



# HEARTBEAT EPWORTH INCORPORATED

---

A report to members and supporters of the  
activities and financial situation of Heartbeat  
Epworth for the Financial Year 2020-21

Annual Report  
2020-21

# Table of Contents

- Overview of the Year ..... 2
- Committee 2020-21 ..... 3
- Annual General Meeting for 2019-20 ..... 4
- Volunteers ..... 4
- Membership ..... 5
- Members ..... 5
- Scholarships ..... 5
- Donations to Epworth Medical Foundation ..... 6
- Supporters ..... 6
- Entertainment Books ..... 6
- Zippers ..... 7
- Epworth Richmond ..... 7
- North West Group ..... 8
- South Eastern Group ..... 8
- Financial Statements ..... 9
- Notes to the Financial Statements ..... 14
- Committee's Report ..... 15

# President's Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2021

---

## Overview of the Year

Despite the challenges of the COVID-19 restrictions and lockdowns we experienced in varying degrees throughout the year, the Committee adapted to the situation and undertook as many activities as possible to keep our volunteers and members engaged.

Our fundraising activities in the hospitals were heavily impacted and our Patient Support Program has not operated since it was suspended in March 2020.

With a great deal of help from Epworth Infection Prevention and Control, risk assessments and mitigation strategies were developed to enable our volunteers to operate sales tables safely when permissible in the past year. With help from Belinda Howard, Group Manager, Volunteer Programme, a COVID-Safe training package was developed and delivered to our volunteers in three group sessions. We returned to work on 3 May 2021 – 59 weeks and 3 days since Heartbeat last sold a greeting card or raffle ticket. Our first and only raffle for the year was called the “Heartbeat is Back Raffle”. Although extensive renovations and extensions at Epworth Eastern meant a space to operate a sales table there wasn't available, we were delighted to be able to return to work at Richmond, where the staff made us feel very welcome.

Although we couldn't work in the hospitals for most of the year, members of the Heartbeat Epworth family kept in contact with each other. It is appropriate that I highlight the efforts of: Margo Kelly and Fay Henderson who organised a monthly morning tea for those people connected with Richmond; Robert Saitta and Shirley Chung who organised a monthly lunch for members in the North West; and Con and Loula Vlass together with Cat Shinkfield who ran a morning tea in the East. All these activities were subject to COVID restrictions but, when able to be held, they provided a way for our volunteers and members to come together and reconnect during this most challenging time. The absolute joy and pleasure when people got together was palpable.

While it is not nearly as enjoyable as catching-up in person, we made good use of modern technology over the pandemic to enable us to continue our schedule of monthly Committee meetings. This gave us the opportunity to assess the impact of the ever-changing COVID situation on planned events, to consider what should be included in *Zippers* every second month to keep our members, friends and supporters informed, and to agree our approach for managing membership renewals and the Annual Appeal.

Thanks to the generosity of members donating to the Annual Appeal, we were able to make a second \$30,000 contribution to the Heartbeat Epworth Centenary Scholarship Fund.

We were very fortunate to have the support of many individuals and organisations, including the Epworth Medical Foundation (EMF), during the year. EMF staff checked-in with many of our volunteers and Committee members during lockdowns to make sure we were okay. I would like to make special mention of the support and encouragement provided by Scott Bulger and the administrative support provided by Sarah Dyke, which was critical to our ability to keep Heartbeat running as near to ‘business as usual’ as possible in the circumstances.

## Committee 2020-21

Alan Lang and Ted Williams, both life members, retired from the Committee at the 2019-20 AGM. Alan joined the Committee in 2001 and served as President from 2006 – 2008. Ted joined Heartbeat in 1993 and served on the Committee from 2005, filling the role of Treasurer from 2006 – 2016.

We welcomed Shirley Chung to the 2020-21 Committee. Shirley has been associated with the Richmond and North West Groups for many years.

Wayne Motton resigned from the Committee in March 2021 after serving for three years. John Thurkle and Marion Thurkle sought and were granted three months Leave of Absence from the Committee in June 2021.

Eleven of the twelve Committee meetings scheduled for the year were conducted using Zoom technology - the April meeting was the only one held face-to-face during one of those rare COVID-free moments. I would like to thank Kasi Nathan (Secretary) for encouraging us to use Zoom, making his personal account available for this purpose, and for ushering us through the technical challenges we encountered! I also extend a special thank you to our wonderful minute-taker Cat Shinkfield who somehow managed to overcome the challenges of capturing our 'virtual' discussions.

I have to report that the strength of our Committee, individually and collectively, became evident this year. They all adapted to using Zoom and the telephone as our main means of staying in contact with each other. On a few occasions Committee members were required to act quickly when plans had to be changed at very short notice. Some suffered illnesses that required surgery and hospitalisation during this difficult time but, as soon as they were able to, they got back to work. I thank each member of the Committee for their team-work, support, commitment and achievements in very challenging circumstances.



### Heartbeat Epworth Committee 2020-21

#### Back Row – Left to Right

Bill Preston, Robert Saitta, Wayne Motton,  
Sylvia MacGregor, John Thurkle, Con Vlass

#### Front Row - Left to Right

Shirley Chung, Fay Henderson, Margo Kelley,  
Loula Vlass, Marion Thurkle

#### Not in Photo:

Kasi Nathan

## Annual General Meeting for 2019-20

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was to be held in the Auditorium at Richmond on 20 November 2020, however, the Committee considered the risk of the meeting being cancelled at short notice due to COVID-19 restrictions was too great and a decision was taken to hold the meeting online, using Zoom technology. Heartbeat had never run an AGM using this technology before so we were required to revamp our communication to members to cater for this approach, including instructions on how to use Zoom technology. We also developed fillable online versions of our AGM forms for those members who are comfortable and prefer to communicate with us in this way.

A very successful meeting went ahead with 28 members accepting the invitation to attend the meeting and 37 members nominating the Chairperson as their proxy. The usual business of the AGM was conducted and all the motions put to the meeting were carried.

Disappointingly, we were not able to proceed with our invited guest speaker (Dr Lach Henderson, Epworth Group Chief Executive) given the format of the meeting and the pared-back agenda.

An online meeting can't, by its very nature, provide an opportunity for the personal touch that a face-to-face meeting affords but, in this case, it did allow the Association to fulfil its statutory obligations. It is certainly the Committee's preference that we will hold face-to-face AGMs again wherever we can.

## Volunteers

COVID-19 restrictions prevented Heartbeat from running any sales tables to sell cards and raffle tickets at Epworth Richmond for 10 months of this financial year but, with tremendous support from Epworth Infection Prevention and Control, we developed a comprehensive plan for risk mitigation to prepare us for a 'COVID normal' return to work. As part of this plan, and with help from Belinda Howard, Group Manager, Volunteer Programme, a COVID-Safe training package was developed and delivered to our volunteers in three group sessions.

### Some of our volunteers at COVID-Safe training



**Back row:** Fay Henderson, Margo Kelly, Wolfgang Ott, Robert Saitta, Shirley Chung, Elaine Malley, Kevin O'Dea, Sylvia McGregor, Con Vlass, Bill Preston, Avril Lowrey, Upendra Nayak, Heera Nayak  
**Front Row:** Lesvia Bain, Loula Vlass



**Back row:** Ruth Crockett, Marion Lang, Lauris Murnane, Justine Middleton, Alan Lang, Bernadette Hodgkinson  
**Front Row:** Joan Bone, Joan Hathaway, Margo Kelly

## Membership

Membership has been in decline for many years and, without growth in membership, the organisation will decline irreversibly. A number of our members joined as long ago as twenty or thirty years and, as should be expected, we are sadly seeing some pass away while others have relinquished their membership as they are no longer able to attend functions or participate personally in the work we do.

The Committee has tried a number of strategies to encourage patients to join Heartbeat Epworth - a new brochure was developed and used to recruit new members in 2015 and, from 2017, the membership fee for the first year has been waived. These strategies have not had the desired impact on membership growth so, in February 2020, the Committee explored new ways of improving the Patient Support Program as a way of connecting and building an ongoing relationship with patients in order to attract new members and volunteers. We have had early discussion with Epworth to gain agreement to our proposed approach but the suspension of the Patient Support Program in March 2020 means that we are yet to finalise and implement the changes we'd like to make in this area.

## Members

We are very fortunate that our loyal and generous members have continued to support us this year. With limited fundraising opportunities available to us, the Annual Appeal was our major fundraising campaign for this year. Many members donated in response to my letter seeking donations to the Annual Appeal, and then donated again when they renewed their membership. The Committee is most grateful for our members' support.

## Scholarships

Scholarships play an important role in improving the care of cardiac patients through building the knowledge and skills of our cardiac nurses, some of whom would not be able to undertake further study without the support of a Heartbeat Epworth Scholarship.

Four Heartbeat Epworth scholarships were awarded in 2020 for study in 2021. Due to unavoidable disruption to planned scholarship activity, one recipient from the 2021 round and another from the 2020 round, deferred their scholarship activity.

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Position held</b>	<b>Field of Study</b>
Natasha Machaso	Exercise Physiologist, Rehabilitation & Mental Health	Implement stroke-adapted cardiac rehabilitation within the established cardiac rehabilitation programs at Epworth HealthCare
Danielle Gleeson	Registered Nurse Richmond	Post-graduate Certificate - Intensive Care
Mary Buccat	Cardiac Sonographer Richmond	Graduate Diploma in Cardiac Ultrasound - Queensland University of Technology
<i>Deferred Study</i>		
Sarak Ludik	Registered Nurse	Masters in Nursing Practice
Penny Bywater	Registered Nurse	Graduate Certificate in Nursing Practice – Cardiac Care – through Deakin University



## Donations to Epworth Medical Foundation

Prior to the end of the financial year, Heartbeat Epworth Donated \$30,000 to Epworth Medical Foundation. All these funds will go to helping establish the Heartbeat Epworth Centenary Scholarship Fund. A donation of \$30,000 was made to this fund in 2020 so, together with this donation in 2021, our contribution so far is \$60,000. EMF will match each dollar Heartbeat contributes. This Fund will support an additional 3 cardiac nurse scholarships annually in perpetuity when fully established.

## Supporters

The Committee is very grateful for all the support we get. Without it our fundraising would reach only a fraction of what we achieve.

We received (as always) magnificent support from the Epworth Medical Foundation during what has been a very challenging period for them as well. The staff at EMF maintained contact with our volunteers and Committee members each time we were in lockdown to make sure we were okay. When we returned to work at Richmond the EMF team made us most welcome. The Committee and volunteers are very grateful to everyone in EMF for all their moral and practical support. I would like to make special mention of the support and encouragement provided by Scott Bulger and the administrative support provided by Sarah Dyke whose contribution was vital in enabling us to print letters and other documents to go to members.

In addition to administrative and personal support, EMF donated items to Heartbeat to use as prizes in our raffles. All the items, including the Levantine Hill wine included in the "Heartbeat is Back Raffle" were donated by EMF.

It is also important to note for the record the financial support EMF provides through matching each dollar we put towards the Heartbeat Epworth Centenary Scholarship Fund.

We have a wide network of craft groups and individuals who donate goods for raffles, auctions, craft stalls, etc. Many of these craft groups continued to sew and knit during COVID-19 restrictions even though weren't able to run a craft table at Richmond. Sue Riddell (and her Silver Knitters group) and Margaret Nicholas are great supporters of South Eastern Group and have provided many beautiful craft items which we know will be 'hot sellers' when we return to normal activities at Epworth Eastern.

Sam Zouki (the owner of Epi Café at Epworth Richmond) appreciates the fundraising work of our volunteers so he insisted on supporting Heartbeat in some way. A donation box was placed in front of each cash register at the Café, resulting in \$550 worth of donations. Sam also encouraged John Thurkle and Sylvia McGregor to come up with a product line that he could sell at the Café on our behalf. They put together a Heartbeat pack which he now sells. Thank you Sam - the Committee is really grateful for your support.

Bunnings Box Hill South supports South Eastern Group with donations of goods for raffle prizes and, of course, opportunities to run sausage sizzles. We were about to run a Bunnings sausage sizzle when COVID restrictions struck so we missed this opportunity. Bunnings gave us \$500 worth of gift vouchers to offset the missed opportunity. A special thank you to the team at Bunnings Box Hill South.

## Entertainment Books

Under new ownership, *Entertainment Books* became *Entertainment*. Their business model was also changed from the production of printed books of discount vouchers to a digital version accessible only by an app on a smart phone. We are mindful that a significant number of our members don't use the internet or smart phones, so this new business model doesn't suit that demographic. Together with the impact of COVID-19 restrictions on opportunities for eating out and people's willingness to invest in a product that

may not be able to be utilised fully for some time, this has impacted significantly on our sales, which have been small compared with previous years. We will persevere with *Entertainment*, but have doubts about the likelihood of returning to sales levels experienced in recent years.

## **Zippers**

Frequent COVID-19-related interruptions to Heartbeat Epworth operations over 2020-21 impacted on the availability of news about fundraising and other activity for our bi-monthly newsletter *Zippers*. This gave us a wonderful opportunity to continue the 'Celebrating our Volunteers' profiles in recognition of another six amazing contributors to the Heartbeat cause. We thank Margo Kelly, Zwany Stoker, Ted Williams, Karen Bradford, Shirley Chung and Jenny Bradford for allowing us to share their stories with *Zippers* readers.

We were also very grateful to regular *Zippers* contributors the Rev. Lauren Mosso and her team from Pastoral Care for their insightful advice (over several issues during the pandemic) on coping in uncertain and challenging times.

The Committee also acknowledges the contribution to *Zippers* made by:

- Committee members Bill Preston, John and Marion Thurkle, Margo Kelly, Robert Saitta, and Con and Loula Vlass
- Julia Sanderson (Scholarships)
- our new columnists Jo Kevill and Glynis Cacavas (Cardiac Rehabilitation Coordinators)
- our editor Sheila Ross
- EMF for printing the hard copies that are distributed to members who don't have email addresses and to patients while they are in hospital.

We distribute approximately 200 hard copies and another 175 emailed copies of each *Zippers* issue.

## **Epworth Richmond**

A basket of magnificent goodies valued at more than \$1000 was assembled, placed in a very large basket and decorated by Sylvia McGregor in anticipation of our volunteers getting back to work on 3 May 2021. When the first ticket (in what we called the "Heartbeat is Back Raffle") was sold by John Thurkle on 3 May it was 59 weeks and 3 days since our volunteers had sold a raffle ticket or a greeting card. Interest in the raffle was second only to the welcome we received from hospital staff and visitors who had missed seeing the Heartbeat volunteers as much as we had missed them. Thank you to the Committee, especially Margo Kelly, Sylvia McGregor and John Thurkle, for putting in a magnificent effort to get everything and everyone organised.

After 18 days selling raffle tickets, COVID-19 lockdown number 4 was announced. We were able to get back into the hospital in time to sell the remaining tickets and draw the raffle as planned.

In the short period we were operating the sales table, primarily to sell raffle tickets, we had some good sales of greeting cards and other items - including a marvellous effort by Hugh Videion who took an order for 150 Happiness Kits. A customer who had purchased a Kit was so impressed with its underlying message that she ordered 150 more to hand out to mourners at a family member's funeral.

Even when they were unable to come into the Richmond hospital, members, volunteers and their friends continued to meet for morning tea and a bit of frivolity at Pietro and Paolo South Melbourne every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month when COVID restrictions allowed. A lucky door prize was awarded on each occasion. A big thanks goes to Fay Henderson for arranging the venue and prizes.



The Heartbeat Epworth, Patient Support Program is an important part of our activity at Epworth Richmond but had to be suspended because of COVID-19 restrictions.

Craft Tables, a popular feature of our activities, were sorely missed by our volunteer sellers and hospital staff / visitors alike. The craft groups that support us continued to sew and knit so that we will have an abundance of items for sale. Thank you to the wonderful craft groups for all their support.

## **North West Group**

The North West Group started the year with ambitious plans for a range of activities to bring members, friends and supporters together on a regular basis. Unfortunately, the restrictions imposed as a result of the pandemic meant that many of the planned events, including the traditional Xmas lunches in July and November and the Gamekeepers event, had to be cancelled.

Between lockdowns though, a limited number of meetings and lunches were able to be held. It was indicative of the camaraderie and fellowship of our members that these events were very well-attended.

Debbie Casey and her loyal team at “Central Steel” made another generous donation of \$500 to the Heartbeat cause. A special thank you to Debbie for their continued support.

## **South Eastern Group**

Our fundraising was severely disrupted by both the COVID-19 restrictions and the extensive construction program being undertaken by the hospital. We were unable to run the monthly sausage sizzles at the entrance of the hospital or our usual raffles and fundraising craft table. The Bunnings Sausage Sizzles, which are quite lucrative, were also suspended during this period but Bunnings donated \$500 of gift vouchers to make up for the lost opportunity – thank you Bunnings.

Con and Loula met with the hospital staff Kerry May (Executive General Manager Epworth Eastern) and Rhonda Grant (OHS Adviser) to look for a suitable location for our fundraising table while construction work is underway. Much to the hospital’s and our disappointment, and until the major building works have been concluded, it seems that we will not be able to return to the hospital for some time.

During this inactive period, we have been in regular contact with the South Eastern Group volunteers: Nilma Wrice, Lesvia Bain and Evelyn Robinson. Evelyn has decided to retire - we thank her for her support over the last few years.

We are very grateful for the efforts of Sue Riddell and her Silver Knitters group and Margaret Nicholas who continued to provide us with craft items in preparation of our return to normal activities at Epworth Eastern.

We were unable to hold our bi-monthly South Eastern Group meetings (which are normally held at the Burgess Family Centre, Box Hill North) because of the limitations on the number of people who can be in the room.

Bill Preston  
President

# Financial Statements

**Heartbeat Epworth Inc.**

**A.B.N. 63 047 089 954**

**2021 Financial Statements**

## **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 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee, details as set out in the accompanying financial statements:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Heartbeat Epworth Inc. 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 Heartbeat Epworth Inc. 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:

***Bill Preston***

President

***Kasi Nathan***

Secretary

Dated 20th September 2021

**Heartbeat Epworth Inc.**  
**Income and Expenditure Statement**  
For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	\$	\$
<b>Revenue:</b>		
Membership	3,640	6,840
Donations	33,529	29,406
Fundraising Activities	8,014	65,860
Interest Received	3	675
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>45,186</b>	<b>102,781</b>
<b>Less Fundraising Costs</b>	<b>1,076</b>	<b>10,002</b>
<b>Net Surplus Before Overheads</b>	<b>44,110</b>	<b>92,779</b>
<b>Less Overheads &amp; Administration</b>		
Bank Fees and Charges	561	681
Computer Software Licence Fees	863	3,006
Insurance	999	3,512
Stationery and Office Costs	-	115
Loss on disposal on Non-Current Assets	-	1
<b>Total Overheads and Administration</b>	<b>2,423</b>	<b>7,315</b>
<b>Surplus Before Donations</b>	<b>41,687</b>	<b>85,464</b>
Donations to Epworth Medical Foundation	30,000	148,000
<b>(Deficit) / Surplus</b>	<b>11,687</b>	<b>(62,536)</b>

**Statement of Changes in Equity**  
For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	\$	\$
Retained Surpluses Brought Forward	9,283	71,819
Current Year Surplus/(Deficit)	11,687	(62,536)
<b>Total Retained Surpluses</b>	<b>20,970</b>	<b>9,283</b>

# Heartbeat Epworth Inc.

## Balance Sheet

as at 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and Bank Accounts		
Petty Cash	450	50
Westpac Cheque Account	12,371	1,027
Bendigo Bank - North West Group	1,399	1,006
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	<u>14,220</u>	<u>2,083</u>
Inventory	6,750	7,200
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b><u>20,970</u></b>	<b><u>9,283</u></b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>	-	-
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>20,970</u></b>	<b><u>9,283</u></b>
Less Liabilities	-	-
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b><u>20,970</u></b>	<b><u>9,283</u></b>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
<b>Retained Surpluses:</b>	<b><u>20,970</u></b>	<b><u>9,283</u></b>

# Heartbeat Epworth Inc.

## Cash Flow Statement

For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
<b>Cashflow from Operating Activities</b>		
Membership	3,640	6,840
Donations	33,529	29,406
Fundraising Activities	8,014	65,861
Payments to Suppliers	(3,049)	(18,801)
<b>Operating Cash Flow</b>	<b>42,134</b>	<b>83,306</b>
<b>Cashflows from Investing Activities</b>		
Payments for Non-Current Assets	-	-
<b>Cashflows From Financing Activities</b>		
Interest Received	3	675
Less Donations to Epworth Medical Foundation	(30,000)	(148,000)
	<b>(29,997)</b>	<b>(147,325)</b>
<b>Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash</b>	<b>12,137</b>	<b>(64,019)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Cash Balances</b>		
Cash at Beginning of Year	2,083	66,102
Add net increase/(decrease) in cash	12,137	(64,019)
Cash at End of Year	<u>14,220</u>	<u>2,083</u>
<b>Reconciliation of Cash from Operations with Operating Surplus</b>		
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) before Donations	41,687	85,465
Less: Interest Income	(3)	(675)
Less: Increase/(Decrease) in Inventory	450	(1,484)
Operating Cash Flow	<u>42,134</u>	<u>83,306</u>

**Heartbeat Epworth Inc.**  
**Fundraising Information**  
For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Funds and Assets received as a result of Fundraising Activities</b>	8,014	65,860
Expenditure on Assets	-	-
Expenditure on Wages, Salaries, Commissions and other remuneration in relation to fundraising activities	-	-
Administration expenses related to fundraising activities	2,423	7,315
Other Expenses related to fundraising activities (Cost of merchandise sales and raffles)	1,076	10,002



# Notes to the Financial Statements

## For the Year ended 30 June 2021

### 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act Reform Act 2012. The Committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets. The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of the financial statements:

#### (a) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

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

Office and other equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, less any accumulated depreciation. Minor assets (cost < \$1000) with an expected life of less than 3 years are depreciated in full in the first year. The depreciable amount of all other fixed assets are depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the Association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

#### (c) Revenue and Other Income

Interest revenue is recognised when credited to the bank account.

Revenue does not include any amount of goods and services tax (GST).

#### (d) Trade and Other Payables

Trade and other payables represent the liabilities at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the Association that remain unpaid.

Trade payables are recognised at their transaction price. Trade payables are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms.

#### e) Tax

The Association is a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission (ACNC) and is endorsed by the ATO as a "Deductible Gift Recipient" (DGR) meaning donors of gifts to the Association are able to claim a tax deduction for their gift. The ATO has allowed the Association Income Tax Exemption and GST concessions.

The Association is not registered for GST (and not required to be registered) with the Australian Tax Office.

Therefore, expenses and assets are recognised at their gross cost including any amount of GST.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable.

### 2. Financial Liabilities

As at 30 June 2021, the Association has nil financial liabilities (2020: \$nil).

### 3. Capital Commitments

As at 30 June 2021, the Association has nil capital commitments (2020: \$nil).

### 4. Events subsequent to Reporting date

The COVID-19 crisis and the resulting restrictions have adversely affected the operation of the organisation since March 2020. This has substantially impacted the fundraising activities and patient support activities since that time. This impact in FY2020 and FY2021 is reflected in these reports.

The Committee is not aware of any other material events, subsequent to the reporting date, that would have an impact on the financial statement or on the affairs of the Association.

At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Heartbeat Epworth Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

# Committee's Report

## Heartbeat Epworth Inc.

For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

---

The Committee is pleased to submit the financial report of the Heartbeat Epworth Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

### Committee Members:

The names of Committee members who were elected to manage Heartbeat Epworth Inc. at the date of this report are:

President:	Mr Bill Preston	
Vice Presidents:	Vacant	
Secretary:	Mr Kasi Nathan	
Acting Treasurer:	Mr Kasi Nathan	
Members:	Mr John Thurkle	Mrs Sylvia McGregor
	Mr Con Vlass	Mr Robert Saitta
	Mrs Marion Thurkle	Mrs Fay Henderson
	Mrs Loula Vlass	Mrs Margo Kelly
	Mrs. Shirley Chung	

The Committee is responsible for the management of the Association as per delegation of powers granted by Heartbeat Epworth Inc. until a new Committee is installed.

### Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Association during the financial year were to:

- (a) To give support and reassurance to people and their families following hospital treatment for heart disease.
- (b) To assist in the further development of cardiac units at Epworth hospitals by raising funds to provide additional equipment and services.
- (c) To promote friendships between past cardiac patients, their families and supporters through meetings and social events.

The Committee assumed responsibility of Heartbeat Epworth Inc. on Friday 20 November 2020.

### Significant Changes

While COVID-19 imposed significant restrictions on the activities of the Association, no significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

### Operating Result

The Surplus from ordinary activities (the Association is exempt from Income Tax) for the year ended 30 June 2021 amounted to \$ 41,687.

**Bill Preston**  
President

**Kasi Nathan**  
Secretary

Dated: 20 September 2021