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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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#### DIRECTORS' REPORT

#### **DIRECTORS**

The Directors are pleased to present their report together with the audited Financial Statements of Sydney Montessori Society for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The names of the Directors in office of this report are:

	Date Appointed	<u>Position</u>
Sheng Jason Zhang	18/02/2020	Chairman
James McCullough	20/02/2018	Vice Chair
Andrew Hansen	21/02/2016	Secretary
Shikha Chadha	18/02/2020	Treasurer
Shruthi Samudrala	18/02/2020	Human
		Resources
Denise Underwood	19/05/2020	Principal
Those who resigned in 2019/2020:	Date Appointed	Date Resigned
Rini Chandra	20/02/2018	18/02/2020
Crystal Isaac	20/02/2018	18/02/2020
Jane Girot	20/02/2018	19/11/2019

#### **Information on Directors**

#### **Sheng Jason Zhang- Chairperson**

Qualifications- Bachelor of Commerce (Finance Major), Bachelor of Laws (Honours). Experience- Currently the founder and chief investment officer of JAZ Capital. Ten years' experience in investment banking, acquisitions, mergers, and infrastructure analysis.

#### James McCullough-Vice Chair

Qualifications — Master of Business Analytics, B.A (Hons.) Psychology/Philosophy Experience — Currently a product manager at Atlassian (software Development Company): 10 years' experience in business analytics and financial modelling across several sectors (e.g., e-commerce, software, retirement/aged care, not-for-profit).

#### **Andrew Hansen-Secretary**

Qualifications — Bachelor of Engineering (Civil), Certified Practicing Project Director.

Currently Senior Project Manager for Westpac workplace transformation. Experience includes leading complex and large projects & programs, and smart technology strategies and deployments across diverse industries.

#### Shikha Chadha- Treasurer

Qualifications- Master of Business in Accounting & Finance, Bachelor of Commerce, Diploma in Financial Services.

Experience- Eleven years in Financial Services

#### **Shruthi Samudrala- Human Resources**

Qualifications- Bachelor of Technology.

Experience- Four years HR Coordinator firstly with Arcus Infotech Ltd and then with Microgenesis Cadsoft PVT Ltd

#### **Denise Underwood- Principal**

Qualifications- Masters in Business Administration, Masters in Primary Teaching, Bachelor of Education Early Childhood, Diploma in Montessori Teaching.

Experience-

Thirty years teaching in Preschools, including twenty-five years as Principal/ Director.

#### **Meetings of Directors**

During the financial year and to the date of this report 10 meetings of Directors were held. Attendance by each Directors was as follow:

Name of Director	Number Eligible	Number
	to attend	attended
Sheng Jason Zhang	10	10
James McCullough	10	10
Andrew Hansen	10	9
Shikha Chadha	10	8
Shruthi Samudrala	10	5
Denise Underwood	10	10

#### **Objectives and Priorities**

The vision of the School is to realise the potential in each child by developing independence, adaptability and a passion for learning. The objectives include providing high quality education consistent with Montessori methods for the local community within an effective physical environment in a financially sustainable manner.

The current priorities (both short and long term) are centred on ensuring strong student enrolments, ensuring staff capacity and development, as well as continued building improvements.

#### **Principal Activities**

The principal activity during the year was the operation of a school providing a Montessori education for 3-6 years old children. The school also did fundraise and planning for future premises, the income from which has been taken up in the building fund.

#### **Performance Measurement**

The school uses a variety of quantitative and qualitative key performance indicators including feedback from parents, formal staff review, reviews by Department of Education and NESA, financial surplus and fundraising targets.

#### **Operating Results**

The net profit amounted to \$112,172. Likely developments in the operations of the economic entity and the expected results of those operations in future financial years have not been included in the Financial

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Statements as the inclusion of such information is likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the economic entity.

#### **Events Subsequent to Balance Date**

Since the end of the financial year, the Directors are not aware of any matter or circumstances not otherwise dealt with in the report.

#### **Directors' Benefits**

No Director has received or become entitled to receive, during or since the financial year, a benefit because of a contract made by the Company, controlled entity or a related body corporate with the Director, a firm of which the Director is a member or an entity in which the Director has a substantial financial interest.

#### Other

The Company's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a state or territory.

No indemnities have been given during or since the financial year, for any person who is or has been an auditor of the Company. Indemnities have been given to persons who are or have been Directors of the Company and premiums of \$1807.40 were paid in relation to Directors indemnity insurance.

No party has applied for leave of court to bring proceedings on behalf of the company or to intervene in any proceedings to which the company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibilities on behalf of the company for all or any part of those proceedings.

The Sydney Montessori Society was incorporated as a Company limited by guarantee on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 1974, to carry on the activities previously carried out by the Sydney Montessori Society. Pursuant to the Company's memorandum of association, every member has undertaken, in the event of a deficiency or winding up, to contribute an amount not exceeding \$50. The total maximum members' liability on winding up is \$1,500 based on 30 members.

#### **Auditor's Independence Declaration**

A copy of the Auditor's Independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is set out below.

#### Resolution

Signed in accordance	with a	resolution	of the	Directors.

Shikha Chadha Jason Zhang Chairperson

Date: Sydney \_\_27 April \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2021

# AUDITORS INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001 TO THE DIRECTORS OF SYDNEY MONTESSORI SOCIETY

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 December 2020, there have been:

- 1. No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- 2. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

#### Signature:

Mark Stuart Pressland Wilkinson

ASIC Registered Company Auditor: 4485

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### STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBBER 2020

	Note	2020	2019
		\$	\$
Revenue	3	587,502	479,965
Expenses, excluding finance costs	2	(475,330)	(458,764)
Finance costs		0	0
Profit/(Loss) before tax		112,172	21,201
Income tax expense	1(a)	0	0
Profit/(Loss) for the year		112,172	21,201
Other comprehensive income-transfer to Retained Earnings		0	0
Profit/(Loss) and other comprehensive income for the year attributable to members		112,172	21,201

The accompanying notes form part of the Financial Statements

#### **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Note	2020	2019
		\$	\$
Current Assets			
Cash	4	705,228	517,731
Receivables	5	0	2,200
Other	6	1,658	6,521
Total Current Assets		706,886	526,452
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	7	26,238	28,346
Total Non-Current Assets		26,238	28,346
Total Assets		733,124	554,798
Current Liabilities			
Creditors and other payables	8	274,063	207,909
Provisions	9	38,086	38,086
Total Current Liabilities		312,149	245,995
Total Liabilities		312,949	245,995
Net Assets		420,975	308,803
Members' Funds		420,975	308,803

The Accompanying notes form part of the Financial Statements

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Current Earning	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance as at 01/01/2019	(31,372)	318,974	287,602
Profit/ (Loss) attributable to Members	21,201		21,201
Transfers to and from Reserves			
Transfers to and from Retained earnings			0
Other Comprehensive Income - Transfers to Retained earnings	0	0	0
Balance as at 31/12/2019	(10,171)	318,974	308,803
Profit/ (Loss) for the year	112,172		112,172
Other Comprehensive Income - Transfers to Retained earnings	0	0	0
Balance as at 31/12/2020	102,001	318,974	420,975

The accompanying notes form part of the Financial Statements

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#### CASH FLOW STATEMENT

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 \$	<b>2019</b> \$
Cash flows from operating activities		Ψ	Ψ
Receipts			
Fees, forfeited security deposits		193,127	368,180
Interest received		2,212	8,594
Other -Transfers from Building Fund (Rent), Donations		300	0
Cash flows from government			
Receipts of subsidies		391863	103,191
Payments			
Wages and salaries		(381,536)	(343,292)
Suppliers and others		(14,471)	(113,370)
Net cash (used in)/received in operating activities	2	191,495	23,303
Cash flows used in investing activities			
Payments for purchase of property, plant and equipment		(3,998)	(1,136)
Cash at the beginning of the financial year	1	517,731	495,564
Cash at the end of the financial year		705,228	517,731

The accompanying notes form part of the Financial Statements.

#### Notes to the statement of cash flows

- Reconciliation of cash
   For the purposes of the Cash Flow Statement, cash includes cash on hand and cash at bank.
- 2. Reconciliation of net cash (used)/received in operating activities to operating profit:

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Operating profit (loss) before income tax and other comprehensive income	112,172	21,201
Depreciation – non cash	1,805	1,044
Amortisation of improvements – non cash	4,301	15,944
Increase/(Decrease) in receivables	2,200	15,655
(Increase)/Decrease in other current assets	4,863	81
(Increase)/Decrease in other non-current assets	0	0
Increase/ (Decrease) in creditors and borrowings	66,154	(30,622)
Increase/ (Decrease) in provisions	0	0
Net cash (used in)/received in operating activities	191,495	23,303

#### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Directors have determined that the Company is not a Reporting Entity.

The Financial Statements are a Special Purpose Financial Report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Company and the needs of the Members.

The Financial Statements cover The Sydney Montessori Society and the Sydney Montessori Society School Building Fund as separate entities. The Sydney Montessori Society is a Company Limited by Guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the following Australian Equivalents of International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS) and the Corporations Act in so far as they are applicable to Non-Reporting Entities.

AASB 101	Presentation of Financial Statements
AASB 102	Inventories
AASB 107	Cash Flow Statements
AASB 108	Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates & Errors
AASB 110	Events after the Balance Sheet Date
AASB 116	Property Plant and Equipment
AASB 117	Leases
AASB 118	Revenue
AASB 119	Employee Benefits
AASB 124	Related party Disclosures
AASB 136	Impairment of Assets
AASB 137	Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets
AASB 1004	Contributions
AASB 1048	Interpretation and application of standards
AASB 1054	Australian additional disclosures
AASB 1057	Application of Australian Accounting Standards

No other Australia Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been specifically applied.

The Financial Statements have been prepared on the basis of a Going Concern and on an accrual's basis; are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values, or except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

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#### 1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the Company in the preparation of the Financial Statements These policies have been consistently applied.

#### (a) Income Tax

The Company is exempt from taxation under Section 51 of the Income Tax Assessment Ac Property, Plant & Equipment

#### (b) Property, Plant & Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are included at cost or at independent or Directors' valuation. The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including buildings and capitalised leased assets, but excluding freehold land, is depreciated over the useful lives commencing from the time the asset is ready for use, at rates approximating 5% on a prime cost basis. Leasehold improvements, as show at Note 7 of the Financial Statements, relate to the refurbishment of the property at Cressy Road, North Ryde. Contributions received for no or a nominal value are recognised at their fair value on acquisition date as an asset in the Balance sheet and as revenue in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

#### (c) Member's Equity

The Sydney Montessori Society was incorporated as a Company limited by guarantee on 20 November 1974. Pursuant to the Company's memorandum of association, every member has undertaken, in the event of a deficiency or winding up, to contribute an amount not exceeding \$50.

#### (d) Industry & Geographical Segments

The Company operates wholly within Australia in the industry of school and kindergarten education.

#### (e) Employee Benefits

Provision is made in respect of the Company's liability for long service leave at balance date. Long service leave is accrued in respect of employees with more than 1 year of service with the Company. Untaken annual leave entitlements (if any) are provided for.

#### (f) Revenue

Government grants (Contributions) from NSW Department of Education and NESA are recognised in the Balance Sheet and Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income at fair value when the Company obtains control of the contribution or the right to receive the contribution. It is probable the economic benefits comprising the contribution will flow to the entity; and they can be measured

#### 1:STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

reliably. Recognition of Revenue received in advance (Government Grants, Tuition Fees, and Membership Fees) is deferred in the Balance Sheet.

#### (g) 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 form the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the Balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

#### (h) Stock on Hand

Stock on hand is measured at cost less provision for loss of service potential. Provision is made in the period in which obsolete and slow-moving stock is identified.

#### (i) Related Party Transactions

No transactions occur with Directors or other Related Parties requiring disclosure in these Financial Statements.

#### (j) Leases

Leases of fixed assets where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not the legal ownership that are transferred to entities in the economic entity are classified as finance leases. Finance leases are capitalised by recording an asset and a liability at the lower of the amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property or the present value of the minimum lease payments including any guaranteed residual values. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the leased liability and the lease interest expense for the period, Lease assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or the lease term. Lease payments from operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

#### (k) Economic Dependence

The Company is dependent on Government Subsidies for a material part of its revenue. At the date of these Financial Statements, the Directors have no reason to believe that Governments will not continue to support the Company.

#### 1:STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### (l) Creditors and other payables

Creditors and other payables represent the liabilities for goods and services received by the Company that remain unpaid at the end of the reporting period. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within thirty days.

#### (m) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents included cash on hand, deposits available on demand with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three to six months or less, and bank overdrafts, if any.

#### (n) Receivables and prepayments

Receivables include amounts due from parents for services provided. Prepayments represent amounts paid by the Company at the end of the reporting period for goods and services yet to be received. Receivables and prepayments are expected to be collected/realised within twelve months from the end of the reporting period. The balance is recognised as a current asset.

#### (o) Impairment

At the end of each reporting period, the Company assesses whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. After testing, any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

#### (p) Critical accounting estimates and judgments

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

#### 2: OPERATING PROFIT/ (LOSS)

The operating profit/ (loss) before income tax includes the following items of revenue and expense:

	<b>2020</b> \$	2019 \$
EXPENSES	Ψ	Ψ
Amortisation of improvements	4,301	15,944
Audit fees (paid or accrued)	5,390	7,373
Classroom and cleaning	12,277	13,122
Depreciation of plant and equipment	1,805	1,044
Employee costs	381,536	343,292
Insurance – Childcare, Directors and Officers	9,640	9,126
Other	24,163	23,333
Provision for long service leave-net	0	5,034
Rent / Licence	31,221	35,178
Utilities	4,997	5,317
TOTAL EXPENSES	475,330	458,764

No Director received remuneration during the year.

#### **3: OPERATING REVENUE**

REVENUE	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Donation	300	-
Enrolment Fees	900	1,615
Forfeited Security Deposits	6,600	5,500
Government subsidies Dept. Ed & PDSP	202,294	94,191
Government grant Dept. Ed (outside equip)	(6,850)	9,000
Interest received	2,212	8,594
Membership Fees	2,560	3,440
Tuition & other fees	183,067	357,625
Cash Flow Boost & Job Keeper	118,876	
Commonwealth Funding (kindergarten chn)	77,543	
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	587,502	479,965
4: CASH	2020	2019
4: CASH	<b>2020</b> \$	<b>2019</b> \$
4: CASH  Cash on hand		
	\$	\$
Cash on hand	\$ 200	\$ 200
Cash on hand Cash at the Bank	\$ 200 403,138	\$ 200 217,531
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Cash on hand Cash at the Bank Term Deposit	\$ 200 403,138 301,890	\$ 200 217,531 300,000
Cash on hand Cash at the Bank Term Deposit  TOTAL CASH	\$ 200 403,138 301,890  705,228	\$ 200 217,531 300,000  517,731
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6: OTHER ASSETS	2020	2019	
	\$	\$	
Current prepayments	1,140	5,985	
Stock on hand (At Cost less provision 2020: \$2,268 2019: \$2,586)	518	536	
TOTAL OTHER ASSESTS	1,658	6,521	_

7: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Plant and equipment at cost	49,970	45,972
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(45,083)	(43,278)
(Depreciation of \$1,805 was charged, 2019: \$1,044)	4 997	2 604
Total Plant and Equipment	4,887	2,694
Leasehold improvement at cost	341,358	341,358
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(320,007)	(315,706)
Total Leasehold improvement	21,351	25,652
No leasehold improvement were purchased (2019: \$Nil)		
Amortisation of \$4,301 was charged (2019: \$15,944)		
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	26,238	28,346

#### 8: CREDITOR & OTHER PAYABLES

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Current		
Trade creditors, accruals and clearing accounts	88,901	45,533
Government funding in advance	30,496	34,980
Tuition fees in advance	-	(2,160)
Membership fees in advance	-	2,124
Net GST payable	23,513	7,919
Amount due to Building Fund	67,353	59,013
Refundable security deposits	63,800	60,500
TOTAL CREDITOR & OTHER PAYABLES	274,063	207,909

Trade creditors, accruals and clearing accounts include \$27,381 (2019: \$23,220) owing to the building fund.

9: PROVISIONS	2020	2019	
	\$	\$	
Current Provision for long service leave	38,086	38,086	
TOTAL PROVISIONS	38,086	38,086	

#### 10: COMMITMENTS FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND OPERATING LEASES

Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the Financial Statements: Commitments arising from the License Agreement with the Council of Ryde as referred to in the narrative.

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Payable Not later than 1 year	5,858	5,858
Later than 1 year but not later than 5 years		
Later than 5 years	-	-

A License Agreement was signed in June 2015 with The Council of City of Ryde for a 5-year term leased, commencing 2 June 2015, at the current location of 109 Cressy Road North Ryde, NSW 2113, for a License Fee of \$31,221 per annum, plus GST. A new licence will be entered into in 2021. In the meantime, the agreement continues as per licence agreement.

The License Fee is subject to increase by the current Local Government Cost Index (LGCI).

#### 11. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Company had no contingent liabilities at Balance Date.

#### 12. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Company's capital consists of its financial assets less its financial liabilities.

Directors control the capital of the Company to ensure that adequate cash flows are generated to fund its programs and ensure that the overall risk management is in line with this objective. Risk management practices included a late fee policy, forfeiture of security deposits, and regular analysis of profitability and future cash flow requirements.

Directors manage the Company's capital by assessing its financial risks and responding to changes in these risks and in the market. These responses include the consideration of tuition fee levels.

The strategy of the Company in managing its future cash flow requirements is to ensure that sufficient cash is on hand to meet employee costs and to pay trade and other payables.

There have been no changes to the strategy adopted to control the capital of the Company since prior year and the Company continues to have no net debt.

#### 13. **MEMBERS GUARANTEE**

The Sydney Montessori Society was incorporated as a Company limited by guarantee on 20 November 1974, to carry on the activities previously carried out by the Sydney Montessori Society. Pursuant to the Company's memorandum of association, every member has undertaken, in the event of a deficiency or winding up, to contribute an amount not exceeding \$50. The total maximum members' liability on winding up is \$1,950, based on 39 members.

#### 14. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING DATE

There have been no significant events occurring after the balance date, which may affect either the operations or results of the operations of the Company.

The Financial Statements were authorised for issue by the Directors on the date shown in the Statement by Directors.

#### 15. ENTITY DETAILS

The registered office of the Company is: 109 Cressy Road, North Ryde NSW 2113

The principal place of business is: 109 Cressy Road, North Ryde NSW 2113

The trading name of the business is: The Children's House Montessori School.

#### STATEMENT BY DIRECTORS

The Directors have determined that the Company is not a reporting entity and that these Financial Statements should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in note l.

In the opinion of the Directors of the Company:

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- (a) The Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income gives a true and fair view of the Company's profit or loss for the financial year ended 31st December 2020.
- (b) The Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the Company's state of affairs as at the end of the financial year.
- At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.
- 3 The Financial Statements and Notes satisfy the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Responsible Entity, being the Board of Directors and is signed for and on behalf of the Directors by:

Jason Zhang	g (Chairperson):		
Shikha Char	ndra (Treasurer):	Thilliphe	
Svdnev	27 April 2021	Date	

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SYDNEY MONTESSORI SOCIETY

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#### Scope

I have audited the accompanying Financial Statements, being a Special Purpose Financial Report of Sydney Montessori Society ("the Company"), which comprises the Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 and the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and Cash Flow Statement for the year then ended, a Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, other explanatory Notes and the Directors' Declaration.

#### **Qualified Audit Opinion**

In my opinion, except for the effects on the Financial Statements of such adjustments, if any, as might have been required had the limitation on our audit procedures referred to in the qualification paragraph not existed, the Financial Statements present fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note I to the Financial Statements. Also, with the financial position of the Sydney Montessori Society as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended and complies with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act* 2012.

#### **Basis of Qualified Opinion**

Donations and Fundraising activities form part of the revenue for the Company, which has determined that it is impracticable to establish controls over the collection of such monies prior to entry into its financial records. Accordingly, as the evidence available to us regarding these sources of revenue was limited, our procedures with respect to these revenues had to be restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. I therefore am unable to express an opinion whether such revenues obtained by the Company are complete.

#### **Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

The Directors' of the Company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Financial Statements and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note I to the Financial Statements are appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the needs of the Members. The Directors' responsibility includes implementing and maintaining internal controls they determine are necessary to enable the preparation of Financial Statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

In preparing the Financial Statements, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Company'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 Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so. I have nothing to report in this regard.

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

The Directors are responsible for any other information included in the Financial Report, which is not covered by our Auditor's Report and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with my audit, my responsibility is to read such other information and consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the Financial Statements or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information; I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's Report to the Members that includes my opinion based on my audit and based on the accounting policies adopted by the Directors' as set out in Note 1. These policies do not require the application of all Australian Accounting Standards. 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 these Financial Statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. These Auditing Standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Financial Statements, 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 audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company'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

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events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company'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 Statements 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 Company to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the Financial Statements, including the disclosures, and whether the Financial Statements represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
  - I 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 I identify during our audit.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

#### **Independence**

In conducting my audit, I have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*. I confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001* previously provided to the Directors of the Company would be in the same terms if provided as at the date of this Auditor's Report.

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#### **Basis of Accounting**

Without further modifying my opinion, I draw attention to Note 1 of the Financial Statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The Financial Statements have been prepared for distribution to Members for the purpose of fulfilling the Directors' Financial Reporting responsibilities including those under Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. As a result, the Financial Statements may not be suitable for other purposes. Accordingly, I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this Report or on the Financial Statements to which it relates to any other persons, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

#### Signature:

Mark Stuart Pressland Wilkinson

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