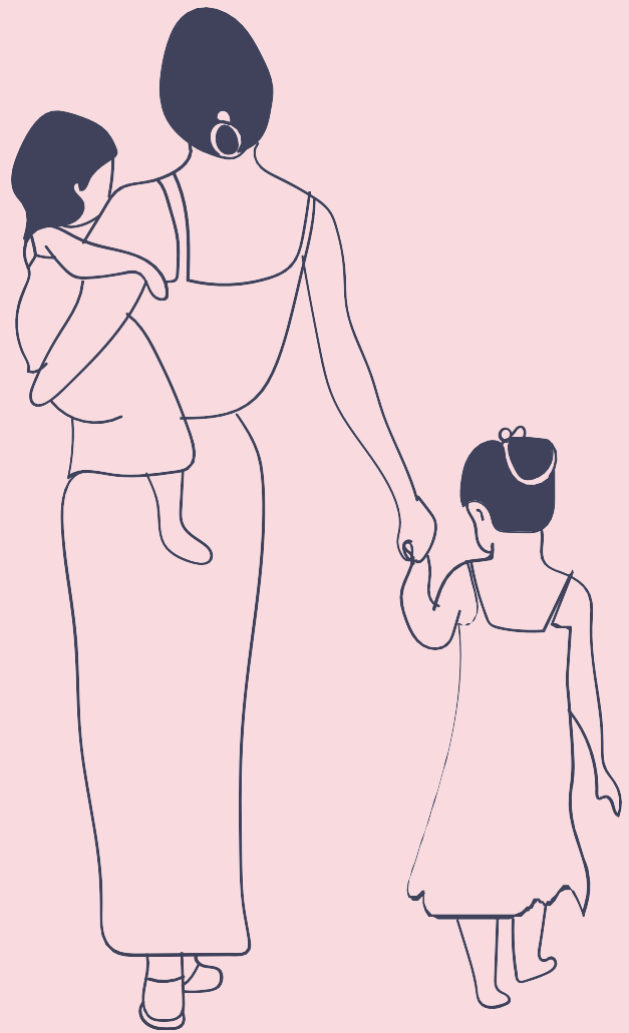




# ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

ACCOUNTABILITY,  
CARE, EQUITY,  
INSPIRATION &  
RESPECT



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# ***Acknowledgment to the Country:***

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Parramatta Women's Shelter acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land we serve on, the Dharug people. This always was, and always will be, Aboriginal land.

We pay our respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

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

# Our Co-Chair's Report

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It means a lot to present the 2022 to 2023 annual report for Parramatta Women's Shelter to our community. As the Co-Chair of this vital organization, together with Caitlin Carpenter, I am so proud to reflect on the remarkable achievements and progress to provide new beginnings for mums and kids who need a safe place to stay.

Throughout the past year, our refuge has remained steadfast in its commitment to offering a safe haven for women experiencing homelessness, domestic violence and other forms of adversity. We have strived tirelessly to create an environment where every woman and child feels empowered, respected, and valued.

Our efforts have not been without challenges, particularly amidst the backdrop of the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. Yet, despite these obstacles, our dedicated team led by Manager Tania Smith, volunteers, and partners have demonstrated resilience and determination in delivering essential services and programs to those who rely on us.

In this report, you will find a comprehensive overview of our activities, initiatives, and outcomes achieved over the past year. From providing crisis accommodation and casework to outreach to clients in transitional housing or the community, we have worked tirelessly to address the multifaceted needs of the women we serve.

I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to our supporters, donors, and stakeholders whose generosity and commitment have been instrumental in sustaining our operations and expanding our impact. Your contributions have enabled us to make a tangible difference in the lives of women and their families, offering hope and a pathway to a brighter future.

As we reflect on the accomplishments of the past year, we also recognize that our work is far from over. There is still much to be done to combat the root causes of homelessness and gender-based violence and to create a society where every woman can live free from fear and discrimination.

Moving forward, Parramatta Women's Shelter remains steadfast in its dedication to advocating for social change, promoting gender equality, and providing essential services to those in need. Together, with your continued support and solidarity, we will continue to be a beacon of hope and refuge for women in our community.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to our cause.

Warm regards

Liz Scully

Co-Chair

# Shelter Manager's Report

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Our shelter is three years old! We are well and truly embedding ourselves in the community and forging solid relationships with other services in the domestic and family violence sector. It has been another incredible year as we continue to grow and welcome new families into the PWS fold. Our team is also expanding, and we are joined by two wonderful social workers, Sali and Lucie, who have hit the ground running and are providing quality and skilled case management support to our women and children. It really is an honor to lead this team of dedicated women who hold feminist values that ultimately underpin the core of our service provision.

Domestic and Family violence continues to be the leading cause of women's homelessness and our service is committed to delivering a specialist response for our clients. We cannot fight this scourge alone; it takes a whole-of-community response to end gendered violence and we work closely with our community and other domestic and family violence specialists in the sector to improve outcomes for those in our care. Unfortunately, we are still seeing more than one woman a week being murdered by a partner or former partner, or family member.

There is much more to do in this space, and we need significant investment in prevention, early intervention, crisis response, and recovery and healing.

Technological abuse is on the rise and gives further platforms to abusers to exert power and control over those they purport to love and care about. Our membership with WESNET - The Women's Services Network enables us to stay up to date on tech safety and access training and resources for our case workers. This organisation also delivers a program where our clients receive free Uber rides so they can attend, court, counselling, or other key appointments at no cost to them.

Coming out of the Covid 19 pandemic, we are starting to see a significant shortage of rental properties and a rise in the cost of living. Our families are directly impacted by these issues and are often discriminated against when applying for rental accommodation as they move on from shelter. We are grateful to our partners, The PAYCE Foundation and the Uniting Centenary Church, Parramatta for providing properties for our families after they move on from crisis accommodation. These wonderful houses allow us to provide safe, longer term transitional housing for large families and their pets. We know how important it is for all the family to stay together, and this includes fur and feathered babies.

We continue to have a wonderful partnership with Two-Good Co. that deliver healthy, delicious meals every week and beautiful care packs that welcome our women when they arrive. This helps mums by alleviating the stress and cost of cooking a meal and the kids love their yummy dinners! The West Ryde Anglican Church also continue to bring us fresh fruit and veggies from their co-op each week, again, a big cost saver for all and provides nutrient dense food for our clients.

# Shelter Manager's Report

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We have close relationships with our local early education centres, primary and high schools and they are quick to escalate enrollments for the kids and provide them with free uniforms for the first day of school. This can be a daunting experience and with the help of our amazing donors (including Sisters of Mercy and Officeworks) we can ensure that the kids have new shoes, backpacks, and stationery for their big day.

The Child Support team work tirelessly to provide fun, educational, and sensory experiences for our kids, and you can read more about what we do in the Child Support Report as well as seeing our kids and the team having lots of fun.

The support we receive from schools that have undertaken the Walk the Talk program is simply incredible! The program, delivered through Women's Community Shelters, gives children in years 9 and 10 education in healthy and respectful relationships. During the informative and fun workshops, the children are encouraged to become change agents and adopt a local shelter. They then devise creative ways to fundraise for us, and we have received cash donations, food, gift and experience vouchers, art packs, self-care packs, and gifts for those special times of celebration throughout the year. We'd like to thank Santa Sabina College, Tara Anglican Girls School, James Ruse Agricultural College, and Mitchell High School for their ongoing and continued support. Our team visit the schools and talk to the students after they have finished the workshops. These kids really get behind us and it's wonderful to hear their super creative ideas and see their passion firsthand.

We are also committed to providing community education through various means. This includes speaking at schools or DFV awareness raising events, and through our representation on several interagency committees. During the 16 Days of Activism to End Gendered Violence, in November / Dec 22, we were part of the working group that organised the Race to Safety in Parramatta/Cumberland LGA's. The event was loosely based on the Amazing Race television show and brought together teams that were required to navigate and work through a maze of services. The teams learnt by experiencing firsthand the complexities of accessing domestic and family violence services with a limited budget and little resources. Something that women must do every day. Thanks to Belle Property, our incredible supporters, for their enthusiastic engagement on the day.

A special shout out to our hardworking volunteer Mel, who gives her time once a week to help us with, literally, anything we ask. She is an expert at sorting out our donations, helping us turnover houses, is a specialist gurney operator, and has superior admin skills. We are lucky to have her on our team!

Most importantly, it is the women and children who put their trust in us and share their stories of strength, resilience and resistance who deserve the biggest applause! We are honored and privileged to work alongside you all and you are what keep us doing what we do.

Tania Smith  
Shelter Manager

# Team Feedback

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I started working at PWS in March of 2023. This was my first fulltime role after completing my social work and criminology degrees. The first thing I noticed when I walked into the PWS office was the warmth and safety of the space. The walls were plastered in the kid's artworks, and it was instantly obvious what incredible work occurred at PWS. From my first day, I felt incredibly welcomed, supported and encouraged by my colleagues and our amazing manager Tania. It is such a privilege and honour to work alongside a team who embody the same values that are so important to me - intersectional feminism and anti-oppressive practice that is strengths based and trauma informed. I wouldn't be able to get through the really tough days on the job if it wasn't for the support, care and love of the PWS team.

I have learnt so much from the strength, resistance, resilience and struggle of our clients who fight tirelessly for their children, and it is such an honour to be a witness to a little part of their journey. All the children and young people we get to work with blow me away every single day and it is such a joy and comfort seeing them playing with smiles on their faces. It is also a privilege to witness everyday instances of mums fiercely protecting and loving their children in so many different ways. While I love the 'big' moments, such as a client moving into their own home which is safe and free from violence, it is actually the 'little' moments such as a mum cuddling her child which I enjoy the most.

This work can be incredibly challenging and at times, the violence and control of the patriarchy seems insurmountable, but it is the PWS team and the beautiful women and children we support who keep the fire in my belly to continue to fight for equity and safety.

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Supporting woman who are working to rebuild their lives and navigating trauma is an immense privilege. This work can be challenging and intense. However, being part of a team like the one here at PWS is integral to the positive shelter's outcomes, but also to the wellbeing of the staff and clients throughout their engagement with our service.

The working environment at PWS is not only supportive, but also encouraging. Rather than a feeling of 'hierarchy' there is a deep sense of togetherness when it comes to problem solving and crisis management.

A day in the life of a case worker at PWS can involve a variety of tasks from making phone calls to advocate for a client's needs, accompanying a client to an appointment and facilitating creative activities for children. This diversity in the workday brings with it many rewarding moments when a case worker gets to interact with a client outside of a formal case meeting. These moments of support and connection are what build the positive workplace culture within the service.

Working within PSW with its trauma informed practices and leadership means, as a case worker, being able to support women in a cohesive and effective way ..... and of course, a big glass jar of chocolates helps whenever you need a little boost!

# Client Testimonial

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***Help with all the paperwork and the support the case workers gave to me and my children. I was going through DV and I didn't have a place to go. They helped me with a safe place to stay with my children.***

***The support from the caseworkers was very good and the kids looked forward to activities and parties. We felt welcomed and included.***

***Having somewhere to go with my children and pets.  
Having a private space. Having support.***

***Provided supreme customer service, positive attitudes, valuing our time, providing knowledgeable resources. These ladies are amazing and are like family to us. Beautiful hardworking women who show love and integrity. Awesome experience and we'll definitely miss everyone.***

***Caseworkers very helpful and supporting. I appreciate the advice they gave me for DV. Very helpful with the children to organise day care, school and providing meals every week.***

***Emotional support. Being able to feel safe. Having support with family court, financial help with girl's schooling. Always having someone to lean on and talk to.***



# Our Dedicated Network

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

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

Across the WCS network, staff members participated in training to support our reporting on client outcomes; attended conferences and events to support their delivery of trauma informed, client-centred service; and extended their knowledge and skills through a range of Specialist Homelessness Services training opportunities. As a network, we began developing our inaugural Reconciliation Action Plan. Across the network, shelters invested in the professional development of their staff with all staff supported through learning and development opportunities as and where possible.

# ***Vision, Purpose & Values***

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## ***Vision***

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



## ***Mission***

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



## ***Purpose***

Parramatta Women's Shelter provides crisis accommodation and outreach support for women and their children experiencing domestic and family violence/or homelessness. A proud member of the Women's Community Shelters network, we work with our local community to inspire, empower and support change for these vulnerable families and for our community. We are highly motivated advocates for change and are driven to deliver best practice service for our families.

# *Vision, Purpose & Values*

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## *Values*

### **Accountability:**

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

### **Care:**

We are generous and considerate, client centered and trauma informed. We understand the needs of others and walk together, alongside our clients towards reaching their goals.

### **Equity:**

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

### **Inspiration:**

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

### **Respect:**

We are supportive of our clients, staff, volunteers and community and celebrate their dignity and value.

# **Priorities & Strategic Goals: 2022-2023**

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***Successful transition to new properties***

***Strengthen the presence Parramatta Women's Shelter in the Domestic and Family Violence space.***

***Increase funding and fundraising***

***Prepare for Australian Service Excellence standard (ASES) accreditation***

***Increase/improve board and shelter capacity & capability***

# Priorities & Strategic Goals: 2022-2023



**Priority**

## **Successful Transition to new Property**

**Objectives**

- ◆ **Medium-term accommodation secured in time for relocation end of FY2023**
- ◆ **Model for medium-term accommodation developed and service adapted**
- ◆ **Continue to progress Core and Cluster model**

**Sponsors**

**Co-Chairs**  
**Delivery: Fundraising and Engagement Committee**

**Priority**

## **Strengthen the presence Parramatta Women's Shelter in the Domestic and Family Violence space**

**Objectives**

- ◆ **Develop stakeholder engagement plan by July 2023 and implement**
- ◆ **Develop community engagement plan by July 2023 and implement**
- ◆ **Re-establish/maintain relationships with all levels of government**
- ◆ **Ensure Walk the Talk relationships are well-maintained**

**Sponsors**

**Co-chairs**  
**Delivery: Executive**

# Priorities & Strategic Goals: 2022-2023



**Priority**

## **Increase Funding & Fundraising**

- Objectives**
- *Increased fundraising, grants, WCS assistance / community partnerships*
  - *Produce annual fundraising plan for consideration by Board at July meeting (in line with budgetary process)*
  - *Fundraise in line with budget*
  - *Seek financial/in-kind support for permanent accommodation through Government and stakeholders*

**Sponsors**

**Co-Chairs**  
**Delivery: Fundraising and Engagement Committee**

**Priority**

## **Prepare for Australian Service Excellence standard (ASES) accreditation**

- Objectives**
- *Gap analysis against standards, ensure gaps are filled/resolved.*
  - *Complete evidence preparation/upload by end May 2023*
  - *Board preparation for ASES audits*

**Sponsors**

**Chair Finance and Governance Committee**  
**Delivery: Finance and Governance Committee**

# Priorities & Strategic Goals: 2022-2023

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**Priority**

**Strengthen the presence of Parramatta Women's Shelter in the Domestic and Family Violence space**

**Objectives**

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**Sponsors**

**Co-Chairs**  
**Delivery: Fundraising and Engagement Committee**

# Community Support & Engagement



**Santa Sabina College**



**WCS 10th anniversary celebration @ Government House**



**International Women's Day Celebration**



**DV Alert National Meeting**



# Community Support & Engagement



**Veritas recruitment Christmas donations**



**Walk The Talk support**



**The Good Food Co**

# Community Support & Engagement



**Carmen Drive Pharmacy  
Donation**



**Naidoc Week**



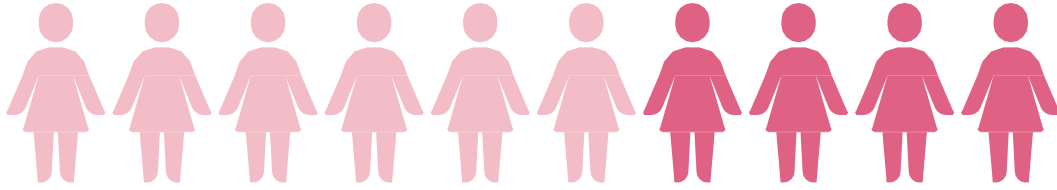
**Parramatta Cumberland Domestic  
Violence committee**



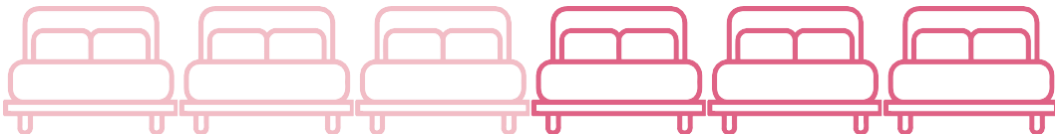
**Bunnings BBQ**

# **Clients Supported 2022 - 2023**

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**Women & Children Supported - 165**



**Bed Nights**

**Medium Term/Transitional Accommodation - 5,644 nights**

**Short Term/Emergency Accommodation - 3,000 nights**



**Main Presenting Reason**

**Domestic & Family Violence - 57%**

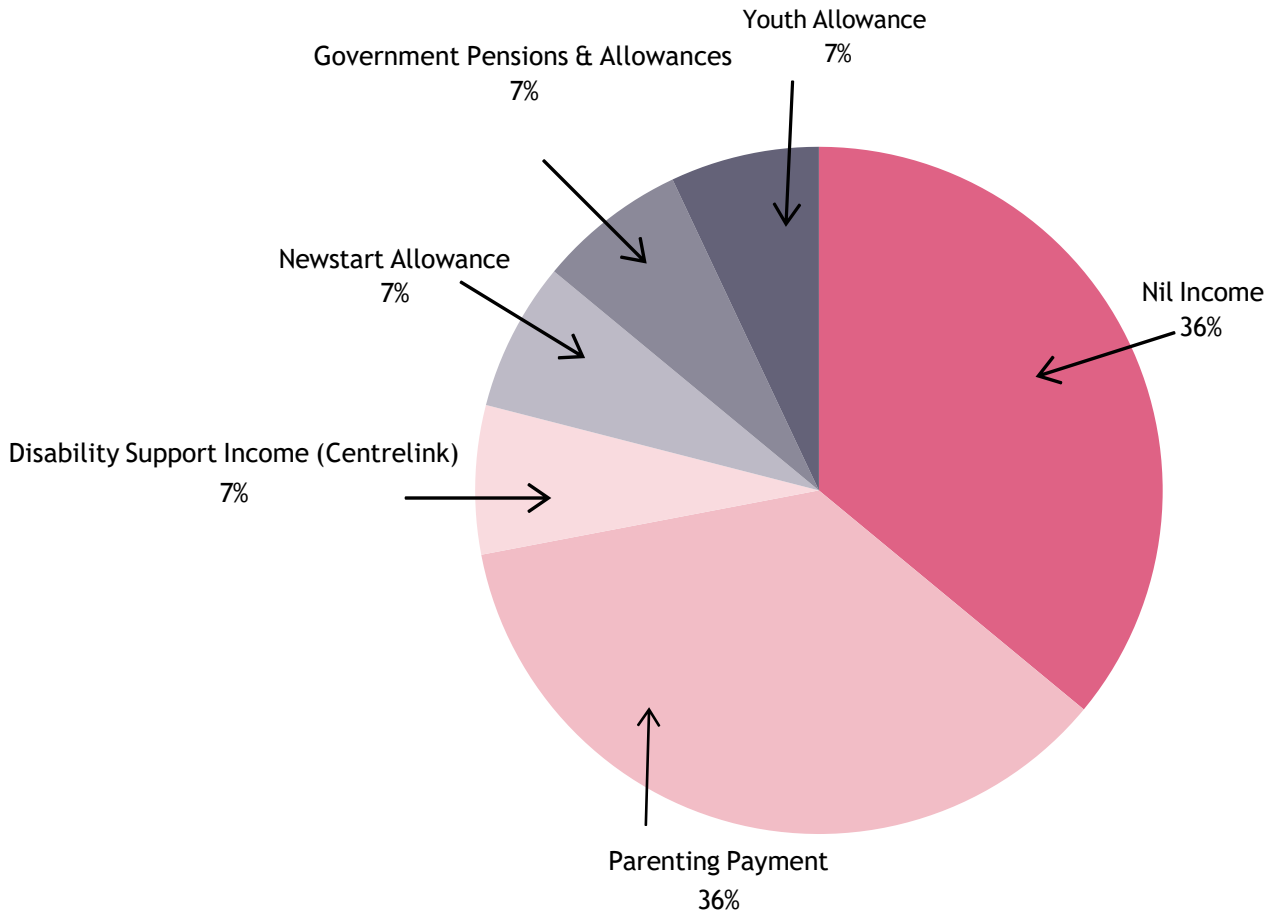
**Housing Crisis - 36%**

**Financial Difficulties - 7%**

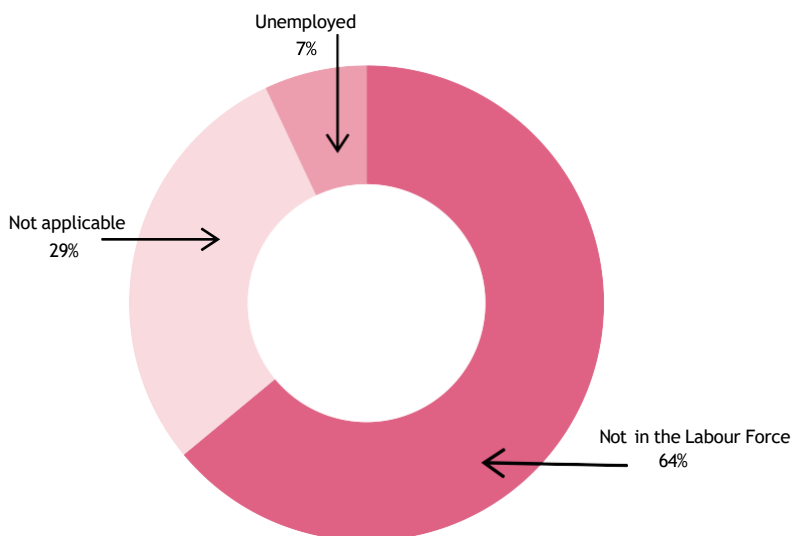
# Overview of Support Provided



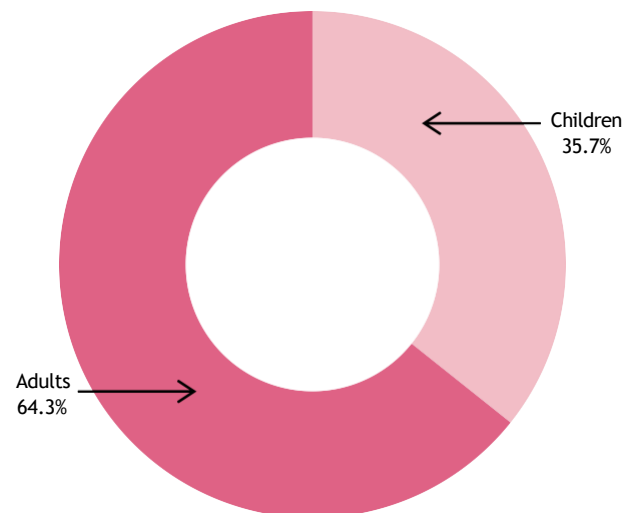
## Main Income Source when Presenting



## Labour Force Status when Presenting



## Clients by Age



# ***Our Supporters***

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***Belle Property***  
***Payce Foundation***  
***Walker Asset Services***  
***ITSM Management***  
***Wesley Mission***  
***MNH hair and beauty***  
***Our Lady of Mercy College***  
***Lions Sydney***  
***Sister of Mercy***  
***Tara Anglican School***  
***Catherine McAuley- Westmead***  
***Our Lady of Mercy College-***  
***Parramatta***  
***Santa Sabina College***  
***Bunnings Smithfield***  
***Epping Carlingford Catholic Parish***  
***Tucker Foundation***  
***Trevor Siviour***  
***NSW Government Schools***  
***Tomra - Return and Earn***  
***Rotary Club of Parramatta***



# **Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc**

**ABN 71 841 699 780**

**Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended 30 June 2023**

# Finance: 2022-2023



## Annual Information Statement 2023

**Legal name:** Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc

**ABN:** 71841699780

### About the charity

**Website:** [parrawomensshelter.org.au](http://parrawomensshelter.org.au)

**Charity size:** Medium

**Is the charity an incorporated association?:** Yes

**State/territory incorporated association numbers:** NSW incorporated association number: INC1801542

**Does the Charity intend to fundraise in the next reporting period?:** Yes

**State/territory where the charity intends to fundraise in the 2023 reporting period:** NSW fundraising number: CFN/25781

### Charity programs

#### Program 1

**Program classification:** Domestic and family violence

**Program locations:** Parramatta NSW, Australia

**Program beneficiaries:** Early childhood - aged under 6

Children - aged 6 to under 15

Youth - 15 to under 25

Adults - aged 25 to under 65

Families

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

People from a culturally and linguistically diverse background

People at risk of homelessness/ people experiencing homelessness

Victims of crime (including family violence)

Females

General community in Australia

# Finance: 2022-2023



## Human resources

### Human resources:

Full time employees: 3  
Part time employees: 1  
Casual employees: 1  
Full-time equivalent staff (FTE): 3.75  
Estimated number of volunteers: 13

## Annual report

Note: If you want to see the financial report or annual report that this charity has submitted, go back to [Financials & Documents](#)

## Financial Reporting

<b>Charity's 2023 reporting period:</b>	1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023
<b>Type of financial statement:</b>	General purpose financial statements simplified disclosure
<b>Financial report consolidated with more than one entity?:</b>	No
<b>Reportable related party transactions in the 2023 reporting period?:</b>	Yes
<b>Types of reportable related party transactions:</b>	Other
<b>Details about other types of reportable related party transactions:</b>	Contributions received from a related party
<b>Additional details about reportable related party transactions:</b>	The entity receives contributions from Women's Community Shelters Limited primarily for the purpose of shelter set up and operating costs. Women's Community Shelters Limited has a representative on the Parramatta Women s Shelter Inc's Committee.



# Finance: 2022-2023



## Income and Expenses

### Comprehensive Income Statement summary

#### Gross income

Revenue from government including grants	\$23,818
Donations and bequests	\$132,193
Revenue from providing goods or services	\$9,536
Revenue from investments	\$3,018
All other revenue	\$526,092
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>\$694,657</b>
Other income (for example, gains)	\$0
<b>Total gross income</b>	<b>\$694,657</b>

#### Expenses

Employee expenses	\$402,030
Grants and donations made for use in Australia	\$0
Grants and donations made for use outside Australia	\$0
All other expenses	\$117,042
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$519,072</b>

#### Net income

Net surplus/(deficit)	\$175,585
Other comprehensive income	\$0
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	<b>\$175,585</b>

### Balance Sheet extract

#### Assets

Total current assets	\$1,231,913
Total non-current assets	\$19,812
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$1,251,725</b>

#### Liabilities

Total current liabilities	\$151,846
Total non-current liabilities	\$2,543
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$154,389</b>

#### Net assets/liabilities

<b>Net assets/liabilities</b>	<b>\$1,097,336</b>
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# Finance: 2022-2023



**Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc**  
**Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income**  
**For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2023**

	Notes	2023 \$	2022 \$
<b>Revenue</b>			
Revenue from contracts with customers	4	559,146	472,971
Other income	5	135,511	450,557
<b>Total revenue</b>		<b>694,657</b>	<b>923,528</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration		(54,717)	(34,648)
Client support services		(35,930)	(22,054)
Depreciation		(11,898)	(3,864)
Employee benefits		(402,030)	(352,414)
Fundraising expenses		(2,863)	(1,612)
Occupancy		(11,634)	(37,225)
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>(519,072)</b>	<b>(451,817)</b>
<b>Surplus for the year</b>		<b>175,585</b>	<b>471,711</b>
Income tax expense		-	-
<b>Surplus after income tax</b>		<b>175,585</b>	<b>471,711</b>
Other comprehensive income		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>		<b>175,585</b>	<b>471,711</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# Finance: 2022-2023



**Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**As at 30 June 2023**

	Notes	2023 \$	2022 \$
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	1,222,816	1,156,087
Trade and other receivables	7	2,397	8,045
Other assets	8	6,700	6,557
<b>Current assets</b>		<b>1,231,913</b>	<b>1,170,689</b>
<b>Non-current</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	9	19,812	29,470
<b>Non-current assets</b>		<b>19,812</b>	<b>29,470</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>1,251,725</b>	<b>1,200,159</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current</b>			
Trade and other payables	10	35,603	43,622
Provision for employee benefits	11	12,943	15,224
Other liabilities	12	103,300	215,351
<b>Current liabilities</b>		<b>151,846</b>	<b>274,197</b>
<b>Non-current</b>			
Provision for employee benefits	11	2,543	4,211
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		<b>2,543</b>	<b>4,211</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>154,389</b>	<b>278,408</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>1,097,336</b>	<b>921,751</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Accumulated funds		1,097,336	921,751
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>1,097,336</b>	<b>921,751</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# Finance: 2022-2023



**Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc**  
**Statement of Changes in Equity**  
**For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2023**

	Notes	Accumulated Funds \$	Total Equity \$
Balance at 1 July 2021		450,040	450,040
Surplus for the year		471,711	471,711
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income		<u>471,711</u>	<u>471,711</u>
Balance at 30 June 2022		<u>921,751</u>	<u>921,751</u>
Balance at 1 July 2022		921,751	921,751
Surplus for the year		175,585	175,585
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income		<u>175,585</u>	<u>175,585</u>
Balance at 30 June 2023		<u>1,097,336</u>	<u>1,097,336</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# Finance: 2022-2023



**Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2023**

	Notes	2023 \$	2022 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from related party contributions		407,155	367,893
Receipts from donations and fundraising		130,933	423,627
Receipts from government grants		2,383	48,305
Receipts from government stimulus		-	26,580
Receipts from customers and others		66,284	78,083
Payments to suppliers and employees		(542,064)	(422,659)
Interest income received		3,018	-
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>		<b>67,709</b>	<b>521,829</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(980)	(23,625)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<b>(980)</b>	<b>(23,625)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
<b>Net cash provided by financing activities</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		66,729	498,204
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year	6	1,156,087	657,883
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1,222,816</b>	<b>1,156,087</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# Finance: 2022-2023



**Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2023**

## **1. General information**

The financial statements cover Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc, an entity incorporated and domiciled in Australia. The entity is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards and a registered charity under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the *NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991*.

The entity's principal activity is being a community-led shelter that assists women and children escaping domestic and family violence and homelessness.

The financial report was authorised for issue by Committee on 5 September 2023

## **2. Changes in accounting policies**

### **New and revised standards that are effective for these financial statements**

A number of revised standards became effective for the first time to annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2022. The adoption of these revised accounting standards has not had a material impact on the entity's financial statements.

### **Accounting Standards issued but not yet effective and not been adopted early by the entity**

A number of new and revised standards have been issued but are not yet effective and have not been adopted early by the entity. The Committee is currently assessing the impact such standards will have on the entity.

## **3. Summary of significant accounting policies**

### **Financial reporting framework**

The general purpose financial statements of the entity have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the *NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991*.

### **Statement of compliance**

The general purpose financial statements of the entity have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. The accounting policies that have been adopted in the preparation of this report are as follows:

The financial statements are presented in Australian Dollars (\$AUD), which is also the functional currency of the company.

### **Revenue**

#### **Revenue from contracts with customers**

Revenue is recognised on a basis that reflects the transfer of promised goods or services to customers at an amount that reflects the consideration the entity expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services.

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Revenue is recognised by applying a five-step model as follows:

1. Identify the contract with the customer
2. Identify the performance obligations
3. Determine the transaction price
4. Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations
5. Recognise revenue as and when control of the performance obligations is transferred

**Other revenue**

For any revenue streams that are not defined as contracts with customers, then the revenue is recognised when the entity gains control, economic benefits are probable and the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably.

**Operating expenses**

Operating expenses are recognised in profit or loss upon utilisation of the service or at the date of their origin.

**Income tax**

No provision for income tax has been raised as the entity is exempt from income tax as a registered charity under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

**Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash on hand equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

**Property, plant and equipment**

**Plant and equipment**

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and any impairment losses. In the event the carrying amount of plant and equipment is greater than its estimated recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to its estimated recoverable amount recognised either in profit or loss.

Plant and equipment that have been contributed at no cost, or for nominal cost, are recognised at the fair value of the asset at the date it is acquired.

**Depreciation**

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated over the asset's useful life to the entity commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

<b>Class of fixed asset</b>	<b>Depreciation rate</b>
Plant and equipment	20% - 100%
Motor vehicles	17%

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

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are included in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

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**Impairment of assets**

At the end of each reporting period the entity determines whether there is evidence of an impairment indicator for non-financial assets.

**Trade and other payables**

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the entity prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. Due to the short-term nature, they are measured at amortised cost and are not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

**Goods and services tax (GST)**

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as part of receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows in the statement of cash flows are included on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

**Provision for employee benefits**

Provision is made for the entity's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be wholly settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Employee benefits expected to be settled more than one year after the end of the reporting period have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may satisfy vesting requirements. Cashflows are discounted using market yields on high quality corporate bond rates incorporating bonds rated AAA or AA by credit agencies, with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cashflows. Changes in the measurement of the liability are recognised in profit or loss.

**Liabilities relating to contracts with customers**

Contract liabilities

A contract liability is recognised if a payment is received or a payment is due (whichever is earlier) from a customer before the entity transfers the related goods or services/grant conditions are fulfilled. Contract liabilities include deferred income. Contract liabilities are recognised as revenue when the entity performs under the contract (i.e. transfers control of the related goods or services to the customer/fulfils conditions of the grant).

The services are usually provided/conditions usually fulfilled within twelve (12) months of receipt of the payment/grant. Where the amount received is in respect of services to be provided over a period that exceeds twelve (12) months after the reporting date/the conditions will only be satisfied more than twelve (12) months after the reporting date, the liability is discounted and presented as non-current.



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**Comparative figures**

Where required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

**Significant management judgement in applying accounting policies**

When preparing the financial statements, management undertakes a number of judgements, estimates and assumptions about the recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, income and expenses.

Estimation uncertainty

Information about estimates and assumptions that have the most significant effect on recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, income and expenses is provided below. Actual results may be substantially different.

Useful lives of depreciable assets

Management reviews its estimate of the useful lives of depreciable assets at each reporting date, based on the expected utility of the assets. Uncertainties in these estimates relate to technical obsolescence that may change the utility of certain software and IT equipment.

Long service leave

The liability for long service leave is recognised and measured at the present value of the estimated cash flows to be made in respect of all employees at the reporting date. In determining the present value of the liability, estimates of attrition rates and pay increases through promotion and inflation have been taken into account.

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	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<b>8. Other assets</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Prepayments	6,700	6,557
	<u>6,700</u>	<u>6,557</u>
<b>9. Property, plant and equipment</b>		
Furniture and fittings at cost	20,459	18,219
Furniture and fittings accumulated depreciation	(19,612)	(12,487)
	<u>847</u>	<u>5,732</u>
Computer equipment at cost	11,792	11,792
Computer equipment accumulated depreciation	(10,469)	(9,322)
	<u>1,323</u>	<u>2,470</u>
Motor vehicles at cost	21,755	21,755
Motor vehicles accumulated depreciation	(4,113)	(487)
	<u>17,642</u>	<u>21,268</u>
<b>Total property, plant and equipment</b>	<u><u>19,812</u></u>	<u><u>29,470</u></u>

	Furniture & Fittings	Computer Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Net carrying amount 1 July 2022	5,732	2,470	21,268	29,470
Additions	2,240	-	-	2,240
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	(7,125)	(1,147)	(3,626)	(11,898)
Net carrying amount 30 June 2023	<u>847</u>	<u>1,323</u>	<u>17,642</u>	<u>19,812</u>

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<b>10. Trade and other payables</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Trade payables	3,299	76
Grants repayable	10,097	-
Accrued expenses	22,207	41,612
Net GST payable	-	1,934
	<u>35,603</u>	<u>43,622</u>

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	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<b>4. Revenue</b>		
<u>Revenue recognised over time</u>		
Contributions - Women's Community Shelters Limited	453,119	385,262
Grant income - Department of Communities and Justice	20,865	48,712
Grant income - City of Parramatta	2,953	11,229
Grant income - other	72,673	16,225
Rent contributions	9,536	11,543
	<b>559,146</b>	<b>472,971</b>

**How the entity recognises revenue**

Grants

If conditions are attached to a grant, revenue is recognised when the entity satisfies those conditions.

Rent contributions revenue

Revenue relating to shelter accommodation is recognised over the period in which the service is provided.

**5. Other income**

Donations	115,332	383,016
Fundraising revenue	15,601	40,611
Gifted assets	1,260	250
JobSaver	-	26,580
Interest income	3,018	-
Other income	300	100
	<b>135,511</b>	<b>450,557</b>

**6. Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash on hand	112	225
Cash at bank	1,222,704	1,155,862
	<b>1,222,816</b>	<b>1,156,087</b>

**7. Trade and other receivables**

**Current**

Trade receivables	348	8,045
Net GST receivable	2,049	-
	<b>2,397</b>	<b>8,045</b>

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	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<b>11. Provision for employee benefits</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Provision for employee benefits	12,943	15,224
	<u>12,943</u>	<u>15,224</u>
<b>Non-current</b>		
Provision for employee benefits	2,543	4,211
	<u>2,543</u>	<u>4,211</u>
<b>12. Other liabilities</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Contract liabilities - Department of Communities and Justice	70,000	100,961
Contract liabilities - City of Parramatta	-	2,953
Contract liabilities - Women's Community Shelters Limited	10,000	55,964
Contract liabilities - other grants	23,300	55,473
	<u>103,300</u>	<u>215,351</u>

**13. Related parties**

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

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<u>Transactions with related parties</u>		
Contributions - Women's Community Shelters Limited	453,119	385,262

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

Key management personnel compensation

Total key management compensation	-	-
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**14. NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991**

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

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**14. NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (continued)**

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

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Income from fundraising</b>		
Fundraising income	132,193	423,877
<b>Expenses from fundraising</b>		
Fundraising costs	(2,863)	(1,612)
<b>Net surplus from fundraising activities</b>	<b>129,330</b>	<b>422,265</b>

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

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

**15. Remuneration of auditors**

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Audit of financial report	5,050	5,650
Assistance with financial report preparation	1,550	1,500
	<b>6,600</b>	<b>7,150</b>

**16. Commitments**

The entity had no material unrecognised contractual commitments as at 30 June 2023.

**17. Contingent liabilities**

There are no contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2023.

**18. Subsequent events**

No adjusting or significant non-adjusting events have occurred between the reporting date and the date of authorisation of these accounts.

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**Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc  
Responsible Persons' Declaration  
For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2023**

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

- a) the financial statements and notes are in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:
  - i) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
  - ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*; and
- b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable.

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



Elizabeth Scully  
Chairperson  
5 September 2023

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Rianne Ware  
Treasurer  
5 September 2023

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**Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc  
Responsible Persons' Declaration under the NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991  
For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2023**

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

- a) the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income and associated notes gives a true and fair view of all income and expenditure of the organisation with respect to fundraising appeals for the financial year ended 30 June 2023;
- b) the statement of financial position and associated notes gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the organisation with respect to fundraising appeals conducted by the organisation as at 30 June 2023;
- c) the provisions of the *NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991* and Regulations and the conditions attached to the authority have been complied with during the financial year ended 30 June 2023; and
- d) the internal controls exercised by the organisation are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by the organisation from any of its fundraising appeals during the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

*Elizabeth Scully*

Elizabeth Scully  
Chairperson  
5 September 2023

*Rianne Ware*

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Rianne Ware  
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**Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc**  
**Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Committee of Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc**  
**For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2023**

In accordance with the requirements of section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, as lead auditor for the audit of Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc for the year ended 30 June 2023, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

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

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*Simon Joyce*

**Simon Joyce**  
Director  
5 September 2023  
Sydney, New South Wales

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**Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc**  
**Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc**  
**For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2023**

## **Opinion**

We have audited the financial report of Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc (the registered entity), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the responsible persons' declaration.

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

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

## **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the registered entity in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

## **Responsibilities of Responsible Persons for the Financial Report**

The responsible persons of the registered entity are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the ACNC Act, and for such internal control as the responsible persons determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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

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

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

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

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

We have audited the financial report as required by Section 24(2) of the *NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991*. Our procedures included obtaining an understanding of the internal control structure for fundraising appeal activities and examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting compliance with the accounting and associated record keeping requirements for fundraising appeal activities pursuant to the *NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991* and the *NSW Charitable Fundraising Regulations 2015*.

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

**Opinion**

In our opinion:

- a) the financial report of Parramatta Women's Shelter Inc has been properly drawn up and associated records have been properly kept during the financial year ended 30 June 2023, in all material respects, in accordance with:
  - i) sections 20(1), 22(1-2), 24(1-3) of the *NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991*; and
  - ii) sections 10(6) and 11 of the *NSW Charitable Fundraising Regulations 2015*.
- b) the money received as a result of fundraising appeals conducted by the entity during the financial year ended 30 June 2023 has been properly accounted for and applied, in all material respects, in accordance with the above-mentioned Act and Regulations.

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*Simon Joyce*

**Simon Joyce**  
Director  
5 September 2023  
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