



President's Report: 2023–2024

Eats 4 the Streets LIMITED

ABN: 44 672 082 905

1. Introduction

It is with great excitement and gratitude that we present the inaugural President's Report for Eats 4 the Streets, celebrating the conclusion of our first financial year. Guided by the belief that no one should ever have to go hungry, Eats 4 the Streets was founded to deliver nutritious meals and essential resources to people experiencing homelessness in our local communities. Over the past year, our passionate team has worked tirelessly to bridge the gap between surplus food sources and those who need support—ensuring that every meal not only nourishes the body but also brings hope and a sense of dignity.

In this report, we aim to provide donors, volunteers, and community members with a comprehensive overview of our progress, from our very first steps as a grassroots initiative to our growing reach today. You will find an outline of our financial position, key milestones, and the strategies that will guide us forward. As we reflect on the many achievements of the past year, we remain steadfast in our commitment to tackling food insecurity on the streets and to broadening our impact in the years ahead.

2. Year in Review

Founding & Launch

- **October 11, 2023:** Eats 4 the Streets officially came to life, sparked by a vision of accessible and healthy meal options for our most vulnerable neighbours.
- **December 22, 2023:** Our first logo concept was presented, giving our fledgling organisation a recognisable identity.
- **January 26, 2024:** We were endorsed as a registered charity by the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC), underscoring our dedication to accountability, transparency, and service.
- **April 19, 2024:** Our official website, www.e4ts.org, went live, offering a central hub for donations, volunteer sign-ups, and updates on our programs.
- **May 19, 2024:** Our flagship program, 'Lunch at The Lakes' was launched with over 380 in attendance.

These milestones reflect the foundation we've built and set the stage for the significant strides we have made since our launch.

Key Achievements

- **1,634 Meals Served:** Through the generosity of volunteers, donors, and local partners, we provided nutritious meals to more than 1,600 community members in need.
- **"Lunch At The Lakes":** On 19 May 2024, we introduced our flagship program, offering fresh, healthy meals in an outdoor setting that fosters community spirit and encourages social interaction.
- **Youth Engagement with Emerge:** By catering Friday night youth events at Emerge Church, we not only supplied meals to teenagers but also contributed to creating a supportive environment aimed at reducing youth-related issues.

Together, these achievements exemplify our mission to promote community cohesion and meet the immediate needs of those experiencing homelessness or food insecurity.

3. Programs & Services

Program Overview

1. Lunch at the Lakes (Flagship Program)

- **Purpose:** Launched on 19 May 2024, this outdoor meal service brings members of our community including individuals experiencing homelessness together for a wholesome meal in a friendly, supportive space.
- **Approach:** Hosting meals in public parks and accessible locations builds a sense of belonging, reduces isolation, and helps people connect with essential support services.
- **Mission Alignment:** Providing consistent, nourishing meals is at the very heart of our commitment to alleviating hunger in the community.

2. Emerge Youth Group Catering

- **Purpose:** Supplying meals at Emerge Church's Friday night youth events ensures teenagers have a safe, healthy space to gather and socialise.
- **Approach:** By offering regular meal services and positive engagement, we encourage personal development, helping to curb youth crime and strengthen social bonds.
- **Mission Alignment:** Beyond food relief, we aim to address some of the broader social issues that stem from disadvantage, including youth violence and lack of structured, supportive activities.



Impact & Outcomes

- **Building Community Cohesion:** Both **Lunch at the Lakes** and our **Emerge Youth Group Catering** foster inclusive gatherings where participants can form meaningful connections, share resources, and find a sense of community.
 - **Meeting Immediate Needs:** Serving **1,634 meals** this financial year, we have responded directly to the pressing issue of food insecurity.
 - **Strategic Collaboration:** By partnering with local organisations, churches, community groups, volunteers, donors, and government, we have broadened our reach and raised awareness about grassroots hunger relief initiatives.
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4. Financial Overview

During the 2023–2024 financial year, **Eats 4 the Streets** received **\$15,224.46** in donations, Our expenses totalled **\$7,770.32**, covering everything from consumables (food, fuel, and other necessities) to operational costs such as accounting, marketing, insurance, and staff amenities (clothing and uniforms). Below is a snapshot of our key expense categories:

- **Consumables (Food, Fuel, Other):** \$2,178.60
- **Computer & IT Expenses:** \$2,331.62
- **Insurance:** \$858.86
- **Staff Amenities:** \$971.25
- **Accounting & Bookkeeping:** \$522.36
- **Advertising & Marketing:** \$420.17
- **Printing & Stationery:** \$420.22
- **Cleaning:** \$67.24

After these operating expenses, our **Operating Profit** stood at **\$7,454.14**. With an additional **\$0.02** in interest earned, our **Net Profit** for the year was **\$7,454.16**. (see appendix for breakdown and audit certificate).

This outcome reflects both the remarkable generosity of our community and our careful management of resources. Looking ahead, we plan to reinvest these funds into expanding our programs, upgrading our volunteer management systems, and streamlining operations to ensure we continue delivering the best possible service to those who need it most.

5. Organisational Growth & Challenges

As we expanded our reach and introduced new services, we encountered several challenges that prompted creative problem-solving and collaboration.

1. Volunteer Work–Life Balance

- **Challenge:** Our volunteers are the driving force behind Eats 4 the Streets, but juggling personal commitments alongside weekly meal services can be demanding.
- **Approach:** We have implemented flexible scheduling options and are spreading responsibilities more evenly. Ongoing training and support initiatives aim to preserve our volunteers' well-being.

2. Financial Constraints & Food Storage

- **Challenge:** Without dedicated storage facilities, we purchase fresh supplies weekly and miss out on bulk or donated food opportunities, increasing our overall costs.
- **Approach:** We are actively exploring grants and seeking donations for suitable storage solutions, such as refrigeration equipment, to substantially reduce our weekly expenditure.

3. Public Awareness & Inclusive Outreach

- **Challenge:** Although our primary focus is to serve people facing food insecurity and/or experiencing homelessness, we believe in creating a safe, welcoming environment for anyone needing a nutritious meal. Some, however, perceive us as a service only for the homeless.
 - **Approach:** We are refining our messaging—in promotional materials, online platforms, and community events—to highlight inclusivity. By doing so, we hope to foster a space where all individuals feel welcomed and supported.
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6. Future Outlook

Looking to the year ahead, we plan to strengthen our capabilities and ensure we can continue to meet the evolving needs of our community.

1. Website Expansion

- **Goal:** Enhance www.e4ts.org to make it more user-friendly, showcasing volunteer opportunities, success stories, and our real-time impact.
- **Plan:** Implement interactive features like donation trackers and streamlined sign-up forms, ensuring potential supporters can easily discover how to help.

2. Fundraising for a Food Truck Trailer

- **Goal:** Acquire a food truck trailer to deliver meals more efficiently and extend our reach into underserved areas.
- **Plan:** Launch targeted fundraising campaigns and apply for relevant grants, enabling us to become more mobile and flexible in addressing food insecurity.

3. Growing Presence & Business Partnerships

- **Goal:** Forge relationships with local businesses, charities, and community networks to bolster our resources and expand our community impact.
- **Plan:** Conduct direct outreach, highlighting the mutual benefits of collaboration while showcasing our tangible results to inspire ongoing support and volunteer engagement.

4. Lowering Overheads

- **Goal:** Stretch every dollar to maximise our impact for the people we serve.
- **Plan:** Pursue cost-saving measures—such as affordable bulk purchases, energy-efficient practices, and possibly shared facilities—to keep expenses manageable.

5. Streamlining Policies & Procedures

- **Goal:** Operate at peak efficiency and maintain transparency in all areas of our work.
- **Plan:** Conduct periodic reviews of volunteer management, governance policies, and financial procedures to pinpoint improvements and encourage sustainable organisational growth.

By focusing on these strategic priorities, Eats 4 the Streets aims to provide a robust and flexible framework that is ready to adapt to changing community needs and expand its positive impact.

7. Closing Statement

President's Message

As we conclude our first financial year, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to the success of Eats 4 the Streets. From the volunteers who devote their free time to prepare and serve meals, to the donors and partners who so generously invest in our vision, each of you has played an invaluable role in enabling us to deliver hope and nourishment to our neighbours in need.

Over the past year, we've seen the power of a shared meal to bridge divides, foster genuine connection, and spark optimism. We have also learned the importance of being agile and innovative in the face of challenges—whether those involve volunteer fatigue, the rising costs of food, or misconceptions around who our services are for. We will use these lessons as we plan, refining our programs and expanding our reach so that more people can benefit from our community-driven approach.

I am incredibly proud of all we have accomplished together. Yet, the true measure of our impact lies in how we will continue to grow and evolve. With your ongoing support, we will keep improving our systems, broadening our presence, and welcoming all who seek a warm meal, friendly faces, and a sense of belonging. Here's to another year of collaboration, compassion, and meaningful progress.

Thank you for standing with us in this essential work.

Michael Cox

President,

Eats 4 the Streets

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Appendix – Financials and Audit Report.



AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EATS 4 THE STREETS LIMITED

Scope

I HAVE AUDITED THE Financial Statements of the Eats 4 The Streets Limited for the financial year ended 30th June 2024. The Committee is responsible for the preparation of the Financial Report and has determined that the accounting policies are appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporations Act 1981 in Queensland*.

The Association maintains its books of account using MYOB softwares on a cash basis of accounting. Invoices and bills are attached in MYOB system. In common with similar organisations, the application of all of the Australian Accounting Standards is not applicable in this instance. My audit procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the Financial Statements.

The objective of this audit is to determine by independent examination whether the Financial Statements are presented fairly and all assets and liabilities are recorded correctly. My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance that the Financial Report is free from material misstatement.

Qualification

The Financial Report has been prepared for the purpose of meeting the requirements of *Associations Incorporations Act 1981* and I disclaim any assumption of responsibility on this report by any person other than the members or for any other purpose than for which it was prepared.

Audit Opinion

In my view the Financial Statements of Eats 4 The Streets Limited as at 30th June 2024 reflects a true and fair view of the Association's financial position and results of its operations for the financial year ending 30th June 2024.

JESCA SAVISTA B. Com (Acc) CPA JP(Qual)
Auditor

21 August 2024

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Profit and loss report

Cash mode

01 Jul 2023 - 30 Jun 2024

	Total			
	Actual	Last Year	Variance \$	Variance %
4-0000 Income				
4-1410 Cash Donations	15,224.46	0.00	15,224.46	-
Total Income	15,224.46	0.00	15,224.46	-
Gross Profit	15,224.46	0.00	15,224.46	-
6-0000 Expenses				
6-0100 Consumables Food	1,728.89	0.00	1,728.89	-
6-0200 Consumables Fuel	101.22	0.00	101.22	-
6-0300 Consumables Other	348.49	0.00	348.49	-
6-1110 Accounting & Bookkeeping	522.36	0.00	522.36	-
6-1120 Advertising & Marketing	420.17	0.00	420.17	-
6-1190 Cleaning	67.24	0.00	67.24	-
6-1240 Computer & IT Expenses	2,331.62	0.00	2,331.62	-
6-1540 Insurance Expenses				
6-1550 Insurance	858.86	0.00	858.86	-
Total Insurance Expenses	858.86	0.00	858.86	-
6-4280 Printing & Stationery	420.22	0.00	420.22	-
6-4390 Staff Amenities	971.25	0.00	971.25	-
Total Expenses	7,770.32	0.00	7,770.32	-
Operating Profit	7,454.14	0.00	7,454.14	-
8-0000 Other Income				
8-1000 Interest Received	0.02	0.00	0.02	-
Total Other Income	0.02	0.00	0.02	-
Net Profit	7,454.16	0.00	7,454.16	-

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Balance sheet report

Cash mode

30 Jun 2024

	Total
1-0000 Assets	
1-1000 Current Assets	
1-1100 Bank Accounts	
1-1120 Gifts & Donations	1,724.48
1-1130 Payments Account	522.78
Total Bank Accounts	2,247.26
1-1200 Accounts Receivable	(120.00)
Total Current Assets	2,127.26
1-2100 Property, Plant & Equipment	
1-2110 Plant & Equipment	4,158.76
Total Property, Plant & Equipment	4,158.76
Total Assets	6,286.02
2-0000 Liabilities	
2-0010 Current Liabilities	
2-1211 GST Liabilities	
2-1212 GST Balance	(1,048.14)
Total GST Liabilities	(1,048.14)
Total Current Liabilities	(1,048.14)
Total Liabilities	(1,048.14)
Net Assets	7,334.16
3-0000 Equity	
3-9000 Current Year Earnings	7,334.16
Total Equity	7,334.16