



annual report

2019-2020



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report from chair

2020 will be remembered as a year of crisis. Most obviously, Australia and the world have been challenged greatly by the COVID-19 pandemic, and Kimberley communities were no exception.



Around the country, people's sense of security and stability was upended. Some found themselves out of work, perhaps for the first time, and through no fault of their own. Others found themselves cut off from family for long periods, or suffering ill health. Of course, some had loved ones taken from them by the pandemic.

For many clients of KCLS, this sort of unpredictability, arbitrariness and disruption is simply how their lives are much of the time. At KCLS, we hear stories of people losing their homes, their jobs, even their children because of things that are outside their control. The big historical injustices that resulted in the disruption of Aboriginal society in the Kimberley are not so long ago, and the consequences are still playing out today, in a raw fashion.

It is even more important, then, in a year of crisis that people have somewhere to turn for help. I am very proud that KCLS, even in the face of the pandemic, kept its eyes on our clients and their needs. This included through small but important steps, like distributing mobile phones to people who had no other way of keeping in touch, and talking to our clients through our intercom system even in the middle of lockdown.

Crisis can put people and organisations under stress, but it can also bring out the best in us. I would like to thank all the staff of KCLS, and also our clients and our community, for bringing their best to this crisis, and getting through it with flying colours.

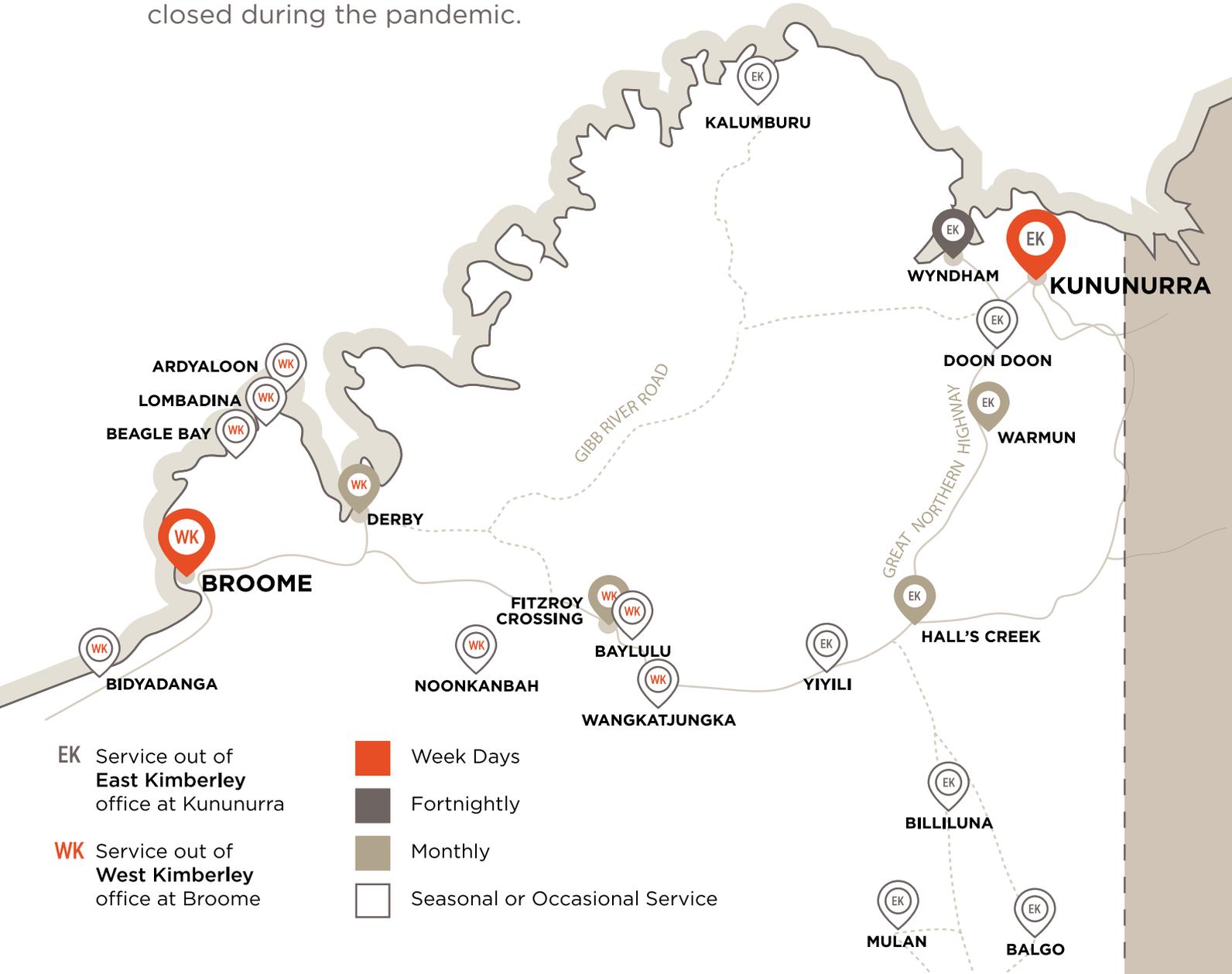
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KARYN APPERLEY CHAIR

about KCLS

Our region

KCLS provides legal and family support services throughout the Kimberley region, which has a population of about 50,000 people in an area about twice as large as the state of Victoria. The traditional owners of the Kimberley included as many as 60 different language groups. Our client communities are places of cultural vitality and community integrity, but they also struggle with challenges of poverty, remoteness and the ongoing legacies of colonization. We do our best to take our service to our clients, which means we have one the most challenging outreach schedules in the country. In 2019 we visited all six towns regularly, as well as a dozen remote communities. In 2020, our outreach was significantly disrupted, as remote communities were all closed during the pandemic.





KCLS is an independent, not-for-profit community legal centre based in the Kimberley region of Western Australia. We provide legal advice and representation, community education, systemic advocacy, and social support services to people across the Kimberley. We strive to ensure that laws and institutions are fair on paper and in practice, that people have knowledge about the law, and that people can get reliable legal help when and where they need it. We do this in partnership with the people and communities we serve.

KCLS forms part of a national network of community-based legal services and is a member of Community Legal Centres Australia (CLCA) and Community Legal - Western Australia (CLWA).

Our **strategic priorities**

- Deliver outstanding services
- Strengthen community connections
- Build a resilient organisational base

For our full strategic plan for 2018-2021, see our website www.kcls.org.au/who-we-are

Our **mission** is to help all Kimberley people and communities understand, navigate and influence the laws and institutions that affect our lives.

Our **vision** is dignity and justice for all people in the Kimberley.





Our services

KCLS operates a multidisciplinary legal and family services practice to clients in need across the Kimberley region of Western Australia. Based out of our offices in Broome and Kununurra, we offer regular outreach to all six towns in the region, and 14 Aboriginal communities.

Our service includes general civil and family law advice and representation, as well as financial counselling and specialist intensive support for clients experiencing family violence, elder abuse, or tenancy difficulties. We also provide education and engagement throughout the region on legal topics.

We pride ourselves on the quality and professionalism of our work, but also on going to where our clients need us, and working in a culturally appropriate way for the Kimberley. We're a grassroots centre, with enduring links in the communities where we operate.

We would like to thank and acknowledge all those who have supported our service in the past year, including:

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

- Attorney-General's Department - funds our general legal work, as well as our specialist Family Violence support service and Elder Abuse support and prevention pilot project.
- National Indigenous Australians Agency - funds our outreach and education work through our Indigenous Women's Program.

STATE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- Department of Communities - funds our Public Tenancy Support Service and our Financial Counselling Service.
- Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety - funds our Tenancy Advice and Education Service.

KEY PARTNERS

- Australian National University, College of Law - supports KCLS through academic collaboration, our internship program, and clinical legal education programs.
- Clayton Utz - provides pro bono advice to KCLS, and accepts client referrals on a pro bono basis.
- The Aurora Project - coordination of legal and other internships at KCLS
- Deakin University - provision of legal and business interns for KCLS
- Qantas - supported our Indigenous outreach activities this year
- knowmore - a partner with KCLS in delivering specialist services to applicants under the National Redress Scheme for survivors of institutional child sexual abuse.
- And last but not least: our 100 individual donors, each of whom contributes a monthly donation to support our work with clients with complex and urgent needs. Many thanks, your support is invaluable!

KCLS TEAMS

-  Leadership Team
-  Legal Practice
-  Outreach & Education Team
-  Financial Counselling Team
-  Operations Team
-  Social Work
-  ANU Partnership

Broome Office

Kununurra Office

KCLS clients
(about 1000 annually)

Clayton Utz
Pro Bono Partner

Knowmore
National Redress Scheme Partner

Anthony Hopkins
ANU/KCLS
ACADEMIC COORDINATOR

Judy Harrison
PRO BONO SOLICITOR

Abby Bartlett
SOLICITOR

Max Roelofsen
SOLICITOR

Kalvin Rajmano
SOLICITOR

Eliana Sarmiento
PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WORKER

Karen Grove
PRINCIPAL SOLICITOR

Tallulah Bieundurry
OUTREACH & EDUCATION OFFICER

Marie Watts
FINANCIAL COUNSELLOR

Lai Chan
CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

Intern

Intern

Intern

Intern

Broome Regional
Aboriginal Medical Service

Ord Valley
Aboriginal Health Service

Lina Bleazby
CLIENT ADVOCATE

Roy Bunnett
CLIENT ADVOCATE

Lauren Reed
SOLICITOR

Hannah Levy
PRINCIPAL SOLICITOR

Taryn Cox
OUTREACH & EDUCATION OFFICER

Erika Parsons
CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

Intern

Celeste Hunter
CLIENT ADVOCATE

Grace Dudley
SOLICITOR

Vacancy
SOLICITOR

Chuck Berger
MANAGER

Lizette Manning
CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

80 Members
(Selects the Board)

Board
Karyn Apperley
CHAIR
Caroline Constant
Treasurer
Kylie Kerin
Secretary
Amanda Whitehead
Victoria Baird
Karen Andrew
Claire Saffery

INDUSTRY BODIES

- Community Law WA
- Community Law Australia

MAJOR FUNDERS

- Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department
- WA Department of Communities
- WA Department of Mines, Industry Regulation & Safety
- National Indigenous Australians Agency
- ANU College of Law
- Qantas

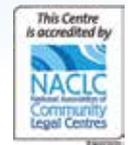
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Helen Sason
DONOR SUPPORT

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kimberley community legal services



We would also like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our staff who have moved on this past year, including:

Norah Fahy, SOLICITOR

Tammy Solonec, SYSTEMIC ADVOCACY COORDINATOR

Amanda Gregory, CLIENT SERVICES OFFICER

Sarouche Razi, DIRECTOR, ANU ABORIGINAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP

Gemma Ross-McGlynn, PARALEGAL

Kezia Thomas, PARALEGAL

Finally, a big thanks to all the interns and volunteers who have helped KCLS throughout the year:

HOTDESK COORDINATORS			
Alexandra Mason	Anna Stewart-Yates	Damian Mazur	Danica Smith

INTERNS AND VOLUNTEERS			
Abigail Widijanto	Eddie Stewart	Judith Zhu	Rhonda Lee
Adela Michelson	Emily Bales	Kalvin Rajmano	Robert Cook
Alexander Sirois	Emily Dalwood	Kate Bookey	Sarah Crosby
Alex Sirois	Gabriela Freeman	Kathleen Cunningham	Sarah Gray
Alice Noonan	Gemma Ross-McGlynn	Kevin Xu	Shannon Reynolds
Alice Spencer	Georgie Juszczuk	Kezia Thomas	Shenpaha Ganesan
Amani Hanna	Georgina Sprivulis	Kieren Murray	Siqi Sun
Annie de Groot	Huiruo Pang	Linda Cao	Tanya-Jessica Tepes
Arden Li	Ingrid Fisher	Michael Casey	Tanya Sinha
Brianna Partington	Isabella Borchert-Jonker	Nila Norbu	Tenzing Sherpa
Claudia Rowe	Isabelle Yates	Petra Lejins	William Weber
Crystal Holt	Jess Liao	Priya Mittal	Zeo Maddison
Daniel Le Mesurier	Jon Thomson-Settle	Rebecca Bayliss	Zoe Huijer



our year in review

The past year has been challenging and rewarding in equal measure. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, KCLS had to sharply curtail our outreach activities, which meant that we were unable to visit clients in most remote communities, and for a time even in towns outside Kununurra and Broome.

Throughout the crisis, KCLS did our best to innovate and continue to help our clients, even during the height of lockdown. We continued operating with a small staff in our offices and many staff working from home. Our computer systems shifted to cloud-based platforms quickly, and we were holding video conference with clients within days of office closure.

At a time when some of our clients had

nobody left to rely on, we continued to serve clients in urgent need, including securing emergency accommodation, providing mobile phones, handling urgent legal matters like family violence orders, and advising our client communities online of rapidly changing legal and policy responses.

Over the past year we have help 889 clients on 1153 different legal issues. Unfortunately, we saw a major increase in family violence in our communities, particularly around the beginning of the pandemic. Elevated rates of violence continue, as families are put under increased stress, combined with an increase in alcohol consumption as economic stimulus funds were allocated.

Notwithstanding the pandemic, KCLS has continued to grow and diversify our practice, including the following achievements:

- We launched our pilot Elder Abuse support service, with dedicated specialist staff in



Broome and Kununurra. This service is now assisting clients with a range of issues, but especially the problems of financial abuse of elders (sometimes called “humberging”) by family members.

- We entered into a strategic partnership – the first of its kind in Australia – with national specialist legal provider knowmore. Under this arrangement, knowmore will support KCLS to provide advice to survivors of institutional child sexual abuse throughout the Kimberley.
- KCLS has engaged our first dedicated financial counsellor, and is building our expertise and capabilities in this area rapidly. For example, KCLS will be the first provider to offer work and development sponsorship in Kununurra, which will allow people to work off their fines through participation in KCLS programs, instead of going to jail.
- Our systemic reform work has resulted in a detailed submission to the review of Western Australia’s Residential Tenancy Act. We are following this up with a range of meetings and public advocacy to get a better deal specifically for public housing tenants in remote areas like the Kimberley.

- We continue to push ourselves to work to our client’s needs, rather than the strictures and siloes of individual professional categories and funding programs. We have grown our social work team to 4 now, from just one social worker several years ago. We are working hard to be a genuinely multidisciplinary practice!
- KCLS ended the year with a net surplus of \$77,691, which will be applied to KCLS’ programs and services during 2020-21. This surplus was due to a combination of factors, including emergency response funding during the pandemic, as well as lower-than expected travel and outreach costs. KCLS continues to pursue financial diversification and resilience, and is investigating ways of utilising our reserves for the longer-term sustainability of the practice.



Our services included:

287	referrals and information services
462	legal advices and legal tasks
318	completed legal representation matters
86	intensive non-legal support services

Issues we helped clients with included:

Housing	18.6%
Family law matters	14.5%
Credit & debt, consumer law, and financial counselling	10.6%
Injury Compensation	10.0%
Family violence	9.1%
Wills and estates	8.9%
Licences and fines	8.2%
Employment law	6.9%
All other issues	13.2%

principal solicitors' report



Kununurra (East Kimberley)

The last 12 months have been an exciting and challenging time for the East Kimberley legal practice as we have had the benefit of stability within our team. Grace Dudley and Norah Fahy, our skilled junior lawyers have developed in their strident advocacy and client skills thanks to their dedication to learning and providing a high standard of service. We also celebrated when Laruen Reed became an unrestricted practitioner. In late 2019, Lauren built on and developed her admirable passion for high standards of advocacy in credit and debt law with an internship at the financial rights centre in Sydney. I am very proud of our legal team and the support and authenticity that our team have been able to bring to work have provided me with valuable opportunities to develop and take risks in our legal work. The nature of our practice is broad and varied and we have continued to work collaboratively and build on our skills working in our multidisciplinary practice with social workers and advocates. Over the year we have continued our work in the following areas:

TENANCY:

We continued to represent tenants seeking to reduce debts and assist clients to maintain stable housing for their families and avoid termination of their tenancies. Our work with the social workers in this area has allowed us to develop very practical and necessary interventions to assist clients to maintain property standards and stay housed.

ESTATES:

We have continued to service the community to finalise intestate estates and have developed expertise in applications for letters of administration. While this work is slow it has been particularly useful in assisting clients living in remote communities to achieve closure after losing a loved one and gain access to funds that they may have previously not been able to.

FAMILY LAW:

Our practice and expertise in family law have continued to grow as we have directed our assistance towards clients who are involved in family court disputes and are unable to gain access to legal aid funding and cannot afford a private lawyer. This work is challenging, and we could not achieve the standard that we do without support and mentoring from Judy Harrison, our brilliant pro bono solicitor with many years of experience in this area and a sharp intellect.

FAMILY VIOLENCE:

As a core practice area we continue to provide a crisis response to family violence by assisting the community to apply for and obtain family violence restraining orders. Our experience in this area has allowed us to provide very practical advice informed by our knowledge of East Kimberley communities and the challenges of restraining orders. Here our collaboration with the social workers can be most obvious because we have the opportunity within KCLS to provide ongoing support to help our clients problem solve and stay safe once they have obtained a restraining order.

CHILD PROTECTION:

This is an area of high need and accordingly, our work has continued in this area and we have continued to represent clients and prepare responses to applications regarding their children. Again, in this area our knowledge and experience in the East Kimberley provide us with skills to use in our advocacy to achieve workable solutions for our clients.

The last twelve months have given us the benefit of working closely together to build our practice and skills. I look forward to the year ahead and the work that will come.

HANNAH LEVY, PRINCIPAL SOLICITOR (EAST KIMBERLEY)

Broome (West Kimberley)

2020 has been a year like no other. Despite the difficulties faced by the Covid-19 pandemic, the Broome team demonstrated remarkable adaptability to ensure that we could maintain effective and high quality service delivery to our clients.

STAFF

Our staff complement has remained quite consistent since June of 2020. We were sad to see Amanda Gregory (Office Manager) leave us in April this year, however, she was offered an exciting new opportunity and we wish her the very best. Amanda's departure paved way for us to welcome Lai Chan as our new Client Services Officer. Lai came to us from ALSWA and has slotted seamlessly into the role and has become a central and much valued member of our team. We are also fortunate to have been able to keep Calvin Rajmano on as a legal and policy advocate after he completed his GDLP internship with us in June of this year. Calvin was recently admitted to the Supreme Court of WA so is now working as a solicitor.

SERVICE SUMMARY

Whilst lockdown posed some challenges, as a general statement, we have continued to provide a broad range of services to the people of the West Kimberley in our traditional practice areas including tenancy, licensing matters, restraining orders, deceased estates credit and debt matters, criminal injuries compensation applications and employment law.

We are also continuing our trend of increasing service delivery in family law and child protection matters and are starting to develop a solid basis of knowledge and experience in these areas. We have well developed networks with the other legal services in town and together we are able to maximise opportunities for all parties involved in disputes to have legal representation. With the elder respect program now flourishing there has also been some really fantastic opportunities for a multi-disciplinary approach to case work and advocacy for older people and this has also seen an increase in guardianship and administration matters, which is an area that we hope to develop more as we move forward.

OUTREACH SERVICES

Despite having to cancel our remote outreach program during lockdown, we are back to "almost normal".

Given the stability in our staffing over the past year we have been able to provide a much more consistent suite of outreach services and have worked really hard to bed down our relationships with key people and organisations as part of our remote service delivery. This has paid off with an increase in referrals and greater opportunities to integrate our CLE program into our outreach program.

Derby continues to be well managed by Max and Tallulah has recently made connections with Larrkardi Radio and the Girls Academy which we hope to utilise to continue to raise our profile and deliver more CLE in this area.



We have also made significant progress with our Outreach service to Fitzroy Crossing and surrounding communities. Tallulah has utilised the past 12 months to strengthen relationships with key organisations, including Marninwarntikura Women’s Resource Centre, Karrayili Adult Learning Centre and Yiramalay College. These are all regular sources of referrals and platforms for legal education and we are excited to see what these relationships bring next year.

Bidyadanga outreach has also become more regular, with monthly trips. We have modified our approach a little to focus more on providing CLE sessions at the Bidyadanga Community Care Centre. We are looking forward to working with the clinic and Kullarri services next year to broaden our CLE program and general service delivery to the Bidyadanga Community.

Broome outreach now includes connections with the TAFE, Milliya Rumara and Broome Senior High School. We have also started to build a relationship with the Kimberley Girl program and hope to work with the program in 2021.

RADIO SHOW – DEADLY JUSTICE

“Deadly Justice” has now been running for 12 months and has covered topics like “fines & imprisonment”, “cultural heritage”, “welfare & the basics card” etc. Tallulah now hosts this show on her own and is still a positive way for Tallulah to raise KCLS’ profile in the West Kimberley. The next few weeks will see the beginning of a new segment call “Skutta Mob” which is a series on the show dedicated to celebrating the achievements and positive contributions of Aboriginal people in their communities.

INTERNS

Unfortunately, due to Covid 19, we have not been in a position to host as many interns as in previous years. However, we were fortunate enough to have 7 Interns complete either the GDLP or PLT with us. As in previous years the calibre of interns has been exceptional, and it is from this group that we sourced Calvin. We have missed the internship program and hope to ramp up again early in the new year.

2021

We are all looking forward to waving farewell to 2020 and welcoming 2021. Despite the very real challenges of this year, I think we have all learned so much about what is possible and how resilient we are and are looking forward to continuing to solidify our position in the West Kimberley and continue to provide quality services to the Kimberley people.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication.

KAREN GROVE, PRINCIPAL SOLICITOR (WEST KIMBERLEY)



Principal Social Worker's Report

KCLS continues to expand and diversify the provision of in-house social support programs. These are delivered using a socio-legal case management approach to improve the coordination and continuity of formal and informal supports, especially for individuals with multiple and complex needs.

KCLS first began delivering social support for clients in the early 2000s, when the need to provide practical support to those living in public housing and at risk of eviction was identified. This led to the establishment of the Public Tenancy Support Services (PTSS). Then in 2016, the Family Assistance Support Team (FAST) was launched to assist women and children affected by family violence. Both the PTSS and FAST have been delivered from the Kununurra office. In 2019 KCLS was chosen as a site to provide an elder abuse pilot program to assist older people experiencing abuse or at risk of abuse. This service is delivered from both the Kununurra and Broome offices. We have developed formal partnerships with the local Aboriginal health services in the area, and developed working relationships with a variety of government and non-government organisations to better assist our clients.

The provision of this array of support services, which assists people of all ages with diverse support needs, places KCLS at the forefront of socio-legal service provision in remote Australia. While it poses many challenges, it also offers more possibilities for systemic and individual change.

ELIANA SARMIENTO

Complex case work in practice

KCLS clients seldom have just one problem. Issues of family, money, housing and employment are often tied up in complex webs of cause-and-effect. Understanding a client's whole context, and working with them to find the solutions they think are best, is a large part of what makes work in the Kimberley both challenging and rewarding.

Consider the case of Charlotte (*all names changed), a seventeen-year-old Aboriginal woman hailing from Hall's Creek. Charlotte's mother, Stacey, passed away suddenly in June 2020. Before she passed, Stacey had obtained a restraining order against her ex-partner Brendan, which protected her and her three children: Charlotte, Ava (aged 1) and James (aged 2). When Stacey died, Charlotte at the young age of 17, assumed the role of the primary caregiver of her two younger siblings. She was eight months pregnant at the time.

When Charlotte came to KCLS in June 2020, the Housing Authority property she was living in only had Stacey as the listed tenant. Consequently, a pregnant Charlotte, Ava, and James were at risk of homelessness. KCLS helped Charlotte with a "Succession of Tenancy" application with the Housing Authority.

However, the issue was not as simple as it first seemed. Charlotte had no form of identification, no income, no bank accounts, no tax file number, and Ava and James had not been registered with WA Births, Deaths and Marriages – all of which are necessitated for a Succession of Tenancy application. KCLS methodically worked through these issues on Charlotte's behalf with the Housing Authority, Centrelink, WA Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, ANZ Bank, the Australian Tax Office, Department of Transport, and WA Justice to expedite getting Charlotte the income support, identification, and housing security she needed.

Ultimately, KCLS successfully assisted Charlotte secure a culturally-appropriate Housing Authority property, as well as the obtainment of a tax file number, appropriate Centrelink payments, a new bank account, and registering the births of Ava and James, as well as her newborn Jessica. All four are doing well, and we are pleased at helping them land on their feet after a traumatic year.

June's story

June, an Aboriginal mum with two young children, came to the KCLS drop in service to get help with a Family Violence Restraining Order (FVRO). Her ex-partner, who is father to her two children, had been continuously harassing her and physically assaulting her, sometimes by breaking in through the windows at the house she was staying at. On the day of her initial appointment we provided immediate assistance by giving legal advice, preparing an application for a FVRO and representing her in court. She was granted an interim FVRO that day. After court, her lawyer explained how the FVRO works and talked about how she could keep safe.

Throughout this time, June was also experiencing secondary homelessness. She was staying with her mother and other family members. One reason she did not have a house of her own was her debt with the Department of Housing which meant she would be likely be ineligible for another public tenancy for some time. This lack of stable housing also meant her children were not going to school regularly. A KCLS Client Advocate assisted her secure a private rental for her and her children while she sorted out her debt and assisted her re-enrol the children at school.

At the start of the COVID-19 lockdown, we identified she did not have a mobile phone and therefore would be unable to call the police if her ex-partner came to her house. KCLS were able to provide her with a free mobile phone to ensure her safety. KCLS continues to provide ongoing social support. Our client now understands her rights surrounding her FVRO and comes to KCLS for advice and assistance when she or other family members experience family violence.

** name changed*

our board

KCLS has a membership base of 92 individuals who are involved in various ways with justice for Kimberley communities. Our membership base is 56% Aboriginal. Each year, our membership elects our Board, which serves on an entirely voluntary basis. We are grateful for the hard work and strong contribution of our Board over the past year!

KCLS Board members (as of 1 Dec 2020)



Karyn Apperley
Chair



Kylie Kerin
Secretary



Caroline Constant
Treasurer



Amanda Whitehead
Board Member



Victoria Baird
Board Member



Claire Saffery
Board Member



Karen Andrew
Board Member

Former Board members during 2019-20



Allan Wedderburn
former Treasurer



Renjit Kumar
former Board Member



Olwyn Webley
former Board Member

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS	Meetings attended/eligible to attend
Karyn Apperley (Chair from 17 Dec 2019)	6 of 6
Caroline Constant (Treasurer from 17 Dec 2019)	6 of 6
Kylie Kerin (Secretary)	6 of 6
Amanda Whitehead (Board Member)	6 of 6
Victoria Baird (Board Member)	6 of 6
Karen Andrew* (Board Member)	2 of 3
Claire Saffery* (Board Member)	3 of 3

FORMER BOARD MEMBERS	
Allan Wedderburn^ (former Treasurer)	3 of 3
Renjit Kumar*# (Board Member)	3 of 3
Olwyn Webley~ (Board Member)	2 of 2

* elected 17 Dec 2019

^ term ceased 17 Dec 2019

resigned 10 Sep 2020

~ resigned 6 Nov 2019

financial report

For the Year Ended 30 June 2020

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COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your committee members submit the financial report of the Kimberley Community Legal Services Inc for the financial year ended 30 June 2020.

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

Karyn Apperley

Caroline Constant

Kylie Kerin

Amanda Whitehead

Victoria Baird

Karen Andrew

Claire Saffery

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were to provide legal and family support services, and community education and advocacy programs and activities.

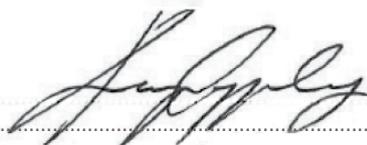
Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating Result

The surplus from ordinary activities amounted to \$77,691. The deficit for the previous financial year amounted to \$76,195.

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



Karyn Apperley, Chair



Caroline Constant, Treasurer

Dated this **8** day of **November** 2020

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

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
Revenue from Grant Funding & Operations		2,402,133	1,683,431
Unexpended Grants brought forward		188,503	103,972
Other Revenue from ordinary activities		4,488	4,241
Employee / Payroll expenses		(1,697,090)	(1,168,430)
Depreciation and Amortisation expenses		(107,172)	(22,586)
Unexpended Grants carried forward	10	(225,629)	(188,503)
Other expenses from ordinary activities		(487,542)	(488,320)
Surplus / (Deficit) from Ordinary activities for the year		77,691	(76,195)
Income tax expense	1a	-	-
Surplus / (Deficit) after income tax from ordinary activities		77,691	(76,195)
Other Comprehensive Income			
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:		-	-
Items that will be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss when specific conditions are met:		-	-
Total Comprehensive Income for the year		77,691	(76,195)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	2	590,194	505,858
Receivables	3	5,163	2,292
Prepayments		4,270	1,449
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		599,627	509,599
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant & Equipment	4	98,102	36,152
Right of Use Assets	5	87,580	-
Investments	6	6,798	6,798
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		192,480	42,950
TOTAL ASSETS		792,107	552,549
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	7	57,497	76,999
Provisions	8	153,636	101,485
Lease Liability	9	77,647	-
Unexpended Grants	10	225,629	188,503
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		514,409	366,987
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lease Liability	9	14,445	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		14,445	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		528,854	366,987
NET ASSETS		263,253	185,562
EQUITY			
Retained surplus / (deficit)	11	263,253	185,562
TOTAL EQUITY		263,253	185,562

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	Retained Surplus \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2018	261,757	261,757
Comprehensive income		
Net surplus / (deficit) for the year	(76,195)	(76,195)
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2019	185,562	185,562
Comprehensive income		
Net surplus / (deficit) for the year	77,691	77,691
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2020	263,253	263,253

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from funding and operations		2,399,262	1,766,692
Interest received		4,488	4,241
Payments to suppliers and employees		(2,148,374)	(1,575,127)
Net cash provided by operating activities		255,376	195,806
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchases of property, plant & equipment		(97,792)	(11,673)
Purchases of Investments		-	(180)
Net cash used by investing activities		(97,792)	(11,853)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for lease liabilities		(73,248)	-
Net cash used by financing activities		(73,248)	-
Net Increase / (decrease) in Cash Held		84,336	183,953
Cash at the Beginning of the Financial Year		505,858	321,905
Cash at the End of the Financial Year	2	590,194	505,858

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Financial Reporting Framework

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the association's constitution and its members. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity. The entity is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Statement of Compliance

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the association's constitution and its members, the basis of accounting specified by all Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of Accounting Standards AASB 101: *Presentation of Financial Statements*, AASB 107: *Cash Flow Statements*, AASB 108: *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors*, AASB 1031: *Materiality* and AASB 1054: *Australian Additional Disclosures*.

The association has concluded that the requirements set out in AASB 10 and AASB 128 are not applicable as the initial assessment on its interests in other entities indicated that it does not have any subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures. Hence, the financial statements comply with all the recognition and measurement requirements in Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs. They do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets.

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. Income Tax

The association is exempt from Income Tax under the Income Tax Assessment Act as recorded on the Australian Business Register.

b. Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)

Cost or Valuation

Property, Plant & Equipment are carried at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on the straight line basis. The depreciable amount of all fixed assets are depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

c. Revenue

Revenue Recognition

The Entity has applied AASB 15: Revenue from Contracts with Customers (AASB 15) and AASB 1058: Income of Not-for-Profit Entities (AASB 1058) using the cumulative effective method of initially applying AASB 15 and AASB 1058 as an adjustment to the opening balance of equity at 1 July 2019. Therefore, the comparative information has not been restated and continues to be presented under AASB 118: Revenue and AASB 1004: Contributions. The details of accounting policies under AASB 118 and AASB 1004 are disclosed separately since they are different from those under AASB 15 and AASB 1058, and the impact of changes is disclosed in Note 1.

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

In the current year

Operating Grants, Donations and Bequests

When the entity receives operating grant revenue, donations or bequests, it assesses whether the contract is enforceable and has sufficiently specific performance obligations in accordance with AASB 15.

When both these conditions are satisfied, the Entity:

- identifies each performance obligation relating to the grant
- recognises a contract liability for its obligations under the agreement
- recognises revenue as it satisfies its performance obligations.

Where the contract is not enforceable or does not have sufficiently specific performance obligations, the Entity:

- recognises the asset received in accordance with the recognition requirements of other applicable accounting standards (eg AASB 9, AASB 16, AASB 116 and AASB 138)
- recognises related amounts (being contributions by owners, lease liability, financial instruments, provisions, revenue or contract liability arising from a contract with a customer)
- recognises income immediately in profit or loss as the difference between the initial carrying amount of the asset and the related amount.

If a contract liability is recognised as a related amount above, the Entity recognises income in profit or loss when or as it satisfies its obligations under the contract.

Interest Income

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method.

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

d. Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

e. Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of the acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of expense. Receivables and payables shown in the balance sheet are recognised inclusive of GST.

f. Employee Entitlements

Provision is made for entitlements payable to employees on the basis of statutory and contractual requirements.

g. Going Concern

The future operations of Kimberley Community Legal Services Incorporated are dependent upon adequate future funding from relevant funding bodies and the association being able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

h. Leases

The Entity as lessee

At inception of a contract, the Entity assesses if the contract contains or is a lease. If there is a lease present, a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability is recognised by the Entity where the Entity is a lessee. However all contracts that are classified as short-term leases (lease with remaining lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low value assets are recognised as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Initially the lease liability is measured at the present value of the lease payments still to be paid at commencement date. The lease payments are discounted at the interest rate implicit in the lease. If this rate cannot be readily determined, the Entity uses the incremental borrowing rate.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are as follows:

fixed lease payments less any lease incentives;

variable lease payments that depend on an index or rate, initially measured using the index or rate at the commencement date;

the amount expected to be payable by the lessee under residual value guarantees;

the exercise price of purchase options, if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise the options;

lease payments under extension options if lessee is reasonably certain to exercise the options; and

payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the exercise of an option to terminate the lease

The right-of-use assets comprise the initial measurement of the corresponding lease liability as mentioned above, any lease payments made at or before the commencement date as well as any initial direct costs. The subsequent measurement of the right-of-use assets is at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated over the lease term or useful life of the underlying asset whichever is the shortest.

Where a lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the Entity anticipates to exercise a purchase option, the specific asset is depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset.

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

	2020 \$	2019 \$
NOTE 2: CASH		
Operating Account	90,194	135,858
Term Deposit	500,000	370,000
	590,194	505,858
NOTE 3: RECEIVABLES		
Accounts Receivable	411	-
Rent Receivables	4,752	2,292
	5,163	2,292
NOTE 4: PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
Plant & Equipment at cost	249,037	221,933
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(218,698)	(209,235)
	30,339	12,698
Motor Vehicles at cost	259,884	193,305
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(196,272)	(171,002)
	63,612	22,303
Leasehold Improvements at cost	58,232	58,232
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(58,232)	(58,232)
	-	-
Furniture & Fittings at cost	37,353	33,244
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(33,202)	(32,093)
	4,151	1,151
Total Property, Plant & Equipment	98,102	36,152

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

	2020 \$	2019 \$
NOTE 5: RIGHT OF USE ASSETS		
Premises	158,909	-
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(71,329)	-
	87,580	-
NOTE 6: INVESTMENTS		
Artwork	6,798	6,798
	6,798	6,798
NOTE 7: PAYABLES		
Accounts Payable	36,976	33,489
Tax Payable	5,611	41,550
Salary Sacrifice Liability	14,910	1,960
	57,497	76,999
NOTE 8: PROVISIONS		
Annual Leave	108,255	70,935
Long Service Leave	45,381	30,550
	153,636	101,485
NOTE 9: LEASE LIABILITY		
CURRENT		
Lease Liability	77,647	-
NON-CURRENT		
Lease Liability	14,445	-
Total Lease Liability	92,092	-

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

	2020 \$	2019 \$
NOTE 10: UNEXPENDED GRANTS		
Elder Abuse	50,000	104,642
Commonwealth Community Legal Services Program	57,308	35,811
Indigenous Women's Program	-	48,050
Qantas	22,250	-
Australian National University	50,291	-
Financial Counselling Services	34,210	-
Tenancy Advice & Education Services	11,570	-
	225,629	188,503

The unexpended grants detailed above arise on the basis of allocating expenses to the listed funding bodies at managements' discretion. The excess of income received from a particular funding body plus the carried forward balance (from 2019), less the related expenses gives the figure for each in Note 10 above.

Due to the above the only items which will make up the final surplus / (deficit) shown in the Income Statement for the association are expenses left un-classified by management.

NOTE 11: RETAINED SURPLUS		
Retained Surplus	185,562	261,757
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	77,691	(76,195)
	263,253	185,562

NOTE 12: EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

Since 30 June 2020, there are no matters or circumstances that have arisen which requires adjustments to or disclosure in the financial statements.

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 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 3 to 10:

- 1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Kimberley Community Legal Services Incorporated as at 30 June 2020 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
- 2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Kimberley Community Legal Services Incorporated 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:

KARYN APPERLEY

Committee Member

Karyn Apperley, Chair

Caroline Constant

Committee Member

Caroline Constant, Treasurer

Dated this 8 day of November 2019

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF KIMBERLEY COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES INCORPORATED

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

OPINION

We have audited the financial report of Kimberley Community Legal Services Incorporated (the association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by members of the committee.

In our opinion the financial statements present a true and fair view of the financial position of Kimberley Community Legal Services Incorporated at 30 June 2020 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members.

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 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.

EMPHASIS OF MATTER

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 to assist Kimberley Community Legal Services Incorporated to meet the requirements of the association's constitution and its members. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Expense Classification

Kimberley Community Legal Services Incorporated receives funding from a number of funding bodies. As such, shared expenses on a number of occasions have been split and classified to a number of funding bodies sub accounts. The split and classification of these expenses for the financial year has been based on allocations approved by senior management.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE FINANCIAL REPORT

The committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements and for such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

The committee is responsible for overseeing the association's financial reporting process.

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.

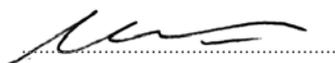
As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the committee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the committee's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



LBW Chartered Accountants



Sripathy Sarma

Principal

Dated this 8th day of November 2020





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