

## **2020** Annual Report

a year of new beginnings





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# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Parramatta Women's Shelter acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land we serve on, the Dharug people: this always was, and always will be Aboriginal land. We pay our respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

In acknowledging Country, we commit ourselves to justice, particularly for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women experiencing family violence.



### **D-CHAIRS'** EPORT

Part of the Women's Community Shelters network, Parramatta Women's Shelter opened its doors for the first time at Christmas 2019. Led by inspirational Manager Tania Smith, this cosy and welcoming refuge supports new beginnings for women and children who need a safe place to stay.

A small and passionate team of professional staff provides crisis accommodation, casework and outreach support to families in transitional housing through the Pathways Home program. This saw 94 women and children assisted in the 2020 Financial Year. This work is backed by our tireless (and sometimes tired) Board! Thanks to these amazing women, too.

The Shelter operates from two large local homes generously made available for meanwhile use thanks to the PAYCE Foundation. This allows staff to welcome three large families at a time, meeting a real need in the community. The service has developed a specialisation in supporting families with 3 or more children and families with teenage sons. The properties have been comfortably appointed by The Generous & Grateful.

Initial funding for Parramatta Women's Shelter was \$50,000 raised by Wentworth Point Community Action, then matched by the City of Parramatta. Additional support has been received from the Sisters of Mercy Parramatta and the Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta Mercy Tree appeal. These funds have been supplemented through the incredible generosity of the Parramatta community. (cont'd)





Elizabeth Scully Caitlin Carpenter

With COVID-19 impacting Australia early in 2020, Parramatta Women's Shelter was a strong local voice in support of people experiencing domestic and family violence. The refuge was at capacity throughout the height of the pandemic. This saw many children and young people undertaking remote learning from the refuge.

The community was strongly supportive of the work of the shelter during these difficult times, including supplying a significant amount of information technology to support students learning at home. Parramatta Women's Shelter was also assisted through major grants from the City of Parramatta Council and the PwC Foundation.

The Shelter has enjoyed positive relationships with community leaders and elected representatives, hosting visits from NSW's Vice-Regal couple Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC and Mr Dennis Wilson; Hon Gareth Ward MP, Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services; Hon Melinda Pavey MP, Minister for Water, Property and Housing; City of Parramatta Lord Mayor Councillor Bob Dwyer and Lady Mayoress Mrs Jenny Dwyer and local Councillors. Particular thanks to Federal Member for Bennelong John Alexander MP and Federal Member for Parramatta Julie Owens MP for offering their offices as drop-off points for donations.

A big thank you to everyone who has been part of Parramatta Women's Shelter story so far! It means so much that our community shares our strong commitment to change for women and children experiencing homelessness and family violence.

Liz and Caitlin



# VISION, PURPOSE & VALUES

### VISION

Our vision is a future free from domestic and family violence, gender-based discrimination and homelessness.



### PURPOSE

Supporting new beginnings for women and children who need a safe place to stay.

### VALUES

<u>Accountability:</u> As a specialist service, we are committed to our clients, and to supporting change in their lives through a case management model, delivered by skilled staff. We are accountable to the families we support through the outcomes of our work, and are accountable to our community.

<u>Care:</u> We are generous and considerate, client centred and trauma informed. We understand the needs of others and walk together, alongside our clients towards reaching their goals.

Equity: We recognise that the injustice and violence experienced by our clients is the result of inequity, often including gender-based discrimination.

Inspiration: Our clients are our inspiration, particularly in their resilience and the change that our work supports in their lives. We work together to inspire change in our community.

<u>Respect:</u> We are supportive of our clients, staff, volunteers and community and celebrate their dignity and value.

## PART OF A DEDICATED NETWORK





Women's Community Shelters (WCS) works with local communities to empower them to change our collective attitudes to homelessness and domestic and family violence and take positive action against them.

In 2019 the network's strategic focus was to broaden the support we offer on either side of shelter accommodation, securing funding for outreach support and negotiating partnerships to provide housing and employment pathways.

In 2019, the network of Women's Community Shelters Boards and their communities, provided essential and life-changing services to 370 women and children and provided 20,211 'bed nights' to the sector. 1,240 were unable to be accommodated because shelters were full, women elected to take alternate accommodation or their needs changed. We supported 318 women and children in outreach programs. Across the WCS network, staff members participated in training to support our reporting on client outcomes; attended conferences and events to support their delivery of trauma informed, client-centred service; and extended their knowledge and skills through a range of Specialist Homelessness Services training opportunities.

As a network, we began developing our inaugural Reconciliation Action Plan. Across the network, shelters invested in the professional development of their staff with all staff supported through learning and development opportunities as and where possible.



### WHAT MUMS SAY ABOUT STAYING AT PWS







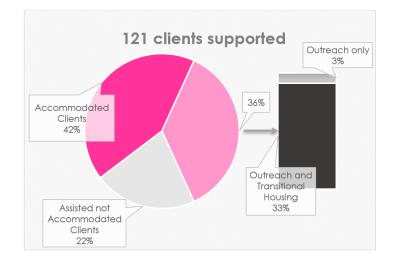


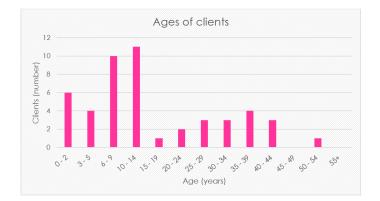
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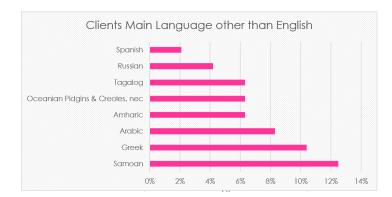
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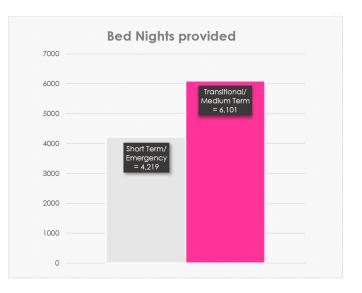
#### Of the 48 clients accommodated:

- 32 (66% of) clients were under 18 years of age
- 14 (30% of) clients identified as being of Aboriginal origin
- Average length of support was 66 days
- 29% migrated to Australia







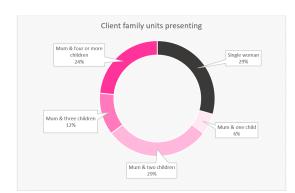


<u>Assisted Clients:</u> A client who receives formal support during the intake / assessment process but who is not then accepted into shelter. This may include advice and information, advocacy and liaison or a formal referral to another organization.

Accommodated clients: A client who is accommodated in shelter (short term / emergency accommodation)

<u>Outreach clients:</u> A client who receives support but is not receiving short term or emergency accommodation. This is usually, but not always, a client who has transitioned through shelter and is now receiving support in a reduced capacity whilst accommodated elsewhere. An Outreach client may be accommodated in Transitional Housing. The total number of outreach clients includes Transitional Housing clients

<u>Iransitional Housing Client:</u> A client who is currently being accommodated in a Transitional Housing property which has been arranged / managed by WCS. All clients that receive transitional housing also receive outreach support.



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT

In August we held our first working bee to get our shelter ready for the families it would soon support. There was lots of cleaning, furniture moving, drilling and dodging of the former tenants (wasps). Grill'd Parramatta chose PWS for their Local Matters campaign and we were lucky enough to be the chosen cause. A fit bunch of PwC Private Clients and Assurance FS team members braved the cold and windy weather in support of PWS raising nearly \$3,500 and matched by PwC Australia!



Our Chair Liz and Manager Tania attended the Parramatta and Cumberland Family and Domestic Violence Prevention Committee 'It's Time to Talk' Breakfast, part of the 16 Days of Activism. Chair Liz joined other passionate women for the Women's March on International Women's Day in March, the theme that 'an equal world is an enabled world'.





We held our inaugural event in October of 2019, a High Tea in the Park at Lachlan's Old Government House in Parramatta Park where 90 supporters came for cake and a good cause. We had a ball at the Masquerade Gala in November, with a raffle, games and dancing.







2020 was a challenging year throughout the world and for not-for-profit organisations as COVID-19 stifled traditional fundraising efforts and forced us to get even more creative.

In April, with the rest of the country, the Shelter went into lockdown including our school kids. Salesforce and LED Direct Solutions responded with incredible generosity and we were able to step up to the challenge of providing technology needed to keep vulnerable kids connected with learning at a very tough time.





Our local schools have shown such generosity during these tough times, including through the Women's Community Shelters Walk the Talk program. Tara Anglican School for Girls was Parramatta Women's Shelter's first partner in this program. Catherine McAuley Westmead collected gift cards, linen and other essentials to support our work. Our manager loved meeting the compassionate young leaders and teacher Tony Taniane. OLMC Parramatta has also been a wonderful supporter through the Mercy Tree appeal. Macarthur Girls High thoughtfully provided 'kindness project' care packages.

PWS were lucky to receive an overwhelming amount of donations from community members even before we had opened our doors and continues to this day. We received so many kind donations such as nappies, kitchen appliances, brownies, groceries, succulents, televisions from Oz Harvest, PAYCE Foundation, fundraising by Kalpaxis Legal and community members going above and beyond. Our friends from United Against Domestic Violence have helped families leaving PWS to set up their next home with supplying much needed and often costly household items.

We're so grateful to every community member, organisation, school and business for their generosity, great or small. PWS is powered by the community, and we are humbled by your generosity.



# A CLIENT'S STORY

Christina (not her real name) and her young child arrived in Australia on a temporary partner visa. Christina ended her relationship with her partner a short time later due to domestic violence. Christina told us that he physically abused her many times, so she worked up the courage to leave the relationship completely.

Christina and her child went into Temporary Accommodation and were then referred to another Women's Community Shelter (WCS) where they stayed for 5 months before referral to PWS and moving to a transitional property in the Pathways Home Program. Christina and her child recently moved to another transitional apartment, through WCS and Evolve Housing (August 2020). This property is available for up to two years so Christina's child can have some stability while awaiting her visa outcome. Until Christina was supported through our shelters, she reported the journey for her and her child was traumatic and they both still experience the on-going effects caused by the domestic violence.

During her journey she initially received financial support from a Settlement Services International payment and PWS have supported her by providing ready meals and other donated items such as food vouchers, toys and craft items. Christina started an internship from December 2019 and now she is working part-time. We helped assist Christina's child in enrolling in school for the 2021 year as well. PWS coordinated the support for the family to move into longer term transitional accommodation by organizing furniture through Generous and Grateful and items through UADV to set up her new home. She is very thankful about the support she received from our service. We continue to provide outreach support to the family, although this is now provided through on-line and phone services.

#### Child Support provided

Upon first meeting Christina's child, they were quite shy and did not like to engage with PWS staff. Christina introduced the child to their child support worker (CSW) and said that the child is very shy and does not like to interact with other people other than Christina. She said this had increased during COVID-19 as the child was not attending school or leaving the house very often. Christina asked if the CSW could assist her with the child and help build the child's confidence engaging and socializing with other people. CSW spent time at Christina's transitional property with the child playing games and engaging the child in learning activities for memory and counting and reading the child stories.

CSW also assisted Christina to find counselling services that could help her to find a way to slowly introduce the child to their father residing overseas via facetime and telephone calls. While this did not eventuate, Christina was linked to telephone services such as Relationships Australia, Beyond Blue and Parent's Line because COVID-19 meant that face to face counselling was not an option. Christina was also given details for Leichhardt Women's Community Health Centre, who were running free counselling during COVID-19. CSW empowered Christina to do what she felt best in the situation and not feel pressured to do anything she thought would not be good for her and her child. Christina was grateful for the time CSW spent with the child as she could focus on working from home and attend meetings via zoom.

# OUR SUPPORTERS

We're so lucky to have had so many supporters in the 2019-2020 financial year, here are as many as we could remember!

### Schools

Catherine McAuley Westmead Girraween High School Macarthur Girls High School Melrose Park Public School Our Lady of Mercy College Tara Anglican School for Girls

### Corporate

Bunnings Rydalmere Butter Parramatta Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta Circa Empire Locksmiths & Security Kalpaxis Legal LED Direct Solutions Muthu Jewellery PAYCE Foundation PwC Australia Salesforce Temple & Webster Terry Shields Toyota Who Gives A Crap

### Organisations & Community Groups

Living Maronite Share the Dignity Sisters of Mercy College Soroptimist International The Hills Sydney Shakti Temple THE BOWER Reuse & Repair Centre The Generous & Grateful The Kid Creative The Sebastian Foundation The Wellness Collective United Against Domestic Violence

### Community members

Alex Treloar Alice McDonough Alice Von Oswald Owner Amelia Liddy Sudbury Amrit Kaur Bree Bree Senior Bronwyn Evan Caela Witherdin Cassandra Kalpaxis Cecilia Twomey Chloe Gibson Sr Mary-Louise Petro RSM Councillor Andrew Wilson Councillor Donna Davis Councillor Patricia Prociv Councillor Penny Penderson Councillor Phil Bradley Councillor Sameer Pandev Elizabeth Norwood Fifield Esther Barker Heather Marchant Helena Roumanus Janet Veasey Jo Garcia Jo Gaines Joanne Boles John Alexander Julia Finn MP Kathy Harris Katie Conciatore

Katrina Doran Lady Mayoress Mrs Jenny Dwyer Leanne Pit Barile Lee Fuller Les & Jill Carpenter Lord Mayor Councillor Bob Dwyer Lucy Messara Lynne-Marie Marc Mckinnies Margo Margo Patricia Maria Liddy Melissa Quinn Mirela Cufurovic Miriam Naomi Kerswell Neslihan Erhan Olivia Loughnxn Peta Morris Phoebe Malouf Sophie Teresa Karelas Therese Simon Thilini Vanessa Zoe Buhagiar (Tack) 70ish Fatakia All those that wish to remain anonymous

### EXTRACTS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Parramatta Women's Shelters Inc

ABN 71 841 699 780

Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2020

#### Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2020

	Notes	2020 \$	2019 \$
Revenue	4	451,587	-
Total revenue		451,587	-
Expenses	-		
Administration		(23,939)	-
Depreciation		(16,337)	-
Employee benefits		(210,874)	-
Event expenses		(5,652)	-
Fundraising expenses		(27)	-
Finance costs		(57)	-
Occupancy		(53,677)	-
Total expenses	_	(310,563)	-
Surplus for the year		141,024	-
Income tax expense		-	-
Surplus after income tax		141,024	-
Other comprehensive income	=	-	-
Total comprehensive income	-	141,024	

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

#### Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc Statement of Financial Position As at 30 June 2020

	Notes	2020	2019
Assets		\$	\$
Current			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	281,135	
Receivables	6	551	_
Other assets	7		
Current assets	/ _	6,099	
Non-current	2	287,785	
		10.151	
Property, plant and equipment	8 _	12,454	-
Non-current assets	_	12,454	-
Total assets	<u> </u>	300,239	-
Liabilities			
Current			
Trade and other payables	9	80,075	-
Employee benefits	10	5,807	-
Other liabilities	11	73,333	-
Current liabilities		159,215	-
Non-current		-	-
Non-current liabilities		-	-
Total liabilities		159,215	-
Net assets		141,024	•
Equity	=		
Accumulated funds		141,024	-
Total equity	_	141,024	

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

#### Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc Statement of Cash Flows For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2020

Notes	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from related party contributions	289,069	-
Receipts from donations and fundraising	170,274	-
Receipts from government grants	29,800	-
Receipts from customers and others	26,599	-
Payments to suppliers and employees	(217,355)	-
Interest paid	(57)	-
Net cash provided by operating activities	298,330	-
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(17,195)	-
Net cash used in investing activities	(17,195)	•
Cash flows from financing activities		-
Net cash provided by financing activities		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	281,135	-
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year 5	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year 5	281,135	•

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

#### Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc Notes to the Financial Statements For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2020

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
4. Revenue		
Contributions - Women's Community Shelters Limited	215,736	-
Donations	166,855	-
Grant income - Department of Communities and Justice	29,800	-
Event revenue	15,131	-
Gifted assets	11,596	-
Rent contributions	9,050	
Fundraising revenue	3,419	
	451,587	
5. Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash on hand	1,031	-
Cash at bank	280,104	-
	281,135	-
6. Trade and other receivables		
Current		
Net GST receivable	551	
Net GST receivable	551	
7. Other assets		
Current		
Prepayments	6,099	-
	6,099	•
8. Property, plant and equipment		
Furniture and fittings at cost	17,809	-
Furniture and fittings accumulated depreciation	(7,293)	-
	10,516	•
Computer equipment at cost	10.0%0	
Computer equipment at cost Computer equipment accumulated depreciation	10,982 (9,044)	-
computer equipment accumulated depreciation	1,938	
	1,750	
Total property, plant and equipment	12,454	-
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#### Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc Notes to the Financial Statements For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2020

#### 8. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

	Furniture & Fittings	Computer Equipment	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Net carrying amount 1 July 2019	-	-	-
Additions	17,809	10,982	28,791
Disposals	-	-	-
Depreciation	(7,293)	(9,044)	(16,337)
Net carrying amount 30 June 2020	10,516	1,938	12,454
		2020	2019
		\$	\$
9. Trade and other payables			
Current			
Trade payables		42,971	-
Accrued expenses		37,104	-
		80,075	•
10. Employee benefits			
Current			
Provision for employee entitlements		5,807	-
	-	5,807	
11. Other liabilities Current			
Income received in advance		73.333	-

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	73,333	-

#### 12. Related parties

The entity's related parties include its key management personnel and related entities. Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties.

	2020	2019
Contributions - Women's Community Shelters Limited	215,736	· -
	215,736	-

The entity receives contributions from Women's Community Shelters Limited for the purpose of shelter set up and operating costs. Women's Community Shelters Limited has a representative on the Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc's Committee.

#### Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc Notes to the Financial Statements For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2020

#### 13. NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991

As a registered charity under the *NSW Charitable Fundraising Act* 1991 (the Act), the entity is required to disclose income and expenses from fundraising appeals. Donations and fundraising in this note follow the definition in the Act. As such, there may be some differences in the classification of items compared to the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Further, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income records transactions on an accrualsbasis, while the Act requires fundraising income and expenses to be disclosed on a cash-basis. Therefore, donations and fundraising income and expenses in this note, have been adjusted to reflect cash received/used during the year.

#### a) Details of aggregated gross income and total expenses from fundraising appeals

	2020 \$	2019
Reconciliation of income from fundraising	*	*
Fundraising income per Statement of Profit or Loss (Note 4)	181,870	-
Movement in Statement of Financial Position	- 11,596	-
Fundraising income per Cash Flow Statement	170,274	-
Expenses from fundraising		
Fundraising costs	(27)	-
Total costs of fundraising appeals	(27)	-
Net surplus from fundraising activities	170,247	-

#### b) Nature of fundraising appeals and application of net surplus

Fundraising appeals primarily consisted of donations, including gifted assets and fundraising from the community. The net surplus generated from fundraising activities was applied to the charitable purposes of the organisation.

#### 14. Commitments

The entity had no material commitments as at 30 June 2020 (2019: None).

#### 15. Contingent liabilities

There are no contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2020 (2019: None).

#### 16. Subsequent events

No adjusting or significant non-adjusting events have occurred between the reporting date and the date of authorisation of these accounts. Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc Responsible Entities' Declaration For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2020

The Responsible Persons declare that in the Responsible Persons' opinion:

- a) the financial statements and notes are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Notfor-profits Commission Act 2012, including:
  - giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
  - complying with Australian Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013; and
- b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013.

Elizabeth Scully Chairperson 12 December 2020 Sydney, New South Wales

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Rianne Ware Treasurer 12 December 2020 Sydney, New South Wales Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc Responsible Entities' Declaration under the NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2020

The Responsible Persons declare that in the Responsible Persons' opinion:

- a) the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income and associated notes gives a true and fair view of all income and expenditure of the organisation with respect to fundraising appeals for the financial year ended 30 June 2020;
- b) the statement of financial position and associated notes gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the organisation with respect to fundraising appeals conducted by the organisation as at 30 June 2020;
- c) the provisions of the NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and Regulations and the conditions attached to the authority have been complied with during the financial year ended 30 June 2020; and
- d) the internal controls exercised by the organisation are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by the organisation from any of its fundraising appeals during the financial year ended 30 June 2020.

Elizabeth Scully

Chairperson 12 December 2020 Sydney, New South Wales

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Rianne Ware Treasurer 12 December 2020 Sydney, New South Wales



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#### Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc

Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Committee of Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2020

In accordance with the requirements of section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, as lead auditor for the audit of Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc for the year ended 30 June 2020, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a) No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 in relation to the audit; and
- b) No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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Simon Joyce Director 12 December 2020 Sydney, New South Wales



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#### Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2020

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc (the registered entity), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the responsible entities' declaration.

In our opinion the financial report of Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act), including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Requirements and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

#### **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 are independent of the registered entity in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

#### Responsibilities of Responsible Entities for the Financial Report

The responsible entities of the registered entity are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the ACNC Act, and for such internal control as the responsible entities 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, responsible entities are responsible for assessing the registered entity'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 responsible entities either intends to liquidate the registered entity or to cease operations or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The responsible entities are responsible for overseeing the registered entity's financial reporting process

Liability limited by a scheme approved under Professional Standards Legislation

#### Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2020

#### 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, 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.

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

#### Report of the requirements of the NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991

We have audited the financial report as required by Section 24(2) of the NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991. Our 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 NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and the NSW Charitable Fundraising Regulations 2015.

Because of the inherent limitations of any assurance engagement, it is possible that fraud, error or non-compliance may occur and not be detected. An audit is not designed to detect all instance of non-compliance with the requirements described in the above-mentioned Acts and Regulations as an audit is not performed continuously throughout the period and the audit procedures performed in respect of compliance with these requirements are undertaken on a test basis. The audit report expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

#### Opinion

In our opinion:

- a) the financial report of Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc has been properly drawn up and associated records have been properly kept during the financial year ended 30 June 2020, in all material respects, in accordance with:
  - i) sections 20(1), 22(1-2), 24(1-3) of the NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991; and
  - ii) sections 10(6) and 11 of the NSW Charitable Fundraising Regulations 2015.
- b) the money received as a result of fundraising appeals conducted by the entity during the financial ended 30 June 2020 has been properly accounted for and applied, in all material respects, in accordance with the above-mentioned Act and Regulations.

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Simon Joyce Director 12 December 2020 Sydney, New South Wales