



# Scotland Island Residents Association Inc (SIRA)

## Annual Report 2019

Committee Report and Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 30 June 2019

Founded in 1955

Scotland Island Residents Association (SIRA) is an incorporated association, registered in NSW.

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NSW Assoc Reg no: Y1208105

Founded in 1955, SIRA serves the residents and property owners on Scotland Island, NSW.

Images in the report are thanks to Shane O'Neill

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## About Us

Scotland Island Residents' Association, or SIRA, is collectively the voice of the Scotland Island community and a key provider of services to families living on the island. The SIRA committee advocates for residents in addressing issues relating to off-shore living and community well-being. SIRA also manages the websites [www.sira.org.au](http://www.sira.org.au) and [www.scotlandisland.org.au](http://www.scotlandisland.org.au), the Community Hall, the Emergency Water supply and co-manages the community vehicle.

SIRA was established in 1955 at a meeting at Bangalla and since then has become a vital part of island life.

The SIRA Committee (SIRAC) welcomes observers at its meetings, and questions and submissions from island residents.

## Committee Information

President: Colin Haskell

Vice President: Sharon Kinnison

Secretary: Anne Dennis

Treasurer: Boyd Attewell

Committee members:

- Fabienne d'Hautefeuille
- Nadja Fisher
- Shane O'Neill
- Jane Rich
- Robyn Iredale
- Sue Armstrong
- Paul Blackband

For contact details and information on subcommittees and working groups, please refer to the SIRA website (<http://sira.org.au> or <http://scotlandisland.org.au>)

## Committee Reports

### President's Report

Over the past year we've seen some great progress in terms of roads and drainage, parks, wharf upgrades, the emergency water supply, a traffic management plan for the island, and the beautiful new twin murals that adorn the kindy and community hall, to name a few. Read more about those in the subcommittee reports on the following pages.

We had several meetings with Northern Beaches Councillors and with the new CEO of Council, Ray Brownlee. Ray is assisted by Trish Chaney who is the designated liaison person at Council for the offshore community associations. Trish's role has greatly enhanced our communications with Council. We continue to make submissions to Council to keep fees as low as possible and to ensure that offshore residents have adequate parking at Church Point for cars and commuter boats.



We would also like to thank all of the following volunteers and service providers for their time, effort and contributions:

- Hall management and bookings - Jane Rich, Barbara Labram and since January 2019, Lucy Gregg
- Community Vehicle management and drivers - Graeme Crayford and his team
- Water line management and monitoring - Nikki Gibson, Ian Laughton Smith, Nadine O'Mara and Cass Gye
- Wharves - Alec Beckett
- Bush Care - Sharon Kinnison and Emmie Collins
- Fire Brigade - Peter Lalor and all the team, including the First Responders

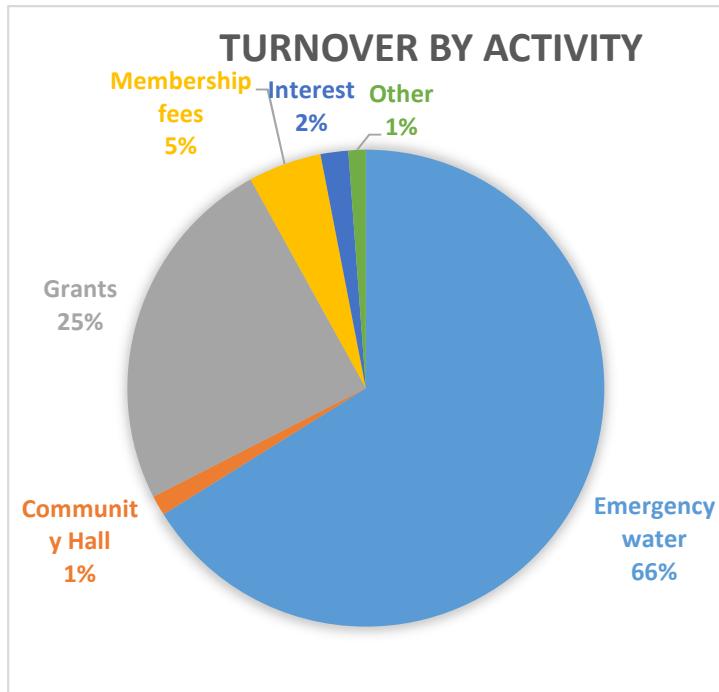
I encourage anyone who feels they would like to be involved to contact the secretary (at [secretary@sira.org.au](mailto:secretary@sira.org.au)) or any SIRA committee member to register their interest.

Finally, I encourage everyone to attend the Annual General Meeting of SIRA on 17<sup>th</sup> November.

*Colin Haskell, President*

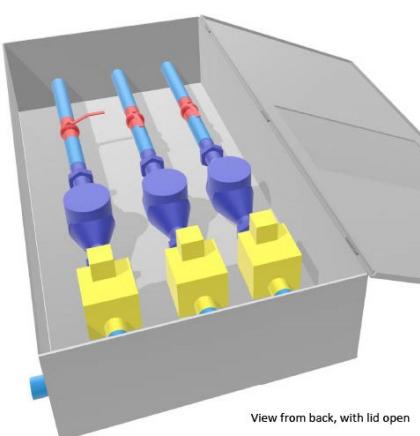
## Finance and Insurance

SIRA has closed yet another year of stable finances and a modest surplus. The organisation's turnover of just over \$164,000 was remarkably close to the previous financial year but its make up has shifted. Water sales have come down from their peak due to the drought continuing, but not as severe as it was in 2018. That drop in water income was offset by the extraordinary grant income of over \$40,000 in the year to June 2019. The grant to automate the water booking system accounted for the majority of grant funds.



In the past, water booking and delivery involved phone calls at odd hours, emails, trips to the meter at Bells and back again. As we enter phase 3 of the automation project, residents can book online and will soon be able to read the meter from their laptop or phone. It has been a project many years in the making and has involved dozens of individuals – a truly collaborative community exercise that is showing remarkable results. Special thanks to Hubert van Mierlo, now a former resident who continues to work above and beyond for this community, all of the water monitors and Cass Gye during this transition period, Stewart Hassell for his generous donation of labour and parts, the system testers, and the many software and hardware contractors. There's also been vital support from Northern Beaches Council and from Ausgrid.

In 2019 SIRA continued its representations to the Northern Beaches Council to ensure the best possible deal for offshore residents in terms of amenities and keeping fees reasonable. This included meetings in Council chambers followed by formal submissions.



*The new meters and housing design, next to the real thing!*

*Boyd Attewell, Treasurer and Team Leader, Finance and Insurance Subcommittee*

## Community Engagement and Communications

Members of the CE&C team in 2019 were Anne Dennis (Team Leader), Sue Armstrong, Alec Beckett, Nadja Fisher, Carol Floyd, Sharon Kinnison and Shane O'Neill.

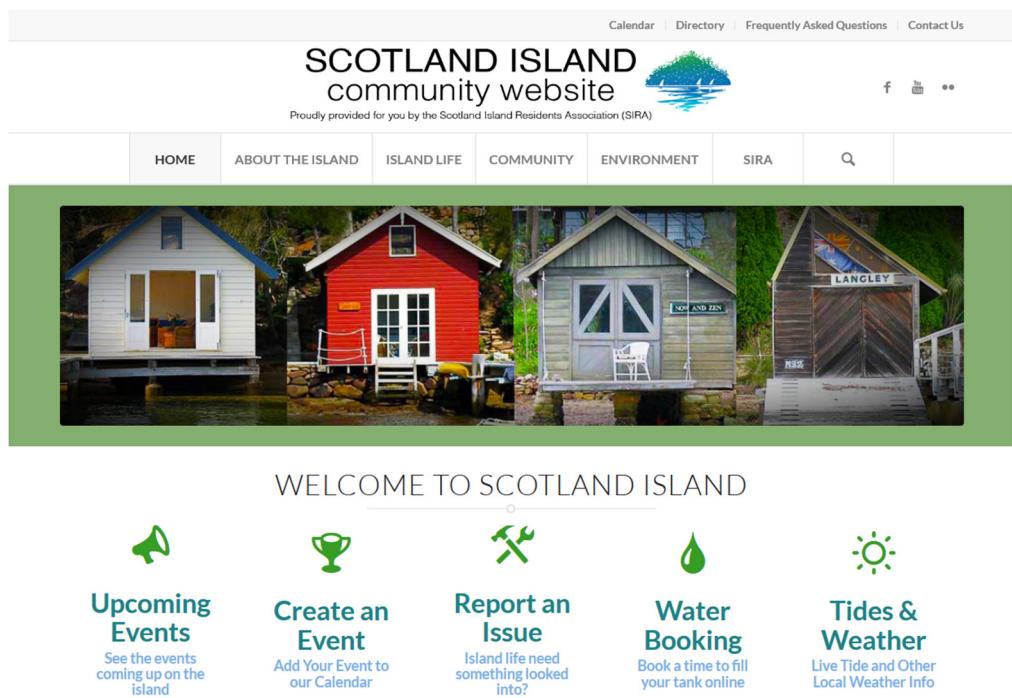
### ***Membership and IT Manager***

At the 2018 SIRA Annual General Meeting, a motion was passed to enable SIRA to employ a Membership and IT Manager. Congratulations to Alec Beckett who was the successful applicant. Apart from being on hand to assist with technical issues, Alec has worked with the sub-committee and Lucy Gregg, the Hall Booking Officer, on updating the Scotland Island Community Website and Calendar.

### ***Scotland Island Community Website Update***

We are pleased to report that, after a significant interruption due to lengthy technical difficulties with WordPress, the content management system used to manage the website, this ongoing project is back on track. The Home Page has been overhauled, with a new layout, new photographs and with easy access to information frequently required, all of which have made the page more user-friendly. There are now five buttons to click on - Upcoming Events,

Create an Event, Report an Issue, Water Booking and Tides and Weather - for quick access to information and links. Thank you to the sub-committee, and particularly to Alec for their work on this.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Scotland Island community website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links to 'Calendar', 'Directory', 'Frequently Asked Questions', and 'Contact Us'. Below the navigation bar is the website's logo, 'SCOTLAND ISLAND community website', with a small graphic of a house and water. To the right of the logo are social media icons for Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter. The main content area features a large image of four colorful wooden houses (white, red, grey, and brown) situated near water. Below this image is a section titled 'WELCOME TO SCOTLAND ISLAND' with five buttons: 'Upcoming Events' (megaphone icon), 'Create an Event' (trophy icon), 'Report an Issue' (wrench and screwdriver icon), 'Water Booking' (water drop icon), and 'Tides & Weather' (sun icon). Each button has a brief description underneath it.

### ***Facebook***

During 2019 we have continued to focus on using Facebook consistently and regularly to communicate relevant news and events. This has resulted in a significant increase in likes and followers. Thank you to Shane O'Neill for managing the Scotland Island Residents Page.

### ***Scotland Island Information Booklet***

This booklet, created in 2018, was updated for a visit to the island by Ray Brownlee, CEO of Northern Beaches Council, and other Council officers. It provides backgrounds to the main issues which affect the island and

SIRA's goals in relation to these issues. Once again, thank you to Nadja Fisher who co-ordinated the update and to Shane O'Neill for printing. And a very special thank you to Camila Hardy who gave hours of her time to give the booklet a professional layout.

### ***Scotland Island Recreation Club***

The Recreation Club is the brainchild of Robyn Iredale, a SIRA Committee member. Robyn, in partnership with SIRA, applied for a grant under the Northern Beaches Council Community, Arts and Culture Grants Program 2019/20. The aim of the application was to promote social inclusion on the island. Congratulations to Robyn on the success of her application, under which SIRA was granted \$8,260. This money will go towards funding various equipment and recreational activities, offering residents a variety of ways to get together and enabling more use of the Community Hall.

Thank you to the Recreation Club Working Group – Robyn, Jane Rich, Sue Armstrong, and Sharon Kinnison – which has been working very hard for much of the year, not only on grant application and implementation but on organising and assisting with activities:

#### **LET'S DANCE!**

**It takes two to tango....  
but you are all invited to another**

#### **INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING EVENING**

**to be hosted by our own Branko and Annabelle Kristevic  
Eastern European dancing champions**

**The last Saturday of the month from 7pm to 9pm  
Scotland Island Community Hall**

**Open to everyone aged 12 +  
Gold coin donation. Bring your own drinks & nibbles for a  
midway breather**



**Inaugural event of the SIRA Recreation Club**

- three International Folk Dancing Evenings have been hosted by Annabelle and Branko Kristevic
- a Musicians' Concert was organised by Robyn Iredale and David Richards and held in June
- two bushwalks have been guided by Paul Kinnison
- a Kindy Garden has been established thanks to the efforts of Annabelle Kristevic, with assistance from Tim Turpin, Marty Campbell, Lizzie Hazelwood, Branko Kristevic and others
- Kindy cafes have been organised by Ariadne Krausman and kindy parents, with help from Sam Collins, Jane Wood, Emmie Collins and others.

Thank you to the sub-committee members who have enabled the many SIRA communications with the Island and wider community, and to the numerous volunteers who have helped organise community events.

*Anne Dennis, Secretary and Team Leader, Community Engagement and Communications Subcommittee*

## Community Hall

Lucy Gregg has settled into the role of Hall Booking Manager as well as taking on the job of Hall Cleaner.

The Hall has continued to be booked for regular yoga classes and has seen the successful introduction of Sound Therapy evenings, Drumming For Fun, Young Musicians, after-school and holiday programs, Branko and Annabelle Kristevic's folk dance nights, Scotland Island players Tall Tales night and private functions. Plans are underway to advertise the Hall to local business and groups to offer the Hall as a great opportunity for conferences or personal growth workshops.

A Stronger Communities Federal Grant of \$13,500 was awarded to SI resident, Emmie Collins, sponsored by SIRA for Community Hall and Kindergarten enhancement. A Steering Committee was formed to achieve these aims. Members representing both the kindy and SIRAC under the chair of Emmie Collins met regularly to oversee the implementation of the Grant.

An artistic interpretation of our bushland environment mural linking the buildings was commissioned from artist, Nettie Lodge with input from two working groups of residents. Plus increased storage capacity for items related to community events and rationalisation of current storage under hall and kindergarten was achieved with assistance from Northern Beaches Council.



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Visits by NBC Chief Executive Officer, Ray Brownlee and department heads enjoyed our hospitality in the park.

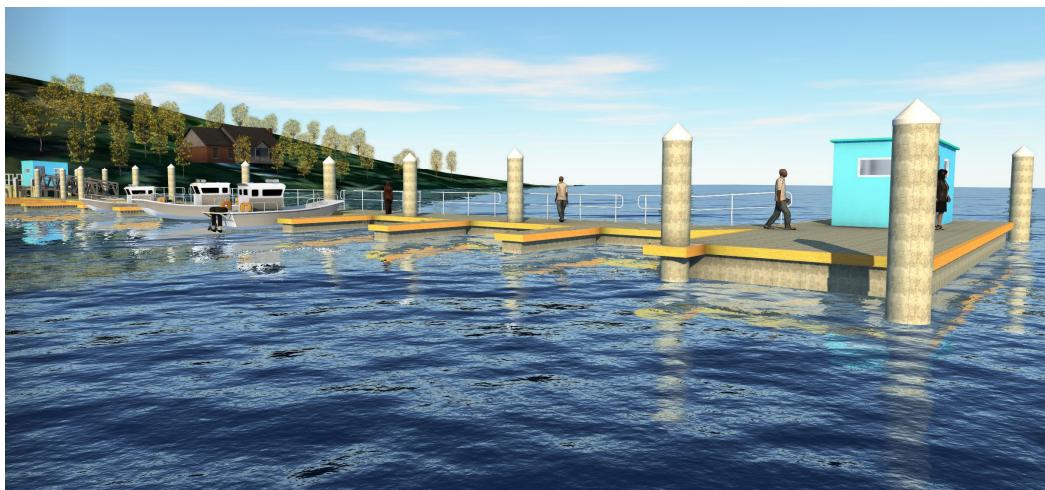
Thanks to Alec Foye Beckett for keeping the Community Hall Booking calendar up-to-date, to SIRA Treasurer, Boyd Attewell, for his assiduous attention to invoices and members of the Hall Committee for their input and support.

Last but not least my thanks to Northern Beaches Council for its support and assistance, Pino, Carl and the crew of Sirius for the regular maintenance of the park: grass-cutting, BBQ cleaning etc and especially for attending when a possum decided to die under the hall. Its memory lingers.

*Jane Rich, SI Hall Manager*

## Wharves

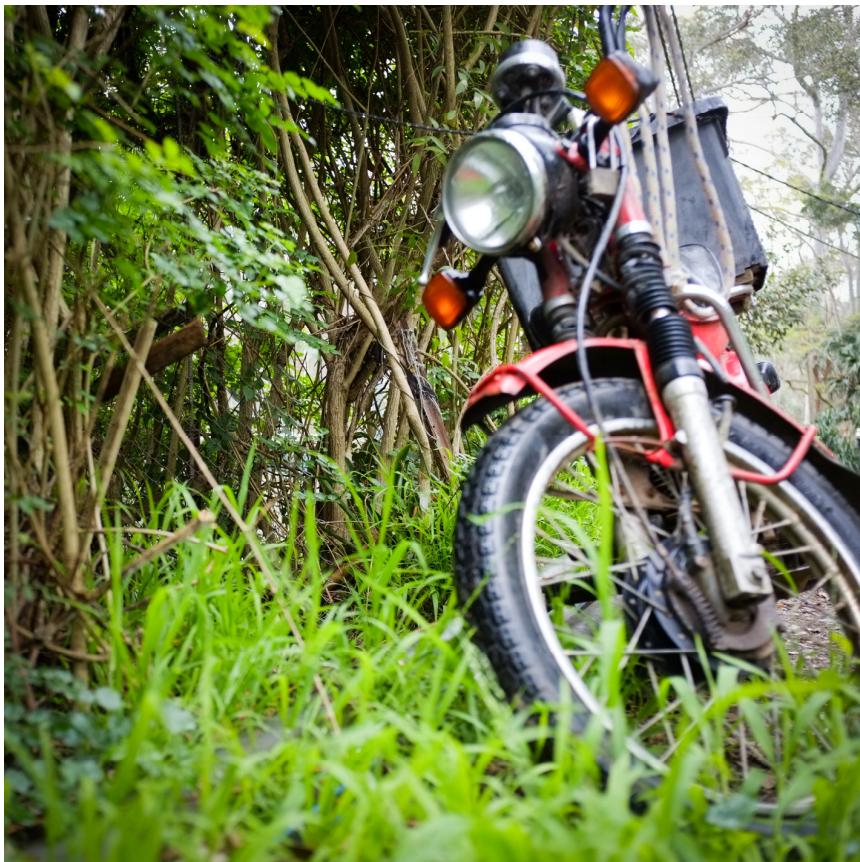
The SIRA Wharves Working Group has been very busy this year progressing the redevelopment of Bell and Carols wharves. We have continued to seek community input, have over 40 members, and meet to discuss and negotiate plans. We have worked with designers Royal Haskoning and Northern Beaches Council to come up and shape designs for new floating pontoon tie-up spaces and ferry pontoons for both locations. The plans and associated information are currently [September 2019] being readied for public community consultation. We will soon move on to the finer design elements to help ensure that the works are as accommodating and suitable as possible. We expect the new works to be completed by April 2020.



*1. Concept drawing only – the proposed Bells Wharf, view from South West*



*2. Concept drawing only – the proposed Carols Wharf*



### Traffic Management Plan

Northern Beaches Council in consultation with the community has developed a traffic management plan for Scotland Island. In brief, a 10km/h speed limit will apply to all vehicles on the island. Council will have control over access of vehicles over 4.5 tonne GVM. Registration will be required for all vehicles used on the island's roads including golf buggies under the conditional registration system including the requirement to have Compulsory Third Party Insurance. All drivers will need to be licensed under the NSW or other state systems.

## **Reviewer's Independence Declaration**

Under s43 of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 to the Directors of Scotland Island Residents Association Inc.

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2019 there have been no contraventions of:

The reviewer independence requirements as set out in the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 in relation to the annual review, and

Any application code of professional conduct in relation to the review.



William George Stanley

Dated: 23 September 2019

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**Detailed Statement of Profit or Loss**

	for the year ended 30 June	
	2019	2018
	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>		
Memberships	8,185	5,860
Emergency water sales		
Line 1 income	48,350	56,980
Line 2 income	35,620	41,475
Line 3 income	12,385	13,630
Line 1 booking fees	5,960	8,020
Line 2 booking fees	4,710	5,740
Line 3 booking fees	1,425	2,020
Late fees charged	325	575
Total Emergency water sales	<u>108,775</u>	<u>128,440</u>
Emergency water upgrades	5	1,190
Community vehicle	680	680
Community hall	2,235	2,186
Donations	260	9,506
SC grant - EW booking	36,800	-
SC grant - Mural & storage	3,480	-
CBP grant (Elsie steps)	-	15,000
Provision for loan write down	1,000	-
Interest	1,575	2,823
Investment fund appreciation	1,494	-
Total Income	<u>164,489</u>	<u>165,685</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Accounting	7,560	7,560
Advocacy (CP etc)	80	10,015
Bank charges	381	184
Cleaning	3,533	3,077
Community projects - Mural	3,480	-
Community projects - Automated Booking system	41,940	-
Community projects - Elsie St		14,122
Community projects - SIOCS loan provision		3,000
Depreciation	371	371
Electricity, gas, fuel	1,792	1,749
Emergency water monitors		
Monitor line 1	9,670	11,386
Monitor line 2	7,126	8,295
Monitor line 3	2,495	2,724
Line 1 booking fees	6,460	8,050
Line 2 booking fees	5,120	5,740
Line 3 booking fees	1,550	2,020
Monitor collections allowance	480	480
Total Emergency water monitors	<u>32,901</u>	<u>38,695</u>
E water - lineclearing	3,990	3,891
E water - line mntnce	1,691	1,501
E water - line upgrade	-	999
E water - rates at \$2.04 per kL	39,945	45,275
Fees for Hall Bookings and PON	1,500	1,500
Insurance	3,173	2,742
IT Manager	1,650	-
Maintenance	75	264
Meeting costs	350	325
Postage	32	55
Print and stationery	282	4
Reimbursement allowance	1,000	-
Social functions	-	600
Software - Accounts/office	624	570
Software - Membership	1,366	1,183
Software - Voting, surveys	262	262
Statutory costs	46	146
Telecoms and internet	-	328
Website design, maintenance	1,884	-
Total Expenses	<u>149,906</u>	<u>138,417</u>
<b>Net Profit/(Loss)</b>	<b><u>14,583</u></b>	<b><u>27,268</u></b>

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*Statement of Financial Position*

	<b>as at 30 June</b>	
	<b>2,019</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash at bank	53,586	88,008
Floats	400	400
Total Cash	53,986	88,408
Paypal account	8,654	325
Non-Current Assets		
Emergency Water Term Deposit	92,243	91,443
Australian Ethical Fund	56,494	-
Total Non-Current Assets	148,736	91,443
Other Assets		
Loan SIOCS	8,000	9,500
Provision	(8,000)	(9,000)
Total Other Assets	0	500
Debtors	7,618	2,867
Grant receivable	36,800	-
Prepayments		
Equipment	2,225	2,225
Accumulated depreciation	(1,484)	(1,113)
Total Assets	256,536	184,655
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	47,372	11,976
Accruals	12,706	2,647
Deposits held	280	130
Memberships in advance	5,341	3,668
Stronger Comms Grant	10,020	-
Total Current Liabilities	75,719	18,421
Total Liabilities	75,719	18,421
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>180,817</b>	<b>166,234</b>
Equity		
Retained Earnings	166,234	138,966
Current Year Surplus/Deficit	14,583	27,268
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>180,817</b>	<b>166,234</b>

## Notes to the Financial Statements

***The financial statements cover Scotland Island Residents Association Inc (SIRA) as an individual entity that is incorporated and domiciled in Australia. SIRA is an incorporated association.***

The financial statements were authorised on the 23rd day of September 2019.

### **Note 1. Summary of significant accounting policies**

The association is a not for profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards. The Committee has prepared the financial statements on the basis that the association is a non-reporting entity, because there are no users who are dependent on it. These financial statements are therefore special purpose financial statements that have been prepared to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (the Act). The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the mandatory Australian Accounting Standards applicable to entities reporting under the Act and the significant accounting policies disclosed below, which the Committee has determined are appropriate to meet the needs of members. Such accounting policies are consistent with those of previous periods unless stated otherwise.

The association has no legal obligation to have its financial statements audited. The Act defines the association as a Tier 2 (small) association and as such there is no requirement for an audit. The association Committee has elected for a Review to be carried out by a suitably qualified accountant (refer to the Independent Reviewer's Report).

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

### **Note 2. Goods and Services Tax**

The association is registered for GST, therefore income and expenses are recognised exclusive of GST. Where appropriate, certain assets and liabilities are inclusive of GST.

### **Note 3. Income Tax**

The association has been granted exemption from income tax under the Income Tax Assessment Act.

### **Note 4. Events Occurring After the Balance Sheet Date**

There have been no events that have occurred after the balance sheet date which require adjustment or disclosure in the financial statements.

### **Note 5. Key Management Personnel Compensation**

No Committee member has received any compensation during the financial year other than as outlined in the following table;

Name	Role	Description	Amount (excl GST) for year to June 2019
Anne Dennis	Secretary	Reimbursement allowance	\$600
Boyd Attewell	Treasurer	Reimbursement allowance	\$400

Boyd Attewell	Accountant	Engaged for 2 days per month for accounts processing	\$7,560
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**Note 6. Entity Details**

The registered street address, and principal place of business of the association is: The Scotland Island Community Centre, Catherine Park, Scotland Island, NSW 2105.

**Note 7. Members' Liability**

The association is registered as an incorporated association in New South Wales under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009. If the association is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute the amount, if any, unpaid by the member in respect of membership fees, towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the entity.

**Note 8. Loan to SIOCS, and other transactions with SIOCS**

At a Committee meeting of SIRA on 5 June 2016, it was agreed that SIRA would extend a cash loan to Scotland Island and Offshore Children's Services (the Scotland Island Kindy), of an amount up to \$12,000 for the purpose of assisting the Kindy in fulfilling its activities in the forthcoming year. At 30 June 2019 the balance of that loan was \$8,000 which appears as a loan asset in the balance sheet of SIRA. This is a reduction in the balance by \$1,500 since 30 June 2018, which represents loan repayments from the Kindy during the year.

There is no specific reason for SIRA to write-down the value of the loan asset, but as a matter of prudence, SIRA progressively wrote down the value of the loan to allow for the possible non-performance of that loan. At 30 June 2019, the book value of the remaining \$8,000 loan was zero.

### Committee Declaration

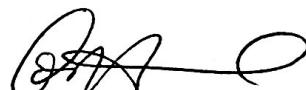
In accordance with a resolution of Scotland Island Residents Association Inc., the Committee declare that:

- The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 13 to 16 are in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and;
- Comply with Australian Accounting Standards applicable to the association; and
- Give a true and fair view of the financial position of the association as at 30 June 2019 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 of the financial statements.

In the Committee's opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee of the association.

President



Colin Haskell

Treasurer



Boyd Attewell

Dated this 23rd day of September 2019.

## **Independent Reviewer's Report**

To the members of Scotland Island Residents Association Inc

### **STATEMENT OF REVIEW**

I advise that I have reviewed The Accounts of SCOTLAND ISLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC, (SIRA INC) for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at the Request of its Committee.

I believe they comply with the requirements of the relevant State Legislation for a TIER 2 Association and give a True & Fair View of the Association affairs as at that date.

The relevant Legislation does not require an Audit of a Registered Association whose Annual Income is less than \$250,000, which is the case for SIRA INC.

This Statement of Review is not an Auditor's Report, but I advise I am a Registered Company Auditor of many years' experience. Registered Company Auditor NO 1707.



William George Stanley

1 Harold Avenue

Scotland Island NSW Australia

Dated: 23 September 2019