

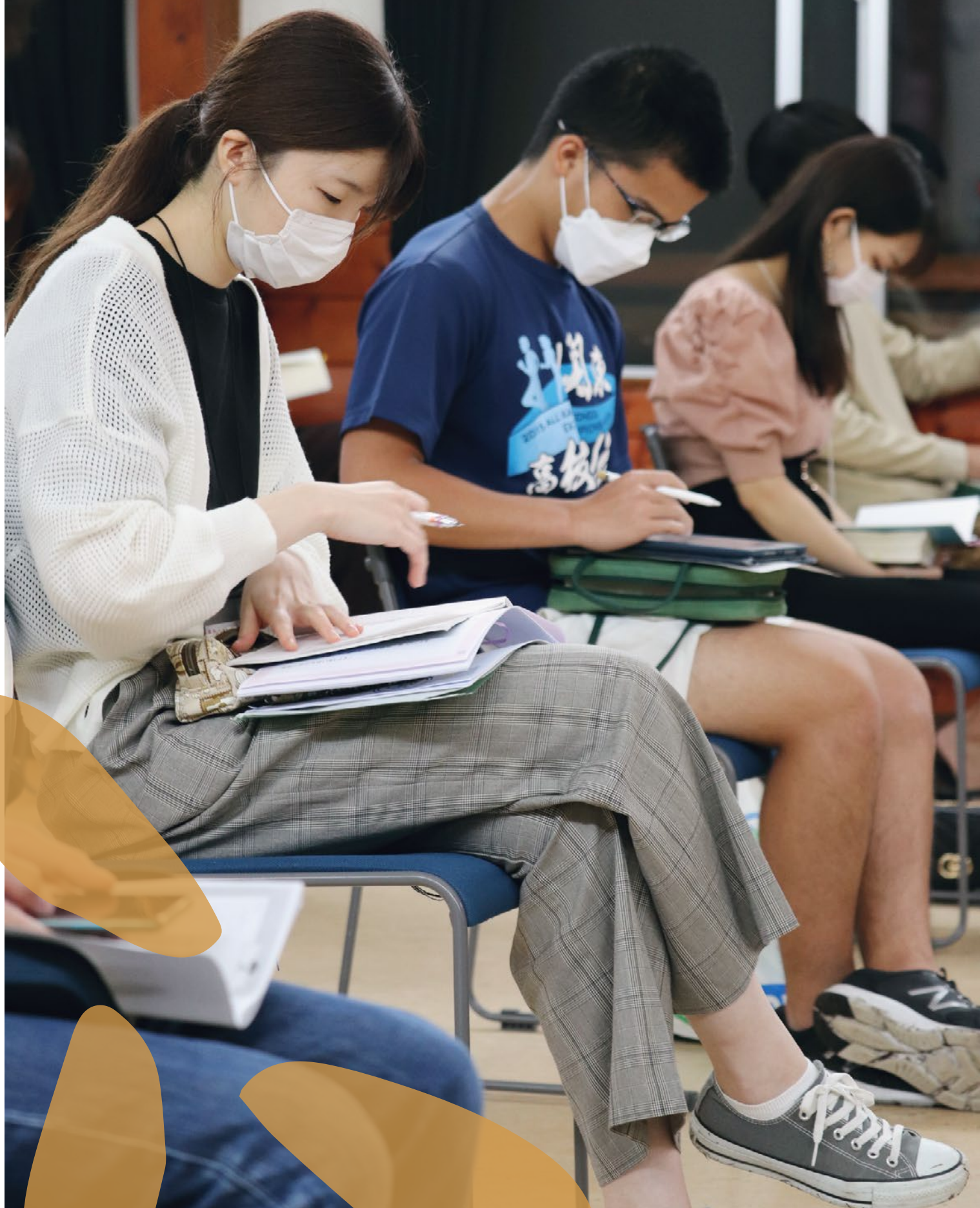
CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY NSW & ACT LIMITED

Annual Report

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Executive Director's Report

We give thanks to God for his continued faithfulness as we look back at what has been an exciting year for the NSW & ACT Branch. There has been strong growth in enquiries and applications for cross-cultural ministry, committed regular giving has increased to generously meet our ongoing financial needs, godly and skilled personnel have been added to the branch staff team, the CMS Conference Centre was successfully reopened, and in January we held our first in-person Summer School Conference in three years. We have great cause for thanks and praise to our Heavenly Father!

Missionaries and candidates

In 2022-23 CMS NSW & ACT sent out eight new missionaries, bringing the total number of NSW & ACT missionaries to 117. The following workers resigned: Judith Calf, Warwick and Caroline, Ne, Jerome and Indra, Daniel and Kate Morris, David and Leoni Painter. We give thanks to God for their faithful service as CMS missionaries. We grieved the loss of our dear sister Karen Darda, who following her sudden illness and long hospital stay suffered a severe heart attack on July 7, 2023. She could not be revived and is now with her Lord in glory. Karen's funeral was held on 19 July 2023 at her beloved sending church, Engadine Anglican, with hundreds attending in-person and over 1,200 watching online from around the world. We give thanks to God for Karen's life and her more than 32 years of faithful cross-cultural ministry with CMS.

During 2022-23 CMS NSW & ACT sent eight gospel workers to St Andrew's Hall for cross-cultural ministry training. The first half of 2023 was a particularly busy period for our Branch Candidates Committee, with the outcome of their hard work evident in the large cohort of 10 gospel workers who have commenced training at St Andrew's Hall since the end of the financial year (seven Missionaries-in-Training and three Short-Term workers).

Mission Partnership

In God's kindness, one of the great strengths of CMS is the extensive fellowship of churches and individuals who faithfully partner in the work of cross-cultural global mission. 271 Mission Partnership Agreements were in place with partner churches at the end of the financial year, and this number continues to climb each month. Each agreement represents many conversations with church ministers, missions committee members, advocates and our cross-cultural workers. More

importantly, these agreements express the long-term partnership between the church, missionary and branch as together we participate in the God-given task of making Christ known among the nations. One of the vital expressions of this gospel partnership is the commitment to pray, as demonstrated by the more than 35,000 current active prayer letter subscriptions. What a blessing it is to know that our missionaries are being upheld in prayer in response to the praise and petitions they have shared in these prayer letters.

Branch staff

During the year we welcomed the following people to the staff team: Miriam Foster – Accounts Assistant, Amanda Ho – Financial Controller, Nikhil Kumar – Data Systems Specialist, Daniel Morris – Mission Partnership Manager and Missionary Development Facilitator, and Tania Snowdon – Missionary Development Facilitator. We also farewelled Camilo Osorno – Finance and Administration Coordinator, Glen Turner – Mission Partnership Manager, and Lydia Wong – Partnership Communications Assistant. We give thanks for their contribution to the branch and especially acknowledge Camilo's more than 20 years serving in different roles with the finance team.

Finance

We have once again witnessed the Lord's gracious provision for the work of CMS through the committed generosity of his people. Through the donations received over the year, together with our Lasting Hope Appeal, 104.8% of our overall donations target was given in support of the ongoing work of CMS. The split of donation income between churches, regular and one-off giving reflects a significant redistribution towards regular giving which is an encouraging result. Important improvements to our data systems have



enabled us to introduce more accurate supporter classifications, allowing all regular givers to be identified regardless of their preferred giving method (BPay, EFT, direct debit, or credit card).

CMS Conference Centre

The CMS Conference Centre at Katoomba has a long and rich history of Christian ministry with a particular focus on supporting the work of cross-cultural global mission. While it is recognised that operating a Conference Centre is not core business for CMS NSW & ACT, the ministry that takes place at the site, and the limited availability of comparable alternative facilities in Sydney, mean that it is a strategic and valuable ongoing commitment for the branch. During the year, the Centre reopened and we hosted two Missionaries' Conferences, Federal Council 2022 and Summer School 2023, in addition to four youth and children's camps. We also welcomed a range of church, school and corporate groups. Our Conference Centre Managers, Geoff and Michelle Brain, gave themselves wholeheartedly to this work and we are thankful for their tremendous contribution. They have made the decision to finish up in their roles, though will continue as much loved members of the Fellowship, and leave a firm foundation to continue building on. The Centre's first year of operation has demonstrated its ongoing valuable ministry impact and under God, we look forward to this continuing for many years into the future.

CMS Summer School

It was a joy to meet in person for Summer School 2023 for the first time in three years, and to be blessed by excellent Bible exposition from Vaughan Roberts, teaching from the letter to the Hebrews. The speakers for our youth and children's programs also taught from Hebrews and enjoyed the opportunity to be trained and assisted with their talk preparation by Vaughan over Zoom some months prior to the conference. The evening talks were given by the Rt Rev Kanishka Raffel, Leonardo De Chirico (international speaker), the Rev Canon Peter Sholl, and the Rev Dr David Williams. It was a fantastic week hearing from God's word as well as hearing powerful testimonies and stories of God's faithfulness from our missionaries. Feedback from missionaries, staff and the wider CMS fellowship was overwhelmingly positive, and we now eagerly anticipate Summer School 2024!

We look forward to the opportunities to advance the work of global mission in the year ahead, as we trust in the Lord's faithfulness and seek to bring honour and glory to the Lord Jesus Christ.



John Lovell
Executive Director

Missionaries of CMS

Pastoral Care

It has been a big year for the Pastoral Care Team. The sudden illness, long hospital stay and passing to glory of our dear sister Karen Darda was obviously a big focus for the year. Amidst the sadness of her friendships and ministry being cut short this side of heaven, we found encouragement in ministering to someone so firm in her confidence and conviction that eternity with Jesus awaited her.

In addition to this, we also negotiated team changes. After 10 years of serving our missionaries as sole Pastoral Care worker and then another two years building our team, Jenni Woodhouse transitioned into a Pastoral Care Consultant role this year. As Jenni has dropped back to two days per week, she has spent much of her time face to face with missionaries. I have since taken over management and administration of the team with a view to Caroline Evenden and myself taking responsibility for the care of active missionaries. Jenni will increasingly focus on returned missionaries as they transition back to life in Australia alongside consultancy and training work. Garry Dibley continues to lead our team as Mission Operations Director and his work with our male missionaries is invaluable. Garry also covers most of the welcoming and farewelling at Sydney Airport.

Each of us in the team feel privileged to serve the CMS Fellowship, particularly the missionaries. While it has been quieter during the 2023 calendar year, with fewer missionaries than normal on home assignment, we have spent time thinking through how best to serve as a team with our different sets of skills and passions.

My husband Simon and I also ran two marriage enrichment days this year, with the help and hospitality of Jodi Lovell. Our missionaries greatly appreciated this time.

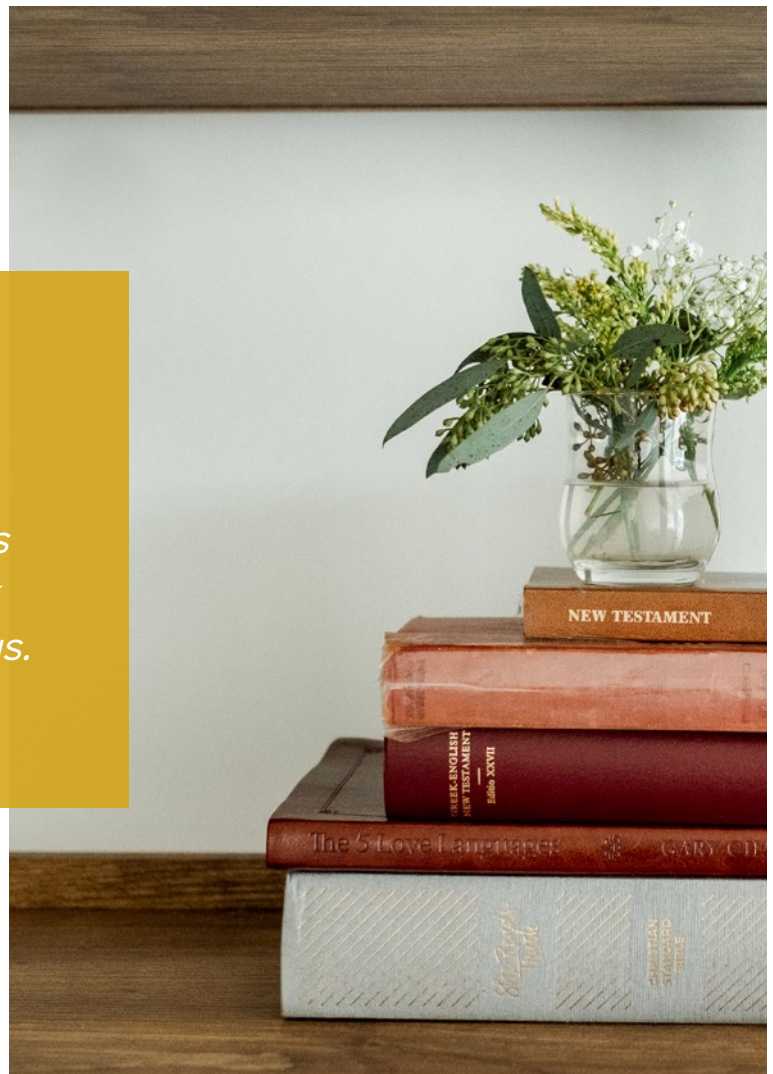
The annual re-entry retreat run by Missions Interlink was dominated by returned CMS missionaries this year. The team's extra capacity allowed Jenni and I to take on more responsibility, with a view to an increased role in the future. We are thankful too for more opportunities to care for missionaries who have returned unexpectedly throughout the year due to visa or health issues.

We have also had scope to visit our Missionaries in Training at St Andrew's Hall in Melbourne. In both semesters, Caroline delivered sessions on singleness in mission while Jenni shared from her vast experience in handling conflict situations involving an imbalance of power.

We continue to thank our Lord for bringing us to these roles and the chance to serve others pastorally as together we seek to see a world that knows Jesus.

Margie Gillham
Pastoral Care Manager

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Missionary Development

We're very thankful to God for the opportunities presented throughout the year in Missionary Development. Following handover to new staff members in the enquiries portfolio, we noticed that many ministries returning after COVID had more people considering missionary service and greater overall mission enthusiasm. The change in staffing has provided opportunity to review events and activities where we seek to start the process of setting apart cross-cultural gospel workers.

Most events and conferences are no longer affected by pandemic-related constraints. We have noticed an increased enthusiasm and an increase in the number of people considering missionary service as those with plans on hold during the pandemic feel more confident to move ahead. Enquirers sessions at CMS Summer School 2023 were very well attended, particularly those held for youth and children's program leaders with almost all leaders in attendance. Since October 2022, 77 separate enquirer units have made initial contact with our branch. This has involved a range of people from university students wanting to head in the direction of mission, through to retirees who are wanting to make the most of their twilight years in missionary service. This, together with the eight Missionaries in Training who have been at St Andrew's Hall this year, has been an exciting encouragement as we emerge from the effects of the pandemic.

Within the branch, we have been reflecting on the place and importance of events for partnership development. This has also provided scope for the Missionary Development team to recognise the opportunity and importance of invitations to a vast array of events. There are more than 10 different types of events that are not CMS-run, but to which we are invited to present on mission with a view to

encouraging hearts toward mission. We are invited to these events largely because the organisers have a high confidence in CMS as a mission society, and we are thankful for the great opportunity they provide for us to work towards setting apart cross-cultural gospel workers.

One significant initiative of this new year has been the revamping of the CMS 'Fireside Chat' events as "CMS Go." These events gather those planning to apply with CMS in the coming two to four years to discuss practical issues relating to missionary service, and connect with others planning along a similar trajectory. We currently have close to 40 units on the list, with rough attendance of 20 to 25 individuals at each event. Our plan is to run CMS Go three times per year.

We have been greatly encouraged by the way that God is raising up people for His mission. Please join us as we pray for more workers to be set apart and sent out to see a world that knows Jesus.

Daniel Morris

*Mission Partnership Manager
and Missionary Development Facilitator*

Tania Snowdon

Missionary Development Facilitator

Mentac

A key element of our CMS vision is to reach gospel-poor peoples for Christ. The Mentac (Mentoring Across Cultures) program prepares individuals for cross-cultural ministry through a two-year apprenticeship. The present focus of this program is evangelism and discipleship of Muslim people. With more than 1.7 billion Muslim people worldwide, there is a great need for more trained gospel workers to reach Muslim communities.

Mentac began in Sydney through CMS NSW & ACT in 2012, under the leadership of John Bales.

My wife Sally and I were trainees in those first couple of years, alongside several others who had gathered in the Muslim-majority suburbs of south-west Sydney, with hearts for reaching Muslim people in Australia and overseas. We gathered each week to pray, read Scripture, and learn together about Muslims, Islam, and cross-cultural ministry. We also served together in various ways in the community, guided by capable mentors.

Over the last twelve years God has used Mentac to prepare 24 trainees for long-term gospel ministry. Of this group, 14 are now serving in Muslim-majority countries with CMS or other mission organisations. It is my great privilege to remain in contact with them as they serve among populations in great need of the gospel, from the Middle East and North Africa, Central Asia, South Asia, and South East Asia.

In the last several years, Mentac has developed into a formal ministry apprenticeship. The pattern of learning and serving together continues under the mentoring of more experienced workers. Apprentices join our existing ministry team reaching Muslims in south-west Sydney, and have lots of opportunity to meet Muslim people, learn how to relate to and share Christ with them in various ways, as well as serving alongside believers from Muslim backgrounds.

In 2022 we had five apprentices: Faraj and Emily, Joel and Aimee, and Angelica, with all but Emily continuing into their second year. In 2023 Daniel also joined us through CMS QNNSW. They all experienced the joys and challenges of cross-cultural ministry, and are eager to continue serving the Lord in Muslim-majority contexts. Faraj and Emily are continuing in South-West Sydney, with Faraj in a longer-term role with a particular emphasis on discipling believers from Muslim backgrounds. Joel and Aimee are pursuing opportunities to serve the Lord overseas, as are Angelica and her husband Sam. Daniel will continue with us in 2024 to complete his apprenticeship and is prayerfully considering Bible college after that.

Up until now there has only been one stream of Mentac focused on reaching Muslims, but God has recently raised up two capable trainers within the CMS fellowship with a focus on reaching Hindus in Sydney. Our hope and prayer is that this will enable a new stream of Mentac to begin, providing another recruiting and training pathway for gospel work amongst a massive and diverse group of people from around the world.

Please give thanks for the way God has used Mentac these last 12 years, and ask for His blessing and provision for Mentac graduates serving around the world. Please pray for our current apprentices as they enter this next season in faith, and ask that God would give us wisdom as we work towards the commencement of the new Hindu stream.

Ben Bathgate
Mentac Coordinator

Churches and Individuals

Mission Partnership

“And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age” – Matthew 28:20

One of the great assurances of Scripture is Jesus’ vow to be with his disciples to the very end of the age. The extent of his authority means that the scope of his commission to make disciples covers people from all nations through all time. Without his presence, this task would be insurmountably daunting. But with it, we can go forward with a humble courage.

Our Mission Partnership Team’s driving desire is to assure our gospel workers that they are not alone in this great work of cross-cultural mission. One of the ways Christ manifests his presence in this world is through his body, the church. Unified by the gospel, we urge churches and individual supporters to regularly pray for, financially support and communicate encouragement to our gospel workers. We do this so they feel supported, but more importantly that they don’t forget that God is with them.

2022-23: Mission Partnership statistics

Church support

- **336** partner churches with link missionaries
- **459** link missionary partnerships
- **271** signed Mission Partnership Agreements
- **267** deputation visits to churches

Household support

- **35,654** prayer update subscriptions
- **5,538** financial supporters

Staffing changes

In December 2022, Glen Turner resigned as Mission Partnership Manager to take up a Regional Mission Director role with CMS Australia. Glen was instrumental in nurturing a cohesive and co-operative team culture within the branch, and we are very thankful to God for his ministry and friendship.

We subsequently welcomed Daniel Morris as Mission Partnership Manager. Daniel and his wife Kate served cross-culturally with their family in France for nearly 10 years. Daniel oversees the partnership facilitation work with our churches while also working closely with enquirers, coaching and counselling them as they consider long-term, cross-cultural gospel ministry.

Finally, our Partnership Communications Assistant, Lydia Wong, resigned in June 2023. Though Lydia was only with us a short time, she contributed significantly to our prayer letter distribution processes and helped shape our thinking around social media in promoting the work of CMS.

Events

We were pleased to be able to resume in-person events in 2022-23. Below is a summary of the various events we hosted in each region:

1. ACT Events

Mission in the Spotlight Dinner, August 2022

After two years online, Mission in the Spotlight returned to St Matthew’s Anglican Church Wanniasa with 95 attendees. Warwick & Caroline shared from Matthew 28 on the importance of raising disciple-making disciples in the Middle East. Similarly, Sam & Shan-Shan Chrisp spoke from 1 Cor 1:18-2:5 on how the weak and foolish message of the gospel is transforming lives in Taiwan.

Canberra Mission Focus, February 2023

Roughly 170 people visited over the course of the weekend to hear Bible expositions from The Most Reverend Kanishka Raffel on Isaiah 44-45 and Acts 14-16, as well as mission presentations from Pedro & Joy Oliveira Woolmer (Uruguay), Jeremy & Jill Horrocks (Cambodia) and Ian & Jenny Wood (North Australia).



2. Illawarra Events

Illawarra Meet the Missionaries, August 2022

Ryan & Lynne Verghese shared their plans to serve the church in Seychelles. We also heard from Chris & Erin (South East Asia), Rebekah (South East Asia), Michael & Rani Grivas-Allison (Belgium), and James & Penny (Eurasia) via video.

Illawarra Mission Connect

This event was held on three occasions throughout the year. We heard from Ian & Narelle Hadfield (Singapore) in November 2022, Martin & Julie Field (Argentina) in February 2023, and Ian & Jenny Wood (North Australia) in May 2023.

3. Southern Highlands Events

Southern Highlands Mission Encounter, September 2022

Michael Grivas-Allison (Belgium) presented at a combined Youth Event at St Jude's Anglican Church Bowral, and roughly 80 people attended Mittagong Anglican Church to hear Sam & Shan-Shan Chrisp reflect on "Discipleship through a foolish message". While unfortunately some missionaries withdrew due to unforeseen family circumstances, the event remained encouraging.

Southern Highlands Luncheon, May 2023

We heard about Craig & Lisse and their family's plan to serve in the Middle East. Graeme Sedorenko (Mission Partnership Facilitator, CMS NSW & ACT) also encouraged attendees from John 20 on knowing the peace of Christ in being sent for his work.

4. Central West Events

Central West Missionary Expo, February 2023

Central West Missionary Expo was held at Molong Baptist Church. I spoke from Colossians on the majesty and fullness of Christ. We also heard from Martin & Julie Field (Argentina), Craig & Lisse (Middle East) and Adrian & Anita Lovell (Bolivia). 93 people attended from 14 churches across the Central West and surrounding region.

5. Central Coast Events

Coastal Mission Day, October 2022

61 people from 12 different churches across the Central Coast and surrounding region gathered at EV Church, Erina. John Lovell (Executive Director, CMS NSW & ACT) spoke from Acts, challenging and encouraging us in our partnership and participation in bringing the gospel to the nations. Three missionary units gave presentations: Ryan & Lynne Verghese (Seychelles), Ian & Narelle Hadfield (Singapore) and Ne (South East Asia).

Online Events

Mission Up Close

We continue to refine our "Mission Up Close" resource to provide insight into various aspects of cross-cultural mission and better inform prayer and investment in God's mission. We released three episodes: "Mission in a spiritual world" (July 2022), "How do I know if I should go?" (November 2022), and "Can youth and children be partners in mission?" (April 2023).

Going forward, we are looking to consolidate regional events to ensure we are serving churches effectively with available resources. Our desire is to run purposeful and persuasive events that spur people on in mission partnership and stimulate them to consider their role in cross-cultural gospel work.

I am continually humbled by the commitment of the CMS fellowship to work together for the sake of Christ's glory, and thankful for the way God has worked through our partnerships this year. I pray that he will continue to advance his saving will to the ends of the earth through 2024 and beyond.

Scott Millar

Mission Partnership Director



Youth and Children

The primary aim of the Youth and Children's Ministry team at CMS is to invest in our young people and their leaders so that we have a growing group of Christians committed to Jesus' mission. We preach the gospel clearly to the youth and children in our programs so they may grow in their knowledge and love of the Lord Jesus. As they trust him, we urgently pray they will partner with us in the task of taking the message of the risen Jesus to our world.

This year was a particularly exciting one for the Youth and Children's Team at CMS. For the first time in a few years, we were able to offer and deliver a full program of events. By God's grace we actually ran four camps. The first three, MMM Senior, Milimani (Years 4, 5 and 6) and MMM Junior were all centred on the theme of 'Because the tomb is empty' from the books of Luke and Acts. We were faithfully fed by Phillip Jensen, Sarah Lancaster and Mike Snowdon. Having our missionaries with us was both a blessing and a great challenge to our young people as the message of a world that knows Jesus was put firmly before them. A particular word of thanks to the directors and team members, many of whom were new to the task. All of the camps were well-led and the teams in particular showed great character as they led our young people.

Summer School

What a great joy it was to have Summer School return in-person with a full youth and children's program. So many people worked hard together to make this memorable week a success. With such a long break between face-to-face Summer Schools, there was an unusually large number of first-time leaders. The attitude of these teams from the top down was typified by a willingness to

learn and work hard. A lot of fun was had as the book of Hebrews was taught from preschool right through to Senior High, and it was such a joy to see so many people wrestling with God's word in so many creative ways. A week like this gives us great confidence going forward as we plan for next year.

A fourth camp was also run in 2023, with Milimani coming around again in April as part of a revamped program in which it now appears first in the calendar year. Campers tackled the book of Exodus through the theme of 'God the Deliverer', with Kerry Rudder from Canberra faithfully teaching us. It was great to have many leaders returning while at the same time welcoming several keen new members.

It was a busy year, but as we look back we are deeply grateful for the way God has cared for us every step of the way. Finally as a team we would like to express our thanks to the CMS fellowship who provide us with so many expressions of partnership throughout the year that are of constant encouragement as together we work to see a world that knows Jesus.

Bruce Linton

Youth and Children's Ministry Consultant

CMS Summer School

“Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.” – Hebrews 4:14

‘It is great to be back!’ – this was the overall sentiment and conversation starter after three years had passed since we were able to meet in-person for Summer School.

2023 will be remembered as the year we came back. The feeling was that though Summer School 2021 and 2022 were good, the real joy was found in being able to meet in person.

Preparing for Summer School 2023 was a new experience for some. There were certainly some ‘cobwebs’ for those serving again, but what was clear was that Summer School has a special place in so many people’s hearts. We received much similar feedback expressing that meeting together like this at the start of the year is a great way to keep focused on Christ, to prepare for the year ahead, and to be challenged about cross-cultural global mission.

The conference had such an impact that a family who attended and were challenged will be leaving for their overseas location as CMS missionaries not long after this report is published!

This year we were fortunate to have Vaughan Roberts join us once again. Vaughan is the Rector of St Ebbe’s Church in Oxford UK and a long-time friend of CMS. We are very thankful for all the time and effort he put into helping us through the book of Hebrews, as we were challenged to ‘Consider Christ’. What an enriching time it was, and Vaughan was so generous with his time to talk to people.

After three years, many volunteer teams had to rebuild and it was wonderful to see so many offer themselves for various roles serving the fellowship. This was especially so for our Youth & Children’s teams.

Our international speaker this year was Leonardo De Chirico from Italy. Leonardo has a unique understanding of Vatican and Roman Catholic issues, and his knowledge was shared at a level all could understand. Given the number of people who attended his sessions and the large number of questions asked, we are thankful that he was able to clarify many burning issues for people as they attempt to share the gospel with Roman Catholic family and friends.

One of the clear benefits of returning in-person was also being able to sing together again. Thank you to Mike Begbie and his oversight of all the music and musicians, and Jordan Smith and his team in the evening sessions.

As always we are very thankful for David Wilmshurst and the Tech Team. They ensure that we can clearly see and hear each session, including for many who watch online. This involves a huge commitment by David and his team who arrived many days before Summer School and were the last to leave after the conference finished.

Our night sessions this year included talks from the Archbishop of Sydney, Kanishka Raffel, and CMS Australia International Director, Peter Sholl. We also heard from Leonardo De Chirico and CMS Australia Director of Training and Development, David Williams. Each of these sessions was packed with excellent Bible teaching and thoughtful insights and reflections from our missionaries, both new and old. We were also blessed to have many Youth and Children’s leaders read the Bible and pray during these sessions.

God was very good to us over the week, and we pray he will continue to bless and honour our work for a world that knows Jesus.

Garry Dibley

Mission Operations Director



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CMS Conference Centre

Our newly renovated Conference Centre is a valuable resource for the CMS fellowship, enabling missionaries and supporters to engage in CMS Summer School, Missionaries Conferences and our MMM and Milimani youth camps. These events enable us to care for our missionaries, promote mission amongst our supporters and raise up new generations of men and women eager to see a world that knows Jesus. When not in use for CMS activities, the Centre welcomes churches and other external groups.

2022-23 was an exciting year of new beginnings for the Conference Centre, with the long-awaited renovations finally completed and an official opening taking place as part of Federal Council on 22 October 2022. In the period to 30 June 2023, the Conference Centre hosted two Missionaries' Conferences, Federal Council 2022, Summer School 2023 and three youth and children's camps, as well as welcoming a range of church, school and corporate groups. The new and extended meeting spaces, beautiful ensuites and state of the art technology have enabled the Conference Centre to be a wonderful retreat for these missionaries, staff members and guests.

We are grateful to God for our Conference Centre Managers, Geoff and Michelle Brain, whose eye for detail in preparing the Centre for opening resulted in a wonderfully welcoming site. They have been supported by Elizabeth Burns and other staff from our Sydney office, as well as a number of casual staff, as they have sought to provide a friendly welcome and great food in an inviting environment.

Since the end of the financial year, Geoff and Michelle have taken the very difficult decision to step back from this work. We trust that this is the right decision under God, and are so grateful for their gospel focus, evident in their willingness to work through to the end of one of our busiest periods at the Conference Centre to give us time to plan for the future. CMS is committed to ensuring that the Centre continues to operate, both for our own ministries and for the use of other groups. We are using this opportunity to investigate alternative models for providing this service and expect to finalise details in the coming weeks.

Please thank God with us for the new facilities, and pray that as we explore new opportunities for our Conference Centre operations, God will continue to use the Centre for the extension of his kingdom.

Kathryn Thompson
Business and Finance Director



Business and Finance

Business and Finance Team

Our dedicated Business and Finance Team are eager to see a world that knows Jesus and are therefore excited to use their skills to support our missionaries behind the scenes. They work together to ensure the smooth running of the Branch office, assisting the Mission Operations and Mission Partnership teams to operate effectively. The 2022-23 financial year has seen a number of changes and a real sense of excitement at the improved support we can provide for our missionaries as they share the good news of Jesus across the world.

Data Systems

Our Data Systems team, led by Steve Cheung, has had an exciting year continuing to streamline our data systems and making significant progress in line with our development roadmap. This year has seen additional efficiencies flow from our prayer letter platform as we have used it with other supporter communications. We have also been able to transition our website donations to a new platform, not only enhancing our supporter engagement with a simplified interface, but minimising data duplication in the process. The development of our new *My CMS* portal for event registrations has been a particularly significant and innovative project during the year. It has made the Summer School registration process much simpler and additional functionality will be released in the coming months. Perhaps the most exciting development over the course of the year has been the growing collaboration taking place in Data Systems and IT across the fellowship, paving the way for a more consistent approach, improved security and functionality, as well as significant overall cost savings.

Supporter Services

Under the leadership of Elizabeth Burns, our Supporter Services team is dedicated to providing an excellent supporter experience and is working together well to ensure a high level of service for those who contact the office. One of the exciting

consequences of the work our Data Systems team have been doing is that a number of the manual administrative jobs that our Supporter Services team have been undertaking in the past have now been automated. This has enabled the Supporter Services team to increase their administrative support for other teams, including our Youth & Children's team and Summer School planning team. The team was also able to take on the responsibility for managing bookings at the Conference Centre. It has been a delight to see the team embrace these new challenges.

Finance

The 2022-23 year has seen significant change for the Finance team, with the addition of two new part time staff members, Amanda Ho and Miriam Foster. Amanda and Miriam have joined Asish Deo, and this additional capacity has enabled us to undertake a range of projects including providing assistance with Conference Centre finances, further work on refining our management reporting and assisting CMS-A with various matters in relation to missionary arrangements and payments. In conjunction with work done by our Data Systems team, we have also been able to provide further analysis and understanding of our regular giving.

Kathryn Thompson

Business and Finance Director



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Finance Summary Review

We remain grateful to our many generous supporters who have continued to provide for the needs of our missionaries as together we seek to see a world that knows Jesus. The information below relates to CMS NSW & ACT Limited (the Company) and Church Missionary Society Trust Limited (the Trust).

The 2022-23 financial year ended with a positive result for the Company and the consolidated group (including the Trust), with a significant non-cash contribution arising from the revaluation of our properties.

Result

The Company finished the year with a net operating surplus of \$251,102. As well as our regular income, this net result included income of \$1,050,500 in relation to the Conference Centre renovation project, being a combination of donations (\$150,500) and legacy appropriations (\$900,000). The net income from the operation of the Conference Centre during the year was \$33,552. In addition, the Company recorded a net non-operating gain of \$298,490, which included a gain on revaluation of properties of \$217,305.

Donations

Donations from churches and individual supporters make up the bulk of the Company's income. Total donations received during the 2022-23 financial year were \$9,927,649, an increase of 7% over the previous year. Included in the total figure was an earmarked amount of \$76,667 in relation to theological education in Africa as well as the Conference Centre donations outlined above. This amount also includes donations of \$1,805,188 received on behalf of CMS Australia's tax-deductible gift recipient funds. Of particular encouragement during the year was the continuing growth in church donations.

Legacies

Legacies are another important source of income. During the financial year, the Legacies Equalisation Fund managed by the Trust received legacies on behalf of the Company amounting to \$919,274. Legacy income received by the Trust is generally distributed to the Company and included as income over a period of five years. Appropriations of \$1,429,378 were made to the Company during the 2023 year including \$900,000 in relation to the Conference Centre project.

Investments

Interest and dividend income earned by the group during the year was significantly higher than in the previous year at \$51,867 (including \$32,003 in the Company), reflecting increasing interest rates and a full year of returns from the investment portfolio. Income received from properties remained fairly constant at \$361,760.

Expenses

Total expenses for the Company were largely in line with previous years, with the most substantial expense being the contribution to CMS Australia of \$5,808,296. This amount, which is paid for the support of our missionaries, is net of the tax-deductible donations of \$1,805,188 which were receipted on behalf of CMS Australia.

Properties

At the end of the 2022-23 year, the properties owned by the Company and the Trust were revalued in line with valuations obtained from Marsh Valuation Services. This resulted in a total consolidated revaluation increment of \$2,025,748. Prior to recording the revaluations, an adjustment was made to show the Mascot property in the accounts of the Trust, to reflect its legal ownership (it was formerly shown in the accounts of the Company). The Work in Progress in relation to the Conference Centre project was also transferred to the Trust, as the legal owner of the land on which the Conference Centre is built, prior to the revaluation of the Centre.

More detailed financial information is provided in Appendix 3 to this report. For those who would also like to see the Directors' Report and Financial Statements of Church Missionary Society NSW & ACT Limited and the Trust, these documents are available on the CMS website or from the CMS NSW & ACT office.

Kathryn Thompson

Business and Finance Director

Appendix 1

Missionaries

NSW & ACT missionaries (1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023)

1.	A	Community Work	South Asia
2.	Josh and Susannah Apieczonek	Student Ministry	France
3.	Joel and Tiffanie Atwood	Student Ministry	Vanuatu
4.	Peter and Terry Blowes	Student Ministry	Argentina
5.	Karina Brabham	Student Ministry	France
6.	Miriam Bradshaw	Relationship Building	Spain
7.	Andrew Buchanan and Abi Tandiseru	Bible & Theology	Indonesia
8.	Judith Calf	Bible & Theology	Tanzania
9.	Chris and Erin	Relationship Building	South East Asia
10.	Sam and Shan-Shan Chrisp	Relationship Building	Taiwan
11.	Nathan and Maki Clapham	Student Ministry	Japan
12.	C	Relationship Building	Middle East
13.	Simon and Jessica Cowell	Student Ministry	Italy
14.	Craig and Lisse	Church Ministry	Middle East
15.	Dan and Marg	School Based Ministry	Middle East
16.	Nick and Kysha Davies	Bible & Theology	Latin America
17.	Elizabeth	Church Based Ministry	Middle East
18.	E	Relationship Building	South Asia
19.	E	Relationship Building	Asia
20.	Martin and Julie Field	Student Ministry	Argentina
21.	Malcolm and Charissa Forrest	International Church Ministry	Jordan
22.	Jim and Tanja French	Bible & Theology	Spain
23.	Chris and Kristy Galea	Relationship Building	Malta
24.	Norm and Janelle Gorrie	Church Based Ministry	Kenya
25.	Michael and Rani Grivas-Allison	Relationship Building	Belgium
26.	Ian and Narelle Hadfield	International Church Ministry	Singapore
27.	Klaus and Jude Hicel	Church Based Ministry	Germany
28.	Jeremy and Jill Horrocks	School Based Ministry	Cambodia
29.	J and P	Relationship Building	Eurasia
30.	Jerome and Indra	Church Based Ministry & Student Ministry	South East Asia
31.	Je	Relationship Building	Middle East
32.	Jo	Social Work	Middle East
33.	Josh and Nici	Relationship Building	Indonesia
34.	Julie	Relationship Building	Indonesia
35.	Karen	Church Based Ministry	Middle East
36.	Matt and Jen Lim	Relationship Building	Japan
37.	Adrian and Anita Lovell	Bible & Theology	Bolivia
38.	Nathan and Diane Lovell	Bible & Theology	South Africa
39.	Malcolm and Leanne	Bible & Theology	South East Asia
40.	Craig and Samantha McCorkindale	Bible & Theology	Cambodia
41.	Dave and Beck McIntyre	Church Based Ministry	Japan
42.	M	Relationship Building	North Africa
43.	Morgan and Olivia	Church Based Ministry and Bible & Theology	Middle East

Missionaries on Home Assignment (1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023)

1.	Miriam Bradshaw	Arrived 21 July 2022. Departed 16 March 2023
2.	Sam and Shan-Shan Chrisp	Arrived 30 July 2022. Departed 27 January 2023
3.	Simon and Jessica Cowell	Arrived 05 May 2023. Departed 24 September 2023
4.	Nathan and Maki Clapham	Arrived 24 June 2023. Awaiting departure
5.	Dan and Marg	Arrived 9 June 2023. Departed 15 August 2023
6.	Elizabeth	Arrived 7 November 2022. Departed 16 January 2023
7.	Martin and Julie Field	Arrived 20 December 2022. Awaiting departure
8.	Jim and Tanja French	Arrived 10 July 2022. Departed 16 January 2023
9.	Ian and Narelle Hadfield	Arrived 26 September 2022. Departed 11 November 2022
10.	Klaus and Jude Hickel	Arrived 16 June 2022. Departed 15 August 2022
11.	Adrian and Anita Lovell	Arrived 6 December 2022. Awaiting departure
12.	Dave and Beck McIntyre	Arrived 13 April 2022. Departed 18 August 2022
13.	Morgan and Olivia	Arrived 25 June 2022. Departed 29 August 2022
14.	Warwick and Caroline	Arrived 1 August 2022. Departed 19 September 2022
15.	Daniel and Kate Morris	Arrived 21 September 2022. FHA
16.	Ne	Arrived 16 November 2021. FHA
17.	Pedro and Joy Oliveira Woolmer	Arrived 08 December 2022. Departed 07 May 2023
18.	Dave and Leoni Painter	Arrived 05 November 2021. FHA
19.	Steven and Sandra Parsons	Arrived 11 September 2022. Departed 24 February 2023
20.	Matt and Lisa Pearson	Arrived 18 May 2022. Departed 05 November 2022
21.	Colin and Catherine Puffett	Arrived 25 June 2022. Departed 25 August 2022
22.	Amy Stephens	Arrived 04 February 2022. Departed 24 February 2023
23.	Mike and Katie Taylor	Arrived 22 May 2022. Departed 13 August 2022
24.	Chenny Thie	Arrived 28 December 2022. Departed 15 April 2023
25.	Ian and Jenny Wood	Arrived 02 December 2022. Departed 21 June 2023

Missionaries resigned (1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023)

1.	Jerome and Indra	31 July 2022
2.	Judith Calf	31 August 2022
3.	Warwick and Caroline	04 December 2022
4.	Ne	20 January 2023
5.	Daniel and Kate Morris	21 January 2023
6.	Dave and Leoni Painter	30 June 2023

Associates (1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023)

1.	Roger and Noriko Dethlefs	Japan
2.	Ray and Sandy	Middle East
3.	Andrew and Liz Glover	Cambodia (Resigned 01 July 2022)
4.	Matthew and Melissa Lindfield-Seager	Cambodia
5.	Howard and Trisha Spencer	Belgium

Co-Mission Partners (1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023)

1.	Jotham Booker	Germany
2.	Kate and Bijaya	Nepal
3.	Tim and Sam	South Asia

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following people served as members of General Committee during the 2022-23 year.

Elected members

1. Dr Andrew
2. Mr Perry Atkins
3. Mr David Austin
4. Ms Margaret Brain
5. Dr Russell Clark*
6. Rev Roger Fitzhardinge
7. Ms Jenny Gibbs
8. Mr Soo Sing Goh (appointed 22 July 2023 to fill casual vacancy)
9. Rev Mark Groombridge*
10. Mr Ross Hall
11. Dr William Hood
12. Miss Sarah Kay
13. Mrs Michelle Lee*
14. Rev John Menear*
15. Mrs Catherine Miers (appointed 27 February 2023 to fill casual vacancy)
16. Mrs Katherine Morgan-Jones
17. Mr Wayne Oldfield*
18. Dr Amanda Pieris
19. Rev Peter Rodgers (appointed 22 July 2023 to fill casual vacancy)
20. Rev Paul Sampson
21. Mrs Cathy Smith*
22. Mr Richard Soo
23. Rev Wayne Tildsley
24. Mr David Wilmshurst
25. Rev Tony Wright
26. Rev Malcolm York (appointed 05 June 2023 to fill casual vacancy)

**Elected 21 Nov 2022*

Non-elected General Committee members

Company Directors (see below)

1. Ms Amanda Curley
2. Dr Lynn Kay
3. Rev Dr Alan Lam
4. Dr Kester Lee
5. Dr Ian McFarlane
6. Rev David O'Mara
7. Mr Tony Pieris
8. Rev David Shead
9. Mr Brett Wheldon
10. Rev Canon John Lovell (ED)

Trust Directors

(not already Company Directors)

1. Mr Alastair Christie
2. Rev David Clarke
3. Mr Paul Larby
4. Mrs Chris McComb
5. Mr Rob McPaul
6. Mr Ian Miller
7. Rt Rev Malcolm Richards

Regional Committee Representatives (elected by Committee)

1. Rev Canon Patrick Cole

Vice Presidents (elected by General Committee)

1. Mrs Chris McComb (to AGM 2025)
2. Rt Rev Malcolm Richards (to AGM 2024)
3. Rt Rev Peter Tasker (to AGM 2023)

BOARD DIRECTORS

The following people served as members of the Board during the 2022-23 year and attended Board meetings as noted. There were nine (9) Board meetings between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023.

		Number of meetings attended
1.	Mr Alastair Christie	2/3
2.	Rev David Clarke	3/3
3.	Ms Amanda Curley	8/9
4.	Dr Lynn Kay	9/9
5.	Rev Dr Alan Lam	6/6
6.	Dr Ian McFarlane	8/9
7.	Dr Kester Lee	8/9
8.	Rev Canon John Lovell	9/9
9.	Rev David O'Mara	5/6
10.	Mr Tony Pieris	5/9
11.	Rev Paul Sampson	2/3
12.	Mr Brett Wheldon	6/9

Appendix 3

Additional Financial Information

For the year ended 30 June 2023

The following financial information relates to CMS NSW & ACT Limited (the Company), unless stated otherwise, and is provided as a summary for interested members of the Company. There is some information that is more appropriately reported on a consolidated basis, that is, for the Company and Church Missionary Society Trust Limited (the Trust) as a group, and where appropriate, this has been noted. The Trust administers a number of trusts holding assets on behalf of CMS NSW & ACT Limited.

For those wanting a fuller explanation of the finances of the Branch, please contact the office to obtain a copy of the annual Directors' Report and Financial Statements of Church Missionary Society NSW & ACT Limited and Church Missionary Society Trust Limited. These accounts are also available on the CMS website.

Result

	2023	2022
Operating surplus	251,102	186,718
Non-operating gains/(losses)	298,490	(60,850)
Net surplus	549,592	125,868

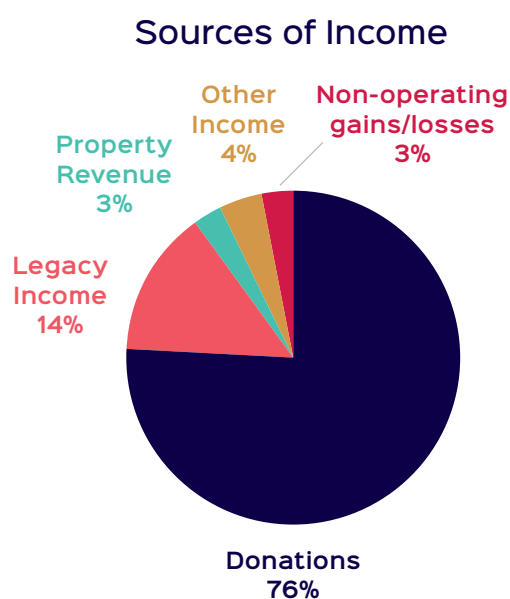
Details of the non-operating gains/(losses) are included in the detailed profit and loss account on the following pages.

Income

As in previous years the Company continued to receive the bulk of its income from donations and legacies. Total income in the 2023 year was \$10,644,210 (2022: \$9,071,066), which was significantly higher than the previous year, reflecting an increase in giving, a higher distribution in relation to legacies in the 2023 year and property revaluations.

The Company received its income for the 2023 financial year from the following sources:

Donations	8,122,461
Distribution from CMS Trust - Legacies	1,429,378
Distributions from Timmis Trust	44,411
Distribution from CMS Trust - Other	7,595
Interest and Dividend Income	32,003
Property Revenue	361,760
Other Income	79,390
Gross profit/(loss) on trading and events	268,722
Non-operating gains/(losses)	298,490
Total Income	10,644,210

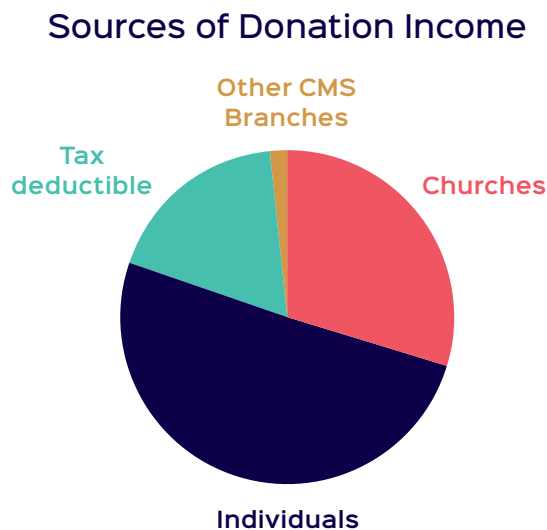


Donations

Donations are the Company's primary source of income. Total donations received during the financial year, including tax deductible donations receipted on behalf of the CMS-Australia Limited (CMS-A) tax deductible gift recipient funds, were \$9,927,649 (2022: \$9,275,858). This included a \$76,667 donation earmarked for theological education in Africa. The amount received in relation to tax deductible funds was \$1,805,188 (2022: \$1,596,944). Also included were donations towards the renovation of the Conference Centre amounting to \$150,500, including \$150,000 from other CMS Branches.

Donations were received during the financial year from the following sources:

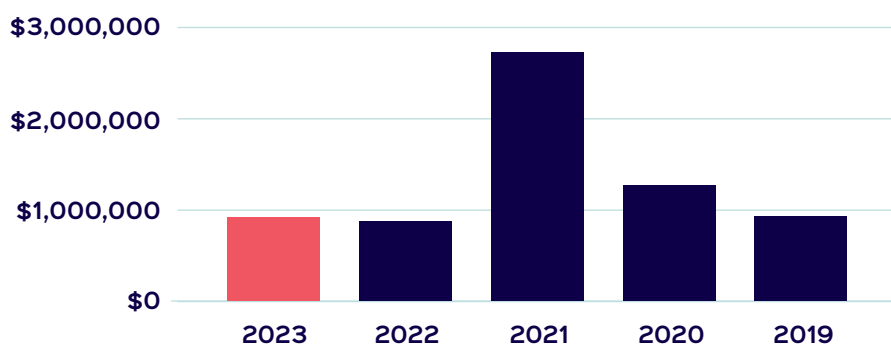
Donations from churches	2,965,155
Donations from individuals	5,007,306
Donations to CMS-A's DGR funds	1,805,188
Conference Centre Donations from other branches	150,000
Total Donations	9,927,649



Legacies

During the year ended 30 June 2023, the Legacies Equalisation Fund managed by the Trust received legacies on behalf of the Branch amounting to \$919,274 (2022: \$866,572). The directors have established a policy whereby legacy income is distributed by the Trust to the Company and recorded as income in the Company over a period of five years, unless otherwise specified. The graph below illustrates the legacies received by the Trust over the past five years.

Legacies Received



Appropriations of \$1,429,378 (2022: \$957,563) were made to the Company in the 2023 year, including \$900,000 from a specific legacy set aside for the renovation of the Conference Centre. The appropriation of \$900,000 was the remaining balance of a larger amount of \$1,312,500 from the Estate of the Late Maree Farley, which the directors agreed to specifically appropriate for the Conference Centre redevelopment.

Expenses

Total expenses for the 2023 financial year were \$10,094,618 (2022: \$8,945,199), marking a 12.8% increase from the previous year. The bulk of this increase relates to a 13% rise in the Company's most significant expense, namely the contribution paid to CMS-A to support our missionaries. The amount of this contribution in the 2023 year was \$5,808,296 (2022: \$5,136,528). This amount has been calculated after deducting amounts raised on behalf of CMS-A's deductible gift recipient funds, which in 2023 amounted to \$1,805,188 (2022: \$1,596,944).

Contribution to CMS-A

The contribution paid to CMS-A to support our missionaries in 2023 has been determined as follows:

	2023	2022
Contribution commitment as per CMS-A Budget	7,765,884	7,215,196
Less: Refund of previous year's contribution	(11,665)	(553,724)
Less: Refund of current year's contribution	(217,403)	(174,258)
Contribution Required	7,536,816	6,487,214
Less: Contribution from funds raised on behalf of CMS-A's DGR funds		
Aboriginal Missionary Work in Northern Australia	52,067	30,807
CMS Australia Ancillary Fund	1,450,026	1,197,500
CMS Overseas Aid Fund	299,442	367,078
St Andrew's Hall Building Maintenance Fund	3,653	1,559
Total of Contribution from funds raised on behalf of CMS-A's DGR funds	1,805,188	1,596,944
Contribution from Mission Support Fund	5,731,628	4,890,270
Additional contributions from Mission Support Fund		
Specific Purpose: Theological Training in Africa	76,667	100,000
Specific Purpose: Phnom Penh Bible School	-	20,000
Funded Grants: Co-Mission Partners and Short Term Workers	-	126,258
Total additional distributions	76,667	246,258
Total contributions from Mission Support Fund	5,808,296	5,136,528

Conference Centre

The redevelopment of the Conference Centre was completed during the year ended 30 June 2023. As noted above, income was recorded in the accounts in relation to this project in the form of donations (\$150,500) and legacy appropriations (\$900,000). The expenses relating to the Conference Centre renovation were capitalised as work in progress in the balance sheet and have been transferred to the Trust (as the owner of the land on which the Conference Centre is built) as at 30 June 2023.

The completion of the Conference Centre renovation was delayed due to the impact of inclement weather and the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. As a result of the delayed re-opening, there was a period when no income was derived from the operation of the Conference Centre. Bookings built up over the year and the net operating result of the Conference Centre for the year was a profit of \$33,552.

Financial Statements

The following pages contain a profit and loss account for the Company and a consolidated balance sheet for the Company and the Trust for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Detailed Profit and Loss Account

Church Missionary Society NSW & ACT Limited for the year ended 30 June 2023

Income	2023	2022
Donations	8,122,461	7,678,914
Distribution from CMS Trust - Legacies	1,429,378	957,563
Distributions from Timmis Trust	44,412	46,209
Distribution from CMS Trust - Other	7,595	1,048
Interest and Dividend Income	32,003	18,543
Property Revenue	361,760	356,362
Other Income	79,390	91,458
Total Income	10,076,998	9,150,097
Gross Profit/(Loss) on Trading & Events		
Conference Centre Gross Profit/(Loss)	317,980	-
Summer School Gross Profit/(Loss)	(4,093)	(26,511)
Youth Camp Gross Profit/(Loss)	(52,638)	7,142
CMS Other Events Gross Profit/(Loss)	7,473	1,188
Total Gross Profit/(Loss) on Trading & Events	268,722	(18,181)
Total Income	10,345,720	9,131,916
Expenses		
Contributions to CMS-A	5,808,296	5,136,528
Missionary HA Expenses	73,643	171,353
Human Resources Expenses	2,791,550	2,467,559
Property Expenses	644,530	387,902
Depreciation Expenses	185,100	190,691
Bank Charges	58,305	44,052
Insurance Expenses	19,056	31,530
IT Expenses	125,154	163,558
Postage and handling	60,500	68,335
Partnership Communication Materials	63,477	67,656
Travel Expenses	66,346	34,713
Other Expenses	198,663	181,322
Total Expenses	10,094,618	8,945,199
Net Surplus/(Deficit) before Non-Operating Gains/(Losses)	251,102	186,717
Non-Operating Gains/(Losses)		
Profit on Sale of Fixed Assets	30,091	19,448
Profit on Sale of Shares	-	(559)
Unrealised Gain/(Loss) on Asset Revaluations	217,305	-
Unrealised Gain/(Loss) on Investments	51,095	(79,739)
Total Non-Operating Gains/(Losses)	298,490	(60,850)
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	549,593	125,868

Balance Sheet

The Trust administers a number of trusts holding assets on behalf of the Company. As a result, the net financial position of the Branch is best represented by the Consolidated Balance Sheet of the group as set out below.

Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2023

Current Assets	2023	2022
Cash and cash equivalents	3,427,767	4,649,999
Trade and other receivables	1,053,051	945,246
Financial Assets	729,386	669,185
Total Current Assets	5,210,204	6,264,430
Non-Current Assets		
Property	31,183,345	28,076,891
Plant and equipment	735,605	760,865
Total Non-Current Assets	31,918,950	28,837,756
Total Assets	37,129,154	35,102,186
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	766,199	553,616
Provisions	364,564	416,695
Total Current Liabilities	1,130,763	970,311
Non-Current Liabilities		
Provisions	34,532	20,416
Total Non-Current Liabilities	34,532	20,416
Total Liabilities	1,165,295	990,727
Net Assets	35,963,859	34,111,459
Equity		
Accumulated Surplus	8,362,349	6,969,550
Reserves	-	1,459,469
Capital Reserves	27,601,510	25,682,440
Total Equity	35,963,859	34,111,459

Property

The bulk of the Company's assets consist of properties. These include the office of the Company in Druiitt Street, Sydney, the Katoomba Conference Centre and a range of residential properties across Sydney which are used to accommodate missionaries during their Home Assignment. In addition to leasing part of the office space in Sydney (to CMS-A and a private tenant), one residential property is presently leased on the open market.

It is the policy of the directors to obtain an independent valuation of all properties at least every three years. The amount included in the accounts is 90% of the values estimated in June 2023 by Marsh Valuation Services. Details of the properties owned by the Company and the Trust are set out on the following page.

Consolidated land and buildings

at fair value	2023	2022
Ashbury	1,530,000	1,440,000
Carlingford	1,967,625	1,620,000
Chatswood	749,088	720,000
Croydon Park	581,256	562,500
Druitt Street	13,363,875	11,610,000
Rydalmere Unit 1	895,050	832,500
Rydalmere Unit 4	907,740	832,500
Rydalmere Unit 6	881,820	832,500
Katoomba Conference Centre	4,733,325	1,755,000
Mascot	1,508,040	1,395,000
Peakhurst 4	909,135	810,000
Peakhurst 5	913,770	819,000
Riverwood	1,057,320	882,000
Rooty Hill 6	599,400	562,500
Rooty Hill 7	585,900	562,500
at cost		
Building in Progress - Conf. Centre, Katoomba	-	2,840,890
at nominal value		
Residential Unit at Mowll Village	1	1
Total at nominal value	1	1
Total Consolidated land and buildings	31,183,345	28,076,891

Further information is available in the annual Directors' Report and Financial Statements of Church Missionary Society NSW & ACT Limited and Church Missionary Society Trust Limited, which can be obtained from the CMS office or via the website.



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