

LAW AND ADVOCACY CENTRE FOR WOMEN LIMITED

ABN 84 602 365 542

**SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2024**

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Directors Report

The directors of the company who held office during the financial year are:

- Diane McDonald
- Elena Pappas
- Jillian Prior
- Paul Scroope
- Kylie Heine

Principal activities

Law and Advocacy Centre for Women Limited provides advice and representation to vulnerable women who are in or at risk of entering the criminal justice system in Victoria. We specialise in the following areas of law: Criminal defence advocacy; Infringements; Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal (VOCAT) Applications; Child Protection; and Intervention orders.

Alongside the legal advice and representation offered, Law and Advocacy Centre for Women Limited provides case-management and social work services that support women to access the services they need, targeting a range of issues including family violence, homelessness, drug and alcohol use and mental health issues.

Operating Result

Loss for the year was \$217,381 (2023: Loss of \$74,300).

Conflicts of Interest

There are no Directors conflicts of interest to be disclosed.

Subsequent Events

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the company in financial years subsequent to the year ended 30 June 2024.

Auditor's Independence Declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is set out on page 2.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors:


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Director


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Director

Dated: 23/10/2024

**Auditors Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001
to the Directors of Law and Advocacy Centre for Women Limited**

As auditor I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2024 there have been:

- i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to this audit; and
- ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to this audit.



Michael B Shulman
Partner

Date: 23/10/2024

Law and Advocacy Centre for Women Limited

**Statement of Profit or Loss
For the Year Ended 30 June 2024**

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Revenue	2	1,842,748	1,689,230
Accounting Fees		18,612	19,181
Advertising		987	380
Depreciation		2,633	2,626
Disbursements		110,691	83,777
Internet		1,068	1,068
IT Expenses		19,626	21,298
Memberships and Certifications		12,160	10,786
Office Supplies		742	119
Postage and Courier		1,257	567
Printing and Stationery		13,256	9,915
Professional Services		7,523	-
Sub-Contractors		65,609	59,050
Sundry Expenses		2,170	3,619
Superannuation		168,188	138,155
Telephone		9,655	9,640
Training and Professional Development		4,084	2,826
Travel and Accommodation		9,611	8,031
Travel – Metro		1,860	900
Wages and Salaries		1,562,791	1,336,273
Other Employee Expenses		9,680	28,772
Project Expenses - Crime Prevention Grant		(3,433)	(2,441)
Project Expenses - Knowledge Grant		15,675	17,325
Project Expenses - Regional Pilot		6,218	11,663
Project Expenses – BARS Grant		2,672	-
Project Expenses – Cwlth SARC Grant		16,794	-
		<u>2,060,129</u>	<u>1,763,530</u>
(Loss) for the Year		<u>(217,381)</u>	<u>(74,300)</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**Statement of Comprehensive Income
For the Year Ended 30 June 2024**

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
(Loss) for the Year		(217,381)	(74,300)
Other comprehensive income for the Year		-	-
Total comprehensive (loss)		(217,381)	(74,300)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**Statement of Financial Position
As At 30 June 2024**

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	3a	1,052,343	1,116,195
Trade Debtors		931	220,725
Prepayments		-	1,720
Total Current Assets		1,053,274	1,338,640
Non Current assets			
Fixed assets		4,716	7,349
Total Non Current Assets		4,716	7,349
Total Assets		1,057,990	1,345,989
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Grant Income in Advance		320,602	386,324
Annual Leave		61,311	76,714
Sundry Creditors and Other Payables		124,094	107,037
Total Current Liabilities		506,007	570,075
Non Current Liabilities			
Long Service Leave		2,017	8,567
Total Non Current Liabilities		2,017	8,567
Total Liabilities		508,024	578,642
NET ASSETS		549,966	767,347
EQUITY			
Accumulated Funds		549,966	767,347
TOTAL EQUITY		549,966	767,347

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**Statement of Changes in Equity
For the Year Ended 30 June 2024**

	Note	Accumulated Funds \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2022		841,647	841,647
Loss for the Year		(74,300)	(74,300)
Balance at 30 June 2023		767,347	767,347
Balance at 1 July 2023		767,347	767,347
Loss for the Year		(217,381)	(217,381)
Balance at 30 June 2024		549,966	549,966

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended 30 June 2024**

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Grants and other income received		2,157,707	1,695,887
Payments to employees and suppliers		(2,236,808)	(1,968,974)
Interest received		15,249	10,118
Net cash generated by/ (used in) operating activities	3b	(63,852)	(262,969)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		(63,852)	(262,969)
Cash at the beginning of the financial Year		1,116,195	1,379,164
Cash at the end of the financial Year	3a	1,052,343	1,116,195

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2024**

1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

a) General Information

The financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared to satisfy the financial report preparation requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission Act 2012.

Law and Advocacy Centre for Women Limited is domiciled in Australia.

Reporting Basis and Conventions

The financial report is a special purpose report prepared in order to satisfy the financial report preparation requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012. The directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity, because there is unlikely to exist users of the financial report who are unable to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with AASB 101: 'Presentation of Financial Statements,' AASB 107: 'Statement of Cash Flows' and AASB 108: 'Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors,' and all other applicable Accounting Standards and all Australian Accounting Interpretations.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the revaluation of selected non-current assets, and financial assets and financial liabilities for which fair value basis of accounting has been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes continuity of the normal business activities of the company. The normal business activities of the company are dependent on continuing financial support through the receipt of grants from government bodies or corporations.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Company in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

b) Revenue

The Company has applied AASB 15: Revenue from Contracts with Customers (AASB 15).

Where the Company has a contract with a customer, the Company recognises revenue when or as it transfers control of goods or services to the customer. The Company accounts for an arrangement as a contract with a customer if the following criteria are met:

- the arrangement is enforceable; and
- the arrangement contains promises (that are also known as performance obligations) to transfer goods or services to the customer (or to other parties on behalf of the customer) that are sufficiently specific so that it can be determined when the performance obligation has been satisfied.

Grants are recognised on an accruals basis upon confirmation of grant entitlement. Grants received that relate to periods which straddle balance dates have been treated as grants received in advance and appear as other current liabilities in the statement of financial position.

Other Revenue is recognised when the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the entity and specific criteria relating to the type of revenue has been satisfied.

All revenue is recognised at the point of sale/service recognition, and is sourced in Australia.

There are no unsatisfied performance obligations.

**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2024**

1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

b) Revenue

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to financial assets.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and service tax (GST) except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office.

c) Income Tax

The Company's income is exempt from Income Tax under the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

d) Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand and deposits with banks. Cash and cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

e) Leases

The Company assesses at contract inception whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. That is, if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. AASB 16: Leases standards have not impacted financial information at reporting date.

f) New Accounting Standards for Application in Future Periods

There are no new Accounting Standards issued by the AASB that are not yet mandatory applicable to the Company, that are expected to have a significant impact on the Company when adopted in future periods.

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
2. Revenue		
Revenue from contracts with customers		
Fee Income	707,346	590,233
Grants - Government	932,435	814,401
Grants - Philanthropic	9,000	54,000
	1,648,781	1,458,634
Other Income		
Disbursements Claimed	99,120	72,131
Interest Received	15,249	10,118
Donations	77,075	147,963
Other Income	2,523	384
	193,967	230,596
Total Revenue	1,842,748	1,689,230

**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2024**

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

3a) Reconciliation of Cash	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:		
Cheque account	381,762	94,961
Savings account	670,581	1,021,234
	1,052,343	1,116,195
3b) Reconciliation of Net Cash provided by Operating Activities to Operating Profit / (Loss) after Income Tax		
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Profit / (Loss) for the year	(217,381)	(74,300)
<i>Non-cash flows in profit</i>		
Depreciation	2,633	2,626
<i>Changes in assets and liabilities</i>		
(Increase)/decrease in Trade Debtors and prepayments	221,514	16,394
Increase/(decrease) in Sundry Creditors and Other Payables	17,057	(89,241)
Increase/(decrease) in Grant Income in Advance	(65,722)	(121,369)
Increase/(decrease) in Employee Leave Provisions	(21,953)	2,921
Net cash generated by/ (used in) operating activities	(63,852)	(262,969)

Directors Declaration


As stated in Note 1 to the financial statements, in the Directors opinion, the Company is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial reports. This is a special purpose financial report that has been prepared to meet the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 requirements.

In the Directors opinion:

- (a) The financial statements and notes are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 including:
 - (i) Complying with Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements as detailed above, and the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Regulations 2013;
 - (ii) Giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June, 2024 and of its performance, as represented by the results of its operations, changes in equity and cash flows, for the financial year ended on that date: and
- (b) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.


This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.

Director



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Director



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Date:

23/10/2024
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Independent Audit Report To the Directors of Law and Advocacy Centre for Women Limited

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

Auditor's Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Law and Advocacy Centre for Women Limited, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Directors' Declaration.

In our opinion the financial report of Law and Advocacy Centre for Women Limited has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- a. giving a true and fair view of the entity's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1; and
- b. complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, 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 entity in accordance with the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 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 confirm that the independence declaration required by the Corporations Act 2001, which has been given to the directors of the Company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

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

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 company's financial reporting responsibilities under the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission Act 2012. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Director's Responsibility 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 and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the needs of the Directors. The Directors responsibility also includes such internal control as the Directors 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 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 responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the Directors.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.



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 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.

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Stannards Accountants and Advisors

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MBS'.

Michael B Shulman
Partner
Date: 23/10/2024