGNITY

We acknowledge the worth of every person



SAFETY

We work in a manner that will cause no harm, and safety is at the core of all practice



CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENT

We will at all times uphold the National Child Safe Principals to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and young people



TRUST

We provide an environment of trust where human relationships are valued and respected and those we care for feel safe and valued



RESPECT

We work in a manner that encompasses empathy, consideration, communication and tolerance for each other

CLIENT CENTRED

We place our clients at the centre of the service we provide and ensure that they receive service that is specifically designed for them and has focus on their goals and aspirations. We encourage and support clients to be a part of their own decision making

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR



ALAN SOUTAR
Chair, SLH Board of
Management

The financial year ending in June 2024 has again been challenging – but it has been another year where those challenges have been met and our service strengthened.

Our major focus continues to be growing the capabilities of our service. This service has a very specialised mission – looking after homeless Children and Young People as young as 13 until they gain sufficient skills to reach their full potential as young adults. We are one of only two such services operating this “Medium Term” model in Sydney and one of only five operating throughout NSW.

Our service is continually getting positive feedback on the value of the work we do. This feedback comes from other service providers that we work with, from our own staff, and particularly from our clients. But, however welcome, this feedback in itself does not convince our principal funding authority, the NSW Government, to adequately fund our service. We have therefore started a programme which specifically measures the outcomes we achieve and the benefits of further developing our service, both economically and to society at large.

St Laurence House was honoured that our Patron, Her Excellency The Governor of NSW, Margaret Beazley, held a reception for the Supporters and Benefactors of our service in March. To have the work we do and particularly the support of our benefactors recognised was very welcoming.

Our fundraising efforts continue unabated. At our Annual Big Event our key-note speaker was Zoe Robinson, the NSW advocate for Children and Young People. The theme for the evening was Survive, Thrive, Flourish and the evening was a huge success all round.

St Laurence House is truly fortunate to have a team of skilled and experienced staff, both working directly with the children and young people in our care and as members on our Board. Their achievements are detailed in this report, and I am truly grateful for their ongoing commitment and hard work, undertaken with goodwill and a genuine desire to deliver the best outcomes possible for the people in our care. Jennie Piaud in particular, as Executive Officer, has worked tirelessly throughout the year. Much of our progress this year is due to Jennie’s commitment and focus, and her ability to bring out the best in other team members.

We were also further encouraged during the year to receive a very generous bequest from the estate of a supporter who served on our Management Committee many years ago. We have resolved to use this funding boost to further develop our service, rather than use it simply for operational purposes.

Our governance structure changed during the year. At a Special General Meeting of members of St Laurence House, it was unanimously agreed to change the name of the governing body from a Management Committee to a Board, with no change to the obligation of its members. It is anticipated that by doing this we will continue to attract excellent members to have oversight of our activities.

Our biggest problem, however, continues to be our funding. While our achievements with our clients are well recognised and appreciated by the State Government and many other organisations in the sector, this is not reflected in the government funding we receive. We are therefore still very much dependant on the goodwill of our benefactors, without whom St Laurence House simply could not exist. Every dollar makes a difference. We are truly grateful for their ongoing support.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER



JENNIE PIAUD
Executive Officer
(Acting)

This has been my first full year in the role of Executive Officer, and it was my goal to streamline the operations to gain more efficiencies and to promote better outcomes for our young people; and I can certainly attest to working through those issues diligently throughout the year.

We have seen an increased participation and engagement from our two founding parishes – St James King Street and Christ Church St Laurence. We have been able to share our stories of client successes with them at events throughout the year – namely Pancake Night and The Big Event. Certainly, having no Covid restrictions has helped enormously in this re-engagement. It has been wonderful to catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

Due to our underfunding, we applied for, and were successful in receiving several local community and club grants. These funds allowed us to update our severely dated and tired client bedrooms; and provide gift vouchers to young people leaving the fully supported house and moving to transition accommodation – the money going towards the costs associated with setting up their home; and activities such as tennis, ice-skating, bike riding.

We were also successful in a grant application through the Waratah Foundation. This larger grant will allow us to rollout our THRIVE program over 2 years, which delivers intensive support to our clients through the delivery of in-house programs developed to assist them with job readiness, understanding tax, first aid training, barista training, safe food handling, emotional regulation, conflict resolution, preparing for independent living, budgeting and money management, self-care, healthy relationships, sexual health, alcohol and other drugs, and nutrition and healthy eating. It will also provide us with much needed brokerage to support young people with psychological health.

Late in June 2024 we were advised that we had been successful with another larger grant application through the Coopers Education Foundation. We will start to develop and roll out our new ASPIRE educational program, which will provide opportunity for young people to engage in educational activities both in and outside of the school/tertiary systems.

I continue to advocate for the medium-term service model, and in doing so have been working on our outcomes framework and how we might measure those outcomes. I have been working with Linda Kurti from StillPoint Consulting, and we hope to continue this important work over the next 12 months. Ultimately, we want to quantify the Social Return on Investment that consistent medium/longer term programs offer.

Last, but not least, I want to thank the incredibly professional and dedicated team of staff that work with SLH young people. The care and support that they show to these young people every day is wonderful to see, and it does make a difference to the outcomes for these young people, who feel seen and heard through the actions of our staff. So, thank you team!

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER



TONY MITCHELL
Treasurer

A significant surplus of \$656,434 was achieved in the 2023/24 financial year, a turnaround from the deficit of \$141,074 incurred in the previous year.

The surplus was achieved as a result of the bequest of \$748,496 received in the year. In addition, a concerted effort was made to meet budgeted income in recurring revenue items, mainly being donations, the Annual Appeal, and the net proceeds from the Big Event held in early June.

The Board had endorsed a budgeted deficit of \$68,000 for 2023/24. Included in the budget was a figure of \$30,000 estimated to be received from bequests. Putting the bequest aside, the 2022/23 budget anticipated a deficit of \$98,000. Against this figure of \$98,000, the deficit achieved (before including the bequest) was limited to \$92,000. I thus commend the Board and the management and staff of SLH for their diligence in terms of both fund-raising endeavours and the prudent fiscal manner in which the operations of SLH have been managed on a daily basis.

At 30 June 2024, net assets stood at \$954,846, consisting of current assets of \$1,058,119 (including cash at bank/term deposits of \$1,052,665) and current liabilities of \$103,273.

In the prevailing economic environment, we are able to earn reasonable returns on placing funds on term deposit (currently rates of 4% to 5% are being derived). Indeed, interest income of \$29,000 has been forecasted in the 2024/25 budget.

The reality remains, however, that a funding gap continues to exist in that the net operational costs of SLH exceed the funding provided by Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ). For 2024/25, funding from DCJ will be \$412,000, an increase of 3.5% from the amount of \$398,000 received in 2023/24. The funding gap is estimated at approximately \$330,000. The 2024/25 budget includes targets for fundraising which lead to a budgeted overall deficit of approximately \$40,000 for the year.

Until such a time as the funding gap is substantially eliminated, SLH will continue to be dependent on its generous donors. With such support from donors, annual deficits are able to be restricted so as to not erode the capital provided by the bequest. This capital can continue to generate interest income to further offset the operational deficits.



SERVICE UPDATE FROM OUR RESIDENTIAL TEAM LEADER



NIKKI BUTTERFIELD
Residential Team
Leader

I begin my report by expressing my sincere thanks to the SLH team, and to the Board for their tireless efforts in supporting our young people. It's been a terrific year at SLH with exciting changes and the young people achieving some fantastic outcomes.

This year, we received the resignation of both Anna McClannan and Daniel Novikov as they embarked on new adventures in travel and career progression. I'd like to thank Anna and Daniel for their contribution to the service and for their work with the young people.

We have welcomed two new permanent members of the team - Anne Soares and Tom Gray. Anne has taken up the role of the Residential Youth Worker-Living Skills. Previously working in crisis accommodation with young people, Anne brings a wealth of knowledge in supporting young people to develop the necessary living skills to become independent.

Tom, began his journey at SLH completing a student placement, and then into a casual Residential Youth Worker Role. He is now employed in a permanent Residential Youth Worker - Health & Wellbeing role. Tom's passion for building young people's capacity and resilience in managing their health and wellbeing is a valued and welcome addition to the team.

Maddy Ryan continues as Case Worker, and her strong case management practices and assessment skills has increased occupancy rates in both our fully support program and transitional program to an all-time high. Maddy's professionalism and dedication towards supporting young people to achieve their goals has produced excellent results this year.

Service delivery has been a strong focus this year with the introduction of our new programs: YConnect and Thrive. These programs have meant that we have been able to provide recreational and therapeutic activities as well as educational workshops to support the young people's capacity in essential life skills.

Our partnership with St George Community Housing (SGCH) means that we can continue to provide a transitional housing program to young people exiting our fully supported program as well as a small number of external referrals. Our STAY program is a key next step in preparing young people to live independently.

We were fortunate to have the Property Industry Foundation (PIF) take us on as a charity partner for the second time and complete a full kitchen renovation, loungeroom and bedroom revamp. I'd like to express my gratitude to the PIF, their partners and supporters for the volunteering and providing funding to make this project happen. The renovations and improvements have really made it feel like a home.

As always, there is more to be done. We will continue our focus on the following areas in 2025:

- Developing a Practice Framework that documents our approach and the work we do.
- Developing an Outcome Framework to capture the outcomes young people achieve at SLH.
- Raising our profile and building our networks, supporters and the local community.
- Diversify our funding sources to support service delivery, and
- Continuing to look towards supporting more young people experiencing homelessness.

Thank you to all of you who partner with us, fund aspects of our work, make donations and work side by side with us to create opportunities for our young people. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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SERVICE UPDATE FROM OUR CASEWORKER



MADDY RYAN
Case Worker

I have had the privilege of working with the young people of SLH as their case worker for over 12 months now and am thrilled with the progress and accomplishments we have seen in that time.

The support and stability of SLH allows young people to focus on their educational goals, which can be seen through 6 clients obtaining educational scholarships in their areas of study. These scholarships were obtained from Youth Off the Streets, The Department of Communities and Justice and St George Community Housing.

We have seen four clients complete their Year 11 studies and be on track to obtain their HSC by the end of 2024. We have also had three clients complete vocational study courses and receive various qualifications in the past year.

Four clients began casual employment in hospitality and customer service – learning skills that will be essential throughout their lives. One client exceeded expectations in her workplace, being promoted to new roles and eventually becoming an Assistant Manager, all while completing her vocational studies!

Since last financial year, we have more than doubled our transitional accommodation program clients. Continuing to support young people in their next stage of independence is crucial to ensure positive outcomes and see these young people leave homelessness services for good. An example of this is a young person who completed our STAY Program and has now moved into private rental – a great accomplishment after first being supported by SLH at the age of 16. She is now living out of homelessness services and completing her university degree. We could not be prouder of her and how far she has come in the time she has been with SLH! We wish her all the best for her future.

Program Highlights

The Y Connect Program has been implemented over the past 12 months, in which we have been able to increase the wellbeing of our young people through connection to community and engagement in recreation. The young people have engaged in ice skating, rock climbing, tennis, bowling, bike riding, personal training and high ropes courses. All these activities utilised the local community and promoted wellbeing by connecting with others.

The implementation of The THRIVE Program saw support around access to specialised mental health professionals for clients. This was so that young people had the tools necessary to tackle the impact of their trauma on their overall wellbeing.

The implementation of the THRIVE Program has allowed us to support our young people in living skills development they otherwise would not have had access to, through implementing various running workshops which will continue into the new year. This included a Money Management Workshop, Communication and Conflict Management Workshop and Alcohol Safety Workshop. These workshops are designed to empower young people with practical tools to live independently. Looking ahead, in the coming months SLH is preparing for upcoming workshops focused on Sexual Health, Transitional Housing and The Importance of Healthy Boundaries.

I am looking forward to continuing supporting the young people of SLH achieve their goals and develop to their full potential. We have some exciting plans for the next year to continue supporting our young people reach new milestones!

FEEDBACK FROM OUR GRADUATES



***My message of hope to other young people would be ...
When you have care and support it is entirely possible that
you will find agency in your life and be capable of getting
what you want out of this world and having meaningful
experiences and memories.***

- Jennifer, young person



***If it wasn't for the experience I had at SLH, I wouldn't be able
to carry over into my adult life ... really important lessons.***

- Sam, young person



***SLH helped me realise that I am resourceful, and that
supporting myself and being strong will lead me to where I
want to be.***

- Benjamin, young person

YOUNG PEOPLES TESTIMONIALS



**YOUNG PERSON
LI MING**

After spending 7 months in crisis refuges, I got accepted at St Laurence House. I have only been here for 3 months, but they have helped me with so much already.

I love that I am now able to stay somewhere long term so I can finish my HSC. Its nice knowing I have somewhere stable to live and I don't have to move around so much. One of the best things about being in a long term refuge is I get my own room. I had to share a room with a stranger at the crisis refuge. Having my own space is good when I'm having a tough time or need space.

My case worker has helped link me in with a youth friendly doctor at Headspace. It means that the doctor knows all my medical history, can help with medication and anything that comes up for me. My case worker talks to my school teachers and helps me keep on track with all my school work. They have helped me to get school uniforms and tutoring.

I like all the outings they organise for us and how they let us extend curfews so I can go out with my boyfriend. They even let us have visitors to the house.

St Laurence House feels more than just a house. It feels like my home.

Coming to SLH was initially a daunting move, but it has turned out to be a fantastic step towards a better situation. With the support from the school counsellors, I gained a clear understanding of what SLH offers and how it can help me. The environment here has eased my fears and made me feel genuinely supported.

SLH has been instrumental in providing stability as I navigate through school and TAFE, they have even helped me with my Centrelink applications. The structure is something that I have benefitted from as it lets me focus on other things in my day; for example meal- prepping, which is something I would not have done before SLH but this place has provided me with the comfort to prepare for the week not just the day and focus on the bigger picture of living independently.

Having my own room has been a significant improvement, I now enjoy the privacy that I had lacked before. The organisation and support that I receive from all staff at SLH has been invaluable, helping me prepare for the future both emotionally and practically.

SLH has given me the space and support I need to move forward confidently, and I am grateful for the stability and opportunities it has and will provide.



**YOUNG PERSON
SAM**



**YOUNG PERSON
JULES**

My overall experience at SLH has been very positive. During my time at SLH I have faced many challenges, the first being my Centrelink payment/ claim being heavily delayed/ complicated. My case manager helped to advocate by physically taking me into Centrelink and using my assertive communication.

During this time, SLH was very understanding and reassuring. SLH has also offered much support with my physical and mental health, this support has been carried out by check-ins and supporting me to my appointments.

My case manager and team leader attended a meeting at my school to make a clear outline of my plans and opportunities.

My relationship with staff has been positive, I have had the opportunity to express myself in a safe environment because staff have done their best to create that safe space for me and my other housemates.

SLH has offered many outings like Ice Skating and an Ozharvest lunch that has created an opening for me and others to try things for the first time and build connections.

SLH provides workshops that have created a space for me to gain more knowledge on future opportunities and situations. SLH is constantly working with me to build independence at a comfortable pace.

After spending 4 months living in a crisis refuge, moving to SLH has been a positive turning point in my life. SLH has provided me with a safe and stable environment and invaluable support that has helped me in many ways.

One of the most rewarding aspects of my time at SLH has been the opportunity to enhance my cooking skills. I have always enjoyed cooking, and being able to prepare meals for the house has been a wonderful way to share with others. It is exciting to see what food gets donated by Oz Harvest, allowing me to be creative and experiment with dishes and flavors.

In addition to this, I have made significant improvements in my personal development. The workshops and supportive staff at SLH have helped me to improve my communication skills, teaching me how to effectively express myself and set healthy boundaries. This has been a big part of my personal growth during my stay.



**YOUNG PERSON
CHARLI**

SLH has also helped me in practical ways. I have been able to start saving money and plan for my move into transitional housing when I turn 18 in January. With their assistance, I updated my resume and secured a job at a local pizza shop, gaining valuable work experience. Academically, I am currently completing year 10 at Key College, and I appreciate how SLH communicates with my school and myself, helping me to stay on track and achieve my goals.

Overall, SLH has been a positive experience, where I have found stability and support. I am grateful for the opportunities that SLH has provided.



YOUNG PERSON
ANAYA

From day one, it was apparent to me that SLH only wanted the best for young people. Whether it was chats with youth workers, calming house outings to the beach or case meetings about learning to support myself independently, I wouldn't be where I am today without the support from the organisation and staff.

I didn't really understand the concept of "my own needs" until I was at SLH. To me, it wasn't something I really considered, let alone considered important. Through small steps of allowing myself time to relax and also learning what "self-care" meant, I was able to eventually learn how to advocate for myself and how important that really was, especially living and supporting myself independently. Furthermore, SLH supported me in building my life back up from practically nothing but a duffel bag. Initially, I had nothing but \$80, but through my time here, I am now happily well-acquainted with Centrelink and was able to develop savings, while also getting employment to support myself financially. SLH guided me from moving on from one job to another, and recognising my rights in the workplace in the face of my own employer - a scary feat for a 16 year old.

My own dreams and goals towards my education have been greatly aided by SLH by helping me find private tutoring so I could reach the best of my potential in my final years of high school. They've always supported me during exams to which I am extremely grateful for, allowing me to get the most out of my education which is the most important to me.

Overall, it is impossible to put into words the impact SLH has made on my life, and I am extremely grateful to be yet another young person who has such a broadened scope of opportunities available to them through the service, and helping me develop emotionally and mentally to live and support myself independently.

SERVICE OUTCOMES



This beautiful oil on canvas artwork was painted by one of our young people. The artist has called this painting "Silver Linings" and depicts light and hope. The artwork was donated by the client for The Big Event, where it was auctioned and sold for a record price of \$1,250.00

A YOUNG PERSON'S ICE-SKATING ACHIEVEMENTS:

One young person pursued their passion for ice skating and achieved 11 gold medals, 3 silver and 4 bronze medals – at a variety of national, state and preliminary competitions. SLH supported this passion through applying for scholarships to support ongoing involvement in this sport.

COMPLETING EDUCATION OTHER THAN SECONDARY SCHOOL:

One young person completed a Cert IV in Community Services as an alternate pathway of reaching the goal of further study in a medical field. This young person has now achieved that and is now in the first semester of Advanced Diploma of Medical Science. Despite continuous disruption to her education prior to SLH this young person is now on track to achieve her goal of becoming a nurse. Another Young Person completed their Diploma of Community Services, including work placements in the field. The young person is now working in an educational health role and on track to enroll in further studies in Psychology at University.

IN HOUSE SELF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

SLH sets itself apart by developing and running in-house self-development workshops and activities for the young people within the service. These workshops and activities are all designed to assist young people prepare for independent living as young adults. We believe that living skills are more than 'cooking and cleaning'; we believe that successful independent living requires far more complex skills and an ability to care for ones-self.

Through our **Community Partnerships** grant funding **Randwick Council** have been able to provide the funds for our **YConnect program**. This program sees young people engage in fun activities that provide opportunity to engage socially, interact with the wider community and enjoy physical activities – sometime experiencing these for the first time. Throughout the 12 months the young people have enjoyed bike riding in Centennial Park, Ice-Skating, Rock Climbing, Ten-Pin Bowling, tennis and a high-ropes course at Tree Tops. These activities also provided a meaningful break to study routines during HSC time. As part of this funding, young people have also been able to attend a local gym, go to the swimming pool, and enjoy the beach in summer. Thank you to **Randwick Council** for these wonderful opportunities and experiences.

We received grant funding through the **Waratah Education Foundation** and have been able to introduce a program called **THRIVE**. This program consists of monthly workshops where we have delivered life skills content such as – Alcohol Management, Communication and Conflict Resolution, Money Management and a Girls-Talk workshop. Future workshops will cover Understanding Tax, Job Readiness, First Aid Training, Barista Training, Safe Food Handling, Emotional Regulation, Preparing for Transitional Housing, Self-Care, Healthy Relationships, Nutrition and Healthy Eating. Each workshop is designed to be engaging and target personal development skills that will assist young people to be successful as they transition to living independently. In addition to group workshops, this program allows us to have an individual focus on the health and wellbeing of young people – particularly their mental health. This is proving to be a very popular program with our young people who enjoy learning new things and feeling that they can be successful in their lives. Thank you to **Waratah Education Foundation** for providing the funding for these important and life changing workshops.



With thanks for your support.

CLIENT SATISFACTION SURVEY

We have surveyed clients in our fully supported accommodation over 3 years (2022,2023 and 2024) and have seen consistent improvements year on year.

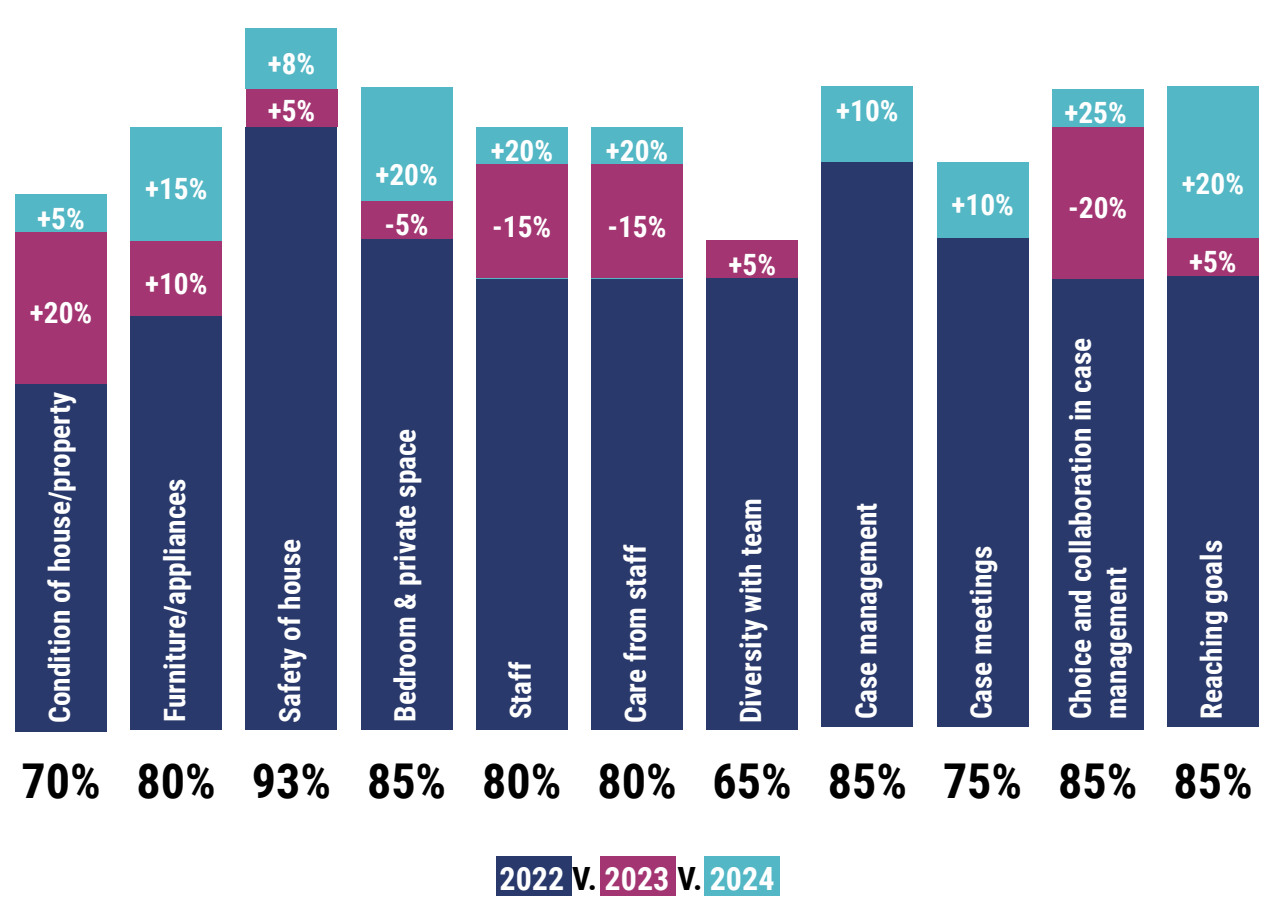
AREAS WHERE WE HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED:

The condition of the property – thanks to the Property Industry Foundation (PIF)who have delivered a renovated kitchen (including large appliances), loungeroom and stairs. With thanks to Bridge housing who updated the upstairs bathroom due to a water leakage issue, this is now fresh, clean and new.

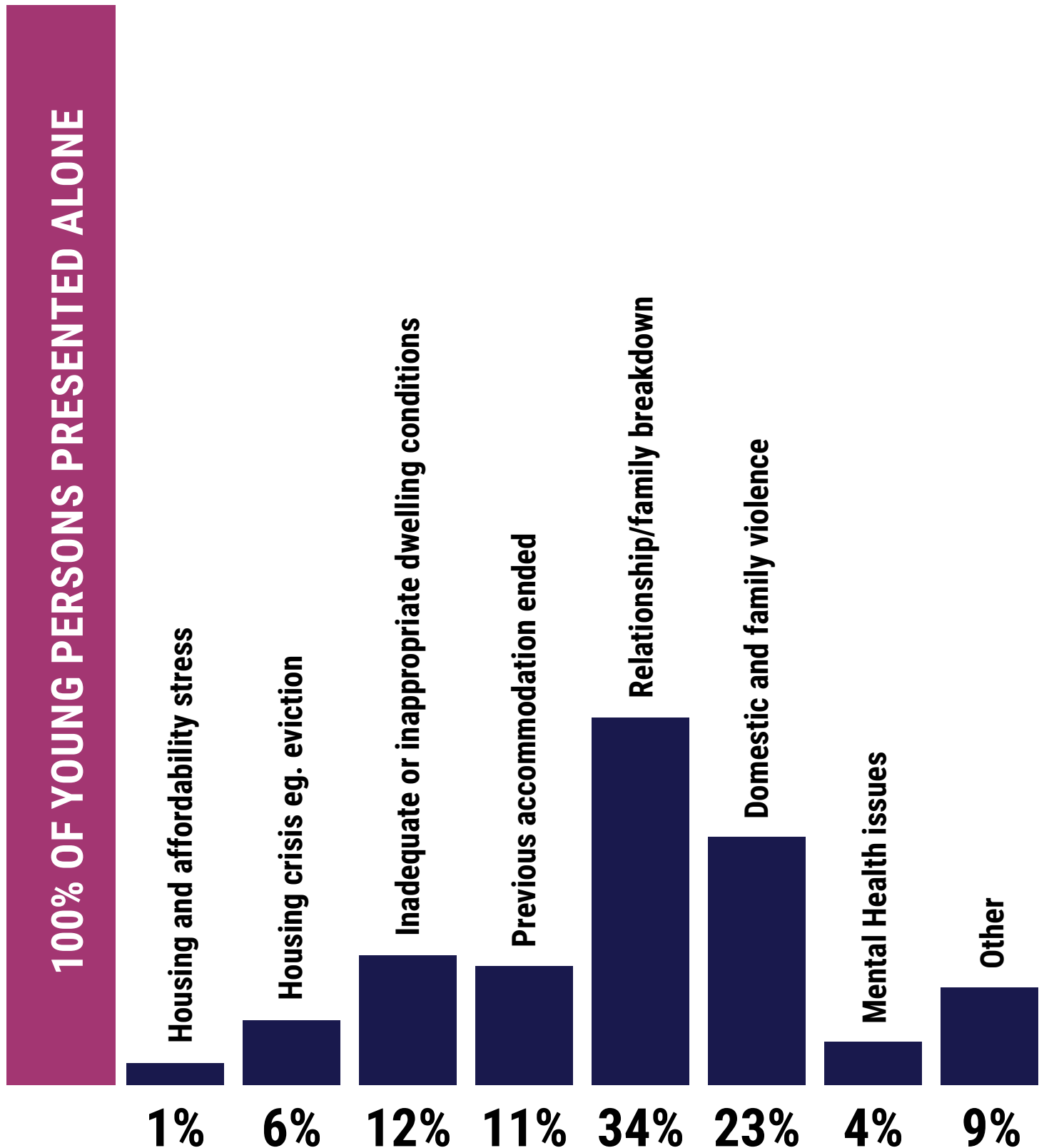
Furniture and appliances – again thanks to PIF who worked with their partnerships to source and provide new loungeroom furniture and light fittings through King Furniture and IKEA, and soft furnishings from Kmart. A generous donation from a supporter provided additional kitchen appliances making the new kitchen truly functional.

These upgrades to the property and the inclusion of new furniture and appliances have changed the fully supported accommodation from a house to a home. The new kitchen has provided a central hub for the home, where young people and staff enjoy being.

Reaching Client Goals – improvements in case management and staff working together as a consistent team have assisted young people to select goals and then work towards achieving these goals.



MAIN REASONS FOR SEEKING ASSISTANCE DURING 2023–24



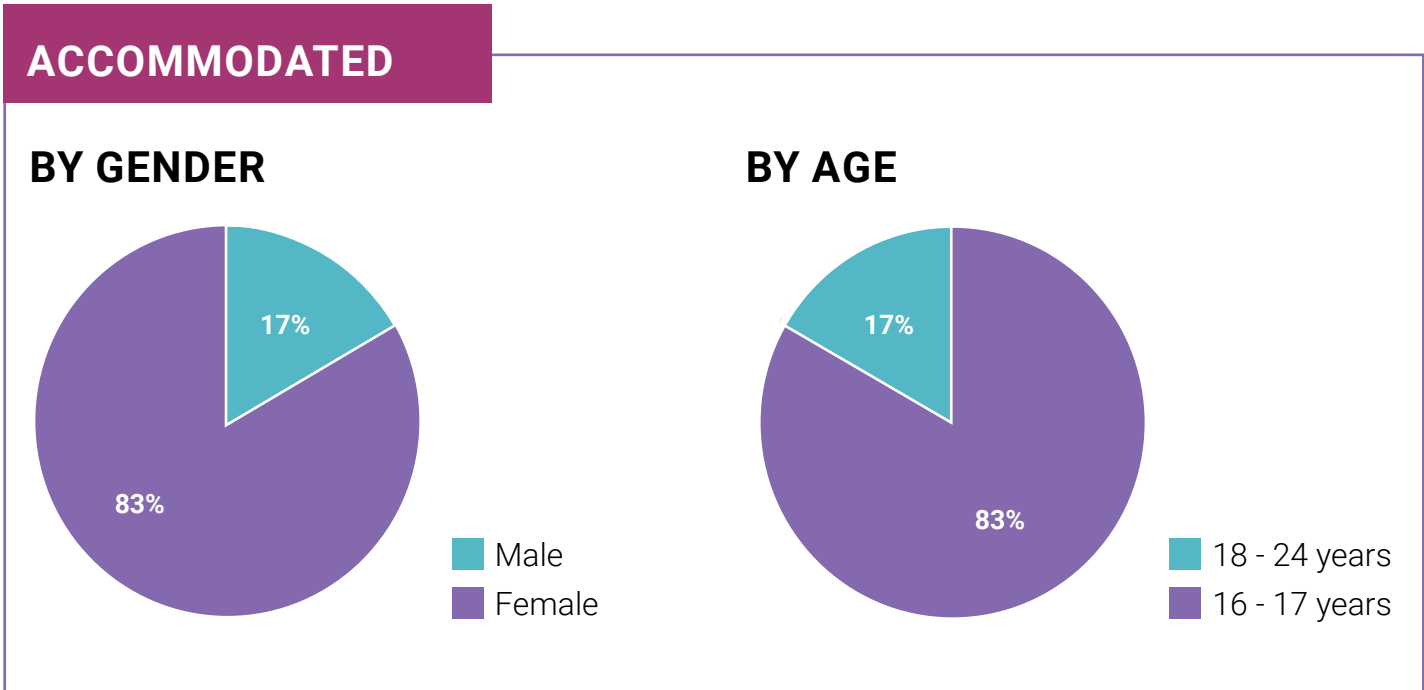
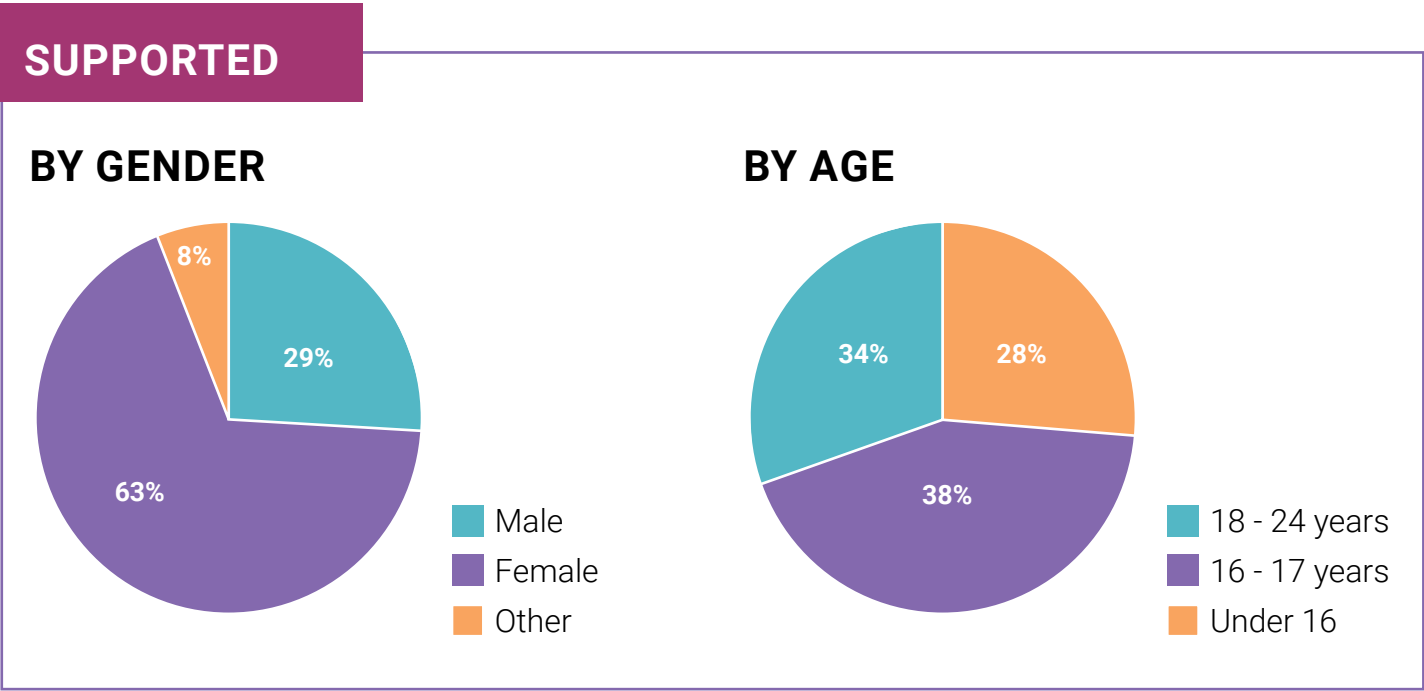
THE STATISTICS

SUPPORTED - Supporting young people through referral, assessment and providing accommodation in our fully supported house or in our STAY transitional housing program.

SLH supported 50 young people in 2023-24.

ACCOMMODATED – accommodated in our fully supported house and/or in our STAY transitional housing program.

SLH accommodated 12 young people in 2023-24. Our increased numbers show an increase in our occupancy rate and a higher number of clients in our STAY program.



**DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD WE HAD –**

- 2 fully supported clients move into our STAY transitional housing program
- 2 fully supported clients move into another provider transitional housing program
- 1 completing year 10
- 4 clients complete year 11
- 5 on-track to complete year 12
- 6 clients were engaged in tertiary education

OUR IMPACT**91%**

ENGAGED IN MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS

**83%**

ENGAGED IN EMPLOYMENT

**100%**

ENGAGED IN TRAINING & EDUCATION

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY

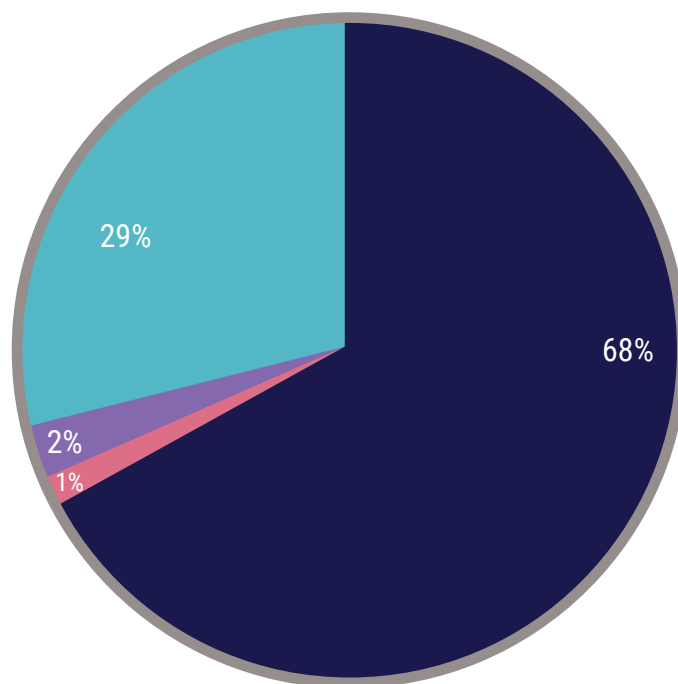


- NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ)
- Homes NSW
- Clovelly Community Bank
- Randwick Council
- Waverley Council
- Caretakers Cottage
- Youth off the Streets (YOTS)
- The Girls Refuge
- Lillian Howell Project
- Taldumande Youth Services
- The Ted Noffs Foundation
- WAYS Youth and Family
- Yfoundations
- Options Youth Housing
- Oasis Youth Services
- Oz Harvest
- Child and Adolescence Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Randwick
- Headspace Bondi
- Maroubra Police
- Bridge Housing
- St George Community Housing (SGCH)
- Property Industry Foundation (PIF)
- St James Church King Street
- Christ Church St Laurence
- Coulson Trust
- Eastern Suburbs Youth Services Network Forum (ESYSN)
- Centre 360
- Mint and Marble Creative
- Social Alchemy
- ReLove
- Salesforce
- Waratah Education Foundation Ltd
- Coopers Foundation
- StreetSmart Australia
- Shack Tutoring
- Share the Dignity
- Good Shepherd
- Variety NSW
- Children's Hospital Network
- ShopFront Youth Legal Services
- Kirketon Road Clinic

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

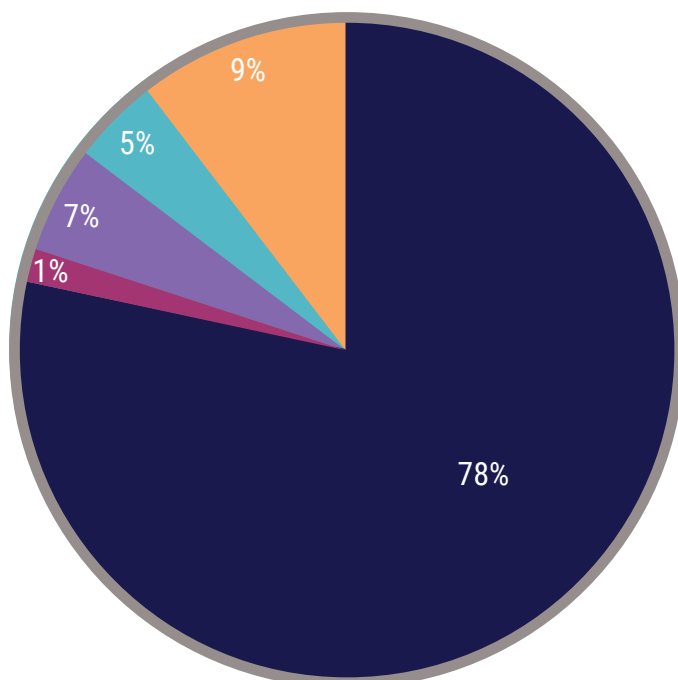
Total income \$1,394,938.00

DCJ program grant	– \$401,743.00
Donations	– \$956,341.00
Client Rent income	– \$26,521.00
Other income	– \$10,333.00



Total fundraising \$956,341.00

Annual appeal	– \$60,530.00
Christmas appeal	– \$9,848.00
Donations	– \$89,654.00
Events	– \$47,813.00
Bequests	– \$748,496.00



SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT

YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2024

Board of Management Report

St Laurence House Incorporated
For the year ended 30 June 2024

Board of Management Report

Your board members submit the financial report of St Laurence House Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

Board Members

The names of board members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Alan Soutar (Chair)

Gregory Murray (Secretary)

Tony Mitchell (Treasurer)

Emma Edwards

Kristine Jenkins

Jennie Piaud (resigned 19 July 23)

Principal Activities

The organisation provides accommodation, support and care for homeless children and young people. The service 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.

Significant Changes

There have been no significant changes during the year.

Operating Result

The surplus for the financial year was \$656,434 (2023 loss: \$141,074)

Going Concern

This financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis which contemplates continuity of normal business activities and the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of business. The ability of the association to continue to operate as a going concern is dependent upon the ability of the association to generate sufficient cashflows from operations to meet its liabilities. The members of the association believe that the going concern assumption is appropriate.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board Members on:



Board member

Alan Soutar, Chair

Dated: 19 September 2024



Board member

Anthony Mitchell, Treasurer

Dated 19 / 09 / 2024

Income and Expenditure Statement

St Laurence House Incorporated
For the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
Income		
Grant Operating	401,743	380,161
Donations	956,341	104,323
Other Income	36,854	119,129
Total Income	1,394,938	603,613
Expenditure		
Administration	64,758	40,168
Operating Expenses	28,793	38,092
Property Expenses	21,088	31,121
Staffing Expenses	623,865	635,307
Total Expenditure	738,504	744,687
Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit)	656,434	(141,074)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Assets and Liabilities Statement

St Laurence House Incorporated As at 30 June 2024

	NOTES	30 JUNE 2024	30 JUNE 2023
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	2	1,052,655	426,275
Trade and Other Receivables	3	5,464	26,852
Total Current Assets		1,058,119	453,127
Non-Current Assets			
Plant and Equipment, Vehicles	4	-	832
Total Non-Current Assets		-	832
Total Assets		1,058,119	453,959
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	5	103,273	155,546
Total Current Liabilities		103,273	155,546
Total Liabilities		103,273	155,546
Net Assets		954,846	298,412
Member's Funds			
Accumulated Funds	6	733,392	76,958
Reserves	7	221,454	221,455
Total Member's Funds		954,846	298,412

Movements in Equity

St Laurence House Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
Equity		
Opening Balance	298,412	439,487
Increases/(Decreases)		
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	656,434	(141,074)
Other Increases	-	-
Total Increases/(Decreases)	656,434	(141,074)
Total Equity	954,846	298,412

Statement of Cash Flows

St Laurence House Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2024

	NOTES	2024	2023
Cash flows from Operating Activities			
Cash receipts from other operating activities		1,394,483	608,953
Cash payments from other operating activities		(735,313)	(712,193)
Total Cash flows from Operating Activities		659,170	(103,240)
Cash flows from Investing Activities			
Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment		-	39,353
Payment for property, plant and equipment		-	(40,643)
Total Cash flows from Investing Activities		-	(1,290)
Cash flows from Other Activities			
Other activities		(32,790)	(97,917)
Total Cash flows from Other Activities		(32,790)	(97,917)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		626,380	(202,447)
Cash Balances			
Opening cash balance		426,275	628,722
Closing cash balance		1,052,655	426,275
Movement in cash		626,380	(202,447)

Notes of the Financial Statements

St Laurence House Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2024

1. Statement of Accounting Policies

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation (NSW) Act 2009* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. The board has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

Income Tax

In accordance with Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*, the Association is exempt from income tax.

Land and buildings

St Laurence House is owned by Caretakers Cottage Ltd and they provide the house to St Laurence House Inc. to use under a memorandum of understanding commencing in 2015. Bridge Housing are responsible for the repairs and maintenance of the property. There is no rental payment required as the property is designated as a 24/7 services and crisis property.

Plant and Equipment (PPE)

Items of equipment are expensed in the year in which they are purchased with only those items in excess of \$5,000 being taken up in the balance sheet and depreciated over their useful lives using the diminishing balance method.

Employee Provisions

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee provisions have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Revenue and Other Income

Interest and dividend revenue is recognised when received.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the assets and liabilities statement.

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

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	2024	2023
2. Cash on Hand		
Bank accounts	402,569	272,124
Term Deposits	649,969	153,811
Cash floats	116	340
Total Cash on Hand	1,052,655	426,275
	2024	2023

3. Trade and Other Receivables

Other Receivables		
Prepayments	4,815	26,852
Trade Debtors	649	-
Total Other Receivables	5,464	26,852
Total Trade and Other Receivables	5,464	26,852
	2024	2023

4. Plant & Equipment, Vehicles

Plant & Equipment		
Fixed assets	-	360
Total Plant & Equipment	-	360
Vehicles		
Motor Vehicles	13,545	13,545
Accumulated Depreciation - Motor Vehicles	(13,545)	(13,073)
Total Vehicles	-	472
Total Plant & Equipment, Vehicles	-	832
	2024	2023

5. Trade & Other Payables

Trade Payables	1,487	22,934
Other Payables	48,880	39,437
Employee Entitlements	52,906	93,175
Total Trade & Other Payables	103,273	155,546
	2024	2023

6. Accumulated Funds

Opening accumulated funds	76,958	218,032
Current Year Earnings	656,434	(141,074)
Total Accumulated Funds	733,392	76,958

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

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	2024	2023
7. Reserves		
Operating Reserve	195,000	195,000
Company Vehicle Reserve	26,454	26,455
Total Reserves	221,454	221,455

8. Related Party Transactions

There were no significant transactions with related parties during the financial year.

8. Fundraising

The Association is authorised to fundraise under the *Charitable Fundraising Act 1991*. The Charitable fundraising number is 14097 and the authority is in force until 2 April 2027.

Statement by the Board of Management

St Laurence House Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2024

The board has determined that St Laurence House Incorporated is not a reporting entity.

The board has determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the board the financial statements and notes:

1. present a true and fair view of all income and expenditure with respect to fundraising appeals;
2. the balance sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the association with respect to fundraising appeals;
3. the provisions of the Act, the regulations under the Act and the conditions attached to the fundraising authority have been complied with by the organisation;
4. the internal controls exercised by the organisation are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by the organisation from any of its fundraising appeals; and
5. at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the board and is signed on behalf of the board.

Board Member: _____



Alan Soutar, Chair

Dated: 19 September 2024

Board Member: _____



Anthony Mitchell, Treasurer

Sign date: 19 September 2024



Audit Report

St Laurence House Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2024

Independent Auditors Report to the members of the Association

We have audited the financial report of St Laurence House Incorporated, which comprises the assets and liabilities statement as at 30 June 2024, the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended, statement of cash flows, movements in equity and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the certification by members of the committee on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the association.

Opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of St Laurence House Incorporated as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the requirements of the NSW Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW).

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our 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 association in accordance with 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.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of St Laurence House Incorporated as at 30 June 2024 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the requirements of the NSW Associations Incorporation Act 2009.

Responsibilities of the Board for the Financial Report

The board is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view, and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the NSW Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 NSW and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The board's responsibility also includes such internal control as they 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 board is responsible for assessing the association'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 board either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our 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 this financial report.

Audit Report



As part of an audit in accordance with the 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 association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the board.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the board's 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 association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the association 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 the board 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 our audit.

PASCOE & CO

Chartered Accountants

JOHN PASCOE

Director

Dated: 4 September 2024



Disclaimer

St Laurence House Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2024

DISCLAIMER

DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

**to the Board of Management of St Laurence House Incorporated
on the 30 June 2024 Financial Report**

The additional financial data presented in the following pages is in accordance with the books and records of St Laurence House Incorporated that have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our statutory audit of the committee for the year ended 30 June 2024. It will be appreciated that our statutory audit did not cover all of the details of the additional financial data. Accordingly we do not express an opinion on such data and no warranty of accuracy or reliability is given. Neither the firm nor any other member or employee of the firm undertakes responsibility in anyway whatsoever to any person in respect of such data, including any errors or omissions therein however caused.

PASCOE & CO

JOHN PASCOE

Director

Dated: 4 September 2024

Detailed Profit and Loss Statement

St Laurence House Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
Income		
Grant Operating		
Dept Comm Justice Grant - Quarterly	380,161	375,206
Indexation	17,582	4,955
Allocation of Grants	4,000	-
Total Grant Operating	401,743	380,161
Donations		
Annual Appeal	60,530	57,550
Bequests (46125)	748,496	-
Christmas Gift Donations	9,848	9,718
Coulson Trust Income	10,874	13,108
Donations	73,779	21,928
Event Income - Shrove Tuesday	3,864	-
Shrove Tuesday	-	2,019
St James' Outreach Programme	5,000	-
Event Income - The Big Event	43,949	-
Total Donations	956,341	104,323
Other Income		
Client Support	-	23,393
Other income	-	80,484
Rent - Kingsford	26,521	9,896
Interest Income	10,333	5,356
Total Other Income	36,854	119,129
Total Income	1,394,938	603,613
Expenditure		
Administration		
Accounting/Audit	6,117	6,285
Account Fee	185	281
Administration	555	1,220
A G M Expenses	-	25
Appeal Costs	355	-
Bad Debts	-	638
Bookkeeping	24,702	24,473
Donations Admin	179	726
Event Costs - Shrove Tuesday (61215)	896	311
Event Costs - The Big Event (61212)	18,097	-
Fees (Direct Payments)	-	5
General Insurance (63040)	9,372	968
GST Expense	-	(363)

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	2024	2023
Interest Charges	10	184
Business Development	245	238
Legal Fees	60	-
Merchant Fees (61064)	3	26
Equipment Purchases	664	274
Postage	231	851
Printing & Stationery	1,155	1,441
Subscription - Cloud Accounting	1,934	2,588
Total Administration	64,758	40,168
Operating Expenses		
Activities	2,364	1,760
Assistance	417	1,838
ASES	-	6,471
Consulting Fees	7,091	3,300
Depreciation - Computer Equipment	-	5,999
Depreciation - Household Appliances and Electrical Goods	360	2,807
Depreciation - Motor Vehicles	472	1,693
Food	13,069	7,783
Fuel (63110)	695	442
Gas	1,032	924
IT (63055)	2,731	4,578
Outreach	-	30
Sundries (61290)	-	(23)
Web Hosting	563	444
Website Development	-	45
Total Operating Expenses	28,793	38,092
Property Expenses		
Cleaning	-	621
Cleaning Expenses	655	-
Electricity - Kingsford	4,316	2,882
Household Items (63045)	3,391	1,209
Household Items (64055)	-	877
Insurance - Motor Vehicle	-	795
Maintenance	-	1,435
Motor Vehicle Expenses	2,536	-
Repairs & Maintenance	1,495	605
Registration	-	558
Storage	2,284	3,080
Subscriptions - Associations	2,361	580
Sundry and General Expenses (63046)	20	-
Telephone and Internet	2,959	3,509
Travel	1,070	1,407
Write-off of Fixed Assets	-	13,562
Total Property Expenses	21,088	31,121

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	2024	2023
Staffing Expenses		
Banked Hours Leave	8,983	4,453
Employee Assistance Program EAP	350	295
Insurance - Workers' Comp	27,694	30,111
Leave - Carer's	-	14,373
Leave - Holiday	37,888	41,921
Leave - Long Service	41	-
Professional Supervision (62135)	880	-
Recruitment	160	115
Salaries (62010)	481,496	474,226
Staff Training Courses (62130)	340	425
Staff Training Courses (63070)	-	290
Staff Amenities (62125)	1,145	65
Superannuation (62080)	59,716	57,695
Time in Lieu	5,172	11,337
Total Staffing Expenses	623,865	635,307
Total Expenditure	738,504	744,687
Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit)	656,434	(141,074)

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