ST KILDA GATEHOUSE INCORPORATED ABN: 76 557 051 941

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SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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Committee's Report

The committee members present their report, together with the financial statements, on St Kilda Gatehouse Inc for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

Committee Members

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Dianne Azoor Hughes (Chairperson) John Sutherland (Secretary) Andrew North (Treasurer) Desiree Smit (retired 21 November 2022) Alan Marr (retired 21 November 2022) Catherine Hingley (retired 6 February 2023) Simon de Bell (appointed 21 November 2022) Rosie Camilleri (appointed 8 February 2023) Beth Pocklington (appointed 19 June 2023)

Principal Activities

St Kilda Gatehouse is a not for profit incorporated association which works alongside those involved in street based sex work or affected by commercial sexual exploitation as a result of hardship. St Kilda Gatehouse works to restore a sense of dignity and hope through providing immediate support and building trust and relationship by:

- providing a place of belonging;
- creating connections and the opportunity to participate in community life;
- helping individuals navigate pathways off the streets; and
- holistically building on individual strengths and capacity.

Significant Changes in the State of Affairs

There have been no significant changes in the state of affairs of the association during the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

Matters Subsequent to the End of Financial Year

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2023 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the company's operations, the results of those operations, or the company's state of affairs in future financial years.

Operating Result

The entity reported a surplus of \$93,069 (2021: \$139,191) for the year.

Auditor's Independence Declaration

The auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 June 2023 has been received and can be found on page 5 of the financial report.

This report is signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the committee.

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S. DIANNE AZOOR HUGHES Chairperson

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HELEN COLSTON Acting Chief Executive Officer

St Kilda 21 November 2023



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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

As lead auditor for the audit of the financial report of St Kilda Gatehouse Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2023, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- (i) the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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WARWICK SPARGO Partner

Dated: 22 November 2023 Melbourne Victoria

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the financial year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023	2022
		\$	\$
Government funding	2	306,101	283,036
Trust and foundations		305,500	218,551
Fundraising & Donations		213,374	245,399
Other income		33,068	68,189
Greeves St. social enterprise		304,232	217,232
Interest income		18,147	1,196
Total Revenue		1,180,422	1,033,603
Program expenses		(169,220)	(49,880)
Fundraising and promotional expenses		(7,587)	(6,775)
Staff expenses		(860,166)	(726,462)
Depreciation and amortisation		(18,232)	(79,777)
Administration expense		(32,148)	(31,518)
Total expenditure		(1,087,353)	(894,412)
Net result from transactions		93,069	139,191
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year		93,069	139,191

The above statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	3(a)	561,831	730,311
Investments	3(b)	622,977	610,000
Accounts receivable and other debtors	4	31,714	36,893
Prepayments	5	1,280	5,267
Total Current Assets		1,217,802	1,382,471
Non-Current Assets	0	00 574	07.000
Plant and equipment	6	33,571	27,238
Right-of-use assets Intangible assets	7 8	-	18,253
-	0	8,086	12,838
Total Non-Current Assets		41,657	58,329
Total Assets		1,259,459	1,440,800
Current Liabilities			
Accounts payable and other payables	9	57,262	58,272
Grants received in advance	10	284,985	535,006
Employee provisions	11	96,500	97,294
Lease liabilities	7	-	20,350
Total Current Liabilities		438,747	710,922
Non-Current Liabilities			
Employee provisions	11	4,694	6,929
Lease liabilities	7	-	-
Total Non-Current Liabilities		4,694	6,929
Total Liabilities		443,441	717,851
Net Assets		816,018	722,949
Equity			
Equity		356,018	262 040
Retained surplus Financial Stability Reserve		460,000	262,949 460,000
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Total Equity		010,010	722,949

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the financial year ended 30 June 2023

	Retained Surplus \$	Financial Stability Reserve \$	Total Equity \$
Balance at 1 July 2021	223,758	360,000	583,758
Profit/(loss) attributed to equity	139,191	-	139,191
Transfer to financial stability reserve	(100,000)	100,000	
Balance at 30 June 2022	262,949	460,000	722,949
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Balance at 1 July 2022	202,949	400,000	722,949
Profit/(loss) attributed to equity	93,069	-	93,069
Transfer to financial stability reserve			
Balance at 30 June 2023	356,018	460,000	816,018

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

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the financial year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Cash flow from operating activities		·	
Receipts from donations and grants		574,954	1,053,731
Receipts from fundraising events		304,232	217,232
Receipts from other income Payments to suppliers Payments to employees Net cash generated from / (used in) operating	10	56,394 (205,978) (863,195)	69,385 (106,740) (713,217)
activities	12	(133,593)	520,391
Cash flow from investing activities Term deposits Payment for plant and equipment Net cash used in investing activities		(12,977) (19,811) (32,788)	(50,000) (23,073) (73,073)
Cash flow from financing activities Payment for lease liabilities Net cash used in financing activities		(2,099) (2,099)	(63,953) (63,953)
Net increase / (decrease) Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the		(168,480)	383,365
financial year		730,311	346,946
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year		561,831	730,311

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

For the financial year ended 30 June 2023

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

a. Reporting entity

The financial statements cover St Kilda Gatehouse Incorporated as an individual entity. The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the entity's functional and presentation currency.

St Kilda Gatehouse Incorporated is a not-for-profit incorporated association, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business is:

169 Chapel Street

St Kilda VIC 3182

A description of the nature of the incorporated association's operations and its principal activities are included in the Committee's report, which is not part of the financial statements.

The financial statements were authorised for issue on 21 November 2023.

b. Basis of preparation

(i) Special purpose financial report

In the committee's opinion, the incorporated association is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements.

These are special purpose financial statements that have been prepared for the purposes of complying with the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Report Act 2012* (Vic) and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. The committee has determined that the accounting policies adopted are appropriate to meet the needs of the members of St Kilda Gatehouse Incorporated.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with all recognition and measurement principles of Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional requirements in Australia. It contains only those disclosures that are considered necessary by the committee to meet the needs of the members of the association. The association is a not-for-profit entity for the purposes of preparing the financial statements.

(ii) Historical cost convention

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise stated in the notes.

For the financial year ended 30 June 2023

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

c. Revenue

Grants

Grant revenue is recognised in profit or loss when the incorporated association satisfies the performance obligations stated within the funding agreements.

If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before the incorporated association is eligible to retain the contribution, the grant will be recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until those conditions are satisfied.

Donations and bequests

Donations and bequests are recognised at the time the pledge is made, except for donations of preloved goods for sale through the Greeves St Op Shop which are recognised as revenue when sold.

Interest

Interest revenue is recognised when received.

Other revenue

Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

Volunteer services

The incorporated association has elected not to recognise volunteer services as either revenue or other form of contribution received. As such, any related consumption or capitalisation of such resources received is also not recognised.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

d. Property, Plant and Equipment

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

Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the committee to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount of those assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets' employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

In the event that the carrying amount of plant and equipment is greater than the recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to the estimated recoverable amount. A formal assessment of recoverable amount is made when impairment indicators are present.

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

For the financial year ended 30 June 2023

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

d. Plant and equipment (cont'd)

Right of use assets

The incorporated association recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for:

- Any lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentive received; plus
- Any initial direct costs incurred; and

An estimate of costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, including right of use assets, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life to the entity commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are and have remain unchanged from the prior period:

Plant and Equipment	20 - 33%
Motor Vehicles	20%
Leasehold Improvements	20 – 33%
Right of Use Assets	33% – 50%

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

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when there is no future economic benefit to the incorporated association. Gains and losses between the carrying amount and the disposal proceeds are taken to profit or loss

e. Intangibles

Software is recorded at cost. It has a finite life and is carried at cost less accumulated amortization and any impairment losses. Software has an estimated useful life of between one and three years. It is assessed annually for impairment.

f. Financial Instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognized when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. The entity's financial instruments comprise accounts receivable (note 1j) and accounts payable (note 1k) only.

For the financial year ended 30 June 2023

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

g. Lease liabilities

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments unpaid at the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease if that rate is readily determinable or the incorporated association's incremental borrowing rate.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise the following:

- fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments) less any lease incentive receivable;
- variable payments based on an index or rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date;
- amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee; and
- payments arising from purchase and termination options reasonably certain to be exercised.

Subsequent to initial measurement, the liability will be reduced for payments made and increased for interest. It is remeasured to reflect any reassessment or modification, or if there are changes in-substance fixed payments. When the lease liability is remeasured, the corresponding adjustment is reflected in the right-of-use asset, or profit and loss if the right-of-use asset is already reduced to zero.

h. Employee benefits

Provisions for employee benefits are recognised when the association 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. Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date.

Short-term employee benefits

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and long service leave expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

Other long-term employee benefits

The liability for annual leave and long service leave not expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

The liability for annual leave and long service leave not expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

For the financial year ended 30 June 2023

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

h. Employee benefits (cont'd)

Regardless of the expected timing of settlement, provisions made in respect of employee benefits are classified as a current liability unless there is an unconditional right to defer the settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting date, in which case it would be classified as a non-current liability.

Defined contribution superannuation expense

Contributions are made by the association to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.

i. Cash and cash equivalent

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short-term borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

j. Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from donors and any outstanding grant receipts. Receivables are recognised at amortised cost, less any allowance for expected credit losses. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

k. Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period which remain unpaid. The balance is recognized as a current liability with the amount being normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

I. Contract liabilities

Contract liabilities represent the incorporated association's obligation to transfer goods or services to a customer and are recognised when a customer pays consideration, or when the incorporated association recognises a receivable to reflect its unconditional right to consideration (whichever is earlier) before the incorporated association has transferred the goods or services to the customer.

m. Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognized net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

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

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

For the financial year ended 30 June 2023

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

n. Income Tax

As the incorporated association is a charitable organisation in terms of subsection 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, as amended, it is exempt from paying income tax.

o. Financial Stability Reserve

The purpose of the Financial Stability Reserve Policy is to ensure the delivery of the mission and the stability of programs, employment, and ongoing operations of the organisation. The Financial Stability Reserve is intended to provide an internal source of funds for situations such as unexpected revenue loss, a sudden increase in expenses, one-time unbudgeted expenses, unanticipated loss in funding, or uninsured losses. The Reserve may also be used for onetime, nonrecurring expenses that will build long-term capacity, such as staff development, research and development, or investment in infrastructure.

p. Comparative Figures

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

When an entity applies an accounting policy retrospectively, makes a retrospective restatement or reclassifies items in its financial statements, a statement of financial position as at the beginning of the earliest comparative period must be disclosed.

q. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The committee evaluates estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the association.

r. New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted

The incorporated association has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

For the financial year ended 30 June 2023

Note 2. Revenue and expenses

Revenue and expenses for the financial year are presented in the classifications used for funding acquittals and internal reporting.

Government funding comprises:	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Local government	43,601	40,509
State government	262,500	242,527
	306,101	283,036
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Note 3(a). Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash at bank	561,531	730,011
Cash float	300	300
Total Cash and cash equivalents	561,831	730,311
Note 3(b). Investments	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Term deposit	622,977	610,000
Note 4. Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors	2023	2022
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Accounts receivables	30,558	36,893
GST Receivable	1,156	
	31,714	36,893
Note 5. Prepayments	2023	2022
	\$	\$
CURRENT	Ŧ	Ŧ
Prepayments	1,280	5,767
Accrued income	-	(500)
	1,280	5,267
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Note 6. Plant and Equipment

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Plant and equipment - at cost	پ 41,639	پ 71,220
		-
less accumulated depreciation	(19,334)	(48,969)
	22,305	22,251
Motor vehicles - at cost	33,257	33,257
less accumulated depreciation	(33,257)	(29,961)
	-	3,296
Leasehold improvement - at cost	32,382	20,228
less accumulated amortisation	(21,116)	(18,537)
	11,266	1,691
Total plant and equipment	33,571	27,238

a. Movements in Carrying Amounts

Movements in the carrying amounts for each class of plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.

	Plant and equipment	Motor vehicle \$	Leasehold improvement \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2021	21,119	6,591	7,306	35,016
Additions Disposals	8,672 -	-	-	8,672
Depreciation and amortisation	(7,540)	(3,295)	(5,615)	(16,450)
Balance at 30 June 2023	22,251	3,296	1,691	27,238
Additions Disposals Depreciation and	7,658	-	12,153	19,811 -
amortisation	(7,604)	(3,296)	(2,578)	(13,478)
Balance at 30 June 2023	22,305		11,266	33,571

For the financial year ended 30 June 2023

Note 7. Leases

	2023	2022
Right-of-use assets	\$	
Right of use asset	-	191,012
Less: Accumulated depreciation		(172,759)
		18,253
	2023	2022
Lease Liabilities	\$	\$
Lease liabilities included in the Balance Sheet as 30 June:		
Current	-	20,350
Non-current		
Total lease liabilities		20,350
Note 8. Intangible Assets		
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Computer software - at cost	14,400	28,960
less accumulated amortisation	(6,314)	(16,122)
	8,086	12,838
Note 9. Accounts Payables and Other Payables	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Suppliers and services	10,168	5,328
Other payable	47,094	20,817
GST Payable		32,127
	57,262	58,272

For the financial year ended 30 June 2023

Note 10. Grants Received in Advance	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Repayable government and philanthropic grants	284,985	535,006
	284,985	535,006

This liability represents the incorporated association's obligation to transfer goods or services in accordance with the requirements of funders. Funds are brought to account through the Income and Expenditure Statement as expenses are incurred and projects are completed.

Note 11. Employee Provisions

	2023	2022
CURRENT	\$	\$
Provisions for annual leave	67,306	51,338
Provisions for long service leave - unconditional	29,194	45,956
	96,500	97,294
NON-CURRENT		
Provisions for long service leave - conditional	4,694	6,929
	4,694	6,929
Total employee provisions	101,194	104,223

Note 12. Reconciliation of cash flows from operations with net current year surplus

Net current year surplus / (deficits)	2023 \$ 93,069	2022 \$ 139,191
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Non-cash flows in profit		
Rent concession income	-	(3,900)
Depreciation and amortisation	18,232	79,777
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Decrease / (increase) in accounts receivable	5,179	(35,514)
Decrease in other assets	3,987	893
(Decrease) / increase in grants received in		
advance	(250,021)	313,955
(Decrease) / increase in trade and other payables	(1,010)	12,744
(Decrease) / increase in provisions	(3,029)	13,245
Net cash flows from operating activities	(133,593)	520,391

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Note 13. Contingent Liabilities

The incorporated association had no contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022.

Note 14. Commitments

The incorporated association had no commitments for expenditure as at 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022.

Note 15. Subsequent events

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2023 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the company's operations, the results of those operations, or the company's state of affairs in future financial years.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS' DECLARATION

For the financial year ended 30 June 2023

In the opinion of the members of the committee of St Kilda Gatehouse Inc:

- (a) St Kilda Gatehouse Inc is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. Accordingly, as described in note 1 to the financial statements, the attached special purpose financial statements have been prepared for the purpose of complying with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic) and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth);
- (b) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 6 to 20, are in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of St Kilda Gatehouse Inc's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date;
 - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
- (c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the incorporated association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the committee:

S. DIANNE AZOOR HUGHES Chairperson St Kilda 21 November 2023

HELEN COLSTON Acting Chief Executive Officer

ST KILDA GATEHOUSE INC CERTIFICATE BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

I, Dianne Azoor Hughes of St Kilda Gatehouse Inc certify that:

- a. I attended the annual general meeting of the St Kilda Gatehouse Inc held on 21 November 2023.
- b. The financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 were submitted to the members of committee at its annual general meeting.

Dated this 21 November 2023

S. DIANNE AZOOR HUGHES Chairperson

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT To the Members of the St Kilda Gatehouse Incorporated

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of the St Kilda Gatehouse Incorporated (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the committee members' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Association is in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commissions Act 2012, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

Basis for Opinion

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

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

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the committee members' financial reporting responsibilities under the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* and the *Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commissions Act 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of the Committee Members for the Financial Report

The committee members of the Association are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* and the *Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commissions Act 2012* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members.

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The committee members' responsibility also includes such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: <u>http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf</u>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

RSM AUSTRALIA PARTNERS

WARWICK JA SPARGO Partner

Dated: 22 November 2023 Melbourne, Victoria