

Hunters Hill Congregational Community Church

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Church***

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Chairperson's Report

The year 2023 was markedly one of positive direction for the church and its members. After a challenging 22 which (hopefully) saw the back of the pandemic playing a disruptive part in our lives, Life Congregational Church made progress in virtually all its facets.

Church teaching focused on the Book of Revelation all throughout the year and came to a conclusion on the last Sunday of the year. It was a significant challenge for Alex and David Watkins as the teaching requires much research in order to be accessible to the regular layperson. The motivation for this was that events around the world- particularly following some of the recent draconian and autocratic actions taken by governments- point to fulfilment of end time prophecies in the Word of God. As a result, the idea was to prepare church for unavoidable trials in the near future as it faces increased opposition and gas lighting.

There were positive developments in the worship, the attendance numbers, water baptisms, and community events, as well as improvements to the historic church building. In fact, one of the few negatives was that our elder Steve James has been laid low by a chronic back issue which saw him miss church from April on. However, all other elements of church were characterised by growth and health. The most important element to point out is that of the quality of new attenders to church. We have seen people join us who are dedicated, generous and gifted. For that we are very thankful to God.

Trend Developments

The signs we saw by year's end of 2022- that of new people joining the church from the local area- continued in 2023. There have been people from Woolwich, East Ryde, Hunters Hill and Drummoyne begin to attend services regularly. Some of whom became church members during the year. This has been the continuation of a welcome trend. We also had new people coming from further out such as from Hills district and the Hurstville area.

Attendance, Membership, and Giving

The total attendance to services for 2023 was 1,877. Up 16% from last year. The average attendance figure was 36. In comparison, the average attendance to services for 2022 was 31 over 52 Sundays. Clearly, the signs of growth evident at the last quarter of 2022 a reality this year.

New members added to church roster during the year have been Michelle and Yan Choong , Danielle Playel, and Jordan Wong. Membership as of the end of December is 25.

The giving average in tithes and offering increased in 2023. The weekly giving target of \$1,800 was met with the average giving at year's end being \$2,050. This was up 32% from 2022.

Worship Team

Sunday services featured a worship team bolstered by new musicians and singers. This included new drummer Elliot Grancha, singer Bianca Watkins, and bassist/keyboardist Jordan Wong. Their addition to the regular team has strengthened and amplified the sound of church worship significantly.

A new electronic drum kit was purchased by the church and a bass guitar was brought out of storage for the use of the team.

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Water Baptisms

After a hiatus caused by Covid-19, we were able to hold water baptisms again in 2023. We found a great location at Angelo Street, Woolwich. The site had only recently been outfitted with a new concrete ramp which made wading into the water very convenient. Those baptised were three teen females Rachel Watkins, Lily Baines and Amelia Kasinathan.

Community Events

During the year, the church used the Sunroom Café to hold events that brought in members of the community. The events were an art and Pasta night which raised close to \$2,000 for the yearly Salvos Winter Appeal. A gifted painting by top local artist Ian Hansen was purchased by Hunters Hill mayor Zach Myles and fetched \$1,500 in the auction. A second painting by another local artist Robyn was gifted to the church to sell and raise funds for any project deemed worthy.

A joint event with Hunters Hill Primary filled our hall and featured music by the school band and a north shore jazz ensemble which featured our own John Kasinathan on trombone.

Children and Youth

In 2023, we asked Lena Kasinathan to head up a new Safe Church team to ensure our children are safe during church services. The Sunday School ministry was mainly overseen by Julie Grancha and Lena during the year but will require a dedicated leader in the coming year.

A youth outing was organised by Myles Grancha and was attended by non church young people. The outing was to the Top Ryde Bowling Centre and was well attended.

Supporting Ministries

Our commitment to make a difference overseas as well as locally continued in 2023. This resulted in assisting the work of a number of ministries.

Locally:

RHEMA- \$15,000 for work in the Riverside Girls and Hunters Hill High schools.

FCC- \$1,000 for support of Fellowship of Congregational Churches.

Pastor Ray Wadeley - \$1,055 for Voice of the Martyrs support.

Tearfund Australia - \$800 purchase of Useful Gifts for the Christmas Church Appeal.

Internationally:

Zambia Project- \$4,000 raised to assist congregation with their church building and added work to the church building.

Metamorphic Project - \$1,263 to Rajan Nagarkoti for church planning in Nepal.

In all, \$23,127 went to the support of ministries locally and internationally. Our aim is to improve on that in 2024.

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Chairperson's Report (cont.)

Chaplaincy and Schools Ministry

In 2023, Julie continued her ministry work in a variety of areas such as chaplain in the Sunroom, scripture teacher at Hunters Hill Primary, and leader of the Life Bible Study as well as Worship Leader for LCC. She also again volunteered at the Sunroom counter, and represented the church at Rhema and Combined Churches events.

Alejandro (Alex) Grancha
Pastor & Church Meeting Chairperson

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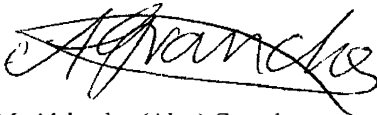
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Statement by the Leadership Team

1. In the opinion of the Leadership Team of Hunters Hill Congregational Community Church:
 - a. Has determined that Hunters Hill Congregational Community Church is a non-reporting entity and that the Annual Financial Report is a special purpose report; and
 - b. The Annual Financial Report and notes of Hunters Hill Congregational Community Church are in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012*, including:
 - i. Giving a true and fair view of its financial position as at 31 December 2023 and its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
 - ii. Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Regulations 2022*; and
 - c. There are reasonable grounds to believe that Hunters Hill Congregational Community Church will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Alejandro (Alex) Grancha
Church Meeting Chairperson
Hunters Hill Congregational Community Church

Dated at Hunters Hill, NSW

This the 24th day of Sept^r 2024

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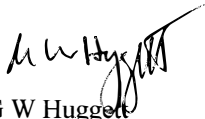
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Auditor's Independence Declaration

In accordance with requirements of Sec 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act), the Committee of the Hunters Hill Congregational Church:

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 December 2023 there have been;

- I. No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 in relation to the audit, and
- II. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Greg Huggett & Co
Chartered Accountant



G W Huggett
Registered Company Auditor 1828
7/83 Mulga Road, Oatley West NSW 2223

Dated this 2nd day of September 2024 at Oatley West

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Hunters Hill Congregational Community Church
Independent Audit Report to the Committee

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Hunters Hill Congregational Community Church (Registered entity) which comprises of Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows, Note 1 & 2 Accounting policies, Notes to Financial accounts and Statement by Committee.

In my opinion, the accompanying Financial Report of the Registered Entity is in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-For-Profit Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act), including;

- i. Giving a true and fair view of the Registered Entity's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and of its financial performance for the year then ended, and;
- ii. Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission Regulation 2022*.

Limitation of Scope

The Audit is confined to an examination of funds receipted by the Registered Entity. It is impractical for an Audit to cover all funds received by or in constructive Trust of the registered Entity until such times, as it is clearly reported. My Audit opinion is on this basis.

Basis of Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Financial Report section of the Report. I am independent of the Registered Entity in accordance with the Ethical Requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board APES 110; Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards) (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the Financial Report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Other Information other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

The Registered Entity is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises of information included in the Registered Entity's annual report for year ended 31 December 2023 but does not include the financial report and my auditor's report thereon.

My opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly, I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with my audit of the financial report, my responsibilities to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise, appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement in this other information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

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Independent Audit Report to the Committee (cont.)

Responsibility of the Committee for the Financial Report

The Committee of the Registered Entity is 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 entity determines 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 Committee is 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 entity either intends to liquidate or cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Committee is responsible for the financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report

My 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 my 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 this Financial Report.

Independence

I confirm that the Independence Declaration required by the *ACNC Act*, which has been given to the responsible entity will be the same terms if given to the responsible entity at the date of this auditor's report.

Report on Other Legal Regulatory Requirements

There are no known other legal and regulatory reporting requirements.



G W Huggett
Registered Company Auditor 1828
Greg Huggett & Co
Chartered Accountant
ABN: 33 155 958 377

7/83 Mulga Road, Oatley West NSW 2223

Dated this 25th day of September 2024 at Oatley West

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Income Statement for the year ending 31 December 2023

	Note	2023	2022
INCOME			
Donations		4,242	11,879
Government & Other Grants	13	10,000	2,445
Interest Income	12	1,857	106
Offerings		106,672	80,600
Church Hall Hire		21,609	21,024
Café Revenue		-	200,211
Counselling Services	4	43,430	27,945
Sundry Income	16	7,280	17,130
TOTAL INCOME		195,090	361,340
COST OF SALES			
Café Cost of Sales		-	85,320
GROSS PROFIT		195,090	276,020
EXPENSES			
Advertising		110	-
Bank Charges		120	120
Books & Subscriptions		1,264	682
Cleaning & Hygiene	5	9,000	4,720
Computer & Equipment Expenses		1,888	1,189
Depreciation		2,050	5,513
Electricity, Gas, Water & Rates		2,343	2,107
Insurance		10,892	10,521
Ministry Expenses		1,000	1,000
Mission & General Donations		23,127	16,200
Pastoral & Café Staff Expenses	10	94,624	199,127
Repairs & Maintenance	14	16,592	11,749
Sundry Expenses		1,529	5,305
Café Operation		-	6,445
TOTAL EXPENSES		164,539	264,678
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		30,551	11,342
NON-RECURRING INCOME			
Other Income		-	2,000
Other Expenses	17	15,281	10,021
TOTAL NON-RECURRING INCOME		(15,281)	(8,021)
TOTAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		15,270	3,321
Surplus/(Deficit) Brought Forward 1 January 2023		94,252	90,931
Retained Surplus/(Deficit)		109,522	94,252

To be read in conjunction with notes to the Financial Statements

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023	2022
FUNDS			
Retained Surplus/(Deficit)		109,522	94,252
		109,522	94,252
ASSETS			
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	11	15,190	70,630
Trade and other receivables	9	5,179	7,425
Financial Assets	12	80,000	-
Prepayments		7,582	8,951
		107,951	87,006
<u>NON CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Building Costs & Capital Improvements		-	-
Furniture & Fixtures, Plant & Equipment		68,550	138,443
Less Acc. Depreciation		(52,742)	(101,608)
	5	15,808	36,835
TOTAL ASSETS		123,759	123,841
LIABILITIES			
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
Trade and other Payables	15	2,755	6,170
Annual Leave Provision	1F	6,797	13,072
Other Payroll Payables		4,685	10,347
TOTAL LIABILITIES		14,237	29,589
NET ASSETS		109,522	94,252

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Statement of Cash Flow for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	2023	2022
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from Customers		181,475	385,774
Interest		1,857	106
Government and other Grants		-	
Payment to Employees		(100,868)	(192,470)
Payments to Suppliers		(56,762)	(185,915)
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities		25,702	7,495
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from Investments		-	-
Purchase Investments		(80,000)	-
Purchase Plant & Equipment		(1,142)	(14,393)
Construction Activities		-	-
Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities		(81,142)	(14,393)
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Financing Activity		-	-
Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities		-	-
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents		(55,440)	(6,898)
Cash & Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year		70,630	77,528
Cash & Cash Equivalents at End of Year	11	15,190	70,630

To be read in conjunction with notes to the Financial Statements

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***Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 December 2023***

Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Basis of Preparation

The (NSW) Hunters Hill Congregational Church Property Trust Act 2013 No 67 bestows the status of statutory corporation on the Hunters Hill Congregational Church Property Trust and recognises that at date of assent the Trust was made up of two congregations (Hunters Hill Congregational Community Church and Narellan Community Congregational Church) and one remaining ministry (Hunters Hill Congregational Church Retirement Village).

The attached financial statements of Hunters Hill Congregational Community Church (HHCCC) are a special purpose financial report as the entity is non-reporting and does not have to adhere to Australian Accounting Standards. The report is prepared for the requirements of the Church Meeting of HHCCC, as well as the board of Hunters Hill Congregational Church Property Trust (as described above). It has not been prepared for any other purposes, or with any other persons in mind.

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historical costs.

The accrual method of accounting has been adopted.

B. Depreciation

Although the Church's buildings are owned by the Hunters Hill Congregational Church Property Trust (HHCCPT), the Trust Rules accord HHCCPT's two congregations (including Hunters Hill Congregational Community Church) a beneficial interest in the properties used by the congregations. With respect to HHCCC, as at 31 December 2022 the congregational trust property included the heritage stone church building on the corner of Alexandra and Ferdinand Streets, Hunters Hill, as well as the adjacent Church Hall, Sun Room, toilets and store room.

In July 2014 HHCCPT acquired 18 Alexandra Street, Hunters Hill to serve as HHCCC's manse and the HHCCPT Board decided that this property be deemed congregational trust property held for the beneficial interest of HHCCC. At the same time the Board deemed the historic Manse at 1 Ferdinand Street Hunters Hill to be general trust property.

Fixtures, fittings, plant and equipment are subject to depreciation at rates between 7.5% and 45% per annum reducible balance.

Gains or losses arising on the disposal of property, plant and equipment are determined as the difference between the disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the assets and are recognised in profit or loss within other income or other expenses.

C. Superannuation

Superannuation has been paid in accordance with legal requirements.

D. Taxation

Hunters Hill Congregational Community Church is exempt from income tax.

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E. Investments

Investments are valued at cost for Balance Sheet purposes. Where the value of the investment is less than book value, then that investment is written down in the books of account.

F. Leave Provisions

The Annual Leave Provision is recognised as a current liability and Long Service Leave Provision is recognised after an employee has completed five (5) years of service.

G. Goods & Services Tax (GST)

Income, expenses and assets are recognised net of GST, except where GST is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In this circumstance GST is recognised as part of the cost of the asset or expense.

H. Income

Income from offerings, donations and the like is recognised when received.

Interest income is recognised when receivable.

All income is net of GST where applicable.

Note 2: Legal Status

The Hunters Hill Congregational Church Property Trust and its congregation, Hunters Hill Congregational Community Church, are recognised by the Hunters Hill Congregational Church Property Trust Act (NSW) 2013 No. 67.

Note 3: Segment/industry

HHCCC operates as a local church congregation in Hunters Hill, NSW.

Note 4: Counselling Services

Converge International is a corporate mental health care provider, for which Alex Grancha provides part-time services as Pastoral Counsellor. For convenience it was agreed that HHCCC would enter into the contract with Converge International (Reventure).

By way of remuneration, an additional allowance is included in the pastor's fortnightly pay for these counselling services. This allowance is currently \$49.20 per hour, being \$55.00 adjusted for workers compensation and super (refer Note 10.)

Note 5: Related Party Transactions

From 1 January 2023, HHCCPT took over from HHCCC the operational, managerial and financial responsibility of running the Sunroom café. To account for this, café related net fixed assets (\$15,117) and annual leave liability (\$4,853) were transferred resulting in a net contribution to HHCCPT of \$10,264 (refer Note 17).

From April 2023, cleaning services for HHCCC were provided by Brenda Grancha, the sister of the pastor. Previously the service was provided by Super Company Pty Ltd. Brenda's ABN registered entity invoiced a total of \$8,000 for the year ending 31 December 2023.

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Note 6: Commitments

As at 31 December 2023 the Church had no outstanding commitments.

Note 7: Contingencies

No significant contingent liabilities are known to exist at the date of this report.

Note 8: Events after Balance Sheet date

No after balance date events are known to have occurred at the date of this report.

Note 9: Trade and other Receivables

	2023	2022
Trade Debtors	5,179	7,425
GST Receivable	-	-
	<u>5,179</u>	<u>7,425</u>

Note 10: Pastoral & Café Staff Expenses

	2023	2022
HHCCC Pastoral Salary	40,598	50,765
Converge International Allowance	40,147	23,599
Café Staff Salary	3,800	102,995
Superannuation	9,238	17,902
Workers Compensation Insurance	841	3,866
	<u>94,624</u>	<u>199,127</u>

Note 11: Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2023	2022
ANZ Bank, Operating Account	15,190	27,225
ANZ Bank, Online Account (At Call)	-	40,089
Café Cash Float	-	135
Undeposited Funds	-	3,181
	<u>15,190</u>	<u>70,630</u>

Note 12: Financial Assets

The investment is with La Trobe Financial, in their Classic Notice Account. Interest income is based on a variable rate of return which is reviewed, calculated and received monthly. Access to funds is available 2 business days after redemption request.

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Note 13: Government & Other Grant Income

	2023	2022
Ministry Support (HHCCPT)	10,000	-
Grants – Other	-	2,445
	10,000	2,445

Note 14: Repairs & Maintenance

	2023	2022
Plumbing Repairs	210	300
Electrical Repairs	3,320	4,083
Building Repairs	12,752	3,840
Other Repairs & Maintenance	310	3,526
	16,592	11,749

Note 15: Trade and other Payables

	2023	2022
Trade Creditors	1,390	979
GST Payable	1,035	4,911
Accrued Expenses	-	-
Sundry Creditors	330	280
	2,755	6,170

Note 16: Sundry Income

	2023	2022
Mentoring Services - HHCCPT	7,280	16,520
Memorial Services	-	-
Other Sundry Income	-	610
	7,280	17,130

Note 17: Other Expenses

	2023	2022
Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	5,017	-
Contributions to HHCCPT	15,117	10,021
Contributions from HHCCPT	(4,853)	-
	15,281	10,021