

# Annual Report 2020-2021



**Women for Women in Africa Foundation Ltd**

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## **Our Mission:**

The principal purpose and primary object of the Company is to pursue the following charitable purpose:

*To work for the relief of impoverished persons in Kenya, with a particular focus on children and women from the Kibera slum in Nairobi Kenya, who are in poverty, or are suffering distress, destitution, sickness or misfortune, regardless of age, sex, ethnic background, religion, political beliefs or marital status.*

Solely for the purpose of furthering the principal purpose, the following additional objects of the Company are to:

- a) Provide access to education for underprivileged and impoverished children and adults living in slums in Kenya;
- b) Provide opportunity through training programs to impoverished women to develop independent sources of income and sustenance to support their families;
- c) Assist in-country partners in building schools and related infrastructure as a means of breaking the cycle of poverty through the training and equipping of local people in school construction techniques – as part of local community development projects – involving maintenance plans, training of teachers and construction of classrooms and vocational training centres. Such activity must be part of a larger development project;
- d) Develop holistic, self-sustaining development programs covering education, skills transference, agriculture, small business enterprise, health and nutrition;

## **Our History:**

WFWIA was founded in 2004 by Marguerite Ryan to help the people from Kibera slum in Nairobi, Kenya. Kibera is the largest slum in East Africa and one of Africa's largest. Most residents of Kibera are unemployed, uneducated and most of all, suffer from severe poverty.

WFWIA grew larger and became a Company limited by guarantee, a Registered Charity Tax, a Public Ancillary Fund and obtained DGR item 2 status. DGR item 1 status was achieved in May 2016 after becoming a Public Benevolent Institute under the ACNC.

In our early days, WFWIA helped the women of Kibera with skills training and set up a micro-finance scheme for them before beginning to find education places for students who were not attending school. Education quickly became a more important need to aid the people of Kibera from poverty relief.

Suitable buildings for their use ranged from a rented house, shipping containers, a rented apartment block and more recently a purpose built Centre for our in-country partner, 'Wanawake kwa Wanawake'.(WkW). The Centre was formally opened by the Australian High Commissioner for Kenya on 4th Dec 2013. WkW administer our work in Kibera at this centre.

Along with helping women, WFWIA began to help the local children to attend schools with a development-based education project which aims to also improve the opportunities of the people of Kibera to lead themselves out of poverty.

The need for a more purposeful approach to schooling led to WFWIA purchasing land in Kitengela, just outside of Nairobi, for the object of building a school primarily for the children of Kibera but also catering for those of the local area of Kitengela who are in need of a quality school. Unfortunately, the building of the school has not gone ahead. The property is still held pending the investigation of possible viable uses.

In 2018/19 an additional property was purchased in Kibera to provide a safe house for at risk children.

## ABOUT US

WFWIA is an Australian non-profit organisation that was started in 2004. WFWIA is entirely a Volunteer organisation that is intensely proud of its Australian heritage.

“WFWIA aims to relieve poverty through education”.

WFWIA is a registered charity but charity immediately brings to mind the notion of giving to those less fortunate than yourself. Indeed, the children and families of Kibera are probably some of the least fortunate people on the planet. However, we provide more than simply giving food or clothing. What we provide is a lifeline that allows people to forge a better life for themselves and their families.

“The chance to take back control. The chance of a future”.

WFWIA provides:

- Education through sponsorships to children who would otherwise have no chance of undertaking any schooling whatsoever.
- The chance to learn skills that can then be used to create an income.
- A genuine support group for women, children and their families to help with the tough medical, personal and physical issues that blight their lives on a daily basis.
- A very real opportunity for people to create their own ability to make a living, feed their families and perhaps eventually move away from the slum of Kibera.

In other words, our aim is to help provide many of the things that most of us take for granted: education, the ability to work, a support group of friends and family – simple rights that no human should ever have to be without.

## OUR PEOPLE

### Patron

**Noel O'Brien:** Philanthropist. Co-founder of O'Brien Catering, later Exec Director of Spotless Catering. A particular focus of Noel's philanthropic endeavours has been in respect of education and development in the most marginalised of communities around the world. Noel was a director of WFWIA in the past and hence his strong commitment to Women for Women in Africa.

### Board members

Name	Position	Dates Acted
Marguerite Ryan AM	Chair	Whole year
Richard Ruskin	Vice-Chair	Whole year
Peter Toms	Director	Whole year
Tino Marget	Director	Whole year
Glenn Smith	Secretary/Director	Whole year
Emma Whiting	Director	Whole year
Sandra Kirkhope	Director	Whole year
Camille Davis	Director	Whole year

### Sub-committees and volunteers

Our thanks go to the many wonderful people involved on our Functions subcommittees and other volunteers throughout the year.

WFWIA is registered with:

- The Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC);
- The Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC); and
- Consumer Affairs Victoria.

WFWIA has DGR item 1 status with the Australian Tax Office.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Everyone will agree that the past year has been a very difficult one both in Australia and Kenya. But the Board of Women for Women in Africa is delighted with all that has been accomplished by Wanawake kwa Wanawake in Nairobi and the generosity of the donors who have made this possible.

Following a COVID enforced break the Function Committee reconvened to oversee an important function to be held at the Glamp African Bar in Melbourne in October 2021. The Committee worked very hard towards making this a very special Sunday afternoon with auctions, raffles, sales and delightful venue. Unfortunately, it had to be postponed but we look forward to a very special day early in 2021 with our very generous hosts Jeanelle and Dean Mariani.

The main aim of the function was to provide sponsorship for 40 young boys and girls who, because of extreme poverty, were not able to continue from primary school to secondary school. I am delighted to say that so far 29 of these students have been sponsored and all 40 are now attending secondary school.

The Board of WFWIA has supported the amazing projects of WkW during this year. Some of these are – Education; Counselling; Food packs; Medical care; Rent relief; Women's Table Top Banking; the Girls Safe House; the Ugandan Women's Refugee Project; the Masai Women's Project; the International Certificate IT Course. The wonderful diligence of Sister Leonida Kwamboka and all her staff, has ensured that the people of Kibera are given the best possible support. Kibera has this year suffered fires and floods and many families have lost their homes and possessions, but they know if they go to WkW they will be given food, blankets, mattresses etc., and most of all a very kind and welcoming reception. WkW is truly a haven.

The Girls Safe House has maintained a steady number of girls living there part or full time. They age from 4 years to 21 years. Many little girls have been placed there when they have been homeless, because of illness or suffering of a parent/guardian. Leonida often spends a night at the house, the girls love that as does Leonida. It is a very special time. The Safe House now has a vegetable garden and chickens plus they have a dog and a cat. The girls take care of the maintenance of the house and the older ones look after the younger ones. It is a very happy home!!

Early in 2020, the Relief Fund was established to provide food, rent relief, medical care to Kibera families affected by COVID. Our grateful thanks to all donors to this fund that has now reached \$183,000. This money has been sent to WkW and is still being used for monthly food packs to families, as well as giving much needed support in many humanitarian ways.

When I look at this list of donors, I am amazed, humbled and extremely grateful. You are wonderful people, thank you.

This year, negotiations began for the purchase of another property close to the WkW Centre to be used for the IT programs, counselling and meetings. Through the wonderful generosity of Michael and Mandy Buckley a property is being purchased and WkW hopes to have occupancy by the end of 2021.

The annual Torquay Golf Day for 2021 was once again cancelled but Mandy Buckley assures me that it will be held early in 2022.

We are very grateful that the number of primary and secondary sponsorships have increased and that many more children are now able to go to school. The children are very grateful to their sponsors who have given them dignity, education and hope for the future.

I am very grateful to Anny Murray who has kept our data base well informed with updates both from WkW and WFWIA and to Emma Whiting for maintaining the website.

Glenn Smith, a Director and Company Secretary, maintains all the requirements of a charity and ensures that we are compliant. He also works with Catherine Tory, our volunteer Administrator who updates and looks after the data base, sends out invoices and receipts, and keeps in contact with potential and committed sponsors. My most grateful thanks to Glenn and Catherine, they certainly make my Chairmanship easier. For many years Paul Briglia and his Staff have ensured that the accounts forwarded to him by Glenn are ready for Mark Robb our Auditor. Thank you, Paul you have been a great friend. Aleks Kulesza, also for many years, has been in monthly contact with Humphrey, the on site accountant at WkW, and together they ensure the accurate maintenance of all WkW financial accounts. Humphrey has said that he is very grateful for the advice provided by Aleks. The accounts at WkW are also maintained by an outside accountancy firm and are audited yearly.

The Function Committee has mostly met on zoom but they work well together and I am sure will ensure a wonderful 2022 function at Glamp. We will have three very special auction items and lots of goodies to sell, plus great drinks and nibbles, so look forward to having a big, happy crowd.

A very special thank you to Leonida and her staff – they have made life easy for WFWIA as they are dedicated and committed to ensure that all aspects of their programs are well conducted. They have tirelessly cared for so many Kibera families especially during COVID....no praise is good enough.

Thank you to all the donors who have made the WkW projects possible and who have given the families of Kibera a much better life - be assured you have made a difference. Perhaps you will never know these families personally, but you are part of their lives and part of their families – they are very grateful.

Last but not least, my thanks to all the Board Members for your support and friendship over the past year.

I look forward to 2021/2022 and all that WFWIA will achieve in their support of WkW.

Marguerite Anne Ryan

Chairman, Women for Women in Africa Foundation Pty Ltd.

November 2021

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## Board of Governance Report

### Women For Women In Africa Foundation For the year ended 30 June 2021

#### 1. Structure

Women for Women in Africa Foundation is a Trust founded by Marguerite Anne Ryan on 24th April, 2006. The Trustee of the Trust is Women in Africa Ltd. ACN 119 334 066 a company limited by guarantee incorporated on 12th April, 2006.

#### 2. Board Members

The names of the directors in office at the date of this report are:

Marguerite Anne Ryan, AM, appointed 20th April, 2006 - Member, Order of Australia

Richard David Ruskin, appointed 7th November, 2012

Peter Dougal Toms, appointed 7th May, 2009 - School Principal (Retired)

Constantine A. Marget, appointed 8th September, 2015

Glenn Smith, appointed 15th May, 2017 - CPA

Emma Whiting, appointed 21st August, 2018

Sandra Kirkhope, appointed 21st August, 2018

Camille Davis, appointed 1st October, 2019

#### 3. The Goals of Women For Women in Africa Foundation are:

(a) To provide access to education for under privileged children and adults in Kenya; and

(b) To provide opportunity to impoverished women in Kenya to develop independent sources of income and sustenance to support their families.

Women for Women in Africa Foundation works with its partner Kenyan charity, Wanawake Kwa Wanawake, and other charitable organisations, to achieve these goals.

There were no changes in the nature of the principal activities of the Foundation during the financial year.

#### 4. Review of Operations

The Foundation generated net funds of \$471,108 (2020 - \$588,603) during the year from which funds totalling \$540,350 (2020 - \$582,199) were utilised to support its international programs.

#### 5. Review of Financial Position

The cash position of the entity at 30 June 2021 was \$854,056, compared to \$923,300 in 2020.

#### 6. Significant Changes in State of Affairs

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Foundation during the year.



## 7. Significant Matters

During 2017/18, some funds generated by the Foundation were used to assist in the purchase of a property in Kenya to be used as a Safe House for at risk residents of Kibera. The property is owned by the Women for Women in Kenya Foundation Charitable Trust (WFWIK). Renovations are completed during the year and the Safe House is now open.

The Foundation also provided funds in 2014/15 for WFWIK to purchase land in Kitengela, Kenya which is currently being leased, pending a review relating to potentially selling this property.

During 2020/21 it was agreed that an additional property be purchased to house the expanding activities of the WkK Centre. A suitable property has been identified with funds for the purchase pledged by donors. Settlement had not taken place by 30 June 2021.

## 8. Environmental Regulation

The entity is not subject to significant environmental regulation in relation to its operating activities in Australia.

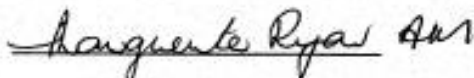
## 9. Members' Interest in Contracts

No material contracts involving members of the Board were entered into since the end of the previous year or existed at the end of the financial year.

## 10. Members' Warranties

In accordance with the Company's Constitution each member of the company is liable to contribute A\$100 in the event that there was a deficiency on winding up. The total amount members would contribute is A\$2,800.

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



Marguerite A Ryan

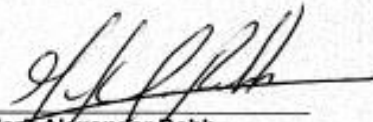
(Chairperson)

Date 19/11/2021

**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION  
TO THE DIRECTORS OF  
WOMEN FOR WOMEN IN AFRICA FOUNDATION**

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 there have been

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



**Mark Alexander Robb**  
**WILLMOTT ROBB**  
**Certified Practising Accountants (CPA) Australia**

Dated at Sandringham this 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Women for Women in Africa Foundation  
Menzies Malvern  
403/1286 High Street  
MALVERN VIC 3144

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

I, Mark Alexander Robb have audited the accompanying financial report of Women for Women in Africa Foundation, which comprises the statement of financial position, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows, table of cash movements for the year then ended 30 June 2021, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the responsible entities declaration.

### Responsible Entities' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The responsible entities of the registered entity are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and for such internal control as the responsible entities 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.

### Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the responsible entities' preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view 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 registered entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the responsible entities, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

### **Opinion**

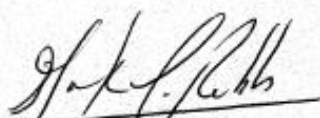
I have audited the financial report of Women for Women in Africa Foundation, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of change of equity and statement of cash flows for the year 2021 then ended and notes to the financial statements including a summary of significant accounting policies and the board members declaration.

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the *Emphasis of Matter* section of my report, the financial report of Women for Women in Africa Foundation has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

### **Emphasis of Matter**

Receipts from donations and other fundraising activities are a significant source of revenue for Women for Women in Africa Foundation non-reporting entity. Women for Women in Africa Foundation has determined that it is impracticable to establish control over the collection of donations and other fundraising activity revenue prior to entry in its financial records. Accordingly, as the evidence available to us regarding revenue from these sources was limited, our audit procedures with respect to donations and other fundraising activity revenue had to be restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. We therefore are unable to express an opinion on whether donations and other fundraising activity revenue obtained by Women for Women in Africa Foundation are complete.



Mark Alexander Robb  
Certified Practising Accountants (CPA) Australia

8<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Level 1, 117 Beach Road  
Sandringham Vic 3191

## Board of Governance Declaration

### Women For Women In Africa Foundation For the year ended 30 June 2021

The directors of the trustee company declare that the trust is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The directors of the trustee company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as attached, present fairly the trust's financial position as at 30th June 2021 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Notes 1 to the financial statements.
2. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the trust will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.
3. The financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the Australian Charities & Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012.
4. The financial statements and notes have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Council of International Development Code.

Signed in accordance with 60.15(2) of the Charities and Not-for-Profits Regulations 2013.

Director: Marguerite Ryan AM

Dated: 9/11/2021

Director: Gordon Smith

Dated: 19/11/2021



# Income and Expenditure Statement

Women For Women In Africa Foundation

For the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
<b>Revenue from operating activities</b>		
Covid 19 Appeal	63,818	103,799
Endowment education	252,845	244,097
Family Support	35,323	23,205
Functions & Events Income	-	36,751
General Donations	58,904	39,187
Medical Fund	3,785	4,250
Other education	3,000	55,000
Post-secondary education	96,602	76,505
Safe House projects	-	4,500
<b>Total Revenue from operating activities</b>	<b>514,277</b>	<b>587,293</b>
<b>Gross Surplus</b>	<b>514,277</b>	<b>587,293</b>
<b>Revenue/Expenditure from outside the operating activities</b>		
Foreign Currency Gains	-	32,797
Foreign Currency Loss	(38,455)	-
Interest	2,817	1,664
<b>Total Revenue/Expenditure from outside the operating activities</b>	<b>(33,638)</b>	<b>34,460</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Auditors fees	2,310	2,310
Bank Charges	788	658
Board and Committee Expenses	467	960
Computer Expenses	4,842	5,118
Function expenses	-	21,966
GiveNow fees	8	56
PayWay Fees	-	3
Postage & Courier	344	863
Printing & Stationery	-	395
Website	792	792
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>9,531</b>	<b>33,150</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) from continuing operations</b>	<b>471,108</b>	<b>588,603</b>
<b>Funds contributed to International Programs</b>		
Transfers to WWK Kenya	540,350	582,199
<b>Total Funds contributed to International Programs</b>	<b>540,350</b>	<b>582,199</b>
<b>Current Year Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(69,242)</b>	<b>6,404</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

# Assets and Liabilities Statement

Women For Women In Africa Foundation  
As at 30 June 2021

	NOTES	30 JUN 2021	30 JUN 2020
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents		854,058	923,300
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>854,058</b>	<b>923,300</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>854,058</b>	<b>923,300</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>854,058</b>	<b>923,300</b>
<b>Funds</b>			
Contribution by Founder		100	100
Designated Funds		853,958	923,200
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>854,058</b>	<b>923,300</b>

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## Movements in Equity

Women For Women In Africa Foundation  
For the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
<b>Equity</b>		
Trust Settlement	100	100
Designated Funds at start of the year	923,200	916,795
<b>Movement for the year</b>		
Profit/(Loss) for the Period	(69,242)	6,404
<b>Total Movement for the year</b>	<b>(69,242)</b>	<b>6,404</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>854,058</b>	<b>923,300</b>



# Statement of Cash Flows

Women For Women In Africa Foundation  
For the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Donations	514,277	550,542
Functions	-	36,751
Payments to Suppliers	(9,531)	(33,156)
Transfers to Beneficiaries	(540,350)	(582,199)
<b>Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	<b>(35,604)</b>	<b>(28,056)</b>
<b>Investing Activities</b>		
Interest	2,817	1,664
Foreign Currency Gains	-	32,797
Foreign Currency Loss	(36,455)	-
<b>Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>	<b>(33,638)</b>	<b>34,460</b>
<b>Net Cash Flows</b>	<b>(69,242)</b>	<b>6,404</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	923,300	916,895
Net change in cash for period	(69,242)	6,404
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	854,058	923,300

## Table of Cash Movements

Women For Women In Africa Foundation  
For the year ended 30 June 2021

	Cash Available at Beginning of Year	Cash Raised During Year	Cash Disbursed During Year	Cash Available at end of Year
For WKW Centre and Education costs	601,797	420,928	409,459	613,266
For Safe House Project	226,643		67,377	169,266
Covid 19 Appeal	44,760	63,818	77,162	31,426
Purchase of property for expansion of WKW Centre		20,000	20,000	
Administration Expenses	50,000	9,531	9,531	50,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>923,200</b>	<b>514,277</b>	<b>583,519</b>	<b>853,958</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## Women For Women In Africa Foundation For the year ended 30 June 2021

### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and Urgent Issues Group Interpretations.

It is prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention. Unless otherwise stated the accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous year.

The financial report complies with Australian Accounting Standards, which included Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the ACFIB Code.

#### (a) Tax Exemption

The Foundation is exempt from payment of income tax under Section 50-5 of the Australian Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

#### (b) Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)

The Foundation does not have an interest in property, plant or equipment but has financially supported the acquisition of three properties in Kenya by associated entities registered in Kenya. These properties are used or are to be used in assisting the Foundation achieve its objectives in the education of underprivileged children.

#### (c) Employee Benefits

The Foundation to date has not been required to employ staff, all regular administrative functions being on a pro-bono basis. Consequently there are no employee entitlements recognised.

#### (d) Investments

Interest income from investments is recognised as earned and where appropriate is reinvested.

#### (e) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash includes all bank accounts including monies invested on term deposits.

#### (f) Revenue

Revenue is recognised when the donations are received.

### 2. Unrecorded Donations

During the year there were no funds made available by Australian benefactors directly to projects sponsored by the Foundation in Kenya.

### 3. Contingent Liabilities

The Foundation had committed to assist in the funding of the renovation of a Safe House in Kenya. The project is still in planning stage. Assistance will be sought from benefactors to cover the Foundation's exposure to the costs.

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These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

#### **4. Events Occurring after Reporting Date**

At the date of this report there is no other matter or circumstance which has arisen since 30th June, 2021 that has significantly affected or may significantly affect;

- (a) the Foundation's operations in future financial years, or
- (b) the results of these operations in future financial years, or
- (c) the Foundation's state of affairs in future financial years.

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