



**St. Merkorious
Charity**



Annual Report

St. Merkorious Charity tackles poverty at its root with a continued spirit of love, compassion and tolerance. We help to empower and give hope.

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About the Charity

OUR MISSION

St. Merkorious Charity was founded in 2013 with one goal - to strike poverty at its root. From starting in one kitchen by our founder and President, Paula Nicolas, in response to the hidden crisis of food insecurity in Australia, we have only grown since then to provide up to 4500 meals a week all throughout the COVID lockdowns to support the people who need help most.

Poverty is not a failing. It is a state of disadvantage that people fall into because of a variety of circumstances that are often out of their control, and it is at this time that they need the most support. This is what we aim to provide them through a sense of community, empowering them through a helping hand, a kind face, and a hot, tasty, nutritious meal to keep them going.

We share the bread and our continued mission is to bring hope and connection.

Food is the main way that we show our support to those who come to us, and this was especially important this year. Where people sought help in higher numbers than ever before, we gave our all to provide them with the food and necessities they needed to endure through the year's hardships.

As we look into another year, our cause and mission continue to stand strong. Where there is a need for help in any place we can reach, we will continue to provide our utmost to spread the spirit of love, compassion and tolerance.





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Message from Our President



"Our dedication is always towards striking poverty at its root"

2021 has been a year filled with continuing trials from 2020, as prevailing pandemic concerns continued to hit Australia with waves of uncertainty and insecurity. Despite optimism for a few months after coming out of lockdown, we were quickly ushered into a second lockdown while many government safety nets were lifting from 2020.

Unemployment rose again, and many people yet again fell into the brink of needing to request food support. This is where St. Merkorious, alongside so many wonderful community members and charities, stepped up to try their best to face the ongoing crisis. We knew we would not rest until we were able to provide all under our care the essentials they needed to keep going through these dark times.

It is only due to the unending support and work of our staff, volunteers, donors and generous sponsors that St. Merkorious was able to continue operations and provide aid to those who needed help the most. I have never been more proud of our team at St. Merkorious for continuing to pivot and adapt as needed.

Like all charities during these two years, St. Merkorious has suffered massive revenue and fundraising losses while demand drew ever higher. It is a demonstration of our spirit of generosity and the perseverance of the community that we all draw together another successful year. Thank you, to every single person who has supported us, and in extension, all the people we support in turn.

Now that the end of the 2021 lockdown has arrived, I am glad to report that St. Merkorious has been able to sustain providing thousands of vulnerable people in over 60 suburbs in Sydney not just the food to keep going, but hope for the future. With the majority of the state vaccinated, we are all looking forward to a future where the majority of the effects of COVID-19 are behind us.

Paula Nicolas

Paula Nicolas
St. Merkorious Charity President & Founder

Our Board and Advisors



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Our Overview of 2021

THE CONTINUING COVID CRISIS

2020 arrived with the calamity that was COVID-19. The effects of the lockdown on our local communities were one of burden and hardship. Small businesses struggled to keep afloat, unemployment was still high, and more people than ever before were reaching out for food relief. Food Bank reported that 1 in 6 adult Australians struggled with food during COVID-19, and we experienced the direct increase in demand ourselves. Volunteering severely decreased because of fears of safety, sponsorships dropped as our economy faltered. Our weekly delivered meals finally faltered from 4500 to 2500 a week as the COVID-19 crisis continued onwards into its second year.

Despite this, we strove to continue helping as many as we could. We looked to diversify our streams of revenue and maintain our services through donation drives, and applications for private and public funding during this time. This helped us maintain our service, determined to continue to deliver 2500 nutritious, healthy meals a week to all those who need us.

July 2020 arrived with optimism. Restrictions were lifted in NSW, with borders opening between states and internationally. The next few months inspired a renewed strength and resilience. With our feet firmly back on the ground, we were ready to hit the ground running.

At St. Merkorious Charity, our volunteers were returning to help with our food relief, community meals, classes and outreach programs to drive recovery and continue our mission: give renewed hope to those we assist.

The new year turned around with a continuing momentum of recovery. Despite a few COVID-19 scares, vaccinations became public in February 2021.

Our charity promoted the vaccine to our clients while ensuring our staff were on board to get vaccinated themselves to maximise the safety of everyone we serve. With the first mass vaccination hub opening in June 2021, more people than ever before had access to vaccination and the promise that life could return to normal with the jab.

Ultimately, June 2021 left our country, our state, and our charity still reeling from COVID-19's pervasive impact on all aspects of our normal life. In the midst of these uncertain times, we took inspiration from our clients and the local community to keep being resilient, to keep looking forward, and give hope.

Where We Impact

OVER 60 SUBURBS IN SYDNEY

St. Merkorious Charity may have begun as a small kitchen in 2013, cooking to help struggling families in our local community. However, as word-of-mouth spread within our client base, community and through our own outreach efforts to connect with existing and potential sponsors, partners and supporters, our operation grew (pre-COVID) to providing 4500 meals per week, delivered to over 60 suburbs across Greater Sydney. As a result of the prolonged impact of COVID-19 and social distancing restrictions, our fundraising opportunities, as well as sponsorships and donations, were heavily affected, forcing us to reduce food provisions to 2500 meals per week. We have since maintained this level of support.

From our headquarters in Strathfield, we deliver from places in the CBD like Martin Place to Penrith, Mt Druitt, Blacktown, Westmead, Doonside, Bankstown, Kingsgrove, Hurstville, Liverpool, Ryde, Cabramatta and more. We also hold community meals in Fairfield and Rhodes and run a food and hygiene hamper pick-up hub in Parramatta for our homeless and at-risk clients, ensuring that they have hampers filled to the brim with fresh, nutritional food!





Our Initiatives

FOOD RELIEF SERVICE

Our Food Relief Service is the core service of St. Merkorious Charity. Since 2020 we pivoted from a hand-to-hand provision of hot, cooked nutritious meals to a delivery model. We deliver to more than 60 suburbs around Sydney, our delivery drivers providing fresh, cooked meals and food hampers to people doing it tough.

Previously providing 4500 meals to the community as COVID-19 demanded, we reduced our provision of meals per week to 2500 due to reduced funds, which we maintained until the end of the financial year. Therefore, we delivered approximately 150,000 meals throughout the year to more than 1000 hungry families and individuals around Sydney.

We are an inclusive charity, and we provide support to all individuals who come to us in requests for help experiencing food insecurity. The people we help come from all walks of life. The homeless, veterans, disabled, socioeconomically disadvantaged, international students, refugees, and our culturally and linguistically diverse communities - we help them all.

We have recently transferred to providing our food hampers in environmentally friendly packaging to show our continued dedication to environmental sustainability. Our paper bags are large and sturdy, allowing us to pack a week's worth of fresh and pantry goods.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Although paused when students were attending school from home due to lockdown, we are intending to restart our Breakfast Club at Bass Hill High School as soon as the schools are ready to resume operations as normal. We provide the food to the breakfast club, and student volunteers run the club for their school community. It's a wonderful initiative to spread community action to youth, and help them help others. Teachers have reported students are more engaged, active, and increase their attendance at school. Providing food to students also allow them to not be hungry as they attend school, increasing their concentration.

COMMUNITY MEALS

Although paused in 2020 due to lockdowns, with the lifting of restrictions we began our community meals in Fairfield and Rhodes again. Our community meals are targeted at the homeless but are a chance for all our participants, clients and any other community member who stops by to enjoy a meal provided by friendly faces, shower, get a free haircut, play games and raffles, and receive donated goods. We are proud to be able to continue this initiative when lockdowns eased, and our community was ecstatic to see us resume our meals. Each meal is attended by approximately 100 people. We also operate a food hamper pick-up hub per fortnight at Paramatta.



HYGIENE POVERTY

Hygiene poverty, just like food insecurity, is a hidden, ongoing crisis in Australia. Every day, many Australians struggle with the difficult decision between buying hygiene products to maintain dignity, or to buy necessities like food and water for themselves, and their families.

St. Merkorious Charity aims to do our part in helping those in crisis. No one should face the choice between food for their child, or keeping them clean.

We partner with Share the Dignity, which provides donated women's hygiene products for us to distribute to the women in our care. Our local community also donates hygiene products for our hampers, allowing us to support more struggling women and men to maintain their dignity.

COMMUNITY CHOIR

When running our events and fundraisers, we've invited our homeless clients, volunteers and community members to help with our entertainment... by singing!

Singing in a choir is one of the best ways to connect with your local community, as you're singing hopeful songs with like-minded peers in harmony, sharing the benefits of music while having fun. Each singer contributes their voice to create a wonderful unity.

Our community choir is such a great hit every single time they take the stage and sing at our events that we want to expand our choir into a full-blown initiative next year!





OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION

As part of our education initiative and based on our past success in connecting homeless youth to Hospitality Certifications, as we exit COVID-19, we are looking to work with local RTOs to connect local, CALD women to official Certifications in Commercial Cookery and Hospitality at our kitchens.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Housing continues to be a very pressing issue in NSW despite the government's continued efforts to increase the availability of social housing.

Working on the front lines, our charity provides our services to many homeless or people at risk of homelessness. Our unique perspective as an emergency relief charity provides us with a unique insight into what communities need. Some only need a place to shower and sleep for a few nights. Others may need deep wrap-around support that connects them to social services, medical referrals, assistance to connect to services like Centrelink, and more.

St. Merkorious Charity is starting a new initiative to launch a transitional house for our homeless community, having already generated \$40,000 in sponsorship support for the project. We are looking to fully launch our project in the coming year.

ARABIC NUTRITION CLASSES

We provide community classes teaching healthy nutrition in Arabic at Fairfield Community Centre before our Fairfield Community meals. Our nutrition classes are taught by an official NSW Health professional, who teaches our local Arabic clients and disadvantaged community members what healthy nutrition means. Many migrants and refugees who arrive in Australia struggle with understanding the food that is available in their new countries, and our initiative strives to inform more of our Arabic community how to eat healthily while staying within budget, and therefore improve their health.

TESTIMONY

"Hi Jackie,

St Merkorious Charity has been **wonderfully supportive and accommodating in providing donated breakfast goods to Bass High School for our morning Breakfast Club.** Hundreds of students each week go to class with a full stomach ready for the day ahead because of a delicious and fresh breakfast that has been made possible through the donations St Merkorious has provided the school. Through partnering with the charity, our **students have developed an understanding of the importance of community service and helping others.** St Merkorious Charity has been professional with kind and easy-going representatives, and we hope the partnership with Bass High School can be something that lasts well into the future."

- Laurie-Anne Hudson and Adam Sharp, Teachers, Bass High School



**St. Merkorious
Charity**

"Thanks a lot for every thing this lovely
charity do as hand of God for many
Not only food but emotional support
And check us we still a live in our
places buy weekly call as we are here
without families
May God bless all people work there "



Dear Paula and Jackie,

I want to write to express our deeply felt gratitude to you and St. Merkorious Charity for the **generous support our students have received** from you. South Strathfield has taken on a whole new feel for me. It's as if a lantern was shining from that place that was helping guide us through this strange and ominous time. You have tended to every student on whose behalf we asked for your assistance. And always made it look easy although we know how much work it takes to gather so much food and pack and deliver it to so many places across Western Sydney.


Thank you. Your work has been an inspiration to all of us who are supporting students, and especially **international students**, through this challenging time when so many have lost the employment they relied upon.

In solidarity and gratitude,

Daniel

Chaplaincy Coordinator **Western Sydney University**





**'Do things for
people, not
because of who
they are or what
they do in return,
but because of
who you are'**

Harold Kushner

Financial Overview

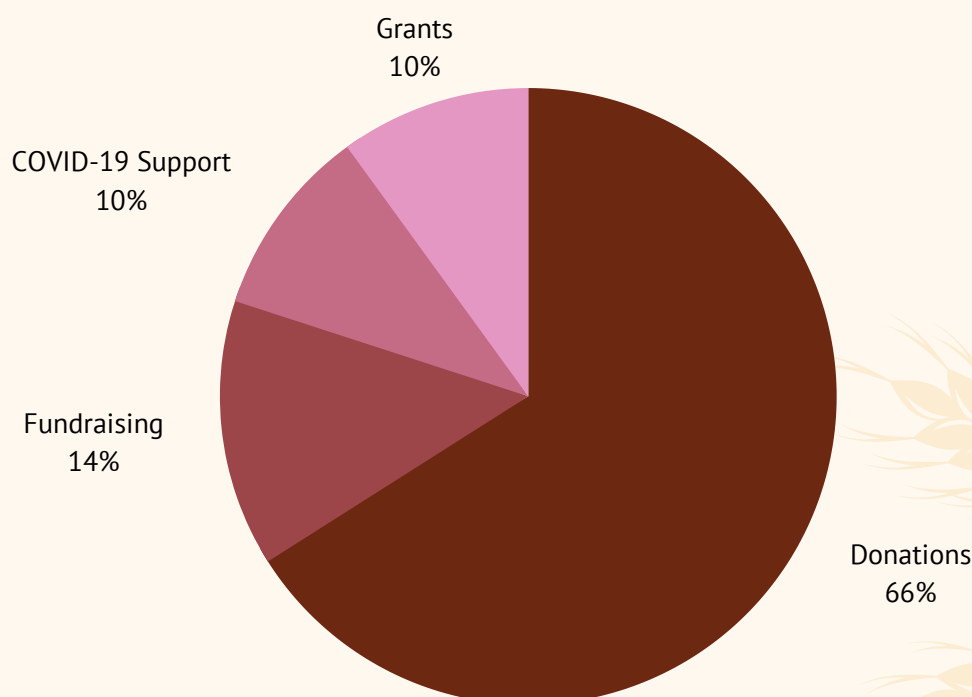
We are pleased with our financial result for the financial year-end 2021. Despite the challenges that we have faced from economic pressures resulting from fire, flood, and a global pandemic we are delighted to announce an increase of 50% in our revenue from \$442,176 to \$662,630.


We are thankful to our donors, sponsors and other supporters and grant funders for providing financial surety allowing us to increase the number of meals delivered each week from 2,500 to 3,500.

We are grateful to the dedicated volunteers that contribute their time and resources to help us deliver fellowship and community services alongside our food service. Unfortunately, we have not been able to run our annual day at the bay event, but we are certain that our largest fundraising event will return in the financial year 2022.

We are concerned over the rising price of food but remain optimistic that current supporters including Foodbank, Second Bite, and the Sydney Markets will continue to donate food and hygiene products.

We are dedicated to acquiring new support from businesses, sponsors, schools and local community groups to the food drive and volunteer their time with us. With the Social Transformation Grant, we anticipate hiring a dedicated project coordinator to help us deliver better experiences to volunteers and our clients across all our services and future projects.



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**" No act of
kindness, no
matter how
small, is ever
wasted "**

Aesop



**ST. MERKORIOUS
EVENTS
2020-2021**



COVID-19 SAFETY TRAINING

July, 2020

Our staff and regular volunteers participated in COVID-19 safety training to ensure we knew how to avoid spreading and contracting virus. We also learnt additional safety measures, such as how to put on personal protective equipment, how to handle food, etc.



WINTER WONDERLAND DINNER

July, 2020

With many of our large fundraisers being cancelled - such as our annual Day at the Bay - we organised a fun, themed fundraising dinner in our warehouse so we could continue to help feed the disadvantaged in our care. So many of our wonderful supporters, friends and volunteers attended to make this event a wonderful success!



We continue to give a big thanks to our dedicated volunteers who helped transform our warehouse into a beautiful winter wonderland. Attendees had a great time, eating food cooked and prepared by our chef and volunteers, truly understanding what we offer to our clients.

It was a fun night for everyone!



VISIT FROM JODI MCKAY

July, 2020

Opposition Leader, Jodi McKay, MPA(Syd), GAICD MP, visited and met with our committee so that we could share our mission and cause to strike poverty from its root. We then invited Jodi to tour our new warehouse, before she provided us updates on potential grants and funding opportunities that could support our cause and operations. We thank Jodi from the bottom of our hearts for her visit and helpful guidance.



ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE DONATION DRIVE

August, 2020

We give a big thank you to the students of St Patrick's College and Ms Gillian Daley for organising this donation drive for us. We collected boxes and boxes of donations which went to good use in helping the disadvantaged clients in our care. St. Merkorious Charity is grateful to have such a great relationship with the college, and we thank them for their continuous support for our cause and mission, as well as their passion to help their local community. We also wish to thank both staff and students for volunteering with us on numerous occasions.



PAYNTER DIXON VISIT

August, 2020

St. Merkorious Charity was delighted to host a visit from one of our major sponsors, Paynter Dixon, for an update and to view our new space. Their generosity over the years allows us to maintain our work, and we are proud to be sponsored by an organisation who helps so many through their charitable works, projects and social enterprises. We thank Paynter Dixon for their ongoing support for St. Merkorious's cause and mission.



STRATHFIELD GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL DONATION DRIVE

August, 2020

Strathfield Girls High School organised a donation drive where they collected donatable items for our charity. Thanks to their efforts, even more disadvantaged people in our community will receive essential and other goods. We give them a big thank you for helping out our local community.



LEBANON APPEAL

August, 2020

In collaboration with DASCO Australia, St. Merkorious Charity launched our 'Lebanon Appeal' featuring our #backhome campaign.

Our campaign aimed to help Lebanon overcome the tragic Beirut explosion that overturned so many lives. We hoped to raise enough funds to rebuild 400-600 homes, SOS Children's Village and Sesobel and other such devastated towns impacted by the catastrophe, and we thank everyone who supported our appeal.



Dearest friends,

Beirut Explosion: Emergency Relief Fund

On the 4th August 2020 there was a colossal explosion that sent a mushroom cloud into the air and a **supersonic blastwave** radiating through the city. More than 200 people were killed and more than 5,000 people were injured. This catastrophe has made as many as **300,000 people homeless** and the collective losses are expected to reach USD 10-15 billion.

In the face of such catastrophic ruin, the only option local residents had was to help one another. As Australians we have a **duty to take action**, stand shoulder to shoulder and begin the daunting task of **rebuilding**.





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CBCC WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

August, 2020

St. Merkorious Charity had the opportunity to participate in the CBCC event themed around successful women in business and various industries. As a female-founded Charity, St. Merkorious had an inspiring evening listening to many inspirational success stories from women who have built and carved their careers in leadership roles. It was a great and insightful evening for all who attended. We thank the CBCC for inviting us to the event!



WESTFIELD BURWOOD COMMUNITY SPACE

August, 2020

We were fortunate enough to have access to the community space in Westfield Burwood for a week to promote our Lebanon Appeal. We played a slideshow and raised awareness of the tragic explosion that occurred. We give the biggest thank you to the volunteers who helped out at the stall

EVENING FOR BEIRUT DINNER

October 29th, 2020



HOT MEAL & FELLOWSHIP, RHODES

November, 2020

It was lovely to see so many old and new faces at Prince Alfred Square as we recommenced our fortnightly Monday “Hot Meal & Fellowship” service as the COVID lockdowns lifted.

We were greeted with huge rounds of success as nearly 50 people turned up to our services. We picked up clients from areas ranging from Woolloomooloo to Martin Place, and Parramatta, driving them on our hired busses to where we serve the community meals at our Rhodes Hall.

Besides serving them hot meals, we also offered free haircuts, showers, clothes and care packs which included hand sanitisers and soap, to help people get through the pandemic. Thank you to all the volunteers who came and Fr Youhanna for his prayers and guidance throughout the events! We appreciate your continued support and efforts to assist those in need.

To support those affected by the horrifying major explosion in Beirut, Lebanon, St. Merkorious Charity organised a fundraising dinner at Massaya Authentic Lebanese Restaurant, to continue supporting recovering efforts.

To our great surprise and appreciation, we managed to get nearly 150 attendees and raised over \$60k in total, through donations, ticket sales, lucky key sales, silent and live auctions.

Thank you to everyone who came - we really appreciate your time, effort, and continued support!

CAMPAIGN: SHARE THE DIGNITY

December, 2020

The “Share the Dignity Campaign” by Strathfield Council was a great way to assist women who are struggling. Strathfield Council generously collected over 200 handbags filled with items for women to be distributed through the community. Their contribution is highly appreciated, as we helped distribute the donated goods at our following outreach services to mothers and women in need. Everyone deserves their basic rights and dignity, and we were glad to support that.

HAMPER PACKING NIGHTS

December, 2020

The Hamper Packing Nights were filled with enthusiasm as our volunteers packed over 500 hampers to be distributed! We give a special thank you to the volunteers from Tennis FX Academy and everyone else who attended for assisting us in creating bags for the needy.

WESTFIELD BURWOOD COMMUNITY SPACE

December 1-4th, 2020

We kick-started December by putting up a charity stand in front of Woolworths in Burwood Westfield, right next to a large banner of St. Merkorious and our logo to raise awareness in the leadup to Christmas - the Giving Season.

Through this we received dry food packages as well as monetary donations for our annual Christmas Appeal.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, visited and donated at our stall! Our success wouldn't have been possible without you.



WARANARA SCHOOL HAMPER PACKING

December 11th, 2020

Thank you to all the students of Waranara School who volunteered with us on the 11th of December!

Not only did they help us to pack multiple boxes of fresh veggies and fruits to sustain the poor families in the area through Christmas and New Year. They even lit up our warehouse with their enthusiasm and laughter. It truly brought about the spirit that 'Together, we can truly do anything.'

Thank you for all you have done for us and the community.

BLACKTOWN CHRISTMAS LUNCH

December 15th, 2020

The Blacktown Christmas Lunch was a great time for our volunteers to sit and chat with individuals who are struggling. We served hot meals and dessert while also distributed multiple packaged meals to families to have over the Christmas period so that they can enjoy Christmas with security and food in their stomachs. Additionally, given the generous support and donations from Strathfield Council's "Share the Dignity" Campaign, we were able to distribute care packs and bags for women and their families.

MONTESSORI ACADEMY APPEAL

December, 2020

It brought us great joy to hear that Montessori Academy would be assisting us again this year! Their annual contribution to our Christmas appeal was highly appreciated. It's a time where children and families get together to assist those who are less fortunate. The Montessori Academy Appeal was not only done from their local Croydon centre, but rather from various centres all around Sydney. It was amazing to have their enormous support in sharing compassion and love to the needy this Christmas.

WESTFIELD GIFT WRAPPING STATION

December 11-17th, 2020

With the approaching of the 'Giving' season, Burwood Westfield set up a Christmas Gift Wrapping Station, where all gift-wrapping proceeds went directly to the charity. For 4 days, Burwood Westfield was extremely generous, offering to provide all the proceeds from the gift wrapping to our cause.

We are also **very grateful for all the volunteers** who offered up their time to man the stall. A special mention goes to St. Pat's boys, who covered most days at the stall regardless of it being on their school holidays. Thank you for your generosity and time!



ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE VOLUNTEERING

December 17th, 18th, 23rd, 2020

St Pat's boys never cease to amaze us with their dedication to charity work! Ever since they began their Summer holidays, these boys have been incredibly helpful and always around the St. Merkorious warehouse and kitchen. It's great to see so many eager young men active with charity - we hope they have made some memorable experiences in the process of changing lives.



DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS APPEAL

December 22nd, 2020

We completed our Christmas appeal with very generous donations from Paynter Dixon and 3 Bridges, who donated a large supply of food and clothes. Their contribution went a long way during the closing of our centre in the Christmas period, allowing us to continue providing hot meals and care packs to those in need. It was lovely to have so many helping hands, most especially with the additional gifts that were donated to be given out at our outreach services. We thank our volunteers, staff and donors for their continued support. What a wonderful way to end our Christmas appeal!

PARRAMATTA COMMUNITY SERVICE

January 2021

We welcomed the new year with our regular community service in Parramatta at Prince Alfred Square, where a group of dedicated volunteers gathered and distributed hot meals and care packs to the most vulnerable in our community at Prince Alfred Square. This is a valuable opportunity to connect with people, talk and pray together. Thank you to our volunteers who selflessly sacrificed their personal time for this important cause! We're so grateful for your constant support to help those in need.



HOT MEAL AND FELLOWSHIP RHODES

January, 2021

With COVID-19 social restrictions loosening and NSW on its way to full recovery, we also resumed our fortnightly "Hot Meal & Fellowship" evening in Rhodes. We picked up our lovely friends from Martin Place and Parramatta by bus to share a meal and join in on a fun night of fellowship, raffles and distribution of care packs. We were joined by nearly 70 people where we offered our guests free haircuts, showers and clothes.

Thank you to all the volunteers who came to help distribute food and participate in our community meal. You all make this happen! We're always calling for more volunteers to join us on a Monday night to join in on the fun and help us facilitate this wonderful evening.

HOT MEAL & FELLOWSHIP FAIRFIELD

January, 2021

At our weekly Fairfield Community Meal at Fairfield Community Centre, we work with general and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities and support them by providing lunch and an opportunity for people to come together to connect, socialize and share common and varied interests. Our donations hub, friendly volunteers and group activities served to be a great way to connect to one another over a hot and nutritious meal. We thank everyone involved for their efforts and for making our Fairfield meals possible!



OUTREACH SERVICE MT DRUITT & BLACKTOWN

January 2021

The start of 2021 saw the return of our popular weekly distribution of hot meals in Mt. Druitt and Blacktown. Our amazing volunteers travel to these areas every Tuesday and Thursday and distribute almost 200 hot meals to the disadvantaged, homeless and underprivileged in these areas.

We are so grateful for the efforts of our volunteers in supporting our cause and helping distribute these packages to those who need them most. Thank you so much for continuing to support our efforts to feed the hungry!

FOOD BANK NSW DONATIONS

January, 2021

We would like to extend our appreciation to our friends at Food Bank NSW. We received 6 pallets of fresh produce which were immediately utilised to prepare meals for the homeless and disadvantaged as well as any of our clients who are in need of nutritious food. It helped us provide many families in need with nutritious fresh fruit and vegetables as part of our home delivery service. Your ongoing support means so much to us and all the clients we service. Thank you very much!



CRESTON COLLEGE VOLUNTEERS

February, 2021

We had a super busy week with the lovely students from Creston College. The wonderful ladies were extremely helpful around the kitchen, warehouse and distributing meals in Mt. Druitt and Blacktown. It was great to see so many young people active with charity work and supporting those in community in need. We thank them for their efforts and we sincerely hope to see them volunteer with us again!



EASTER APPEAL

March, 2021

Easter is an event of celebration and generosity, and our Easter appeal called for families to support other families in need. We requested donations of non-perishable items which were packed into food relief hampers and given to those in need over the Easter period. Easter is a very special time of year where we can all share in the spirit of giving.

A special thank you to JAPM, Renfay, Paul and Smeg Australia and also to the staff at Bass High Breakfast Club who took part in our Easter Appeal this year. We are extremely appreciative of your generosity and efforts in contributing to providing those in need with care and support!



JOIN OUR 2021 EASTER APPEAL!



ANCHOR ESTATE VOLUNTEERS

March, 2021

Thank you to the team from Anchor Estate for dedicating their time to volunteer with us. We always welcome more volunteers and helping hands for the work we do for the community. Thank you for helping us pack nutritious, filling meals for the needy in the community. It's always great to have more helping hands. We hope you enjoyed your time with us!



LADIES HIGH TEA

April, 2021

Our Ladies High Tea fundraising event took place on Thursday 22 April 2021, and we invited our volunteers, sponsors, donors, and the women who have supported St. Merkorious Charity through their work and endless effort to a lovely High Tea!

Everyone had a great time, and our High Tea was a great success, with a tonne of positive feedback from the 75 guests who attended the tea. Everything was perfect, including the venue, food and wonderful company. We thank all who support our cause once again, and for being legends during a difficult year.



OUTREACH SERVICE: MT DRUITT & BLACKTOWN

April, 2021

Our outreach services reach our communities far and wide. A massive thank you goes to our wonderful volunteers who donated their time and energy to the Mt. Druitt and Blacktown community. We could not do our outreach services without the donations and support of our wonderful community around us.

PARRAMATTA NIGHT SERVICE

April, 2021

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who assisted us at the Prince Alfred Square Parramatta Night Service on the 29th of March 2021. We spent the evening providing food and water to those in need in Parramatta. We are always so grateful for everyone's support and volunteering their time to do good in their community.



HOT MEAL & FELLOWSHIP RHODES

April, 2021

Another successful evening at our Rhodes outreach service that provided those in need with a fresh haircut, a free shower and a nice, warm meal. We are also so encouraged by the donations of blankets during our winter appeal from the St Patricks College in Strathfield. We loved being able to share in fellowship with one another and we always appreciate the support from our donors.



TRINITY GRAMMAR IB STUDENTS VOLUNTEERING

April, 2021



We had the great privilege of hosting some IB student volunteers from Trinity Grammar during their school holidays. It was great to see these students so passionate about helping their community and providing us with great support during their school break. We always love hosting such enthusiastic volunteers in our volunteer program.

ST PATRICKS STUDENT VOLUNTEERING

April & June Breaks, 2021

A huge thank you goes to the boys at St Patrick's for volunteering their time in both the April and June school holidays at our St. Merkorious Charity warehouse. These students dedicated two weeks of their holidays to help those in need in their community. We appreciate all their hard work and selflessness.



ST PATRICKS COLLEGE ANNUAL WINTER APPEAL

June, 2021

During the St. Patrick's College annual winter appeal, we received approximately 300 blankets, beanies, scarves, socks and underwear. These donations were delivered and organised by Frances and Gillian from St Patrick's College in Strathfield. Thank you so much to both of them, plus all the amazing people who donated items for the winter appeal



FAIRFIELD SERVICE 6 WEEK NUTRITION COURSE

June Breaks, 2021

St. Merkorious Charity conducted a 6-week nutrition course for our Fairfield clients. We were able to provide people with education on nutrition. We are always aiming to do good in our community by giving back and aim to provide the community with education where we can. We thank all the people who assisted us in Fairfield with this course and will continue to look for new ways to help the disadvantaged.

AUSINVENTIVE DESIGN DONATION

June 2021

Our wonderful sponsors at AusInventive Design donated two pallets of pantry items during our 2021 winter appeal. This donation of pantry goods went a long way in providing support for those in need in our community, and their ongoing support means so much to St. Merkorious Charity. Thank you for supporting those in need in Sydney!



STRATHFIELD COUNCIL DONATIONS

June, 2021

Strathfield Council held a winter appeal drive throughout the Strathfield community. Various pantry items were received and due to the recent lockdown, the council extended the winter appeal for a month in order to provide even more support to those in need. The support and generosity of the Strathfield Council has been massive for the St. Merkorious Charity, and we thank them for their constant support, particularly during the challenges of the covid lockdown.



SHARE THE DIGNITY DONATIONS

June, 2021

Felisia from Share the Dignity delivered some wonderful goods to St. Merkorious Charity back in April. Share the Dignity are such great supporters of our charity and the work we do, and we are so thankful for these wonderful donations and their support that we know will go so far in helping women in need across our local community.



OUR THANKS TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS THIS YEAR

Sponsors

DASCO Australia

PAYCE Foundation

Montessori Academy

Collappor8

**Canterbury Bankstown Chamber
of Commerce**

Grants

Social Sector Transformation Fund - Communities & Justice NSW

Colliers Foundation

Feed Appeal

Parramatta Council

Strathfield Council

Tucker Foundation

Community Building Partnership - Blacktown

Community Building Partnership - Strathfield

Burwood Council

Donors

Food Bank

Second Bite

OzHarvest

Share the Dignity

St Patricks College

Strathfield Council

Strathfield Girls High School

AusInventive Design

ST MERKORIOUS CHARITY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
ABN 32 146 235 527

FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2021

Prepared by
Prolink Business Solutions
Chartered Accountants

ST MERKORIOUS CHARITY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
ABN 32 146 235 527

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ST MERKORIOUS CHARITY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your committee members submit the financial report of the ST MERKORIOUS CHARITY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

Committee Members

The name of each member of the committee during the year and if different, at the date of the report;

Paula Nicolas

Patrick Chow

Dorian Sarkissian

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were:

Providing nutritious meals to elderly sick disabled homeless and disadvantaged people.

Significant Changes


No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating Result

The Profit of the association amounted to \$106,789.


Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.

**Committee
Member:**




Paula Nicolas

**Committee
Member:**



Patrick Chow

**Committee
Member:**



Dorian Sarkissian

Dated this **25** day of **November 2021**

ST MERKORIOUS CHARITY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
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INCOME			
Donation		<u>328,754</u>	<u>105,073</u>
OTHER INCOME			
Interest Received		59	102
Government Subsidies / Grants		108,199	48,669
JobKeeper Payment		54,000	24,000
Cashflow Boost		34,388	
Gross profit from trading		<u>137,230</u>	<u>264,332</u>
		<u>333,876</u>	<u>337,103</u>
		<u>662,630</u>	<u>442,176</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

ST MERKORIOUS CHARITY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
EXPENDITURE			
Bank Charges		1,445	1,383
Bus Hire		2,569	3,273
Cleaning		873	785
Computer Expenses		2,013	9,364
Client Disbursements		745	1,279
Depreciation		2,828	1,056
Electricity		13,250	11,309
Gas		1,615	2,369
Ground Hire			613
General Expenses		908	1,360
Gift Vouchers			(1,501)
Hire Purchase Charges		67	1,032
Insurance		12,535	11,575
Motor Vehicle Expenses		18,626	12,652
Printing & Stationery		671	(399)
Recruitment			285
Rent		96,167	47,695
Repairs & Maintenance		2,266	8,068
Salaries & Wages		261,303	210,172
Supplies		64,941	101,008
Staff Training & Welfare			1,331
Subscription		134	
Subcontracting Expenses		29,832	26,268
Superannuation Contributions - Employees		24,247	18,078
Telephone		4,278	3,847
Tolls		3,440	657
Travelling Expense		46	
Waste Disposal		10,315	7,876

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ST MERKORIOUS CHARITY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
Uniforms		727	(265)
Profit/(Loss) before income tax		<u>555,841</u>	<u>481,170</u>
Profit/(Loss) for the year		<u>106,789</u>	<u>(38,994)</u>
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year		106,789	(38,994)
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year		<u>39,652</u> <u>146,441</u>	<u>78,646</u> <u>39,652</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

ST MERKORIOUS CHARITY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	114,647	36,491
Trade and other receivables	3	30,807	18,749
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		145,454	55,240
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	4	12,441	16,513
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		12,441	16,513
TOTAL ASSETS		157,895	71,753
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and Other Payables	5	11,454	13,523
Borrowings	6	-	18,578
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		11,454	32,101
TOTAL LIABILITIES		11,454	32,101
NET ASSETS		146,441	39,652
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Retained earnings	7	146,441	39,652
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		146,441	39,652

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

ST MERKORIOUS CHARITY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR 30 JUNE 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
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CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING		
Receipts from operating activities	572,653	446,926
COVID 19 Cash flow boost & Job keeper	88,388	24,000
Payments to suppliers and employees	(562,223)	(447,714)
Interest received	59	102
Net cash provided by operating activities	98,877	23,314
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING		
Payments for plant and equipment	(2,077)	
Net cash provided by(used in) investing activities	(2,077)	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING	(18,644)	(10,470)
Payment of Borrowings	(18,644)	(10,470)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		
Net increase in cash held	78,156	12,844
Cash at beginning of financial year	36,491	23,647
Cash at end of financial year (Note 2)	114,647	36,491

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

ST MERKORIOUS CHARITY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 30 JUNE 2021

1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report and it has been prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act NSW. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 101:	Presentation of Financial Statements
AASB 107:	Cash Flow Statements
AASB 108:	Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
AASB 110:	Events after the balance Sheet Date
AASB 116:	Property, Plant and Equipment
AASB 1031:	Materiality
AASB 1048	Interpretation and Application of Standards

No other applicable Accounting Standards or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the association in the preparation of this report. Unless otherwise stated, the accounting policies are consistent with the previous period.

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.

Impairment of Non-Financial Assets

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

ST MERKORIOUS CHARITY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

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Where this indicator exists and regardless for goodwill, 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, except for goodwill.

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.

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 association 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.

Interest revenue

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method.

Rendering of services

ST MERKORIOUS CHARITY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

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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.

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Revenue from training services is generally recognised once the training has been delivered.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR 30 JUNE 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
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2. Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash on Hand	-	396
Cash at Bank #1	90,664	35,451
Cash at BankWestpac International Fund	23,854	-
Mastercard	129	644
	114,647	36,491
Reconciliation of cash		
Cash and Cash equivalents reported in the statement of cash flows are reconciled to the equivalent items in the statement of financial position as follows:		
	114,647	36,491
Cash and cash equivalents	114,647	36,491
3. Trade and Other Receivables		
Current		
Trade Debtors		11,000
Rental Bonds	400	1,650
Deposit - MotorVehicle	23,500	
GST Receivable	6,907	6,099
	30,807	18,749

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR 30 JUNE 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
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4. Property, Plant and Equipment		
Land and Buildings		
Leasehold Improvements	234,317	234,317
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(234,317)	(234,317)
Total Land and Buildings	-	-
 Kitchen Plant & Equipment	 242,578	 242,579
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(242,285)	(242,212)
	293	366
 Motor Vehicles	 99,218	 99,218
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(89,257)	(81,508)
	9,961	17,710
 Office Furniture & Equipment	 20,057	 17,980
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(17,870)	(15,116)
	2,187	2,864
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	12,441	16,513
 5. Trade and Other Payables		
Current		
Other Creditors		
Superannuation Payable	4,846	5,616
PAYG Withholding Tax Payable	6,608	7,907
	11,454	13,523

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR 30 JUNE 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
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6. Borrowings		
Current		
Hire Purchase Liability	-	18,645
Less: Unexpired Hire Purchase Liability	-	(67)
Total current borrowings	-	18,578
Total borrowings	-	18,578
 7. Retained Earnings		
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year	39,652	78,646
Net profit/(loss) attributable to the association	106,789	(38,994)
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year	146,441	39,652

8. Donation of Goods and Services

During the 2021 financial year, the association received \$12,530 worth of fruit and vegetables by way of donations. The value of the donations was recognised as income. The goods were used in the operations, therefore an equivalent value of fruit and vegetables was included in expense.

ST MERKORIOUS CHARITY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 2 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of ST MERKORIOUS CHARITY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED as at 30 June 2021 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that ST MERKORIOUS CHARITY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

President:



Paula Nicolas

Treasurer:



Patrick Chow

Dated this **25** day of **November 2021**

COMPILATION REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF ST MERKORIOUS CHARITY
ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
ABN 32 146 235 527

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of ST. MERKORIOUS CHARITY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED A.B.N. 32 146 235 527, which comprise the statement of financial Position as at 30 June 2021, income statement and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is set out in note 1.

The Responsibility of the committee

The committee of St. Merkorious Charity Association Inc are solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements, the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information and for the determination that the financial reporting frame work used is appropriate to meet their needs and for the purpose that the financial statements were prepared.

Our Responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the committee, we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting framework as described in Note 1 to the financial statements and APES 315 Compilation of Financial Information.

We have applied our expertise in accounting and financial reporting to compile these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting framework described in Note 1 to the financial statements. We have complied with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants including Independence Standards.


Assurance Disclaimer

Since a compilation engagement is not an assurance engagement, we are not required to verify the reliability, accuracy or completeness of the information provided to us by management to compile these financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion on these financial statements.

The special purpose financial statements were compiled exclusively for the benefit of the committee who are responsible for the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information used to compile them. Accordingly, these special purpose financial statements may not be suitable for other purposes. We do not accept responsibility for the contents of the special purpose financial statements.

Name of Firm: **Prolink Business Solutions**

Name of Principal:



Patrick Chow, CA

Address of Firm: Suite 2 Level 1, 80 Phillip Street, Parramatta NSW 2150

Dated this **25** day of **November 2021**

**ST MERKORIOUS CHARITY
ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
ABN 32 146 235 527
Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of
St Merkorious Charity**

Independent Audit Report to the members of St Merkorious Charity Association Incorporated Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of St Merkorious Charity Association Incorporated (the Organization), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Company is in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Act 2012, including:

(a) Giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and

(b) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards- reduced Disclosure Regime and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013.

Basis for Opinion

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

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

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 Regime and the ACNC Act 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 and 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 intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**ST MERKORIOUS CHARITY
ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
ABN 32 146 235 527**

**Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of
St Merkorious Charity**

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 the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism 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 directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the 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 the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

**ST MERKORIOUS CHARITY
ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**

ABN 32 146 235 527

**Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of
St Merkorious Charity**

We also provide the directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial report of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.



JAYANT GULWADI
JAG BUSINESS ADVISORY
BANKSTOWN

24th November 2021

Auditor Independence Declaration
Under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2021

To the Directors of St Merkorious Charity Association Incorporated

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2021, there have been:

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



JAYANT GULWADI
JAG BUSINESS ADVISORY
BANKSTOWN

24th November 2021

ST MERKORIOUS CHARITY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED


CERTIFICATE BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

I, Paula Nicolas of I03 The Boulevard Strathfield, certify that:

- (a) I attended the annual general meeting of the association held on 25 November 2021.
- (b) The financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021 were submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting.

Dated this **25** day of **November 2021**

**Committee
Member:**



Paula Nicolas

Volunteer With Us!

BE PART OF OUR CAUSE

Volunteers are the lifeblood of any charity and it's no different for us.

Since COVID-19 hit our volunteer numbers have dropped dramatically. COVID-19 hit our services hard, as many of our services are provided only through the efforts of our hardworking volunteers and their in-person efforts, such as cooking, hamper packaging, delivery and distribution.

Throughout the years from our founding to now, we have had a dedicated team of volunteers who helped us, and we are calling for more community members to join us to provide help to some of the most disadvantaged people in need.

Our charity is counted as an essential service! If you're interested in becoming part of the St. Merkorious family and joining our cause to eradicate poverty from its root - click the link below, check out our website, and join us! We'd love to see you.

Let's bring hope to the people in our community who need it most together.

JOIN US!

<https://stmerkorious.org.au/become-a-volunteer/>





**ST. MERKORIOUS CHARITY
ASSOCIATION INC**

**THANK
YOU!**

WANT TO SUPPORT US?

Contact us at stmerkorious.org.au or call 0478 760 450.
We're always looking for passionate supporters to join our cause!