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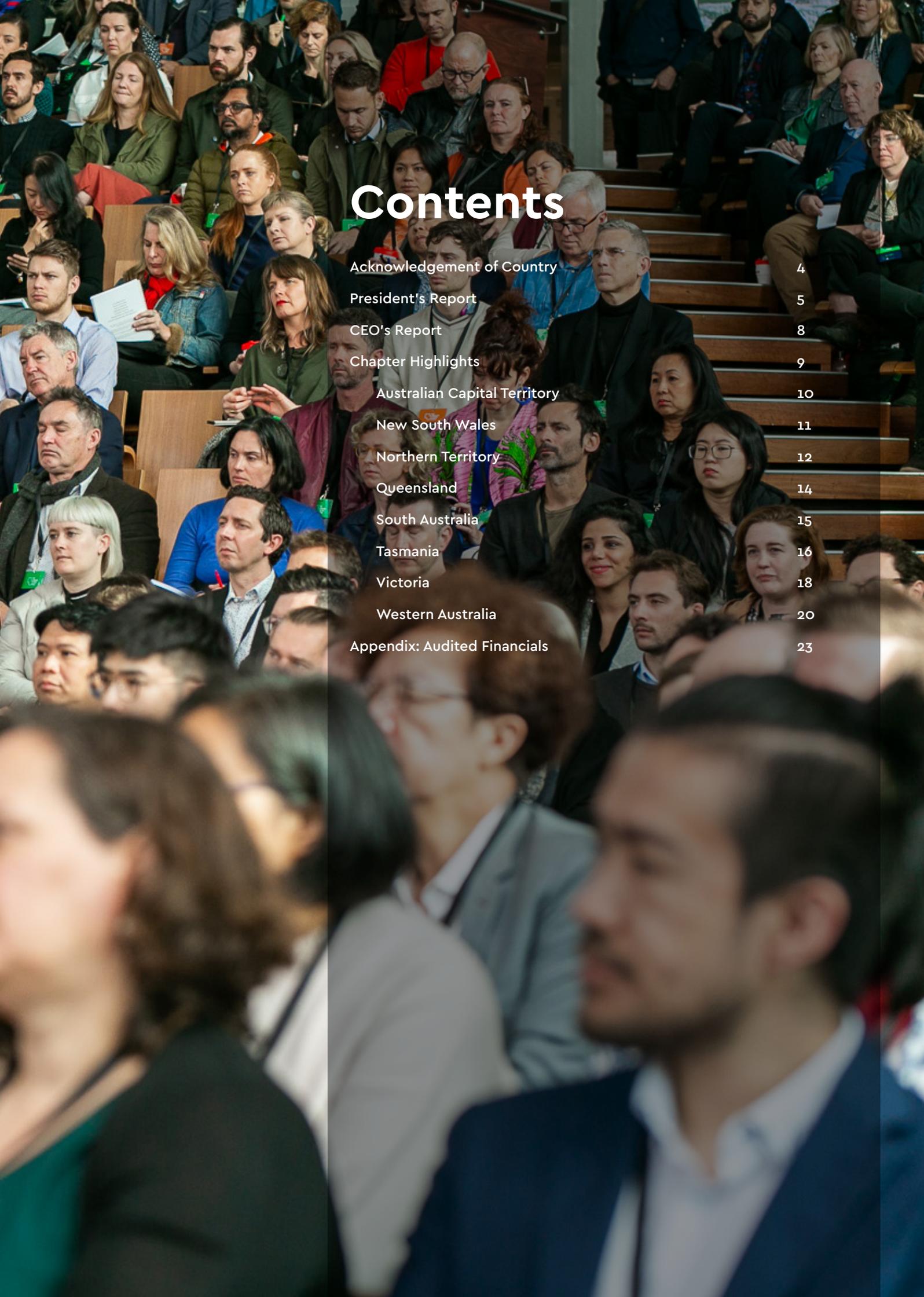
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Cover Image. Climate Action and Extinction Rebellion Protest Event Activation, Federation Square VIC 2019

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Image. International Festival of Landscape Architect, Federation Square VIC, 2019

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Acknowledgment of Country

The AILA acknowledges and respects Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples of Australia, as the traditional custodians of our lands, waters and seas.

We recognise their ability to care for Country and their deep spiritual connection with Country.

We honour Elders past and present whose knowledge and wisdom ensure the continuation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.



Image above. North Gardens Sculpture Park Landscape Master Plan, Wendouree Parade, Ballarat VIC

Image credit. David Jones

President's Report

As we endure climate change and the public health pandemic, and the associated decline in our health, society, economy and environment, it would be easy to cower in the corner and wish that everything would go back to the comfortable, but unsustainable way it used to be. I, for one, though, don't see that happening – instead I understand the current series of events to be the defining epoch of the 21st century. As landscape architects, we have the skills to deal with the crisis we now find ourselves in, and the generational opportunity to lead – however counterintuitive and awkward this may make us feel. I proudly chaired the 2020 National Landscape Architecture Awards and the projects awarded clearly demonstrated our profession's breadth of talent and skills in problem solving. In terms of my own moment of realization of the difference I can make in my profession: I work for an organization that manages some of the best parks in Brisbane. This realization came with the unparalleled wave of positive public support received during the recent lockdowns for keeping these parks open and beautiful in recognition of their role in people's mental and physical health. Since Queensland's reopening, we have delivered a new event portfolio across the City Parklands Services that focuses on emotional recovery in a safe environment. The program has drawn accolades from the public and shows what we, as landscape architects, can achieve in leadership positions.

So what do we need to do as landscape architects and landscape planners to really lead? We must advocate like there is no tomorrow. The 2019 AILA Federal Election Campaign showed us what we are capable of, with limited resources but a common voice. How do we raise this to the next level, for every federal, state and local election, in relation to emerging and established issues? We must speak unreservedly, with strong and clear voices, and build upon the relationships of our warm and collegiate profession. We must refine how we communicate, and to whom, for our collective voice to have its greatest resonance.

From an economic perspective, in our current insular environment, we may very well see a more restrictive approach to immigration going forward. Without immigration, Australia will face a significant skills shortage, as traditional sources of stereotype employees, will be in shorter supply. Those industries that attract employees from across gender, age, culture and race to provide labour supply will be the ones that thrive and prosper and are able to meet productivity demands. From a social equity perspective, I aspire to be part of an industry that embraces equity and diversity, as it reflects our values, and provides for richer and more meaningful landscapes. While we have made good preliminary steps in recent years, advocating for gender diversity and Reconciliation, our appreciation of cultural diversity requires improvement

At the same time, to address the skills shortage and ensure productivity, we desperately need to invest in improving the quality of academic and vocational programs, to both attract students to the industry and turn out quality graduates. We also need to invest in ongoing CPD to ensure quality registration that meets any new statutory obligations in construction licencing. AILA needs to continue to be socially progressive, with regards to both equity and investment in education, no matter how inconsistent with conservative government agendas.

From an operational perspective I pay tribute to the our former AILA CEO Tim Arnold and our new CEO Ben Stockwin for their significant contribution, as well as the unfailing AILA staff for their business continuity in the CEO transition process. I would especially like to acknowledge the work of Catherine Horner in taking on the role of Acting CEO between Tim and Ben. Her indefatigable nature and attention to detail steadied the AILA ship during a period of transition and uncertainty as the impacts of a global pandemic emerged. Thankyou!

After being continuously involved with the AILA National Board at an executive level since 2012, including serving three terms as an elected director and one year as a chapter president, in October I finally step down it is time for the profession to see new leadership and fresh voices, but at the same time, the change that has enveloped our organization since 2013 has been fundamental to the discipline's capacity to respond to future change. The fundamental reform of our corporate governance and financial management platforms, the reform of our annual awards program, our Reconciliation Action Plan, our Gender Equity Study, and the ongoing revamps of our communications platforms (more work still needed!) are particular highlights.

Thanks to all the Directors , Chapter Presidents, Committee Members and Members and AILA staff I have worked with since 2013, as I have always tried to lead with the culture of being "one of a group of leaders" dedicated to ensuring diversity and equity in our collective voice and actions. I am proud to have been deeply involved in AILA's steady evolution over the past few years, and will continue to be landscape architecture and landscape planning's most passionate advocate for their critical role on our beautiful planet.

Shaun Walsh FAILA

AILA National President (2018 – 2020)



Image above. President's Address, International Festival of Landscape of Architecture, Federation Square, 2019

Image credit. David Hyde Photography



Image. Aerodrome Road Intersection, Maroochydore, QLD
Image Credit. Christopher Frederick Jones

CEO's Report

I sincerely say that it gives me great pleasure to sit down and write my first CEO annual report for the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects.

When I applied for and was subsequently interviewed for the role, what struck me about the organisation was the essential good that the profession provides to the general community, the environment and the places we all inhabit. It is hard to think of a role or position that allows me to support the immediate improvement to the Australian communities' daily lives as this role.

Even though I have only been CEO for just over 1/4 of the 2019/20 year, the challenges, opportunities and responses have laid the direction for AILA for years to come.

Prior to my arrival former CEO Tim Arnold, the AILA staff and the vast raft of volunteers continued the journey of continuous improvement. The renewed focus on continuous professional development via the Latitude programme proved there was a clear appetite for quality CPD among our members. The first 2 pilot Latitude sessions sold out in a matter of days.

The 2019 festival was a success not only from an attendance and financial perspective but also for the vast array of quality speakers and sessions that were provided to members. It also marked a stepping up of AILA's advocacy



campaigns. The declaration of a climate emergency and subsequent 'Climate Action and Extinction Rebellion Protest Event', clearly illustrates the role that landscape architecture has in not only designing, defining and creating quality spaces but also the role the profession plays in advocating for a greener planet.

For all the challenges that COVID-19 has thrown up it has also presented AILA with a unique opportunity to further evolve and grow the organisations development. I give full credit to my colleagues, the AILA staff in being able to quickly identify and accept the reality of what 2020 was going to look like and to commit to a brand-new way of providing value to the membership.

The move to a total online environment occurred in an exceptionally short period of time and provided immediate benefits to our members. The feedback to date is overwhelmingly positive and the move to an online environment will forever be a feature of the work that we do.

In conjunction with the company account, AILAs Finance, Risk and Audit Committee and the nation Board a budget reset was undertaken to ensure AILAs financial sustainability in face of the looming challenges of COVID. The year ahead will continue to be challenging fiscally but we will meet this by maintaining a close watch on forward cashflow forecasts and increasing the value proposition of membership of AILA.

The 2020/21 year will see a continuation of improvement to the value proposition for AILA and for the landscape architecture profession. It will also see greater clarity and definition of the role and direction of the organisation. A revised strategic plan will be in place from January the 1st 2021 and will define the priorities for AILA in supporting and leading a post COVID recovery for landscape architecture and landscape architects.

In closing I wish to acknowledge the exceptional work that all of the staff at AILA have done in adjusting to a new CEO, the challenges of COVID and continuing to provide an exceptional range of offerings to our members in a new and virtual environment. I also thank the board for welcoming me and supporting me in my transition. I'm also humbled by the welcome and positivity provided to me by all in the AILA community and I look forward to working with you all in the coming years to make AILA the best version of itself that it can be.

Ben Stockwin

AILA Chief Executive Officer



Image. Julia Reserve Youth Park, Oran Park NSW
Image Credit. Brett Boardman

Chapter Highlights

Australian Capital Territory

Snapshot of the ACT industry

2020 has reshaped our perceptions and values of landscapes in our city and region. From the summer bushfires to COVID-19, we have rediscovered the significance of our open space networks in providing respite and restoration.

Landscape architects in the ACT were not alone in feeling the effects of COVID-19 - with impacts felt across the nation's economy, mental health, physical health and wellbeing. Canberrans were fortunate that we did not have a prolonged lockdown period, allowing members to return to a semblance of normalcy. The impacts on the industry are expected to continue and ongoing Government support will be vital in the recovery ahead.

Events and Achievements

Despite the limitations from the summer bushfires and COVID-19 lockdown, the ACT Chapter managed to hold a number of virtual events throughout 2020.

ACT Chapter Awards

In June this year the ACT held our biennial chapter awards. Like many other chapters, this was the first year we conducted the jury process and award ceremony entirely online. The jury were delighted with the breadth and quality of submissions, identifying seven Landscape Architecture Awards and three Awards of Excellence. In recognising the regional scale of many of the ACT's projects, the jury also awarded the inaugural Regional Achievement in Landscape Architecture Award for the ACT.

ACT Election: Built Environment Forum

This October the ACT election for the Legislative Assembly will take place. In the lead up to this event, AILA partnered with PIA and AIA to conduct a Built Environment Forum with key ministers and MLA's from the Liberal, Labor and Greens parties. Due to COVID restrictions, this event was held online and live-broadcast to members across the built environment industry - enabling more members to participate in the democratic process remotely.

Advocacy to Government

The ACT chapter executive have invested a large amount of time in 2020 advocating to the ACT Government. In an election year and in response to the unfolding crises that have impacted our city, AILA has maintained a strong voice

on behalf of members through forums such as PACICERG, Built Environment Forums, attending briefings on the planning system review, responding to consequential Draft Variations including DV369 and DV377, and assessing place plans that will guide the future transformation of our city.

Response to the Urban Forest Strategy

One of the most significant ACT Government policies to be released this year was the Urban Forest Strategy. AILA commended the ACT Government for setting out a vision for a resilient and sustainable urban forest that supports a liveable city and contributes to the wellbeing of the community in a changing climate. Chapter members worked hard to interrogate the detail of the strategy and provide recommendations in response to the six key objectives of the policy.

Looking ahead to 2021

After the challenges of 2020, it is with hope and optimism we look ahead to 2021. Many of the events postponed this year (including the Margaret Hendry Lecture) are scheduled to return next year. We expect that with easing of restrictions, more CPD and industry events can be held in person and online.

We would like to thank Glascott for their ongoing support and partnership throughout the year.

Steve Kirsu AILA

ACT Chapter President



Image above. ACT Chapter 2020 Awards during COVID-19 (complying with local health advice on physical distancing)

New South Wales

Introduction

This year has been disruptive to say the least. Like all state chapters, NSW has been extensively impacted with years of drought, devastating bushfires, floods and then with COVID 19 and the subsequent national and global health and economics impacts.

In amongst this Josh Zunert, elected NSW President, step down due to work conflicts. New elections took place with Emily Forrest; Adam Jeffery (Secretary) and Carlo Missio and myself (President) returning, and new members Tanya Wood (VP); Emma Washington; Grace Mansour, and David Moir.

Despite the disruption, the NSW Chapter, like many other states, moved quickly and successfully to online format (much thanks to Tessa)

Building the profile of the profession

NSW Awards moved to an online format and, at that time, the awards had been viewed over 1500 times (thanks to Awards Chair Sara Padgett Kjaersgaard). The new online technology allowed for new round table talks and webinars that had local and international audiences. AILA Fresh (Tanya Wood) quickly capitalise on the online format with their OUT OF PRINT online series a review of student work responding to select issues ie climate change. AILA NSW has maintained strong communication channels with allied profession commenting on issue affecting NSW. The LATitude CPD trial program was a success, and is now being readied for national roll out. Committee of Sydney, Public Space for Design Competition, is a AILA endorsed competition with Shaun Walsh as jury member.

Advocating to Government

AILA continues to engage and build relationships with NSWG by being part of the new Planning System COVID-19 response (Peak bodies), represented on the SDRP Evaluation Panel and commenting on a number of new initiatives including Draft Design and Place SEPP; Greener Places Guide; Green Grid, and Premier Priorities. These responses and comments are well supported by the Advocacy Committee which saw the outgoing Chair, Gareth Collins (6 years as Chair) and new Chair, Emma Washington. To better prioritise the work, advocacy committee is now supported by specialist support groups imbedded in all of AILA NSW responses: Heritage Committee (Matthew Taylor), Connection to Country (Sara Padgett Kjaersgaard), Gender Equity (Julie Lee), Regional Members (David Moir).

Membership Growth

Membership remain strong in NSW with steady growth with new RLAs and Students-Graduates further enhanced with the announcement of two new Fellows, Sara Padgett Kjaersgaard, UNSW, and Mike Horne, Turf Design. The Gender Equity with Layne Beachley, the Xmas Party, the Awards and CPD events such LATitude Courses, round tables discussions and webinar successfully maintained connections with the members during the pandemic.

Ensuring a sustainable AILA

NSW FY Net budget achieved a surplus of \$19K, \$5K over budgeted surplus. Awards 2020 broke even with CPD and social events running a profit. Corporate partnership and membership fees remain main revenue source.

NSW Chapter Strategic Plan 2019-21, set three priorities: Advocating to government - including developing effective supporting systems allowing the Executive to make progress in a number of key areas; Regional focus – build member networks by drawing on key regional issues through direct connection; Climate action – what does the AILA Climate Emergency really mean for AILA NSW action. The strategic workshop recognised that imbedded into the above is Heritage; Connection to Country, and Gender Equity (specialist groups supporting Advocacy Committee). The strategic plan recognises the National Office proposed Pillar 5 – Education (and Landscape in Schools).

Lee Andrews AILA

NSW Chapter President



Image above. Climate Strike Sydney, September 2019

Northern Territory

Like everyone else, 2019/2020 has been an interesting period for the AILA NT Team. With the NT economy experiencing a decline and plateauing out over the past few years, our local industry has appeared to keep relatively stable throughout the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and thanks to the situation the Territory has found itself in, there has been promising signs in both the public and private sectors of positive growth and investment going forward in the landscape realm. This has been coupled by encouraging signs from the government, at both local and territory level having a renewed focus recognizing the importance of some fundamental benefits of landscape with intents such as urban cooling. While there is a world of work to do, through trial and education, the general signs in the NT have been encouraging for our profession.

AILA NT started with great momentum in August 2019 representing our industry at the Works, Skills and Careers Expo to prospective students. This was followed in October by a first since 2015 with AILA NT hosting an event in Darwin. Jointly held with AIA NT, the Urban Cooling & Heat Mitigation Seminar saw Dr. Libby Gallagher travel to Darwin to present along with FAILA member Tony Cox and Shenagh Gamble from the City of Darwin. The talk was well attended from various professions from the greater Darwin area with robust and productive dialogue during the panel discussion concluding the evening.

The profile of AILA NT has been enhanced over the course of 2020 through advocacy and continued liaison

with government and other professional bodies. Prior to Christmas NT members attended a breakfast meeting with the Chief Minister where we were able to share thoughts and feedback on the future of the Territory and raise issues relevant to the profession. This momentum was carried through with quarterly catchups with NTG to discuss landscape matters in an effort to produce better processes and outcomes for the built environment. An election letter was also sent from AILA NT to prospective parties which was also a great opportunity to voice opinions and communicate the importance of the landscape throughout the Territory. On top of these activities members also volunteered their time in furniture design sessions with HPA supporting Territorian's with disabilities.

AILA NT looks forward to the upcoming new year and ready to embrace whatever challenges and rewards that come along with it. We plan to continue focusing on continued communication with all professions and bodies involved in the landscape realm. AILA NT would also like to thank AILA SA for giving projects from the NT an opportunity to be showcased as part of the joint awards this year. We will explore opportunities for future events that AILA NT can be involved in, whether hosting or participating online and after launching our first social media presence through Instagram we will continue to share landscape updates and inspiration from the Territory (check it out!).

Samuel Hare AILA
NT Chapter President

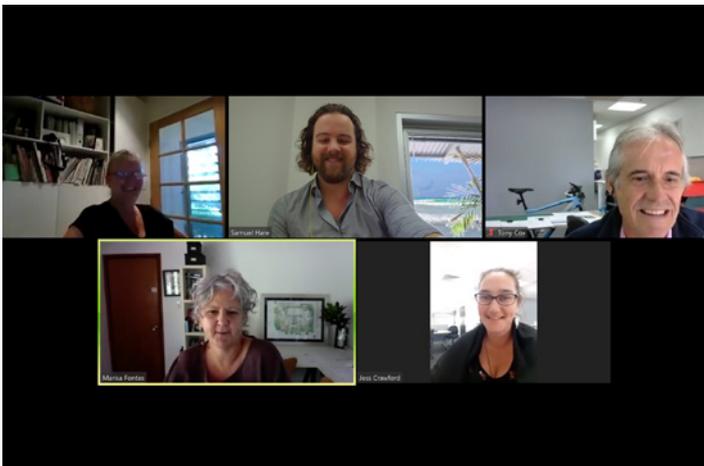


Image above. AILA Northern Territory Zoom Meeting, 2020



Image above. AILA Northern Territory Career's Expo, 2019



Image: Dyradiya Square, Waterloo, NSW
Image Credit: Simon Wood

Queensland

It has been a challenging year for our Queensland membership and organisation as a whole, with COVID-19 having so many repercussions not only on the way we work, but across all aspects of life across the world.

We have had to change the way we do things as an organisation and state chapter – moving events online and connecting with members through virtual catch ups. The geographical spread of members has been a constant balancing act over the years and the move to an online program has allowed more inclusion for regional members and those who find physical events hard to attend.

There has been a newfound realisation of the importance of green space and active travel opportunities that are complementary to essential infrastructure, not only in our city centres, but also in our neighbourhoods, and surrounding our homes. These outdoor destinations are playing a huge role in social recovery as we begin to step out from the COVID-19 pandemic.

These challenging times have called for increased advocacy in Queensland – thank you to the Advocacy group, Executive and members for stepping up to advocate for the profession, highlighting the importance of this shared open space and advocating for stimulus in the industries hardest hit. Lobbying to government has increased, with election platforms produced for both local and state elections and the ongoing licencing issues.

Our Awards program offered another key vehicle to profile our profession during this time with a record number of entries and media exposure, including TV coverage, and a

potential reach of over 5 million people. The online platform through YouTube Premiere saw over 1100 views of the awards presentation teamed with a live zoom party to add a fun, social element to the event.

In terms of membership, AILA Queensland welcomed 22 new registered landscape architects in the last financial year and recognised four Fellows. We look forward to honouring these members in person soon. Our regional groups and sub-committees continue to be a strong support for the membership and collaborating with allied professions.

Thank you to all our members who have given their time to represent the profession on panels, conduct RLA interviews, through mentoring, local and national committees, speaking to school students, organising events, writing submissions and supporting the profession.

Thank you also to our state principal partner Eureka Landscapes, supporting partner Innovative Rigging and the national corporate partners, without your involvement we would not be able to provide Chapter support.

Importantly, we will continue to work with our members and partners over the next 12 months to explore innovative, flexible, creative ways to shape the profession in Queensland as we continue to emerge from the pandemic. The Queensland Executive and sub committees will continue to support the National key initiatives and the revised strategy, particularly around advocating to government, education and connections with first nations.

AILA Queensland Chapter



Images above. Queensland Chapter Events, 2019/2020



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South Australia

In 2020 we have found ourselves in unprecedented times as the impact of COVID-19 effects our families, businesses and the world in which we all live.

AILA SA has focused on working with our members and partners through this difficult time and has been building on the strong advocacy work we have been involved with locally over many years. We are advocating for Landscape Architects to lead the way in shaping a new normal, one with hopefully greater expectations, appreciation and recognition for our public open spaces in contributing to the health, wellbeing and resilience of our communities.

AILA SA has been advocating strongly to all levels of government to ensure our collective industries contribute meaningfully to stimulus projects that are rolled out across South Australia.

Advocacy highlights include

- advocating for value of profession through correspondence to the Premier, meetings with Ministers and building even stronger relationships with government agencies
- working actively with Wellbeing SA and the Department for Environment and Water, to develop the new the [Healthy Parks Healthy People SA Quality Green Open Space Action Plan 2020-2022](#)
- supporting the State government to review the draft Planning and Design Code (a culmination of many years of consultation)

Member engagement highlights include

- welcoming 7 new Registered Landscape Architects and recognising 2 new fellows
- holding over 27 online and face-to-face advocacy, networking and CPD events with more engagement and higher attendance levels than ever before
- establishing virtual hangouts for members during the peak of COVID-19 restrictions in SA including Virtual Lunch Hangouts, Virtual Drinks and Virtual Studio Hangouts
- delivering introductory and advanced Cultural Awareness and Sensitivity training for AILA SA Members
- delivering an all new Virtual Awards Program including an online project showcase of entries and a stonkingly good livestreamed Awards Announcement event for over 220 people from around Australia

Profiling the profession highlights include

- involvement with developing the [Connecting In Nature](#) video featuring Award winning SA project as part of SA government new website [Open Your World](#) to support the community health and wellbeing
- hosting the 2020 Healthy Parks Healthy People SA Award to showcase AILA SA Landscape Architecture Awards and support the important work of two SA government agencies

Goals for 20/21

As we have navigated this new virtual world AILA SA will look to delivering online and face to face events to support our members and nurture our future leaders over the coming 12 months.

In support of the AILA RAP we aim to develop a Karna History workshop led by Aboriginal elders.

We will also continue to advocate across South Australia on post-COVID stimulus for our work.

Thank you to all of our State partners including ODASA, Heyne's Wholesale Nursery, Jeffries, Ecodynamics, Carey Gully Sandstone and new partner brought on board during COVID 19, SA Water for their ongoing support, especially during such uncertain times.

Thank you to all our volunteer members who contribute to the SA Chapter in many different ways. Without your ongoing support we could not advocate so strongly for the landscape architecture profession in South Australia.

AILA South Australian Chapter



Images above. South Australia Christmas Party, 2019

Tasmania

AILA Tasmania has been a sleeper organization for some time but our members not so! The year has seen our numbers grow through immigration and our workload increase as we gain credibility through our good works amongst our allied professions, government and clients. As individuals, members have participated on the jury for the National AILA Awards, as Board Members for Dark Sky Tasmania, participants in Park(ing) Day and as speakers in national online forums and at last year's Festival in Melbourne.

It seems our work as individuals and practices has left little time for the business of the Institute. One highlight was in November last year when we hosted a City Talk entitled Scales of Nature: Small, Medium and Large. The talk examined the planetary scale data gathering and analysis being done by the Office of Other Spaces, Landcare and its role in maintaining regional landscape health and the tending of gardens as ecological practice.

Following that, we had a delightful Christmas breakfast at our local social enterprise café' and before we knew it, COVID struck and we were all in lockdown. Meanwhile, the workload never dropped off. Major projects continue to roll in, with our members in local government mirroring the heavy workloads in the private sector.

As the year trundles on, I hope members will find more energy for the business of AILA but if not, then my wish is for continuing excellent work that gains recognition for the profession in the community and helps make the world a better place to live.

With best wishes for the advancement of Landscape Architecture, your reluctant Tasmanian President.

Jerry de Gryse FAILA

Tasmania Chapter President



Images above. Hobart City Wayfinding Strategy, Urban Initiatives



Images above. The Lily Pads, Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens, Inspiring Place



Image. The Garden of Cloud and Stone, Thomas Street, Haymarket, NSW
Image Credit. Dianna Snape

Victoria

In July 2019, a new Victorian Executive Committee was elected consisting of eight members, showing the level of interest and dedication to AILA at a state level. In the first few months the newly appointed executive undertook a series of discussions to frame a Victorian Strategy for the two year term. A Strategic Directions Workshop was undertaken with the 2017-2019 State Executive and the Victorian Sub-Committees.

The Executive identified a need for a Victorian Communication and Engagement Strategy and a State Strategy that was aligned with AILA's 2018-2022 Strategic Plan. This State Strategy identified three key focus areas including; Climate Change, Gender Equity and the Reconciliation Action Plan.

Key Focus Area Updates

A Victorian Climate Action Group was formed and is working along-side the Victorian Environment Committee. Together they have developed a Victorian Climate Change Action Strategy. This will align with the National Plan and the confirmed National Climate Task Force once these are in place (still under development). The Victorian Action Group has held numerous discussions about the proposed strategy with interstate involvement. The Group has also hosted a series of events in declaration of the climate and biodiversity emergency and the use of the Climate Pathfinder Tool which has been developed to calculate carbon sequestration for landscape architectural projects. Knowledge sharing is a key aim for the Group.

To support the National Gender Equity Working Group, the Executive Committee reviewed the Gender Equity Next Steps Report to align the State's key actions. A series of talks and seminars are being developed that look to provide a mentoring role for females within the industry, with aims to guide and support career development. The Committee has also assisted the National Working Group on the push to have companies undertake pay equity audits to reduce the pay gap.

AILA's National Reconciliation Action Plan continues to be supported by the Victorian Committee, along with the work undertaken by Victorian Members and we await National direction to move forward. A Round Table Discussion was held during National Reconciliation Week, In this Together, with special guest Paul Herzich, Kaurna Traditional Owner of the Adelaide Plains. Paul shared his personal reflections

about becoming a landscape architect and how important it is to engage with the Aboriginal community to heal place.

Advocacy Update

The State Advocacy Committee has developed a collaborative process for responding to advocacy issues and an approach to streamlining submissions and responses as part of the Communication and Engagement Strategy. The Committee has responded to a range of submissions including the Better Apartment in Neighbourhoods, Yarra Strategic Plan, Melbourne Open Space Strategy and most recently The Parliament of Victoria - Legislative Assembly Environment and Planning Committee Inquiry into environmental infrastructure for growing populations. Further, the committee undertook a Candidate Survey for the Victorian Local Council Elections asking candidates a range of questions around their commitment to helping to achieve positive landscape outcomes and responding to climate change. The results have been circulated to AILA Members to help inform them about their local candidates.

Education Committee

The Victorian Education Committee was reactivated in 2019 by acting chair Mary Papaioannou. Kyle Bush and Alice Lewis later were appointed as its new co-chairs and have increased student engagement by inviting representatives from each Victorian university's key student group to the committee. The committee provided input into the National Accreditation Policy review and High School engagement program (with a 'launch' event planned post-COVID), has begun early conversations around Visa support for international students and co-planned/co-moderated the Chapter's online 'Practice Futures' symposium.

AILA Fresh

AILA Fresh have continued their highly successful Fresh Mentees Mentorship Program online, pairing 22 students and graduates with 22 professionals over a four month period. The program reached 116 participants with the third year of running the program. Another key event to be adapted online was Fresh Meet. This event focused on the inclusion of local, national and international professionals interacting with students and graduates, to answer questions and provide insights into their experiences within the profession. AILA Fresh were also involved in the organisation and delivery of the Next Gen day that was a part of the 2019 Festival of Landscape Architecture.

Festival of Landscape Architecture

The Victorian Chapter hosted the 2019 AILA Festival of Landscape Architecture, the Square and the Park, at Federation Square. This was the one of the last events to be held before COVID-19 forced the industry to adapt to a new digital form of engagement.

Going digital

The Victoria Chapter developed a range of digital events that helped to connect the Victorian Chapter and its members. Victoria's ability to adapt to this form of engagement has allowed Victoria, and AILA, to connect with a broader audience on a National scale, to share ideas, knowledge and learnings.

These digital events included a Green Room series, a new educational lunch time series designed to shine a light on different Landscape Architecture practices and projects. Overall these events have attracted over 500 attendees, with members expressing their desire for this series to continue.

Round Table events were also established to discuss key themes and issues including Climate Change, Gender Equity, Reconciliation Action Plan and Regional Victoria, by engaging with industry professionals. These events attracted approximately 160 attendees.



Images above. AILA Victoria Executive Committee, 2019/2020

Awards

2020 saw a pivot in the way which we needed to deliver our annual awards event. As the ability to interact in public places with fellow humans was not possible, switching to an online format was the way to go. While the new format was daunting and challenging for those behind the camera and for those preparing for it, the attendance / viewing of the awards was highly successful, with a much greater attendance than any of our 'in person' or 'live' events. Feedback from this event has been extremely positive, and while there were some evident teething problems with this format for the first time, reflecting on the process, the event was a success with lots of important learnings.

We acknowledge that AILA Victoria continues to benefit from its joint industry collaborations with PIA and AIA, as well as the OVGA, and that these on-going discussions have led to joint industry public submissions and events.

AILA Victoria would like to thank and recognize the continued support and participation from its state sponsors, Ecodynamics, Glascott Landscape and Civil and City of Melbourne. These relationships have contributed valuable time and energy and financial support for our state's program.

AILA Victorian Chapter



Images above. Blue meets Green Event, 2019

Western Australia

AILA WA has had a successful 2019 – 2020. We have continued our engagement with members via in person events, online event, advocacy round table, RAP committee meetings and WAILA fresh activities.

Our six-member executive team is functioning well with each member focusing on a key area of our strategic plan. AILA WA is preparing to develop a new strategic plan to align with the soon to be released national strategic plan. This will set a platform for the next executive team to commence with and continue to build a stronger AILA WA.

We have continued membership growth during this year by welcoming 14 new registered landscape architects to the organisation. This has been an unusual year for membership growth with the interviews and preparation meetings occurring virtually for the first time. Whilst this has been challenging it has also provided flexibility to the organisation which I believe will aid us in the future.

AILA WA have been working closely with the Office of Government Architect and there is now a Landscape Architect employed within the office. There is also a second Landscape Architect position currently being created to provide specific strategic level guidance to the OGA. This has come as a result of not only the AILA WA advocacy group but also a number of individual registered members providing strategic guidance and direction to various state government organisations.

The following events were held during the 2019-2020 year. Several events were planned for the first half of 2020, these were subsequently adjusted / postponed due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

2019-2020 events

- AILA WA 2019 awards ceremony held at the Camfield
- wAILA Fresh Studio crawl in collaboration with the Nanjing Forestry School
- WE-EF After Dark Party
- Meeting with AILA national board
- Architect Connect: Urban Greening CBD event
- Architect Connect: Urban Greening Fremantle event
- Presidents Breakfast – guest speaker Fiona Morrison
- Kings Park site visit in collaboration with Turf Growers Association
- End of year celebration
- Bushfire Design Fundraiser - \$1750.00 raised

2019-2020 events postponed/adjusted due to COVID-19

- Aboriginal Procurement Event – postponed until 29th October 2020
- Aboriginal Cultural Awareness & Understanding Workshop – held 27th August 2020
- Margaret River Regional Event – postponed until April 2021
- Architect Connect – Postponed until November 2020



Images above. AILA Western Australia Event



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- Benara Nurseries Landscape Technical/Project Tour – Postponed until November 2020
- Advocacy Group Barbara Schaffer Perth visit – Postponed and proposed to be a virtual event
- AILA WA 2020 awards event moved from June to July to enable an in person event to be held
- Three virtual lunch hangouts incorporating Local Government Landscape Architects, Small/Medium Practitioners and the Great Debate. It is proposed to maintain the local government Landscape Architects quarterly virtual meeting to enable ongoing engagement with these members.
- Six Advocacy Round Table discussions both in person and virtual
- Eight chapter meetings including the Annual Chapter meeting both in person and virtual
- Perth 2020 International Festival of Landscape Architecture – postponed until 2021

2020 – 2021 Proposed events / highlights

- 2021 International Festival of Landscape Architecture
- Continuation of advocacy round table
- Continuation of RAP committee and associated events
- AILA WA awards
- 2021 – 2022 AILA WA strategic plan
- Election of 2021-2023 AILA WA executive

AILA WA has had continued support of state sponsors which has enabled us to achieve a healthy list of events for our members. We look forward to continuing these relationships into the future and building on the relationships that have been developed. AILA WA has been nimble and responsive in dealing with the challenges posed by COVID-19. We have an ability to deliver events virtually and in person and we look forward to utilising this increased capability to continue delivering more outcomes for the organisation and our members.

Andrew Thomas AILA

Western Australia Chapter President



Images above. AILA Western Australia Event



Images above. Climate Action and Extinction Rebellion Protest Event Activation, Federation Square, VIC, 2019



Image: International Festival of Landscape Architecture, Federation Square VIC, 2019
Image Credit: David Hyde Photography



Appendix A
Audited Financials

Australian Institute of Landscape Architects Ltd

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Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2020

Australian Institute of Landscape Architects Ltd

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Directors' Report For the Year Ended 30 June 2020

The directors present their report on Australian Institute of Landscape Architects Ltd for the financial year ended 30 June 2020.

Directors

The names of the directors in office at any time during, or since the end of, the year are:

Names	Position
Shaun Walsh	President
Peta-Maree Ashford	Vice President
Chris Tidswell	Secretary
Katharina Nieberler-Walker	Board Member
Claire Martin	Board Member

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Information on directors

The names of each person who has been a director during the year and to the date of this report are:

Shaun Walsh	
Qualifications	Graduate Diploma Landscape Architecture Bachelor of Regional and Town Planning Master of Business Administration Graduate Australian Institute of Company Directors
Peta-Maree Ashford	
Qualifications	Bachelor of Landscape Architecture
Chris Tidswell	
Qualifications	Bachelor of Design Studies Masters of Architecture Masters of Landscape Architecture and Diploma of Project Management
Katharina Nieberler-Walker	
Qualifications	Dipl.-Ing. (FH) Germany - in Landscape Architecture
Claire Martin	
Qualifications	Bachelor of Design (Landscape Architecture) and Bachelor of Art (Combined Honours)

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Principal activities

The principal activity of Australian Institute of Landscape Architects Ltd during the financial year was to operate a professional association of landscape architects. The organisation's principle activities are to advance the interests of landscape architects and landscape architecture through promotion, campaigning and communicating to the public and key stakeholders the benefits of landscape architecture, and to support the profession through delivery of relevant services, benefits and products to support their practice and career.

No significant changes in the nature of the Company's activity occurred during the financial year.

Short term objectives

The Company's short term objectives are to:

- (a) Increase membership growth and engagement;
- (b) Increase sponsorship and partnership growth and engagement;
- (c) Increase advocacy and public campaigning through government, industry and public communications campaigns and engagement;
- (d) Increase student awareness and subsequent growth in enrolments within University programs;
- (e) Increase membership services, including individual and practice support and continuing professional development.

Objects of the Company

- (i) Facilitate the exchange of knowledge and information influencing the practice of the profession;
- (ii) Represent the professional views of its members;
- (iii) Influence government policy and legislation in the interests of its members and the profession;
- (iv) Promote and co-ordinate public and stakeholder confidence in the profession;
- (v) Establish and maintain high professional standards for its members;
- (vi) Provide for, review and/or otherwise help facilitate appropriate educational courses and activities;
- (vii) Deliver accountability and good corporate governance of the Institute; and
- (viii) Otherwise advance the professional interests of Members.

Operating results and review of operations for the year

Operating results

The profit of the Company after providing for income tax amounted to \$ 142,918 (2019: \$ 69,234).

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Directors' Report For the Year Ended 30 June 2020

Other items

Significant changes in state of affairs

The company has adapted to the COVID-19 environment by changing from physical events to online events. This does not greatly change the state of affairs of the company however we have had some initial reduction in sponsorship and partnership as a result of the changes generally in the economy.

Matters or circumstances arising after the end of the year

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or could significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.

Meetings of directors

During the financial year, 10 meetings of directors (including committees of directors) were held. Attendances by each director during the year were as follows:

Directors' Meetings	
Number eligible to attend	Number attended
Peta-Maree Ashford	9
Chris Tidswell	10
Shaun Walsh	9
Katharina Nieberler-Walker	10
Claire Martin	10

Indemnification and insurance of officers and auditors

No indemnities have been given or insurance premiums paid, during or since the end of the financial year, for any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of Australian Institute of Landscape Architects Ltd.

Auditor's independence declaration

The lead auditor's independence declaration in accordance with section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001*, for the year ended 30 June 2020 has been received and can be found on page 4 of the financial report.

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

Director: 

Director: 

Dated this24th..... day ofSeptember..... 2020

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Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 to the Directors of Australian Institute of Landscape Architects Ltd

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

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Vincents Audit Pty Ltd



Phillip W Miller CA
Director

Dated in Canberra on: 1 October 2020

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 30 June 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
Revenue	5	2,175,217	2,127,601
Employee Benefits Expenses		(1,067,942)	(1,017,486)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(59,445)	(36,788)
Grants Expenses		(1,208)	(2,000)
Consultants & Professional Services Expenses		(20,845)	(37,822)
Publication Expenses		(134,125)	(134,474)
Office Expenses		(3,551)	(46,021)
Events, Awards & Administration Expenses		(712,096)	(738,540)
Auditors remuneration		(15,160)	(14,383)
Other Expenses		(17,927)	(30,853)
Profit before income tax		142,918	69,234
Income Tax Expense		-	-
Profit for the year		142,918	69,234
Total comprehensive income for the year		142,918	69,234

The Company has initially applied AASB 15 and AASB 1058 using the cumulative effect method and has not restated comparatives. The comparatives have been prepared using AASB 111, AASB 118, AASB 1004 and related interpretations.

The Company has initially applied AASB 16 using the cumulative effect method and has not restated comparatives. The comparatives have been prepared using AASB 117 and related interpretations.

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 June 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	6	1,164,918	595,389
Trade and Other Receivables	7	72,828	147,637
Inventories	8	2,234	4,110
Other Assets	9	40,522	130,608
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		1,280,502	877,744
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant and Equipment	10	18,434	24,843
Intangible Assets	11	21,846	36,312
Right-of-use assets	12	53,909	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		94,189	61,155
TOTAL ASSETS		1,374,691	938,899
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and Other Payables	13	166,421	158,032
Other Liabilities	14	629,966	435,250
Employee benefits	15	78,180	44,137
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		874,567	637,419
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Employee benefits	15	16,019	16,019
Other financial liabilities	16	55,726	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		71,745	16,019
TOTAL LIABILITIES		946,312	653,438
NET ASSETS		428,379	285,461
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		428,379	285,461
TOTAL EQUITY		428,379	285,461

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Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 30 June 2020

2020

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2019	285,461	285,461
Profit/(Loss) for the year	142,918	142,918
Balance at 30 June 2020	<u>428,379</u>	<u>428,379</u>

2019

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2018	216,227	216,227
Profit/(Loss) for the year	69,234	69,234
Balance at 30 June 2019	<u>285,461</u>	<u>285,461</u>

The Company has initially applied AASB 15 and AASB 1058 using the cumulative effect method and has not restated comparatives. The comparatives have been prepared using AASB 111, AASB 118, AASB 1004 and related interpretations.

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Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended 30 June 2020

	2020	2019
Note	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Receipts from customers	2,629,737	2,281,613
Payments to suppliers and employees	(2,023,149)	(2,261,177)
Interest received	475	1,717
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	<u>607,063</u>	<u>22,153</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment	(6,225)	(20,064)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	<u>(6,225)</u>	<u>(20,064)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Lease payments - principal & interest	(31,309)	-
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	<u>(31,309)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	569,529	2,089
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	595,389	593,300
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	6 <u>1,164,918</u>	<u>595,389</u>

The Company has initially applied AASB 15 and AASB 1058 using the cumulative effect method and has not restated comparatives. The comparatives have been prepared using AASB 111, AASB 118, AASB 1004 and related interpretations.

The Company has initially applied AASB 16 using the cumulative effect method and has not restated comparatives. The comparatives have been prepared using AASB 117 and related interpretations.

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2020

The financial report covers Australian Institute of Landscape Architects Ltd as an individual entity. Australian Institute of Landscape Architects Ltd is a not-for-profit Company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The functional and presentation currency of Australian Institute of Landscape Architects Ltd is Australian dollars.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

2 New Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted

Revenue from Contracts with Customers - Adoption of AASB 15

The Company has adopted AASB 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* for the first time in the current year with a date of initial application of 1 July 2019.

No changes to the Company's accounting policies and the impact on these financial statements from applying AASB 15.

The Company has applied AASB 15 using the cumulative effect method which means the comparative information has not been restated and continues to be reported under AASB 111, AASB 118 and related interpretations.

Leases - Adoption of AASB 16

The Company has adopted AASB 16 *Leases* using the modified retrospective (cumulative catch-up) method from 1 July 2019 and therefore the comparative information for the year ended 30 June 2019 has not been restated and has been prepared in accordance with AASB 117 *Leases* and associated Accounting Interpretations.

Impact of adoption of AASB 16

The impact of adopting AASB 16 is described below:

Company as a lessee

Under AASB 117, the Company assessed whether leases were operating or finance leases based on its assessment of whether the significant risks and rewards of ownership had been transferred to the Company or remained with the lessor. Under AASB 16, there is no differentiation between finance and operating leases for the lessee and therefore all leases which meet the definition of a lease are recognised on the statement of financial position (except for short-term leases and leases of low value assets).

The Company has elected to use the exception to lease accounting for short-term leases and leases of low value assets, and the lease expense relating to these leases are recognised in the statement of profit or loss on a straight line basis.

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2 New Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted

Leases - Adoption of AASB 16

Impact of adoption of AASB 16

Practical expedients used on transition

AASB 16 includes a number of practical expedients which can be used on transition, the Company has used the following expedients:

- contracts which had previously been assessed as not containing leases under AASB 117 were not re-assessed on transition to AASB 16;
- lease liabilities have been discounted using the Company's incremental borrowing rate at 1 July 2019;
- right-of-use assets at 1 July 2019 have been measured at an amount equal to the lease liability adjusted by the amount of any prepaid or accrued lease payments;
- a single discount rate was applied to all leases with similar characteristics;
- the right-of-use asset was adjusted by the existing onerous lease provision (where relevant) at 30 June 2019 rather than perform impairment testing of the right-of-use asset;
- excluded leases with an expiry date prior to 30 June 2020 from the statement of financial position and lease expenses for these leases have been recorded on a straight-line basis over the remaining term;
- used hindsight when determining the lease term if the contract contains options to extend or terminate the lease;
- for leases which were classified as finance leases under AASB 117, the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset and the lease liability at 1 July 2019 are the same value as the leased asset and liability on 30 June 2019.

Financial statement impact of adoption of AASB 16

The Company has recognised right-of-use assets of \$86,254 and lease liabilities of \$86,254 at 1 July 2019, for leases previously classified as operating leases.

3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Income Tax

The company is exempt from income tax on mutual income under the principal of mutuality. Any non-member income net of relevant expenses is subject to income tax. Any income tax paid and payable is treated as current income tax and debited to income tax expense.

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3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(b) Leases

For comparative year

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all of the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

For current year

At inception of a contract, the Company assesses whether a lease exists - i.e. does the contract convey the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

This involves an assessment of whether:

- The contract involves the use of an identified asset - this may be explicitly or implicitly identified within the agreement. If the supplier has a substantive substitution right then there is no identified asset.
- The Company has the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from the use of the asset throughout the period of use.
- The Company has the right to direct the use of the asset i.e. decision making rights in relation to changing how and for what purpose the asset is used.

Lessee accounting

The non-lease components included in the lease agreement have been separated and are recognised as an expense as incurred.

At the lease commencement, the Company recognises a right-of-use asset and associated lease liability for the lease term. The lease term includes extension periods where the Company believes it is reasonably certain that the option will be exercised.

The right-of-use asset is measured using the cost model where cost on initial recognition comprises of the lease liability, initial direct costs, prepaid lease payments, estimated cost of removal and restoration less any lease incentives received.

The right-of-use asset is depreciated over the lease term on a straight line basis and assessed for impairment in accordance with the impairment of assets accounting policy.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments at the commencement of the lease. The discount rate is the rate implicit in the lease, however where this cannot be readily determined then the Company's incremental borrowing rate is used.

Subsequent to initial recognition, the lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. The lease liability is remeasured whether there is a lease modification, change in estimate of the lease term or index upon which the lease payments are based (e.g. CPI) or a change in the Company's assessment of lease term.

Where the lease liability is remeasured, the right-of-use asset is adjusted to reflect the remeasurement or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

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3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(b) Leases

Exceptions to lease accounting

The Company has elected to apply the exceptions to lease accounting for both short-term leases (i.e. leases with a term of less than or equal to 12 months) and leases of low-value assets. The Company recognises the payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

(c) Revenue and other income

Revenue is recognised when the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Company and specific criteria relating to the type of revenue as noted below, has been satisfied.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and is presented net of returns, discounts and rebates.

Sale of goods

Revenue is recognised on transfer of goods to the customer as this is deemed to be the point in time when risks and rewards are transferred and there is no longer any ownership or effective control over the goods.

Grant revenue

Grant revenue is recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income when the Company obtains control of the grant, it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the entity and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably.

When grant revenue is received whereby the Company incurs an obligation to deliver economic value directly back to the contributor, this is considered a reciprocal transaction and the grant revenue is recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until the service has been delivered to the contributor, otherwise the grant is recognised as income on receipt.

Rendering of services

Revenue in relation to rendering of services is recognised depending on whether the outcome of the services can be estimated reliably. If the outcome can be estimated reliably then the stage of completion of the services is used to determine the appropriate level of revenue to be recognised in the period.

If the outcome cannot be reliably estimated then revenue is recognised to the extent of expenses recognised that are recoverable.

Subscriptions

Revenue from the provision of membership subscriptions is recognised on a straight line basis over the financial year.

Other income

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis when the Company is entitled to it.

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3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(d) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset are capitalised as part of the cost of that asset.

All other borrowing costs are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

(e) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST.

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

(f) Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(g) Property, plant and equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment.

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are measured using the cost model.

Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment, excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the assets useful life to the Company, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable asset are shown below:

Fixed asset class	Depreciation rate
Plant and Equipment	20%-33.33%

At the end of each annual reporting period, the depreciation method, useful life and residual value of each asset is reviewed. Any revisions are accounted for prospectively as a change in estimate.

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3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(h) Intangible Assets

Website

Website has a finite life and is carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation and impairment losses. It has an estimated useful life of between one and three years.

Amortisation

Amortisation is recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of intangible assets, from the date that they are available for use.

Amortisation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted if appropriate.

(i) Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised initially on the date that the Company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

On initial recognition, all financial instruments are measured at fair value plus transaction costs (except for instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss where transaction costs are expensed as incurred).

Financial assets

All recognised financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial assets.

Classification

On initial recognition, the Company classifies its financial assets into the following categories, those measured at:

- amortised cost

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Company changes its business model for managing financial assets.

Amortised cost

Assets measured at amortised cost are financial assets where:

- the business model is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

The Company's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other receivables and cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position.

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3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(i) Financial instruments

Financial assets

Subsequent to initial recognition, these assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less provision for impairment.

Interest income, foreign exchange gains or losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.

Impairment of financial assets

Impairment of financial assets is recognised on an expected credit loss (ECL) basis for the following assets:

- financial assets measured at amortised cost

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial assets has increased significant since initial recognition and when estimating ECL, the Company considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis based on the Company's historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward looking information.

The Company uses the presumption that an asset which is more than 30 days past due has seen a significant increase in credit risk.

The Company uses the presumption that a financial asset is in default when:

- the other party is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Company in full, without recourse to the Company to actions such as realising security (if any is held).

Credit losses are measured as the present value of the difference between the cash flows due to the Company in accordance with the contract and the cash flows expected to be received. This is applied using a probability weighted approach.

Trade receivables

Impairment of trade receivables have been determined using the simplified approach in AASB 9 which uses an estimation of lifetime expected credit losses. The Company has determined the probability of non-payment of the receivable and multiplied this by the amount of the expected loss arising from default.

The amount of the impairment is recorded in a separate allowance account with the loss being recognised in finance expense. Once the receivable is determined to be uncollectable then the gross carrying amount is written off against the associated allowance.

Where the Company renegotiates the terms of trade receivables due from certain customers, the new expected cash flowa are discounted at the original effective interest rate and any resulting difference to the carrying value is recognised in profit or loss.

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3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(i) Financial instruments

Financial assets

Other financial assets measured at amortised cost

Impairment of other financial assets measured at amortised cost are determined using the expected credit loss model in AASB 9. On initial recognition of the asset, an estimate of the expected credit losses for the next 12 months is recognised. Where the asset has experienced significant increase in credit risk then the lifetime losses are estimated and recognised.

Financial liabilities

The Company measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

The financial liabilities of the Company comprise trade payables, bank and other loans and finance lease liabilities.

(j) Impairment of non-financial assets

At the end of each reporting period the Company determines whether there is an evidence of an impairment indicator for non-financial assets.

Where an indicator exists and regardless for indefinite life intangible assets and intangible assets not yet available for use, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated.

Where assets do not operate independently of other assets, the recoverable amount of the relevant cash-generating unit (CGU) is estimated.

The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the higher of the fair value less costs of disposal and the value in use. Value in use is the present value of the future cash flows expected to be derived from an asset or cash-generating unit.

Where the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Reversal indicators are considered in subsequent periods for all assets which have suffered an impairment loss.

(k) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

(l) Employee benefits

Provision is made for the Company's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be wholly settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

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3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(l) Employee benefits

Employee benefits expected to be settled more than one year after the end of the reporting period have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may satisfy vesting requirements. Cashflows are discounted using market yields on high quality corporate bond rates incorporating bonds rated AAA or AA by credit agencies, with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cashflows. Changes in the measurement of the liability are recognised in profit or loss.

4 Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The directors make estimates and judgements during the preparation of these financial statements regarding assumptions about current and future events affecting transactions and balances.

These estimates and judgements are based on the best information available at the time of preparing the financial statements, however as additional information is known then the actual results may differ from the estimates.

The significant estimates and judgements made have been described below.

Key estimates - impairment of property, plant and equipment

The Company assesses impairment at the end of each reporting period by evaluating conditions specific to the Company that may be indicative of impairment triggers. Recoverable amounts of relevant assets are reassessed using value-in-use calculations which incorporate various key assumptions.

Key estimates - receivables

The receivables at reporting date have been reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence that any of the receivables are impaired. An impairment provision is included for any receivable where the entire balance is not considered collectible. The impairment provision is based on the best information at the reporting date.

5 Revenue and Other Income

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
- Publications	15,805	9,874
- Grants	56,790	18,725
- Memberships	839,299	786,284
- Events	435,616	390,404
- National Office - Accreditation	16,500	16,500
- Insurance Commission	23,289	21,951
- Awards	180,911	265,870
- Corporate Partners	417,408	567,101
- Other Operational Revenue	15,631	7,741
- Jobs Board	34,968	43,151
- Other grants income	139,000	-
Total Revenue	2,175,217	2,127,601

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6 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>1,164,918</u>	<u>595,389</u>
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7 Trade and other receivables

CURRENT		
Trade Receivables	72,828	140,580
Accrued Interest	-	7,057
	<u>72,828</u>	<u>147,637</u>

8 Inventories

CURRENT		
At cost:		
Inventories	2,234	4,110
	<u>2,234</u>	<u>4,110</u>

9 Other assets

CURRENT		
Prepayments	40,522	130,608
	<u>40,522</u>	<u>130,608</u>

10 Property, plant and equipment

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Plant and equipment		
At cost	155,768	149,543
Accumulated depreciation	(137,334)	(124,700)
	<u>18,434</u>	<u>24,843</u>

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10 Property, plant and equipment

(a) Movements in Carrying Amounts

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year:

	Plant and Equipment \$	Total \$
Year ended 30 June 2020		
Balance at the beginning of the year	24,843	24,843
Additions	6,225	6,225
Depreciation expenses	(12,634)	(12,634)
Balance at the end of the year	18,434	18,434

11 Intangible Assets

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Website Design Construction Cost	72,328	72,328
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	(50,482)	(36,016)
	21,846	36,312

(a) Movements in carrying amounts of intangible assets

	Website Design Construction \$	Total \$
Year ended 30 June 2020		
Balance at the beginning of the year	36,312	36,312
Amortisation expenses	(14,466)	(14,466)
Closing value at 30 June 2020	21,846	21,846

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12 Leases

The Company has applied AASB 16 using the modified retrospective (cumulative catch-up) method and therefore the comparative information has not been restated and continues to be reported under AASB 117 and related Interpretations.

Company as a lessee

The Company has leases over a range of assets including land and buildings, vehicles, machinery and IT equipment.

The Company has chosen not to apply AASB 16 to leases of intangible assets.

Information relating to the leases in place and associated balances and transactions are provided below.

Terms and conditions of leases

The Company lease office unit for their corporate office. The lease is contracted for 5 years with no renewable option.

The corporate office lease contains an annual pricing mechanism which have an increment of 3.5% on each anniversary of the lease commencement date.

Right-of-use assets

	\$	Total \$
Year ended 30 June 2020		
Balance at the beginning of the year	86,254	86,254
Depreciation expenses	(32,345)	(32,345)
Balance at end of year	53,909	53,909

13 Trade and Other Payables

	2020 \$	2019 \$
CURRENT		
Trade Payables	102,932	95,509
GST Payable	1,322	7,082
Other Payables	62,167	55,441
	166,421	158,032

14 Other Liabilities

CURRENT		
Memberships In Advance	485,229	203,009
Income In Advance	144,192	158,457
Festival Fees In Advance	545	73,784
	629,966	435,250

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15 Employee Benefits

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Provision for Annual leave	78,180	44,137
	<u>78,180</u>	<u>44,137</u>
NON-CURRENT		
Long service leave	16,019	16,019
	<u>16,019</u>	<u>16,019</u>

16 Leasing Commitments

(a) Lease liability

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases:

- not later than one year	32,596	30,528
- between one year and five years	23,130	55,726
	<u>55,726</u>	<u>86,254</u>

Operating leases are in place for office premises and have a term between 7 February 2017 and 6 February 2022. Lease payments are increased on an annual basis to reflect market rentals. Lease liabilities have been discounted using the Company's incremental borrowing rate at 1 July 2019

17 Members' Guarantee

The Company is incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* and is a Company limited by guarantee. If the Company is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$ 20 each towards meeting any outstandings and obligations of the Company. At 30 June 2020 the number of members was 3,366 (2019: 3,250).

18 Key Management Personnel Remuneration

The total remuneration paid to key management personnel of the Company is \$ 256,083 (2019: \$ 277,176).

19 Contingencies

In the opinion of the Directors, the Company did not have any contingencies at 30 June 2020 (30 June 2019:None).

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20 Related Parties

(a) The Company's main related parties are as follows:

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Shaun Walsh

Peta-Maree Ashford

Chris Tidswell

Katharina Nieberler-Walker

Claire Martin

Key management personnel - refer to Note 18.

Other related parties include close family members of key management personnel and entities that are controlled or significantly influenced by those key management personnel or their close family members.

21 Significant event during year – COVID19

AILA has assessed that there has been some financial or business impact on AILA's business due to the COVID-19 event, and AILA has remained open during the pandemic using a work from home solution to provide services to members.

AILA has experienced a reduction in event revenue, along with a reduction in event expenses, we have been running annual programs using on-line platforms to comply with restrictions imposed by Government, and have been required to reduce overhead and administrative costs to meet income derived from membership subscriptions. There is an expectation that close monitoring of operations must be maintained to assess if any future restrictions that might also affect future income.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, AILA has received Jobkeeper support payments from the Australian Government amounting around \$96,000 which are passed on to eligible employees. AILA also received around \$43,000 Cash flow boosting from the ATO. These have been recognised as government grants in the financial statements and recorded as other income over the periods in which the related employee benefits are recognised as an expense.

AILA is eligible for Jobkeeper support from the Government on the condition that employee benefits continue to be paid. Government's Job keeper program has allowed AILA to avoid considering any reduction in staffing to continue to meet AILA obligations.

AILA's financial position has not been affected by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. COVID-19 has also not impacted on the ability of AILA to deliver contracted services to meet its contracts or funding requirements, as the operations of AILA were able to continue as normal through remote working from home arrangements for staff. There are no plans or intentions as a result of COVID-19 that may affect AILA assets and liabilities, and AILA has the financial resources to meet its any remaining operating costs for the period of expected shutdown.

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22 Events Occurring After the Reporting Date

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.

23 Statutory Information

The registered office and principal place of business of the company is:

Australian Institute of Landscape Architects Ltd
2/131 City Walk
Canberra ACT 2601

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Directors' Declaration

The directors of the Company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 5, are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and:
 - a. comply with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements; and
 - b. give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the Company.
2. In the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Director 

Director 

Dated this 24th day of September 2020

Independent Audit Report to the members of

Australian Institute of Landscape Architects Limited

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Australian Institute of Architects Limited (the Company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Company is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (i) Giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and
- (ii) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's *APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of the Company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

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

Responsibilities of Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, 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 intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

As part of an audit in accordance with 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 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 director's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the 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 report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company 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.

Vincent's Audit Pty Ltd

Phillip Miller

Director

Canberra, dated: 1 October 2020

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