

# You Matter

Creating Havens for a brighter future

**Annual Report  
2022-23**





## **OUR VISION**

Women and their children live safe and happy lives in their own homes and community.



## **OUR PURPOSE**

Creating Havens of hope for women and their children escaping family violence.

Through a fully equipped and comfortable home, women are empowered to re-establish stability, independence and connect to their community.

# OUR VALUES



## Hope

We work **together** to create and demonstrate **hope** of a future for women and children free from violence.

## Agility

We are **adaptable**, **flexible** and **responsive**. We harness and mobilise community skills and contributions to address needs and raise awareness. We partner and connect with others to maximise impact.

## Voice

Women and their children are **empowered** through their engagement with us, their voices inform our work. We learn through **listening** to all our stakeholders.

## Environmental Responsibility

We contribute to the **sustainability** of our environment by re-homing used goods which reduces waste.

## Nurturing

We create **nurturing** and **comfortable** Havens. Our team approach draws on a community of support assisting women and their children to **thrive** in their home knowing they are surrounded by a **compassionate** and **understanding** community.





# OUR STORY SO FAR

In early 2019, Maxine Gross and Rochelle Anderson heard about a woman, Lara, and her children, who had to flee a violent relationship. They called out to their community for the furniture and household goods needed to set-up the property that Lara had secured and then went about doing what You Matter does today to ensure that Lara and her children had a comfortable, safe Haven to call home filled with the love and support of the community.

From this first interaction and the generous reaction from the Boroondara community and beyond, the need and the important life changing impact of this service for women was clear, so that by September of 2019, You Matter became a project auspiced by the Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre. Supporters and volunteers grew and soon the co-founders outgrew the use of their homes and garages as warehouses and working bee spaces. It was clear that the need for this service that turned houses into 'Havens' for recovery would expand throughout Greater Melbourne.

On 1 May 2020, You Matter registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission in its own right. With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, operations slowed somewhat, but volunteers continued to source goods, establish a warehouse and most importantly, continued to create Havens for women and their children.

In its four short years of operation, You Matter has delivered an average of eight Havens per month and continues from strength to strength building strong partnerships with referring agencies, with donors and funding partners and with the community across the northern and eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

## HOW WE WORK

We work in close collaboration with Family Violence support agencies. Once a woman has secured long-term accommodation, You Matter will take a referral from the family violence agency to set up the woman's home – we take great care to make sure that the HAVEN is set up with each individual woman in mind, so her preferences, needs, choices and individual circumstances are reflected throughout the referral process.

We work with the referring agencies, our team and volunteers to ensure that the woman and her children's needs are met so that they can feel empowered to thrive and move forward with dignity and respect.





# OUR BOARD



**Sandie  
de Wolf AM  
CHAIR**



**Jacqui  
Kalwig  
SECRETARY**



**Cam  
Bailey  
TREASURER**



**Jackie  
Cook**



**Catherine  
Easton**



**Sheree  
Limbrick**



**Hannah  
Linossier**



**Taimur  
Siddiqi**



# CHAIR'S REPORT

When people hear about You Matter and what we do it always resonates - as we all know a safe and comfortable home is the foundation on which we build our lives. While family violence is always devastating - and potentially life threatening - the trauma is exacerbated with the housing affordability crisis and cost of living pressures. So, our work in establishing havens is even more critical.

In January 2023, the Board worked with staff and volunteers to put in place our five-year strategy which will guide the development of the organisation into our next phase. Our five strategic pillars are *capacity building, sustainable revenue, strategic partnerships, people and culture, and impacts and insights*. Key measures for each of these pillars will help us track our performance and improvement.

2022-23 has seen us consolidate Board membership and move to employ a small staff team led by Maxine Gross (CEO & Founder), with Jen McMahon (Services Coordinator) and Jared Flower (Warehouse Manager), supported by Kelsey Smith (voluntary Volunteer Coordinator).

Our partnerships with community agencies, businesses, community groups, local government, philanthropic and individual donors continue to grow and deepen – we literally could not provide the service we do without their commitment and shared vision.

I want to acknowledge the people who make up the You Matter community:

- the businesses, schools, councils, community groups, philanthropic trusts and individual donors who provide the funds to enable us to operate,
- all of our volunteers who give so generously of their time, experience and skills in so many different ways,
- our team – Maxine, Jared, Jen and Kelsey who achieve so much,
- my fellow board directors, individually and collectively, who provide great leadership, governance and are always willing to do whatever is needed.

And finally, a HUGE thank you to Maxine. She and Rochelle saw a need and had the energy and drive to establish a charity so that the work could thrive and grow.

I enjoy working with everyone involved with You Matter and look with confidence to the next phase of our development as an organisation.

**Sandie de Wolf AM**

*Chair*



# OUR MANAGEMENT TEAM



**Maxine Gross**  
CEO & Founder  
0.6FTE



**Jared Flower**  
Warehouse Manager  
1.0FTE



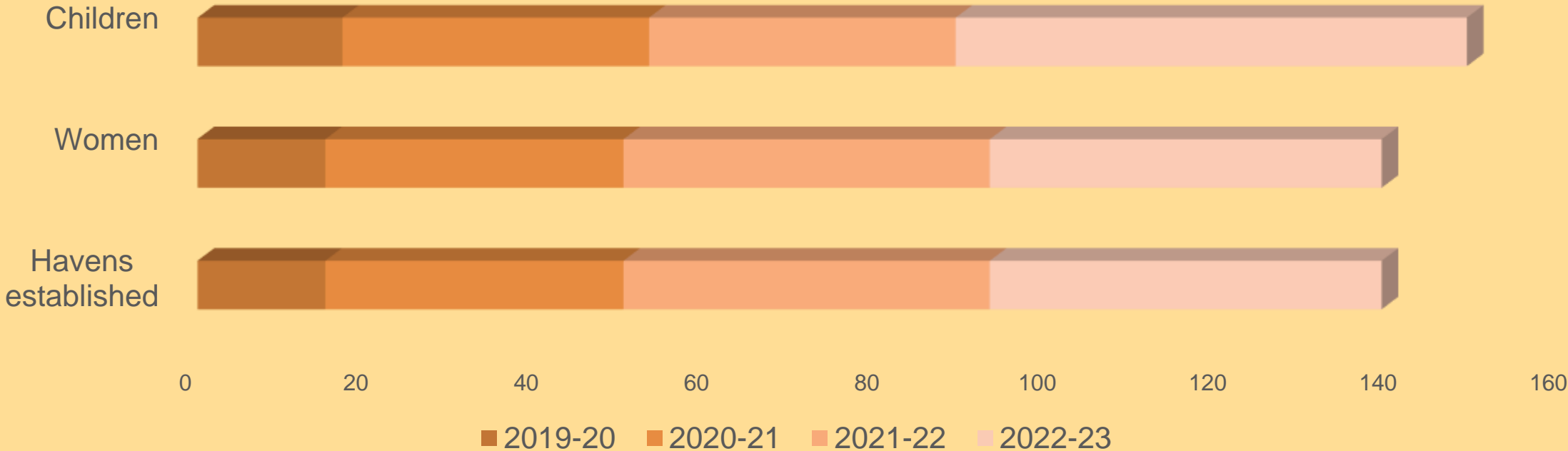
**Jen McMahon**  
Service Coordinator  
0.6FTE



**Kelsey Smith**  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Voluntary

Since our establishment in September 2019, we have:

- created 139 Havens, helping to bring hope and empower 139 women and 144 children who have experienced family violence;
- engaged a team of over 100 volunteers;
- have built up an incredible team culture, living our You Matter values;
- we have supported more than 40 different family violence agencies;
- we have built up many strong partnerships with supporters across the Boroondara community and beyond.







**OUR VOLUNTEERS  
YOU MATTER TO US**





# CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

When I look back over the past financial year it is clear all that You Matter has achieved towards our Strategic Focus and key pillars on which we have built this focus. The critical role of our service in the community for supporting and empowering women and their children who have experienced family violence is clear.

At the beginning of 2023 we revisited our Vision, Purpose and Values. We re-aligned our values to speak to the core of our service and our people. We developed our Theory of Change to ensure we are focusing our efforts on outcomes for women & children which ultimately demonstrate our purpose.

Whilst this is our first Annual Report, it is almost four years since my co-founder, Rochelle, and I helped our pilot client and then went about setting up You Matter. I feel very proud that You Matter has grown to the point where it is a sustainable and robust organisation with solid foundations now established on which to grow and from which the life changing impact of our service is clear. We know that the prevalence of family violence is sadly of growing concern in our community, so we at You Matter focus all our energy on supporting those we can with the utmost care and consideration for their needs to provide them with the best possible outcomes to restart their lives free from family violence.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the wonderful experiences and incredible opportunities I have had during the last four years at You Matter. I couldn't be prouder of all that we, the entire team involved with You Matter since its inception, have accomplished. Building on the efforts of previous years, in 2022-23 we created Havens for 46 women and 60 children/dependents, referrals came from twelve different family violence agencies, 72 active volunteers contributed on average 17 hours of their time to support You Matter, and we deployed 1,450 donated items into Havens.

For You Matter to have achieved so much in so little time is testament to the village of support that has believed in us and supported us. You Matter is very fortunate to have such a robust, well-rounded Board of Directors to guide us. I would like to make a special shout out to Sandie de Wolf AM, who has guided You Matter as Chair since the beginning of 2022 with her wisdom, empathy and understanding of the family violence space, and helped build an organisation of which we can all be extremely proud.

To all our volunteers, you are the beating heart of You Matter, and my heart absolutely bursts with appreciation for the incredible work you carry out with care, passion and commitment. It is a joy to work alongside you all - THANK YOU. You have mattered greatly.

To all our individual donors, trusts, foundations and businesses, your funding has been absolutely vital as we have established ourselves as a critical part of the family violence support network. This funding has enabled us to grow and achieve what we have to date.

I am honoured to be part of this incredible service provided to women and their children, empowering them to have hope for a brighter future.



# YOU MATTER STRATEGIC OVERVIEW



## FIVE YEAR STRATEGY

You Matter's strategic goal is that every eligible woman can access our service in the Northern and Eastern Melbourne region.



## STRATEGIC FOCUS 2023-2024

To build capabilities that will support a sustainable and scalable organisation for the longer term.



## KEY PILLARS 2023-24

- Capacity Building
- Sustainable Revenue
- Strategic Partnerships
- People & Culture
- Impacts & Insights



# OUR THEORY OF CHANGE

## OUR PURPOSE

- Creating Havens of hope for women & their children escaping family violence.
- Through a fully equipped & comfortable home, women are empowered to re-establish stability, independence & connect to their community.

## OUR WORK

- Sourcing items from community.
- Managing warehouse logistics.
- Co-ordinating service with family violence agencies setting up havens.
- Building partnerships with businesses, community groups & schools.
- Fundraising & awareness raising.
- Volunteer coordination.

## OUR OUTCOMES

### DIRECT

- Women feel comfortable in their haven.
- Women feel heard & understood.
- Women can better meet their children's needs.
- Volunteers, donors & businesses have the opportunity to contribute time, skill & money to support women & their children.
- Family violence support service staff have more time & are better able to meet their clients' needs.
- Community has the opportunity to donate goods.

### INDIRECT

- Women experience a sense of stability.
- Women are empowered to rebuild their lives.
- Women & their children feel supported by & connected to the community.
- Volunteers & donors satisfied that their contributions make a difference.
- Family violence support services are able to provide a responsive, person-centred service.
- Avoided landfill impact from donated goods.

## OUR VISION

- Women & their children live safe & happy lives in their own homes & community.



# OUR IMPACT 2022-23



## Women

Supported **46** women in setting up their homes



## Children & Dependents

Supported **60** children & dependents into their home



## Havens

Created **46** Havens & filled them with hope



## Secondhand Goods

Received **750** donated items  
Deployed over **1,450** donated items our havens



## Family Violence Agencies

Supported **12** family violence agencies & their case workers



## Volunteers

**72** active volunteers contributed approx. **1,285** hours (av. 17hrs per volunteer)





**"My daughter can't get over how nice her room is! The house is so warm and welcoming, it was empty but then it felt like home"**  
 Haven 124, FV Survivor

## **Value to women & children**

**"Everything was amazing, beautifully presented. I was dreading coming back to live here, but I feel so happy now to have such a lovely place to call home, the children were so thrilled they couldn't believe their rooms, bikes and the big Connect 4 game"**  
 Haven 129, FV Survivor





# You Matter

Creating Havens for a brighter future



**“I like everything about your service, the support and feeling I am not alone. I love my pink couch and all the flowers in the house. I love all the accessories and the food in the freezer and fridge and pantry.”**

**SURVIVOR TESTIMONIAL**





**“ You Matter is an amazing service that has changed the lives of two of my clients and numerous colleagues’ clients, this is truly one of the most incredible things that I have ever facilitated for a client.”**  
 HAVEN 136 AGENCY TESTIMONIAL  
 ELEANOR, BERRY STREET



## **Value to Family Violence agencies**

**“ You Matter always do an amazing job and make such a difference in our clients’ lives. There is no way we would be able to set up a new property in such detail with quality items, through any other funding streams or service.”**  
 HAVEN 153 AGENCY TESTIMONIAL,  
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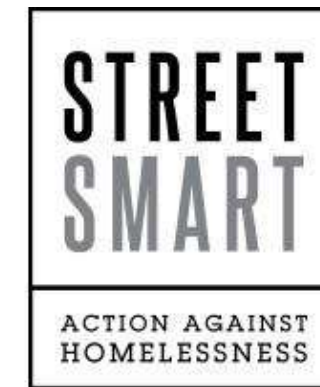


# OUR FAMILY VIOLENCE AGENCY PARTNERS

Since our inception in 2019, we have worked with more than 40 family violence support agencies who refer women, often with children, to us. In 2022-23 we received referrals from twelve family violence agencies.



# MAJOR DONORS, FOUNDATIONS & TRUSTS





# MAJOR DONOR – THE MARSHALL WHITE FOUNDATION





# FUNDRAISING EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS

**Melbourne Women's Fund  
Award event**



**Walk against Family  
Violence**



**You Matter in May  
event**



**10 x 10 Philanthropy  
event**



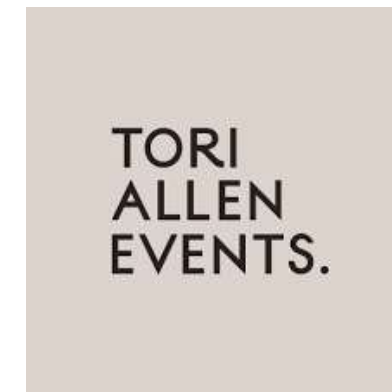
**Westfield Doncaster  
Local Hero event**



**Melbourne Marathon**



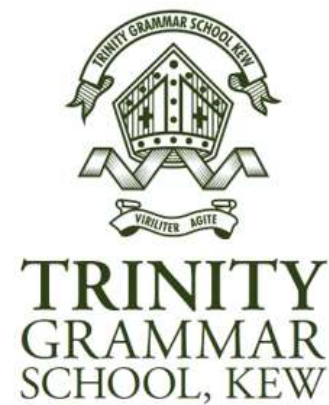
# OUR BUSINESS & GOODS PARTNERS



Bayford Volkswagen  
Camberwell



# OUR CHARITY & COMMUNITY PARTNERS





# OUR PRO BONO SUPPORTERS

Minter  
Ellison

savi.



Wilson Storage

 Microsoft  
Philanthropies

 for  
business

# OUR FINANCIALS

## Directors' Report

You Matter (Aus) Ltd  
For the year ended 30 June 2023

### Director's Report

Your directors submit the financial report of You Matter (Aus) Ltd for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

### Directors

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

Directors	Position	Date Started	Date Ended
Sandie de Wolf	Chairperson	19-2-2022	
Maxine Gross	Director	1-5-2020	13-6-2022
Jacqui Kalwig	Secretary and Director	1-5-2020	
Cameron Bailey	Treasurer	13-12-2021	
Hannah Linossier	Director	25-3-2022	
Catherine Easton	Director	25-3-2022	
Jackie Cook	Director	19-9-2022	
Taimur Siddiq	Director	19-9-2022	
Sheree Limbrick	Director	15-11-2022	

### Principal Activities

You Matter (Aus) Ltd assists women and their children survivors of family violence through providing a fully equipped, functional, comfortable and personalized home haven. Havens are equipped through collecting good quality second-hand and new furniture and household items which are sourced, sorted, checked, and re-deployed by our dedicated staff and volunteers into our Havens. You Matter takes referrals from Family Violence agencies throughout Melbourne to assist their clients in fully-equipping a Haven. You Matter's service is provided across Melbourne, primarily the Eastern and Northern regions.

### Operating Results

The surplus for the financial year is \$30,851 (Last financial year surplus: \$183,456).

### Meetings of Committee Members/Directors

During the financial year 12 board meetings were held. Attendances by each director during the year is as follows:

Committee Members Name	Number Eligible to Attend	Number Attended
Sandie de Wolf	12	10
Jacqui Kalwig	12	11
Cameron Bailey	12	10
Hannah Linossier	12	12
Catherine Easton	12	12

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### Directors' Report

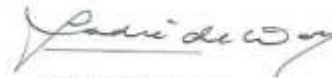
Taimur Siddiqi	10	9
Jackie Cook	10	10
Sheree Limbrick	8	8

The entity is incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 and is a company limited by guarantee. If You Matter (Aus) Ltd is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$10 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the entity.

### Auditor's Independence Declaration

The lead auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 June 2023 is included in this financial statements

This Director's report is signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:



Sandie de Wolf (Chairperson)

Date: 16/10/23.



Cam Bailey (Treasurer)

Date: 16/10/23.

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# OUR FINANCIALS

## Statement of Profit or Loss

You Matter (Aus) Ltd  
For the year ended 30 June 2023

	NOTES	2023	2022
<b>Income</b>			
Donations - Goods		81,607	21,198
Donations - Schools and Community Groups		14,487	4,471
Donations - Corporate		5,000	101,585
Donations - Individuals		74,766	21,379
Fee for Service		49,500	-
Events and Campaigns		12,406	163,758
Grants - Foundations & Trusts		80,804	64,729
Grants - Government & Councils		15,491	30,225
Interest Income		116	-
Other Income		80	-
Donations- Workplace Giving		1,590	-
Sale of White Goods		33,900	-
Donations - Trusts and Foundations		159,794	10,000
Donations - Regular donors		3,966	-
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>533,508</b>	<b>417,345</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Bank Fees		1,040	258
Conferences and Meetings (Volunteer and Staff)		421	930
Consulting & Accounting		22,234	24,132
Contract Wages		-	47,377
Depreciation		607	307
Fundraising & Awareness		1,047	1,544
Haven Costs - General Household		11,906	19,450
Haven Costs - Donated Goods		82,579	-
Haven Costs - Food & Consumables		2,232	1,660
Haven Costs - Manchester		684	272
Haven Costs - Testing & Tagging		-	2,032
Haven Costs - White Goods		29,282	21,585
Haven Goods Repairs and Maintenance		-	792
Insurance		6,769	6,602
IT Volunteer Management System		1,562	-
Legal expenses		89	-
Light, Power, Heating		645	-
Marketing Promotional Materials		140	182
Marketing Website and Social Media		2,178	1,290
Memberships and Subscriptions		118	109
Motor Vehicle Expenses		1,079	-
Motor Vehicle Hire		9,533	8,667
Office Supplies		454	1,360
Platform Fees		589	3,158

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## Statement of Profit or Loss

	NOTES	2023	2022
Printing & Stationery		250	124
Software		2,807	4,952
Staff and Volunteer Amenities		590	789
Superannuation		21,978	3,507
Telephone & Internet		1,208	939
Travel		87	634
Wages and Salaries		209,055	44,208
Warehouse Cleaning and Waste		1,387	1,810
Warehouse Goods Transportation		-	975
Warehouse hardware and supplies		69	464
Warehouse Inventory Management		1,268	831
Warehouse Relocation Costs		15,594	-
Warehouse Rent		18,010	32,971
Workcover Insurance		4,219	-
Income Tax Expense		25	-
<b>Sundry Expenses</b>			
Warehouse Outgoings		3,737	-
Staff Recruitment Expenses		795	-
Warehouse lease interest		7,563	-
Marketing - CRM		1,735	-
Annual Leave Expense		11,607	-
Warehouse Lease Amortisation		25,487	-
<b>Total Sundry Expenses</b>		<b>50,924</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>502,657</b>	<b>233,889</b>
<b>Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>		<b>30,851</b>	<b>183,456</b>

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# OUR FINANCIALS

## Statement of Financial Position

You Matter (Aus) Ltd  
As at 30 June 2023

	NOTES	30 JUN 2023	30 JUN 2022
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash & Cash Equivalents		344,544	313,025
Trade and Other Receivables		45,742	20,947
GST Receivable		2,128	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>392,414</b>	<b>333,972</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Donated Goods		47,537	50,890
Plant and Equipment, Vehicles		1,631	1,446
Land & Buildings		9,594	9,843
Right of use asset	2	586,195	-
Other Non-Current Assets		38,829	-
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>683,786</b>	<b>62,178</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>1,076,200</b>	<b>396,150</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Accrued Expenses		5,295	2,071
Grants Received in Advance - Community Enterprise Charitable Fund		867	-
Grants Received in Advance - John T Reid Charitable Trust		-	6,271
Superannuation Payable		1,739	1,015
15 Marine Parade Lease - Short term	2	83,573	-
Trade and Other Payables		10,018	7,714
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>101,491</b>	<b>17,072</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>			
15 Marine Parade - Long Term	2	508,172	-
Other Non-Current Liabilities		56,607	-
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>		<b>564,780</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>666,271</b>	<b>17,072</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>409,930</b>	<b>379,079</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Current Year Earnings		30,851	183,456
Retained Earnings		379,079	195,623
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>409,930</b>	<b>379,079</b>

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## Movements in Equity

You Matter (Aus) Ltd  
For the year ended 30 June 2023

	NOTES	2023	2022
<b>Equity</b>			
Opening Balance		379,079	195,623
<b>Increases</b>			
Surplus for the Period		30,851	183,456
<b>Total Increases</b>		<b>30,851</b>	<b>183,456</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>409,930</b>	<b>379,079</b>

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## Statement of Cash Flows

You Matter (Aus) Ltd  
For the year ended 30 June 2023

	NOTES	2023	2022
<b>Cash flows from Operating Activities</b>			
Receipts from customers		74,766	21,379
Payments to suppliers and employees		(231,033)	(47,715)
Finance costs		(1,040)	(258)
Cash receipts from other operating activities		169,368	182,246
<b>Total Cash flows from Operating Activities</b>		<b>32,061</b>	<b>155,652</b>
<b>Cash flows from Investing Activities</b>			
Payment for property, plant and equipment		(542)	(1,636)
<b>Total Cash flows from Investing Activities</b>		<b>(542)</b>	<b>(1,636)</b>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash held</b>		<b>31,519</b>	<b>154,016</b>
<b>Cash Balances</b>			
Opening cash balance		313,025	159,009
Closing cash balance		344,544	313,025
Movement in cash		31,519	154,016

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## Directors' Declaration

You Matter (Aus) Ltd  
For the year ended 30 June 2023

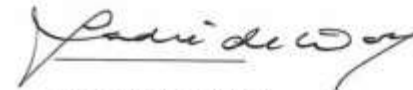
In accordance with a resolution of the directors of You Matter (Aus) Ltd, the directors of the Registered Entity declare that, in the directors' opinion:

- The financial statements and notes, as set out in the previous pages, are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and:
  - comply with Australian Accounting Standards; and

(b) give a true and fair view of the financial position of the registered entity as at 30 June 2022 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.

- In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is signed in accordance with subs 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2022.



Sandie de Wolf (Chairperson)

Date: 16/10/23.



Cam Bailey (Treasurer)

Date: 16/10/23.

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# OUR FINANCIALS



## Auditor's Independence Declaration Under Subdivision 60C of the ACNC

You Matter (Aus) Ltd  
For the year ended 30 June 2023

To the directors of You Matter (Aus) Ltd

In accordance with Subdivision 60-C of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the directors of You Matter (Aus) Ltd. As the lead audit partner for the audit of the financial report of You Matter (Aus) Ltd for the year ended 30 June 2023, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2023 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.

William Jonathan Griffin  
APL Financial Pty Ltd  
32 Business Park Drive  
Notting Hill, Victoria 3168  
Dated: 27-9-2023

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## Independent Auditor's Report to the Directors

You Matter (Aus) Ltd  
For the year ended 30 June 2023

### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of You Matter (Aus) Ltd (the registered entity), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023, 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 and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the registered entity is in accordance with the Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (the ACNC Act), including:

1. giving a true and fair view of the Registered Entity's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
2. complying with Australian Accounting Standards and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2022.

### Basis of 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 Registered Entity in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the ACNC Act, the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110: Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards) (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.

### Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the registered entity's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2023, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the registered entity are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the ACNC Act and for 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 directors are responsible for assessing the registered entity'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 directors either intend to liquidate the registered entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Directors



### 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 Registered Entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' 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 registered entity'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 registered entity 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 directors 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.

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