# **Financial Report**

St Paul's Foundation Fund ABN 47 171 424 645 For the year ended 31 December 2023

Prepared by Pascoe & Co



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# **Auditor's Report**

## St Paul's Foundation Fund For the year ended 31 December 2023

### **Independent Auditors Report to the Parishioners**

We have audited the financial statements, being a special purpose financial report of St Paul's Foundation Fund for the year ended 31 December 2023.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of St Paul's Foundation Fund is in accordance with the Trust Deed, the *Public Ancillary Fund Guidelines 2009* contained within the *Tax Administration Act 1953* and the *Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- a. giving a true and fair view of the financial position of St Paul's Foundation Fund as at 31 December 2023 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in the notes to the financial statements and the requirements of the Trust Deed; and
- b. complying with the Australian Charities and Not-for Profits Commission Regulation 2013.

### **Basis of Opinion**

We have 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 fund and the parish in accordance with 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.

### **Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting**

Without modifying our opinion we draw attention to note 1 to the financial report which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the trustees' financial reporting responsibilities under the provisions of the Trust Deed. As a result the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

### Responsibilities of the Trustees for the Annual Financial Report

The trustees 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 Trust Deed, the *Public Ancillary Fund Guidelines 2009* contained within the *Tax Administration Act 1953*, the *Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission Act 2012* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the parishioners. The trustees' responsibility also includes such internal control as they 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 trustees are responsible for assessing the fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and
  perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to
  provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for
  one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the
  override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit
  evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt
  on the fund'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 fund 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.
- Receipts of offertories, donations and other sundry items as shown in the financial statements have been extracted from the fund's books of account. While certain controls over the handling and banking of cash receipts are in place, the scope of our audit does not include accounting for receipts prior to their initial recording in the fund's books and records.

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

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**JOHN PASCOE** 

Director

28 February 2024

# **Trustees' and Treasurer's Report**

# St Paul's Foundation Fund For the year ended 31 December 2023

In our opinion, the financial statements of the **St Paul's Foundation Fund** for the year ended 31 December 2023 have been:

- properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the receipts and payments during the year and the assets and liabilities at the end of the year, and
- comply with the provisions of the Trust Deed.

Trustee

Treasurer

Trustee

Trustee

# **Balance Sheet**

# St Paul's Foundation Fund As at 31 December 2023

	31 DEC 2023	31 DEC 2022
Assets		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts	398,207	331,277
Total Current Assets	398,207	331,277
Total Assets	398,207	331,277
Net Assets	398,207	331,277
Equity		
Retained Earnings		
Current Year Earnings	66,930	7,851
Retained Earnings	331,277	323,426
Total Retained Earnings	398,207	331,277
Total Equity	398,207	331,277

# **Profit and Loss**

# St Paul's Foundation Fund For the year ended 31 December 2023

17	2023	2022
Income		
Gifts Received	93,848	76,996
City Alight Income	18,094	14,948
Total Income	111,942	91,945
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Expenses		
Bank Charges	·	47
Distribution to St Paul's Cultural Trust Fund	38,908	34,019
Distribution to St Paul's College (Education Centre) Building Fund	6,049	49,777
Other expenses	55	250
Total Expenses	45,012	84,093
Profit/(Loss)	66,930	7,851

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# **Notes to the Financial Statements**

## St Paul's Foundation Fund For the year ended 31 December 2023

### Background

The St Paul's Foundation Fund (ABN 45 126 084 562) is a separate entity to the parish of St Paul's Castle Hill and is a trust set up specifically to provide for the aims of the St Paul's Foundation Fund as laid out in the Trust Deed. Gifts made to the trust are tax deductible.

### **Statement of Significant Accounting Policies**

The significant accounting policies which have been adopted in the preparation of the Financial Statements which comprise the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss are:

### **Basis of Preparation**

The Financial Statements have been drawn up as a special purpose financial report for distribution to the parishioners of the Parish. The trustees have applied the following accounting policies in the preparation of the Financial Statements -

- 1. The Financial Statements have been prepared on a modified cash basis of accounting using the historical cost convention and going concern assumption, except as affected by policies below
- Other Accounting Standards and mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia have not been applied
  except as stated below. Except where stated the Financial Statements do not take into account changing money values or
  fair values of assets
- These accounting policies have been consistently applied and, except where there is a change in accounting policy, are
  consistent with those of the previous year. The Financial Statements have been prepared based on the underlying
  accounting records of the Fund

### **Revenue Recognition**

Cash amounts received are recognised at fair value of the consideration received net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST) payable to the Australian Tax Office. Exchanges of goods or services of the same nature and value without any cash consideration are not recognised as revenues. Interest revenue is recognised when it is received

#### Income Tax

In accordance with the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, the Fund is exempt from income tax.

#### **Goods and Services Tax**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST) except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

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