# The Trustee for Abbotsford Convent Foundation Arts Trust



Abbotsford Convent.

ANNUAL REPORT and SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

ABN: 79 492 202 447

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This financial report covers Abbotsford Convent Foundation Arts Trust as an individual entity.

Abbotsford Convent Foundation Arts Trust (the "Trust") is a trust fund established for public charitable purposes and is domiciled in Australia. Its principal place of business is:

Ground Floor, Providence 1 St Heliers Street Abbotsford VIC 3067

A description of the nature of the Trust's operations and its principal activities is included in the Trustees' Report.

**Cover Image:** Violinist Edward Walton, Music in the Round 2019, Abbotsford Convent. Photo: Abbotsford Convent Foundation.

# TRUSTEE'S REPORT

The Trustee presents its report on the Trust for the financial year ended 30 June 2020 and the Auditor's report thereon.

# Trustee

The Trustee is the Abbotsford Convent Foundation ("the Trustee") whose Directors at the date of this report are: Victoria Marles (Chair), David Laidlaw (Deputy Chair), Justin Blumfield, Diana Heggie, Ruth Jones, Stuart Kells, Michael Sokulski, Antonia Syme and Judy Williams.

The Directors receive no remuneration or other compensation from the Trustee. Details of the Directors' qualifications and experience are set out on pages 18-20 of the Financial Report.

Directors' attendance at board meetings during the year was as follows:

	Meetings attended	Meetings eligible to attend	Notes
Justin Blumfield	4	5	Commenced on 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2020
Diana Heggie	8	9	
Ronald Jones	2	2	Retired on 21st October 2019
Ruth Jones	8	9	
Stuart Kells	5	9	
David Laidlaw	8	9	
Victoria Marles	9	9	
Michael Sokulski	9	9	
Antonia Syme	8	9	
Judy Williams	9	9	

# **Principal Activities**

The Trust was established for the public charitable purposes of providing funds for the arts to develop a centre at the Abbotsford Convent for the promotion, development, creation and display of culture and arts. This includes, without limiting, literature, music, performing arts, visual arts, craft, design, film, community arts and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island arts.

The Trust is a charitable organisation and has obtained income tax exempt status under Subdivision 50-45 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act* 1997. The Trust is also treated as a deductible gift recipient under Subdivision 30-BA of the *Income Tax Assessment Act* 1997.

# **Review of Operations**

The result is a deficit of \$122,868 (2019: \$285,264 surplus).

# Matters subsequent to the End of the Financial Year

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the Directors of the Trustee, to affect significantly the operations of the Trust, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Trust, in future financial years.

# Likely Developments

The Directors of the Trustee anticipate further grants will be provided for cultural and arts activities and to continue restoration works within the precinct buildings.

# Indemnification and Insurance of Officers

The Trustee has in place a Directors' and Officers' insurance policy. All premiums are paid by the Trustee.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors of the Trustee.

Director of Trustee Victoria Marles

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Director of Trustee Michael Sokulski

Michael Sokulski

Dated at Melbourne this 19th October 2020.

# **Abbotsford Convent Foundation Arts Trust**

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# Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 60-40 of the Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 to the Responsible Persons of Abbotsford Convent Foundation Arts Trust

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2020, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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Andrew Fisher FCA, Partner (auditor registration number 306364) on behalf of Banks Group Assurance Pty Ltd, Chartered Accountants Authorised audit company registration number 294178 (ACN 115 749 598)

19 October 2020

Melbourne, Australia

# **SUPPORTERS**

The ACF acknowledges the vision of the Abbotsford Convent Coalition whose members worked for seven years to secure this public precinct. This success would not have been achieved without their commitment, and that of many others. Over the years, the project has also been greatly assisted by a vast number of individuals and organisations who have contributed their time, energy, skills and financial support. The Foundation is extremely grateful to all those who have provided support.

The Abbotsford Convent Foundation acknowledges the financial and philanthropic support of the following people and organisations who contributed to the ACF and the Abbotsford Convent Foundation Arts Trust in the year ended 30 June 2020:

### PRINCIPAL DONORS

Krystyna Campbell-Pretty AM Simon Cowen

Peter Griffin AM & Terry Swann Diana Heggie Sally Romanes

#### MAJOR DONORS

Michael Adena & Joanne Daly Charlotte Allen & Prof Peter McPhee AM Marc Besen AC & Eva Besen AO Helen Brack Collette Brennan John Di Natale Alison Duncan Petra Henkell & Hans Henkell Robert Hocking & Tina Hocking Graeme Johnson OAM &
Joan Johnson
Ruth Jones
David Laidlaw & Megan Laidlaw
Maggie Maguire OAM
Victoria Marles
John McLeod & Paula McLeod
Pamela McLure
Ann E. Miller
Baillieu Myer AC

Bruce Parncutt AO
John Paterson
David Sanders
Phillip Schudmak
Lady Southey AC
Terence Teo & Belle Teo
Judy Williams & Peter Williams AM
George Willox
Moyna Wilson
Ray Wilson OAM

# **KEY SUPPORTERS**

Robyn Bainbridge
Dr Catherin Bull AM
Michael Cowen
Anthony Cullen
Suzanne Davies
Haydon Elliot & Greg Moses
Dr David Fanany
Rose Hiscock

Ronald Jones &
Georgina Whitehead
Prof Stuart Kells & Fiona Kells
Peter Kelly
Emily Lin
Cynthia Nadai
Clare O'Dwyer
Alex Patton & Anna Lucas

Michelle Cubberley

The Hon. Justice
Michelle Quigley QC
Hayden Raysmith AM
Greg Shalit & Miriam Faine
Dr Bob Sullivan
Antonia Syme AM
Cheryl Thomas & Chris Thomas

#### **FRIENDS**

Robbie Aitken
Alex Allingham-MacLaren
Robyn Anderson
Australian Writers' Centre
Heather Barton
Nicole Beyer
Adrian Bonaventura
Arthur Braun
Dr Angela Bridgland
Robert Brown
Bruce Butler
Suzy Chandler
Prof. Martin Comte OAM
Margaret Connell
Marion Crooke

Alan Daley
Prof David de Kretser
Anne Dowling & Tom Dowling
Betsy Dunne
Sandie de Wolf AM
Lynette Dean
Anna Dollard
Robyn Dwyer & Denis Dwyer
Andrew Evans
Guy Farrands
Anne Fletcher
Prof David Forrest
Jim Freemantle
Yolanda French

Ryuichi Fujimura
Nicholas Garnham
Luke Gianfriddo
Alison Gibb
Jill Giese
Jean Giese
Andrea Goldsmith
Stephen Gow & Mary Gow
Camilla Graves
Lucy Guerin AO
Andrew Gunn
Jean Hadges
Ria Harrison
John Hatfield & Sue Hatfield
Anna Hayes

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# FRIENDS (Cont)

Debra Hirschfelder Renate Howe AO Dr Irene Irvine Cameron Jackson &

Kerryn Jackson Yee Jien Nico Jonker Jan Kain Walter Kane Angela Kirsner Kristina Levenko Michelle Lim

Andrew Llovd Joanne Luciani Jessica Luu

Dr Sally Manuell & Peter Boyle

Craig Marshall **Emily Masters** Hilary McPhee AO

Marlene Meadley

Stefan Mee

Milosh Milisavljevic & Karen Le

Judy Morton Christine Mullen Alexandra Murphy Andrew Nicoll Victoria O'Neill Rosamund Palmer Julie Perrin

Giselle Pinto Dianne Porritt Emilio Raviola Ian Renard AM

Thomas Rendell Katie Ridsdale Warren Rixon Andrew Robertson Janey Runci

Daniel Saks

Pam Saunders & Barry Saunders

Graham Schaffer Señor BBQ Catering

Gina Settle Bruce Sims

Sisters of the Good Shepherd

Mike Smith OAM Michael Sokulski Jemma Stefanou Virginia Steiner Jerome Pelletier Govin Ruben

The Business of Architecture Pty Ltd

The Shamatha Group

Van Tran Zane Trow

Yumi Umiumare & Takashi Takiguchi Charma Voller

Liam Wallis & Katya Crema

Dr David Ware

# TRUSTS & FOUNDATIONS

# PRINCIPAL PARTNER

The Dara Foundation

#### MAJOR PARTNERS

Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation The Lionel & Yvonne Spencer Trust

#### SUPPORTING PARTNERS

Angior Family Foundation

Ballandry (Peter Griffin Family) Fund: a sub-fund of the Australian Communities Foundation

Bowness Family Foundation

Hamer Family Fund: a sub-fund of the Australian Communities Foundation

Helen Macpherson Smith Trust

Henkell Family Fund: a sub-fund of the Australian Communities Foundation

Jianguo Pty Ltd ATF The CB Gantner Trust

McLeod Family Foundation

# **EVENT PARTNERS**

**AsiaTOPA** 

3MBS Fine Music Radio Convent Bakery

Kawai MAV Melbourne Terrace Gardens Florist PROGRAM PARTNERS

ButohOUT! Festival

CENDANA Dancehouse

Kids' Own Publishing Liquid Architecture

Melbourne Fringe Midsumma Festival

Next Wave Polyglot Theatre

Project 11 Slow Art Collective

# **GOVERNMENT PROJECT SUPPORTERS**

Australia Council for the Arts

Australian Government Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources: Australian Heritage Grants Creative Victoria

City of Yarra

Public Record Office Victoria

# PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERS

Australian Government Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources: Australian Heritage Grants

# STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For Year Ended 30 June 2020

	Note		
		2020	2019
Revenue		\$	\$
Donations - cash		145,350	186,508
Grants Received		71,900	611,160
Interest Income		3,373	6,330
Total Revenue	_	220,623	803,998
Expenditure			
Donations to Abbotsford Convent Foundation		342,000	517,467
Other Donations		_	-
Bank Charges & Fees		1,491	1,267
Total Expenditure	-	343,491	518,734
(Deficit) / Surplus before tax	_	(122,868)	285,264
Income Tax Expense	1c	-	-
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		(122,868)	285,264
Other Comprehensive Income			
Total Comprehensive Surplus / (Deficit)	-	(122,868)	285,264

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As at 30 June 2020

	Notes	2020	2019
ASSETS		\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	2	353,755	495,884
Term deposit		164,818	162,327
Trade and other receivables	3	5,718	1,448
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	_	524,291	659,659
TOTAL ASSETS	_	524,291	659,659
LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables		21	12,500
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	-	.=:	12,500
TOTAL LIABILITIES			12,500
NET ASSETS	_	524,291	647,159
Settlement amount		100	100
Retained income		524,191	647,059
TOTAL EQUITY	-	524,291	647,159

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the Year Ended 30 June 2020

	Note	Total Equity \$
Balance at 30th June 2018		361,895
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		285,264
Other comprehensive income for the year		-
Total comprehensive income for the year		285,264
Balance at 30th June 2019		647,159
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		(122,868)
Other comprehensive income for the year		-
Total comprehensive deficit for the year		(122,868)
Balance at 30th June 2020		524,291
		0

#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For the year ended 30 June 2020 2020 2019 Notes \$ \$ Cash flows from operating activities Cash receipts provided by operating activities 200,480 812,475 Pledges paid to the Abbotsford Convent Foundation (342,000)(517,467)Other Expenditures Cash payment to suppliers (1,491)(1,267)Interest received 3,373 6,330 4 (139,638)300,071 Net cash (used in) / provided by operating activities Cash flows provided by investing activities (2,491)(3,277)Transfer of cash from Term Deposits (2,491)(3,277)Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents (142, 129)296,794 Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July 2019 495,884 199,090 353,755 495,884 Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June 2020

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 1. Summary of significant accounting policies

# (a) Statement of compliance

Abbotsford Convent Foundation Arts Trust ("the Trust") is a not-for-profit discretionary trust domiciled in Australia.

The Abbotsford Convent Foundation, a company limited by guarantee is the trustee of the Trust.

The financial report was authorised for issue by the Directors of the Trustee on 19th October 2020. The financial report is a special purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards ("AASBs") including Australian Accounting Interpretations and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

A statement of compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards cannot be made due to the Trustee applying the Not for Profit sector specific requirements contained in AASBs.

# (b) Basis of preparation

The financial report is presented in Australian dollars.

The financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis which contemplates the realisation of assets and extinguishment of liabilities in the ordinary course of business.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Trustee in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

#### (c) Income tax

The Trust is exempt from income tax under Subdivision 50-45 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act* 1997.

# (d) Revenue recognition

# For Prior year

# i) Donations

Unconditional donations are recognised in the income statement when they become receivable. Any other donations are recognised in the income statement when they become receivable and there is a reasonable assurance that the Trust will comply with the conditions attaching to them. Donations that compensate the Foundation for the cost of an asset are recognised in the income statement when they are receivable and there is reasonable assurance that the Trust will comply with the conditions attached to them and are recognised in proportion to the stage of completion of the relevant asset. The Trust recognises donated assets as revenue on receipt of these assets, based on the fair value of the assets received.

#### ii) Interest income

Interest income is recognised in the income statement as it accrues.

# For current year

Revenue from contracts with customers

The core principle of AASB 15 is that revenue is recognised on a basis that reflects the transfer of promised goods or services to customers at an amount that reflects the consideration the Trust expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services.

Note 1 (cont'd)

Revenue is recognised by applying a five-step model as follows:

- 1. Identify the contract with the customer
- 2. Identify the performance obligations
- 3. Determine the transaction price
- 4. Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations
- 5. Recognise revenue as and when control of the performance obligations is transferred

Generally the timing of the payment for sale of goods and rendering of services corresponds closely to the timing of satisfaction of the performance obligations, however where there is a difference, it will result in the recognition of a receivable, contract asset or contract liability.

None of the revenue streams of the Trust have any significant financing terms as there is less than 12 months between receipt of funds and satisfaction of performance obligations.

# Specific revenue streams

The revenue recognition policies for the principal revenue streams of the Trust are:

#### Grant income - AASB 1058

Amounts arising from grants in the scope of AASB 1058 are recognised at the assets fair value when the asset is received. The Company considers whether there are any related liability or equity items associated with the asset which are recognised in accordance with the relevant accounting standard. Once the assets and liabilities have been recognised then income is recognised for any remaining asset value at the time that the asset is received.

### **Donations**

Donations collected, including cash and goods for resale, are recognised as revenue when the Company gains control of the asset in line with AASB 1058: Income of Not-for-Profit entities.

# (e) Employee benefits

The Trust does not have any employees. Hence, no accruals for employee entitlements are recognised at year-end. The Trustee has paid for administrative activities since commencement of operations of the Trust.

# (f) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash at bank, call deposits and petty cash.

# (g) Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are stated at cost less any impairment losses.

# (h) Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Trust prior to the end of the financial year which are unpaid. These amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

# (i) Goods and services tax

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as a current asset or liability in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are classified as operating cash flows.

# NOTE 2. Cash and cash equivalents

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Bank balances	353,599	495,728
Cash on hand	156	156
ix.	353,755	495,884

# NOTE 3. Trade and other receivables

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Trade debtors	5,718	1,448
	5,718	1,448

# NOTE 4. Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year	(122,868)	285,264
(increase) / Decrease in receivables	(4,270)	2,307
(Decrease) / Increase in payables	(12,500)	12,500
Net cash from operating activities	(139,638)	300,071

# NOTE 5. Related parties

# Directors of the Trustee

The names of persons who were Directors of the Trustee (Abbotsford Convent Foundation) at any time during the financial period were as follows:

Justin Blumfield	Stuart Kells	Antonia Syme
Diana Heggie	David Laidlaw	Judy Williams
Ronald Jones	Victoria Marles	
Ruth Jones	Michael Sokulski	

The Directors of the Trustee receive no remuneration or other compensation from either the Trust or the Trustee.

# Other related parties

The Abbotsford Convent Foundation (the Foundation), is the Trustee of the Trust. During the year \$342,000 was paid to the Foundation for specific projects. (2019: \$517,467).

# NOTE 6. Commitments & contingencies

There are no capital, lease or other expenditure commitments which exist at the reporting date. There are no contingent liabilities or contingent assets which exist at the reporting date.

# NOTE 7. Events after reporting period

COVID19 and its associated economic impacts remain uncertain. The Company continues to closely monitor developments with a focus on potential and operational impacts. The Directors, on the date of approving these financial statements, are of the view the effects of COVID-19 do not change the significant estimates, judgments and assumptions used in the preparation of these financial statements, however note that the situation is continuing to evolve.

Except for the above, no material subsequent events have come to the attention of Directors which would affect the information disclosed in this financial report for the year ended 30 June 2020.

# Abbotsford Convent Foundation Arts Trust Special Purpose Financial Report for Year Ended June 30<sup>th</sup> 2019

# **DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

The Directors of the Trustee of Abbotsford Convent Foundation Arts Trust ("the Trust") declare that:

- (a) in the Directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Trust will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- (b) in the Directors' opinion the attached financial statements and notes thereto are in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including compliance with accounting standards and giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Trust.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors made pursuant to s.60.15 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors of the Trustee:

Victoria Marles Director of Trustee

Vuloria Marles

Michael Sokulski Director of Trustee

Michael Sokulski

Dated at Melbourne this 19th October 2020

# **Abbotsford Convent Foundation Arts Trust**



# Independent Audit Report to the members of Abbotsford Convent Foundation Arts Trust

#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Abbotsford Convent Foundation Arts Trust, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the responsible persons' declaration.

In our opinion the financial report of Abbotsford Convent Foundation Arts Trust has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- giving a true and fair view of the Registered Entity's financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

# **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Registered Entity in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

# **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 for the purpose of fulfilling the Registered Entity's financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### Responsibilities of Responsible Entities for the Financial Report

The responsible entities of the Registered Entity are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act and the needs of the members. The responsible entities' responsibility also includes such internal control as the responsible entities determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a 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 responsible entities 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 responsible entities either intend to liquidate the Registered Entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

# Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 the financial report.

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# **Abbotsford Convent Foundation Arts Trust**



# Independent Audit Report to the members of Abbotsford Convent Foundation Arts Trust

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 responsible entities.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the responsible entities' 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 those charged with governance 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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Banks Group Assurance Pty Ltd, Chartered Accountants Authorised audit company number 294178 (ACN 115 749 598)

Andrew Fisher FCA, Partner Registration Number 306634

Melbourne, Australia 19 October 2020

# TRUSTEE'S DIRECTORS' QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

The Directors of the Abbotsford Convent Foundation at the date of this report are Victoria Marles (Chair), David Laidlaw (Co-Deputy Chair), Justin Blumfield, Diana Heggie, Ruth Jones, Stuart Kells, Michael Sokulski, Antonia Syme and Judy Williams.

# VICTORIA MARLES (Chair)

Victoria is currently the CEO of Trust for Nature (the Victorian Conservation Trust), a position she has held since late 2009. Prior to assuming this role, Victoria was Victoria's Legal Services Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer of the Legal Services Board. As a lawyer Victoria specialised in media and communications law and policy and was the Deputy Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman and prior to that the Deputy Director of the Communications Law Centre.

Victoria has a background in the arts having graduated in drama from the Victorian College of the Arts. She has held various board positions including the Victorian Arts Centre, the Victorian Women's Trust and the Melbourne Writers Festival. Victoria was chair of the Circus Oz Board for fourteen years. Victoria is currently a board member of the Consumer Action Law Centre and a director of the Australian Advertising Standards Council.

# DAVID LAIDLAW (Deputy Chair)

David Laidlaw is a partner with a major Melbourne law firm. In his practice David acts in a wide range of large scale tort, contract and corporate litigation matters. His Board appointments have included Asian Law Centre Board University of Melbourne, Law Institute Council, the Federal Attorney General's International Legal Services Advisory Council, the ADVOC Asia Board and Inter-Pacific Bar Association Council and as a foundation member and Chair of the University of Melbourne's Alumni Council.

David has a keen interest and involvement in the arts which stretches back to his days as a national student arts leader. He has served on a number of arts boards and as CEO of his firm, was instrumental in fostering his law firm's support of Australian artists, including its sponsorship of artists selected to represent Australia at the Venice Biennales. He was also responsible for the establishment of the Maddocks' Art Prize for emerging artists in the visual arts. In addition to his legal qualifications he has participated in leadership training with Harvard Business School and has completed Wharton Business School's Advanced Management Program.

He and his wife Megan also run black cattle on their farm property in Western Victoria.

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#### JUSTIN BLUMFIELD

Since retiring from a successful 148 game AFL career highlighted with the achievement of an AFL Premiership with the Essendon Football Club in 2000, Justin has spent the past 12 years working within the commercial property industry. Justin commenced his property career with top 50 ASX listed property company, The GPT Group. He held various positions during this time in both the retail and commercial office sectors including Marketing Executive, Retail Manager, Centre Manager and Regional Manager in Victoria.

Currently Justin is the Director of Shopping Centre management for Vicinity Centres. Vicinity is a market leading retail property group owning and managing circa \$20 billion in retail assets. Justin is responsible for the strategic management Vicinity's shopping centre management function in Australia including the country's leading outlet brand (DFO).

# DIANA HEGGIE

Ms Heggie has extensive executive and non-executive experience. In addition to her role as a Director of Abbotsford Convent she is also the Chair of Peninsula Health. Her previous non-executive roles have included; Director of the National Heart Foundation, Chair of the Heart Foundation(Vic) Director of Toorak College, Vice President of NDS and President of Cerebral Palsy Australia. Executive roles have included; CEO of the Heart Foundation (Vic)CEO of Scope, and CEO of the EW Tipping Foundation.

She originally qualified as a physiotherapist in 1987 from Trinity College Dublin, but quickly moved into people management roles in the not for profit sector. She believes strongly in the development of staff and volunteers, and that leadership is about empowering others to do great things. She is also a passionate walker, a green skier, and loves to spend time with her family.

# **RUTH JONES**

Ruth Jones is Director, Global Markets, for AVPN, a funders' network based in Singapore. Prior to this, she was CEO of the Social Venture Partners Network and held senior roles at Community Foundations of Canada and Philanthropy Australia. She was Chief Executive of the Australian Film Institute before moving to the field of philanthropy.

# STUART KELLS

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