



THE LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY Inc.

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ANNUAL REPORT 1 July 2019 - 30 June 2020

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The Lighthouse Management Committee:

President	John Watt
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Committee Member	James Harris
Committee member	Danielle Golding
Committee Member	Deborah Young
Committee Member	Nancy Baker (co-opted)

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ROLE OF “THE LIGHTHOUSE”

The Lighthouse Community is a Christian organisation that offers a safe and friendly environment in which people can develop trusting relationships and where they can find, and offer each other, practical, emotional and spiritual support. The Lighthouse Community also offers similar support to other families and individuals in the Bondi/Waverley area, within a Christian context.

Ongoing support includes

- Family Support Visits
- Advocacy with other agencies and services e.g. Centrelink, Schools
- Hospital Visiting
- Prison visits and support to prisoner's families.
- Transport
- Referral to other services e.g. counselling, legal assistance
- Court Support
- Practical assistance

Regular activities run or partnered by the Lighthouse include:

Friday Night Group

Friday Night Group share a meal together at 6.00pm every second Friday and this is followed by an informal interdenominational church service.



Scripture Classes



Lighthouse members are part of a team of teachers from various churches in the local area who teach Scripture classes at Bronte Public School. Lessons are taught with a combination of songs, stories, puzzles and craft activities.

Waverley Community Men's Shed

This was an initiative of Rodger Jamieson's and was instigated in partnership with The Lighthouse Community, Church In The Market Place, War Memorial Hospital and Waverley Council.

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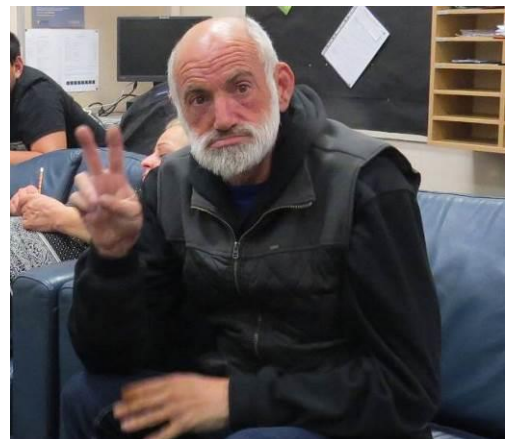
As for most organisations, the latter part of this financial year has brought challenges we'd never even dreamt of as we continue try to offer loving support to people who are struggling - and who isn't in a COVID19 world? However, it has also been a time of drawing together and renewing old friendships.

We had a sad start to the year with 2 funerals, firstly for Dave Mizzi and then Pearl Martin, both former members of Lighthouse and an integral part of the Bondi Beach community, they are sadly missed. At both these funerals we met up with so many old friends who have moved away from the area. It was wonderful to see many of the (now adult) children from our playgroup and homework help program, hear about their lives and meet their children.



Pearl
Martin

David
Mizzi



Our Bundeena camp in November was our usual happy time, spending some relaxing days with each other and our Bundeena Community friends at their beautiful house on the beach.



This was closely followed by our celebration of Jesus' birth together in December.



We were grateful for the gift of some Christmas hampers from CMP to distribute to those who needed them.



In January Rodger and Mel travelled to Albury, for family reasons, and were able to meet up with Craig McNaughton who ran the the Homework Help Program and was such a welcoming and loving member of Lighthouse team. It was lovely to catch up with his news and pass on everybody's greetings. Craig is an integral part of the community there and is involved with the local Church and golf club. We enjoyed Craig showing us round his home town and environment.



When COVID19 hit in March and we were no longer able to meet together, we started to have Friday Night Group on Zoom, thanks to the technical skills of James and Rodger. We also 'met' weekly instead of fortnightly as, in such worrying and isolating times, we needed each other's encouragement and support more than ever. The upside of meeting online was that some of our members, who now live further away, were able to join us again. We have been able to meet face to face again since the end of June.



Judith (on the right)

Ali has continued to work hard fund raising for Grace Care in Uganda, where they have been hard hit by the virus and, without any Government benefits, many people needed help just to eat. She also keeps in touch with Judith, the child we sponsor there.



We have continued to support Auntie Jean Phillips with her mission and leadership training work with Aboriginal people.



Auntie Jean Phillips



Our Family Support services of advocacy and networking with Government agencies, NGOs, utility suppliers, health providers and legal services have continued to be in demand and the number of hospital visits has sadly increased. Visits to Aged Care facilities have not been allowed since March but have been replaced with Facetime, which has allowed us to stay in touch.

Fortunately, before Corona virus hit and the prisons were locked down, the inmate we visited regularly was released. He lives in a rural area and so helping him to return home and reorganise his life, as well as supporting him for court appearances, has involved large amounts of time and travel but it's great to see him free and growing in his relationship with God.



Where possible, we have supported people in their homes with phone calls rather than our usual visits but have still gone in person when practical support was required. There are also people who live further away who are regularly supported by phone calls. One of these people is Max, a faithful stalwart at the Homework program and a big part of FNG, now lives at Avoca in a small group home where she can have the 24 hour care she now needs. We caught up with her at Christmas when she was visiting her parents.



During the lockdown period, Mel decided to take advantage of free online TAFE courses and enter the 21st century by acquiring some computer skills. It was also necessary for her to update her First Aid training during this period. Rodger and Mel both enjoyed 2 courses of online teaching by Thom Gardiner, a Christian teacher who specialises in healing and equipping those in ministry. They have since been able to share some of his teaching at Friday Night Group and it has shown all of us a new way of looking at the Scriptures.

As I write this, life is still different and uncertain due to the Virus and it's economic effects and we cannot know when it will end, but we do know that we are all in the hands of our loving Heavenly Father, who cares for us and will guide us and keep us always.

LIGHTHOUSE PEOPLE

Some of the people you might see around Lighthouse:



John – Our President



Ali – Vice President & Uganda Project



Rodger - FNG Coordinator, Treasurer & Scripture teacher



Melody – LH Coordinator, Camp Cook extraordinaire, & Scripture teacher



Danielle – Photographer and Committee Member



Carol – Secretary and Committee Member



Deb - Committee Member



James Committee Member & Elise



Nikki



Nancy – Committee Member



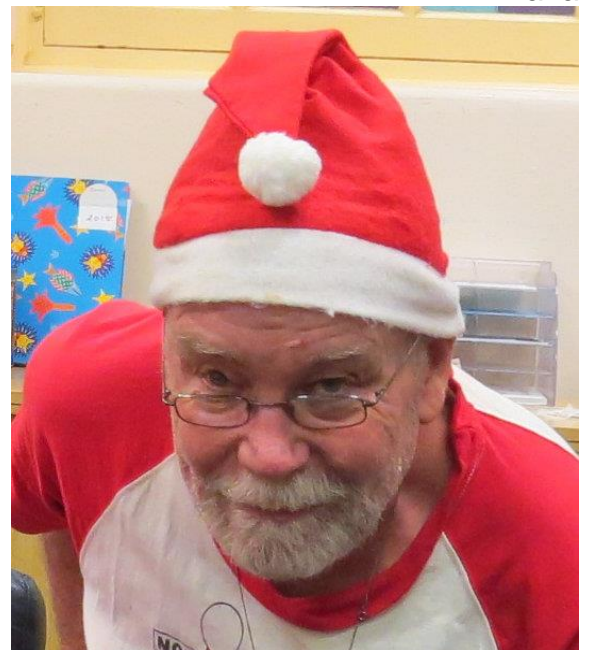
Jannette



Maria



Irene



Wayne



Phil



James



Mark



Jackie

Special thanks to Danielle our Lighthouse resident photographer for our lovely photos and congratulations to her for her latest Tap Gallery Art Exhibition years – your work is very much appreciated by all.



We also say a special thank you to James Harris, our IT guru, who is always so generous in sharing his time and IT skills which have been invaluable during this COVID-19 time, when we have all relied so heavily on technology for many aspects of our lives.

ACTIVITIES OF THE LIGHTHOUSE

Friday Night Group

The aim of this group is to provide an informal and comfortable setting in which to welcome those who would like to find out about God but feel daunted by attending formal church services. Over the years it has provided a pathway for people to find out about their Heavenly Father and His love for them. Later they have often gone on to join other churches, often in the company of other Lighthouse members. It's also a place where all are welcome to enjoy meeting together and having fellowship over an evening meal.

Waverley Community Men's Shed

The Shed is in its seventh year of operation and is open Mon – Wed from 10.00am – 3.00pm and already has many members. The Shed continues to meet the needs of predominately older men offering a place to have a chat, learn new skills, and contribute to individual and community projects such as sensory activities for Wairoa Special School and assisting other community organisations. Unfortunately COVID-19 stopped the Shed operating from March to June although the committee continued to meet via Zoom.



Rodger training on new Shed Computers

Scripture Lessons

It's a great privilege to be able to go to Bronte Public School to tell the children the good news about Jesus. Rodger and Mel have been able to complete all courses to meet their SRE teaching accreditation with the Department of Education. They completed the SAFE Ministry Training Refresher from Youth Works (Anglican) and the updated continuing education requirements with the Presbyterian Church. We're so thankful to God that we still have this opening in NSW and pray that it will continue.

Practical Support

The Lighthouse still offers a variety of practical support to members and others in the Bondi/Waverley area but, as this is now provided by volunteers, the extent of the service is limited by their availability. This year we were able to provide:

Transport - for medical appointments, to Friday Night Group and occasional outings.

Advocacy and Networking.- ensuring that those who do not speak English as their first language or understand the systems have access to, good service from and communication with, the various services to which they are entitled, i.e. Centrelink, Legal Aid, insurance claims, utility suppliers and health care services, 19 different organisations in all.

Practical Assistance – doing small domestic or maintenance tasks that those with chronic illnesses are not able to achieve and which are not covered by other agencies i.e. moving furniture or belongings, small household repairs, paying bills, banking, shopping, administrative tasks and IT assistance.

Home Visits - when people are chronically ill and have difficulty going out, they can enjoy some socialising in their own homes or by phone.

Prison Support –for many years, volunteers have visited and written to some inmates in several NSW prisons. We also offer visits, phone calls and practical support when they are first released or on bail, and readjusting to life outside.

Hospital Visits – Volunteers from the Lighthouse offer support visits and practical assistance i.e. laundry, shopping, paying bills, caretaking homes and prayer support to those in our community who are hospitalised for long periods and don't have family to help them.

Men's Group - A group of men from The Lighthouse and local churches meet each Tuesday at 6:30am to pray for and encourage each other.

THANKS

The Lighthouse Community is involved in a great many activities with other individuals and organisations and would like to take this opportunity to thank the following:

- Church In the Market Place for their support, encouragement and use of office equipment and resources, and for partnering with us in the Men's Shed initiative; also for the Christmas hampers.
- War Memorial Hospital's CEO Ged Hyde and UNITING for the use of Shed Premises;
- UNITING for their support and encouragement to Shed;
- Woollahra and Waverley Councils for grants to help the Men's Shed;
- All the Friends of the Lighthouse for their generous donations;
- Our auditor, Peter Roebuck, for his honorary audit of The Lighthouse accounts; and
- The Bundeena Christian Community for the use of their property for our family camp and for all their love and support.

OUR CHRISTIAN FOCUS AND CALLING

The work of The Lighthouse is to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of people in our community based on the teaching of Jesus Christ and the Bible.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent me to heal the broken-hearted..." Luke 4:18 (The New King James)

"... to break the chains of injustice, get rid of exploitation in the workplace, free the oppressed, cancel debts. What I am interested in seeing you do is ...sharing your food with the hungry, inviting the homeless poor into your homes, putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad, being available to your own families ... if you get rid of unfair practices, quit blaming victims, quit gossiping about other people's sins, if you are generous with the hungry and start giving yourselves to the down and out, your lives will begin to glow in the darkness, your shadowed lives will be bathed in sunlight, I will always show you where to go." Isaiah 58:6-7, 9-11a (The Message)

Our calling is to live out our response to these words as a Christian Community.

LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY INC
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2020

			Budget 2020/2021
LIGHTHOUSE OPERATING FUND	2018/19	2019/20	
Receipts			
Transfer from Donations Fund	5,000.00	4,300.00	4,500.00
Donations for Uganda School	478.17	433.50	450.00
Membership fees	13.64	12.73	20.00
Bank Interest	-	-	1.00
Bundeena Camp Money received	760.68	935.00	750.00
ATO BAS Refund	329.00	604.00	400.00
GST	1.36	1.27	2.00
Total Receipts	\$6,582.85	\$6,286.50	\$6,123.00
Payments			
Expense Allowance	20.00	20.00	20.00
Client expenses	1,188.37	1,818.19	550.00
Insurance	2,799.26	2,777.72	3,300.00
Post Office Box, Postage, Printing	118.18	121.82	130.00
Donation to Aboriginal Welfare and Ministry	200.00	200.00	200.00
Donations to Uganda School	500.00	500.00	500.00
Web hosting	-	84.95	30.00
GST	412.90	490.48	500.00
CCL Copyright Licence	113.64	116.36	120.00
Bundeena Camp Expenses and Accommodation	758.35	724.70	750.00
Anti Virus Software	43.64	53.64	60.00
RTA Mobility Stickers	86.00	-	-
Total Payments	\$6,240.34	\$6,907.86	\$6,160.00
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts over Payments	\$342.51	-\$621.36	-\$37.00
Operating Fund balance as at 1/7/2019	\$538.64	\$881.15	259.79
Operating Fund Balance as at 30/06/2020	\$ 881.15	\$ 259.79	\$ 222.79
LIGHTHOUSE DONATIONS FUND			
Receipts			
Donations	6,120.00	5,414.55	4,000.00
Bank Interest	-	-	-
Total Receipts	\$6,120.00	\$5,414.55	\$4,000.00
Payments			
Transfers to Lighthouse Operating Fund	5,000.00	4,300.00	4,500.00
Withholding tax and bank fees	-	-	-
Total Payments	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 4,500.00
Excess (deficiency) of Receipts over payments	\$1,120.00	\$1,114.55	-\$ 500.00
Donations Fund balance as at 1/7/2019	\$85.21	\$1,205.21	\$2,319.76
Donations Fund Balance as at 30/06/2020	\$ 1,205.21	\$ 2,319.76	\$ 1,819.76
TOTAL AS AT 30 JUNE 2020	\$ 2,086.36	\$ 2,579.55	\$ 2,042.55

LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY INC.
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

	2018/2019	2019/2020
	Total \$	Total \$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
CBA Bank - Operating Account	881.15	259.79
CBA Bank - Donations Fund	1,205.21	2,319.76
ATO GST Receivable	387.00	283.00
	2,473.36	2,862.55
Other Assets		
Nil		
Total Assets	\$2,473.36	\$2,862.55
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00
NET ASSETS (Member's Equity)	\$2,473.36	\$2,862.55

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the members of The Lighthouse Community Incorporated.

Scope

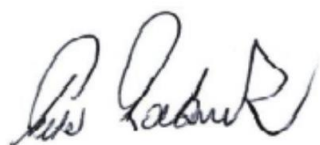
I have audited the Financial Statements consisting of the Statements of Receipts and Payments for the Operating fund and The Lighthouse Donations Fund for the year ended 30 June 2020. The entity's Management Committee is responsible for the Financial Statements presented. I have conducted an independent audit of the Financial Statements along with the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 30 June 2020 in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the entity.

Emphasis of Matter

It has been deemed that The Lighthouse Community Incorporated is not a reporting entity and consequently only the above mentioned statements have been prepared and are considered appropriate for reporting purposes for such an entity. I have not audited the budget for 2020—2021.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion the Financial Statements are properly drawn up so as to fairly represent the activities of The Lighthouse Community Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2020.



Peter Roebuck FCA
 10th October 2020

APPENDIX AIMS AND OBJECTS OF THE LIGHTHOUSE

1. THE LIGHTHOUSE'S AIM

The Lighthouse's aim is to provide a support service to the disadvantaged and at risk families and children in the Bondi Beach area within a Christian context.

2. OBJECTS OF THE LIGHTHOUSE

The objects of the association are:

- (a) To provide a support service to disadvantaged families in the Bondi Beach and surrounding areas within a Christian context, directed towards meeting their, physical, emotional and spiritual needs;
- (b) To provide a variety of positive support services and programs with a view to promoting a cohesive community and changes which directly reduce stresses on families;
- (c) To establish and run services and programs which:
 - support disadvantaged families, children, and individuals within their own community;
 - provide an identifiable Centre in the Bondi area for assistance to families facing crisis such as eviction, domestic violence, abuse/child abuse, poverty, family breakdown, and unemployment;
 - provide community services that address the needs of families in crisis or distress, such as home visits, provision of food, patient transport, and assistance;
 - provide appropriate referral, where specialised services exist;
 - work in cooperation with other welfare agencies in the community;
 - provide advocacy for people unable to access or having trouble accessing existing services;
 - provide ongoing support through services undertaken immediately prior to incorporation, in particular, the mothers' and children's group and homework help;
 - provide support to Australia's Indigenous communities;
 - include such other activities as may be considered appropriate by users and providers of the services;
 - provide individual, immediate and ongoing support to families at risk, in poverty or facing breakdown, meeting practical, emotional or spiritual needs; and
 - provide a Christian ministry to families, children and individuals, including teaching Special Religious Education (SRE) in Schools.
- (d) To raise funds for the purposes of THE LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY Inc. by any method approved by the Charitable Fundraising Act (NSW), 1991.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY



The Lighthouse Community was established in 1992 with the vision, energy, and organisational skills of Wendy Jamieson. Wendy lived and worked in the Bondi Beach area and was the first Social Worker for Waverley Council and started many of the services we now take for granted, for example Meals on Wheels, Out of School Hours Care, and the Bondi Beach Cottage. Due to her contact with local families, Wendy realised there was a desperate need for an informal service that would provide practical help.

In the beginning, the Lighthouse was simply referred to as "The House" and met in the old Rectory of St Andrew's Anglican Church on Wairoa Ave. where Wendy and Rodger Jamieson were members. When the doors opened in May 1992, it was for a play group – but a play group where women could have some time out over coffee and biscuits, while the children had educational activities with a play leader in the playroom and garden. This group quickly became immensely popular and it was over the coffee and biscuits that Wendy came to hear of the huge need for practical assistance – i.e. accommodation; furniture; removals; advocacy with government departments, medical and legal services and with schools; support at change over at access visits; transport; food; and help with homework. Gradually Wendy drew in volunteers to help her provide these services. She also applied for many grants and in August 1992 she was successful in obtaining a grant that was to be the main support to the Lighthouse during the early years. It was from the Archbishop's Care and Development Fund and was to help start new initiatives. With this money it was possible to pay a part-time staff member. In September 1992, Melody Pyrke was employed by the Lighthouse 3 days per week as a family support worker.

The Homework Help Program began unofficially on Sunday mornings in 1994, but when the football season started, it moved to after school on Monday and Wednesday afternoons and soon grew in numbers. A few months later, high school homework help began on Tuesdays and Thursdays. At this point Wendy asked Waverley Council if the small grant they had given us for an adult sewing class could be transferred to homework help. Council readily agreed and continued to support us with this grant. The grant was used to employ Craig McNaughton as homework help coordinator and he remained in that role until he left to study teaching at Uni in July 2005.

The House continued to grow and in December 1997 was renamed The Lighthouse when it became necessary to incorporate. Also in this year The Archbishop's Community Care and Development Fund generously increased their funding to pay the Family Support worker for 5 days a week, and started to lobby Anglicare (the Welfare arm of the Anglican Church) to fund the Lighthouse permanently. In March 1999 this finally took place after a great deal of negotiation. This meant that, for the first time, Wendy was paid a part-time salary as well as full-time salaries for the family support worker and the homework help coordinator.

In 2001, due to the illness of their Director, Anglicare underwent restructuring and the new management's priority was records, accountability and health and safety issues. It soon became clear that it was no longer possible, with a staff of 2½, to continue to provide the same services as well as do all the newly required administration. Finally, the Anglicare Senior Manager asked Wendy to decide whether she wanted to be part of the Anglicare Welfare service or to run a Christian Community. The Lighthouse Management Committee met and after much prayer decided that the Lighthouse would always be a Christian Community first and foremost, and so it

would be necessary to separate from Anglicare in order to continue to provide this. Accordingly, in January 2002, The Lighthouse reincorporated and moved out of the old Rectory.

This presented a huge challenge to Wendy as she was now faced with running the Lighthouse without a building or any funding. As usual, she applied her great ingenuity and determination and quickly had the major services accommodated in other community buildings when they were vacant, and that is the way the Lighthouse has continued to function. Waverley Council decided to give the homework help grant back again in 2002, but all other funding has been by donation. It is purely by the grace of God, and the generosity of church groups and individuals who donate finances and time, that the Lighthouse has been able to continue.

However, there was a worse crisis ahead for the Lighthouse when Wendy became seriously ill in June 2004 and was found to have pancreatic cancer. In spite of being extremely sick, Wendy continued to run the Lighthouse from her bed, directing the staff, and enjoying visits from many community members. In spite of much prayer and excellent treatment from the staff at Prince of Wales Hospital, Wendy passed away in March 2005, and has been terribly missed by the whole community ever since.

Members of the Management Committee and other members of the Lighthouse community came together for a day of prayer and discussion, and decided that the Lighthouse would continue. One of the members who was determined that Lighthouse should continue was Glynis Wharekawa and, although she was far from well, she gave much practical support and encouragement. Sadly for all at Lighthouse Glynis passed away on 30 November 2009.

Late in 2009 Waverley Council honoured Wendy by approving a memorial plaque to be laid on the Bondi Beach Promenade to commemorate her work in the Bondi Community.

On the 24th March, 2017, we celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the Lighthouse serving the community. By the grace of God, the assistance of so many people, and the support of the community itself, the Lighthouse still continues to provide a Christian Community of people who help to support each other, reach out to the wider community, and grow in the knowledge and love of God.



WENDY JAMIESON

“Tireless Supporter of Social Justice”

9th November 1949 – 27th March 2005

Further donations to continue Wendy’s vision and the work of the
Lighthouse Community Inc. may be made to:

The Lighthouse Community Inc. Donation Fund

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THE LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY Inc. is a registered Charity and as a deductible gift recipient. Donations over \$2 to The Lighthouse Community Inc. Donation Fund are allowable as a tax deduction.

Please include your name and address so that a receipt may be issued.