

Annual Report 2019-20



Chairman's Report

2020 has been a very challenging year for us. As a declared biosecurity area due to Covid-19, we have had many restrictions placed on us by government departments. Travel has been a significant challenge, supply has not been easy, and the services we take for granted have been tough to provide from time to time.

Notwithstanding all of these issues, BAC has performed very well. Financially we have taken giant steps forward, all contracts have been adhered to, and all grant funding is up to date.

All departments of the organisation are performing well. This is due to the professionalism shown by Bininj and Balanda staff, and the pride they take in their work.

Our CEO has worked tirelessly with great honesty and integrity to make BAC successful and position us to achieve so much more in the future. We are fortunate and thankful to have her working with us.

I am very proud of our Board, and I would like to thank them for their hard work and support. As Chairman, I would not be able to handle the day to



day duties alone. I love to travel to the homelands and give updates to the residents out there. It can be a challenging and sometimes thankless job being a Board member, and often the pressures we face are enormous; however, we take pride in what we do, and we all have our community at heart.

Wayne Kala Kala Chairman



CEO's Report

Navigating the complexities of managing multiple businesses within a remote socioeconomic disadvantaged environment is exceptionally challenging under normal circumstances. However add to that the weight of a COVID-19 worldwide epidemic and it brings new meaning to the burden of stress.

We have been pleased to adopt our new strategic plan that recognises the United National 17 Sustainable Development Principles for us to improve the lifeways of our people on land and sea in order to preserve and grow language and culture. These principles underpin all our strategic objectives throughout our organisation and have assisted our 2020 journey.

Throughout the significant highs and lows of this financial year 2019/20, as an organisation I am proud to say we achieved in so many areas. We reacted quickly to the operational and financial implications and implied risks to our businesses. We adopted new financial procedures to allow us time to assess and correct the operational risks. Using innovative methods where we could, to ensure we stay relevant and still achieve a return. We complied with the endless stream and sometimes conflicting official instructions for operating within a biosecurity secure area. All of us knowing that if the virus arrives here, the ramifications will be catastrophic.

We adopted new policy and procedure on community engagement and business operations. All the while focused on ensuring our members and staff where safe. Increased food and hygiene deliveries to our 32 homelands, while continuing to protect our important natural environment. Stepping up to meet high demands to ensure that our community of Maningrida had access to a wide range of fresh affordable produce, making sure no one got left behind. As an organisation and community we welcomed government financial support but it has left us with unforeseen consequences.

As a CEO with over a decade's experience, I have never felt the burden of responsibility to such a significant degree as I have in 2020. Ensuring the wellbeing and safety of so many in such an unchartered time, in an isolated geographical area. I have been both buoyed and saddened by my observations of human nature, pushed to the extremes. We lost many staff, feeling that returning to their homes was important for them. We welcomed new staff, who went through extreme onboarding obligations. I observed so many of our committed people stepping up to take on new roles over and above their usual duties, to ensure we could make it through the worst of it.



Whilst we have achieved good fiscal responsibility, we will have our work cut out for us over this next financial year. I have specifically chosen to dedicate this annual report to photographically capture some of our extraordinary members and staff. Whilst I can not include everyone, due to the limits of space, I have attempted to produce a keep sake that is a snap shot of the year that was. Our world as we know it has changed so dramatically, it seemed fitting to provide a people focused annual report.

I wish to thank my staff and our Board of Directors for their incredible support and commitment during this unprecedented time.

Ingrid Stonhill Chief Executive Officer

Bawinanga Board of Directors

Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation is governed by a board of up to 12 directors whom are elected by corporation members every two years. Up to ten of the directors are members of the corporation and two are non-member, independent directors.



Wayne Kala Kala, Chairman



Julius Kernan. Deputy Chairman



Oliver Ankin, Director



David Jones, Director



Valda Bokmakarray, Secretary



Cindy Jinmarabynana, Director



Janet Marawarr, Director



Caroline Marsh, Independent Director



Phyllis Dungudja, Director



Walter Grimshaw, Independent Director





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Homelands

Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation grew out of landowning Aboriginal people's decision to exercise their rights to live in their ancestral country in the regions surrounding Manayingkarírra / Manawukan / Maningrida.

BAC's mission is to support its people's decision to return, if only seasonally, to their homeland, by delivering the infrastructure, health and education services and employment needed to survive in these remote locations.

This year's pandemic saw more people seeking the comfort and protection of their homelands in the face of global uncertainty.

Consequently, in 2020 protecting the health and wellbeing of homeland's residents was front-of-mind for the BAC CEO, Chairman and Board Members. The group made three journeys to the homelands to check in with residents as soon as COVID restrictions were removed.

Board members were able to see first-hand work completed by the Housing, Homelands and Construction team, the Rangers and the CDP workers. Helping homelands residents maintain



their properties and protect their lands from noxious weeds and feral animals is essential. Assisting Traditional Owners to complete controlled burns helps preserve the land and its ecosystems, and protect sites of significance.

The visits were an excellent opportunity to inspect completed work and discuss future projects and support with residents. Ranger Manager Alex Earl and Arts and Culture General Manager Michelle Culpitt accompanied the Board and CEO to discuss BAC support.









Traditional Owners Meeting Djin-garr









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Bawinanga Rangers (Djelk IPA)

The Bawinanga Rangers are one of the pioneering Indigenous land management programs in Australia. A strategic community-based initiative, the Bawinanga Rangers were formed by traditional landowners in Western Arnhem Land in response to growing environmental concerns in the Djelk IPA.

While the Aboriginal lands in Western Arnhem Land are some of the most biodiverse and structurally intact landscapes in the country, we face a similar suite of environmental challenges to the rest of northern Australia. These included changing fire regimes, the decline of native animal species and the spread of invasive weeds and feral animals.

The Ranger team consists of traditional owners and Djunkay who have worked together to engage with others for more than 20 years. The Traditional Owners and Djungkay are responsible for their land and sea country. They have attracted widespread recognition for their application of Indigenous knowledge to understandings of contemporary land and sea management issues. The Rangers' strong affiliation to country through culture and spiritual connection is what makes them so successful. They care for our biodiverse Djelk IPA which encompasses the traditional estates of more than 110 individual clan groups and some 32 familybased outstations.

For more than 20 years the Bawinanga Rangers have protected scared sites, managed sea patrols and biosecurity of our waterways and beaches. We have controlled responsible and sustainable fire burning, regulated noxious weeds, managed crocodile numbers through egg collection and more recently tried to protect pristine waters ways and flood plains from feral animals such as buffalo and pigs. However this remains a significant threat to our country.

Training for rangers and pathways for our youth through Learning on Country programs are integral to our success.



Alex Earl, Ranger Manager



Jakawan Hill-Martdee



Felina Campion



Russell Stewart



Jonah Ryan



Rikisha Redford-Bohme



Grestina Wilson



Samson Dudanga



Angus Darcy



Scott Stewart

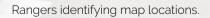


Simon Cooper



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Fire fighting is hot, dangerous, important work.

Responsible burning is a vital part of land conservation.

Bawinanga bricks are hand-made and artistically developed.

Community Services

Community Development Program

The Community Development Program (CDP) is the Australian Government's remote employment and community development service. CDP supports job seekers in remote Australia to build skills, address barriers and contribute to their communities through a range of activities.

Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation delivers the CDP service to around 1000 Maningrida residents. We consult with our participants and the broader community to develop culturally appropriate and meaningful work activities.

We design these activities to build the skills and knowledge that might lead to a new enterprise which could provide local, long-term employment opportunities.

Offering choice and a reason to engage in the prescribed hours can be extremely challenging. For the first eight months of this financial year, participation was strong. Then the unprecedented global pandemic closed down community activities for the rest of the financial year.

We were excited to receive exemptions from the shut down for our fishing and crabbing crew Maningrida Wild Foods and our mowing team. We provided nutritious local foods for our 4000 community members and kept public spaces and private yards clean while practising social distancing. Both of these activities were vital to our community members' good health.

Our CDP staff worked hard to ensure each participant received the best available service by offering telephone appointments, job placements for some and ongoing job readiness through the development of CVs and relevant training opportunities. The staff could review and update the intervention management tool in ESS, which will enable a quick and efficient return to full-service provision. They also used the forced downtime to review activities, to strengthen our service levels and community engagement.

The mud brick factory is back in production

Tim Kala Kala shows off his craft, demonstrating his perfectly crafted red brick

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21 undarra Harry Gunumba



Tim Wilton supervises daily pick ups

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Community Services

Remote School Attendance Strategy

The Remote School Attendance Strategy (RSAS) brings together families, schools, communities and other services to find local solutions to get kids to school.

We work with Maningrida college staff to monitor students' attendance rates, and we celebrate high attendance rates with awards and incentives. We do follow-up visits to families of students who are not coming to school or who don't come to school very often. We also support truancy officers on their home visits.

We work with other services in the community, including the youth centre, Night Patrol, and the Australian Government's Families as First Teachers program, so that our RSAS planning and work is responsive to community needs.

This year we held award ceremonies at the end of each term for children who had achieved more than 80 per cent attendance. We awarded certificates through the year to children who showed improved or excellent attendance. We also held community meetings to get new ideas for increasing school attendance and we helped run school holiday programs.





Cecila Dowd working with Money Management client

Community Services

Money Management Service

During a year challenged by COVID-19, Money Management Service (MMS) adapted our client service practice so we delivered a safe and efficient service to 1006 clients living in Maningrida and Homelands. The Department of Social Services increased our funding to 30 June 2021.

The COVID-19 Early Release of Super has encouraged large numbers of our clients to learn more about their superannuation. We have seen a steep increase in demand by clients to apply for identification like Birth Certificates, Change of Name Certificates and Evidence of Age Cards. The MMS Financial Capability Workers have successfully helped our clients receive appropriate service from government, telecommunication and financial institutions.





Community patrollers from left: Leah Darcy, John Darcy, Evelyn Pascoe, Cynthia Brown, Wesley Pascoe, Vicky Brown.

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Community Services

Community Patrol

Our Community Patrol crew have kept a watchful eye over what is happening after dark. We might be called to respond to incidents such as arguments or disputes, and we provide safe means of transport home and to the safe house. We aim to stop harm and maintain community peace, security and safety.

We have been providing late night snacks every Friday when we also have been educating local young people about the effects of drugs, alcohol and petrol sniffing in the community.

The patrol staff has a strong relationship with the community they deal with and have strong local knowledge of family, tribal or clan affiliations.

The Maningrida Patrol consists of three men and six women from different language groups such as Burarra, Nakara, Ndjebbana. Most of the patrollers speak up to five different languages, which play a vital role living when working in our community.







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Barlmarrk Supermarket

Balmarrk Supermarket is proudly owned and operated by Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation. Our goal is to improve the community's health and wellbeing through promoting better, affordable nutrition. It also facilitates formal training for its staff and provides secure employment.

We have a unique management arrangement in place through Outback Stores that allows the community to benefit from greater purchasing power and to be able to offer food and other items at more affordable prices.

We have adopted healthy food and drink policies, where low sugar drinks and fruit and vegetables are significantly less expensive than other options.

We also operate the 'tucker run', a mobile shopping service to the 32 homelands. Every week on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the tucker run team goes out in our "Tucker Truck" packed with groceries and goods to visit our homelands.

The tucker run service has never been so vital, with increased demand this year after the insecurities of a

world with Covid-19 saw many residents return to the safety of their homeland.

It provides goods at the same prices charged at Barlmarrk supermarket, effectively significantly subsiding groceries for homeland residents. Fresh fruit and vegetables are always supplied and sold at low prices.









Mechanical workshop

Our mechanical workshop is a vital hub of daily life at Maningrida. Without its services, much of our business, and our community's activities, would grind to a halt.

Our workshop team services the large BAC fleet, and repairs and maintains vehicles brought in by residents, NT Government Fleet, contractors and visitors to ensure everyone can keep moving.

Introducing Service Mate has meant BAC have come a long way to ensure accountability. It provides a valuable fleet vehicle history, registration and asset register that helps deliver a smooth preventative services and repairs program.

New technology also assists with customer payment systems, Centrelink payments and payroll deductions, and it enables accurate stock control and up-to-the-minute ordering.

With a team comprising a Workshop Manager, three mechanics, three local trade assistants and one apprentice, they have been challenged by the high demand for mechanical services. Covid-19 impacts have resulted in a lack of staff attendance which has required customers to remain patient during difficult times, including the slow delivery of parts from outside the community.

The BAC Workshop continues to go from strength to strength, and is an essential and valued service to BAC and the broader community.











Housing, Homelands and Construction

We have been building and maintaining homelands' infrastructure for over 40 years. In more recent years we have taken on significant construction projects within Maningrida itself. Our Housing, Homelands and Construction division provides us with opportunities to stimulate the economy and provide training and educational opportunities for local community members, including trade apprenticeships.

Our dedicated Housing, Homelands and Construction team this year has demonstrated its capacity and capability to undertake government contracts. This work includes new builds, repairs and maintenance and Room to Breathe program work, with a commitment for future works over the next financial year.

Like all our businesses, Housing, Homeland and Construction have been impacted by COVID-19, including many community members returning to their homelands.

Isolating, permits, and social distancing has caused many strains and delays on meeting deadlines and compliance. The pandemic has also impacted Australia-wide material deliveries, particularly to remote communities such as ours. Being able to plan for future works enables us to continue to grow our Housing, Homeland and Construction division. Ongoing work has a positive impact on the Maningrida community, through local employment injecting funds into our the local economy and developing a skilled local workforce with the ability to service Maningrida's housing needs for many years to come.



Room to Breathe Housing Team

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Shaun Morris

Polly Prudence is the cleaning team supervisor

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Sharon Bonson, a cleaning team member

Zelanda Watson cleaning team member

Norman Olsen and Moses Fry our fantastic groundsmen



Civil

The civil department runs two independent road crews comprising eight staff: seven Bininj and one Balanda.

One crew focuses on repairing, maintaining and improving 520 km of gravel roads between Maningrida, Ramingining, Oenpelli and Coburg Peninsula. This work fulfils an NT government contract secured by BAC and ensures safe travel between communities and throughout Arnhem Land.

The second crew provides the same level of maintenance and repair to the vast road network connecting all 32 homelands, along with bush airstrips. Maintaining safe roads to travel between homelands and Maningrida is essential to BAC's mission to improve the life ways, culture, health and education of all community members within our IPA.

Both teams work out on the roads consistently between May and November. During the wet season, they service and repair the machinery in the heavy vehicle workshop. Both road networks are damaged by rain events each wet season. They also used the wet season to upskill and certify local staff through civil construction training.



The road network provides access for the homelands population to attend services and programs in town, including school and work. Each week the homelands communities are serviced by the Tucker Run which takes fresh produce, groceries, medical supplies, camping equipment and homewares to homelands residents each week, during the dry season.





From left: Administration Assistant Tally Brian, Art Centre Manager Chloe Gibbon, Arts Administrator Brooke Ainscow, Freight Worker John Darcy, Art Worker Elijah Nelson, Senior Art Worker Derek Carter

Maningrida Arts and Culture (MAC)

"Our culture is like the power lines, if the power lines are disconnected and turn off, we lose our power. When all the lines are connected through kinship, ceremony and through clans, all the power turns on. It starts with initiation: the ceremony starts and it turns the power on all across sunrise side. When cultural and ceremony information is lost, there is a loss of power."" Derek Carter, Senior Art Worker

This year

- Bábbarra Designs women in Paris at their Jarracharra exhibition, opened by Editor-in-Chief of Vogue Australia and Australia's Ambassador to France.
- Kenan Namunjdja's and Rosina Gunjarrwanga's works were plastered across Sydney for the launch of MCA's Primavera 2019.
- Bábbarra and Art Centre teams sold works at Adelaide's bustling TARNANTHI Art Fair.
- John Mawurndjul's barks featured in Before Time Began at the Menil Collection in Houston.

- Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation celebrated its 40th anniversary with a bunggul dance event.
- The Bábbarra Women's Centre was a finalist in the Social Change Maker category of the Telstra Business Awards.

The onset of Covid-19 caused the cancellation of programmed exhibitions and tours through the Art Centre, Bábbarra Women's Centre and the Djómi Museum. Combined with general apprehension about the global economy, postponement of art fairs and exhibitions, and three month's closure to the public, our anticipated extraordinary financial year was not to be.

Maningrida Arts and Culture leaders have navigated disruption and personal trauma for generations. Now, their resilience and experience in managing a complex and changeable environment are anchoring and inspiring the Maningrida Arts and Culture team through uncertain times.







Doreen Jinggarrabarra and Freda Ali.









Bábbarra Women's Centre manager Jess Phillips



Bábbarra designers - clockwise from top left: Raylene Bonson – Kuninjku language, Marilyn James - Ndjébbana language, Jocelyn Koyote – Kuninjku language and Lucy Yarawanga - Gurr-goni language.





Wild Foods Café

This year Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation responded to Maningrida's need and desire for a takeaway outlet that specialised in fresh, wholesome food and sold locally sourced wild foods.

It retails seafood and bush food harvested by Maningrida Wild Foods. Its chefs connect local produce and traditional recipes with updated cooking styles.

Daily servings of fresh vegetable and salad based meals provide more healthy options for the community. And in a first for Maningrida, there's an attached garden area with a playground where residents and visitors can enjoy a coffee and cake outside.

While the priority is on promoting healthy food options, the café also creates hospitality training, work experience and employment opportunities and channels its income back into the local community.





Fresh hot food and daily groceries are available at the Wild Foods Cafe



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Sebastian Darcy and Jerome James

Maningrida Wild Foods

Maningrida Wild Foods sell wild native foods sustainably harvested. Our native foods are diverse, unique and harvested exclusively by us on our traditional lands and seas

We create economic opportunities for local people so they can continue to live on their homelands, connected to their songlines.

In 2020, we leased three units of a barramundi licence as our first foray into commercial fishing on our own traditional country. Our seafood crew catches barramundi, threadfin salmon, shark and queenfish.

We filleted most of the barramundi and threadfin salmon, which became prized food at takeaway outlets in the community. We sold unfilleted fish directly to community members and small quantities to surrounding communities. Any unsold fish was given to the fishermen or used as bait for the crab pots. The SBS television program 'Taste of the Territory with Jimmy Shui filmed at Maningrida to feature our seafood and bush harvesting activities. Don Wilton and Leila Nimbadja starred in the program which aired in May 2020.











Sebastian Darcy, Don Wilton, Marcus Wilson and Jerome James







Leila Nimbadja and son Ranton Djarrkkarla weigh produce with Enterprise Development manager Rowan McIntyre observing

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Patricia Hartshorn and Hwan Cross (seated) work in the finance division

Corporate

Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation is a very complex and diverse business model. The corporate office comprises the office of the Chief Executive, Operations Manager, Human Resources, Environmental Health and Safety, Finance, Grants Management, Communications, Enterprise Development, IT, governance support and front-line customer assistance.

The corporate office oversees and supports the management of each of BAC's nine individual businesses. Ensuring not just financial compliance, but also business policy and procedures and grant compliance spanning from fleet management to Environmental Health and Safety. BAC businesses spans fee for services, grant services, retail businesses and enterprise development, each offering a unique service delivery or business model to be supported by the corporate office team. Human Resources supports the recruitment and on-boarding of some 182 staff, including 75% local Indigenous employment. The very remote setting of Maningrida offers extra challenges for staffing including permits and the provision of suitable accommodation.

Comprehensive governance support is offered to the Board of Directors of Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation from of the Office of the CEO. Secretariat services, as well as individual training and support services are tailored to meet the Directors' needs.

BAC offers a range of administration services to community members, including weekly payments, fine recoveries and various deductions. It also provides support for obtaining identification through to managing travel assist and vital support for cultural events and sorry business.

Our enterprise development manager works closely with the community development program activities to evaluate their potential to transform into viable business ventures. Underway are Maningrida Wild Foods and our seafood team. Under analysis is the furniture making and clay brick making activities.

The nature of our business model means flexibility and responsiveness are signature traits of the corporate team.



Executive team. Back: Kyle Van de Velde - Barlmarrk Manager, Tim Schroeder - Civil Manager, Gary Williamson -Operations Manager, Bruno Rodriguez - Wild Foods Cafe Manager, Richard Hartshorn Finance Manager, Tim Stonhill Housing, Homelands and Construction Manager, Darrin Cross - CDP Manager. Front: Rachel Dobbie - Human Resources Manager, Jo Brosnan - Communications Manager, Kylie Gregson -Workshop Manager, Michelle Culpitt Arts and Culture Manager, Ingrid Stonhill - Chief Executive Officer. Ranger Manager Alex Earl (inset).



Financials

Overview

The Corporation has performed exceptionally well financially during the period despite all activities being impacted by Covid-19.

A pleasing profit year to date June 2020 of \$2,780,439 eclipsed the prior year result for the same period of \$383,132 due to tight expense control, increased revenue in retail businesses, government stimulus packages and lower than anticipated spending on salaries and wages. These improved areas of performance were offset by the impact of unprecedented travel restrictions causing substantial reduction in tours and activities at the Art Centre, Babbarra Womens Centre and Djomi Museum.

At year end the Corporation's Net Asset position had improved considerably over the prior year due to a reduction in receivables, reduced inventories and an improved cash position.

Two new accounting standards were required to be adopted this year which were deemed to not have a significant impact on the operating results for the year ended June 2020.

BAWINANGA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION ABN: 58 572 395 053 STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	Note	2020	2019
		\$	\$
Revenue			
Revenue from government and other grants		7,824,292	8,361,699
Trading income		4,611,268	3,300,478
Other income		9,157,325	7,829,623
Total Revenue and Other Income	-	21,592,885	19,491,800



Expenses			
Depreciation expenses	2a	1,241,410	888,960
Employee benefit expenses	2b	10,175,988	9,926,720
Interest expense		114,158	65,161
Motor vehicle expenses		841,407	220,601
Utilities expense		501,851	435,792
Staff training and development expense		128,009	298,499
Audit legal and consultancy fees		1,353,599	1,089,714
Materials and contractors		2,362,553	2,683,835
Other expenses		2,093,471	3,499,386
Total expenses	-	18,812,446	19,108,668
Net current year profit / (loss)		2,780,439	383,132
Other comprehensive income			
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss :			
		-	-
Total Other Comprehensive Income	-		-
Total Comprehensive Income for the year	-	2,780,439	383,132
PROFIT / (LOSS) ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE			
CORPORATION	=	2,780,439	383,132
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO			
MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION	=	2,780,439	383,132

BAWINANGA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION ABN: 58 572 395 053 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

	Note	2020	2019
		\$	\$
ASSETS CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	12,070,344	9,073,149
Trade and other receivables	4	833,518	1,326,033
Inventories	5	1,327,974	1,432,551
Other assets	6	552,663	73,132
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	-	14,784,499	11,904,865
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Financial assets	7	2	2
Property, plant and equipment	8	6,148,624	5,884,941
Right of use assets	9	1,409,959	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	-	7,558,585	5,884,943
TOTAL ASSETS	-	22,343,084	17,789,808

LIABILITIES CURRENT LIABILITIES

Trade and other payables	10	3,615,497	2,356,300
Grants received in advance		2,595,557	3,386,667
Borrowings	11	-	24,588
Lease liabilities	12	180,522	-
Employee provisions	13	608,245	472,978
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		6,999,821	6,240,533
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lease liabilities	12	1,262,032	-
Employee provisions	13	94,582	343,065
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,356,614	343,065
TOTAL LIABILITIES		8,356,435	6,583,598
NET ASSETS		13,986,649	11,206,210
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		13,986,649	11,206,210
TOTAL EQUITY		13,986,649	11,206,210





INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BAWINANGA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2019, 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, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion the accompanying financial report of Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation is in accordance with the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the corporation's financial position as at 30 June 2019 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006.*

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



corporation in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006*, which has been given to the directors of Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation, 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 qualified opinion.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the corporation are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

The directors are responsible for overseeing the corporation's financial reporting process.

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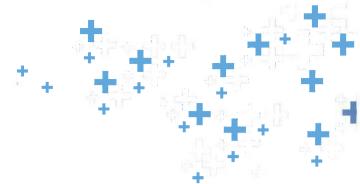
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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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 high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material 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 provic basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resultin 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 circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the corporation's internal contro
 Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the committee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the committee's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the au evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt c

corporation's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to 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. How future events or conditions may cause the corporation to cease to continue as a going concern.

Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether th financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

LBW Chartered Accountants

Sripathy Sarma Principal Dated this <u>5th</u> day of <u>October</u> 2020

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