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Unlocking the Past to Free the Future

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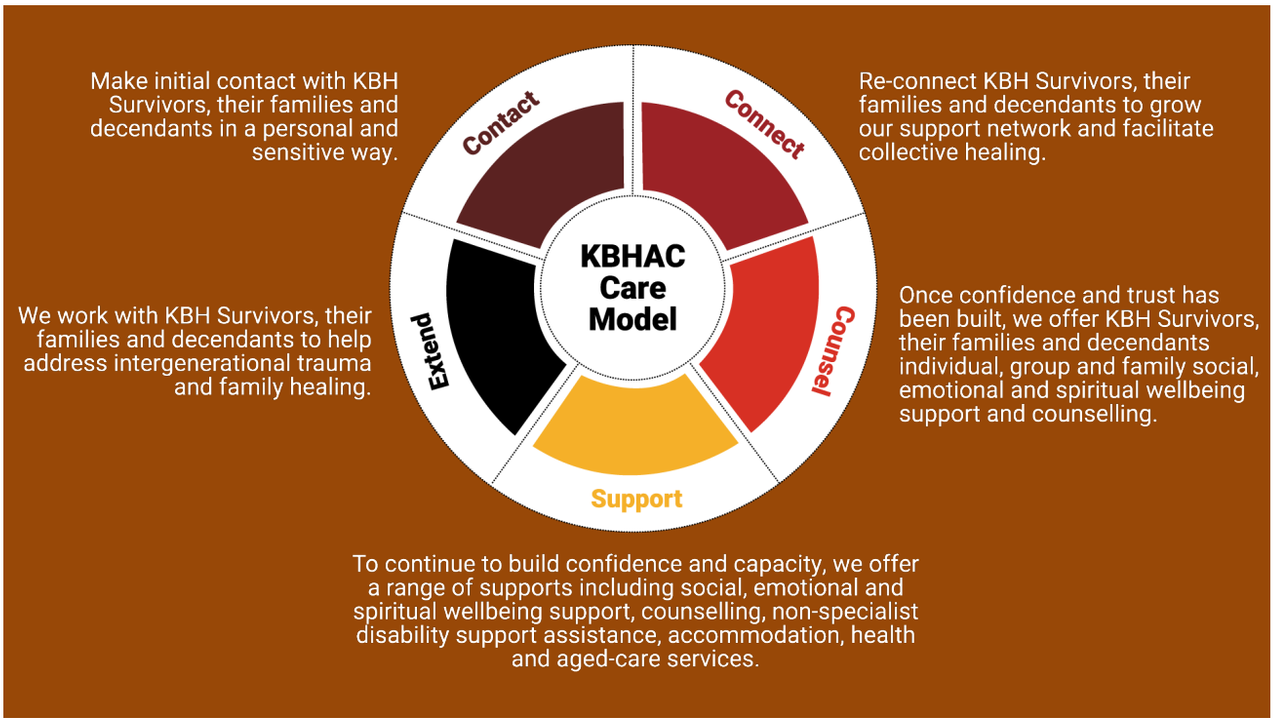
Who we are and why we exist?

Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation (KBHAC) is an Aboriginal community-controlled organisation led by the KBH survivors and their families. Established in 2003 by the survivors of Kinchela Boys Home (KBH), KBHAC encourages healthy peer support models and supports sustainable healing programs that address the legacy of physical, sexual, psychological and cultural abuse experienced by the KBH survivors as well as the intergenerational trauma experienced by their descendants.

KBHAC has developed a unique survivor led approach to its governance and healing described as:

> *Survivor led – an approach to organisational governance and practice built on and informed by the guidance and unique insights offered by survivors and which, contributes to the social and emotional wellbeing of survivors, their communities, and cultures. The KBH survivors and KBHAC own their stories and healing, leading from a place of self-determination.*



Our Vision

To improve the social, emotional, cultural and spiritual wellbeing of the KBH survivors and their families in a meaningful way.

This takes a strength-based focus on persistent grief, trauma and intergenerational trauma as experienced by each KBH survivor and his family.

KBHAC is committed to empowering, positive, healthy peer support models that enable greater social inclusion in community life. These models address the rebuilding and strengthening of identity and family structures.

Our Values

Cultural Integrity: We are open, honest, accountable and transparent and acknowledge that culture is at the centre of all that we do.

Respect: This is at the core of all our relationships with members, community, partners and the wider society.

Engagement: We provide opportunities for community engagement with KBHAC's activities and priorities. We listen to our members and the communities we work with and value their input.

Inclusion: We actively create opportunities for the KBHAC members and community members to connect, including supporting cross cultural connections and relationships.

Dignity Based, Healing and Trauma Informed: We uphold dignity for all our members and are knowledgeable of, and sensitive to, trauma and intergenerational trauma related issues. We create environments that emphasise hope, resilience safety (cultural, physical, psychological and social), choice, collaboration, trustworthiness and empowerment.

Partnership: We are committed to working in mutually beneficial and enriching partnerships with our community, our partners and our stakeholders.

Our Present

- Survivor led model of leadership and healing
- Significant projects underway and organisational growth
- A recognisable public profile and bringing the KBH experience and its impact on survivors and their families and descendants to the attention of the nation
- Creating a positive legacy for survivors and descendants

Our Future

- KBH site returned to the KBH survivors with the site transformed into a living museum and healing centre
- Increased financial and commercial viability
- Expansion of NDIS services in other parts of NSW
- Government recognition of the impact for KBH survivors and their families expressed through specific policy and programs

OUR PEOPLE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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VOLUNTEERS: BARBARA MCCANN, CLAUDIA BROWN, GERRY GRAY

Chair and CEO Report

This was a year of incredible challenges with the bushfires at the end of 2019 and early 2020 and the Covid-19 Pandemic hitting us just after the fires ended. As always, our thoughts were with the KBH brothers, our descendants and families, the people KBHAC supports and the communities it works in. To respond to these challenges, we needed to act safely and quickly to ensure we could find new ways to provide our services and minimize disruption to our work. It meant we had to put-on hold some of the major projects we had envisioned for this year however, where we could, we continued with our envisioned strategic work.

Notwithstanding these challenges, KBHAC's resources continued to grow, and we thank our funding bodies for their continued support. These included The National Indigenous Australians Agency, National Disability Insurance Agency, NSW Department of Education, Aboriginal Affairs NSW, NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, NSW Department of Communities and Justice, Caritas Australia. This was also the first year where we saw growth in our fee-for-service activities and received donations from individuals and organisations.

This has allowed for KBHAC's program growth in the following areas:

1) **KBHAC Kin Connect Program:** Before Covid-19 struck, the Kin Connect Program organised three collective healing gatherings. The first was in August 2019 in Batemans Bay for the KBH uncles, supporting a series of yarning circles focused on the design of the mobile education centre exhibition display, priorities for the 2019 – 2023 KBHAC Strategic Plan and filming Uncles' stories. The second was our end of year gathering in October 2019 in Kempsey that brought together over 100 KBH uncles, descendants and family members. The third was held in February 2020 in Blacktown, Sydney which was for the KBH uncles and which coincided with the Sydney launch of the KBHAC Mobile Education Centre.

   Covid 19 responses included emergency food relief, laptops for the uncles, zoom and other online activities and wellbeing check ins. In April, the team worked with Kelleigh Ryan and Nicole Tujague of The Seedling Group to co-design a Short-Term Support Model for KBHAC survivors, KBH survivors' descendants and KBHAC members at risk. The CEO and Board are working hard to secure funding for the development, trial and evaluation of this model in 2021. The team continues to provide social and emotional wellbeing support to all KBH uncles, descendants and family members and when needed casework and advocacy support. A number of new descendants of KBH survivors who are no longer with us have connected to the organisation and we look forward to 2021 being a year of holding yarn ups and workshops that bring descendants and uncles together. We would like to acknowledge the hard work, passion and dedication of Kin Connect Team Leader Lesley Franks and her team which during the course of the year included Kenny Edwards, Paulette Whitton, Sharon Sutton, Amanda Dass, Richard McEwen and Taliya Tuiono.

2) **KBHAC in Kempsey:** At the end of 2019, KBHAC was invited to auspice funding for the Watayi Warra (Dunghutti meaning 'Standing Alongside') project which is focused on community led healing activities across the Macleay Valley. This extended the work KBHAC has been involved in over the past 3 years as part of the Kempsey Healing Together Planning Committee which among a number of youths, elder and family healing activities oversaw two community driven healing forums in 2017 and 2018. This funding allowed for the employment of a Community Initiatives Project Manager, Jo-Anne Kelly, Jo-Anne is a proud Dunghutti woman who was born and raised in Kempsey and who KBHAC has worked with over the last 6 years. It also allowed us to open an office, co-locating with the New South Wales Aboriginal Education Consultative Group's Dunghutti Language & Culture Nest in Kempsey.

   A lot of this work has been youth and family focused and involves participation in a number of important community networks and committees including the Keeping Children and Young People Connected Committee, Social and Emotional Wellbeing Committee, Grief and Loss Group, and participating in specific community revitalisation and healing initiatives (including Bellbrook and Burnt Bridge). This work will continue into 2021 when we will also see the expansion of our Kin Connect and Connecting Abilities programs providing support to KBH brothers, their descendants and families and also supporting access to the NDIS. This first footprint in the Macleay Valley supports KBHAC's strategic goals of transforming the former KBH site into a site of national truth telling creating a museum there and establishing a KBHAC Healing Centre. We would like to acknowledge the work of Jo Anne Kelly in supporting the KBHAC footprint in Kempsey and the Macleay Valley and working in ways to ensure the KBHAC's work in our first remotely managed location aligns and interconnects with the work we do

in our Sydney office. Jo's team will expand in 2021 and we look forward to reporting next year on the new activities and programs that will be delivered in Kempsey.

3) **KBHAC'S Connecting Abilities Program:** KBHAC continued to expand the services it provides to Aboriginal people with a disability, their families and careers and to help ensure communities are more inclusive of people with a disability. This year marked the end of the Ability Links NSW program which KBHAC had been delivering services under since 2014. This hugely successful disability focused work continued to expand this year. Over the course of the program KBHAC supported more than 800 Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people with a disability and participated in and held over 200 community awareness days and accessible community events across the Inner West, South West and Western Sydney. We would like to thank Taliya Tuiono, Amanda Dass and Larissa McEwen for the work they did to ensure this program ended successful

   This year marked the first year our Connecting Abilities program delivered NDIS Services, which we started to promote and deliver in August 2019. Currently these are delivered in across the Sydney Region At the end of June 2020, we were providing services to a total of 43 participants. KBHAC's NDIS participants include KBH survivors' descendants, extended family members, other Stolen Generations survivors and survivors of other out-of-home care experiences that caused harm to the men and women who went through them. During this time, we also supported 30 Aboriginal people to access the NDIS and help assess whether they are eligible for support through the NDIS.

   As part of our Connecting Abilities program, we also support individual capacity building work by providing number of group activities for Aboriginal people with a disability, their families and carers. This included a lived experience mentoring program, a men's group, women's group and strong in culture group. Covid 19 meant the group activities and community engagement events that had planned for delivery from March 2020 had to be put on hold. The Connecting Abilities team looks forward to delivering these in the new year. Some of this work will be done in partnership with Uniting as a result of a successful tender KBHAC submitted.

   We would like to thank the Connecting Abilities Team members for their hard work and dedication. During the course of the year, these team members included Shanelle Beazley, Michael Brown, Kenny Edwards, Wendy Kerr, Taliya Tuiono, Amanda Dass, Larissa McEwen, Greg McEwen and Richard McEwen.

4) **KBHAC education program:** Funding from the NSW Department of Education allowed for the build of the KBHAC Mobile Education Centre (MEC) and establishing our education program. Highlights of this program included:

   - A successful MEC Pilot run in the Macleay Valley during November and December of 2019.
   - A community launch of the MEC that took place on February 13th in Redfern to coincide with the National Apology Anniversary and which brought together the KBH brothers with Cootamundra, Bomaderry and other Stolen Generations survivors.
   - Survivor led MEC school sessions in 4 Sydney schools in March 2020 just before Covid 19 prevented this work from continuing.
   - KBH uncle led yarning sessions with members of the Department of Premier's and Cabinet, Wattle Place and the Office of the Environment and Heritage Council

   Unfortunately, the MEC had to be put on hold due to COVID 19 however the team was able to support a number of the KBH brothers in undertaking our work with schools and other groups via zoom. These groups and schools included:

   - Law and Mental Health students at The University of Technology Sydney
   - 4 Independent schools in Sydney
   - Warami (Darug word meaning 'Good to see you') Virtual Festival 2020, Parramatta
   - Moriah College's Reconciliation Week Virtual Assembly

- 2 Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week Webinars which had a total of 80 participants

Feedback received from these sessions has been overwhelmingly positive and there is a lot of interest and enthusiasm for the KBHAC MEC to visit schools and communities. The KBH brothers that took a lead in this work were Uncle Roger Jarrett, Uncle Richard Campbell, Uncle Bobby Young, Uncle Michael Welsh and Uncle Paul Whitton. During this time KBHAC's education program team members Ari Lander and Sandy Chockman started the work of developing KBHAC focused curriculum resources that will be provided to teachers and schools across NSW. At the same time Kamilaroi woman and education consultant Tania Thomas worked with Sandy Chockman and the KBHAC Board on structuring the MEC program as a yarning circle style learning space.

We acknowledge and thank Christophe Domergue for project managing the build of the KBHAC MEC, working closely with the uncles in the design of the MEC and the internal display of the MEC. We also thank him for coordinating the Macleay Valley Schools Pilot and the Redfern Launch of the MEC. We thank the KBH brothers for their commitment and leadership in the KBHAC education program, ensuring its survivor led authenticity and strength in its truth telling. We also thank and acknowledge the hard work and commitment of Sandy Chockman and Ari Lander in helping us build an education program within KBHAC. We look forward to sharing the groundbreaking KBHAC education resources in 2021 and getting the KBHAC MEC back on the road!

The team at KBHAC would like to thank the KBHAC Board, KBHAC members, the participants of our programs and the communities we work in for your trust, support and encouragement. We look forward to continuing our hard work and to expand on this work in the year to come.

This year the KBHAC Board worked hard to ensure as much strategic management work could continue aligning with the 2019-2023 KBHAC Strategic Plan. This was not easy due to Covid 19 challenges. Board meetings however quickly moved to zoom which was also the way the Board continued to participate in significant government consultations. Some of the major work the board undertook included:

- Involvement in the NSW Government's Stolen Generations Advisory Committee (KBHAC representatives include: Uncle Lester Maher and Uncle Michael Welsh) and advocacy on ensuring government agencies respond and fulfill their commitments to the NSW Government's response to the Unfinished Business Report.

- Consultations with Cox Inall Ridgeway who are overseeing the NSW Government's Stolen Generations' Keeping Places Scoping and Feasibility Study which is focused on the former Cootamundra, Bomaderry, Kinchela and other Stolen Generations sites of significance.

- Consultations with Aboriginal Affairs NSW about its Family Records Unit and ongoing concerns about records, in particular 'right of reply' to address what is written in individual records.

- Building support for the transformation of the former KBH site into a site of National Truth telling with the presence of a KBH museum

- Engagement of Grant Sarra as Chair of the KBHAC Advisory Board to the Board and supporting the KBHAC board in developing a trauma aware, healing informed governance framework for KBHAC. An outcome of this work was the development of a Zero Violence Policy that aligns with and supports the KBHAC Creed.

- Engagement of Herbert Smith Freehills on a pro bono basis to start to do a review of the KBHAC Constitution with a view of engaging the membership in consultation around a number of amendments in order to clarify and strengthen parts of the constitution

- Work with Design 5 Architects in preparing preliminary analysis to support the development of an Interpretation Plan for the former Kinchela Boys Home site and to prepare revised design and build information for a KBHAC Healing Centre which would be located at the back paddock of the former Kinchela Boys Home site.

This year was marked by a number of loses in the KBH family. In 2019 we laid to rest KBH Brothers Allan 'Gunga' Murray, Uncle Warrick Nixon and Uncle Milton Flanders. In 2020 we lost KBH Brothers Tommy Allen, Hector Thompson and Vince Wenberg. We also lost a number of KBH survivors' family members including Aunty Irene Munday, Aunty Katey Bryant (Green), Edward Burns (Ebsworth), Beatrice Knight, Margaret Thompson, Aunty Dot Barker, Victor Morgan and Amy

Mancini (Wenberg).

Not being able to come together as the KBHAC family was one of the most difficult experiences of 2020. This isolation and inability to be together in person was felt hardest when we had to lay some of our KBH brothers to rest. We struggled knowing that we couldn't bring all of the KBH brothers and the KBAHC family together for the funerals of KBH Brothers Hector Thompson and Vince Wenberg. We will hold a memorial service acknowledging these two KBH brothers and our other KBHAC family losses when it is safe for us to hold our first in person gathering in 2021.

On behalf of KBHAC, the KBHAC Board and CEO want to acknowledge the work Uncle Vince Wenberg did in the early years of the organisation (2002 – 2004), later as a KBHAC Board Member (2011 – 2013) and as a member of the KBHAC Elders Council (2014). He brought a combination of dignity, wisdom and compassion to this work. He was a great teacher for many of us younger KBH brothers and a constant reminder that the work we do must always support all of the KBH brothers, descendants and families and that KBHAC must ensure it provides safety, belonging and inclusion to all KBH survivors, their descendants and families who are committed to upholding the KBHAC Creed. He was one of the authors of that Creed which we commit to upholding as members of this organisation.

The KBHAC Board would also like to thank our CEO, Tiffany McComsey for the enduring contribution she makes to expanding and progressing the work of KBHAC and to the staff team for your excellent work. We would also like to thank our members, our partners and everyone who has contributed throughout the year to KBHAC growing into a strong and vital organisation. As a group of survivors, we have developed a unique relationship as a result of extreme conditions. Our key message remains "we are the experts in what we have experienced and what we need".

Uncle Lester Maher, #11
Chairperson

Tiffany McComsey
CEO

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

CONNECTING ABILITIES

After our successful audit and NDIS Registration in May 2019, we started to roll out our NDIS services in July 2019. We focused first on the City of Sydney and Inner West Local Government Areas (LGA) and then extended into Blacktown LGA in October 2019. The services we launched included:

1. **Coordination of Support services** – helping participants to gain access to community and mainstream support services and access programs that help them meet their goals to live independently and participate in community.

2. **Lived Experience Mentor programs** – Supporting participants to become a Lived Experience Mentor by using their experience and expertise to support others. This program is open to people with a disability, or to friends, family and carers of a person who has a disability. The program allows mob to help mob to overcome the challenges of accessing the services they need and go on to become advocates.

3. **Life Stage transitions programs** – supporting people as they move through various life stages such as a child starting high school, or young person entering the workforce or moving into independent accommodation. Or it may be supporting a young person to take their first steps into adulthood or an adult moving into their older years and making some life changes to support them at this stage of life.

4. **Daily Routines assistance and supports** – Assistance with regular tasks on a daily/weekly basis. This includes assistance and support with household tasks like cleaning, shopping, personal hygiene or even lawn mown or cleaning.

5. **Community participation programs** – We have developed programs and activities for both individuals and groups, such as Men's Group and Women's Group and Cultural Connection Club to support participants as they engage in community activities, while always remaining focused on the aspect of cultural connection.

This year we said goodbye to the Ability Links NSW program which ended 30 June 2020. Our Linkers, Amanda Dass and Larissa McEwen, helped ensure our participants remained supported during the height of the lockdown. Highlights and achievements of the year included:

- NAIDOC Week July 2019 Event at Auburn in partnership with Settlement Services International
- NAIDOC Event July 2019, at Tharawal Aboriginal Medical Centre, Campbelltown
- National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day Event, August 4th 2019, Redfern Community Centre
- International Day for people with Disabilities Event, hosted at Redfern Park December 3rd 2019
- Black Santa at Revesby
- Stalls at Yabun (Victoria Park) and Cooee Festival (Emu Plains) on Survival Day
- Stall at the 'Say No to Ice Day' at Mt Druitt, February 2020

When COVID hit, our Connecting Abilities team got inventive and still managed to assist our participants. This included:

- Using Zoom to assist our participants to access some services, like Doctor's appointments, therapy sessions and intakes into other services.
- Delivering food relief to our participants which also allowed us to in person, while physically distancing, welfare checks.
- Lots of phone calls to see how our participants were faring and if they needed any services.
- Many phone conferences with other services and our participants, such as Knowmore, St Vinnies, Phone to Home and Housing
- Connections were made with Viral Kindness to enable access to nutritious and fresh fruit and vegetablebags via Harris Farm.
- Access to Food Hampers and fresh pre-cooked meals via the NCIE, made possible through funding from the City of Sydney.
- A 'Hello Neighbour' Letter Drop took place to reach out to community to see what needs there were
- Many Walk-ins and Phone in requests for services.
- Covid awareness and Mental health Training.
- Community Connecting via email and Zoom.
- Helping Stolen Generations to access the Reparations Scheme.
- Working with numerous housing authorities to aid our participants to access their services.
- Liaising with mainstream organisations on behalf of our participants during the Covid pandemic.
- Accessing funds/help for 'Sorry Business".
- Aiding Ability Links program participants to access the NDIS.

KIN CONNECT PROGRAM

Kin Connect held a series of virtual yarn ups and events for survivors, descendants and families throughout the year. Due to COVID-19 only one in person gathering was held which took place in February 2020 in Blacktown, bringing together the uncles for a series of healing focused yarning sessions.

Webinar

To celebrate National Reconciliation Week KBHAC screened 'The Kinchela Boys' animationthrough a webinar. The webinar was hosted by KBHAC and support by Blue Skies Community Services with 100 registered participants in the first and second sessions.

The webinar was used as a tool to raise awareness through Truth Telling of the Uncles' experiences of KBH.

The first webinar was successful, and we delivered a second one as the feedback was amazing. It became evident that there are a lot of people who have limited knowledgeof the Stolen Generations and we need to educate them with the truth.

Participants from both webinars, ranges from those local through to international participants in Ireland. Through our Evaluation there were many that requested moreinformation and follow up to increase their knowledge basis.

Most of our in person large scale events and activities were postponed due to COVID-19.

Kin Connect continued delivery case management work in 2019 and 2020 and our team has been working closely with our clients on building their participation and engagement to improve key areas of their lives including:

- Social and emotional wellbeing
- Family kin care supports
- Mental health
- Physical health
- Housing
- Domestic and family violence
- Alcohol and other drugs

Kin Connect successfully applied for a Covid-19 Grant from City of Sydney Council and this is being implemented to support Uncles and others during 2020/2021. The aim of this project is to support Uncles and descendants maintain their connection to each other and to services and supports during Covid. This project will focus on digital literacy and digital story telling.

EDUCATION PROGRAM

Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation (KBHAC) Mobile Education Centre (MEC) – fondly known as Benny the Bus in honour of one of our Uncles - has been designed as a mobile site for truth telling and healing about Kinchela Boys Home and the Stolen Generations survivors, descendants and families.

Its goal is widespread community education – healing minds, hearts, and spirits.

MEC Vision

Truth telling and healing about the Stolen Generations led by the Kinchela Boys Home survivors and descendants.

Healing minds, hearts, and spirits…

Benny's Journey So Far…

The KBHAC MEC was funded by the NSW Department of Education (DOE) in June 2019 and on the road by October 2019. The MEC's first regional visit was to the Macleay Valley for its. The feedback from Macleay Valley (November and December of 2019) was overwhelmingly positive.

Key Message

'Benny the Bus offers an interactive experience to the whole community, promoting truth telling and teaching about Kinchela Boys Home and legacies of the policies that created the Stolen Generations.'

Despite the challenges of the bush fires at the start of the year and then COVID-19 the MEC has undertaken school and community engagement and the response has been encouraging.

Positive media coverage of the MEC started in January and continued after the Redfern Launch of the MEC which coincided with the 12th anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations.

We had to halt the MEC program in March due to Covid, but just before we managed to visit Georges River College, Peakhurst where we conducted 8 sessions over 2 days with their Year 10 History: Rights and Freedom students and teachers. Again, feedback from teachers, the principal and students were overwhelmingly positive. Students felt the subject Indigenous Rights and Freedoms had 'come alive' through interacting with the Uncles. Their classroom lessons were consolidated and enriched as they actively practised historical skills and applied historical concepts.

During the April to June 2020 period, in response to the COVID-19 challenge we up-skilled KBH survivors and staff to become comfortable with Zoom and other educational online delivery methods. We have supported 6 students with their Year 12 Aboriginal Studies individual student projects and zoomed with three schools including a Year 10 History Rights and Freedoms class, a high school's Social Justice Action Group, and a schools' Reconciliation Week assembly.

KEMPSEY OFFICE:

The Watayi Warra Project (Dunghutti meaning 'Standing Alongside') project in Kempsey is a social and emotional wellbeing program. It operates across the Macleay Valley to deliver programs, projects, activities, and events in partnership with other organisations for the whole community. Since commencing in January 2020, strong and positive partnerships have been created. These partnerships have allowed for some amazing initiatives that have been delivered in the Macleay Valley which have not been attempted before.

The partnerships have transitioned with all three levels of Government such as National Indigenous Australian Agency, Department of Human Services, Aboriginal Affairs NSW, MidNorth Coast Local Health District in particular the Aboriginal Health Promotions Team and Aboriginal Clinical Lead Mental Health and Drug & Alcohol Services, Healthy North Coast (Formerly Primary Health Network) NSW Police, Department of Communities and Justices and Kempsey Shire Council.

Local Aboriginal organisations engagement has been great with some being core to all the initiatives being delivered. This includes Ready Mob, Burrun Dalai, Thunghutti Local Aboriginal Lands Council, Durri ACMS, Dunghutti Language Nest, Booroongen Djugun Limited, and non-Aboriginal partners annecto and Many Rivers Violence Prevention and Legal Service.

Informal discussions with the Acting Chief Executive Officer of Durri ACMS have been held to see how both organisations can work together in the future. This hasn't always been the case, as there was minimal contact between both organisations when the project commenced, however due to changing at the governance and senior management level their seems to be a consensus to work together. KBHAC can provide referrals to Durri ACMS for specialist services and provide support and advocacy for the client.

The level of engagement with non-government organisations has been exceptional. This includes the Kempsey Neighbourhood Centre, The Benevolent Society, Community Housing Ltd, St Vincent de Paul's, Mid North Coast Country Women's Association, Interrelate, ETC Ltd, YP Space, and Kempsey Community Suicide Prevention.

For most of this financial year, the work in Kempsey operated out of the Benevolent Society which was of benefit to both organisations. However, the office will be relocating in the new financial year to co-locate with the Dunghutti Language Nest with the NSW AECG.

We have developed a strong synergy with the Kempsey Community Suicide Prevention Committee and there have been opportunities for both of us to work together. Staff have undertaken Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander First Aid Mental Health training which provided a stable footing for this work.

At the educational level strong engagement has been with the Macleay Valley Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group, Kempsey West Public School, Kempsey HighSchool, Melville High School, St Paul's College and the Macleay Vocational College.

More organisations will be engaged from July 2021.

KBHAC Events, and Activities

Boori Cultural Camp for Out of Home Care Children

Assisted in support some of the girls do weaving as well as cooking a healthy meal. There were 12 girls.

These two tasks reinforced the need to continue to provide cultural support to children and young people in the out of homecare system, so they are aware of their cultural identity. Also, to continue to provide living skills support for when the leave the out of home care system

BBQ at Skatepark

In January School Holidays staff assisted in the BBQ at the Skatepark hosted by Kempsey Neighbourhood Centre. There were approximately 40 children, young people, and community members.

This provided staff the opportunity to introduce the new project to community, but alsodiscuss potential initiatives that could be develop targeting young people.

BBQ at South Kempsey Community Centre

In January School Holidays staff assisted in the BBQ at the South Kempsey Community Centre hosted by Kempsey Neighbourhood Centre. There were approximately 30 children,young people, and community members.

This provided staff the chance to chat with community members to identify serviceprovision and gaps which identified lack of things for young people to do.

3on3 Basketball Tournament

In the January School Holidays, Macleay Vocational College hosted the 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. Team Spirit provided promotional material for the event to be given out withprizes along with Ready Mob. Below are the Winning teams.

First

Second

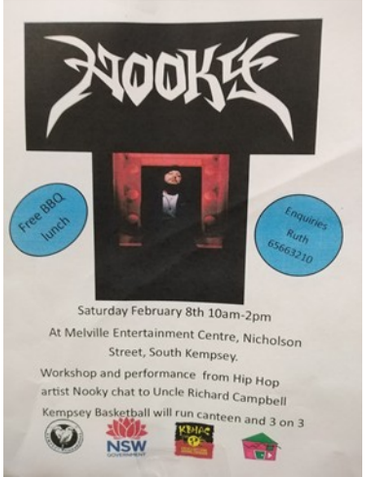
Third

Under 16s

Events like this allow young people to develop their sportsmanship and learn how to be ateam player.

Nookie Rap Day

Up and coming rap artist Nookie visited Kempsey to host a workshop with young people. While the event was small, it allowed for those interested in rapping to spend some qualitytime with an artist.



This provided an opportunity to discuss opportunities for young people who enjoy the music industry.

Aboriginal Community Colour Run – Coffs Harbour

Staff visited and participated in the Aboriginal Community Colour Run in Coffs Harbour. The purpose was to support the community in their first ever Colour Run and to also make connections for the upcoming visit of the Mobile Education Centre.

Activity Packs for Children and Young People

During the April School Holidays, the Keeping Children and Young People Connected Committee hosted by KBHAC prepared and delivered 770 Activity Packs throughout Bellbrook, West Kempsey, East Kempsey and South Kempsey.

Sorry Day Community Reflection and Commemoration Day

As part of National Sorry Day initiatives, staff organised two events.

The first event was for Uncle Richard Campbell, Uncle James Widdy Welsh and Uncle Roger Jarrett who laid roses on a wreath to acknowledge their 'Brothers' who we havelost since 2002. There were 53 roses placed on the wreath. This took place at the former Kinchela Boys Home site.

We then went to the Kempsey Railway Station for a Community Reflection and Commemoration Ceremony. With approximately 50 community representatives in attendance the Uncles shared their stories and encourage them to light a candle or lay aflower near the Memorial site.

Committees

The team was involved in a range of Committees which offered the opportunity to inform the community and key stakeholders about the project. Meetings took place via technology either through Zoom or MicrosoftTeams. During COVID, two new committees were established:

1) Keeping Children & Young People Connected

This Committee is chaired by KBHAC with 15 organisations sitting at the table initially weeklyfor 7 weeks vis Zoom and then fortnightly. This Committee identified activities that could be undertaken to keep children and young people active and safe but also entertained.
Different Subgroups were established including:

- *Activity Packs* – resources, packing and delivery of 770 packs to community
- *Online Directory* – Information currently stored online with Kempsey Shire Cound
- *Your Say Macleay* – promotions of events with Kempsey Shire Council
- *Promotions and Media* - development of our own promotions and media targeting local community members. We worked with Healthy Community (Formerly PrimaryHealth Network) to develop some material with children and young people as our target group. We are also working with a young mum's group to develop a promo ad for thepreschool children about keeping their hands clean.
- *Resources and Supplies* – a team of people who researched different activities andprovide information as to what resources we needed
- *Data and IT support* – to identify areas to support vulnerable people in communitywho don't have access to laptops and access to Wi-Fi. Community Housing Limitedhas provided 18 laptops to KBHAC to distribute in community.

After 10 weeks, we reviewed our subgroup and combined Online Directory and Your Say Macleay. We collapsed Data and IT support and established the Community Resilience, Youth and Risk and Governance Documentation.

2) Network Meetings

KBHAC was invited to be a member of the Network meetings hosted by Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service. This was established to develop an Aboriginal Community Action Plan and prepare for the hypothetical situation of what would happen if COVID-19was identified in the Aboriginal community in the Macleay and Nambucca Valleys.

This group had representative from Durri Aboriginal Community Medical Service, Darrimba Marrah Outpost, Mid North Coast Local Health District, Healthy Communities (Formerly Primary Health Network), Kempsey Local Aboriginal Land Council, KBHAC and Bularri Muurlay Nyanggan AboriginalCorporation.

The following Focus Groups were established:

- *Health* – this provided for the scoping of Health-related documentation that neededto be activated if COVID-19 was identified by the Public Health Unit in our local Aboriginal communities.
- *Environmental Health* – to identify potential environmental health related issues thatcould hinder COVID-19
- *Grief & Loss* – to identify support systems during COVID-19 working within the restrictions. KBHAC chaired this with representatives from the two different communities. It was identified that families experiencing Sorry Business during this period, not only had the trauma of losing a loved one but make hard decision about the limited numbers on who could attend funerals. During this period, staff have:

- *Liaised with NSW Police* – to assist with liaising with the families to meetCOVID-19 restrictions. And develop route for the Final Journey to allow community members to form a guard of honour.
- *Liaised with Funeral Director* – to support family to meet COVID-19 restrictions, as well as identify the route for the Final Journey.
- *Supported individual families* – provided support to families such as liaisingwith Police and Funeral Directors, coordinating a Guard of Honour, developing and finalising the service booklet, providing masks, gloves and hand sanitiser
- *Negotiated with AANSW to host a Memorial Day* - working with families andAANSW to host a Memorial Day to recognise the family members we lost during COVID-19

Further to this we investigated ways in which we would decrease the cost of laying a family member to rest. We discussed social enterprise opportunities such as:

- *Floral arrangements* – build the capacity of local woman to make floral arrangements for community during Sorry Business
- *Coffin making* – decrease the cost of purchasing a coffin so it is less costly
- *LALC Land* – commence the discussions with Local Aboriginal Land Councils to potentially identify land that could be used for cemetery.

We are developing a 'Sorry Business Booklet' that will provide information such as developing wills, how to organise a funeral, church services, what needs to go into a bookletand where to source funding from to assist if needed.

Community Response Team

The idea of creating a Community Response Team which would activate when there is sorry business in the community has gained traction. Regular meetings have been happening between the Aboriginal Clinical Lead for Mental Health and Drug & Alcohol Services and KBHAC to identify the skills required tobe a CRT member, but also what specific training they would need to build their capacity. Recruitment will take place during the next financial year. The CRT members will be teamed with a service provider, so they are not alone.

TREASURER'S REPORT

KBHAC's funded work doubled in the year to 30 June 2020. We are proud of the growth of KBHAC's programs and projects.

With this came a doubling of the number of staff, and an increase to program and other costs.

In this financial year we were able to create some financial reserves. These are there for an emergency. We have two months of reserves for an emergency.

Our accounts were audited by Lawrie Green from Shedden and Green who gave us a clean audit report.

Since the audit, Lawrie Green has retired. We have been through a selection process and the Board is recommending Anthony Ashby and Co to take over as KBHAC's auditor.

Any queries regarding the 2019-2020 audited annual statement can be addressed to me or to Alex Cowell of Purpose Accounting.

I would like to thank the Board, staff, and our Auditor, Lawrence Green of Shedden & Green Partners for their support, help and advice throughout the year.

Uncle Michael Widdy Welsh, #36
Treasurer

AUDITED STATEMENT

KINCHELA BOYS HOME ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

ABN 57 796 392 152

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2020

KINCHELA BOYS HOME ABORIGINAL CORPORATION
ABN 57 796 392 152

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In the opinion of the Directors:

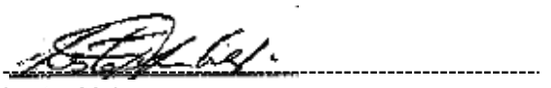
1 The financial statements and notes for the year ended 30 June 2020 comply with the Corporations (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander) Regulations 2007 (CATSI Regulations) including:

i. complying with relevant Australian Accounting Standards

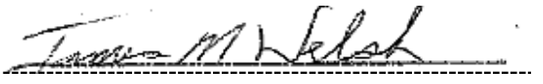
ii. providing a true and fair view of the financial position and performance and cashflows of the corporation

2 At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Corporation will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:



Lester Maher
Chairperson



Michael Welsh
Treasurer

31 October 2020

KINCHELA BOYS HOME ABORIGINAL CORPORATION
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INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2020

	Note	**2020** **$**	**2019** **$**
Revenues from Operating Activities	**2(a)**	**3,038,718**	1,471,373
Expenditure			
Staffing Costs		**1,086,615**	478,363
Administration		**504,365**	212,409
Program Costs		**727,408**	539,039
Travel, including vehicle		**226,894**	214,720
		2,545,282	1,444,531
Operating Surplus		**493,436**	26,842

These accounts are to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

KINCHELA BOYS HOME ABORIGINAL CORPORATION
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

	Note	2020	2019
Current Assets		**$**	**$**
Cash and cash equivalents	3	**2,125,550**	1,060,096
Trade and other receivables	4	**294,696**	407,677
Total Current Assets		**2,420,246**	1,467,774
Non-Current Assets			
Motor Vehicles	5	**106,589**	-
Plant & Equipment	5	**7,072**	-
Total Non-Current Assets		**113,661**	-
Total Assets		**2,533,907**	1,467,774
Current Liabilities			
Payables	6	**1,776,891**	1,332,127
Provisions	7	**67,199**	35,980
Total Current Liabilities		**1,844,090**	1,368,107
Non-Current Liabilities			
Vehicle Finance Loan Liabilities		**86,714**	-
Provisions	6	**19,761**	9,761
Total Non-Current Liabilities		**106,475**	9,761
Total Liabilities		**1,950,565**	1,377,868
Net Assets		**583,342**	89,906
Accumulated Funds	7	**583,342**	89,906

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KINCHELA BOYS HOME ABORIGINAL CORPORATION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2020

	ACCUMULATED FUNDS $
Balance at 30th June 2018	63,064
Net Surplus for 2019	26,842
Balance at 30th June 2019	89,906
Net Surplus for 2020	493,436
Balance at 30th June 2020	583,342

These accounts are to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

KINCHELA BOYS HOME ABORIGINAL CORPORATION
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2020

		2020	2019
		$	$
1	**CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**		
	Grants	**2,987,394**	2,276,054
	Other Receipts	**486,368**	(220,818)
	Payments to Suppliers	**(2,316,883)**	(1,401,969)
	Net Cash from Operating Activities	**1,156,879**	653,267
	Funds from Financing Activities		
	Change in Vehicle Finance Loan liabilities	**86,714**	-
	Payments for vehicles plant and equipment	**(112,180)**	-
	Change in Deposits	**(7,000)**	-
	Change in GST liabilities	**(58,960)**	104,859
	Cash generated from financing activities	**(91,426)**	104,859
	Increase in cash and cash equivalents	**1,065,454**	758,125
	Cash at beginning of the Financial Year	**1,060,096**	301,971
	Cash at end of the Financial Year	**2,125,550**	1,060,096

RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES TO OPERATING SURPLUS	**$**	$
Operating surplus	**493,436**	26,842
Adjusted by non-cash items		
Depreciation	**5,519**	-
Donations in Kind	**(7,000)**	-
Changes in Assets & Liabilities		
(Increase)/ decrease in trade and other receivables	**134,700**	(308,315)
(Increase)/ decrease in prepayments	**(14,719)**	762
Increase/ (decrease) in payables	**196,380**	17,890
Increase in income in advance	**307,344**	892,178
Increase in provisions	**41,219**	23,909
Net cash provided by operating activities	**1,156,879**	653,267

RECONCILIATION OF CASH FUNDS

Cash at Bank and on deposit	**2,125,550**	1,060,096

These accounts are to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

KINCHELA BOYS HOME ABORIGINAL CORPORATION
ABN 57 796 392 152
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2020

Note 1 Statement of Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

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

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Corporations (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander) Regulations 2007 (CATSI Regulations), the Australian Charities and Not For Profits Act 2012, the basis of accounting specified by relevant Australian Accounting Standards, and the disclosure requirements of Accounting Standards AASB101 Presentation of Financial Statements, AASB107 CashFlow Statements, AASB108 Accounting Policies Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors AASB1031 Materiality and AASB1054 Additional Disclosures. The financial statements overall comply with all the recognition and measurement requirements in Australian Accounting Standards (except for requirements set out in AASB10 or AASB128).

The reports are drawn up under the historical cost convention. Accordingly, values shown have not been adjusted to reflect changes in the purchasing power of money. Government grants are brought to account on an accruals basis.

Income Tax

The Corporation is exempt from income tax under the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. It is registered with the ACNC as a Charity under the charity sub-type Public Benevolent Institution and accordingly donations to the charity are tax deductible to the donor.

Cash

For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash on hand and at call deposits with banks or financial institutions.

Goods & Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

Employee Entitlements

Provision is made for liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Contributions to employee superannuation are charged as expense when incurred.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of plant and equipment are carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable any accumulated depreciation. The depreciable value of fixed assets is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the useful lives of the assets.

Subsidies and Grants in Advance

Government subsidies and other grants in advance shown on the accounts as current liabilities are for future years. Subsidies not expended in the financial year are carried forward as a liability to the following year to match associated expenditure.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2020

Note 2 Operating Surplus	**2020**	**2019**
	$	**$**
(a) Operating Revenue		
Grants - Australian Government	**623,329**	150,810
Grants - NSW Government	**1,765,279**	649,315
Other Grants	**291,442**	583,751
Fee for Service	**256,404**	-
Donations	**16,555**	31,879
Donations in kind	**7,000**	-
Interest - other	**1,717**	628
Government Covid19 Stimulus payments	**50,000**	-
Other Income	**26,992**	54,990
Total Revenue	**3,038,718**	1,471,373
(b) Surplus from operating activities has been determined after charging as expenses:		
Provisions	**31,219**	14,148
Other Expenses	**2,514,063**	1,430,383
Net Surplus from Ordinary Activities	**493,436**	26,842
Total Changes in Accumulated Funds	**493,436**	26,842

Note 3 Cash Assets

Operating Accounts	**2,089,920**	1,024,466
Term Deposits	**35,630**	35,630
	2,125,550	1,060,096

Note 4 Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables	**266,715**	401,415
Deposit Paid	**7,000**	-
Prepayments	**20,981**	6,262
	294,696	407,677

Note 5 Plant and equipment

Plant & Equipment	**7,077**	-
Less Accumulated Depreciation	**(5)**	-
	7,072	-
Motor Vehicles	**112,103**	-
Accumulated Depreciation	**(5,514)**	-
	106,589	-

Note 6 Payables - Current

Trade and other payables	**248,636**	52,256
Make Good Provision	**25,375**	25,375
GST Payable	**72,582**	131,542
Income in Advance	**1,430,298**	1,122,953
	1,776,891	1,332,127

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2020

Note 7 Provisions - Current	**2020**	**2019**
Current	**$**	**$**
Provision for Staff Leave Entitlements	**67,199**	35,980
Non-current		
Provision for Staff Leave Entitlements	**19,761**	9,761

Note 8 Accumulated Funds

Opening Balance	**89,906**	63,064
Add surplus for the year	**493,436**	26,842
Balance at the end of the year	**583,342**	89,906

Note 9 Auditor's Remuneration

Audit of the financial statements	**2,000**	630

Note 10 Related Parties

Board Members
The names of each person who holds a position on the Board of the Corporation are:

Period July to October 2019	Lester Maher
	Robert Young
	Michael Welsh
	Richard Campbell
	Roger Jarrett
	Leslie Reynolds
	Willy Nixon
Period Oct 2019 to June 2020	Colin Davis
	James Welsh
	Leslie Reynolds
	Lester Maher
	Richard Campbell
	Robert Young
	Roger Jarrett
	Will Nixon

No remuneration or benefits were received by any of the above persons in their capacity as Board members.

Note 11 Corporation Details

Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation is incorporated under the Corporations (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (the CATSI Act) - ICN 4223.

KBHAC is a survivor led Stolen Generations organisation that aims to improve the social, emotional, cultural and spiritual wellbeing of the KBH survivors and their families in meaningful ways. It encourages and supports sustainable healing programs that address the legacy of physical, sexual, psychological and cultural abuse experienced by the KBH survivors and the intergenerational trauma experienced by their descendants. KBHAC is committed to empowering positive, healthy peer support models that enable greater social inclusion in community life. These models address the reconstruction of identity and rebuilding of family structures.

Note 11 Subsequent events

Effective 1 August 2020 Kinchela entered into a lease of premises situated at Waterloo for an annual rental of $63,378 plus GST. The period of the lease is for three years with a three-year option following. In accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 16 at the inception of the lease a right to use asset and an offsetting lease liability will be raised each being amortised to the income statement progressively.

Since balance date and to the date of this financial report there has been substantial and continuing social and economic disruptions to society associated with the COVID19 virus and its impacts in Australia. This pandemic is unprecedented and its likely financial effects are not quantifiable. KBHAC had to postpone events and use technology such as zoom to keep things going but is taking all practicable steps to ensure that safe activities can and will continue under whatever circumstances arise. Government financial support has included the cashboost $50,000 in May and a further $50,000 in instalments since year end.

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
AUSTRALIA + NEW ZEALAND

SHEDDEN & GREEN PARTNERS
ABN 43 723 342 276

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To: The Members of Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

We have audited the special purpose financial report of Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020, income statement, statement of changes in equity, statement of cashflows, and the accompanying notes and statement by the members of the board of directors.

In our opinion,

(1) the financial report of Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation is:
   a) Properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the Corporation's financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of its financial performance and cashflows for the year ended on that date
   b) In accordance with the requirements of the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act and the ACNC Act; and
   c) In compliance with relevant Australian Accounting Standards (including relevant Australian Accounting Interpretations).
(2) We have been given all information, explanations and assistance necessary to conduct the audit
(3) The Corporation has kept financial records sufficient to enable the financial report to be prepared and audited
(4) The Corporation has kept the other records and registers required by the CATSI Act

Basis for opinion

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

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

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Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

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

Responsibility of Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

The responsible entities of the registered entity are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation of the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the cash boost Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act, the ACNC Act, the Constitution and the needs of the members. The responsible entities' responsibility also includes such internal control as the responsible entities determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the responsible entities are responsible for assessing the registered entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the responsible entities either intend to liquidate the registered entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

The audit objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report. As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We also:

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

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

Shedden & Green Partners
Lawrence R Green FCA – Partner
Dated: 31st October 2020
Miranda NSW

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