

LOWER LACHLAN
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Keeping our community
Supported and Connected

**ANNUAL
REPORT
2020**

For the financial year ended
30th June 2020

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A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It is with great pleasure that I see in my 2nd year as Chairperson of the LLCS Board and introduce the Annual Report for the 2019/20 year. It has been a privilege to sit on the board as Chairperson and to see the dedicated and driven team support the community over the last 12 months. Under trying circumstances, the LLCS team and Board have shown extreme devotion to the communities that we service and with great determination continued to deliver services, build capacity, facilitate growth and involvement for all. This work was undertaken with innovative methods, while facing unprecedented

challenges over the past year. It goes to show that LLCS as an organisation continues our work in building strong networks, offering high quality professional services, working collaboratively and striving towards a socially inclusive community, while being respectful, friendly, caring and providing a welcoming environment.

LLCS continues to provide a wide range of services, projects, events and activities in Lake Cargelligo and throughout the Shire. Our organisation continues to support the community with the administration of drought vouchers, along with supporting individuals in crisis situations through the Emergency Relief project that has been greatly accepted within the community. The team have also maintained connectivity and networks during these difficult times by utilizing current technology and also supporting those that have needed a hand to connect while isolation was even more prevalent during the year.

The Growing Lachlan project undertook reviews of their comprehensive Growing Lachlan Report that is used widely, Shane Phillips continues as the Community Connector and notably continues her work in supporting Aged Care. In the latter half of this year we have continued our partnership with Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation who have committed further funding for two years to continue this project. The Growing Lachlan Project has been formalized officially under the LLCS banner with the support of our Executive Officer, Rebecca Keeley. We continue to see the extensive value of this project and its outcomes within our communities and we are pleased to have this officially under the LLCS umbrella. This year saw recognition for the Growing Lachlan team, in partnership with the Regional Innovators Network who won a Good Design Award in the Social Impact category. We continue to see Growing Lachlan building a stronger and prosperous community in their collaborative project.

The Down The Track (DTT) program grows from strength to strength with this year seeing the announcement of Channel 9 support with a commitment of 3 years funding. The introduction was made by our partners Chris Freel at UnLtd and BackTrack Everywhere and we sincerely thank them for their ongoing support and commitment to our community. The DTT program is showing robust evidence that this is making a real and life changing difference to many young people in our community. The DTT program now has 32 young people participating in the program presents as a team that is dedicated and consistent. DTT has proven, in difficult times, that this organisational team trait and natural passion can make a lifelong impact.

Our sub-committees continue to impact on community with the Oliver Townsend Memorial Fund continuing to provide assistance to families in times of emergency. Our Community Builders program is seeing great outcomes in capacity building with an average attendance of 26 agencies at meetings that are continuing to link community to visiting service providers. The Domestic Violence group has seen further networks and outcomes for our community. The Domestic Violence campaign launched last year is far reaching and recognized and has been built on over the past 12 months. This year's attention within Interagency and Domestic Violence has shifted to mental health service providers and this will be a focus going into the coming year. We also undertook the Professional Women's Network as a platform for women in business to network and a number of events were held by the sub-committee creating professional development opportunities for women in our community.

This year has presented many challenges for our organisation, although the LLCS Team has proven to be consistently supportive and dedicated and each staff member has gone above and beyond in their work and on behalf of the board I thank them for their commitment and continued passion for our community. In January this year we said farewell to Jai-James Clarke and to Karli Tyack and they will be missed by the board and team at LLCS. I take this opportunity to thank both Jai-James and Karli for their dedication to LLCS and wish them every success in their future. Katy Quinn (DTT Youth Worker) and Jessica Browne (Customer Service) joined the LLCS team, and we welcome both into their roles.

Lower Lachlan Community Services continues to provide valuable support and services to the local community and this only happens due to the amazing team we have. I'm proud to be a part of this great organisation and I sincerely thank the board and team for all of their continued support and optimism.

ANDREW MCFADYEN
CHAIRMAN

Living and Working in our Community since 1991....

For over 28 years, LLCS Inc has worked throughout our community and in the Lachlan Shire to provide a professional and quality service. It essentially provides a 'community hub' with skilled, supportive and knowledgeable staff who work collaboratively with key stakeholders and the community to build capacity, increase resilience and assist individuals meet their needs.

Strategic Vision 'Keeping our community supported and connected'

Purpose Statement

LLCS Inc is a not-for-profit community service organization providing information and access to services. It seeks funding to manage or support projects, activities, events, community programs and learning opportunities to:

- Build community capacity
- Facilitate community growth and involvement
- Encourage community engagement
- Foster social inclusion

Values

At LLCS Inc, we shall achieve our purpose by:

- Building strong networks
- Offering high quality professional services
- Working collaboratively with the broader community
- Striving towards socially inclusive community
- Being respectful of community diversity
- Providing a friendly, caring and welcoming environment
- Maintaining confidentiality

SERVICES

**Internet café including IT training
(group and one-on-one)**

Community Builders Program

Bendigo Bank Agency

Emergency Relief Fund (Assisting those in need)

**Recreation Ground bookings— Lachlan Shire Council
Secretariat for**

Lake Cargelligo/Murrin Bridge Interagency Group

Lake Cargelligo/Murrin Bridge Domestic Violence Group

Administration of the Oliver Townsend Memorial Fund

**Management and re-build of www.lakecargelligo.net.au
website**

Offices for hire to both permanent and visiting services

Lake Cargelligo Community Notice Board

Lake News photography, correspondent and advertising

NSW TrainLink Agency and Centrelink Agency

Business services – A full list is available upon request

**Auspice the Down the Track and Growing Lachlan Projects
Drought Relief Administration**

**Along with general community support - Contact us if you
have recognised a gap or need in our community**

EVENTS

Australia Day Celebrations

Lake Cargelligo/Murrin Bridge Services Expo

Ladies Night In – Fundraiser

Western Business Forum

Fanny Lumsden Concert

Boots Off Mental Health Night

Professional Women's Network

Down The Track Funders, supporters

and Community thank you Dinner

Small Business Gatherings

ACTIVITIES

Photography Steward—Lake Cargelligo Show

**Christmas and Covid Hampers— Emergency
Relief Program**

**Facilitated planning meetings for Family and
Community Safety Wellbeing Project with ANU**

**YARRN Research Project, Be Connected
workshops and Share the Dignity Drive**

**Facilitated the local Domestic Violence
campaign 'Stronger Than you Believe',**

**Growing Lachlan Report - Review and
New Website Launch**

In addition...

LLCS continues its work on looking to the future of the organisation and its sustainability, with the strategic review almost complete and planning being undertaken for our future.

This year saw the continuation of the Down The Track Program (DTT) which has seen outstanding success with our local young people. Currently funded through philanthropic funding, on boarding of Channel 9 who has committed 3 year of funding to the program, Rotary and the newly established social enterprise. 100% of participants have been Aboriginal, although our program is open to all youth aged 10 to 21 years old. An overwhelming accomplishment was to be able to increase our program participants from 22 to 34 this year and meeting the training needs of 70 young people in skilled based training.

Congratulations to the Community Connections Officers working through the Growing program who won the Social Impact category through the Australian Good Design Awards for their work in the Regional Innovators Network.

We also continue the administration of the Community Connections and Growing Lachlan funds. This year saw substantial work carried out with the local schools and businesses to promote and understand the SBATS program and leverage off keeping students local when they complete school. Along with securing funding to hold a Western Business Forum in Condobolin early next financial year.

Growing Lachlan is an essential tool in the partnerships and network forging the growth of community and planning future projects into the 2020/21 year and LLCS remains strongly committed to this.

From the Executive Officer

This year has generated reflection on our organisation and its achievement over the last 28 years. Many cherished projects and initiatives have occurred during this time and although working across the organisation in various roles during my time with Lower Lachlan Community Services and now moving into my 4th year as Executive Officer, this year has been my proudest.

Many challenges have been presented this year, which is where the organisation has come together and worked hard to help out community, and in times like these community connections and belonging is what makes a difference. Our team has strengthened and maintained its vision of 'Keeping our community supported and connected' at the forefront of all we do. The extraordinary team, both past and present have built LLCS up to its current position and strengths, enabling our organisation to keep achieving its many goals. Everything we have achieved is because of our professionalism, strong networks and striving for and being respectful and aware of community diversity.

However you look at it, the challenges of this year have inspired determination to succeed and also allowed time to really look at community needs: to analyse the disadvantages and advantages of the social system. 2020 has highlighted mental health and the lack of service provision in times of crisis. Our isolation has become even more prevalent, although it has also been a protective factor regarding covid19.

Our organisations focus on creating lasting change and continuing to meet community needs has been reaffirmed in our new 2020-23 Strategic Plan and is core to our vision. We aim to leverage our and our partners' work to build community awareness, continue to facilitate networks and community growth, encourage community engagement and foster social inclusion, while building community capacity.

Individually our services support community and collectively they build capacity, strong networks and collaboratively work to a common goal which supports growth for all. Last years Domestic Violence Campaign addressing service gaps and information sharing on access to services in times of need continued with building on this campaign and leverage off further promotional material to support the community messaging. We also secured the Local Drug Action Team funding to carry out research into community perceptions of Drug and Alcohol use. This will flow onto a campaign to raise awareness with the aim of decreasing drug and alcohol usage. The information sourced through the LDAT team has been overwhelming and we are eager to put this information into action through the campaign and also to secure further funding in the coming year.

Rotary drought vouchers finished this year, although the Elders Paddock to Plate fundraiser continues with further drought vouchers being distributed to community. The Emergency Relief Crisis support program has also been widely accepted in community, particularly with the loss of employment and the increased need to support families in difficult times.

Growing Lachlan undertook substantial projects throughout the year notably the Western Business Forum which has had some outstanding outcomes across the shire. Aged care work continues and includes an aged care profile finalised and work commenced on the submission to the Aged Care commission. This year also saw Annette Ohlsen, Condobolin CCO say farewell to Growing Lachlan, we wish her all the best. Toward the end of this financial year Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation accepted a proposal to continue funding for a further 2 years. This will ensure that the tireless work of the Growing Lachlan team continues ensuring effective use of real and substantial data, creating change, being a catalyst for new conversations, review and update of the Growing Lachlan report and assisting with finding common ground. VFFF have also contributed to capacity building within the organisation. Our community is continually thankful for the ongoing support of the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation. Congratulations to the Growing Lachlan team and partners TACSI in their work within the Regional Innovators Network who received a Good Design Award winning the Social Impact category.

Down The Track (DTT) program continues to meet an ongoing demand for engagement of youth in our community. The program saw the introduction of Channel 9 as a key supporter of our DTT program committing 3 years of funding, providing security for the future of the program and allowing for the continuation of our work with disengaged youth in the community. We acknowledge and thank BackTrack Everywhere and Unltd for their continual support to our team. We are in the planning phase to formalise our social enterprise in catering and creating a strong future for this. We sadly said goodbye to our original youth worker who started at the beginning of our Down the Track program-Jai-James Clarke and welcomed Katy Quinn into the role. The future looks bright for both of these young people and I wish Jai every success and welcome Katy into the team. The only way to do great work is to love what you do and this is evident in the DTT team every day, their natural passion and commitment to the young people in our community is extraordinary.

Our team here at LLCS have a unique passion and dedication of the highest standard. We are fortunate to have exceptional people both in our team and on our Board. Each member of our team keeps our purpose and visions at the forefront and for this it is an absolute pleasure to be a part of Lower Lachlan!

REBECCA KEELEY
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Management & Staff

Our Board

LEFT TO RIGHT Andrew McFadyen (Chairperson) Colin Townsend (Vice Chairperson) Janene Leslie (Treasurer), Rachael Morris (Secretary & Public Officer), Ian Aubrey, Robert King, Liz Townsend, Alyson Wheeler and Nicola Johnston



Service to Community - The LLCs Inc. Board meets every 2nd month, with regular communication between meetings. The Board has focused on strategic direction to ensure the continued support and provision of services to the local community.

Our Staff

LEFT TO RIGHT: Rebecca Keeley (LLCS Executive Officer and Bendigo Bank Agency Principal), Lisa Micati (LLCS Office Manager, Centrelink and Bendigo Bank Agent, Lake News Correspondent & Photographer), Leanne Ridley (Centrelink Manager, ER Project Co-ordinator, LLCs Assistant & Bendigo Bank Agent), Georgina Tyack (Bendigo Bank and Centrelink Agent & LLCs Assistant), Karli Tyack (Centrelink Agent and LLCs Assistant), Jess Browne (Bendigo Bank and Centrelink Agent & LLCs Assistant) Shane Phillips (Community Connections Officer —Lake Cargelligo), Annette Ohlsen (Community Connections Officer - Condobolin), Lana Masterson, DTT Co-ordinator, Katy Quinn, DTT Youth Activity Officer (October 2019) Jai-James Clarke, DTT Youth Activity Officer (Up until 2019) & Niki Lowe (Cleaner)



Team Work 'Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much'

LLCS is proud of its team culture and the dedication it receives from its staff attests to this. The team is multi-skilled, and it is not unusual for an individual staff member to hold 3 or 4 different roles at any one time.

Meet Lisa Micati, Office and Projects Manager

The first 6 months of this year saw Lower Lachlan Community Services (LLCS) busy with our Get Online Week workshops, Boots Off Event the 2019 Service Expo, Ladies Night In, Share the Dignity Bag drive and general support for our programs Growing Lachlan, Bendigo Bank, Drought Voucher administration support, Emergency Relief, Down The Track and the Professional Women's Network.

In December we launched the new look Lake Cargelligo Website that is completely community owned and managed and mobile device friendly. Feedback from locals and visitors alike has been positive and helpful to improve information for all.

Toward the end of 2019 we said farewell to long standing tenant Paul McFadyen and we wish him and his family all the best.

2020 started like any other year and we geared up to hit the ground running. The second part of the year has been quite different to every other year with the effects of COVID-19 and its associated restrictions.

The team at Lower Lachlan Community Services Inc. rolled with the changes and adjusted to ensure we were able to maintain our services to community. Our opening hours were restricted to the public from 9:30am – 1:00pm, with front line staff still working and the office functioning from 9:00am – 4pm. Those that could work from home did and office communication still flowed with the use of Zoom and a new program to enable this. Our office saw a quieter customer presence, although business as usual with calls or emails made prior by customers that enabled our team to still meet their needs.

After the departure of Paul, we welcomed Netball NSW who took up an office space. Unfortunately, our office hire took a hit during this time and we worked to enable a cheaper rate to retain those that had utilised this service to ensure their space would remain until some normality returns. The Rural Financial Councillor from Hillston is still visiting and utilising a space every few weeks depending on demand.

In the later half of 2019 LLCS was successful in an application to be a part of the Fanny Lumsden, Small Country Halls Tour and also were successful in applying for Murrumbidgee Community Grant to assist in holding this event and making it free to community. This was a successful night with around 120 community members attending. The night was used to fundraise for two of LLCS's projects being Down The Track who catered for the event and Growing Lachlan who provided a cash bar. The fundraising was successful for both programs.

This year we saw a new staff members start with Jessica Browne joining the team, taking over from George Tyack who moved to a casual role to back up staff as necessary. We farewelled Karli Tyack who after having 12 months maternity leave decided to finish up to raise her three children and we wish her all the best.

Oliver Townsend Memorial Fund



Families assisted with crisis medical expenses



25% increase in support uptake



18-20 year fundraising has seen an increase in donations by 8%

Emergency Relief



Increase in crisis medical related accommodation



42 Covid 19 Hampers distributed



15% Increase in Food voucher distribution



15% Increase in Christmas Vouchers distributed



Program extended to now cover Lachlan Shire - using a remote referral system



Meet the team - Lisa Micati, Jess Brown and Leanne Ridley

The Lake Cargelligo Bendigo Bank Agency has grown over the last financial year. Engagement and a presence in our area from our parent branch Manager, Paul Lennon has seen an increase in agency business which in turn has enabled both the parent branch and our agency to put back into community. The agency continues to support the community with the overall total committed to the community being \$29,500.00 since the Agency opened in October 2009. We continue to support community, although our sponsorship program has been limited under the current restrictions limiting events and programs being carried out.

With the support of our parent branch in Hillston and Bank Manager Paul Lenon, the local Agency is able to provide all the services available through the bigger banks with the main benefit being that profits are distributed back into our local community. Residents are urged to call in and see what the Bendigo Bank has to offer them or to make an appointment with Bank Manager, Paul Lenon – the more community support the Agency receives, the more money that goes back into worthy community services, projects and events.

Our community has seen a cut back in hours from the other local major banks, our agency continues to provide banking services from 10am to 4pm, Monday to Friday to meet the needs of the community. If our friendly staff are unable to assist the community banking needs we will always contact our parent branch to ensure we best meet these needs.

2019 - 2020

Putting Back into Community

Lake Cargelligo Rotary Club Carnival
Ladies Night In - Cancer Fundraiser
Lake Cargelligo Show Society
Lake Cargelligo Website Update
Lake Cargelligo Amateur Anglers Club - Fishorama
Six a Side Cricket
Growing Lachlan Outcomes Report
Boots Off Mental Health Night
Fanny Lumsden Concert
Western Business Forum



The Lake News

This year, Lake news saw a busy start to the year with lots of news worthy happenings including sporting and local events.

The 2nd half of the year has seen a steady flow of news with a lot being put on hold due to restrictions. This allowed for a bit of creativity and we took the opportunity to bring in a VOX Pops (Voice of the People) where we interviewed community members and told their story and captured an image of that community member that then went into the paper. This caught everyone's attention and many community members thoroughly enjoyed these articles and there was lots of positive feedback through this and even suggestions of who should appear.

We also worked with the Historical Society who supplied us with old photographs from community that showcased a historical aspect. The team at the Lake News are very supportive during this time and we are looking forward to returning to some normal news soon.

Australia Day

The Australia Day celebrations were held in Lake Cargelligo this year which in turn means a busy start to the year with LLCS working with Lachlan Shire Council (LSC) to ensure a smooth celebration.

This year was well attended, with the event being the main Australia Day event in the shire and saw LSC Staff, Councillors and the Ambassador Mel Thomas all being apart of the day. This was also the first year that we had 3 community members become Australian Citizens which was a special occasion to also celebrate.

The Ambassador for this year was Melanie Thomas who is the founder of KYUP project which is aimed at helping with the prevention of youth, family and domestic violence.

There was around 200 community members who attended, with Rotary doing their annual breakfast which is always outstanding. This year saw the addition of a jumping castle and games available for the kids.

Headlines

GRANTS FOR LOCAL WOMEN

A MYRIAD OF ACTIVITIES FOR AUSTRALIA DAY

FANNY LUMSDEN DRAWS A CROWD

DOWN THE TRACK'S BIGGEST GIG YET

LAKE KIDS EXPLORE ISLAND OASIS

GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE - SHANE PHILLIPS

LOCAL YOUTH PUSH TO CHALLENGE YOUTH SUICIDE

A TICK OF APPROVAL - GOOD DESIGN AWARD

BE CONNECTED WORKSHOP UNLOCKS COMPUTER JARGON

NEW WHEELS FOR DTT

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS A VERY HOT TOPIC

LOCALS SAY ACTION IS NEEDED - GROWING LACHLAN WALK THROUGH

BOOTS OFF AND LETTING YOUR HAIR DOWN - EX-AFL STAR'S POSITIVE TALK

ANNUAL SERVICE EXPO

GO WEST TO GROW LACHLAN - WESTERN BUSINESS FORUM

JAM PACKED PROGRAM FOR WOMEN

SERVICE EXPO A HIT

BUSINESS FORUM FOCUSES ON GROWING OUR LOCAL BUSINESS

LOCAL YOUTH PROGRAM ON ABC'S LANDLINE

LADIES NIGHT IN SUCCESS

DOWN THE TRACK GET A BOOST - CHANNEL 9 TO FUND YOUTH PROGRAM FOR NEXT 3 YEARS.

HAMPERS TO EASE CORONAVIRUS BURDEN

LLCS APPEALS FOR LADY BOWLERS NAMES

Professional Womens Network

The Professional Women's Network (PWN) saw a busy 2019 with many networking opportunities and a series of diverse events. Yoga, wellness, art and craft and Christmas in July... just to name a few.

A Christmas shopping and market experience was put on offer with over 100 women attending and 15 plus local and out of town stall holders.

PWN secured its first grant through Dept for Women to hold a Social Media workshop during the day and a night time presentation by Jo Palmer, winner of the Rural Women of the Year award who presented Rural and Remote workshop for those looking for an alternate work option. Showcasing how skills can be utilised even if your remotely located, and work options available. During Covid the PWN was put on hold and aims to return in 2021 to continue to provide opportunities for women.

During this time a 'Give where you live' campaign was created to give back anonymously by paying for a coffee or contribute to the next customers groceries. The group of founders also created a grants program from funds raised with the first recipient awarded to the Multipurpose Health Service to assist staff and residents with connectivity and access to technology supporting families to stay connected to loved ones and allowing staff access to training updates.



Meet Shane Phillips, Community Connections Officer

During the later part of 2019 the Growing Lachlan team undertook a range of community conversations and walk throughs across the shire. This was a feedback and check in loop with community to determine how we were tracking towards the initial priorities identified in 2015-2016.

Annette, Community Connector, Condobolin had been working on the Western Business Forum deliverables in partnership with the steering committee. The Western Business Forum in Condobolin was a full day event focusing on business growth and opportunity. This event had a variety of speakers – ranging from working remotely with Jo Palmer, Jordan Core from the progressive Cowra Business Chamber through to understanding good business with Tom O'Toole – Beechworth Bakery fame just to name a few.

This was successfully delivered in November 2019. From this opportunity some additional works occurred across the shire – such as Social Media workshops, strengthening the Condobolin Chamber of Commerce and their shift to hosting business awards and early discussions around growing membership across the Shire.

Annette undertook work with the Lachlan Youth Services Manager around a discovery piece called YOUth Talk – understanding what matters to youth across the shire, alongside enabling discussions that would provide the foundations for the development of a Shire wide youth Strategy. In August 2019 we farewelled Annette and our Condobolin position ceased.

During this time, we had been working with Fiona McKenzie of Orange Compass on an outcomes report for Growing Lachlan. Alongside attending the December VFFF Board meeting with updates and presentations - this was submitted and used to seek additional 2 years of funding from VFFF with which we were successful.

Growing Lachlan has officially joined the Lower Lachlan Community Services Inc. (LLCS) team and sits fully within the auspice of LLCS Inc. With this we have the opportunity to grow our marketing and storytelling of joint projects like Growing Lachlan and Down the Track but also showcase what the role of an auspice agency really looks like and the relevance of why these matter to small locally based projects. We can now grow our funding knowledge, skills, and fundraising capacity as an organisation and as a community. And embed systems and support to see longevity and sustainability attached to successful placed based projects.

I continue my working relationship with SEER – a data and analysis platform. I was recently interviewed by the SEER team and recorded with the intention for the SEER team to utilise the video as a showcase of how the data and platform is and has been used by a range of longer term customers. They have also provided a video – short version for Growing Lachlan's own use on social media platforms.

A recent partnership with LSC has seen an update to the local TV screens. Content for these screens will now be co-ordinated by David Lornie (LSC Community and Marketing) and will feature shire wide content with bi-monthly updates. He is working with the team at LLCS for Business and Service content and will continue to do so throughout the course of the screen's success.

Growing Lachlan put forward a project plan and fee for service option to the LDAT team to run a range of workshops and assist in the development of the final project brief for the LDAT team. I have been working with Lisa Micati as the project support and we have completed four large formal workshop and one informal workshop with committee members and students.

I continue to support the Allcare community with the agenda to grow access for our elderly to remain in community when care needs change. We have recently had notice of amendments to service statements and service plans for the MPHS which indicates the need for an increase in bed numbers alongside conversations with Mark Coulton MP who has indicated where we can secure infrastructure dollars, funds for beds etc. I have recently completed the first two lived experience profiles alongside lodging to the Aged Care Commission - a snapshot of aged care decision making, service provision and considerations that need to be made when managing the decisions of "what's best for our loved ones".

In 2018 I submitted a funding request to Lachlan Shire Council (LSC) to fund new historical signs highlighting cutlural story telling/permanent acknowledgement to country and then follow on with additional historical information. I was notified recently by LSC that they were successful in the last round of Community Funds and this project being lead by LSC team with community engagement sessions to follow.

In May 2020 I was asked to join the Fair Education Cluster Community of Practice. The focus was to present a cluster grant to address points of transition across our cluster school groups in community. This requires strong partnerships with allied health, pre-school educators and community members and families. Growing Lachlan supported the community of practice with some online workshoping and support. The first stage application was lodged, and we are excitingly awaiting the outcomes.

Covid has put a halt to many of the PWN activities. However – we have managed to offer free yoga online during the last few months and have now negotiated some free face to face sessions again for people in community. 2019 funds have been acquitted and the group approved for 2 new iPads and one set of noise cancelling earphones to be purchased for the residents at the LMPHS.

Fast Facts



Youth Services across the shire participate in YOUth Talk targeting Young peoples needs and producing a draft of YOUth talk report



1st Western Business Forum held for the Lachlan Shire drawing Business from across the Western District



Regional Innovators Network wins Australian Good Deisn Award in Social Impact Category



Meet Lana Masterson - Down The Track Coordinator

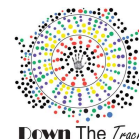
The last 12 months has been a challenging year. The pandemic exposed us all to unprecedented times from working from home to different delivery of service. The Down The Track team have pulled together and got the job done. It has been a year of highs and lows, securing future funding with our friends from Channel 9, saying goodbye to Jai-James, Katy Quinn joining the team and supporting our young people through the loss of a number of suicides.

The year as it was:

- DTT Program funded to purchase a vehicle: It's amazing what a dinner can achieve. DTT hosted Gargi from Prime Minister in Cabinet in July last year with the outcome of securing a vehicle for the program. Transport up until this point was a long-standing issue.
- DTT meet the Governor General: Invited by our good friends at BackTrack to attend the launch of Bernie Shakeshaft's Book, DTT attended Admiralty House and had the opportunity to meet the Governor General Mr Hurley and his wife. After the morning being hosted by Mr and Mrs Hurley, DTT attended a board meeting at VFFF.
- Show time: The Lake Cargelligo Show is a favourite catering event for DTT and our youth with our very own Jai-James Clark officially opening the event after winning the local Young Australian of the Year. The DTT team were visited by the Gerringong Rotary who made the massive trek out to Lake Cargelligo.
- Goodbye and Good Luck: We foundly said farewell to Jai in September and saw Jai start his new adventure in Wagga. Jai had been involved in DTT program since the very start when he was a participant in the pilot program. Now Jai is a role model to the youth of Lake Cargelligo and Wagga Wagga.
- Katy starts with DTT: In October we welcomed the newest member of the team Katy Quinn. Katy hit the ground running and has excelled over the last 12 months.
- Channel Nine Support: Channel nine signed up for 3 years of support in November and saw Channel 9, BackTrack and UnLtd. visit our little community to see the Down The Track team in action. After an amazing cook up by the DTT team, Channel 9 pledged \$100,000 per year for three years. The Channel 9 partnership is one we hope will continue beyond the 3 years.
- Biggest Catering Gig Yet: Fanny Lumsden concert was our biggest catering gig yet! On Valentines Day, DTT cooked up a storm for over 220 people who attended the Fanny Lumsden concert where meals were made to order.
- Camp at the Island: DTT went on an adventure to Robinson Cursoe Island where the team and young people were educated about our water system, the fish that are in our Lake and the birds that inhabit the Island. This camp was a real hit with the kids and one that we will repeat.
- DTT make "coming together video" Covid-19 forced us to work from home but that didn't stop us coming together (virtually) and creating a video of hope and connection.
- Push-up challenge: The DTT Team signed up to raise money for Griffith Headspace. The team worked hard and completed over 1000 push-ups and raised over \$1,000.
- DTT build a garden: Our building back carpark took on a new look with the DTT team and some helpers planting a garden that can be used in cooking for the social enterprise. The gardening has been a learning curve for us all. We learnt quickly that our Western sun plays a critical role!
- Lamb marking: Another year out on Morris farm doing one of our favourite activities – Lamb Marking! The Morris family are amazing hosts and great teachers of everything farm and sheep!

Currently 34 young people referred to the Down The Track Program. Some of the highlights for the year was a stack of young people gaining their licences, pitching to 900+ Channel 9 staff, completing our first merch drive and of course being apart of our amazing young peoples journeys.

Fast Facts



34 Young People participating in program



Channel 9 becomes major supporter of the DTT program



Social Enterprise gets legs with uptake of catering - 10% increase from previous year



70 Young people gained skill based training



10 Young people gained their licence



Special Thanks

Lower Lachlan Community Services Inc Management Board and Staff would like to extend their appreciation to the following individuals, groups and professionals for their continued support of our organisation by way of donations, mentoring and in-kind services:

- Lachlan Shire Council
- Mark Olson - Matthews Williams Solicitors
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- Bernie Shakeshaft, BackTrack and BackTrack Everywhere, Armidale and Team
- Chris Freel, UnLtd. and team
- Baker & McKenzie.
- Rudolf Broek
- Channel 9
- Robyn Turner, Meredith Ervin, Adam Kerezsy (Dr Fish)
- Zoe Robinson
- Anna Doyle
- Wayne, Christina, Anthony and Rachael Morris
- Gerrigong Rotary
- Skye Trudgett, YARRN
- Wetlands Society and Environmental Expert, Jo Lenehan
- Corrimal, Liverpool and Lake Cargelligo Rotary Clubs
- Elders Paddock to Plate - Drought Relief

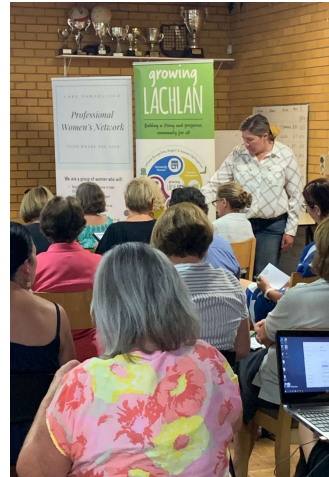
Event/Project/Program Partners and Sponsors

- Lakes Alive, Lake Cargelligo Rotary & Bendigo Bank Agency – Lake Cargelligo Website
- Dept of Social Services– Emergency Relief Funding
- Central West Family Support – Community Builders Program
- Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation – Community Connections Project/Growing Lachlan Alliance
- Hillston Community Bank & the Rural Bank – support for local projects and events
- Sponsors and supporters of the Oliver Townsend Memorial Fund concert
- Sponsors and supporters of the Ladies Night In
- Australian Agricultural Training
- Moses and Son
- Murrin Bridge Local Aboriginal Lands Council
- Murrin Bridge Aboriginal Health Service

We would also like to thank our many wonderful volunteers who helped out during the year with our events and activities. Your support is sincerely appreciated

A YEAR IN PICTURES







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FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2020

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
INCOME			
OTHER INCOME			
Australia Day		3,948.82	2,700.00
CCO & Growing Lachlan Projects		45,797.00	127,435.00
Community Building Program		18,179.24	22,001.00
Community Projects		8,233.73	6,643.00
Down the Track		141,637.05	167,781.00
Drought Relief		46,473.00	33,049.00
Emergency Relief Grant Funding		21,193.24	13,696.00
Oliver Townsend Fundraising		837.48	3,347.00
Local Drug Action Team		3,583.20	-
Bendigo Bank		28,597.23	32,234.00
Centrelink/Lake News		44,170.44	44,747.00
Countrylink		4,333.92	6,742.00
Donations		2,820.32	14.00
Fundraising		-	983.00
Grants		69,147.27	56,600.00
In Kind		36,000.00	25,000.00
Memberships		344.00	2,465.00
Sales & Office Hire		19,794.98	34,199.00
Cash Boost		36,382.50	-
JobKeeper		21,000.00	-
Sundry Income		2,211.01	1,231.00
Interest Received		828.12	3,824.00
		555,512.55	584,691.00

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
EXPENDITURE			
Australia Day		1,984.12	1,849.00
CCO & Growing Lachlan Projects		45,147.13	-
Community Building Program		2,937.31	3,883.00
Community Projects		26,624.45	12,291.00
Down the Track		24,064.39	17,335.00
Drought Relief		45,371.41	32,876.00
Emergency Relief Grant Funding		17,937.10	16,995.00
Oliver Townsend		1,500.00	3,100.00
Growing Lachlan Evolution Grant		3,759.03	-
Bendigo Bank		837.48	801.00
Countrylink		3,121.60	5,243.00
Fundraising		1,436.36	2,154.00
Accountancy Fees		9,526.36	5,307.00
Advertising		549.01	1,432.00
Bank Charges		423.81	-
Depreciation		13,342.00	9,280.00
Insurance		9,877.27	8,134.00
Light & Power		3,006.78	3,185.00
Meeting Expenses		518.68	571.00
Motor Vehicle Expenses		1,686.81	-
Office Expenses		9,307.02	5,600.00
Rates		3,094.60	-
Repairs & Maintenance - Improvements		1,125.30	21,295.00
Staff Training & Travel		2,534.65	8,896.00
Sundry Expenses		735.56	8,641.00
Superannuation Contributions		25,596.45	27,464.00
Telephone		2,758.22	4,899.00
Wages		287,219.33	302,390.00
Wages - Volunteers		36,000.00	25,000.00
Workers Compensation		936.80	1,116.00
		582,959.03	529,737.00
(Loss) Profit before income tax		(27,446.48)	54,954.00
(Loss) Profit for the year		(27,446.48)	54,954.00
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year		393,934.00	338,980.00
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year		366,487.52	393,934.00

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	280,900.44	324,024.00
Trade and other receivables	4	116,006.41	84,728.00
Financial assets	5	243,897.95	126,867.00
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>640,804.80</u>	<u>535,619.00</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	6	155,212.50	116,851.00
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>155,212.50</u>	<u>116,851.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>796,017.30</u>	<u>652,470.00</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and Other Payables	7	369,529.78	198,536.00
Provision for Building Maintenance		60,000.00	60,000.00
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>429,529.78</u>	<u>258,536.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>429,529.78</u>	<u>258,536.00</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>366,487.52</u>	<u>393,934.00</u>
EQUITY			
Retained earnings	8	366,487.52	393,934.00
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>366,487.52</u>	<u>393,934.00</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

The financial statements cover the business of Lower Lachlan Community Services Inc and have been prepared to meet the needs of stakeholders and to assist in the preparation of the tax return.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

1 Basis of Preparation

The Company is non reporting since there are unlikely to be any users who would rely on the general purpose financial statements.

The special purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the significant accounting policies described below and do not comply with any Australian Accounting Standards unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment.

Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight line basis over the assets useful life to the company, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

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Impairment of Non-Financial Assets

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

Where this indicator exists and regardless for goodwill, indefinite life intangible assets and intangible assets not yet available for use, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated.

Where assets do not operate independently of other assets, the recoverable amount of the relevant cash-generating unit (CGU) is estimated.

The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the higher of the fair value less costs of disposal and the value in use. Value in use is the present value of the future cash flows expected to be derived from an asset or cash-generating unit.

Where the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Reversal indicators are considered in subsequent periods for all assets which have suffered an impairment loss , except for goodwill.

Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the company'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 cash flows. Changes in the measurement of the liability are recognised in profit or loss.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the company has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

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Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is recognised when the business is entitled to it.

Sale of goods

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised at the point of delivery as this corresponds to the transfer of significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods and the cessation of all involvement in those goods.

Interest revenue

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method.

Other income

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis when the company is entitled to it.

**COMPILATION REPORT
TO LOWER LACHLAN COMMUNITY SERVICES INC
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We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of Lower Lachlan Community Services Inc which comprise the balance sheet as at 30 June 2020, profit and loss statement for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

The specific purpose for which these special purpose financial statements have been prepared is to provide information relating to the performance and financial position of the company that satisfies the information needs of the director set out in Note 1.

The responsibility of the director

The director is solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements and has determined that the significant accounting policies adopted as set out in Note 1 to the financial statements are appropriate to meet their needs.

Our responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the director, we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the significant accounting policies adopted as set out in Note 1 to the financial statements and APES 315: Compilation of Financial Information.

Our procedures use accounting expertise to collect, classify and summarise the financial information, which the director provided, into a financial report. Our procedures do not include verification or validation procedures. No audit or review has been performed and accordingly no assurance is expressed.

The special purpose financial statements were prepared exclusively for the director. We do not accept responsibility to any other person for the content of the special purpose financial statements.

Name of Firm: Lewis & Redenbach
Chartered Accountants

Name of Principal:

Address: 126 Bathurst Street, Condobolin NSW 2877

Dated this day of

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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

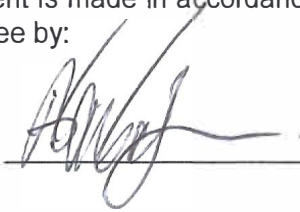
The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 2 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report :

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Lower Lachlan Community Services Inc as at 30 June 2020 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Lower Lachlan Community Services Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

President:



Treasurer:



Dated this day of



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF LOWER LACHLAN COMMUNITY SERVICES INC

Scope

We have audited the financial report, being a special purpose financial report comprising the Profit & Loss Account, Balance Sheet and Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements, of the LOWER LACHLAN COMMUNITY SERVICES INC for the year ended 30 June 2020. The Committee is responsible for the preparation of the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of LOWER LACHLAN COMMUNITY SERVICES INC. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this audit report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Association's financial performance as represented by the results of its operations. These policies do not require the application of all Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

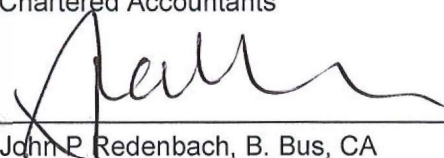
The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly the results and operations of LOWER LACHLAN COMMUNITY SERVICES INC for the year ended 30 June 2020.

In our opinion, the financial report presents a true and fair view of the results and operations of LOWER LACHLAN COMMUNITY SERVICES INC for the year ended 30 June 2020.

Name of Firm: Lewis & Redenbach
Chartered Accountants

Name of Principal: 
John P. Redenbach, B. Bus, CA
Member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia & New Zealand

Address: 126 Bathurst Street Condobolin NSW 2877

Dated this 30th day of September 2020

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CERTIFICATE BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

I, Colin Townsend, of 15 Reef Street, Lake Cargelligo NSW 2672 certify that:

- (a) I attended the annual general meeting of the association held on, Tuesday, 15th of December 2020 at Lower Lachlan Community Service Inc. office, 30 Foster Street, Lake Cargelligo NSW 2672
- (b) The financial statements for the year ended 30th June 2020 were submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting.

Dated this day of 15 - 12 - 20

Committee Member: 