

LOWER LACHLAN
COMMUNITY
SERVICES

"keeping our community supported and connected"

**ANNUAL
REPORT
2023**

*For the financial year ended
30th June 2023*

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A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As chairman of the Lower Lachlan Community Services I would like to thank Kristy and her team for the effort they have put in throughout the year. There have been some hiccups but the staff of Lower Lachlan have managed to keep the business moving along.

I would also like to thank all board members for all their input and help throughout the year. We had many new board members join last year and they all took time out from their own hectic lives to help with ideas for Lower Lachlan going forward.

The team at lower Lachlan have worked for the benefit of the local community with chairing the interagency and helping with the domestic violence, drug action group and mental health groups. They also helped with the administration of the festival of the lakes, and I would like to commend this group of locals for putting on a festival that any town or region would be proud of.

During the year there were renovations taking place and the staff took it all in their stride and kept the place working.

I would again like to stress the unheralded work that Lower Lachlan and the Staff do for Lake Cargelligo and surrounds and hope that this keeps going for many years to come.

Ian Aubrey



IAN AUBREY
CHAIRMAN

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

For 31 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 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 Growing Lachlan Project

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

EVENTS

Lake Cargelligo/Murrin Bridge Service Expo
Domestic Violence Awareness White Ribbon Day
Ochre Day

Australia Day Celebrations

Lake's Long Lunch

Oliver Townsend Memorial Concert

LDAT Launch

ACTIVITIES

Christmas Butchers Vouchers – Emergency
Relief Program

New Furniture, Floor and Paint for LLCS

ER Flood Relief Vouchers

Show Photo Stewards

From the Executive Officer

Lower Lachlan Community Services staff have been kept busy in the 2022/23 without the concern of COVID restrictions staff were able to get back into the community.

The Lake Cargelligo & Murrin Bridge Interagency Service Expo returned with the Services Australia bus coming to town during the July school holidays. Despite it being school holidays, the expo attracted 15 services on the day, with many locals taking the opportunity to come and chat to the services available to them. Lake Cargelligo Rotary club generously attended the day to man the bbq and ensure attendees didn't go hungry.

Starting in July I was able to take the lead with our Lake Cargelligo/Murrin Bridge Local Drug Action Team (LDAT) 'Stronger Communities' cooking workshops. Our goal with these workshops was to reconnect community back to each other and the services that are available to them that they may have lost touch with during the COVID lock downs. The program ran with weekly cooking classes at the Lake Cargelligo Memorial Hall, created a community cookbook together and celebrated with a community BBQ when the book was released to the public. We had a mini service expo on this day also. It was an absolute privilege to be able to see the new relationships flourish particularly between the students that joined us from St Francis-Xavier Primary School and the other participants.

LLCS, like in the many years prior, volunteered to be stewards for the photography section of the Lake Show. It is incredible to see all the talent that Lake Cargelligo has to offer and be a part of such a long running event.

In November we started the renovations in our building. The painting was completed quickly with the intention to move straight onto the new flooring however the regions flooding made it impossible for trades to travel to Lake Cargelligo. During this time, we also received our new furniture which we were able to purchase through a successful grant application from Department of Industry, Science and Resource-Stronger Communities Program Round 7. The new flooring was installed in the middle of December with minimal disruption to our clients. Staff enjoyed starting the year in a fresh new space and we have had so much positive feedback about how wonderful it all looks.

The interior renovations were funded through a grant from FRRR- Roof over community. We had some remaining money that they approved for us to use to lay a concrete slab in our back yard. Volunteers and staff workload has been significantly reduced with no longer needing to spray and pull-out weeds.

The start of 2023 we hit the ground running with Australia Day celebrations. We held the event with the Lake Cargelligo Memorial Swimming Pool with lots of activities to attract families. We had about 100 people attend and enjoy the awards and breakfast.

In March we held our first of what we hope to be many, Lakes Long Lunch. We were successful in obtaining funds from Lachlan Shire Council and were able to host a completely free event for the community to enjoy. 150 locals joined us by the Lake to enjoy a three-course meal whilst enjoying drinks from the Commercial Hotel and great music. The day was well received and a great way for everyone to get together and spend time reconnecting after the floods had separated many locals. We have had many requests for it to come back in 2024.

Our Emergency Relief program was able to support families in Lake Cargelligo and Condobolin after the flooding. We worked with local services in Lake Cargelligo and Condobolin to send vouchers to those that were most impacted. Vouchers could be used at each town's local supermarket, butcher and hardware stores.

Our Centrelink and Bendigo Bank agencies have shown no signs of slowing down with both services being kept busy every day. In June we were delivered the news that the local NAB would be permanently closing its doors. The Bendigo Bank agency has seen many new accounts opened particularly for our vulnerable community members who still remain most comfortable with a face to face service.

The Oliver Townsend Memorial Fund supported families financially during their time of need when they had loved ones being unwell and needing treatment away from town as it has done for many years.

We also had some significant changes to staff in 2022/23 with Jess Browne moving on to be with her new partner in September and Skyla leaving to focus on her beauty business and family at the start of 2023. I am very grateful for the efforts they made to their roles whilst with LLCS and wish them both the very best for their futures.

Colleen Riley joined our team at the end of November taking over the lead on Interagency and Domestic Violence and has established some great relationships with our local service providers. Angela Norris started in May in the Lake News role and has really settled into her role. Despite being short staffed for much of this financial year the existing staff worked hard to ensure that the office remained open with minimal disruption to community that require our services.

KRISTY BROOKS
EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Our Board



Ian Albury
Chairperson



Rebecca Keely
Vice Chairperson



Emily Blacker
Secretary



Janene Leslie
Treasurer



Rachael Morris
Public Officer



Judy Bartholomew
WHS Officer



Andrew McFadyen
Committee



Alex Gilbert
Committee



Ben Harris
Committee



Shellie Lawlor
Committee



Elizabeth Campbell
Committee

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



Kristy Brooks

LLCS Executive Officer
Bendigo Bank Agency
Principal and Centrelink
Agent



Rachel Chamen

LLCS Office Manager,
Centrelink and
Bendigo Bank Agent
Er Project Coordinator



Jess Browne

Centrelink Agent,
Interagency and DV
Secretary, Bendigo Bank
Agent, LLCS assistant



Skyla Paull

Bendigo and Centrelink
Agent, LLCS Assistant,
Lake News
correspondent and
photographer



Colleen Riley

Centrelink Agent,
Interagency and DV
Secretary, Bendigo Bank
Agent, LLCS assistant



Angela Norris

Bendigo and Centrelink
Agent, LLCS Assistant,
Lake News
correspondent and
photographer



Shane Phillips

Community Connections
Officer—Lake Cargelligo



Brooke Brown

Community Connections
Officer—Lake Cargelligo

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.

Lake News and Bendigo Bank

Lake News

The flooding at the end of 2022 was a huge news story, with many photos being taken to show the devastation of many families in our area.

In 2023 the papers pages were reduced but as always our community has ensured there's plenty going on to fill the pages. LLCS events including the Lakes Long Lunch programs and events that the Festival of the Lakes committee organised for their fundraising featured significantly. The local schools continued to send through updates and pictures of all things happening within their walls. Father Paul helped us with photo's of the local AFL and netball games whilst LLSC staff headed down to the Recreation ground to cover the NRL.

The office still sees many locals coming through the door to place their ads, pay their lake news invoices and also to keep our staff updated with things happening in town.

Bendigo Bank Agency

The Lake Cargelligo Bendigo Bank Agency has continued to grow over this past financial year. Engagement and a presence in our area from our Mobile Banker Sandy Meyer visiting each month has seen an increase in agency business.

With the support of our parent branch in Hillston and Bank Manager Vicki Kerr, 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 the Bank Manager, the more community support the Agency receives, the more money goes back into worthy community services, projects and events.

Our agency continues to provide banking services from 10am to 4pm, Monday to Friday to meet the needs of the community being the bank opened the longest hours in our 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.



Australia Day Carnival

On the 26th January 2023, Lake Cargelligo Community members celebrated a very warm Australia Day at the Lake Cargelligo Memorial Swimming Pool, celebrations began with a delicious breakfast of bacon and egg rolls, coffee, tea and water. Lower Lachlan Community Services chairperson Andrew McFadyen opened the event welcoming the community on the day. Aunty Josie King performed the open to county and Adam Kerezy sang our National Anthem. The 2022 Local Event of the Year Nominees were: Lake Cargelligo Show, Rotary Club of Lake Cargelligo Christmas Carnival, Lake's Music n Screen on the Green, Growing Lachlan Small Business Event, Lake Gymkhana, Blue Waters Exhibition, and the Debutante Ball. The award was presented to the winner, Rotary Club of Lake Cargelligo's Christmas Carnival by the Deputy Mayor Paul Phillips. Adam Kerezy, Laken Picking and the Lake Cargelligo Memorial Pool, provided entertainment throughout the day with face painting, tattoos, music and fun in the water with a big H inflatable.



LDAT - Stronger Communities Cooking Classes

The Lake Cargelligo/ Murrin Bridge Local Drug action team successfully obtained funding through the Australian Drug Foundation to put towards a new Community Action plan - Stronger Communities.

The aim was to bring community members back together and offer information on Alcohol and Drug effects and prevention whilst fostering a sense of belonging to the community. The Stronger Communities program allowed members from our community to join together for an 8 week program of free cooking classes.

The presenters of the classes were hosted by different highly valued members of our community who participants can connect with when they are needing extra support. They included Murrin Bridge Local Aboriginal Lands Council, Jennie O'Hara from JMO training Services, Tom from HnM Butchery, ST Francis-Xavier School, Down the Track, Sergeant Ben Munro and Lower Lachlan Community Services.

Each week a different presenter offered a budget friendly family recipe. At the end of each cooking session all attendees were provided with a bag of ingredients to enable them to cook the meal for their family at home.

Over the 8 weeks of cooking classes the community had the pleasure of cooking and tasting some amazing recipes, some of these included Porcupine Meatballs, Satay Chicken Skewers and a delicious Beef Stew. The final session also included a Mental Health Session presented by Jennie O'Hara from JMO training services who was able to share her knowledge of what you can do to ensure you maintain good mental health and the signs to look out for.

Throughout the cooking classes the LDAT group were busy compiling recipes from community members to create a free community cookbook. The cookbooks included easy to make budget family recipes with art work from local school children.

To celebrate the completion of the Stronger Communities Program, Lake Cargelligo and surrounds joined together with services from our area at the Lake Cargelligo Sail and Power Boat Club with a free Community BBQ. Services that attended included Wellways, Bendigo Bank, Services Australia, Lake Cargelligo TAFE, and Lower Lachlan Community Services.

The day was great success with those in attendance taking the opportunity to chat with services and obtain information about what's on offer to them.

During the day the LDAT team handed out 150 free wellbeing goodie bags that included the Stronger Communities Cookbook.





Interagency & DV

Lower Lachlan Community Services (LLCS) plays an essential role in the Lake Cargelligo and surrounding areas by offering a range of support and services. Their monthly in-person Interagency and Domestic Violence Group meetings provide an opportunity for community members and service providers to connect, gain knowledge about new programs and services, and raise awareness of important issues such as Domestic Violence, Ochre, and White Ribbon Days.

The aim of Interagency is to ensure that local individuals/groups under stress or experiencing socio-economic disadvantage and/or marginalisation have equitable access to a range of support services aimed at enhancing and protecting their social, physical, emotional and cultural well-being.

Lake Cargelligo/ Murrin Bridge Interagency Group held the annual Service Expo on Thursday 14th July 2022. It commenced at 9.00 am until 1.00 pm and was located in front of Lower Lachlan Community Services, 30 Foster Street Lake Cargelligo.

The Service Expo aims to raise the profile of services working in our community to showcase what they offer and how they can assist individuals. Lower Lachlan Community Services facilitates the Service Expo and Interagency meetings each month to provide a forum for non-government organisations, relevant government agencies and community members to come together on a monthly basis.

This year saw many Government and Non-Government Services attending, creating a great opportunity for community members and the surrounding district to access service providers and source information, while centralised in one location. The community came along and had a chat and found out about the Services available throughout our region, while enjoying a free sausage sizzle, cooked by Rotary, and chance to go in the draw to win a prize.

Also attending was the Services Australia Mobile Team. Providing information on Australian Government payments and services, for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disabilities, careers, farmers and self-employed. Information about Department Veteran's Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families was also available.



Lower Lachlan Community Services partnered with Central West Family Support and Catholic Care Wilcannia Forbes to host the White Ribbon Day morning tea and a day of haircuts, massages, and beauty treatments to end family violence. These events aim to bring the community together, raise awareness, and provide valuable resources and information.

Lower Lachlan Community Services is committed to serving the community by providing individual and family support, disability services, and mental health support. They collaborate with both government and non-government organizations to ensure that the community's needs are met, and everyone has access to the services they require.

Ochre Ribbon Day was held on 12th February 2023. Lower Lachlan Community Services hosted with tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are 11 times more likely to die due to assault. Discrimination, racism and intergenerational trauma are significant drivers of the violence experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. These drivers are exacerbated by factors including alcohol and substance abuse, mental ill-health, inadequate housing and overcrowding, unemployment and poor access to culturally competent services. Breaking this cycle of violence requires community-driven, trauma-informed approaches to family violence that prioritise cultural healing, family restoration and the strength of Indigenous families. Solutions must support frontline and prevention services, as well as the structural drivers of violence.



As a hub for community outreach and support, Lower Lachlan Community Services remains committed to improving the lives of the people they serve. They continue to host events and initiatives throughout the year, to achieve their mission of promoting inclusivity and providing a welcoming environment for all.

Brooke Brown and Shane Phillips Community Connections Officers



It has been a wonderful 12 months for the Growing Lachlan team.

I have been lucky enough to have previous CCO Shane Phillips continue alongside me in a mentoring and Fee for Service role which has seen Growing Lachlan go from strength to strength.

AllCare

Our work alongside the Allcare group has continued and we have seen the first Allcare Forum take place at the Lake Cargelligo Bowling Club in September where there were around 70 people in attendance looking for services to meet their needs or to support family members. From this event we have been able to apply for grants to help support Allcare and bring services to our community. In April the Allcare group supported David Batterham swim from Deadman's Point to the island and back, all raising money for Dementia Australia. This was also supported by companion swimmers Craig Baul and Brad Hart as well as island educator and support boatman Adam Kerezsy. Spectators were welcomed along to Deadman's for breakfast supplied by HnM Butchery and that evening invited to a banquet dinner and entertainment by Brian Allen at the Lake Cargelligo Bowling Club. Alongside the Murrumbidgee Local Health District we assisted local members to partake in a survey which allowed people to have their say regarding the health services provided within our area to help inform a service plan for the Lake Cargelligo Multipurpose Service (Hospital). It is pleasing to see that this plan has been endorsed and has now been submitted to the NSW Ministry of Health. Importantly it sees the current residential Aged Care beds go from 16 to a proposed 30.

We continue to work alongside the Allcare group to support their agenda and as the saying goes "Ageing is just another word for living".

Doing Business in LC – Shop Local Campaign

In November of 2022 we held a Small Business Event thanks to funding through the NSW Government. Here we welcomed a representative from Business West Wyalong to share information about the way their business community promotes shopping locally and supporting their businesses. Our prior survey to the community showed us that there were a multitude of reasons why people didn't shop locally and we thought it was time to delve into what we had learnt and to see if there was an appetite for Lake Cargelligo's very first Shop Local Campaign.

The event saw 70+ people in attendance including local businesses and community members. We discussed the results from the survey before taking attendees through a walk through to gain more understanding of where the gaps were and what part Growing Lachlan could play in that. From here the Shop Local Lake Cargelligo Campaign was born. Lower Lachlan Community Services and Lachlan Shire Council financially backed the trial ensuring there was no financial burden on businesses or consumers to take part. 19 businesses participated in the trial for a Customer Loyalty Card program seeing almost 400 cards completed in a 3 month period, equating to around 4'800 local purchases. The response was wonderful and the data collected resulted in Growing Lachlan producing a proposal to fund a digital version of the program that will hopefully take off in 2024. Additionally, we created Shop Local Vouchers which community members could purchase and spend within any of the participating businesses. This will further be explored to see if there is any viability in this moving forward.

Lake Learning Links – Fair Education

Our team continued our partnership with the Lake Learning Links project in a community consultation capacity and into 2023 taking on an administrative role. We met with school staff (Kindergarten teachers) to gather feedback on the previous transition to kindergarten programs as well as preschool staff. This information was collated and presented back to the Lake Learning Links cluster group to help frame up the 2023 Kindergarten Transition Program and subsequent Kindy Kickstart program – a transition program for families entailing critical information from services and products to assist with the transition process. We also created video social stories of different families take on their transition experiences from those with additional transition steps and considerations as well as those with a more mainstream transition story. We also were able to create a School social story showcasing our schools across the cluster as well as our two preschools to be utilised by families to remain familiar with their chosen school.

The Lake Learning Links Cluster was a very successful 3 year program which has seen as be able to apply for another round of funding through Schools Plus and Fair Education to work alongside our schools again focusing on post school options.

Growing Lachlan were also able to take on additional roles within other Lower Lachlan Community Services events such as the Long Lunch, which took place in March 2022. We were the leading organiser and welcomed 150 community members to an event held in the park to enjoy music, food and drinks all for free. This is an event we hope to see continue annually and were please to be a large part of the success.

Growing Lachlan have seen great success in the last 12 months in our Fee for Service model helping to ensure the viability of such a vital program within our community. We hope to revisit our critical areas with our community to conduct another walk through to determine what our community sees as the important issues and the potential gaps we can look to fill moving forward.





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
- Lake Cargelligo Rotary Club
- Adam Kerezsy (Dr Fish)
- John Cooper from Cooper Tech Services

Event/Project/Program Partners and Sponsors

- Lakes Alive, Lake Cargelligo Rotary & Bendigo Bank Agency – Lake Cargelligo Website
- Australian Drug and Alcohol Foundation
- Department of Industry Science and Resource
- The Commercial Hotel
- Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal
- Murra Thinna Preschool/ Lake Cargelligo Early Learning Centre
- 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
- Murrin Bridge Local Aboriginal Lands Council
- Murrin Bridge Aboriginal Health Service
- St Francis-Xavier Primary School
- Lake Cargelligo Central School
- Wilcannia - Forbes Catholic Care

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.

Renovations/Upgrades





Lakes Long Lunch



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FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2023

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
INCOME			
OTHER INCOME			
Australia Day		2,454.55	2,454.55
CCO & Growing Lachlan Projects		179,191.85	21,328.17
Community Building Program		18,179.24	18,179.24
Community Projects		289.09	13,269.98
Emergency Relief Grant Funding		19,842.67	18,345.85
Local Drug Action Team		41,203.92	-
Festival of the Lakes		35,769.80	-
Bendigo Bank		47,104.76	57,466.10
Centrelink/Lake News		46,801.11	48,954.49
Countrylink		283.88	713.93
Donations		900.00	14,379.73
Grants		61,075.45	87,967.27
In Kind		36,000.00	36,000.00
Memberships		209.08	187.26
Sales & Office Hire		16,711.34	11,798.74
Contract Staff		22,556.03	10,142.45
Wage Subsidy		9,545.45	-
Sundry Income		-	348.75
Interest Received		1,281.22	496.32
		<u>539,399.44</u>	<u>342,032.83</u>

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
EXPENDITURE			
Australia Day		1,990.91	1,336.87
CCO & Growing Lachlan Projects		41,945.70	6,447.00
Community Building Program		-	502.98
Community Projects		-	858.00
Emergency Relief Grant Funding		15,603.08	22,257.32
Oliver Townsend		5,000.00	-
Local Drug Action Team		18,154.86	4,537.29
Festival of the Lakes		5,797.71	-
Fundraising		318.18	-
Accountancy Fees		7,375.00	9,510.00
Advertising		383.76	500.45
Bank Charges		190.02	483.46
Depreciation		13,427.00	13,282.00
Fines		1,186.84	-
Insurance		10,089.42	9,755.45
Light & Power		2,397.08	2,831.81
Meeting Expenses		728.68	134.94
Motor Vehicle Expenses		413.82	383.07
Office Expenses		11,263.78	8,692.68
Rates		3,254.65	2,372.07
Repairs & Maintenance - Improvements		56,226.24	26,315.48
Sundry Expenses		1,336.85	2,223.33
Superannuation Contributions		18,494.96	17,904.44
Telephone		4,119.38	2,715.42
Wages		177,765.01	178,907.66
Wages - Volunteers		36,000.00	36,000.00
Workers Compensation		225.65	465.20
		<u>433,688.58</u>	<u>348,416.92</u>
Profit (Loss) before income tax		<u>105,710.86</u>	<u>(6,384.09)</u>
Profit (Loss) for the year		<u>105,710.86</u>	<u>(6,384.09)</u>
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year		<u>533,950.48</u>	<u>540,334.57</u>
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year		<u><u>639,661.34</u></u>	<u><u>533,950.48</u></u>

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	212,780.92	321,142.80
Trade and other receivables	4	39,466.76	2,167.50
Financial assets	5	197,627.95	197,627.95
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>449,875.63</u>	<u>520,938.25</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	6	113,630.45	111,551.50
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>113,630.45</u>	<u>111,551.50</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>563,506.08</u>	<u>632,489.75</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and Other Payables	7	94,344.46	269,038.99
Provision for Building Maintenance		60,000.00	60,000.00
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>154,344.46</u>	<u>329,038.99</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>154,344.46</u>	<u>329,038.99</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>409,161.62</u>	<u>303,450.76</u>
EQUITY			
Retained earnings	8	409,161.62	303,450.76
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>409,161.62</u>	<u>303,450.76</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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 less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment.

At the end of each annual reporting period, the depreciation method, useful life and residual value of each asset is reviewed. Any revisions are accounted for prospectively as a change in estimate.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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.

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	2023	2022
	\$	\$
3 Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Petty Cash - Professional Women	450.00	450.00
Bendigo Bank - Working	126,357.68	173,809.82
Bendigo Bank - ERF	6,559.24	1,382.35
Bendigo Bank - Australia Day	1,908.35	1,323.81
Bendigo Bank - Oliver Townsend	3,233.50	7,280.73
Bendigo Bank Oliver Townsend TD	20,000.00	20,000.00
Bendigo Bank - Professional Women	4,746.93	4,746.46
Bendigo Bank - CCO Growing Lachlan	28,590.20	111,656.15
Bendigo Bank - LDAT	20,935.02	493.48
	<u>212,780.92</u>	<u>321,142.80</u>
4 Trade and Other Receivables		
Current		
Sundry Debtors	4,742.50	2,167.50
Credit Card	4,158.14	-
	<u>8,900.64</u>	<u>2,167.50</u>
Bendigo Bank - FOL	30,566.12	-
	<u>39,466.76</u>	<u>2,167.50</u>
5 Other Financial Assets		
Current		
Bendigo Bank - Provisions TD	103,897.95	103,897.95
Bendigo Bank - Term Deposit	93,730.00	93,730.00
	<u>197,627.95</u>	<u>197,627.95</u>
6 Property, plant and equipment		
Land and Buildings		
Building & Property Improvements	246,228.00	246,228.00
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(151,117.00)	(145,626.00)
	<u>95,111.00</u>	<u>100,602.00</u>
Total Land and Buildings	<u>95,111.00</u>	<u>100,602.00</u>
Furnitue, Fittings & Equipment	62,410.45	46,904.50
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(43,891.00)	(35,955.00)
	<u>18,519.45</u>	<u>10,949.50</u>

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report of Lewis & Redenbach.

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	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Total Plant and Equipment	<u>18,519.45</u>	<u>10,949.50</u>
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	<u>113,630.45</u>	<u>111,551.50</u>
7 Trade and Other Payables		
Current		
Trade Creditors	1,000.00	9,010.55
Income Received in Advance	51,384.53	206,369.61
PAYG Withheld	11,322.00	8,878.00
Superannuation Payable	7,051.00	18,424.44
GST Clearing Account	13,253.53	13,756.00
Provision for Employee Entitlements	10,333.40	12,600.39
	<u>94,344.46</u>	<u>269,038.99</u>
8 Retained Earnings		
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year	533,950.48	540,334.57
Net profit (Net loss) attributable to members of the company	105,710.86	(6,384.09)
Net Asset Transfer to Down the Track	<u>(230,499.72)</u>	<u>(230,499.72)</u>
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year	<u>409,161.62</u>	<u>303,450.76</u>

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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 2023 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**

**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 2023, 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 Association that satisfies the information needs of the Committee set out in Note 1.

The responsibility of the Committee

The Committee 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 its needs.

Our responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the Committee, 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 Committee 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 Committee. 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: Graham Lewis

Address: 126 Bathurst Street, Condobolin NSW 2877

Dated this day of

15th / 12 / 2023

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CERTIFICATE BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

I, of , certify that:

- (a) I attended the annual general meeting of the association held on .
- (b) The financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 were submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting.

Dated this day of

Committee Member: _____

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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 2023. 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.

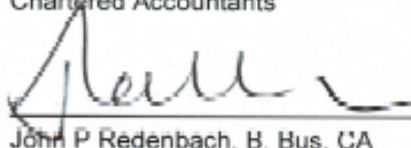
Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly the results and operations of LOWER LACHLAN COMMUNITY SERVICES INC for the year ended 30 June 2023.

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 2023.

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 15 / 12 / 2023.