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Annual financial report – 31 December 2019

Sydney Diocesan Services

Report by the Chief Executive Officer

For the year ended 31 December 2019

Under the Sydney Diocesan Services Ordinance 2017, SDS is to advance the purposes of the Anglican Church of Australia in the Diocese of Sydney through the regulation of the central administration of the affairs of the Diocese. We do this primarily by providing administrative, secretarial and accounting services to the Synod and its Standing Committee, other organisations of the Diocese and our parishes.

Our services are provided in accordance with service level standards agreed with each organisation. Feedback received during 2019 indicates a high level of satisfaction among the members of those organisations with the quality, timeliness, range, and cost effectiveness of our services. Feedback from our parishes during 2019 indicates a similarly high level of satisfaction.

Under our strategic plan for 2019-2021 our vision is "Enhancing capacity for mission". We expect to realise this vision through the achievement of the following 5 strategic objectives:

- To maintain Synod's support for SDS as its agent for the effective administration of the Diocese.
- To increase the use by central diocesan organisations of cost recovered services provided by SDS within our core competencies.
- To increase the effectiveness of the support given by SDS to parishes.
- To increase the involvement of the broader diocesan and affiliated network in activities of mutual benefit to the Synod, parishes and central diocesan organisations.
- To increase the culture of innovation among our staff.

Our vision and objectives are underpinned by 5 board approved organisational values: Respect, Innovate, Collaborate, Celebrate and Deliver.

During 2019, we completed a range of actions under our plan to make the strategic changes necessary to achieve our objectives. These included:

- (a) implementing an electronic document management system,
- (b) developing a secure online parish portal,
- (c) undertaking a gap analysis of the services we provide to organisations,
- (d) obtaining an external review to improve the quality of our agenda papers,
- (e) identifying the main administrative pain points experienced by parishes, and
- (f) implementing a range of initiatives to encourage staff to generate ideas for improving the services we provide.

We also engaged in a number of collaborative initiatives during 2019 under our strategic plan. These included developing an HR resource for parishes, increasing our support for the Anglican Church Growth Corporation, and establishing a new entity, SDS Legal, to deliver legal services to Anglican and affiliated bodies.

As at 31 December 2019, we were on track to achieve each of our strategic objectives.

SDS's main source of income is fees received from the central diocesan organisations we serve. In 2019 fees increased by 1.4%. In 2019 SDS produced a surplus of \$52,929 (2018 surplus \$160,374). From the surplus \$269,284 (2018: \$403,672) was applied to several reserves including a capital maintenance reserve and a reserve for premises fit out. After the transfer to reserves the deficit was \$216,355 (2018 deficit \$243,298) against a budgeted deficit of \$60,365. The variation is due to impairment of SDS's loan to SDS Legal Ltd (\$100,000) and implementation of AASB 16 *Leases* (\$45,000).

In September 2019, Mr John Pascoe was re-appointed as our Chair.

ROBERT WICKS
Chief Executive Officer
8 April 2020

Statement of comprehensive income For the year ended 31 December 2019

	Notes	2019 \$	2018 \$
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Revenue from continuing operations Management and service fees		6,679,208	6,588,617
Rental income		0,079,200	408,466
Interest		150,528	112,360
Other income		181,435	169,480
Total revenue from continuing operations	•	7,011,171	7,278,923
Expenses from continuing operations			
Interest and finance charges		99,654	14,201
Staff and related expenses		4,713,994	4,561,548
Professional fees		383,472	460,664
Rent and occupancy expenses		137,506	1,030,698
Office operating expenses		603,527	621,398
Depreciation and amortisation	7,8,9	557,782	213,916
Audit fees		38,928	39,484
Insurance expenses		99,217	102,687
Grants and donations		95,000	-
Impairment loss on loan to SDS Legal Ltd	6	100,000	-
Other expenses		129,162	73,953
Total expenses from continuing operations		6,958,242	7,118,549
Surplus for the year		52,929	160,374
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	:	52,929	160,374
Transfer from current year surplus			
Transfer (to) Capital maintenance reserve	15	(171,396)	(158,100)
Transfer (to) Premises fit out works reserve	15	(152,148)	(234,257)
Transfer (to) Sub-tenant leasing reserve	15	(11,628)	(11,315)
Transfer from Business development reserve	15	190,000	-
Transfer to Reception refurbishment reserve	15	(127,000)	-
Transfer from Information Communication and Technology (ICT)		2,888	-
projects reserve	15		
Net available surplus/(deficit) after transfer to reserves	:	(216,355)	(243,298)

The above statement of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of financial position As at 31 December 2019

	Notes	2019 \$	2018 \$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash	2	754,535	89,753
Short term investment	3	5,968,057	5,935,092
Receivables and other assets	4	385,266	368,804
Lease receivables	8 _	456,461	
Total current assets	_	7,564,319	6,393,649
Non-current assets			
Plant and equipment	7	457,984	626,103
Right-of-use assets	8	905,159	-
Lease receivables	8	718,990	-
Intangible assets - Software	9 _	253,858	8,550
Total non-current assets	_	2,335,991	634,653
Total assets	_	9,900,310	7,028,302
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities	40	000 707	400.054
Payables	10	328,727	432,954
Funds held in trust for client entities (Current accounts) Lease liabilities	11 8	1,570,733 765,635	782,777
Provisions	12	1,042,259	- 1,057,970
Total current liabilities	-	3,707,354	2,273,701
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Non-current liabilities	•	4 000 550	
Lease liabilities	8	1,360,553	- 206 005
Provisions Total non-current liabilities	13 _	410,878 1,771,431	386,005 386,005
Total liabilities	-	5,478,785	2,659,706
Total Habilities	_	5,476,765	2,059,700
Net assets	=	4,421,525	4,368,596
EQUITY			
Capital	14	2,062,105	2,062,105
Reserves	15	2,285,907	2,016,623
Accumulated surplus	=	73,513	289,868
Total equity	=	4,421,525	4,368,596

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

Statement of changes in equity For the year ended 31 December 2019

	Notes	Capital	Reserves	Accumulated Surplus	Total
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2018		2,062,105	1,612,951	533,166	4,208,222
Surplus for the year		-	-	160,374	160,374
Transfer to Capital maintenance reserve		-	158,100	(158,100)	-
Transfer to Premises fit out works reserve		-	234,257	(234,257)	-
Transfer to Sub-tenant leasing reserve		-	11,315	(11,315)	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	403,672	(243,298)	160,374
Transactions with beneficiaries		-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2018	-	2,062,105	2,016,623	289,868	4,368,596
Surplus for the year		_	_	52,929	52,929
Transfer to Capital maintenance reserve	15	_	171,396	(171,396)	-
Transfer to Premises fit out works reserve	15	_	152,148	(152,148)	-
Transfer to Sub-tenant leasing reserve	15	-	11,628	(11,628)	-
Transfer (from) Business development		-	(190,000)	190,000	-
reserve	15		,		
Transfer to Reception refurbishment reserve			127,000	(127,000)	-
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Transfer (from) ICT projects reserve	15	-	(2,888)	2,888	_
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	269,284	(216,355)	52,929
Transactions with beneficiaries		-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2019	_	2,062,105	2,285,907	73,513	4,421,525

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

Statement of cash flows For the year ended 31 December 2019

	Notes	2019 \$	2018 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Management and service fees received		6,591,485	6,586,169
Rent received		-	410,650
Interest received		115,835	109,290
Other income received		210,071	165,927
Borrowing costs paid		(10,019)	(9,641)
Payments to suppliers and employees		(6,270,730)	(6,728,623)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	_	636,642	533,772
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for plant and equipment	7	(30,966)	(233,142)
Payments for intangible assets - software	9	(264,570)	-
Net (increase) in short term investments with Diocesan Cash Investment Fund	4	(32,965)	(467,000)
Loan provided to SDS Legal Ltd	6	(100,000)	
Net cash inflow (outflow) from investing activities		(428,501)	(700,142)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Movement of net current accounts held with client funds (outflow) inflow	11	787,956	39,760
Payments of principal and interest elements of leases	8	(801,577)	-
Receipt of principal and interest elements of sub-leases	8	470,262	
Net cash (outflow) inflow from financing activities		456,641	39,760
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		664,782	(126,610)
Cash at the beginning of the year		89,753	216,363
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	2	754,535	89,753

The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

(a) Basis of preparation

In the opinion of the members of Sydney Diocesan Services (as appointed by the Standing Committee) ("SDS"), SDS is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on a general purpose financial report. These are special purpose financial statements that have been prepared for the purpose of complying with the *Sydney Diocesan Services Ordinance 2017*, and the *Accounts, Audits and Annual Statements Ordinance 1995* requirements to prepare and distribute financial statements to the members of the Standing Committee of the Synod of the Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney and to the members of Sydney Diocesan Services (as appointed by the Standing Committee) and must not be used for any other purpose.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles of Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

The members of Sydney Diocesan Services (as appointed by the Standing Committee) have determined that the accounting policies adopted are appropriate to meet the needs of the members of the Standing Committee of the Synod of the Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney and the members of Sydney Diocesan Services (as appointed by the Standing Committee). The financial statements contain only those disclosures considered necessary by the members of Sydney Diocesan Services (as appointed by the Standing Committee) to meet the needs of the above named specified users.

SDS is a not-for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing financial statements.

New and amended accounting standards adopted by SDS

SDS has applied the following standards and amendments for the first time for the annual reporting period commencing 1 January 2019.

- AASB 15 Revenue
- AASB 16 Leases

SDS had to change its accounting policy as a result of adopting AASB 16. SDS elected to adopt the modified retrospective approach with the cumulative effect of initially applying the Standard recognised at the date of the initial application, 1 January 2019. SDS has elected to apply AASB 16 C5(b) to recognise a right-of-use asset at the date of the initial application of the standard as at 1 January 201page 9 for those leases previously classified as an operating lease under AASB 117. SDS has elected to apply AASB 16 C8(b)(ii) to measure the right-of-use asset at an amount equal to the lease liability.

Historical cost convention

The financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis.

Critical accounting estimates and judgments

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying SDS's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in note 21.

(b) Principles of consolidation

SDS does not have any controlled entities.

Associates are all entities over which SDS has significant influence but not control or joint control.

SDS is a member of SCEGGS Darlinghurst Ltd, SCECGS Redlands Ltd, and SDS Legal Ltd, all companies limited by guarantee. In respect to the schools SDS has particular powers which may be called upon in the case of a ballot which allows it to cast votes equal in number to one half of all the votes cast in the ballot (excluding the vote of SDS). In a vote on an ordinary resolution not involving a ballot, SDS has 1 vote, the same as other members. The quorum at general meetings is 15 members for SCECGS Redlands Ltd and 20 members for SCEGGS Darlinghurst Ltd. SDS has the right to appoint 4 directors to each company. At present SDS directors are 4 of 12 in each case.

While SDS has potential for significant influence in the policies of SCEGGS Darlinghurst Ltd and SCECGS Redlands Ltd, it does not have control as SDS has no expectation of obtaining a benefit from its association with these companies as all income and property must be applied towards the promotion of the objects of the companies, even in winding up of the companies. Therefore SDS is not required to consolidate their financial statements. No related party disclosures are required as there is no transfer of resources, services or obligations between SDS and these schools.

In respect to SDS Legal Ltd, SDS is the sole member. While SDS has potential for significant influence in the policies of SDS Legal Ltd it does not have control as SDS does not have the power over SDS Legal Ltd to affect the amount of SDS's returns.

(c) Revenue recognition

SDS has adopted AASB 15 Revenue from contracts with customers and have elected the modified retrospective approach. There was no material measurement adjustments on the transition to the new revenue standard to be reflected through opening retained earnings.

Under AASB 15, a five step model is used to account for revenue arising from contracts with customers. Revenue is recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which SDS expects to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to a customer.

A performance obligation is a promise in a contract with a customer to transfer a distinct good or service to the customer. The contracts with customers contain a single performance obligation. A contract's transaction price is allocated to each distinct performance obligation and recognised as revenue when, or as, the performance obligation is satisfied.

Disposal of plant and equipment

Income from the disposal of plant and equipment is measured at fair value of the consideration received or receivable less the carrying value of the fixed asset or group of assets sold. Gain or loss arising from the sale is recognised at net amount in the statement of comprehensive income.

Interest income

Interest income is recognised on a time proportion basis using the effective interest method. When a receivable is impaired, the entity reduces the carrying amount to its recoverable amount.

(d) Impairment of assets

Assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

(e) Cash and cash equivalents, and restricted cash

For cash flow statement presentation purposes, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

Restricted cash and cash equivalent amounts are disclosed in Note 2 which represents funds held in trust by SDS through the operation of current accounts for its client entities, the liability for which is disclosed in Note 11.

(f) Financial assets

(i) Classification

SDS has classified financial assets based on the SDS's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets.

Based on the above, SDS has classified its financial assets in the amortised cost measurement category.

SDS reclassifies financial assets when and only when its business model for managing those assets changes.

(ii) Recognition/de-recognition

Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on trade date, being the date on which SDS commits to purchase or sell the asset. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or have been transferred and the group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

(iii) Measurement

At initial recognition, SDS measures a financial asset at its fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset.

(iv) Impairment

SDS assesses on a forward-looking basis any expected credit losses associated with its debt instruments carried at amortised cost. The impairment methodology that would be applied depends on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk.

(g) Short term investments

Short term investments represents financial assets at amortised costs. SDS's investments in the Diocesan Cash Investment Fund (DCIF) are financial assets. The purpose of these investments is to collect contractual cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest. They are measured at amortised cost.

At initial recognition, SDS measures these financial assets at their fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial assets.

Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on trade date, being the date on which SDS commits to purchase or sell the asset. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or have been transferred and SDS has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

Interest income from these financial assets is included in finance income using the effective interest rate method. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition is recognised directly in profit or loss.

(h) Impairment of financial assets

The entity has two types of financial assets that are subject to the expected credit loss model:

- receivables from related entities from the provision of services
- financial assets carried at amortised cost, and

While cash and cash equivalents are also subject to the impairment requirements of AASB 9, the identified impairment loss was immaterial.

SDS applies the AASB 9 simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance for all trade receivables.

SDS assesses on a forward-looking basis the expected credit losses associated with its financial assets carried at amortised cost. The impairment methodology applied depends on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk. Financial assets at amortised cost are considered to have low credit risk, and the identified impairment loss was immaterial. SDS considers the financial assets are 'low credit risk' because of a low risk of default and the issuer has a strong capacity to meet its contractual cash flow obligations in the near term.

(i) Receivables and other assets

Receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, less provision for doubtful debts. Receivables are due for settlement no more than 30 days from the date of recognition.

Collectability of receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts, which are known to be uncollectible, are written off. A provision for doubtful receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the entity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables. The amount of the provision is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

(j) Loan

SDS has provided an interest-free, subordinated, unsecured loan to SDS Legal. The loan is not covered by a guarantee. No term has been set for repayment of the loan. A gain or loss on the loan that is subsequently measured at fair value through profit and loss is recognised in profit or loss as and presented with income(losses) in the period in which it arises.

(k) Leases

As explained in note 1 above, SDS has changed its accounting policy for leases where SDS is the lessee and lessor. The new policy is described in note 8 and the impact of the change in note 22.

SDS as a lessee

SDS did not have any finance lease till the date of transition. Leases in which a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership were not transferred to SDS as lessee were classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) were charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

SDS as a lessor

Until 31 December 2018, lease income from operating leases where SDS is a lessor is recognised in income on a straight-line basis over the lease term (note 8). Initial direct costs incurred in obtaining an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the underlying asset and recognised as expense over the lease term on the same basis as lease income. The respective leased assets are included in the balance sheet based on their nature.

As lessor, SDS was not required to make any adjustments on transition to AASB 16 for leases in which it acts as a lessor, except for sub-leases. SDS accounted for its leases in accordance with AASB 16 from the date of initial application, 1 January 2019.

Under AASB 16, SDS is required to assess the classification of a sub-lease with reference to the right-of-use asset, not the underlying asset. On transition, SDS reassessed the classification of sub-lease contracts previously classified as an operating lease under AASB 117. SDS concluded that the sub-leases were finance leases under AASB 16.

(I) Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less depreciation. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate their cost or revalued amounts, net of their residual values, over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Furniture and effects 10 years
Office equipment 5 years

Computer hardware 2.5 years to 5 years

Motor Vehicles 5 years.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each end of the reporting period.

(m) Intangible assets

Costs incurred in acquiring software that will contribute to future period financial benefits through revenue generation and/or cost reduction are capitalised to software.

SDS amortises intangible assets – software using the straight-line method over its estimated useful life, as follows:

Software 3 years to 5 years.

(n) Acquisitions of assets

The purchase method of accounting is used to account for all acquisitions of assets regardless of whether equity instruments or other assets are acquired. Cost is measured as the fair value of the assets given, shares issued or liabilities incurred or assumed at the date of exchange plus costs directly attributable to the acquisition.

(o) Payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided prior to the end of financial year, which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

(p) Current account held for client entities

Cash held by SDS in trust for client entities are carried at their principal amounts.

(q) Provisions

Provisions for make good obligations and termination benefits are recognised when there is a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events; it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and the amount has been reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

Provisions are measured at the present value of management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the end of the reporting period. The discount rate used to determine the present value reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability.

(r) Employee benefits

(i) Wages, salaries, annual leave and personal leave

Liabilities for wages and salaries including non-monetary benefits and annual leave expected to be settled within 12 months of the end of each reporting period are recognised either in payables or current provisions in respect of employees' services up to the end of each reporting period and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

No liability has been recognised for personal leave, it is not considered that any personal leave taken will incur additional costs.

(ii) Long service leave

The liability for long service leave is recognised in the provision for long service leave entitlements and measured at the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the end of each reporting period. Consideration is given to the expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using the Reserve Bank of Australia cash rate at the end of each reporting period for a term that matches estimated future cash outflows.

Employee benefit on-costs are recognised and included in employee benefit liabilities and costs when the employee benefits to which they relate are recognised as liabilities.

The obligations are presented as current liabilities in the balance sheet where SDS does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting period, regardless of when the actual settlement is expected to occur.

(s) Capital

Represents the original capital contributed to SDS. Capital has been contributed by the Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Sydney. SDS's governing ordinance grants no rights or preferences in relation to the capital, and places no restrictions on the use of the capital in pursuing SDS's objectives and providing benefits to the Synod's stakeholders.

(t) Reserves

Appropriate reserves are created to enable SDS to meet projected future major expenditure without significant dissipation of working capital or requiring SDS to borrow significant sums to fund that expenditure.

(u) Income tax

SDS is exempt from income tax under Section 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

(v) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

SDS is the representative member of the SDS GST group.

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). In these circumstances, it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

The GST components of cash flows arising from operating, investing or financing activities, which are recoverable from, or payable to the ATO, are presented as operating cash flow.

Current assets – Cash and cash equivalents, and restricted cash

		2019	2018
	Note	\$	\$
Cash at bank - Westpac Banking Corporation		752,935	88,153
Cash in hand		1,600	1,600
Balances per statement of cash flows	_	754,535	89,753

SDS provides administrative, secretariat and accounting services to a range of organisations. As part of these services, SDS holds cash, in trust, on behalf of its client entities, and these funds are pooled with SDS's own funds in accounts with an authorised deposit-taking institution or the Diocesan Cash Investment Fund, for administrative efficiency. SDS controls the funds, and has the ability to invest the funds at its discretion to earn interest income. SDS also bears any related credit risk in case of bankruptcy of an institution. As a result, of these matters SDS has determined that these balances should be reported as financial assets of SDS. However, clients are entitled to the full amount of any cash deposited in the event of insolvency and SDS has also considered that these balances represent in effect a restricted cash balance.

Amounts held for clients are credited into separate liability accounts and recognised as interest bearing liabilities (refer Note 11). SDS has a contractual obligation towards the clients in the event of bankruptcy of a financial institution or its insolvency.

Cash includes a restricted cash and cash equivalent amount of \$1,570,733 (2018: \$782,777), which represents funds held in trust through the operation of current accounts by SDS's client entities as noted above. SDS has considered that this balance remains available for use in the short term. Restricted cash is largely invested in the Diocesan Cash Investment Fund.

3. Current assets - Short term investments

		2019	2018
	Note	\$	\$
Diocesan Cash Investment Fund		5,968,057	5,935,092

Short term investments include financial assets at amortised cost and include unsecured advances/investments with the Diocesan Cash Investment Fund (DCIF). The investments with DCIF are separate from those made by any other lender and makes SDS an unsecured creditor of DCIF. Investments are repayable on request by SDS in accordance with the conditions set out in the Loan Agreement between SDS and the DCIF.

The DCIF has adopted an Investment Policy Statement which stipulates the permitted asset classes and strategic asset allocation for the investments of the DCIF. These include at-call accounts, cash accounts, and term deposits. These investments can also be made through authorised managed fund investments to the extent that they are made in the above assets categories. The assets in which the authorised managed fund has invested in are stipulated in the investment strategy and asset allocation policy of the fund. It includes at-call balance and term deposits with a maximum duration of 12 months per deposit and an expected portfolio average duration of three to six months to maturity at any point in time.

4. Current assets - Receivables and other assets

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Accounts receivable	23,471	52,622
Provision for impairment of receivables (note (a))	-	-
Prepayments - other	63,439	87,411
Receivable from related entities	209,896	120,990
Other receivables	88,460	107,781
	385,266	368,804

(a) Bad and doubtful receivables

Receivables and debtors have been reviewed and none are considered doubtful. Therefore no provision has been raised for doubtful receivables.

5. Non-current assets – Lease incentive and straight lined lease assets

	2019 \$	2018 \$
Rent-free period lease incentive Less: Amortisation of straight lined lease incentive	25,039 (25,039)	25,039 (25,039)
Straight lined lease rental Lease incentive and straight lined lease assets		<u>-</u>
Movement		
At beginning of the year	-	2,183
Movement in lease incentives capitalised Movement in lease rentals capitalised	-	(835) (1,348)
At end of the year	<u> </u>	(1,540)

The rent-free lease incentive was amortised over the life of the sub-lease which terminated in February 2018.

6. Non-current assets - Loan

	2019 \$	2018 \$
Non-recourse loan to SDS Legal Ltd		_
Movement		
At beginning of the year	-	-
Loan to SDS Legal Ltd Impairment of loan to SDS Legal Ltd	100,000 (100,000)	<u>-</u>
At end of the year		

7. Non-current assets – Plant and equipment

	2019 \$	2018 \$
Furnishings and effects - at cost	628,486	1,149,467
Disposals/write-off	-	(520,981)
Furnishings and effects	628,486	628,486
Less: Provision for depreciation	(508,825)	(462,243)
	119,661	166,243
Office equipment - at cost	271,486	358,082
Disposals/write-off	-	(86,596)
Office equipment	271,486	271,486
Less: Provision for depreciation	(205,181)	(156,726)
	66,305	114,760
Computer hardware - at cost	364,638	328,969
Additions	34,751	229,357
Disposals/write-off	(29,506)	(193,688)
Computer hardware - at cost	369,882	364,638
Less: Provision for depreciation	(194,181)	(153,865)
	175,701	210,773
Leasehold Improvements - Make Good - at cost	307,447	307,447
Less: Provision for depreciation	(211,130)	(176,905)
	96,317	130,542
Motor vehicle - at cost	21,342	21,342
Less: Provision for depreciation	(21,342)	(21,342)
	-	
Expenditure recognised in relation to computer hardware which is in the course of construction	-	3,785
Total plant and equipment	457,984	626,103

7. Non-current assets - Plant and equipment (cont.)

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Opening balance at beginning of year	626,103	600,842
Additions	34,751	229,357
Work in progress changes during the year	(3,785)	3,785
Depreciation - plant and equipment	(199,085)	(207,881)
Closing balance at end of year	457,984	626,103

8. Leases

SDS holds office property leases on Level 2 St Andrew's House. Rental contracts are for a fifteen year period.

Within the 2018 financial year leases of office accommodation were classified as operating leases and their costs recognised as Rent and occupancy expenses. From 1 January 2019, leases are recognised as a right-of-use asset and a corresponding liability.

Assets and liabilities arising from office property leases are initially measured on a present value basis. Lease liabilities include the net present value of the fixed payment included in the lease contracts.

The lease payments are discounted using an incremental borrowing rate, being the rate that SDS would have to pay to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of similar value to the right-of-use asset in a similar economic environment with similar terms, security and conditions. The incremental borrowing rate used for the initial application is 3.37%.

Lease payments are allocated between principal and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to profit or loss over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period.

Right-of-use assets are measured at cost comprising the amount of the initial measurement of the lease liability.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated over the remaining lease term on a straight-line basis.

Payments associated with short-term leases and leases of low-value are recognised on a straight-line basis as an expense in profit or loss.

Extension and terminations options

There are no extension options available under the current leases.

Amortisation

The Right-of-use asset is amortised over the remaining life of the underlying lease. The lease termination date is in August 2022.

8. Leases (cont.)

SDS as a lessee

		1 January
(i) Amounts recognised in the balance sheet	2019	2019*
Right-of-use assets	\$	\$
Office property leases	905,159	1,244,594

^{*}In the previous year SDS had no leases that were classified as 'finance lease' under AASB 117 Leases, so no adjustments were necessary in relation to recognised lease assets or lease liabilities.

	2019	1 January 2019*
Lease liabilities	\$	\$
Current	765,635	716,686
Non-current	1,360,553	2,126,188
	2,126,188	2,842,874

There were no additions to the right-of-use assets during the 2019 financial year.

(ii) Amounts recognised in the statement of profit or loss	2019 \$	2018 \$
Depreciation charge of right-of-use assets	339,435	-
Interest expense (included in interest and finance charges)	84,891	-
Expense related to short-term leases (included in rent and occupancy expense)	23,103	-
Expense related to leases of low-value assets that are not shown above as short -term leases (included in rent and occupancy expense)	12,245	-

8. Leases (cont.)

SDS as a lessor

		1 January
(iii) Amounts recognised in the balance sheet	2019	2019*
Sub-lease lease receivable	\$	\$
Office property sub-leases	1,175,451	1,598,280

^{*}In the previous year SDS had no leases that were classified as 'finance lease' under AASB 117 *Leases*, so no adjustments were necessary in relation to recognised lease receivable or lease liabilities.

	2019	1 January 2019*
Sub-lease lease receivable	\$	\$
Current	456,461	293,857
Non-current	718,990	1,304,423
	1,175,451	1,598,280

There were no additions to the Lease receivables assets during the 2019 financial year.

(iv) Amounts recognised in the statement of profit or loss	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Interest income (included in interest)	47,433	-

9. Non-current assets - Intangible assets - Software

	2019 \$	2018 \$
Intangible assets - Software - at cost	18,105	18,105
Additions	264,570	
Intangible assets - Software	282,677	18,105
Less: Provision for amortisation	(28,819)	(9,555)
Total intangible assets - Software - at cost	253,858	8,550

Reconciliation of the carrying amount of intangible assets at the beginning and end of the current year is set out below:

	2019 \$	2018 \$
Opening balance at beginning of year	8,550	14,585
Additions	264,570	-
Amortisation - intangible assets	(19,262)	(6,035)
Closing balance at end of year	253,858	8,550

10. Current liabilities - Payables

	2019 2018	
	\$	\$
Accrued expenses	92,084	198,760
Other payables	236,643	234,194
	328,727	432,954

11. Current liabilities - Current accounts

		2019	2018
Funds held in trust for client entities (Current			
accounts)	Note	\$	\$
Current accounts held for Client entities (other related parties) (a)	2 _	1,570,733	782,777
Movement			
Current account balances at start of year		782,777	743,017
Net (decrease) increase in current account liability		787,956	39,760
Current account balances at end of year	_	1,570,733	782,777

- (a) Current account balances are at call. Interest is no longer paid on positive balances.(2018: 0.01%). Interest is also no longer charged on overdrawn client fund balances (2018: 7.75%).
- (b) Restricted cash and cash equivalents.

Refer Note 2 for disclosure related to the cash held by SDS on behalf of its client entities.

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12. Current liabilities - Provisions

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Annual leave entitlements	303,069	290,657
Long service leave entitlements (a)	739,190	734,698
Restructuring costs (b)	<u> </u>	32,615
	1,042,259	1,057,970

(a) Amounts not expected to be settled within the next 12 months

The current provision for long service leave covers all unconditional entitlements where employees have completed the required period of service and also those where employees are entitled to pro-rata payments in certain circumstances. The current amount of the provision of \$739,190 (2018: \$734,698) is presented as current, since SDS does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for any of these obligations. However, based on past experience, SDS does not expect all employees to take the full amount of accrued long service leave or require payment within the next 12 months. The following amounts reflect long service leave that is not expected to be taken or paid within the next 12 months.

	2019	2018
Current long service leave obligations expected to be		
settled after 12 months	\$	\$
Long service leave entitlements	675,542	683,451

(b) Restructuring costs

Provision for termination benefits payable to non-voluntarily retrenched staff.

Restructuring costs	2019	2018
Movement in current provision	\$	\$
Carrying amount at start of year	32,615	33,231
Charged/(credited) to the income statement		
- additional provisions recognised	-	32,615
Amounts used during the year	(32,615)	(33,231)
Carrying amount at end of year	<u> </u>	32,615

13. Non-current liabilities - Provisions

	2019 \$	2018 \$
Long service leave entitlements Obligations upon termination of leases - Make Good costs (a)	61,837 349,041	41,708 344,297
	410,878	386,005

(a) Obligations upon termination of leases – make good costs

Provision to meet future expenditure required under the leases for part of level 2 of St Andrew's House to make good at the end of the leases.

(b) Movement in provision

Movements in each class of provision during the year, other than employee benefits, are set out below -

Make Good Costs	2019	2018
Movement in non-current provision	\$	\$
Carrying amount at start of year	344,297	339,737
Charged/(credited) to the income statement		
- unwind discount	4,744	4,560
Carrying amount at end of year	349,041	344,297

14. Equity - Capital

	2019 \$	2018 \$
Contributed capital	2,062,105	2,062,105

15. Equity - Reserves

	2019 \$	2018 \$
Capital maintenance reserve (i)	764,564	593,168
Premises fit out works reserve (ii)	1,213,005	1,060,857
Business development reserve (iii)	-	190,000
ICT projects reserve (iv)	115,395	118,283
Sub-tenant leasing reserve (v)	65,943	54,315
Reception refurbishment Level 2 St Andrew's House (vi)	127,000	
	2,285,907	2,016,623

	Capital maint- enance reserve	Premises fit out works reserve	Business develop- ment reserve		Sub-tenant leasing reserve	Reception refurbish- ment reserve	Total
Movement in reserves	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Carrying amount at start of year	593,168	1,060,857	190,000	118,283	54,315	-	2,016,623
Transfer from current year surplus - unused amount reversed	171,396	152,148	-	-	11,628	127,000	462,172 -
Amounts used during the year		-	(190,000)	(2,888)	-	-	(192,888)
Carrying amount at end of year	764,564	1,213,005	-	115,395	65,943	127,000	2,285,907

Nature and purpose of reserves

(i) Capital maintenance reserve

The capital maintenance reserve is used to ensure sufficient capital is generated and maintained by SDS operations. Amounts will be transferred to the reserve to maintain the real value of the contributed capital and accumulated surplus. Balances may be transferred to accumulated surplus at times when major expenditure is incurred for activities outside of the Service Level Agreements held with SDS clients, i.e. not recouped through the SDS management fees.

(ii) Premises fit out works reserve

The Premises fit out works reserve is used to generate sufficient working capital for the likely need for SDS to undertake significant fit out works in its premises at the time of entering into new leases/premises. The cumulative balance will be cleared to accumulated surplus once the current leases reach the end of the lease terms, and the present or new premises are refurbished/fitted out. The current lease has a termination date in August 2022.

(iii) Business development reserve

The Business development reserve has been used to support a number of strategic initiatives identified since the 2016 SDS Budget paper. These expenditures have not been allocated to clients in setting SDS fees. Balances have be transferred back to accumulated surplus as considerable progress has been made on the current strategic initiatives.

15. Equity - Reserves (cont.)

(iv) ICT projects reserve

The ICT projects reserve will be used to support expenditure on ICT projects during 2020 which will represent the replacement and upgrade of SDS's existing technology and communication infrastructure. Balances may be transferred back to accumulated surplus at times when the ICT projects have been completed.

(v) Sub-tenant leasing reserve

The Sub-tenant leasing reserve will be used to diminish any shortfall in sub-tenancy income while SDS is occupying excess office space in St Andrew's House.

(vi) Reception refurbishment Level 2 St Andrew's House reserve

The Reception refurbishment Level 2 St Andrew's House reserve will be used to support expenditure on the SDS Reception and associated meeting rooms during 2020. The project will provide additional meeting space and an upgrade of meeting room air conditioning. Balances may be transferred back to accumulated surplus at times when the refurbishment projects have been completed.

16. Commitments and lease information

Under AASB 16 Leases, SDS's lease liabilities are shown in the Statement of Financial Position, refer Note 8.

(i) Non-cancellable operating leases: SDS as lessee	2019	2018
Lease commitments: SDS as lessee	\$	\$
Commitments for minimum lease payments in relation to		
non-cancellable operating leases are payable as follows:		
Within one year	_	841,181
Later than one year but not later than five years	_	2,203,638
	-	3,044,819
Lease commitments: SDS as lessor		
Sub-lease payments		
Future minimum lease payments expected to be received in		
relation to cancellable sub-leases of operating leases		
Within one year	-	470,262
Later than one year but not later than five years	-	1,227,056
	-	1,697,318
(ii) Cancellable service contracts		
Commitments for minimum payments in relation to		
cancellable service contracts are payable as follows:		
Within one year	328,339	312,346
Later than one year but not later than five years	1,200	1,800
	329,539	314,146

(i) Non-cancellable operating leases

SDS leases various suites within St Andrew's House under non-cancellable operating leases expiring within three years. The leases have varying terms. Each lease is subject to an annual rent escalation of 3% on the anniversary of the lease commencement date. On renewal terms of the leases are renegotiated. Excess office space is sub-let to third parties also under non-cancellable operating leases.

(ii) Cancellable service contracts

SDS has service contracts for the provision of software and hardware maintenance that are not recognised as liabilities.

17. Investments in associates

SDS is a member of SCEGGS Darlinghurst Ltd and SCECGS Redlands Ltd and SDS Legal Ltd, all companies limited by guarantee. In respect of the schools, SDS has particular powers which may be called upon in the case of a ballot which allows it to cast votes equal in number to one half of all the votes cast in the ballot (excluding the vote of SDS). In a vote on an ordinary resolution not involving a ballot, SDS has 1 vote, the same as other members. The quorum at general meetings is 15 members for SCECGS Redlands Ltd and 20 members for SCEGGS Darlinghurst Ltd. SDS has the right to appoint 4 directors to each company. At present SDS directors are 4 of 12 in each case.

SDS does not have control of the companies as its voting power does not allow it to govern the financial and operating policies so as to obtain benefit from their activities. As a result the companies are regarded as associates of SDS and not subsidiaries.

No financial information of the companies is disclosed as all are limited by guarantee and SDS has not contributed any capital. In addition, in respect of the schools, SDS has no expectation of ever receiving any financial benefit from the schools as by their nature no dividends are paid and the winding up clauses in their constitutions require any surplus on winding up to be paid to an Anglican school in the Diocese.

18. Contingent liabilities

Contingent liabilities in respect to the membership of the schools SCEGGS Darlinghurst Ltd and SCECGS Redlands Ltd are limited in their constitutions to the guarantees of \$1 and \$10 respectively.

Contingent liability in respect to the membership of SDS Legal Ltd is limited in its constitution to the guarantee of \$10.

19. Overdraft facility

A Guarantee has been given to Westpac Banking Corporation by Glebe Administration Board as trustee for the Diocesan Endowment for overdraft accommodation up to \$1,200,000 granted to SDS.

Financing arrangements

SDS had access to the following undrawn borrowing facility at the end of each reporting period:

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Undrawn overdraft facility with Westpac Banking Corporation	1,200,000	1,200,000

At balance date SDS made available an overdraft facility with a limit of \$1,000,000 to the Glebe Administration Board as trustee for the Diocesan Endowment through its current account with SDS.

20. Related party transactions

Ultimate control vests with Synod through the sanctioning of governing Ordinances. The transactions with other related parties, the Synod and the Standing Committee and many other diocesan organisations, are carried out on a commercial basis.

Due to similar membership of the boards during 2018 of the Glebe Administration Board ("GAB") and SDS, SDS is a related party of GAB and entities for which GAB is trustee.

SDS Legal Ltd is a related party of SDS due to shared senior staff and board members. SDS provided a loan of \$100,000 to SDS Ltd, which has been subsequently impaired.

Statement of comprehensive income

SDS operates as the central administrative body of the Diocese, and is the employer of staff and responsible for providing secretarial and office support for the Archbishop, Registrar and other Diocesan funds. SDS's activities involve extensive related party transactions. SDS's revenues from management and service fees and grants are wholly derived from related parties. Revenues from interest and other income are mainly derived from related parties. Expenses mainly attributable to related parties are interest and finance charges, rent and insurance expenses.

SDS paid the St Andrew's House Trust \$821,920 for office rent, (2018: Office rent \$798,550).

Statement of financial position

SDS's net assets also contain outstanding balances with related parties. Included in the assets of SDS are cash investments with Diocesan Cash Investment Fund, related through a director in common, and some receivables. SDS provides a cash investment service via "current accounts" with its client funds. These related party outstanding balances are shown as interest bearing liabilities.

Key management personnel

(a) Members

Mr P Evans (resigned 21 September 2019)

Mr B Meikle

Ms L Hackett

Mr J Pascoe

Mr G Hammond OAM

Bishop M Stead

Ms R Hobbs OAM The Rev L Strachan (appointed 15 April 2019)

Mr N Lee Ms J Yorath

(b) Other key management personnel

The following persons also had authority and responsibility for the strategic direction and management of SDS during the year:

Name Position

Mr R Wicks Chief Executive Officer
Mr M A Blaxland Chief Financial Officer

20. Related party transactions (cont.)

(c) Key management personnel compensation

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Short-term employee benefits	560,001	563,000
Long-term employee benefits	9,486	9,300
	569,487	572,300

21. Critical accounting estimates and judgments

Significant estimates and judgments

Estimation uncertainties and judgments made in relation to lease accounting

Calculation of the right-of-use asset and associated lease liability of operating leases are subject to estimation of uncertain future events. These estimates involve assumptions about such items as the incremental borrowing rate used to discount lease payments and sub-lease receipts.

Estimation of provision for long service leave

Long-term employee benefit liabilities such as long service leave provisions are subject to estimation of uncertain future events. These estimates involve assumptions about such items as discount rates used, future changes in salaries, and individual employee's pattern of use of long service leave.

Cash held in Trust and cash flow statement

SDS holds cash in trust on behalf of its client entities. SDS has used judgment to determine that it controls the funds, and has the ability to invest the funds at its discretion to earn interest income. SDS also bears any related credit risk in case of bankruptcy of an institution. As a result, of these matters SDS has determined that these balances should be reported as financial assets and financial liabilities of SDS.

SDS has also considered that this cash balance remains available for use in the short term, albeit with some restrictions, and hence this balance is still classified as cash and cash equivalents for the purpose of the statement of cash flows.

22. Changes in accounting policies

This note explains the impact of the adoption of AASB 16 Leases on SDS's financial statements.

As indicated in note 1 above, SDS has adopted AASB 16 *Leases* retrospectively from 1 January 2019, but has not restated comparatives for the 2018 reporting period, as permitted under the specific transition provisions in the standard. The reclassifications and the adjustments arising from the new leasing standards are therefore recognised in the opening balance sheet on 1 January 2019. The new accounting policies are disclosed in note 8.

On adoption of AASB 16, SDS recognised lease liabilities in relation to leases which had previously been classified as 'operating leases' under the principles of AASB 117 *Leases*. These liabilities were measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments, discounted using the lessee's incremental borrowing rate as of 1 January 2019. The weighted average lessee's incremental borrowing rate applied to the lease liabilities on 1 January 2019 was 3.37%.

For leases previously classified as finance leases the entity recognised the carrying amount of the lease asset and lease liability immediately before transition as the carrying amount of the right of use asset and the lease liability at the date of initial application. The measurement principles of AASB 16 are only applied after that date.

(i) Practical expedients applied

In applying AASB 16 for the first time, SDS has used the following practical expedients permitted by the standard:

- applying a single discount rate to a portfolio of leases with reasonably similar characteristics
- relying on previous assessments on whether leases are onerous as an alternative to performing an impairment review – there were no onerous contracts as at 1 January 2019
- accounting for operating leases with a remaining lease term of less than 12 months as at 1 January 2019 as short-term leases
- excluding initial direct costs for the measurement of the right-of-use asset at the date of initial application, and
- using hindsight in determining the lease term where the contract contains options to extend or terminate the lease.

SDS has also elected not to reassess whether a contract is, or contains a lease at the date of initial application. Instead, for contracts entered into before the transition date the group relied on its assessment made applying AASB 117 and Interpretation 4 *Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease*.

22. Changes in accounting policies (cont.)

(ii) Measurement of lease liabilities

Measurement of lease liabilities	2019 \$
Operating lease commitments disclosed as at 31 December 2018	3,044,819
Discounted using the lessee's incremental borrowing rate of 3.37% at the date of initial application	2,860,931
Add: finance lease liabilities recognised as at 31 December 2018	-
(Less): low value leases not recognised as a liability Lease liability recognised as at 1 January 2019	(18,057) 2,842,874
Of which are Current lease liabilities Non-current lease liabilities	716,686 2,126,188 2,842,874
(iii) Measurement of Sub-lease receivables	
Measurement of Sub-lease receivables	2019 \$
Operating Sub-lease receivables disclosed as at 31 December 2018	1,697,318
Discounted using the lessor's incremental borrowing rate of 3.37% at the date of initial application $\frac{1}{2}$	1,598,412
Add: finance lease liabilities recognised as at 31 December 2018	-
(Less): short term leases not recognised as a liability Lease liability recognised as at 1 January 2019	(132) 1,598,280
Of which are Current Sub-lease receivables Non-current Sub-lease receivables	293,857 1,304,423 1,598,280

23. Events occurring after the end of the reporting period

The members are not aware of any events occurring after the reporting period that impact on the financial statements as at 31 December 2019.

The financial statements were authorised for issue on 8 April 2020 by the members.

MEMBERS' DECLARATION

The members of SDS declare that these financial statements and notes set out on pages 3 to 31:

- (a) comply with the accounting policies set out in note 1;
- (b) comply with the Sydney Diocesan Services Ordinance 2017, and the Accounts, Audits and Annual Statements Ordinance 1995; and
- (c) presents fairly SDS's statement of financial position as at 31 December 2019 and of its performance, as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows, for the year ended on that date.

In the members' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that SDS 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 members.

Member

Michiel Hen

Member

Sydney

8 April 2020



Independent auditor's report

To the members of the Standing Committee of the Synod of the Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney and to the members of the Sydney Diocesan Services for Sydney Diocesan Services

Our opinion

In our opinion the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Sydney Diocesan Services (the Entity) as at 31 December 2019 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

What we have audited

The financial report comprises:

- the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2019
- the statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended
- the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- the notes to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies
- the members' declaration.

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 Entity 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 and restriction on distribution and use

We draw attention to Note 1 in the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to meet the requirements of the *Sydney Diocesan Services Ordinance 2017* and of the *Accounts, Audit and Annual Reports Ordinance 1995*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the members of the Standing Committee of the Synod of the Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney and for the members of the Sydney Diocesan Services and should not be distributed to or used by other parties. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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Other information

The members of Sydney Diocesan Services are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual financial report for the year ended 31 December 2019, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

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

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

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the members of Sydney Diocesan Services for the financial report

The members of Sydney Diocesan Services are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and for such internal control as the members 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 members are responsible for assessing the ability of the Entity to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the members either intend to liquidate the Entity 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 the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

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/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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Francois Bruder Principal Sydney 8 April 2020