



# 2022 Annual Report

## PATRON'S MESSAGE

Every second, hundreds of digital devices are thrown away around the world, while billions go without the tools they need to realise their dreams in the digital age today. I learnt this in 2019, when a young Australian, Jack Growden, came to visit me in Canberra to share LiteHaus International's vision to create a digitally united global society where access to technology is equitable and prosperous for all.

In educational pursuits in the digital age, access to digital technologies constitutes a fundamental human right, however this is unfortunately far from reality throughout marginalised communities across the world. For developing nations such as Papua New Guinea, having its future leaders stranded on the wrong side of a widening digital divide constrains its vision for a prosperous and equitable future. Since 2017, LiteHaus International has intervened, advocating that a quality education can only be a digital education in today's world.

Almost 102,000 people have been empowered with digital learning tools and opportunities so far. In my country, LiteHaus International has completed 141 digital classrooms, widening possibilities for education in Papua New Guinea. This has been achieved by transforming hundreds of tonnes of 'e-waste' into opportunities.

For children in remote villages in Papua New Guinea, many of whom walk three hours to school each morning to keep their educational dreams alive, this is immensely encouraging and rewarding. Now, LiteHaus International is looking to the dreams of some 2 billion people across Asia-Pacific experiencing digital inequality.

I commend LiteHaus International and its Board of Directors for this ambitious but achievable Strategic Plan to enrich the lives of a million people in need across Asia-Pacific. From the Philippines, to India, to Samoa to the Outback of Australia, across more geographies and more demographics, a fairer, more equitable digital world awaits. From one dream to a million dreams...

His Excellency John Ma'o Kali CMG OBE  
**PNG High Commissioner to Australia**  
**Patron, LiteHaus International**





## LEADING THE WAY: A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

A quality education can only be a digital education in today's world. In 2022, we extended exactly that to more than 80,000 students and teachers across three countries. Every 48 hours in 2022, we built a new digital classroom, culminating in a record 132 computer labs being completed. Every 3 hours, a student across Australia received their own personal laptop. Celebrating our 5th Anniversary, 2022 was always going to be a special year, but we were delighted to achieve these results for the future leaders of the countries we serve.

Emerging from the pandemic - a once in a century event which disrupted the global society and reminded us all of the importance of digital integration - 2022 saw us quadruple our program outputs. We sewed new partnerships with ExxonMobil PNG, Digicel Foundation, Deloitte, EY PNG, and the English Family Foundation, while maintaining the cherished support of our principal partners, Sir Brian Bell Foundation. We expanded our program footprint to 11 new provinces in Papua New Guinea, reaching some of the most remote communities in the whole country where almost all students and teachers have never touched a digital device. Our Digital Infrastructure Program in Papua New Guinea received international acclaim, winning the One Young World Lead 2030 Challenge for Sustainable Development Goal 4 in Manchester.

We also expanded the program to a new market, the Philippines, where a partnership with the country's largest renewable energy provider, Energy Development Corporation, digitally empowered 8,000 students in rural Mindanao. In Australia, we reached students in four states and launched a new program, our Digital Communities Program, to build digital capability across broader Australian society. First Australians, New Australians, Rural Australians - we covered all bases in 2022.

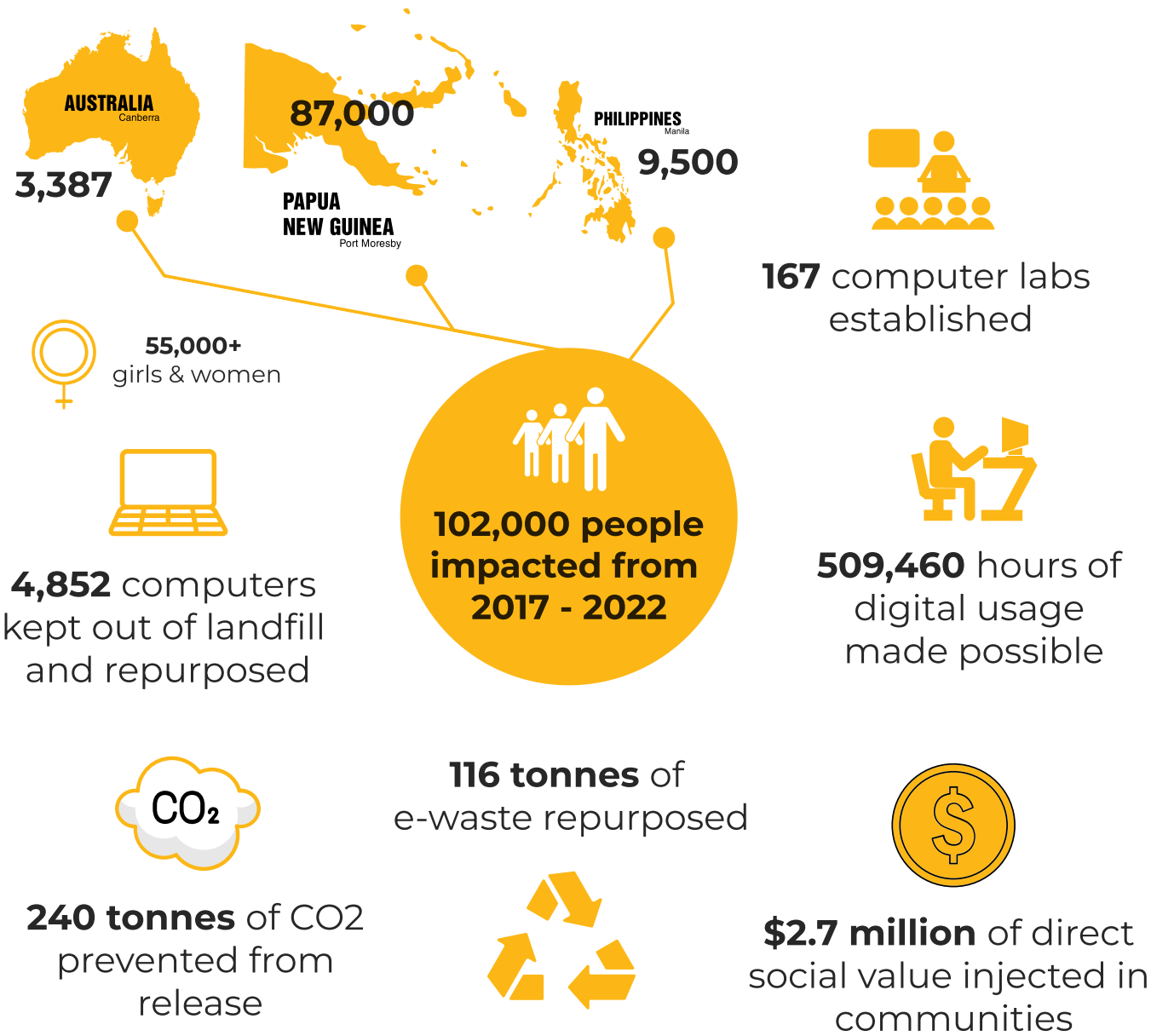
Almost 150,000 people have been empowered with digital learning tools and opportunities on the LiteHaus journey so far. In 2022, we announced our strategic vision to 2027 - to digitally equip and empower a million people with digital learning tools and opportunities throughout the Asia-Pacific region by 2027. A million dreams. Thank you to everyone who has makes our daily magic possible. We look forward to working with you to achieve A Million Dreams.

Jack Crowden  
**Founder & CEO**



# IMPACT TO DATE

2017 - 2022







## OUR PROGRAMMS

### DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM



Providing primary and secondary school students with access to the tools to dream and achieve by establishing ground-breaking digital classrooms across the developing world.

IN 2022 - WE COMPLETED 132 NEW COMPUTER LABS ACROSS ASIA-PACIFIC.

### DIGITAL INCLUSION PROGRAM



Ensuring that all high schools students in Australia and other parts of the developing world have access to a digital device at home, not only at school.

IN 2022 - WE PROVIDED 2,200 STUDENTS WITH THEIR OWN LAPTOP.

### DIGITAL COMMUNITIES PROGRAM



Building digital capability amongst vulnerable and marginalised groups across rural and regional Australia, establishing communal infrastructure or delivering devices to individuals directly.

IN 2022 - MORE EQUITABLE DIGITAL CAPABILITY ACROSS AUSTRALIA.

### SUSTAINABLE LIFECYCLE PROGRAM



Capturing, repairing and repurposing end-of-life devices, diverting them away from landfill and into the hands of future leaders in need.

IN 2022 - WE TRANSFORMED 60 TONNES OF E-WASTE INTO OPPORTUNITIES.



# PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Papua New Guinea is facing a significant digital divide due to the lack of infrastructure, poor connectivity, and limited access to digital technology in remote and rural areas. Only a third of the population has access to the internet, and mobile phone coverage is sporadic, with low-speed connections. The divide is further exacerbated by the high cost of devices and data plans, low levels of digital literacy, and a shortage of trained IT professionals. This digital divide hinders economic development, limits access to education and healthcare, and weakens the country's ability to compete in the global digital economy. Addressing the digital divide is crucial to promoting social and economic inclusion in Papua New Guinea.







Since 2017, our Digital Infrastructure program has installed 141 ground-breaking digital classrooms in Papua New Guinean primary schools with a further 160 scheduled for completion in 2023. These are the first of their kind anywhere across the 3,500 primary schools in Papua New Guinea and benefit approximately 95,000 students and teachers, 90% of whom have never used a computer in their lives.

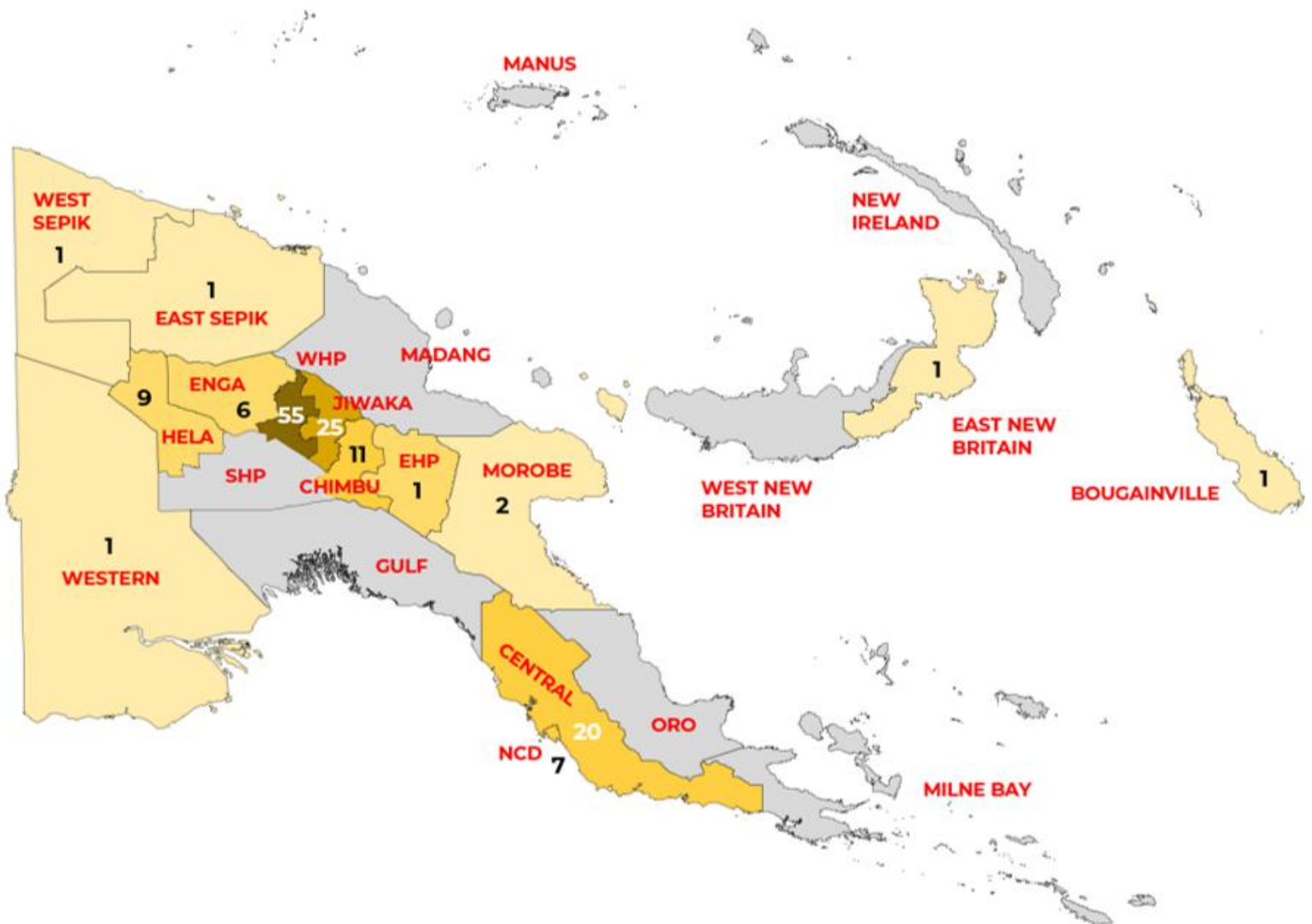
Beyond 15 desktop computers and operating software, the standard program output also includes an originally developed Digital Skills Passport, which provides vital digital competency training material for teachers. Partnering with Niunet PNG, we also provide an unique offline Internet experience which offers beneficiaries access to 2.7 million pieces of educational content in a safe, curated learning environment, where once only a shelf of outdated books was available for students. A quality education can only be digital in today's world and by installing a new computer lab every 48 hours, LiteHaus International is filling a critical resource gap in Papua New Guinea's education sector – a system which is currently failing to cultivate digital future leaders and citizens.







# OUR PROGRAM FOOTPRINT ACROSS PAPUA NEW GUINEA



**Total number of computer labs,  
by province.**

# PHILIPPINES

**In 2022, LiteHaus International began its pilot project in the Philippines in collaboration with the Energy Development Corporation.**

As part of EDC's corporate social responsibility program, they aid schools, provide scholarships and source of income to the people surrounding their powerplants.







Indeed, social media is a very helpful tool in bridging countries. Jack visited in June 2022 to share LiteHaus' advocacy, followed by a scoping trip in Mindanao. This opportunity was taken gladly by EDC and has promised to give their full support to LiteHaus. The partnership was then sealed in November of that year with a MOA signing at EDC Head Office and in that same day, LiteHaus together with EDC flew to Mindanao to start the distribution of the devices to 18 primary schools in Kidapawan City.

The first roll-out was with eight schools with 15 units of devices each and the remaining 10 will be completed in the first quarter of 2023. The event was a success with the help of EDC and the support of the Department of Education. These efforts were recognized by the local media and truly changed the lives of thousands of students.







# AUSTRALIA

The digital divide in Australia refers to the unequal access to digital technologies and online services between different social groups, particularly based on income, age, and location.

**While many Australians have access to digital devices, there are still significant disparities, particularly among Indigenous Australians, those living in rural or remote areas, refugee and migrant families and those on low incomes.** These groups may face challenges accessing basic online services such as education, healthcare, and government services, which can further disadvantage them.

The Australian government has implemented various initiatives to bridge the digital divide, such as the National Broadband Network and the Digital Inclusion Blueprint, but significant challenges remain.





In 2022, the Australian Program expanded with the creation of the Digital Communities Program, which provided digital literacy to rural, regional, and remote areas in Australia.

Over **15 community computer hubs** were established in remote Indigenous communities, including Wujal Wujal, Hopevale, Bamaga, and Arukun, enabling Indigenous Elders to document their traditional language. The program also distributed **175 devices** to the Yarra City Library for community members in public housing. Furthermore, **80 Ukrainian refugee families** who would have otherwise gone without received devices to access healthcare, employment opportunities, and education.

**The Digital Inclusion Program distributed over 2,000 devices across Queensland,** including 200 laptops for students without access to tools for learning, and 300 devices in Cape York and Torres Strait Island regions. Through digital technology, disadvantaged students can access education and the world's knowledge. For instance, a student with a genetic condition was able to further his studies with advanced software. The digital tools bridge the gap and provide equal opportunities for remote and disadvantaged communities.







# SUSTAINABLE LIFE CYCLE PROGRAM

The Sustainable Lifecycle Program repurposes old end-of-life digital devices by providing them to students in need, creating a circular economy that reduces e-waste.

**In 2022, the program diverted almost 100 tons of e-waste from landfill**, reducing the significant environmental threat caused by e-waste.

Additionally, **the program received over 6,000 devices from a number of supporters**, including over 1,000 from Townsville Catholic Education, 550 from BGW Group, 500 from Deloitte, and 400 from Flight Centre. The donations enable the program to meet the needs of the community and raise awareness about circular economy initiatives. Besides reducing e-waste, the program improves educational outcomes and bridges the digital divide by providing essential tools to students.

The Sustainable Lifecycle Program is committed to creating a more sustainable future, supporting 21st-century skills development, and establishing partnerships with organisations to achieve its goals.









# THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY GALA BALL

**The 5th Anniversary Gala Ball at The Ville Resort-Casino** was a night to remember. With the launch of a new brand and vision of digitising a million dreams, the event was filled with excitement and anticipation.

The generosity of attendees and supporters was overwhelming, as the night **raised almost \$170,000 for our cause**. We were humbled by the overwhelming support from our guests, who travelled from all over Australia and the world, including Papua New Guinea and Fiji and contributed generously to help us reach our fundraising target.

The event was a true celebration of our achievements over the past five years, and a chance to recognise our dedicated team and the invaluable support of our partners and donors. It was a night to remember, and we look forward to continuing our mission to change lives, one dream at a time.





THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY GALA BALL PHOTOS



# A MILLION DREAMS

**Over the next five years, we aim to digitise a million dreams across the Asia-Pacific region.** This means empowering one million people with digital learning tools and opportunities to enable them to realise their dreams.

In 2017, Jack saw something he could not accept - a glimpse into a world of inequality where some do not get to dream. A world where billions of people are kept apart from opportunity, kept apart from realising their dreams by an ever-growing digital divide. A digital world where postcodes determine participation. He did not accept that.

Today, we refuse to accept that any child or person should be left behind. **Every person deserves their place in the digital world and the digital world deserves them.** It deserves their creativity, their ideas, their capabilities. We aim to create a digitally empowered world where there are no barriers to dreams.

**Digital equality and empowerment for a million people. A million dreams.**







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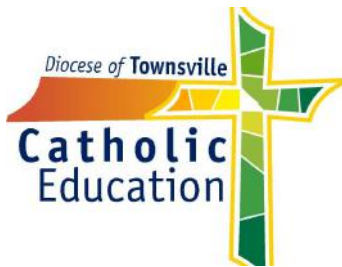
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## OUR PARTNERS



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**JAMES COOK  
UNIVERSITY  
AUSTRALIA**

**Digicel** Foundation



**ExxonMobil**





## Jack Growden - Founder & CEO

Jack Growden is the 24-year-old Founder & CEO of LiteHaus International passionate about conquering inequality and making access to digital technology equitable around the world. Jack began the LiteHaus journey by donating his personal laptop to the remote Kuta Primary School in Papua New Guinea and promising to return to establish a ground-breaking computer lab. Having now provided more than 36,000 students in Papua New Guinea, regional Australia and beyond with digital learning tools and opportunities, Jack has delivered on his promise with his sights now set on impacting one million people by 2030.

Energetic, astute and ambitious, Jack has been the barometer and chief architect of the extraordinary growth of LiteHaus from his parents' garage to the world since that first day in 2017. Dubbed 'Kopi Jack' by LiteHaus' host community in PNG, and having travelled to the remotest parts of Australia to deliver impact, Jack is equally comfortable in the board room, the shed or out in the field.

An award-winning emerging philanthropist, Jack has been recognised as one of the top 20 social innovators under 35 in the Asia-Pacific region by the Australia ASEAN Business Council. Globally, he has been selected as a 2022 One Young World Lead 2030 Challenge Winner for SDG 4, and has presented at conferences in Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok and online to audiences from close to 100 countries. Closer to home, he was named as a Finalist in the 2022 Queensland Young Australian of the Year award and was recognised as the Queensland Emerging Philanthropist of the Year and an AMP Tomorrow Maker in 2020. That same year, he was also named by the Courier-Mail as one of the Top 10 Inspiring Queenslanders of the Year, having empowered hundreds of disadvantaged students to continue learning during COVID-19 school closures. The youngest person to be recognised as an Outstanding Alumnus by James Cook University, among more than 85,000 graduates, Jack also interned with the United Nations in Delhi and serves as a Program Advisor and Presenter at Humanitarian Affairs Asia.

Jack believes a successful life is one spent being generous, empowering others and creating impact.

# **LiteHaus International Ltd**

**ABN: 73 854 293 707**

**ACFID-Code-Compliant  
Financial Statements**

**For the Year Ended 31 December 2022**



**LiteHaus International Ltd**

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# LiteHaus International Ltd

ABN: 73 854 293 707

## Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income For the year ended 31 December 2022

|                                                             | 2022<br>\$       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>REVENUE</b>                                              |                  |
| <b>Donations &amp; Gifts</b>                                |                  |
| Monetary                                                    | 400,048          |
| Non-Monetary                                                | <u>1,258,255</u> |
|                                                             | 1,658,303        |
| <b>Grants</b>                                               |                  |
| DFAT Grants                                                 | -                |
| Other Australian Grants                                     | 78,865           |
| Overseas Grants                                             | <u>181,000</u>   |
|                                                             | 259,865          |
| Investment Income                                           | 24               |
| Other Income                                                | 30,576           |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>                                        | <u>1,948,768</u> |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                                          |                  |
| International Programs – Recognised Development Expenditure | 186,808          |
| International Programs – Wages and Salaries                 | 123,069          |
| Domestic Programs                                           | 98,267           |
| Dpmestic Programs – Wages and Salaries                      | 20,510           |
| Community Education                                         | 33,429           |
| Fundraising Costs                                           | 22,681           |
| Accountability and Administration                           | 103,044          |
| Non-monetary Expenses – Donations of Digital Equipment      | 737,760          |
| Other Expenditure                                           | -                |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>                                    | <u>1,325,568</u> |
| <b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE</b>                   | <u>623,200</u>   |
| Other Comprehensive Income                                  | -                |
| <b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME / (LOSS)</b>                  | <u>623,200</u>   |

*The above statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes*



# LiteHaus International Ltd

ABN: 73 854 293 707

## Statement of financial position As At 31 December 2022

|                                | 2022<br>\$              |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                  |                         |
| <b>Current assets</b>          |                         |
| Cash and cash equivalents      | 377,520                 |
| Trade and other receivables    | 41,000                  |
| Inventory                      | 799,930                 |
| Total current assets           | <u>1,218,450</u>        |
| <b>Non-current assets</b>      |                         |
| Property, plant and equipment  | <u>10,000</u>           |
| Total non-current assets       | <u>10,000</u>           |
| <b>Total assets</b>            | <u>1,228,450</u>        |
| <b>Liabilities</b>             |                         |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>     |                         |
| Trade and other payables       | 9,710                   |
| Employee benefits              | 10,059                  |
| Total current liabilities      | <u>19,769</u>           |
| <b>Non-current liabilities</b> |                         |
| Employee benefits              | <u>4,929</u>            |
| Total non-current liabilities  | <u>4,929</u>            |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>       | <u>24,698</u>           |
| <b>Net assets</b>              | <u><u>1,203,752</u></u> |
| <b>Equity</b>                  |                         |
| Retained earnings              | 1,302,216               |
| Revaluation reserve            | <u>(98,464)</u>         |
| <b>Total equity</b>            | <u><u>1,203,752</u></u> |

*The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes*

## LiteHaus International Ltd

ABN: 73 854 293 707

### Statement of changes in equity For The Year Ended 31 December 2022

|                                                     | Retained<br>surplus<br>\$ | Revaluation<br>reserve<br>\$ | Total<br>Equity<br>\$ |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Balance at 1 January 2022</b>                    | 679,019                   | (98,464)                     | 580,552               |
| Surplus after income tax expense for the year       | 623,200                   | -                            | 623,200               |
| Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax | -                         | -                            | -                     |
|                                                     | <hr/>                     | <hr/>                        | <hr/>                 |
| Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the year    | 623,200                   | -                            | 623,200               |
|                                                     | <hr/>                     | <hr/>                        | <hr/>                 |
| <b>Balance at 31 December 2022</b>                  | <u>1,302,216</u>          | <u>(98,464)</u>              | <u>1,203,752</u>      |

*The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes*



# LiteHaus International Ltd

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## Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2022

The financial statements cover LiteHaus International Ltd as an individual entity, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. LiteHaus International Ltd is a company limited by guarantee. The company is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

### NOTE 1 Summary of Material Accounting Policies

#### Basis of Preparation

This special purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the ACFID Code of Conduct. For further information on the Code please refer to the ACFID Code of Conduct Implementation Guidance at [www.acfid.asn.au](http://www.acfid.asn.au).

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

This financial report is summarised version of our annual financial report. Our 31 December 2022 audited annual financial report can be obtained by visiting <https://www.acnc.gov.au>.

# LiteHaus International Ltd

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## Directors' Declaration For the year ended 31 December 2022

In accordance with a resolution of the directors of LiteHaus International Ltd, the directors have determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The directors of the company declare that:

1. The accompanying financial statements are in accordance with the ACFID Code of Conduct and:
  - a. comply with Australian Accounting Standards; and
  - b. give a true and fair view of the company's financial position at 31 December 2022 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.
2. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.



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Jack Growden  
Chief Executive Officer



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Ashley Michael Finn  
Non-Executive Director | Chair, Audit & Finance Committee

20 June 2025  
Townsville





## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LITEHAUS INTERNATIONAL LTD

### Report on the Financial Report

#### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying ACFID-Code-compliant financial report of Litehaus International Ltd ("the Company"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of material accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration. The ACFID-Code-compliant financial report has been derived from and is consistent with the company's full audited financial report for the year ended 31 December 2022.

In our opinion the accompanying ACFID-Code-compliant financial report of the Company is in accordance with the *ACFID Code of Conduct*, including:

- a) Giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2022 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the ACFID-Code-compliant financial statement requirements.

#### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report.

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

#### Independence

We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (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.

#### 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 directors' financial reporting responsibilities under the ACFID Code of Conduct. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.



### Directors' Responsibilities for the Financial Report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Note 1 to the financial report and the requirements of the *ACFID Code of Conduct* which has been determined as appropriate to meet the needs of members. The directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at <http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### PKF NORTH QUEENSLAND AUDIT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Follett', with a stylized flourish at the end.

TIM FOLLETT  
PARTNER

20 JUNE 2025  
TOWNSVILLE





  
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