



Lillian  Howell  
PROJECT INC

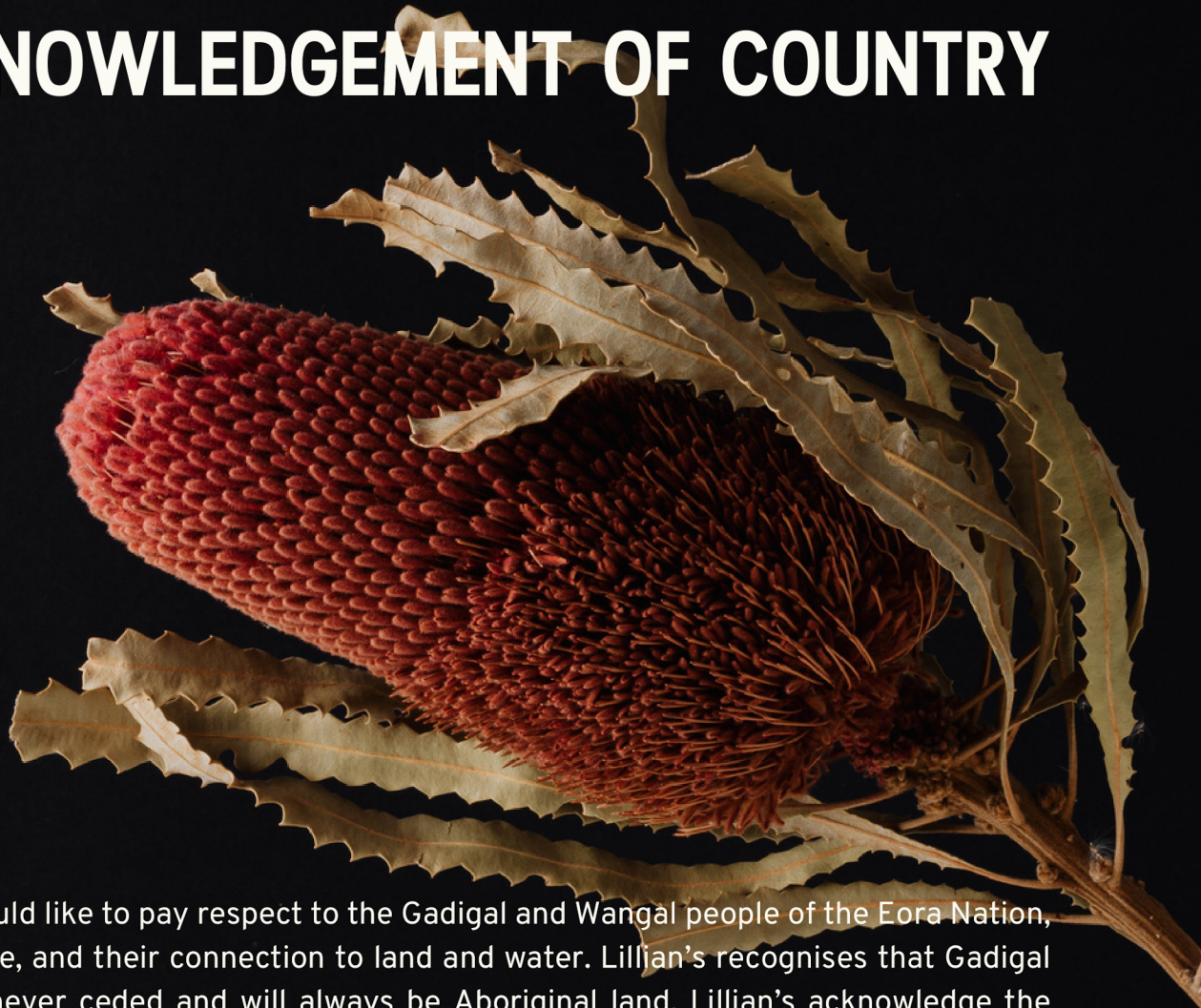
# ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

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# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY



Lillian's would like to pay respect to the Gadigal and Wangal people of the Eora Nation, their culture, and their connection to land and water. Lillian's recognises that Gadigal Land was never ceded and will always be Aboriginal land. Lillian's acknowledge the hardships that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have endured and are still facing as a result of colonisation. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

All at Lillian's - staff and residents alike - were devastated by the result of the Voice to Parliament referendum. Lillian's believe Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a wealth of knowledge and play an important role in the future of Australia.

We celebrate diversity in all forms and believe diversity amongst our staff makes Lillian's a more effective organisation.

We always welcome feedback from the sector, stakeholders and the community on our work and efforts towards inclusivity and solidarity.

We acknowledge that this work is ongoing and must continuously evolve.



*“The vision of Lillian’s is to be a safe and empowering environment for young women to flourish”*

## VISION AND PURPOSE

To provide young women with therapeutic case management services, connecting them with community, culture and positive relationships



To work towards raising community awareness of the issues relating to the homelessness of young women (including sexual assault, family violence and addiction) and to foster the development of related support services and projects aimed at prevention



To manage and operate the service in a professional manner, with practices informed by current research, that focus on facilitating independence and the achievement of personal goals for each of the residents



To accommodate young women who are experiencing homelessness in a safe, secure and supportive environment which respects individual cultural needs and desires, and empowers residents to become autonomous, self-directed and capable of independent living



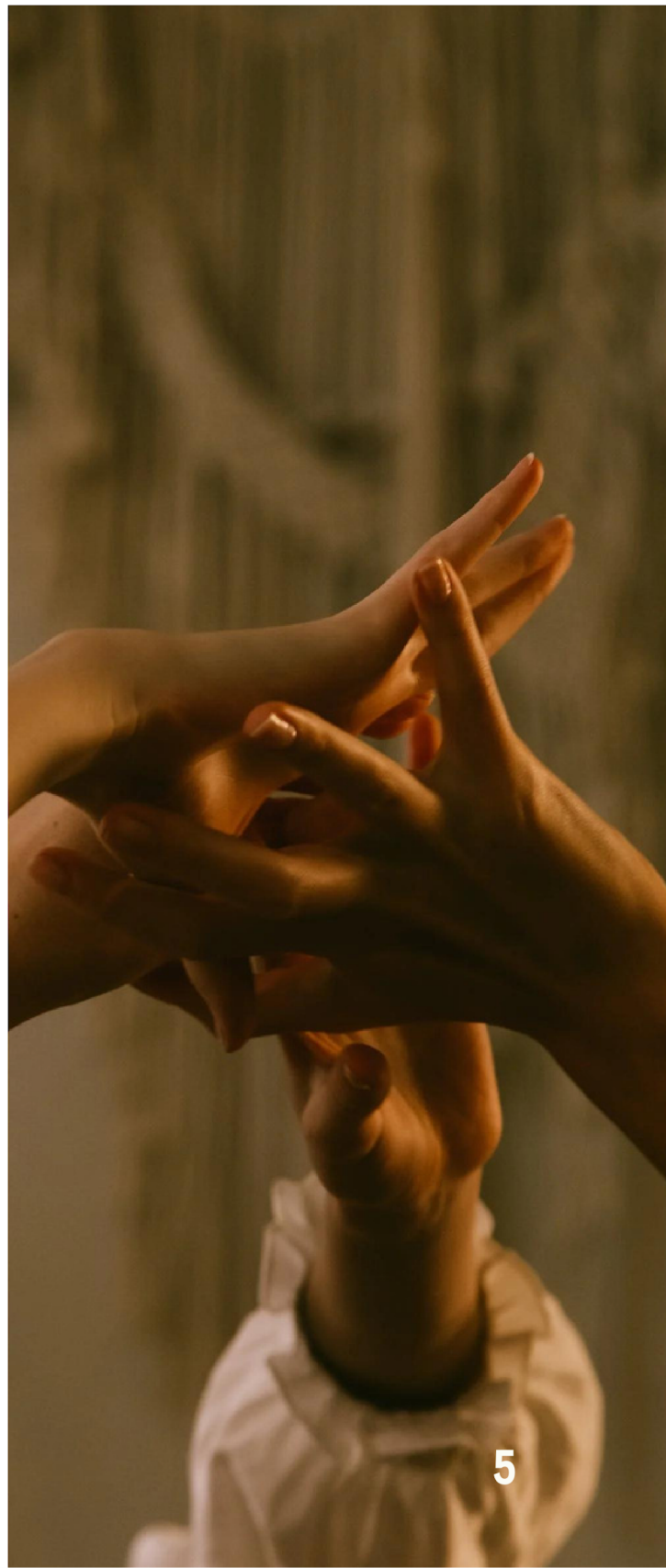
# LILLIAN'S COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The Lillian Howell project Inc is committed to promoting an environmentally sustainable environment. We support these commitments to reduce our impact on the environment and to adopt practices that use resources sustainably, in compliance with all relevant environmental legislation, regulations, planning policies and related initiatives.

Lillian's strives to incorporate environmental better practice into our core business plans and management processes, ensure building operations are effectively managed to gain maximum operational energy performance and undertake responsible resource management practices that aim to prevent pollution and reduce waste.

Lillian's had recently secured funding through the Community Building Partnership Grant and Powering Communities to support upgrades to the property to include solar panels, upgraded hot water system, insulation, double glazed windows and energy efficient lighting systems which were completed in 2023.

Lillian's holds successful working partnerships with sustainable resource organisations including OzHarvest to inspire and promote education around food waste, food security and sustainability. Sustainable and environmentally friendly practices are supported throughout the household including proper and recycling waste management and a vegetable patch in the garden that is maintained by the young women.





## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am honoured to address you all once again as we gather to reflect upon our ongoing mission to provide a safe haven and support to young girls who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. It is with immense gratitude that I present the President's Report on behalf of Lillian's.

First and foremost, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Manager, Vivian Stavis. Vivian, your exceptional leadership and tireless commitment have been instrumental in the continued success of our project. Your dedication to improving the lives of these young girls is truly inspiring, and your unwavering support is the backbone of our organisation. Of course, the achievements of Lillian's would not be possible without our dedicated staff members who work tirelessly to provide a safe and nurturing environment for our residents. Your compassion knows no bounds, and your dedication is a testament to the profound impact you make in the lives of these young girls. I would also like to express my gratitude to our students and volunteers who have given their time and energy to support our cause. Your willingness to share your knowledge, mentor, and support these young girls is a testament to the collective spirit of giving that defines Lillian's.

Similarly, I am thrilled to announce that our contract with Youth Off the Streets (YOTS) and the Department of Community Justice (DCJ) has been renewed. This means that we will continue to deliver vital homelessness and early intervention programs to girls and young women throughout Sydney. This reaffirms the significance of our work and our commitment to making a lasting difference in the lives of these young girls. We look forward to continuing this partnership and the opportunity to expand our reach.

Collaboration is at the heart of our success, and we are proud to have partnered with organisations such as KYUP! Project, Secure Base Solutions, Yoga Foundation, SBS, and Heaps Decent. These partnerships have enabled us to provide incredible opportunities for our residents, enriching their lives and broadening their horizons. One standout collaboration this year was the Banana Bread Project with the Little Ethels Cafe. This project not only offers employment opportunities to the young women who have experienced homelessness, sexual assault and family violence, but also directs a portion of the proceeds towards funding Lillian's, supporting our mission to provide refuge and assistance to at-risk young girls.

I want to extend my gratitude and thanks to our incredible Management Committee and as we move forward, let us renew our commitment to the mission of Lillian's. Together, we will strive to create a brighter future for young girls experiencing homelessness, offering them the support, love, and guidance they need to succeed. Our collective dedication and unwavering spirit will light the path for these girls, giving them hope and the opportunity to build a better life.

Thank you all for your dedication and hard work, and I look forward to another successful year as we continue to make a difference in the lives of those who need us most.

**HELEN CAMPBELL**



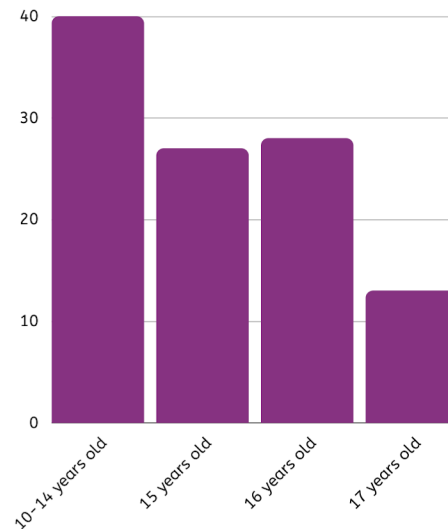


## A WORD FROM THE MANAGER

It's time to take a moment to look back on the past year at Lillian's. The team has certainly been quite busy, and Lillian's has made a positive impact this financial year by assisting 108 girls, offering 21 accommodations, and providing 87 outreach case management supports.

This table shows service provided in age range:

10-14 years	40
15 years	27
16 years	28
17 years	13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>108</b>



Our collaboration through our Subcontract Agreement with Youth off the Streets (YOTS) has continued to thrive, this arrangement allows YOTS to provide essential support when required, fostering a spirit of collaboration to benefit both our organisations and, most importantly, the girls and young women at Lillian's. Similarly, our partnerships with Metro Housing and Good Shepherd remained steadfast ensuring that our ongoing commitment to the girls and young women we serve was unwavering.

As a cohesive staff team, we actively participated in numerous meetings, sustaining our valuable partnerships and keeping ourselves well-informed about policy updates and other changes. These engagements highlight Lillian's commitment to collaboration and staying informed about various aspects of Lillian's work and the community we support.

Thank you to Lisa Gardiner from Secure Base Solutions who has consistently offered monthly staff supervision. Staff had training in various important areas of work, such as Sticky Stuff (sexual health) training, Mental Health First Aid, managing grief and loss and Sexual Assault training.

It's with mixed emotions that we bid farewell to Laura Arden, who dedicated six years to Lillian's and Sinead Bradshaw, who was in her Outreach worker role for four, we wish them all the best in their new roles. We extend a warm welcome to Emma White as the new Caseworker, and Louella Bollard, who has taken on the role of Outreach Worker. In addition, we are proud to announce that we've supported four students pursuing degrees in Social Work and Diploma in Youth Work and Community Services, assisting them in completing their work placements at Lillian's. Remarkably, all of these students have transitioned into paid roles within our sector. This highlights the positive impact and nurturing environment that Lillian's provides for both staff and students.

The dedication and hard work of our staff, Management Committee, volunteers, and students have been truly exceptional this year. I take great pride in having each one of you as my colleagues. Your abundant talent, generosity, and skill have been instrumental in the success of Lillian's, fostering significant growth and positive change for the resilient girls and young women we serve.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our community, including our generous donors and service partners. Your unwavering support is invaluable and plays a crucial role in helping Lillian's accomplish our mission. Thank you for joining hands with us in making a difference!

**VIVIAN STAVIS**





# LILLIAN'S SUPPORTERS

Lillian's would like to acknowledge and send our heartfelt thanks to:



Charlotte Baker and Vivian

- Aesop
- Annie Williams
- Any Boat Sydney Cruise
- ASU (Australian Services Union)
- Australian Christian Church Banana Bread Project
- The Baker family- Dave, Sally, Charlotte and Harry
- CAOS (Community Adolescent Outreach Service)
- Chris Kenworthy
- City of Sydney Council
- Clean & Clear Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning
- Commonwealth Bank
- COOK4GOOD
- Department of Communities and Justice
- Erskineville Dental
- Erskineville Family Medical Practice
- Erskineville Town Hall
- Flick
- Gift of Bread
- Good 360
- Good Shepherd
- Harper Bernays Charitable Trust
- Homelessness NSW
- Housing NSW
- Inner West Council
- Inner West Mums
- Italian Bowl
- Ivy Lane
- Jenny Leong MP
- KYUP! Project
- Launchpad
- Legal Aid
- Little Ethels Cafe
- Metro Community Housing
- Gelato Messina
- Minas Barbery
- OzHarvest
- Sector Development
- Secure Base Solutions
- Share the Dignity
- St Elessa Food Initiative
- StreetSmart
- Swissotel
- The Well Store
- Thompson Jenkins Endowment
- Total Construction
- Twin Pines
- Ultimo TAFE
- Western Sydney University
- Willoughby Theatre Company
- Yfoundations
- Yoga Foundation
- Youth Block
- Youth Off The Streets

# THE GIRLS' ACHIEVEMENTS

The girls have been truly unstoppable in their determination and resilience. Their daily motivation and the humbling experiences they provide are the driving force behind our unwavering commitment and hard work. Their remarkable achievements are a constant source of inspiration and serve as a testament to their extraordinary potential.

13 girls moved out of Lillian's this year. They either moved into independent living/transitional housing, the private rental market or back into the family home.

We had four girls transition into Lillian's transitional properties with Metro Housing, four moved into private rental, one exited to a long term mental health service and four exited to other refuges.



These include:

- Four girls completed their HSC exams
- Studying Medical science at Western Sydney University
- Studying Community Services
- Studying Nursing at TAFE
- Studying Music at TAFE, staff went to her music performance, she was fantastic!
- Completing an eight-week self-defence workshop called 'KYUP' and had a wonderful graduation where they performed the skills they had learnt and received certificates of completion
- Completion of Certificate III in Nursing
- RSA and RCG Course completion
- Three girls got their learner driver's licence
- Re-engagement to school and maintaining attendance
- Two girls secured part-time work in Hospitality
- FACS scholarship applications were submitted and approved for most residents.
- We celebrated two 14th, two 15th, four 16th and six 17th birthdays and had celebrations here at Lillian's for them
- Management of mental health, and personal growth in this area



# STRATEGIC DIRECTION

As per our Strategic Plan 2019 - 2024, we worked well towards our Strategic Priorities of:

1. Quality experiences for girls and young women
2. Maintain a thriving organisation in a time of change
3. Collaborative partnerships and sustainability

## Strategic Outcome 1: Quality experiences for girls and young women

The experiences listed on the next page play a vital role in nurturing the emotional well-being of the girls residing at Lillian's. They offer a valuable opportunity for the girls to establish connections and form strong bonds with each other by participating in shared experiences.

Participating in outings and workshops can provide the girls at Lillian's with opportunities to develop important life skills, such as teamwork, communication, and problem-solving. These activities can also help to build self-confidence and self-esteem, as the girls learn to take risks and explore new interests in a safe and supportive environment. By fostering a sense of family and belonging, these experiences can help to promote emotional well-being and provide a foundation for future growth and success.

## Strategic Outcome 2: Maintain a thriving organisation in a time of change

Staff retention and staff commitment to the organisation is strong. To date, staff have been provided many opportunities to improve and strengthen their work practice, capacity and capabilities by attending various training workshops, monthly supervision, and staff meetings. Our new website has been completed. Two casual staff that have worked at Lillian's for two years have been promoted to Outreach and Case Worker.

## Strategic Outcome 3: Collaborative partnerships and sustainability

Effective relationships with key stakeholders including government, housing providers, sector peaks, researchers and advocacy groups have been sustained. Lillian's is actively involved with Yfoundations (Youth sector peak), DVNSW and Homelessness NSW. We have an existing MOU with Good Shepherd and Metro Housing who we work closely with to support our residents with counselling and in transitional housing. We have partnered with KYUP! Project, Secure Base Solutions, Yoga Foundation, SBS and Heaps Decent to provide amazing opportunities for the residents. We also work closely with DCJ with referrals received in a casework capacity. We have also been involved in many research and evaluation projects. We have re-signed our MOU with Detour House (The Girls Refuge).

## OUTINGS

- Three-day holiday to Mollymook where the girls had surf lessons and fed stingrays
- Three-day Yoga Retreat at Yanada in partnership with the Yoga Foundation. The girls highly enjoyed this retreat, participating in bush walking, sight-seeing, swimming, lighting a bonfire and trying new foods. They were guided through Balance, Partner, Restorative and Laughter Yoga. The retreat allowed the girls to relax, and for some, it was their first ever vacation!
- Day trips to Umina Beach, Wattamolla Beach, and Coogee Womens Pool. The girls also went to Coogee Beach to watch the sunrise and get breakfast.
- Luna Park
- Two trips to Taronga Zoo
- Sydney Aquarium
- Karaoke night in Burwood
- Easter Sunday High Tea at Lillian's
- Christmas Day Breakfast and Lunch at Lillian's
- Mamma Mia the Musical at Sydney Lyric Theatre
- Kiss My Axe outing
- Movie outings to see *Barbie*, *Air*, *The Little Mermaid* and *Thor: Love and Thunder*
- Ice skating and roller skating disco outings
- 'AnyBoat' cruise along Sydney Harbour with food catered by TwoGood
- Group indoor activities such as movie nights, birthday dinners, games nights, bonfires and camping in the backyard.
- "Feel Good Night" event in Newtown Neighbourhood Centre hosted by YOTS
- Two girls went on a retreat to Canberra with YOTS

## WORKSHOPS

- The girls completed an eight-week self-defence workshop called 'KYUP' and had a wonderful graduation where they performed the skills they had learnt and received certificates of completion
- Three girls camped in the Hunter Valley with YOTS to learn about Aboriginal Culture
- Drug and Alcohol workshop with Youthblock
- The girls completed six sessions of the Art Therapy workshops. They enjoyed using mixed media to create projects and express their feelings and thoughts
- Boxing workshop
- Drug and Alcohol workshops
- Building swimming skills at Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre



Kiss My Axe



Taronga Zoo





Coogee Beach sunrise



Yanada Yoga Retreat



KYUP Workshop



Mollymook



Yanada Yoga Retreat

# A LETTER FROM SULTAN

I became homeless 3 months before I turned 15. At that time, I didn't know what a 'refuge' was. I thought it was a mispronunciation of refugees. I associated it with the refuge island signs. I lived with my friends before I moved into Lillian's. It was a good change, it was hard for me to adjust to Lillian's. I quickly found out that if I was going to say bullshit, I had to mean it.

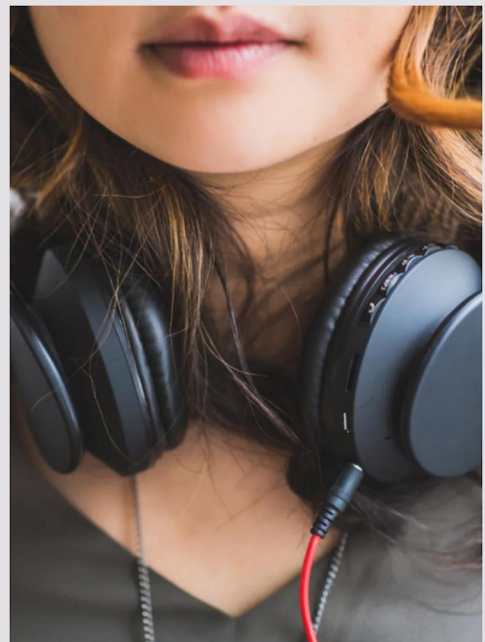
During my entire stay at Lillian's, I was often stirring the pot. As much as it sucks to say, I missed the yelling & violence. I might have turned 15 at Lillian's but I was still stuck. I registered blood, bruises and tears as a true home. I couldn't accept any of this. How could these people imprint on my mother's daughter? And get paid for it? It made my blood boil. None of the peace felt true to me. My mother worked hard to raise me and everyday it felt like her efforts were going to waste. Eventually, I became someone my family would barely recognise.

I would often have quarrels with my housemates. I didn't mind being an asshole at the time because I didn't care about them as much as I do now. One of the hardest challenges I faced while living at Lillian's was learning how to let go. A resident I really cherished in a toxic weird way had to go, but no one knew for how long. I really missed her. I would constantly ask the workers when she'll come back. I created uncomfortable situations for both residents and workers because I didn't want to accept that she'll never come back. Today, I keep in touch with her and we're on better terms now.

Every 3 months, I was someone completely different. It made me uncomfortable; I didn't know people could change so much in such a short amount of time. I finally started to 'feel' my age. I began to catch up with my peers. I experienced new things that I should have never touched. I later tried other things. It really opened my mind at the cost of not one but two eviction warnings. I remember debating with myself. Do I wanna keep doing this and fall? Or do I wanna continue forward? It was a heartbreaking decision but I had to be responsible now. After a few failed attempts I quit everything. And I realised that I was really close to being a victim of drugs. I'm very lucky that I was able to escape.

Last year, I attended the AGM as a resident of Lillian's. It was around the same time last year, I didn't know I'd be filling in for Steph but I really wanted to come. I wanted to know what the AGM was and how it worked and everything. I needed to know everything in an unknown place. Now, I'm attending as someone who used to live at Lillian's.

So much happened at Lillian's. Even as I write this, none of this sounds right to me. All sorts of experiences happened at Lillian's, it was crazy. I really learnt a lot from Lillian's. The obvious life skills like cooking, cleaning, and communication. As much as I hated it at the time, I learnt how to forgive and deal with my emotions. It wasn't fun and spontaneous as I wanted it to be, but Lillian's was what I needed.





# A LETTER FROM LARA

As I reflect upon the incredible journey, I have experienced during my stay at Lillian's over the past six months. It is with great pleasure and gratitude that I share my story with you.

When I first arrived at Lillian's, I was filled with a mix of emotions - anxious, hopeful, and uncertain. Little did I know that this place would become my home away from home. Lillian's has truly been a haven of warmth and personal growth.

From the moment I walked through the doors, I was greeted by a team of dedicated women who went above and beyond to make me feel welcomed. Their genuine smiles and kind gestures reassured me that I had been given the chance of calling Lillian's home and the right place to live. The staff at Lillian's have truly become my extended family.

The past six months have been a transformative period in my life. Lillian's has provided me with an environment that nurtures personal growth and self-discovery. The activities and programs offered here has allowed me to explore new hobbies and build lasting friendships with fellow residents. Whether it was participating in creative workshops, or simply engaging in meaningful conversations, every day brought a new opportunity for personal development.

One of the most remarkable aspects of my stay at Lillian's has been the sense of community that flourishes within these walls. The residents here come from diverse backgrounds, each with their unique stories to share. Through shared experiences and shared laughter, we have formed bonds that will last a lifetime. Lillian's has fostered an atmosphere of inclusivity and close friendships, where everyone feels valued and respected.

Lillian's commitment to mind, body, and care has truly impressed me. The attention to detail, the emphasis on maintaining a comfortable and safe environment, and the provision of top-notch healthcare services have truly set Lillian's apart from other services. I have always felt a sense of security knowing that my well-being is of paramount importance to the staff at Lillian's.

I cannot help but express my gratitude to everyone at Lillian's who has made my stay unforgettable. To the dedicated staff, who work tirelessly to ensure our happiness and comfort, thank you for your unwavering support and endless compassion.

To my fellow residents, who have shared laughter, tears, and cherished memories with me, thank you for making this place feel like home.



# 'WHERE ARE THEY NOW?' PROJECT

*The 'Where Are They Now?' Project (2023) was undertaken by two Third-Year Social Work students from Western Sydney University who completed their first 400-hour practicum at Lillian's. This research project involved the students contacting former residents about their time at Lillian's with the aim to explore their stories and gain feedback about the organisation. The full report and video is available on our website.*

## Carolina

“ I think the main thing that I really loved about being here was the sense of community and belonging that all the girls and residents shared. It was a very healing place and I'm very glad I got to stay here for that long. ”

## Jessica

Felt “extremely loved and accepted” describing it as a “sorority life [that] felt like a family”. In particular, Lillian's was a place where she felt accepted and could be her truest self. She learnt critical time management skills and general tips on how to be a 'responsible adult'. The achievements she was most proud of are completing Year 12 and her HSC, and then an internship with Swiss Bank.

## Angeline

“ I learnt accountability, responsibility, adaptability and became a resilient person. I was at my lowest when I came to Lillian's and when I left, I felt well-equipped to handle life and its constant challenges. If it weren't for Lillian's, I don't think I'd be here today. ”



# LILLIAN'S STAFF

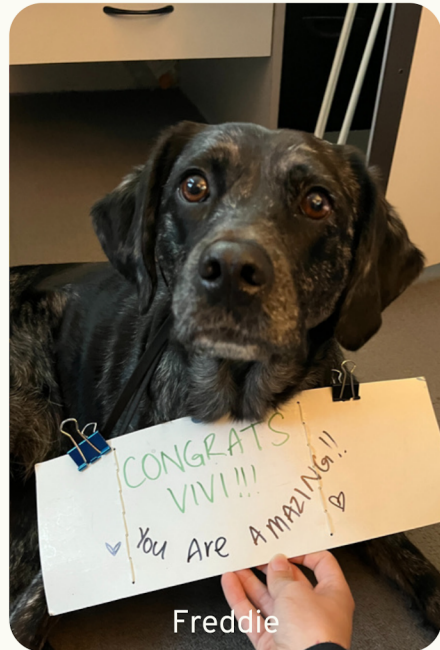




# LILLIAN'S PETS



Neo



Freddie



Squirtle and Michelangelo



Mimi



Obie



# THE STATISTICS

87.9%

16 years and under

3,709

Safe sleeps

6.5%

Indigenous

33%

Mental ill-health







108

girls provided support in 2022-23

21

accommodation supports

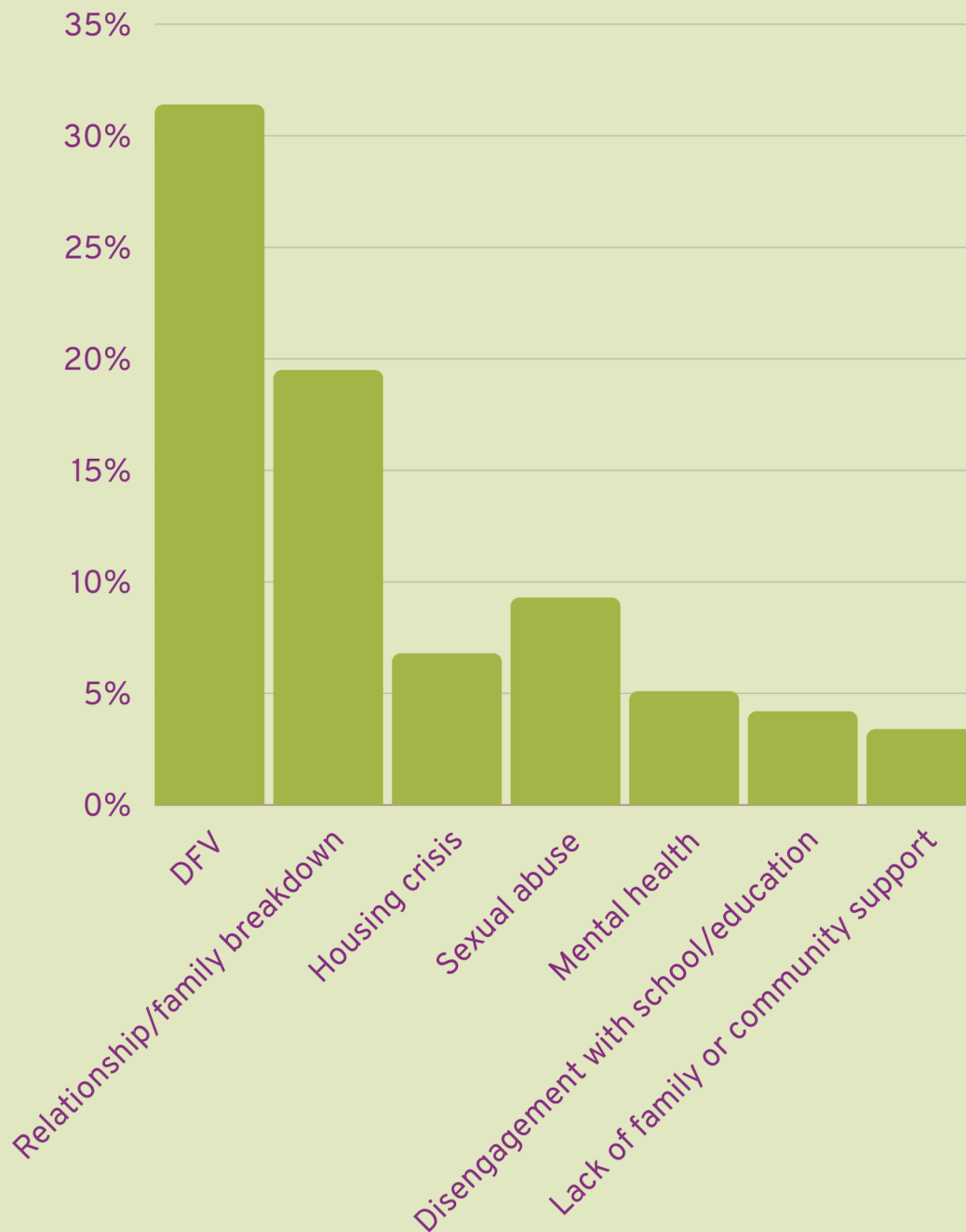
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outreach case management supports

20



# MAIN REASONS FOR SEEKING ASSISTANCE IN 2023



The above are the main presenting reasons, other reasons include inappropriate dwelling conditions (3.4%), and lack of family/community support (eg parents passing away, 3.4%)



## THE TREASURER'S REPORT

I am delighted to share that Lillian Howell Project Inc maintained a robust financial standing throughout the 2023 fiscal year. This accomplishment can be credited to the diligent efforts of Lillian's team and Management Committee, who exercised careful control over expenses and harnessed the strength of our balance sheet to invest in capital expenditures, enhancing overall productivity. As of the present, Lillian Howell Project Inc's financial position and reserves remain solid. All projects and grants were fully utilised, and all legal accruals and entitlements have been duly accounted for. This reflects our commitment to responsible financial management and our dedication to meeting all our financial obligations.

During the 2022/2023 fiscal year, Lillian's received a substantial amount of \$565,330 in funding from the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) through our subcontract arrangement with Youth Off The Streets. However, our financial records indicate that we incurred an operating loss of \$85,000 specifically in relation to the funding received from DCJ. This loss can be attributed to a significant increase in staffing expenses, which amounted to \$581,000, representing 100% of our total budget. It's important to note that these staffing expenses were deemed necessary to appropriately staff the refuge, aligning with best practices in service provision.

We remained committed to our fundraising initiatives, harnessing the potential of our Give Now donations page and with the support of numerous individuals, played a pivotal role in this endeavour. Thanks to their unwavering dedication and the generosity of our supporters, Lillian's total revenue for this fiscal year reached \$250,117, with a substantial contribution of \$81,000 coming from the Give Now donations page.

As I take a moment to contemplate another year, I can't help but feel an overwhelming sense of gratitude for the exceptional level of governance that only an experienced, highly skilled, and effective Management Committee can provide. I also want to acknowledge the immense value we gain from our exceptionally experienced, skilled, and effective staff team, under the capable leadership of our Manager, Vivian Stavis. Your guidance and unwavering dedication have made a significant impact on the remarkable work of Lillian's, and I extend my heartfelt thanks for your continued leadership and contributions.

Lillian's equity position remains robust, amounting to a sum equivalent to one year's worth of ordinary services expenses. This fiscal approach is deemed prudent by the management committee and aligns well with the organisation's profile. In summary, as we embark on the next financial year, we do so from a solid financial standpoint. All accruals and provisions are in place, and we possess a healthy equity of \$637,179.

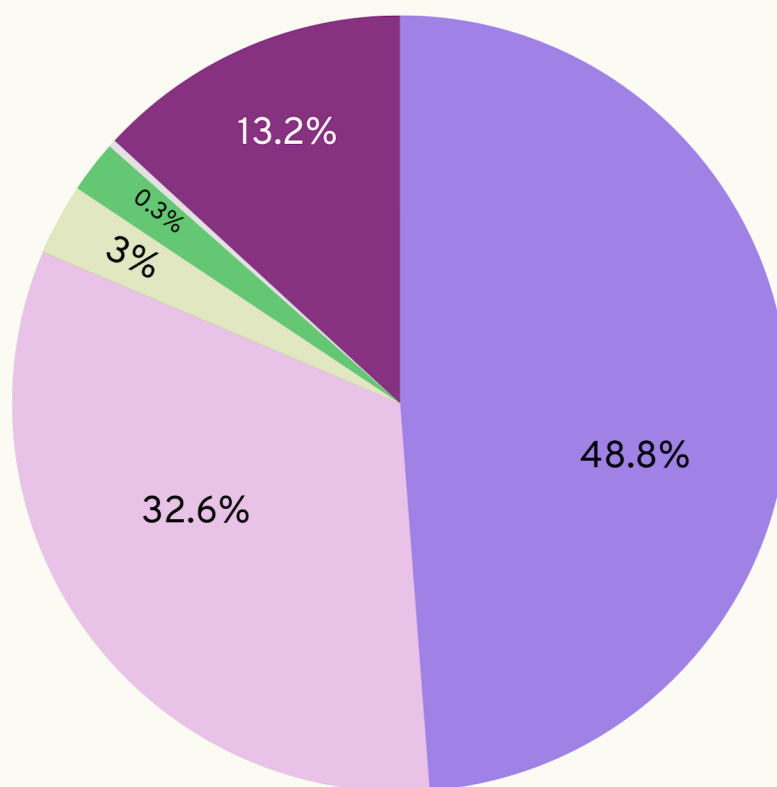
**VICTORIA BELL**



# FINANCIAL STATISTICS

## Lillian’s Own Fund 2023

Total income \$250,117.80



Commonwealth Bank Funding	\$122,024.97
Donations	\$81,523.76
Rent Received	\$32,915.55
Interest Received	\$7,421.36
Admin Fee Income	\$5,431.36
Sundry Income	\$780.61
Dividends - Franked	\$20.19

# COMMITTEE'S REPORT

## Lillian Howell Project Incorporated

ABN 22 465 606 851

### Committee's Report

For the year ended 30 June 2023

Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the Lillian Howell Project Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

### Committee Members

The names of committee members at the date of this report are

Helen Campbell - President

Nicole Graham - Vice President

Victoria Bell - Treasurer

Ann Watchirs - Secretary

Cindi Petersen - Member

Jessie Waratah Simon-Fitzpatrick - Member

Karen Lindley - Member

Megan Anderson- Member

### Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were: The provision of a specialist Homelessness service providing medium to long-term 24 hour supported accommodation for young women and girls 13 - 17 years, that is trauma informed, reparative and empowering. As well as providing a safe and secure setting, Lillian's builds the capacity of the girls and young women and supports them in their transition to independent living..

#### Service approach includes:

- Intervening early to prevent homelessness by promoting awareness of the causes of homelessness and working closely with 'first-to-know' services (e.g., schools, housing providers, correctional facilities, domestic and family violence services, child and family services and other services) to identify people at risk of becoming homeless
- Providing a medium-term response by offering medium-term accommodation with 24/7 support in our refuge and transitional properties including ongoing case management
- Providing intensive responses for clients with complex needs through intensive, multi-disciplinary support to girls and young women at risk of chronic homelessness as well as assertive outreach

### Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

### Operating Result

The profit from ordinary activities after providing for income tax amounted to \$157,966.62.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee by:



Helen Campbell - President

Dated: 6/9/2023



# STATEMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

**Lillian Howell Project Incorporated**

**ABN 22 465 606 851**

**Statement by Members of the Committee**

**For the year ended 30 June 2023**

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The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and 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 Committee the Income and Expenditure Statement, Statement of Financial Position, and Notes to the Financial Statements:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Lillian Howell Project Incorporated as at 30 June 2023 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. 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 statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

*Helen Campbell*

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Helen Campbell - President

Dated: 6/9/2023

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

**Lillian Howell Project Incorporated**  
**ABN 22 465 606 851**  
**Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2023**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2023**

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash assets	2	800,107.73	733,203.15
Other assets	3	7,061.41	3,338.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>807,169.14</b>	<b>736,541.15</b>
Total Assets		<b>807,169.14</b>	<b>736,541.15</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Payables	4	55,960.60	133,997.67
Financial liabilities		4,518.06	0.00
Tax liabilities	5	6,170.94	13,939.10
Provisions	6	65,460.27	79,324.28
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>132,109.87</b>	<b>227,261.05</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>			
Provisions	6	37,880.48	30,067.93
Total Non-Current Liabilities		37,880.48	30,067.93
Total Liabilities		<b>169,990.35</b>	<b>257,328.98</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>637,178.79</b>	<b>479,212.17</b>
<b>Members' Funds</b>			
Accumulated surplus		637,178.79	479,212.17
<b>Total Members' Funds</b>		<b>637,178.79</b>	<b>479,212.17</b>



# INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

**Lillian Howell Project Incorporated**  
**ABN 22 465 606 851**  
**Income and Expenditure Statement**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2023**

DCJ Main Grant	2023 \$	2022 \$
<b>Income</b>		
Youth Off The Street	479,507.63	494,109.33
SACS ERO & INDEX	85,821.75	51,155.23
Covid Stimulus Package Funding	0.00	45,781.58
DCJ COVID wages fund	0.00	7,516.74
Department of Comm & Justice	0.00	30,000.00
Total income	565,329.38	628,562.88
<b>Expenses</b>		
Wages & Salaries	493,802.94	539,740.82
Superannuation	52,115.78	53,121.55
Workers Compensation	0.00	20,529.86
On Call/First Aid Allowance	10,389.48	9,785.94
Sleepover Allowance	19,452.48	18,426.23
Travel Reimbursement	5,586.84	2,364.21
Training/Conference	0.00	9.00
Movement in Long Service Leave Provision	7,812.55	835.77
Movement in Annual & Personal Leave Prov	(7,402.20)	(4,970.68)
Accounting	7,153.68	6,685.00
Audit Fees	2,000.00	2,000.00
Administration Expenses	296.19	1,195.41
Insurance - Liability	5,213.47	4,827.46
Postage, Stationery & Printing	3,008.24	2,280.01
Computer expenses	3,593.18	0.00
Telephone	2,110.73	2,291.74
Petrol/Parking/Toll	422.66	169.55
Staff recruitment	0.00	140.00
Office Equipment & Furniture	434.54	367.87
Subscriptions	1,592.43	980.74
Supervision	0.00	5,280.00

# INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT CONT.

Activities & Entertainment	4,560.14	2,716.88
Residents Personal Living Expenses	4,208.48	2,488.26
Food & Housekeeping	24,728.90	22,350.78
Travel	169.88	88.24
Brokerage	136.70	98.53
Household	250.00	92.73
Other Project Expenses	1,276.27	1,560.70

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<b>DCJ Main Grant</b>		
Electricity	2,954.70	4,024.53
Repairs & maintenance	3,329.80	2,293.10
Insurance - Contents	2,084.27	2,945.58
Total expenses	<u>651,282.13</u>	<u>704,719.81</u>
<b>Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before income tax</b>	<u><b>(85,952.75)</b></u>	<u><b>(76,156.93)</b></u>



# INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT (LILLIAN'S)

## Lillian Howell Project Incorporated

ABN 22 465 606 851

### Income and Expenditure Statement

For the year ended 30 June 2023

Lillian Howell Project Own Fund	2023 \$	2022 \$
<b>Income</b>		
Commonwealth Bank Funding	122,024.97	0.00
Xmas Fundraiser	0.00	37,594.81
Donations	81,523.76	79,136.54
Dividends - Franked	20.19	24.51
Interest received	7,421.36	132.19
Admin Fee Income	5,431.36	874.97
Sundry Income	780.61	286.04
Rents received	32,915.55	30,975.77
Comedy Night Fundraiser -sponsor	0.00	28,422.87
Comedy Night Fundraiser - June 2022	0.00	20,074.54
Total income	<u>250,117.80</u>	<u>197,522.24</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Bank Fees	243.70	272.90
Activities/Entertainment	2,082.41	5,506.93
Other Project Expenses	3,872.32	5,167.79
Total expenses	<u>6,198.43</u>	<u>10,947.62</u>
<b>Profit from ordinary activities before income tax</b>	<u><b>243,919.37</b></u>	<u><b>186,574.62</b></u>



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF LILLIAN HOWELL PROJECT INCORPORATED  
ABN 22 465 606 851**

### **Report on the Financial Report**

I have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Lillian Howell Project Incorporated (the "Association"), which comprises the Committee's Report, Statement by Members of the Committee, Income and Expenditure Statement, Balance Sheet, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

### **Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report**

The committee of Lillian Howell Project Incorporated, are responsible for the preparation of the financial report and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1, is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act of New South Wales 2009 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibilities also include such internal control as the committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. I have conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view, 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. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

### **Additional scope pursuant to the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991**

In addition, my audit report has also been prepared for the Association in accordance with Section 24(2) of the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991. Accordingly, I have performed additional work beyond that which is performed in my capacity as auditor pursuant to the Association's constitution. These additional procedures included obtaining an understanding of the internal control structure for fundraising appeal activities and examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting compliance with the accounting and associated record keeping requirements for fundraising appeal activities pursuant to the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and Regulations.

It should be noted that the accounting records and data relied upon for reporting in fundraising appeal activities are not continuously audited and do not necessarily reflect after the event accounting adjustments and the normal year-end financial adjustments necessary for year-end financial report preparation.

The performance of my audit included a review of internal controls for the purpose of determining the appropriate audit procedures to enable an opinion to be expressed on the accounts. This review is not a comprehensive review of all those systems or of the system taken as a whole and is not designed to uncover all weaknesses in those systems.

My audit opinion pursuant to the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 has been formed on the above basis.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF LILLIAN HOWELL PROJECT INCORPORATED  
ABN 22 465 606 851  
(Continued)**

### **Audit Qualification**

It is not always practicable for the Association to establish accounting control over all sources of fundraising appeal activities prior to receipt of these funds by members of the Association and accordingly it is not possible for my examination to include procedures which extend beyond the amounts of such income recorded in the accounting records of the Association

However, based on my review of the internal controls, nothing has come to my attention which would cause me to believe that the internal controls over revenue from fundraising activities by the Association are not appropriate.

### **Qualified Audit Opinion pursuant to the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991**

In my opinion, except for the above qualifications:

- (a) the accounts give a true and fair view of the financial result of fundraising appeal activities for the financial year ended 30 June 2023;
- (b) the accounts have been properly drawn up, and the associated records have been properly kept for the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and Regulations;
- (c) money received as a result of fundraising appeal activities conducted during the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 has been properly accounted for and applied in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and Regulations; and
- (d) there are reasonable grounds to believe that Lillian Howell Project Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

### **Qualified Audit opinion on the financial accounts**

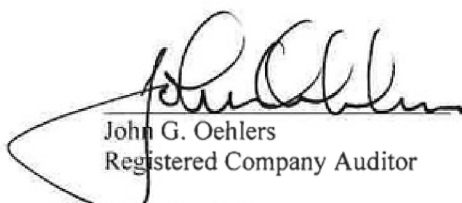
In my opinion, except for the potential effects on the financial accounts of the matters referred to in the qualification paragraph, the financial accounts of the Lillian Howell Project Incorporated are properly drawn up:

- (a) So as to give a true and fair view of:
  - (i) the state of affairs of the Association as at 30th June 2023 and,
  - (ii) the result of the Association's activities for the year ended on that date
- (b) in accordance with the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009.
- (c) in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards.

### **Basis of Accounting**

Without modifying my opinion, I draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Lillian Howell Project Incorporated to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act of New South Wales 2009. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

JOHN G. OEHLERS  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT



John G. Oehlers  
Registered Company Auditor

Signed at Belrose,  
Date: 6th September 2023

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And one day  
she discovered  
that she was *fierce*,  
and **strong**  
and full of fire,  
and that not even  
she could  
hold herself back  
because her passion  
burned brighter  
than her fears

*Mark Anthony*





**Thank you for your  
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