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**Our
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End violence against
Women And Their Children

Our Watch Annual Report 2016-2017

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Message from the Inaugural Chair, Natasha Stott Despoja AM



Natasha Stott Despoja AM

One of the great privileges of my life has been to chair this wonderful organisation.

In the past four years, we have grown into a truly independent and national organisation, excelling at primary prevention.

Our Watch was established by the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments. The leadership of former Ministers Mary Wooldridge and Julie Collins overcame partisanship, jurisdictional boundaries and recognised that the prevention space required some priority.

Since then, we have welcomed nearly every state and territory government, with the exception of New South Wales, which we hope will consider becoming a part of this prevention effort before too long.

In the past year, two more governments joined Our Watch.

In July 2016, the Australian Capital Territory Government became our seventh member. In May 2017, the WA Minister for Child Protection, Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence, Simone McGurk confirmed the Western Australian Government's membership.

There have been many highlights this year.

We have continued and strengthened our partnerships and programs, including working with national sporting codes to promote gender equality; embedding primary prevention principles in workplaces; producing tools and resources for schools, and acknowledging exemplary reporting of violence against women in the Australian media.

The latter has culminated with the annual Our Watch Awards. This flagship program, in conjunction with The Walkley Foundation, has seen heightened attention given to the appropriate and sensitive portrayal of stories involving violence against women in mainstream and other media. Long may the awards continue.

In November 2016, Our Watch held our annual Federal Parliament House event. A key feature of this occasion was bi-partisan support for our work with both the Prime Minister, the Hon. Malcolm Turnbull, MP and the Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Bill Shorten, MP speaking earnestly about gender equality and the primary prevention of violence against women.

In June, the Commonwealth Government announced new funding as part of the Third Action Plan under Australia's twelve-year commitment to addressing violence against women and their children through the *National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children 2010 - 2022*.

It is well known that only with determination and long-term resourcing that we can address this nation-wide crisis.

Our Board has also seen changes. Yassmin Abdel-Magied departs the board for travel overseas. We will miss her dedication and her passion. Dorinda Cox commenced her appointment in November 2016. Two more directors will be announced shortly.

I thank our wonderful team of staff and supporters. I value greatly their dedication, professionalism and expertise. In particular, our executive -- led so ably by our CEO Mary Barry -- deserves great commendation and our gratitude.

I also thank my hard-working and supportive Directors. It is rare to work with such a diverse, talented and supportive team. Their commitment to good governance, growing our organisation and our brand, while ensuring we deal with complex and often traumatic issues is appreciated greatly by me.

One organisation alone cannot achieve the complex social change needed to prevent violence against women and their children. I pay tribute to the efforts of all women and men who work every day to keep women and children safe.

It has been a lifelong privilege to be associated with and part of this movement.

Finally, I wish to pay tribute the late Fiona Richardson MP.

Among her many roles and commitments, she was Australia's first Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence. She pioneered this role and her legacy is an especially fine one. She worked so hard to keep women and children safe.

Fiona understood the need to stop the violence before it occurred and, to achieve this, she made meaningful and sustainable investments in primary prevention.

I thank her for her support of Our Watch, and also for her personal support. Her intelligence, determination and vision of a safer and more equitable world will be remembered as we continue our work.

Natasha Stott Despoja AM
Chair, Our Watch

Message from the CEO, Mary Barry



Mary Barry

It has been a great privilege to work for Our Watch over the last 12 months. As I have said many times before, ending violence against women and their children requires generational change with sustained action at all levels of society including individual, community and institutional. It is only with long-term commitment, cooperation and funding that Our Watch will be able to achieve its vision of an Australia free from all forms of violence against women.

After travelling around the country meeting with current and future government members and key stakeholders I am heartened to see a growing understanding and commitment to primary prevention work. I am also happy to report that the 2016-17 financial year has been encouraging in terms of new government memberships and securing funding for the future work of the organisation.

Our Watch was formed by the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments in 2013. Since then, its membership has extended to include the Northern Territory, South Australian, Tasmanian, Queensland and the Australian Capital Territory Governments, with the Western Australian Government announcing its intention to join in May 2017. I look forward to engaging more deeply with the New South Wales Government in the coming year.

In terms of funding, existing member governments renewed their funding commitments until June 2019. With this base funding, Our Watch can continue its current work as a backbone organisation working collaboratively to build partnerships across the nation, inspire change, mobilise effort and help other organisations to connect and share knowledge.

New funding for projects and campaigns totalling \$13.8 million was also allocated by the Commonwealth Government under the Third Action Plan of the *National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children 2010-2022*. Our Watch's existing social marketing campaign for young people, *The Line*, was extended for two years with a focus on tailoring the campaign to diverse groups of young people.

The National Media Engagement Project was re-established ensuring that Our Watch can continue to engage with the Australian media on how best to report on the issue. A new companion piece to the national framework *Change the story* focussing on preventing violence against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women was funded. And finally, some new projects were initiated including campaigns focussing on non-physical forms of violence, the role of bystanders, and the effects of pornography on young people's relationships.

To deliver these projects and campaigns, and to ensure that they are in line with Our Watch's values and overarching [Five year strategic plan](#), the Senior Executive Team devised a new, larger organisational structure. As of writing, recruitment is still underway. It is wonderful to see the organisation attract talented and expert staff in the fields of primary prevention, communications and corporate services. It is certainly an exciting time to be at Our Watch.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our stakeholders, sponsors, partners, ambassadors and supporters across Australia for their support; my senior executive team, Jilly Charlwood, Lara Fergus, Donna Guille and Patty Kinnersly, for their commitment to Our Watch and the support they have given to me as CEO; Our Watch staff for their energy and dedication and our Board of Directors for their time and commitment to ending violence against women and their children. I would also like to pay particular thanks to our Chair Natasha Stott Despoja AM for her continuous support, encouragement and her tireless advocacy in this space.

I look forward to working with all of you over the next year as we continue on our path to end violence against women and their children in Australia.

Mary Barry
CEO, Our Watch

Key events

- 1 July 2016** The Australian Capital Territory Government joined Our Watch as a member.
- 4 August 2016** Our Watch released a Joint Response in collaboration with twelve other leading organisations and peak membership bodies involved in the primary prevention of men’s violence against women and their children in Victoria. The recommendations and advice provided were intended to inform the Victorian Government’s next steps for implementation of the Royal Commission into Family Violence’s primary prevention recommendations.
- The participating organisations were: Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service Victoria, CASA Forum Victorian Centres Against Sexual Assault, Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare, Domestic Violence Resource Centre of Victoria, Domestic Violence Victoria, InTouch Multicultural Centre against Family Violence, Multicultural Centre for Women’s Health, No To Violence, Our Watch, Victorian Equal Opportunity & Human Rights Commission, Women with Disabilities Victoria, Women’s Health Association of Victoria and Women’s Health Victoria.
- 24 August 2016** La Trobe University, Connections UnitingCare, Carlton Football Club, and North Melbourne Football Club signed up for the Our Watch Workplace Equality and Respect project funded by the Victorian Government. Our Watch consolidated and built on existing initiatives to produce a package of evidence-based standards and tools to support these workplaces to take action to prevent violence against women.
- 3 September 2016** Our Watch supported the AFL Women’s All Star Match in the lead up to the 2017 launch of the National Women’s League.
- 14 September 2016** The Our Watch Awards took place in Sydney, which recognise and reward exemplary reporting of violence against women. More than 200 journalists, industry and media identities gathered for the event hosted by Julia Zemiro, with speakers including author Tara Moss and journalist Helen McCabe.
- 19-22 September 2016** Our Watch and the Australian Women Against Violence Alliance (AWAVA) held a three day conference *Prevalent and preventable: Practice and policy in the prevention of violence against women and children international conference*. Over 300 attendees joined local and international experts on violence against women to discuss the emerging opportunities and challenges facing the sector.

- 10 October 2016** Our Watch released the *Respectful relationships education toolkit*. The toolkit was developed following a whole-school approach piloted in 19 Victorian secondary schools in 2015. The approach treats schools as both educational institutions and workplaces, addressing the key drivers of violence against women; gender inequality and rigid gender stereotypes.
- 11 October 2016** Our Watch and Plan International Australia released the *Everyday sexism: Girls' and young women's views on gender inequality in Australia* report on the International Day of the Girl Child. The report outlines girls' views on discrimination and sexism at home, at school, and in their private and public lives.
- 23 November 2016** Our Watch hosted an evening event at Parliament House in Canberra with the Parliamentarians Against Family Violence Friendship Group to call on MPs and Senators to pledge #NoExcuse4Violence for the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. The Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition addressed the group along with Our Watch Ambassadors Ms Lucy Turnbull AO and Ms Tara Moss.
- 25 November 2016** Players from the Australian Football League (AFL), Australian Rugby Union (ARU), Netball Australia and the National Rugby League (NRL) banded together under the Our Watch #NoExcuse4Violence campaign starting on the United Nation's International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.
- 8 December 2016** Our Watch released the *Community based prevention of violence against women and their children: A toolkit for practitioners*. The toolkit was borne out of a community engagement approach piloted in 2015 with two community organisations, Whittlesea Community Connections and coHealth in Victoria.
- 23 February 2017** Our Watch released new survey results *Tracking change: Midterm snapshot evaluation findings for The Line campaign*. The report focussed on tracking the attitudes and behaviours of young people aged 12-20 years, in comparison with benchmark surveys conducted in 2015.
- 1 May 2017** The Western Australian Government announced its intention to join Our Watch as a member.
- 2015 Young Australian of the Year and disability advocate Ms Drisana Levitzke-Gray was announced as an Ambassador for Our Watch.
- 5 June 2017** Our Watch released *The power of parents snapshot report* summarising a survey and desktop research to understand attitudes towards gender equality and gender stereotypes among parents of 0-3 year old children.
- Author and communications specialist Ms Chloe Shorten was announced as an Ambassador for Our Watch.
- 6 June 2017** Our Watch released *Putting the prevention of violence against women into practice: How to Change the story*, a how-to guide to support the world-first framework, *Change the story: A shared framework for the primary prevention of violence against women and their children in Australia*.

20 June 2017

Our Watch announced the new funding allocated by the Commonwealth Government under the Third Action Plan of the *National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children 2010-2022*. The existing social marketing campaign for young people, *The Line*, was extended for another two years with a focus on tailoring the campaign to diverse groups of young people. The National Media Engagement Project was re-established, a resource dedicated to the prevention of violence against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women was funded and a number of new projects including initiatives focussing on non-physical forms of violence, the role of bystanders, and the effects of pornography on young people also received funding. The new funding totalled \$13.8 million.

30 June 2017

Our Watch and the University of Melbourne released *Emerging evidence, insights and lessons: News media and the primary prevention of violence against women and their children*, which found news media have the potential to positively influence the social and cultural norms that drive violence against women.

Case study - Workplace Equality and Respect

Workplaces have a significant influence over people's professional and personal lives, and over society more broadly. As such, organisations, not just individuals, have the opportunity to take an active role in addressing the drivers of violence against women.

The [latest evidence](#) tells us violence against women can be reduced in Australia by increasing gender equality in all elements of everyday life – particularly workplaces, where many adults spend a large portion of their time.

Through the Workplace Equality and Respect project, Our Watch consolidated and built on existing initiatives to produce a package of evidence-based standards and tools to support workplaces to take action to prevent violence against women.

Many organisations already have established response and support systems for women affected by violence. However, workplaces also have the opportunity to use their influence to promote a culture that stops this violence happening in the first place.

Respectful and equitable workplaces see strong staff morale, performance and commitment, as well as reduced sick leave. They also are more likely to attract and retain quality staff, who contribute diverse ideas and perspectives.

Businesses and industries with fair and equitable policies and practices stand to benefit from greater employee retention and business reputation. Businesses also stand to benefit financially – for every woman who does not experience violence, \$1,969 in annual production-related costs can be saved.¹

As part of this project, Our Watch engaged four Victorian workplaces whose leaders are committed to gender equality and violence prevention. These workplaces were chosen for their ability to influence not just their employees, but also the community more broadly. These workplaces were:

- Carlton Football Club
- Connections UnitingCare
- La Trobe University
- North Melbourne Football Club

These four workplaces were supported to develop strategies and identify initiatives to promote gender equality and prevent violence against women. This support included professional development for staff to help them maintain respectful relationships and recognise gender biases and stereotypes – such as assuming a man is not a primary caregiver, or women are less effective leaders – and understanding how these attitudes can be harmful.

These workplaces reviewed policies, procedures, and practices to make sure they are actively promoting gender equality, and took steps to equip staff to recognise the different forms of violence against women, and respond appropriately to someone experiencing violence.

Workplace Equality and Respect does not prescribe a specific program for workplaces to pick up and implement. It outlines five standards to help workplaces recognise what is needed to:

- secure the commitment of leaders and staff
- ensure conditions support gender equality
- reject sexist and discriminatory cultures
- support staff who experience violence
- integrate gender equality into their core business.

It also provides tools to support workplaces, including:

- Self-assessment
- Implementation guide
- Staff survey
- Resources including templates, best practice examples and guidance on communications, engaging leaders and dealing with backlash.

Our Watch recognises the world-leading work that has been taking place in workplaces across Victoria to address violence against women, including the work of VicHealth, the women's health sector and the White Ribbon Foundation. The resources produced within Workplace Equality and Respect complement this work to strengthen workplace initiatives across Victoria and Australia.

Once finalised, Our Watch is committed to sharing the Workplace Equality and Respect standards and tools with all Australian workplaces so they can commit to consistent actions that prevent violence against women.

The Victorian State Government provided \$900,000 in funding for the Workplace Equality and Respect Project.

Patrons

Patron-in-Chief: His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd)

Patron: The Honourable Quentin Bryce AD CVO

Governance

On 30 June 2017, the Board of Directors comprises:

Ms Natasha Stott Despoja AM	Chair	(appointed 5 June 2013)
Dr Phil Lambert PSM	Deputy Chair	(appointed 5 June 2013)
Ms Yassmin Abdel-Magied	Director	(appointed 10 Nov 2015)
Ms Kerry Chikarovski	Director	(appointed 19 June 2015)
Ms Dorinda Cox	Director	(appointed 7 November 2016)
Mr Jeremy Paul Donovan	Director	(appointed 27 June 2017)
Ms Sherryl Garbutt	Director	(appointed 15 July 2015)
Ms Caroline Gurney	Director	(appointed 4 June 2015)
Lieutenant General David Morrison AO (Retd)	Director	(appointed 10 Nov 2015)
Dr Anastasia Powell	Director	(appointed 1 June 2016)

Committees

Four committees report to the board:

Appointments Committee	chaired by Ms Stott Despoja	(established 23 August 2013)
Communications Committee	chaired by Ms Gurney	(established 20 October 2014)
Engagement Committee	chaired by Ms Stott Despoja	(established 22 April 2016)
Finance and Risk Committee	chaired by Dr Lambert	(established 21 June 2013)

Member representatives

The Member Representatives of Our Watch are:

Roslyn Baxter	Commonwealth	(appointed October 2015)
Marion Frere	Victoria	(appointed July 2017)
Suzanne McCann	Northern Territory	(appointed March 2014)
Fiona Mort	South Australia	(appointed August 2014)
Brook Teale	Tasmania	(appointed May 2017)
Barbara Shaw	Queensland	(appointed January 2016)
Jo Wood	Australian Capital Territory	(appointed October 2016)
Grahame Searle	Western Australia	(appointed July 2017)

Ambassadors

On 30 June 2017, Our Watch ambassadors are:

Mr Arman Abrahamzadeh
Ms Rosie Batty
Mr Tarang Chawla
Mr Alan Cransberg
Ms Khadija Gbla
Ms Rachel Kayrooz
Ms Drisana Levitzke-Gray
Ms Sue Salthouse
Dr Ann O'Neill
Mr Charlie Pickering
Ms Rebecca Poulson
Ms Chloe Shorten
Ms Lucy Turnbull AO
Ms Tasma Walton
Ms Julia Zemiro

Operations

The offices of Our Watch are located in Melbourne, Victoria.

Our Watch manages the following websites and social media channels:

- [Our Watch website](#)
- [The Line website](#)
- [Our Watch Facebook](#)
- [The Line Facebook](#)
- [Our Watch Twitter](#)
- [Our Watch LinkedIn](#)
- [Our Watch Instagram](#)
- [The Line Instagram](#)
- [Our Watch YouTube](#)
- [The Line YouTube](#)

Charitable status

Our organisation was registered with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) on 5 June 2013 with the former name being Foundation to Prevent Violence Against Women and their Children and is regulated by the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC). The organisation changed its name to Our Watch Limited in October 2014.

The Fund to Prevent Violence against Women and their Children Trust received endorsement as a deductible gift recipient under the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 on 17 April 2015.

Partnerships

In the 2016-17 financial year Our Watch continued a partnership with retailer MIMCO to prevent violence against women and their children before it starts, by challenging gender inequality and restrictive gender stereotypes. The three-year commitment involves MIMCO releasing seasonal capsule collections with 100% of all profits going towards education tools to help end violence against women and children.

Our Watch also continued a partnership between *The Line* campaign and the AFL Players' Association, with Marcus Bontempelli, Shaun Burgoyne, Sabrina Fredrick-Traub and Chelsea Randall as ambassadors.

In the 2016-17 financial year Our Watch partnered with Colin Biggers & Paisley Lawyers. To have access to the expertise of such a leading provider of legal services is invaluable and is supporting Our Watch in achieving our vision of an Australia free of violence against women and their children.

A memorandum of understanding was also signed between No To Violence incorporating the Men's Referral Service and Our Watch.

Our people

On 30 June 2017, the Senior Executive Team comprises:

Mary Barry – Chief Executive Officer

Jilly Charlwood – Director, Media and Communications

Lara Fergus – Director, Policy and Evaluation

Donna Guille – Manager, Finance and Administration

Patty Kinnersly – Director, Practice Leadership

Contributions

Our Watch gratefully acknowledges pro-bono and in-kind support from Colin Biggers & Paisley Lawyers.

¹ PriceWaterhouseCoopers, (2015, November). *A high price to pay: The economic case for preventing violence against women*. Retrieved from: <http://www.pwc.com.au/publications/economic-case-preventing-violence-against-women.html>

Financial position: Audited statements

Our Watch Limited

ABN: 60 164 123 844

Financial Statements for the year ended
30 June 2017

Directors' Report

The Directors of Our Watch Limited ('the entity') present their Report together with the financial statements of the entity for the year ended 30 June 2017 and the Independent Auditor's Report thereon.

Director details

The following persons were Directors of the entity during or since the end of the reporting period:

Ms Natasha Stott Despoja AM

- Director since 5 June 2013
- Chair and Chair of the Appointments Committee and Engagement Committee
- Former Australia's Ambassador for Women and Girls 2013 - 2016
- Member, Referendum Council and Honorary Research Fellow, University of Adelaide
- Former Deputy Chair, beyondblue and non-executive Director, The Burnet Institute (2008 - 2013)
- Director of Carrie's Beanies for Brain Cancer
- Director of ANU Council
- Director of World Bank Gender Advisory Board
- Leader of the Australian Democrats (2001-2002) and Senator in the Federal Parliament of Australia (1995 - 2008)

Dr Phil Lambert PSM

- Director since 5 June 2013
- Deputy Chair and Chair of Finance and Risk Committee
- Former General Manager Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority
- Director of Australian Government Financial Literacy Board
- White Ribbon Ambassador
- Recipient of the Public Service Medal in the 2012 Queen's Birthday Honours for his contribution to leadership in education and work in the community to prevent violence against women and girls
- Board Member and NSW State President of the Australian College of Educators
- Adjunct Professor and Chair of Education and Social Work Advisory Board of University of Sydney

- National Rugby League – reviewing education programs regarding wellbeing, leadership and reading

Ms Yassmin Abdel-Magied

- Director ceased office on 10 August 2017
- Queensland Young Australian of the Year, 2015
- Founder and Chair, Youth without Borders
- Young Australian Muslim of the Year 2007
- Board Member of the Council of Australian Arab Relations
- Board Member of ChildFund Australia

Professor Muriel Bamblett AM

- Director ceased office on 31 August 2016
- A Yorta Yorta/Dja Dja Wurrung woman
- Chief Executive Officer, Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency
- Ministerial appointment on the Victorian Children's Council

Ms Kerry Chikarovski

- Director since 19 June 2015
- Director of NSW Rugby Union
- Ambassador of YWCA NSW, Australian Indigenous Education Foundation and Eggtober Foundation
- Director of NSW Waratahs Rugby Union
- Chair of NSW Women's Rugby and Road Safety Education
- Board Member of Adopt Change and Humpty Dumpty Foundation
- Leader of the Opposition of New South Wales (1998-2002) and member of the New South Wales Parliament for Lane Cove (1991-2003)

Directors' Report

Ms Sherryl Garbutt

- Director since 15 July 2015
- Former Chair of Northern Region Family Violence Network and Victorian Children's Council
- Former Chair of Victorian Children's Council
- Member of the Parliament of Victoria Greensborough (1989 - 1992) and Bundoora (1992 - 2006), Minister for Womens Affairs (1999 - 2001), Minister for Conservation and Environment (1999 - 2002), Minister for Community Services (2002 - 2006) and Minister for Children (2005-2006)

Ms Caroline Gurney

- Director since 4 June 2015
- Managing Director of Head of Marketing & Corporate Communications, UBS Australasia
- Deputy Chief Communication, UBS Australasia
- Director of UBS Australia Foundation
- Board Member of Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust
- School Governor of Ascham Council
- Ambassador to Australian Indigenous Education Foundation

Mr Charlie King OAM

- Director ceased office on 31 August 2016
- Inaugural chair of the Northern Territory Indigenous Male Advisory Council appointed by the NT Government to advise on strategies to reduce family violence
- Chair of the ABC Bonner Committee advising the ABC on indigenous content and employment, with responsibility for the national broadcaster's Reconciliation Action Plan

Lt-Gen David Morrison AO (retired)

- Director since 10 November 2015
- Australian of the Year 2016
- Former Chief of Army
- Patron of The Tara Costigan Foundation
- Chair of the Diversity Council Australia

Dr Anastasia Powell

- Director since 1 June 2016
- Senior Research Fellow, Justice & Legal Studies, RMIT University
- PhD (Criminology, University of Melbourne), specialising in primary prevention, policy and legal reform addressing violence against women
- Co-Convenor of GeVARA (Gendered Violence and Abuse Research Alliance), and an Associate of CASR (Centre for Applied Social Research), at RMIT University

Dorinda Cox

- Director since 7 November 2016

Jeremy Paul Donovan

- Director since 27 June 2017
- Director of Aboriginal Art Association of Australia Ltd and Walking With Wisdom Pty Ltd

Directors' Report (cont.)

Principal activities

The principal activities of the entity are to promote the prevention of emotional abuse, sexual abuse and physical abuse, specifically, the prevention of violence against women and their children. The entity's principal activity will be carried out through the following activities:

- raising awareness and engaging the community in taking action to prevent violence against women and their children;
- driving a broad-based change in attitudes that condone or excuse violence against women and their children and promoting respect between women and men, including young people and children;
- working with communities in which women and their children can be especially vulnerable to violence, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities, and women and children with disabilities;
- protecting children through preventing violence against women, recognising the linkages between violence against women and child safety and wellbeing;
- building a platform to bring together and support existing best practice primary prevention and other community organisations to collaborate in reducing violence against women and their children; and
- establishing an innovative and sustainable company.

There have been no significant changes in the nature of these activities during the year.

Short-term objectives

The entity's short-term objectives are to:

- Build the national movement for the prevention of violence against women and their children.
- Engage media to increase quality reporting of violence against women and their children and build awareness of the impacts of gender stereotyping and inequality.
- Encourage discussion with young people and provide guidance and tools regarding respectful relationships and gender equality.
- Recognise our First Nations and learn from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander elders and leaders about ways of supporting safe and healthy relationships, families and communities.
- Commence a long-term bystander and community information program to encourage and equip individuals and groups in our community and workplaces to speak out and take action to prevent violence against women and their children.
- Identify successful local or regional primary prevention projects and strategies that may be applied more broadly across the country.
- Evaluate Australia's progress on the prevention of violence against women and their children against international and research benchmarks.
- Foster collaboration and shared learning across sectors and across the country.
- Build a sustainable, respected and effective organisation.

Directors' Report (cont.)

Long-term objectives

The entity's long-term objectives are to provide national leadership to help create an Australia where women and their children live free from all forms of violence.

Strategy for achieving short and long-term objectives

The entity's strategy for achieving its objectives is set out in the Five Year Strategic Plan released in September 2014, which may be viewed at www.ourwatch.org.au.

Meetings

The number of meetings held during the year and the number of meetings attended by each director were as follows:

	Board Meetings	
	A	B
Ms Natasha Stott Despoja AM	6	6
Dr Phil Lambert PSM	6	6
Professor Muriel Bamblett AM (ceased office 31 August 2016)	1	-
Mr Charlie King OAM (ceased office 31 August 2016)	1	-
Ms Caroline Gurney	6	6
Ms Kerry Chikarovski	6	6
Ms Sherryl Garbutt	6	6
Ms Yassmin Abdel-Magied (ceased office 10 August 2017)	6	4
Lt-Gen David Morrison	6	3
Dr Anastasia Powell	6	5
Ms Dorinda Cox (appointed 7 November 2016)	4	4
Mr Jeremy Paul Donovan (appointed 27 June 2017)	-	-

Where:

- column A is the number of meetings the Director was entitled to attend; and
- column B is the number of meetings the Director attended.

Contribution in winding up

The entity is incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* and is a Company limited by guarantee. If the entity is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$100 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the entity. At 30 June 2017, the total amount that members of the entity are liable to contribute if the entity wound up is \$700 (2016: \$600).

Directors' Report (cont.)

Auditor's Independence Declaration

A copy of the Auditor's Independence Declaration as required under s.60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* is included in page 8 of these financial statements and forms part of the Directors' Report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.



Natasha Stott Despoja AM
Director

21 September 2017

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Auditor's Independence Declaration To The Directors Of Our Watch Limited

In accordance with the requirements of section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, as lead auditor for the audit of Our Watch Limited for the year ended 30 June 2017, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- b no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



GRANT THORNTON AUDIT PTY LTD
Chartered Accountants



S P Lawson
Partner - Audit & Assurance

Melbourne, 21 September 2017

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 30 June 2017

	Notes	2017 \$	2016 \$
Contributions	6	6,965,434	7,165,000
Other revenue	6	196,446	112,164
Employee benefits expenses	12.1	(3,293,640)	(2,862,097)
Directors' fees		(57,500)	(74,691)
Professional fees	15	(1,677,630)	(2,113,528)
Advertising expenses		(1,283,500)	(1,447,841)
Information technology and communications expenses		(120,601)	(216,994)
Occupancy expenses		(150,814)	(144,134)
Administration expenses		(46,616)	(80,805)
Travel expenses		(100,422)	(137,653)
Depreciation expenses	7	(90,135)	(87,278)
Other expenses		(375,211)	(292,436)
Deficit before income tax		(34,189)	(180,293)
Income tax expense	5.8	-	-
Deficit for the year		(34,189)	(180,293)
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive loss for the year		(34,189)	(180,293)

This statement should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2017

	Notes	2017 \$	2016 \$
Assets			
Current			
Cash and cash equivalents	11	4,189,485	3,108,371
Receivables and other assets	10	577,825	635,351
Current assets		4,767,310	3,743,722
Non-current			
Property, plant and equipment	7	248,221	281,805
Non-current assets		248,221	281,805
Total assets		5,015,531	4,025,527
Liabilities			
Current			
Trade and other payables	13	810,070	302,964
Employee benefits provisions	12.2	143,387	146,258
Deferred revenue	14	1,933,669	1,424,414
Current liabilities		2,887,126	1,873,636
Non-current			
Employee benefits provisions	12.2	23,812	13,109
Total liabilities		2,910,938	1,886,745
Net assets		2,104,593	2,138,782
Equity			
Retained surplus		1,794,023	2,138,782
Program reserve	19	310,570	-
Total equity		2,104,593	2,138,782

This statement should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 30 June 2017

	Note	Project reserve \$	Retained earnings \$	Total equity \$
Balance at 1 July 2015		-	2,319,075	2,319,075
Deficit for the year		-	(180,293)	(180,293)
Balance at 30 June 2016		-	2,138,782	2,138,782
Balance at 1 July 2016		-	2,138,782	2,138,782
Deficit for the year		-	(34,189)	(34,189)
Transfer to/(from) reserves	19	310,570	(310,570)	-
Balance at 30 June 2017		310,570	1,794,023	2,104,593

This statement should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 30 June 2017

	Notes	2017 \$	2016 \$
Operating activities			
Receipts from:			
Donations		52,479	15,227
Project contributions		728,797	400,000
Government grants		6,658,639	4,651,689
Interest income		46,129	88,954
Other income		151,106	23,210
Payments to clients, suppliers and employees		(6,555,735)	(8,018,127)
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities	17	1,081,415	(2,839,047)
Investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	7	(5,904)	(100,321)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		5,603	30,242
Net cash used in investing activities		(301)	(70,079)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		1,081,114	(2,909,126)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the year		3,108,371	6,017,497
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	11	4,189,485	3,108,371

This statement should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

1 Nature of operations

The entity's principal activities are to drive cultural and attitudinal change to prevent violence against women and their children through community engagement and advocacy.

2 General information and statement of compliance

The general purpose financial statements of the entity have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

Our Watch Limited is a public company limited by guarantee incorporated and domiciled in Australia. The address of its registered office is c/- Norton Rose Fulbright, RACV Tower Level 11, 485 Bourke Street, Melbourne, Vic 3000 and its principal place of business is 255 Bourke Street, Melbourne, Vic 3000.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 21 September 2017.

3 Changes in accounting policies

3.1 New and revised Standards that are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017

There have been no changes in accounting policies during the financial year.

3.2 Accounting Standards issued but not yet effective and not been adopted early by the entity

New standards, amendments to Standards and Interpretations which have been recently issued or amended but are not yet effective have not been applied to the financial statements for the current year. None of these are expected to have a significant effect on the entity's financial position or performance.

4 Significant management judgement in applying accounting policies

When preparing the financial statements, management undertakes a number of judgements, estimates and assumptions about the recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, income and expenses.

Estimation uncertainty

Information about estimates and assumptions that have the most significant effect on recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, income and expenses is provided below. Actual results may be substantially different.

Useful lives of depreciable assets

Management reviews its estimate of the useful lives of depreciable assets at each reporting date, based on the expected utility of the assets. Uncertainties in these estimates relate to technical obsolescence that may change the utility of certain software and IT equipment.

Notes to the financial statements

5 Summary of accounting policies

5.1 Overall considerations

The significant accounting policies that have been used in the preparation of these financial statements are summarised below.

The financial statements have been prepared using the measurement bases specified by Australian Accounting Standards for each type of asset, liability, income and expense. The measurement bases are more fully described in the accounting policies below.

5.2 Going concern

The entity is dependent upon the ongoing receipt of Federal and State government grants and community and corporate donations to ensure the ongoing continuance of its programs. At the date of this report management has no reason to believe that this financial support will not continue.

5.3 Revenue

Revenue comprises revenue from government grants, interest and fundraising activities.

Government grants

A number of the entity's programs are supported by grants received from the federal and state or territory governments.

If conditions are attached to a grant which must be satisfied before the entity is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue is deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

Revenue from a non-reciprocal grant that is not subject to conditions is recognised when the entity obtains control of the funds, economic benefits are probable and the amount can be measured reliably. Where a grant may be required to be repaid if certain conditions are not satisfied, a liability is recognised at year-end to the extent that conditions remain unsatisfied.

Where the entity receives a non-reciprocal contribution of an asset from a government or other party for no or nominal consideration, the asset is recognised at fair value and a corresponding amount of revenue is recognised.

Donations

Donations collected are recognised as revenue when the entity gains control, economic benefits are probable and the amount of the donation can be measured reliably.

Interest income

Interest income is recognised on an accrual basis using the effective interest method.

Notes to the financial statements

5.4 Operating expenses

Operating expenses are recognised in profit or loss upon utilisation of the service or at the date of their origin.

5.5 Property, plant and equipment

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment (comprising fittings and furniture) is initially recognised at acquisition cost, including any costs directly attributable to bringing the assets to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by the entity's management.

Plant and equipment is subsequently measured using cost less depreciation and impairment losses.

Motor vehicles are measured using cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is recognised on a straight-line basis to write down the cost less estimated residual value of buildings, plant and other equipment. The following useful lives are applied:

- Plant and equipment: 3 - 15 years
- Motor vehicles: 8 years
- Leasehold improvements: over the lease term

Material residual value estimates and estimates of useful life are updated as required, at least annually.

Leased assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or the lease term.

Gains or losses arising on the disposal of property, plant and equipment are determined as the difference between the disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the assets and are recognised in profit or loss within other income or other expenses.

5.6 Leases

Operating leases

Where the entity is a lessee, payments on operating lease agreements are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Associated costs, such as maintenance and insurance, are expensed as incurred.

5.7 Financial instruments

Recognition, initial measurement and de-recognition

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument, and are measured initially at fair value adjusted by transactions costs, except for those carried at fair value through profit or loss, which are measured initially at fair value. Subsequent measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities are described below.

Notes to the financial statements

5.7 Financial instruments (cont.)

Recognition, initial measurement and de-recognition (cont.)

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or when the financial asset and all substantial risks and rewards are transferred. A financial liability is derecognised when it is extinguished, discharged, cancelled or expires.

Classification and subsequent measurement of financial assets

For the purpose of subsequent measurement, financial assets other than those designated and effective as hedging instruments, are classified into the following categories upon initial recognition:

- Loans and receivables;
- Financial assets at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss ('FVTPL');
- Held-To-Maturity ('HTM') investments; and
- Available-For-Sale ('AFS') financial assets.

All financial assets except for those at FVTPL are subject to review for impairment at least at each reporting date to identify whether there is any objective evidence that a financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired. Different criteria to determine impairment are applied for each category of financial assets, which are described below.

All income and expenses relating to financial assets that are recognised in profit or loss are presented within finance costs or finance income, except for impairment of trade receivables which is presented within other expenses.

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. After initial recognition, these are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. Discounting is omitted where the effect of discounting is immaterial. The entity's trade and most other receivables fall into this category of financial instruments.

Individually significant receivables are considered for impairment when they are past due or when other objective evidence is received that a specific counterparty will default. Receivables that are not considered to be individually impaired are reviewed for impairment in groups, which are determined by reference to the industry and region of a counterparty and other shared credit risk characteristics. The impairment loss estimate is then based on recent historical counterparty default rates for each identified group.

Classification and subsequent measurement of financial liabilities

The entity's financial liabilities include borrowings and trade and other payables.

Financial liabilities are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, except for financial liabilities held for trading or designated at FVTPL, that are carried subsequently at fair value with gains or losses recognised in profit or loss.

All interest-related charges and, if applicable, changes in an instrument's fair value that are reported in profit or loss are included within finance costs or finance income.

Notes to the financial statements

5.8 Income taxes

No provision for income tax has been raised as the entity is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

5.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and demand deposits, together with other short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible into known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

5.10 Post-employment benefits and short-term employee benefits

The entity provides post-employment benefits through defined contribution plans.

Defined contribution plans

The entity pays fixed contributions to independent entities in relation to superannuation plans for individual employees. The entity has no legal or constructive obligations to pay contributions in addition to its fixed contributions, which are recognised as an expense in the period that relevant employee services are received.

Employee benefits

Wages, salaries, annual leave and sick leave

Short-term employee benefits are current liabilities included in employee benefits, measured at the undiscounted amount that the entity expects to pay as a result of the unused entitlement.

Annual leave liability is presented as current liability for presentation purposes under AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*.

Where the entity does not expect all annual leave for all employees to be used wholly within 12 months of the end of reporting period that portion of the annual leave liability is discounted on calculation and included in 'other long-term benefit'.

Long service leave

The liability for long service leave is recognised in non-current employee benefits and measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures, and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on high quality corporate bonds with terms to maturity and currencies that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

5.11 Provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets

Provisions are measured at the estimated expenditure required to settle the present obligation, based on the most reliable evidence available at the reporting date, including the risks and uncertainties associated with the present obligation. Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. Provisions are discounted to their present values, where the time value of money is material.

Notes to the financial statements

5.11 Provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets (cont.)

Any reimbursement that the entity can be virtually certain to collect from a third party with respect to the obligation is recognised as a separate asset. However, this asset may not exceed the amount of the related provision.

No liability is recognised if an outflow of economic resources as a result of present obligation is not probable. Such situations are disclosed as contingent liabilities, unless the outflow of resources is remote in which case no liability is recognised.

5.12 Deferred income

The liability for deferred income is the unutilised amounts of grants received on the condition that specified services are delivered or conditions are fulfilled. The services are usually provided or the conditions usually fulfilled within twelve months of receipt of the grant. Where the amount received is in respect of services to be provided over a period that exceeds twelve months after the reporting date or the conditions will only be satisfied more than twelve months after the reporting date, the liability is discounted and presented as non-current.

5.13 Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the 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 statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis, except for the GST components of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

5.14 Public Fund

The Public Fund was established under the Our Watch Constitution and is regulated by the Office of the Harm Prevention Charities Register. The Public Fund along with its Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status gives the organisation the ability to accept donations from the public and to issue tax receipts for donations. Transactions for the year ending 30 June 2017 total \$52,479 (2016: \$15,228).

Notes to the financial statements

6 Revenue

Revenue for each category is shown below:

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Revenue		
Government grants	6,184,158	6,749,773
Project contributions	728,797	400,000
Donations	52,479	15,227
Total contributions	<u>6,965,434</u>	<u>7,165,000</u>
Interest revenue	45,340	88,954
Other revenue	151,106	23,210
Total other revenue	<u>196,446</u>	<u>112,164</u>

7 Property, plant and equipment

Details of the entity's property, plant and equipment and their carrying amount are as follows:

	Motor Vehicles	Leasehold Imprv'ts	Plant & Equipment	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Carrying amount at 1 July 2015	32,379	159,044	107,582	299,005
Additions	-	51,599	48,721	100,320
Disposals	(30,242)	-	-	(30,242)
Depreciation	(2,137)	(38,092)	(47,049)	(87,278)
Carrying amount at 30 June 2016	<u>-</u>	<u>172,551</u>	<u>109,254</u>	<u>281,805</u>
Additions	-	56,250	5,904	62,154
Disposals	-	-	(5,603)	(5,603)
Depreciation	-	(44,753)	(45,382)	(90,135)
Carrying amount at 30 June 2017	<u>-</u>	<u>184,048</u>	<u>64,173</u>	<u>248,221</u>

8 Leases

8.1 Operating leases as lessee

The entity's future minimum operating lease payments are as follows:

	Minimum Lease Payments Due						
	Within 1 year	2017			2016		
		\$	2 to 5 years	After 5 years	Within 1 year	2 to 5 years	After 5 years
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
On 30 June	<u>159,483</u>	<u>123,433</u>	-	137,540	103,413	-	

Lease expense during the period amounted to \$138,976 (2016:\$131,636), representing the minimum lease payments.

The property lease commitments are non-cancellable operating leases with lease terms of three years with an option to renew. Lease commitments are subject to an annual increase of 3.75%.

Notes to the financial statements

9 Financial assets and liabilities

9.1 Categories of financial assets and liabilities

The carrying amounts presented in the statement of financial position relate to the following categories of assets and liabilities:

	Notes	2017 \$	2016 \$
Financial assets			
Current:			
Trade and other receivables	10	575,020	541,035
Cash and cash equivalents	11	4,189,485	3,108,371
		4,764,505	3,649,406
Financial liabilities			
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost:			
Current:			
Trade and other payables	13	810,070	302,964

See note 5.6 for a description of the accounting policies for each category of financial instruments. Information relating to fair values is presented in the related notes.

10 Receivables and other assets

Receivables and other assets consist of the following:

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Current		
Trade receivables	569,109	40,046
Accrued income	5,711	500,000
Bonds	200	200
Accrued interest receivable	-	789
Prepayments	2,805	94,316
	577,825	635,351

11 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of the following:

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Cash at bank	1,189,485	2,108,371
Short term deposits	3,000,000	1,000,000
Cash and cash equivalents	4,189,485	3,108,371

Notes to the financial statements

12 Employee remuneration

12.1 Employee benefits expense

Expenses recognised for employee benefits are analysed below:

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Wages and salaries	2,696,468	2,373,760
Recruitment and other employee related costs	334,347	204,124
Superannuation – defined contribution plans	254,992	226,903
Employee benefit provisions	7,833	57,310
Employee benefits expense	3,293,640	2,862,097

12.2 Employee benefits

The liabilities recognised for employee benefits consist of the following amounts:

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Current:		
Annual leave	143,387	146,258
Non-current		
Long Service Leave	23,812	13,109

13 Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables recognised consist of the following:

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Current:		
Trade payables	384,072	111,468
GST and PAYG payables	177,795	57,372
Other creditors and accruals	248,203	134,124
Total trade and other payables	810,070	302,964

All above liabilities are short-term. The carrying values are considered to be a reasonable approximation of the fair value.

14 Other liabilities

Other liabilities comprise the following:

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Deferred revenue	1,933,669	1,424,414

Deferred revenue consists of government grants received in advance for services to be rendered in the future by the entity. Income is recognised over the life of the contract as the service is provided.

Notes to the financial statements

15 Professional fees

Professional fees consist of the following:

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Accounting and audit fees	47,553	106,515
Consultancy and contractors' fees	1,619,546	1,973,056
Legal fees	10,531	33,957
Total professional fees	1,677,630	2,113,528

The nature of the business will continue to see engagement of external consultants and project partners to deliver key projects.

16 Auditor remuneration

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Amounts paid / payable to Grant Thornton Audit Pty Ltd		
Audit and review of financial statements	18,550	18,000
Other assurance services	4,900	5,000
Total auditor's remuneration	23,450	23,000

17 Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net deficit for the year	(34,189)	(180,293)
<i>Non-cash flows in operating deficit:</i>		
Depreciation	90,135	87,278
<i>Net changes in working capital:</i>		
Change in receivables	57,526	(18,334)
Change in trade and other payables	450,856	(695,594)
Change in deferred revenue	509,255	(2,079,750)
Change in provisions	7,832	47,646
Net cash from/(used by) operating activities	1,081,415	(2,839,047)

18 Related party transactions

The entity's related parties include its key management personnel and related entities as described below.

There have been no related party transactions with the Directors or Senior Management personnel during the year, only disbursements (2016: nil).

Notes to the financial statements

18 Related party transactions

18.1 Transactions with key management personnel

Key management personnel of the entity are the Board of Directors and senior management. Key management personnel remuneration comprises the following expenses:

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Total remuneration	790,967	583,659

19 Project reserve

The project reserve comprises unspent contributions income received from corporate contributors. This fund accumulates on receipt of project contributions and is depleted upon the distribution of those contributions to carry out project specific expenditure. Contributions received during the year total \$728,797 and unspent funds are \$310,570.

20 Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities that have been incurred by the entity in relation to the reporting year (2016: none).

21 Post-reporting date events

There were no adjusting or significant non-adjusting events have occurred between the reporting date and the date of authorisation (2016: none).

22 Members' guarantee

The entity is incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* and is an entity limited by guarantee. If the entity is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$100 towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the entity. At 30 June 2017, the total amount that members of the entity are liable to contribute if the entity wound up is \$700 (2016: \$600).

Directors' Declaration

In the opinion of the Directors of the entity:

- a. The financial statements and notes of the entity are in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:
 - i. Giving a true and fair view of its financial position as at 30 June 2017 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
 - ii. Complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*, and
- b. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the entity will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors:



Director

Natasha Stott Despoja AM

Dated the 21 September 2017

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR WATCH LIMITED

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Auditor's Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Our Watch Limited (the "Entity"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017, and the statement of 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 financial report of Our Watch Limited has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- a giving a true and fair view of the Entity's financial position as at 30 June 2017 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- b complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

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

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Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report

Those charged with governance are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Entity's Directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2017, 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.

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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 Entity are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards– Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Directors are responsible for assessing the 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 Entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 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 audit report. However, future events or conditions may cause the 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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Chartered Accountants



S P Lawson

Partner – Audit & Assurance

Melbourne, 21 September 2017

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