



Lillian Howell Project Inc
Annual Report
2020/21

Acknowledgements

In the spirit of reconciliation, Lillian's acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today. We acknowledge the Gadigal and Wangal people of the Eora nation on whose country we are meeting today and their Elders past, present and emerging.

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.

Thank you to all the workers striving to create a future without youth homelessness.

We gratefully acknowledge funding from the NSW Department of Community and Justice



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Vision and Purpose

'The vision of Lillian's is to be a safe and empowering environment for young women to flourish'

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

President's Report



As the President of Lillian Howell Project Inc (Lillian's), I am pleased to give the president's report for the financial year 2020/2021.

I'm proud to say that for 35 years, Lillian's has advocated and supported homeless and vulnerable girls and young women. The last year has presented new challenges and the compounding stress and uncertainty of the pandemic have weighed heavily on our girls, as it has on us all. Lillian's staff have worked tirelessly to manage the wellbeing of the girls and sound Business Continuity Planning has supported this endeavour. I want to thank YOTS and DCJ for their ongoing support with funding and guidance.

Equally, the Management Committee have put a tremendous amount of work into working towards Lillian's Strategic Plan, which outlines priorities to Provide Quality Experiences for girls and young women, Maintain a Thriving Organisation in a time of change and Collaborative Partnerships and Sustainability. Lillian's, in line with ASES accreditation preparation, has worked hard this year updating the organisations' governing policies and procedures, which are informed by our organisational vision and values, driven by evidence-informed knowledge and practice and ensures transparency, consistency, and accountability, these

were completed in December. The self-assessment and interviews with Stakeholders and Management Committee were completed and Lillian's is well on the way to being accredited with completion scheduled for early in the new financial year.

I want to acknowledge the efforts of our fundraising committee headed by Kylie Evans and her amazing team of supporters who through their efforts have opened up opportunities for the girls that were otherwise not available and Dr Marnie Graham-Briggs for her grant writing support and helping us to secure funds to make necessary updates and changes at Lillian's.

I want to congratulate and thank the Manager, Vivian Stavis, Lillian's staff, students and volunteers and the Management Committee, your dedication and commitment to our girls is endless. It has been an exceptionally challenging year, but your talent, commitment and passion have ensured that our girls have received vital support.

Finally, as always, I would like to acknowledge the young women that we work with. The vision of Lillian's is to be a safe and empowering environment for young women to flourish by enhancing our young women's capacity to fully participate and engage in the community. At the heart of what we do is to enable them to feel part of the bigger community and to belong. It is through developing and fostering genuine and authentic relationships with our girls that we can assist them to take their place in our community, they are remarkable, inspiring, and resilient and I applaud all their achievements this year.

Helen Campbell

Manager's Report

I am pleased to present you Lillian's 2020/2021 Annual Report. I am proud of the work the team have done with the girls over the last 12 months. We have faced many challenges and managed to continue to support our girls through tough and uncertain times.



Reflecting on the last 12 months, Lillian's has had some major achievements despite the year being disrupted by COVID19. Although Lillian's does have a decrease in numbers for the year in all program areas, the contracted targets were still met.

We received many referrals for both accommodation and outreach case management supporting 84 young women. We provided 18 accommodation stays and provided an outreach case management service to 66 young women. Our ongoing relationships with other organisations, refuges, schools and FACS ensured that we received the referrals required to achieve the numbers needed for our service agreement.

This table shows service provided in age range:

10 - 14 years	32
15 years	32
16 years	14
17 years	4
18 - 19 years	2
TOTAL	84

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.

Our partnership with Youth off the Streets (YOTS), went from strength to strength with YOTS providing support when needed. We worked collaboratively to support each other and the girls and young women of Lillian's.

I am extremely proud of our team and colleagues as recipients of the 2021 best partnership award supporting young people through the Youth Action Youth Awards through our partnership with Good Shepherd and also proud of the collaboration with KYUP! Project and SBS to film a video on youth homelessness and self-defence. As a staff team we attended ASU meetings and were part of campaigns such as Save our Services and the Equal Pay campaign, and attended the Women's subdivision and Civil Society meetings. We attended other interagency meetings where we sustained partnerships and remained informed of policy and other changes. Supervision continued once a month with Lisa Gardiner from Secure Base Solutions and staff had training in many areas of work including: Suicide and self-harm, Adolescent risk-taking behaviours, Fire Warden Training, First Aid Course and CIMS brokerage training.

We started the process of Accreditation, completing our self-assessment and interviews with Stakeholders and Management Committee and were well on our way to being accredited before June end when lock down occurred. This has now been scheduled for completion early in the new financial year. Staff, Management Committee, Volunteers and Students have been brilliant in supporting me through the growth and development of Lillian's with their awesome ideas and their expertise on working with girls and trauma. We have all worked tirelessly, cohesively and collectively to achieve all that we have this year and I'm so proud to have you all as my colleagues. I am so grateful for the abundant talent, generosity, and skill you breathe through the organisation, and for all you do in contributing to significant growth and change amongst the mighty, resilient girls and young women we work alongside.

And to our community – our wonderful, generous donors and service partners – thank you for your continued support in helping us and working with us and our service users to do what we do!

Vivian Stavis

**"I LOVE TO SEE A YOUNG GIRL
GO OUT AND GRAB THE
WORLD BY THE LAPELS."**

- MAYA ANGELOU

Our Supporters – Friends of Lillian’s

I would like to acknowledge and send our heartfelt thanks to:

- Department of Communities and Justice
- Youth off the Streets
- Homelessness NSW
- Sector Development
- ASU (Australian Services Union)
- Metro community Housing
- Good Shepherd
- Good 360
- Commonwealth Bank
- Haymarket Foundation
- Heaps Decent
- Housing NSW
- City of Sydney Council
- Inner west Council
- Inner West Mums
- Balmain Town Hall
- Erskineville Town Hall
- Erskineville Family Medical Practice
- Erskineville Dental
- Oz Harvest
- Rotary Club Iron Cove
- Share the Dignity
- StreetSmart
- Youth Block
- ESV Group
- Ray White Balmain
- Total Construction
- Cobden and Hayson Real Estate
- Mango Credit
- Body Ethos Balmain
- Blow Bar Balmain
- Robson Rebuild
- Freedom Hearing
- Sew & Sew Wines
- Rhapsody in Graphics
- Clean & Clear Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning
- Thompson Jenkins Endowment
- Harper Bernays Charitable Trust
- Royal Easter Show
- Disney.com
- Balmain Hotel
- Young Henrys
- KYUP! Project
- SBS
- CAOS (Child and Adolescent Outreach Service)
- COOK4GOOD
- DreamBox Collective
- Yoga Foundation
- We All Care
- Beauty Bank
- Gift of Bread
- Lentil as Anything
- Western Sydney University
- Ultimo TAFE
- Secure Base Solution

Lillian's Girls Achievements

Lillian's girls' achievements have been inspiring and extraordinary! They motivate and humble us and are the reason we keep working as hard as we do.

These include:

- Year 10 DUX and first in Maths, Science, History, Commerce, Food technology and English
- 3 girls completed their HSC
- 2 girls completed Year 10 and achieved their ROSA
- Lentils As Anything work experience
- Barista course completion
- RSA and RCG course completion
- Re-engagement to school and maintaining attendance
- First in JiuJitsu
- Graduation from KYUP! Program
- Securing part-time work in retail
- Securing part-time work in a hospitality.
- FACS scholarship applications were submitted and approved for most residents.
- We celebrated many birthdays (15th x2, 16th x3, 17th x2 and 18th x3) and had celebrations here at Lillian's for them.
- Cultivation of the house garden
- Management of mental health, and personal growth in this area
- NDIS approval



9 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 1 girl transition into Lillian's transitional properties, 2 into other transitional housing provided by other services, 1 moved into private rental, 3 moved back into the family home and 2 exited to another refuge.

House Outings & Workshops

It was exciting and busy with many workshops and house outings programmed for our girls and young women. These are provided to build the emotional capacity of the girls that live at Lillian's and an opportunity to form attachments and bond with each other through shared experiences which helps them to affiliate and attune to each other.

This is done through the provision of Psycho-educative material and self-reflection from week to week. These included: The "See you next Tuesday" club run by staff on Tuesdays to give the girls an opportunity to freely express themselves through anger, chat, play music and read poetry in a safe space. The group has been very powerful for the girls who participated. Mini workshops are also run on Sunday evenings such as craft, self-care, dream catchers, Christmas wreaths and sensory boxes.

We had many house outings; These include:

- Frozen Musical Live
- Priscilla Queen of the Desert Live
- Karaoke and dinner nights



- Tree Tops Adventure Park
- Easter Sunday – High Tea at Lillian's
- Christmas Day breakfast and outing at Yum Cha.
- Jamberoo Recreation Park
- Sky Zone
- HALLOSCREAM at Luna Park on Halloween
- Bushwalk at Fairy Bower Blue Mountains

Lillian's girls took another holiday due to the generous donations we received this year! They went to Nelson Bay for 2 nights staying in a beautiful house on the beach where they went cruising with the dolphins, camel rides and spent their time on the beach, a great time was had by all! Our partnership with the Yoga Foundation also gave the girls an opportunity to attend a 2 day Yoga Retreat hosted at Yanada Country Retreats in St Albans.



Thank you to SBS for producing the most amazing video on Lillian's and KYUP! and for capturing the essence of what we do so beautifully. The video is on our website.

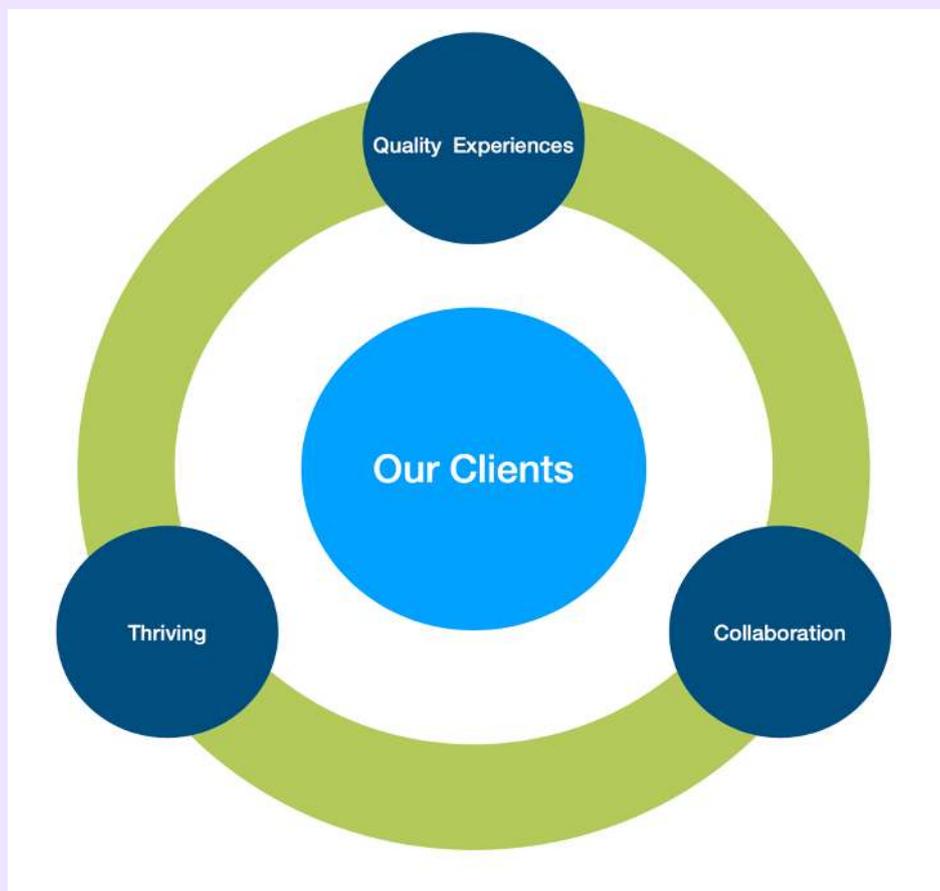


Strategic Direction

Our five-year strategy (2019 - 2024)

Our five-year strategy has been developed through consultation with staff, service users, and our Management Committee. The strategy works across three key strategic priority areas:

1. Quality experiences for girls and young women
2. Maintaining a thriving organisation
3. Collaborative partnerships and sustainability



Resident's Experiences

Meet Sarah

Hi, my name is Sarah and I am 22 years old.

I came to live at Lillian's Refuge in 2014 after constantly moving between refuges all over Sydney which became unsettling and disrupted my education. I had left my family home in 2012 after going through abuse and other family dysfunction. When I did move into Lillian's however, my life changed for the better. Lillian's provided me an opportunity to find stability, safety, peace and happiness. This was something I had been longing for.

The staff at Lillian's were nothing short of compassionate and caring. They provided me with an environment that felt safe and felt like a loving family home. Whilst living at Lillian's I was able to work through my personal trauma with the professional and empathetic staff, enabling me to better manage my emotions and feel as though I had regained control of my own life. This was something very important to me, and without the staff at Lillian's, I would not have been able to make the progress I have made, and be the woman I am today. I also was able to learn living skills, from cooking to cleaning to learning to manage my money, in preparation for managing my own tenancy in the future. The support from the staff at Lillian's also continued once I left their service. This support made me feel cared for, appreciated and most of all loved.

Looking at my life today, I am in the final stages of completing my Bachelor of Social science with a major in Criminology and Criminal justice as well as Child and Community, aspiring to work in child protection. My chosen career path has been influenced from my positive experience at Lillian's and I feel humbled that I too will be able to make a difference to the lives of young people.

I will be eternally grateful to the staff at Lillian's and their service as a whole. Without their support during a time when I was most at need, which has continued into my young adulthood, I would not have been able to grow and achieve as much as I have today. When I reflect on my life over the past 7 years, I recognise a profound change. From a timid, introverted and scared 15 year old girl who had been through significant trauma and adversity, to a 22 year old strong woman who is independent, courageous, and has a bright future ahead.

Thank you once again to all the staff at Lillian's, you have all had a positive impact on my life, and without the support I most likely wouldn't be achieving my dreams, be able to manage my own tenancy, or grown as much as I have.

Meet Vivi

Hey everyone! My name is Vivian Li and I came to Lillian's on the 20th of October 2019.

I just had my 2 year anniversary a couple weeks ago and honestly it caught me off guard but nevertheless I was moved. Before I moved to Lillian's, I was at Caretakers in Bondi. I've known Lillian's since I was 11 years old since my school counsellor told me about it and my DCJ worker referred me but you know, I was rejected due to age limits. Sad. I won't go too much into my past but I just couldn't live at home because I was 'betrayed' by the people that I expected to care for me. Sad. Anyways, I'm here to talk about the things I have achieved while living at Lillian's. I'm gonna feel so weird cause it sounds like I'm bragging from here on out.

I think the very first thing I achieved while living here was being Dux of Year 9 which was just like a month after I moved in and achieving a hand-written letter from Jihad Dib congratulating me on topping my year while facing the numerous challenges in my life. But then after that I felt the pressure of continuing being the top of my year and that's what I did, I became Dux again in Year 10 and man did that feel great. I'm also on the Harding Miller Scholarship which I achieved right before I moved into Lillian's but if it wasn't for Lillian's providing a house where I could study properly, I probably would have lost my scholarship so I'm glad that I'm still on that scholarship. I've also received the DCJ scholarships twice in a row while living here which have helped me achieve a lot of my school results. I've also started Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu because of Lillian's and achieved first place in a Jiu-Jitsu competition which I am highly proud of. I probably have many more achievements that I've achieved but at the time of writing this, I can't recall any of them.

For my future, I aspire to be a Forensic Medical Examiner by first studying for a Doctor of Medicine in Western Sydney University which requires a 93.5 ATAR and then specialising in Forensic Medicine. Currently, I'm studying for my next HSC exams which is in a couple of days and then I have to do it again next year with different subjects because my school has a compressed curriculum. So I'm really hoping to do well!

But no matter how many times I find Lillian's annoying to live at because of the other girls and sometimes the workers, I'm still grateful that I was given a chance to live here and given a chance to speak at this year's AGM.

Meet Alisha

Hi, my name is Alisha and I am 16 years old.

I first came to Lillian's in 2019 when I was 14 from The Girls Refuge due to family homelessness, emotional and physical abuse. I lived at Lillian's for 5 months but ran away as I didn't feel like it was the right place for me then. And 2 years later.... Here I am again. I moved back to Lillian's in June last year after running into Carlene on the street when I was couch surfing again. When I came back to Lillian's I felt like I was home again although it was hard to fit in at first because I only knew one girl here from last time. My first night back I could sleep really easily because I felt comfortable and safe.

While living here I have found an interest in baking and have learnt how to cook lots of different meals which I never knew how to do before. I have also learnt many skills that I wasn't capable of doing, such as cleaning, saving (sometimes), getting a job and have learnt that my trauma doesn't define the person I am.

Also living at Lillian's we have gone on many house outings, for example going to Tree Tops, something I never thought I'd be able to do and also Jamberoo. I also went on my very first holiday last year to Nelson Bay and rode camels which was absolutely terrifying. We also went to a yoga retreat eating vegetarian food 3 days in a row...with no phone... also something I thought I would never do. While living here I have been awarded the Long Tan award through Youth off The Streets 2020 and the Youth Off the Streets 2021 scholarship. Lillian's also helped me get my license, first aid certificate (through school) and I was in a documentary on SBS. Lillian's also helped me get tested for ADHD, something that I have been wanting to find out for a long time but have never had the support to.

The girls at Lillian's are like sisters to me, I can annoy them at times but that's only because I care and feel comfortable being myself here as I have previously experienced a lot of trauma from girls – I still feel safe here. Also because people don't come and go a lot like in previous places I've stayed. The staff are always there to talk – from the most stupidest things to the very important things. I've always found it different when I go to crisis refuges, as much as they care I've never felt like they do but here I know the workers really care.

In the future, I plan to move into Lillian's transitional housing next year. I also want to do a hairdressing apprenticeship and get a Certificate 4 in Community services. Lockdown has made me really want to do hairdressing and living here has made me realise that I really want to help people like people have helped me. I also plan to get my busking license and produce music. In my 20's I want to move to England and go to Harry Potter World (and live there).

I want to say thank you to the staff, the residents and the management committee for making this service as good as it can be.

Thanks for listening 😊

Financial Overview

Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to present the Treasurer's Report for the financial year 2020/2021.

After a most challenging year, the current financial position and reserves of Lillian Howell Project Inc continue to be strong. All projects and grants were fully expended, and all legal accruals and entitlements were provided for.

In 2020/2021, Lillian's received HYAP funding of \$586,812 via our Joint Working Arrangement from Youth off The Streets through Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ). They show that we experienced an operating loss of \$35,000 on funding from DCJ. This was attributable to an increase in staffing expenses with our staffing expenses being \$553,000 which is 95% of our overall budget, the staffing expenses are necessary as it's best practice to staff the refuge accordingly.

We continued in our efforts to fundraise through our Give Now donations page and the support of Lillian's Fundraising Committee led by Kylie Evans and supporters where we secured \$116,272 in donations. Through all this effort and support, Lillian's total revenue for this financial year was \$178,915.



So, as I reflect on another year, I am aware of how fortunate we are to enjoy the kind of governance you only get from an experienced, skilled and effective Management Committee and I recognise the huge value that we derive from our even more experienced, skilled and effective staff team led by our Manager Vivian Stavis. Thank you for your leadership and continued contribution to the amazing work of Lillian's.

The equity position of Lillian's is sound in absolute terms, as it represents one year of ordinary services expenses, which the management committee considers prudent for an organisation of Lillian's type. In conclusion, we enter our next financial year very financially sound with all accruals and provisions in the bank and \$368,794 in equity.

Victoria Bell

Statement by Members of the Committee

Financial Report – 30 June 2021 ABN 22 465 606 851

Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the Lillian Howell Project Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

Committee Members

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

Helen Campbell - President

Nicole Graham - Vice President

Victoria Bell - Treasurer

Naomi Crago - Secretary

Ann Watchirs - 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 \$143,478.18.

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



Helen Campbell - President

Dated: 19/10/2021

Statement by Members of the Committee

Financial Report – 30 June 2021
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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 2021 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 - President
Dated: 19/10/2021

Statement of Financial Position

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	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash assets	2	564,141.71	369,921.91
Current tax assets	3	2,999.94	230.19
Total Current Assets		567,141.65	370,152.10
Total Assets		567,141.65	370,152.10
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Payables	4	73,468.75	38,195.39
Financial liabilities		0.00	1,689.65
Current tax liabilities	5	11,351.30	6,382.54
Provisions	6	84,294.96	76,064.49
Total Current Liabilities		169,115.01	122,332.07
Non-Current Liabilities			
Provisions	6	29,232.16	22,503.73
Total Non-Current Liabilities		29,232.16	22,503.73
Total Liabilities		198,347.17	144,835.80
Net Assets		368,794.48	225,316.30

Statement of Income and Expenditure

Financial Report – 30 June 2021
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HYAP Income	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Income		
Youth Off The Street	536,089.24	468,083.51
SACS ERO	50,722.82	44,023.96
Total income	586,812.06	512,107.47
Expenses		
Wages & Salaries	445,787.63	429,465.79
Superannuation	42,001.90	37,661.40
Workers Compensation	32,560.92	15,447.55
On Call/First Aid Allowance	9,496.11	9,448.03
Sleepover Allowance	17,895.90	17,122.02
Travel Reimbursement	4,789.78	2,138.12
Training/Conference	356.00	1,500.00
Movement in Long Service Leave Provision	8,230.47	(2,633.90)
Movement in Annual & Personal Leave Prov	6,728.43	(516.59)
Accounting	8,413.86	6,082.00
Audit Fees	2,000.00	2,000.00
Administration Expenses	304.49	315.93
Computer Expenses	962.50	1,836.36
Insurance - Liability	2,112.27	2,577.05
Postage, Stationery & Printing	3,130.00	1,560.72
Telephone	1,675.35	1,588.85
Travel	103.34	186.48
Staff recruitment	0.00	260.00
Office Equipment & Furniture	394.49	642.68
Subscriptions	714.54	1,145.45
Supervision	0.00	2,800.00
Education & Amenities	35.36	26.27
Activities & Entertainment	2,650.57	5,058.21
Residents Personal Living Expenses	2,122.01	2,986.43
Food & Housekeeping	21,002.65	15,059.24
Travel	215.88	163.50
Brokerage	47.49	220.00
Household	88.59	865.47
Other Project Expenses	2,455.93	2,412.97
Electricity	4,001.33	5,020.15
Repairs & maintenance	1,676.26	413.17

HYAP Income	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Other property expenses	0.00	131.42
Total expenses	621,954.05	562,984.77
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before income tax	(35,141.99)	(50,877.30)

Income and Expenditure Statement – Lillian’s

Financial Report – 30 June 2021
ABN 22 465 606 851

Lillian Howell Project Inc Income	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Income		
Commonwealth Bank Funding	10,000.00	0.00
Donations	83,704.54	48,569.49
Department of Comm & Justice	880.00	0.00
Dividends - Franked	9.03	60.70
Interest received	139.55	311.27
Admin Fee Income	0.00	380.00
Sundry Income	259.09	112.50
Rents received	33,922.54	30,635.51
Subsidies received	50,000.00	50,000.00
Total income	<u>178,914.75</u>	<u>130,069.47</u>
Expenses		
Administration Expenses	0.00	65.94
Bank Fees	294.58	335.48
Total expenses	<u>294.58</u>	<u>401.42</u>
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax	<u>178,620.17</u>	<u>129,668.05</u>

Independent Auditor's Report

OEHLERS & COMPANY
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT
ABN 23 165 393 137

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 2021.

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.

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 front 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 2021;
- (b) the accounts have been properly drawn up, and the associated records have been properly kept for the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. 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 2020 to 30 June 2021 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

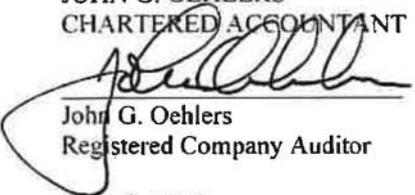
In my opinion, except for the potential effects on the financial accounts of the matters referred to in the qualification paragraph, the financial accounts of the Lillian Howell Project Incorporated are properly drawn up:

- (a) So as to give a true and fair view of:
 - (i) the state of affairs of the Association as at 30th June 2021 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,

Dated this 19th day of October 2021.

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Our Staff

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"You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it."

Maya Angelou

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