



Annual Report 2017

INTRODUCTION

The Parish Council of Saint Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, Wallsend, is pleased to present its 2017 Annual Report.

According to the Normal Parish By-Laws ('the By-Laws') of parishes of the Russian Orthodox Church outside Russia, it is the objective of each parish to assist the faithful by making available Orthodox Christian prayers, sacraments, teaching and discipline, and by facilitating worthy activity. To this end, the aims of the parish encompass care for the church building and its material needs, provision for the clergy and support for the higher church authorities, work to help others in need, and Orthodox Christian educational work.

For the information of parish members, the Diocesan authorities, and the wider church community, this Annual Report summarises and reviews parish life and administration for the period from 1 July 2016 until 30 June 2017, considering the achievements of our parish in relation to the objective and aims set out in the By-Laws. It also provides an overview of other activities and looks at needs and challenges in the immediate future and in the years ahead.

THE PARISH COUNCIL

The By-Laws allow for a Parish Council that is made up of the rector and other assigned clergy, the Warden, and such lay members as are elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the parish. The By-Laws indicate that five lay members of the Parish Council should be elected in addition to a warden and a Head Sister.

The only clergyman assigned to our parish is the Rector, Archpriest James Carles. Father James was ordained to the priesthood on 23 September 2001 and appointed to our parish on 16 December 2002. He was raised to the rank of Archpriest in November 2016. In December 2017 Father James will have been serving our parish for fifteen years. For the whole of this period he has also served as the Rector of the parish of Saint Panteleimon in Gosford.

During the year under review the Warden, elected in 2014 for a fourth three-year term, was Nikolai Goura. The other lay members of the Parish Council elected at the AGM convened in September 2016 are Anna Morhun, Irene Lupish, Olga Bogacheva, Lucea Szabunia, Anu Kinnunen and Dean (Nicholas) Crawford. Subdeacon Vitaly Lupish holds an honorary position on the Parish Council but because of illness no longer participates in its work.

Our parish has no formal Ladies' Auxiliary or "Sisterhood". The work of the Ladies' Auxiliary is undertaken informally.

The Parish Council met eight times during the year under review.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Making available Orthodox Christian prayers and sacraments

Background

For many years now we have had Divine Liturgy on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, together with a service – either All-night Vigil or, since early 2010, Matins – on the preceding Saturday evening. In addition, All-night Vigil and Divine Liturgy are served on certain Great Feasts. On the weekends and Great Feasts when there are no services in our parish our rector serves in Gosford.

We use both Church Slavonic and English in our services. At evening services the mix of the two languages depends on the capabilities and needs of those present. At Divine Liturgy the choir sings in Church Slavonic and the litanies and readings are in both Church Slavonic and English.

From November 2013 until December 2016 our choir conductor was Nataliya Rahim, a graduate of the Sokolovsky College of the Arts in Gomel and the University of Arts and Culture in Minsk, both in Belarus. During her time as conductor Nataliya did a great deal to improve the standard of singing in our small church. Our choir has since been conducted by Elena Gan and Matushka Marie Carles.

Sunday morning services are usually attended by up to 40 worshippers, with more present on significant feast-days and during particular seasons. Sermons are given at every Divine Liturgy and delivered only in English.

Four service schedules are drawn up by the rector each year: Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring.

During the year under review a total of 65 services were held, ten less than in the previous year. Details are as follows:

2016-2017	Matins or Vigil	Divine Liturgy	Other services	Total
Winter 2016	4	4	0	8
July-August				
Spring 2016	6	6	0	12
September-November				
Summer 2016-17	6	7	1	14
December-February				
Autumn 2017	11	10	6	27
March-May				
Winter 2017	2	2	0	4
June				
Total	29	29	7	65

The other services conducted included blessings of water, general anointing, and general memorial services. No scheduled services were cancelled this year.

The Prayer for Ukraine was generally read following the Augmented Litany at every Divine Liturgy during the year. Exceptions were made on certain days when the Prayer for the Prosperity of the Russian Church was read instead.

Major services for the year included the Great Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God in August 2016 and the Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday) in April 2017. Secular work and family commitments prevented our rector from serving in Wallsend on feast-days as often as in previous years. In addition, it became harder for us to form a choir for evening services.

In August 2016 we again had services for the first day of the Dormition Fast. Prior to the evening service we had a special confession service for children. After Divine Liturgy we blessed honey, a number of jars of which had been given to our parish. These were afterwards distributed amongst the faithful.

In October 2016 Bishop George visited us for the first time as Diocesan Administrator. Following Divine Liturgy parish awards were presented to Olga Rusak, Eugenia Kallaur and Nataliya Rahim.

In November 2016 we were unable to have special services to mark the day of repose of Archpriest John Lupish. In November 2017, God willing, we will serve Divine Liturgy to mark the fortieth anniversary of his repose.

At Divine Liturgy on the feast of Saint Nicholas in December 2016 we presented our conductor Nataliya Rahim with a copy of our treasured icon of the Mother of God, "Protectress of Newcastle". This was Nataliya's final service with us before she and her family moved interstate.

On 8 January 2017 we had a service for the second day of the Nativity of Christ. Afterwards we had a festive meal and a visit from Father Christmas.

On 18 January 2017, the Eve of the Great Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Theophany), we had services and the Great Blessing of Water. We were joined for these services by friends from Sydney holidaying in the area.

On Thursday 26 January, the Australia Day Public Holiday, we received the Myrrh-Streaming Icon of the Mother of God, "Softener of Evil Hearts". A moleben and an akathist were served before the icon.

In accordance with a resolution of the Synod of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia to mark the centenary of the Russian Revolution, at our two general memorial services during Great Lent prayers were especially offered "the repose of the departed servants of God who innocently died, endured suffering and torture, were exiled and imprisoned and tasted bitter death" during the harsh years of Soviet persecution.

During Great Lent the customary General Service of Anointing was held, with approximately 20 of our parishioners in attendance. This service was held in the evening on Tuesday of the sixth week of Great Lent.

We had services for Palm Sunday in April 2017. The Ladies Auxiliary decorated the church with palms and green branches and also prepared bunches of flowers and pussy-willows for the faithful to hold.

In April 2017 we had a small number of Holy Week services and an early Paschal service, with Father James again serving the midnight Divine Liturgy in Gosford. The early Paschal service was well-attended. On Bright Monday we had Divine Liturgy with a procession around the church, the first such service in many years.

In April 2017 we again had services for Radonitsa, the day of commemoration of the departed that falls on the second Tuesday after Pascha. Divine Liturgy was served, after which there was a general memorial service in church. As it was Anzac Day, all Orthodox soldiers fallen in battle were commemorated. Father James then visited Wallsend, Sandgate and East Maitland cemeteries, serving graveside litias.

Our patronal feast of the Translation of the Relics of Saint Nicholas was held this year on the day of the feast, Monday 22 May. As we share this feast-day with the parish of Saint Nicholas in Fairfield, Bishop George was not able to be with us. The Lesser Blessing of Water was served and after Divine Liturgy there was a moleben with a procession, followed by a festive lunch. In 2018, God willing, we will maintain this practice of having a service on the day of the feast rather than transferring it to the closest Sunday.

There were four baptisms in the year under review, all of children. Those baptised were Joseph Harwood, Anastasia Partington, and Syanna and Sofia Unwin. The baptisms of Syanna and Sofia were the fiftieth and fifty-first served by Father James in this parish.

There just one wedding this year, that of Andre Yakimov and Wendy Ross. This occurred in September 2016.

There was only one funeral at our church during the review period. This was for Peter Latunin in June 2016. May God grant him rest!

A long-term parishioner, Vadim (Jim) Zdanowicz, passed away in June 2017. His funeral was served at the church of All Saints of Russia in Croydon, NSW.

With Metropolitan Hilarion's blessing, the Romanian Orthodox Community of the Holy Apostle Andrew continued to make use of our church. This community is led by Father Theodor Postelnicescu, a priest of the Romanian Orthodox Diocese of Australia and New Zealand.

Caring for the church building and its material needs

In August 2016 we installed air conditioning in our church and hall. This was made possible by a \$15,000 grant under the New South Wales Government Community Building Partnership scheme. We were recommended for receipt of this grant by the State Member for Wallsend, Ms Sonia Hornery MP.

As in previous years, a contractor regularly attended to basic maintenance of the parish grounds. Eugenia (Jenny) Millard has cared for the gardens.

We acquired four new icons this year. In August 2016 we were given an icon of the Holy Hierarchs of Moscow by Anna Rowan, a steadfast friend of the parish. In February 2017 we received icons of All Saints of Ekaterinburg, All Saints of Ufa, and Saint Joseph the All-Comely, all of which had been placed in kiots at the expense of a friend of the parish.

Our Ladies' Auxiliary has attended to the cleaning and decoration of the church and hall. Jenny Millard purchased and arranged flowers for special occasions, providing flowers from her own garden at regular services. Church cleaning was undertaken by the Head Sister, Anna Morhun, with help from Eugenia Kallaur.

Matushka Marie Carles continued to bake prosphora for each Divine Liturgy and the five loaves blessed on Great Feasts. The flour for prosphora has for some years been generally donated by the Kfoury family from the Gosford parish.

Undertaking Orthodox Christian educational work

For many years, the primary means of formal educational work in our parish has been preaching. Sermons are given on every Sunday and major feast-day.

Significant emphasis is placed on learning in a liturgical context. All who wish to assist with the reading and singing in church are encouraged to do so, thereby becoming more familiar with the order of services and with the various books used in the Divine Services of the Orthodox Church.

To the extent possible the blessing of new candles, icons, vestments, and honey and other items – in addition to the regular blessings of fruit and Paschal foods – is incorporated into the common worship of the parish. The prayers of the Orthodox Church appointed for such blessings are theologically rich and instructive for the faithful to hear.

In 2017 the Parish Council again provided parish families and households with a wall calendar in Russian and English that included details of feasts and fasts – together with the rules of fasting – and the readings for each day. Our 2017 wall calendar – designed by Parish Council member Olga Bogacheva – was a commemorative calendar marking the fortieth anniversary of the repose of the founder of our parish, Archpriest John Lupish.

Our parish website and Facebook page, discussed elsewhere in this report, also assisted with Orthodox Christian educational work by sharing information about the practical aspects of the life of the parish, the Diocese, and the wider Orthodox Church. A particularly valuable online resource provided by our parish since 2015 explains when weddings can be held and gives a list of generally available dates for this year and next.

In June 2017 Matushka Marie helped the parish children to make recycled candles from the stumps of our church candles. This was an enjoyable outdoor activity for children and parents.

One of the young mothers in the parish, Anastasia Harwood, continued to co-ordinate the Russian-language playgroup, "Teremok", established in September 2009. Meeting on Tuesdays in the church hall, this playgroup gave mothers and their children an important opportunity to gather for fellowship and learning in a Russian-language environment. In September 2016 Teremok celebrated seven years of operation. At present twelve families with a total of sixteen children participate. In early 2017 a friend of the parish donated a large quantity of high-quality Russian-language educational resources that will greatly assist the playgroup in its work. This material is being catalogued at present.

Providing for the clergy and supporting the higher church authorities

In April 2014 our parish provided the parish rector with an expense account – a non-taxable fringe benefit – that allowed him to reduce his secular work commitments by one and a half days each fortnight. As for a range of reasons this arrangement proved unsustainable it ceased on the rector's initiative at the end of February 2016. It is unlikely that such an arrangement will be considered again.

Up until the end of 2016 parishes of our Diocese were obliged to support the Diocesan administration by paying a 15 per cent levy on candle sales and the first collection plate. Similarly, support for the Synodal administration was gathered by way of a 4.5 percent levy on candle sales, the first collection plate, donations, membership tithes, prosphora sales, bank interest and other revenue. The levies on candle sales were applied by the Diocese when candles are purchased from the Diocesan Candle Store.

At the Diocesan Assembly in November 2016 it was agreed to change this system to a 5.5 percent levy on all parish income for the needs of the Diocesan administration and a 5 per cent levy on all parish income for the needs of the Synodal administration. All parish income includes candle sales, all collection plates, donations, membership tithes, prosphora sales, bank interest and other revenue. This new system took effect on 1 January 2017.

Levies are payable at six month intervals. In February levies are payable on income received in the period from July-December, and in August levies are payable on income received from January-June.

During the year under review, Diocesan and Synodal levies totalling \$2430.87 were incurred. For the period from 1 July 2016 – 31 December 2016 \$658.38 was payable, and for the period from 1 January 2017 – 30 June 2017 \$1,772.49 was payable. Under the old levy system \$1,706.15 would have been payable for this second period.

Working to help others in need

Each year the parish is asked to take up a number of collections for organisations and causes nominated by the church authorities.

In the year under review, a total of \$1,869.50 was collected for charitable causes at the request of the Diocesan authorities. This was more than the \$1,477.25 collected in 2015-16. The breakdown of collections is as follows:

Diocesan Collection Beneficiaries	When taken	Amount
Holy Dormition Lavra, Svyatogorsk, Ukraine	October 2016	\$337.00
Synodal Liturgical Music Commission	October 2016	\$250.00
ROCOR Fund for Assistance	November 2016	\$220.00
Orthodox Action	February 2017	\$230.00
Holy Trinity Seminary, Jordanville	Great Lent 2017	\$280.00
Russian Ecclesiastical Mission, Jerusalem	Palm Sunday 2017	\$193.50
Serbian Memorial Church	June 2017	\$359.00
Total		\$1,869.50

All of these monies had been paid on to the Diocesan authorities by the end of the year.

As in previous years, collections were advertised in advance and envelopes with details of the date and purpose of each collection were distributed in church.

Improving our efforts to help others in need remains a priority.

Other activities

Improvements to the church and hall

Apart from the installation of air conditioning no new work on the church hall was undertaken in 2016-17.

Late in 2014 the foundations were laid for the small extension to our church and early in 2015 the brickwork was completed up to the level of the floor. A substantial beginning having been made, further work will be undertaken when other projects have been completed and funds become available. It is expected that work will commence early in 2018.

In 2014 we ordered a new memorial table at which candles for the departed are placed. This work is being undertaken for us by Protodeacon Basil Hadarin, a gifted carpenter and woodcarver who has done much to adorn our church. It is expected that this project will be completed by the end of 2017.

Iconography

Early in 2015 a decision was made to proceed with another stage in the iconography project, an ornate standing case holding a large icon of the Mother of God surrounded by saints. When completed, this case will stand on the right-hand side of the church and complement the Golgotha acquired in January 2014. It is expected that this project will be completed by the end of 2017.

Parish life

A roster again operated throughout the year to ensure that parishioners and friends had an opportunity for regular fellowship and to talk and relax over light refreshments after each Sunday service. Two ladies worked together each Sunday on which we had a service, with each pair on duty once every three months.

During the year, pilmeni, piroshki, vareniki, cakes and other items were prepared for sale by the Ladies' Auxiliary and friends. Jenny Millard continued to operate a small fundraising stall in the church hall. The Parish Council is grateful for her ongoing work raising money for the needs of the parish.

Our Ladies' Auxiliary also prepared gift-bags for our children at Christmas.

In February 2017 our Ladies Auxiliary hosted a pancake evening for over 80 people. 500 pancakes were cooked and served with a variety of toppings. These evenings are very popular and are an important fundraiser.

Our current parish website was first published in September 2013. By the end of June 2017 it had received over 67,000 visits, with over 21,000 visits in 2016-17. The site is supported by a US-based company, Orthodox Web Solutions. It has a blog-style home page with news of coming and recent events in the life of the parish and the Diocese. It also includes information about parish history and administration and practical aspects of baptisms, weddings, funerals and other services of need. New content is added to the website regularly.

The parish also has a Facebook page that is fully integrated with the website and which presents photographs and less formal news items.

Publication of our parish newsletter recommenced in June 2017. Further issues were published in July and August 2017, and it is expected that publication will continue in 2017-18.

In the first half of 2017 the Parish Council endorsed a new Privacy Policy and a new child-safe, child-friendly policy. These were submitted to the Diocesan authorities and posted prominently on our website.

Diocesan life

Our small parish has been engaged in the life of the Diocese to the extent possible given our distance from the major centres of Diocesan life.

Father James participated in services for the fiftieth anniversary of the repose of Saint John of Shanghai on 1-2 July and the cathedral feast-day of Saints Peter and Paul on 11-12 July 2016. He assisted with the organisation of and attended a seminar in memory of Hieromonk Seraphim (Rose) (+1982) at Croydon in September 2016. He served at the Intercession of the Holy Virgin parish in Cabramatta at the feast-day services on 13-14 October 2016 and the Holy Protection parish of the Moscow Patriarchate in Blacktown later that month.

From 1 July 2016 until the Diocesan Assembly was convened in November 2016, Father James continued to serve as one of the clergy members of the 2013-2016 Diocesan Council and as Secretary of the Diocesan Council and of the Russian Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust. During this period he worked extensively on preparations for the Diocesan Assembly.

Early in September 2016 Father James advised the Diocesan authorities that he would be unable to continue to serve on the Diocesan Council. His term came to an end with the closure of the Diocesan Assembly on 19 December 2016. All residual work arising from his membership of the Diocesan Council and his role as Secretary of the Diocesan Assembly was completed by 31 December 2016.

Also participating in the work of the Diocesan Assembly was Irene Lupish. Together with Elena Gan, Dean Crawford and Lucy Szabunia they attended a Diocesan banquet on 17 November 2017 in honour of Metropolitan Hilarion's twentieth anniversary as Ruling Bishop of the Diocese. At the banquet Metropolitan Hilarion was presented with a copy of the parish's treasured icon of the Mother of God, Protectress of Newcastle.

As a result of secular work commitments it was not possible for Father James to participate in the Great Lenten Pastoral Conference in March 2017. These commitments – together with pastoral commitments in our parish and in Gosford – have made it difficult for Father James to be involved in Diocesan activities during 2017.

We nevertheless endeavoured to maintain our connection to the life of the Diocese and the wider Russian Orthodox Church in a number of ways. Epistles from Patriarch Kyrill and Metropolitan Hilarion were read aloud at Christmas, Pascha, and on other important occasions. The departed and ever-memorable First Hierarchs of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia, the departed Ruling Bishops of our Diocese, and other notable church figures were commemorated in prayer. Prayers of thanksgiving were offered for the unity of the Russian Orthodox Church and for the deliverance of the Ukrainian land and people from civil strife.

Plans and challenges

For the past few years our focus has been on the construction and fit-out of the extension to the church; the need to improve parish administration and financial record-keeping; and the strengthening of parish life.

Early in 2015 we paused work on the church extension in order to facilitate the next stage of the church iconography project. Work on the iconography project has continued steadily and a number of significant donations have been received for this specific purpose. It is now expected that this project will be completed late in 2017 and that work on the extension will resume early in 2018.

Raising or otherwise sourcing funds to maintain and improve our small church is the key task for our Parish Council in the year ahead.

A number of important steps were taken to improve financial reporting and our banking arrangements in 2015-16. Work in this area and to improve parish administration and financial record-keeping continued in 2016-17.

We continue to work to strengthen parish life in every way that we can given our small size and limited resources. Our parish is a diverse one that gathers people from across the Hunter Valley and beyond, and we recognise the importance of investing in our common life.

October 2017

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ST NICHOLAS RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH WALLSEND

Scope

I have audited the financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of St Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church Wallsend for the year ended 30 June 2017. The Committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the requirements of and the needs of the members. I have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

The audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. The procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding to the organizations financial position, and performance as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report of St Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church Wallsend presents a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2017 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2017 in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report. The committee has determined that the organization is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of applicable Australian Accounting Standards (AASB's).

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values, or except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous year unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

Note 2: Income Tax

The organisation is exempt from Income Tax.

Note 3: Fixed Assets

Plant, equipment and fittings are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation. The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the organisation commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Depreciation rates have been applied on a straight-line basis at rates of 20% per annum. Items, which cost less than \$500.00, are fully depreciated in the year of acquisition.

Some fixed assets have been classified as non-depreciable and no depreciation is calculated on such items.

Note 4: Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues and expenses are recognised inclusive of the amount of GST. In these circumstances any GST is recognised and paid to/recovered from the Australian Taxation Office by the Church Diocese. The net amount is subsequently charged or remitted to the Parish Council.

Note 5: Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised when the organisation is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Note 6: Donations and grants

Donations and grants are recognised as revenue when the organisation gains control, economic benefits are probable and the amount/s can be measured reliably.

Note 7: Commitments for Works in Progress

A project is underway to construct an ICON for the church. Contracts has been entered into with two parties for the work. Progress payments to-date totaling \$52,765 have been made which reflect in the accounts. Outstanding commitments estimated at \$12,500 exist to complete the project, expected in the 2017/18 financial year.

ST NICHOLAS RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH WALLSEND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2017

	2017	2016
Accumulated Funds at 1 July 2016	\$ 93,947.84	\$ 80,350.06
Add:		
Church Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for year transferred from Statement of Financial Performance	\$ 19,957.04	\$ 12,262.88
Ladies Auxiliary Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for year transferred from Statement of Financial Performance	\$ 5,602.11	\$ 1,334.90
ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT 30 JUNE 2017	\$ 119,506.99	\$ 93,947.84

The above Funds are represented by:

CURRENT ASSETS

Commonwealth Bank of Australia		
Working Account No. 062-823 00900308	\$ -	\$ 18,619.67
Ladies Auxiliary Account No. 062-806 10218954	\$ -	\$ 8,176.23
Term Deposit Account No. 062-823 50098894	\$ -	\$ 32,895.34
Westpac Banking Corporation		
Working Account No. 032-509 28-1104	\$ 6,533.43	
Cash Reserve Account No. 032-509 28-1120	\$ 8,085.91	
Ladies Auxiliary Account No. 032-509 28-1112	\$ 12,519.76	
Ladies Auxiliary Debit Card Account No. 032-509 28-6431	\$ 620.46	
Business One Account No. 032-509 28-1139	\$ -	
Cash Reserve Account No. 032-509 28-7936	\$ -	
Term Deposit Account No. 032-509 28-9835	\$ 25,000.00	
Cash on Hand - Church	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Cash on Hand - Ladies Auxiliary	\$ 300.70	\$ 266.55
Advance to Clergy Account	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 53,760.26	\$ 60,657.79

NON CURRENT ASSETS

Plant, Equipment and Fittings at Cost	\$ 35,805.50	\$ 25,173.00
Add: Purchases	\$ 34,896.00	\$ 10,632.50
	\$ 70,701.50	\$ 35,805.50
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 3,325.23	\$ 208.20
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 67,376.27	\$ 35,597.30

TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 121,136.53	\$ 96,255.09
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CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accrued Diocese Levies Payable	\$ 1,629.54	\$ 2,307.25
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 1,629.54	\$ 2,307.25

NET ASSETS	\$ 119,506.99	\$ 93,947.84
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ST NICHOLAS RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH WALLSEND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

	2017	2016
INCOME		
First Plate	\$ 5,224.55	\$ 5,349.80
Second Plate	\$ 3,657.20	\$ 3,988.05
Candles	\$ 8,223.20	\$ 6,298.75
Prospora	\$ 1,181.00	\$ 1,292.00
Tithes	\$ 660.00	\$ 500.00
Bank Interest	\$ 189.80	\$ 1,139.67
Donations - Money Box	\$ 3,163.95	\$ 1,713.10
Donations - General	\$ 5,714.00	\$ 16,996.20
Grant	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
GST Refunds	\$ 2,603.00	\$ 337.00
Other Income	\$ 1,381.79	\$ 893.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 46,998.49	\$ 38,507.57
EXPENSES		
Bank Charges	\$ 45.01	\$ -
Candles	\$ 2,563.00	\$ 3,730.50
Choir	\$ 450.00	
Clergy Expenses	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
Depreciation	\$ 2,835.00	
Diocesan & Synodal Levies	\$ 3,119.36	\$ 3,683.70
Insurance	\$ 3,500.80	\$ 5,535.02
Other Expenses	\$ 3,275.88	\$ 592.37
Postage, Printing & Stationery	\$ 3,956.33	\$ 1,788.49
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 1,885.50	\$ 1,120.75
Telephone	\$ 475.82	\$ 611.42
Utilities	\$ 4,484.75	
Advertising		\$ 338.21
Audit Fees		\$ 450.00
Donations		\$ 200.00
Dropbox		\$ 340.00
Electricity		\$ 3,080.29
Gas		\$ 616.27
Subscriptions		\$ 72.00
Water Charges		\$ 970.27
Website Charges		\$ 430.24
Capital Works - Buildings		\$ 2,235.16
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 27,041.45	\$ 26,244.69
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR		
TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATED FUNDS	\$ 19,957.04	\$ 12,262.88

**ST NICHOLAS RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH WALLSEND
LADIES AUXILIARY**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

	2017	2016
INCOME		
Donations	\$ 2,603.85	\$ 6,234.00
Functions	\$ 846.05	\$ 1,160.05
Fundraising	\$ 2,705.80	\$ 2,512.00
Hall Rent	\$ 383.50	\$ 145.00
Interest	\$ 7.22	
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 1,261.23	\$ 3,982.07
Raffles	\$ 434.00	\$ 360.00
Sale of Goods	\$ 2,725.00	\$ 1,251.50
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 10,966.65	\$ 15,644.62
EXPENSES		
Bank Fees	\$ 15.00	\$ 5.00
Clergy Expenses	\$ -	\$ 6,800.00
Depreciation	\$ 282.03	\$ 208.20
Flowers & Gifts	\$ 1,274.75	\$ 1,227.49
Groceries	\$ 2,993.62	\$ 4,198.39
Printing & Stationery	\$ 17.49	\$ 88.10
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 280.00	\$ 1,256.80
Sundry Expenses	\$ 501.65	\$ 525.74
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 5,364.54	\$ 14,309.72
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATED FUNDS	\$ 5,602.11	\$ 1,334.90

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

	2017	2016
Total of all bank accounts as at 1 July 2016	\$ 59,691.24	\$ 56,053.51
<i>Cash was generated from</i>		
Surplus for year - Church operations	\$ 19,957.04	\$ 12,262.88
Surplus for year - Ladies Auxiliary operations	\$ 5,602.11	\$ 1,334.90
Depreciation provided during the year	\$ 3,117.03	\$ 208.20
Increase in current liabilities		\$ 930.80
<i>Cash was applied to</i>		
Increase in cash on hand	\$ (34.15)	\$ (466.55)
Increase in non-current assets	\$ (34,896.00)	\$ (10,632.50)
Decrease in current liabilities	\$ (677.71)	
Total of all bank accounts as at 30 June 2017	<u>\$ 52,759.56</u>	<u>\$ 59,691.24</u>

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BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 30 JUNE 2016

Commonwealth Bank of Australia
Account No. 062-823 00900308 Closed 4/10/2016

Cash Book Balance 1 July 2016	\$ 18,619.67
Add: Receipts for year	<u>\$ 19,308.00</u>
	\$ 37,927.67
Less: Payments for year	<u>\$ 37,927.67</u>
Cash Book Balance 30 June 2017	<u>\$ -</u>
Balance as per Bank Statement as at 30 June 2017	\$ -
Add: Outstanding Deposits	<u>\$ -</u>
	\$ -
Less: Unpresented Cheques	<u>\$ -</u>
Balance as per Cash Book as at 30 June 2017	<u>\$ -</u>

Commonwealth Bank of Australia
Account No. 062-806 10218954 Closed 4/10/2016

Cash Book Balance 1 July 2016	\$ 8,176.23
Add: Receipts for year	<u>\$ 600.12</u>
	\$ 8,776.35
Less: Payments for year	<u>\$ 8,776.35</u>
Cash Book Balance 30 June 2017	<u>\$ -</u>
Balance as per Bank Statement as at 30 June 2017	\$ -
Add: Outstanding Deposits	<u>\$ -</u>
	\$ -
Less: Unpresented Cheques	<u>\$ -</u>
Balance as per Cash Book as at 30 June 2017	<u>\$ -</u>

Westpac Banking Corporation
Account No. 032-509 28-1104

Cash Book Balance 1 July 2016	\$ -
Add: Receipts for year	<u>\$ 39,602.11</u>
	\$ 39,602.11
Less: Payments for year	<u>\$ 33,068.68</u>
Cash Book Balance 30 June 2017	<u>\$ 6,533.43</u>
Balance as per Bank Statement as at 30 June 2017	\$ 6,353.43
Add: Outstanding Deposits	<u>\$ 180.00</u>
	\$ 6,533.43
Less: Unpresented Cheques	<u>\$ -</u>
Balance as per Cash Book as at 30 June 2017	<u>\$ 6,533.43</u>

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BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 30 JUNE 2016

Westpac Banking Corporation
Account No. 032-509 28-1112

Cash Book Balance 1 July 2016	\$ -
Add: Receipts for year	<u>\$ 15,400.76</u>
	\$ 15,400.76
Less: Payments for year	<u>\$ 2,881.00</u>
Cash Book Balance 30 June 2017	<u>\$ 12,519.76</u>
Balance as per Bank Statement as at 30 June 2017	\$ 12,519.76
Add: Outstanding Deposits	<u>\$ -</u>
	\$ 12,519.76
Less: Unpresented Cheques	<u>\$ -</u>
Balance as per Cash Book as at 30 June 2017	<u>\$ 12,519.76</u>

Westpac Banking Corporation
Account No. 032-509 28-6431

Cash Book Balance 1 July 2016	\$ -
Add: Receipts for year	<u>\$ 620.46</u>
	\$ 620.46
Less: Payments for year	<u>\$ -</u>
Cash Book Balance 30 June 2017	<u>\$ 620.46</u>
Balance as per Bank Statement as at 30 June 2017	\$ 620.46
Add: Outstanding Deposits	<u>\$ -</u>
	\$ 620.46
Less: Unpresented Cheques	<u>\$ -</u>
Balance as per Cash Book as at 30 June 2017	<u>\$ 620.46</u>

Westpac Banking Corporation
Account No. 032-509 28-1120

Cash Book Balance 1 July 2016	\$ -
Add: Receipts for year	<u>\$ 33,090.91</u>
	\$ 33,090.91
Less: Payments for year	<u>\$ 25,005.00</u>
Cash Book Balance 30 June 2017	<u>\$ 8,085.91</u>
Balance as per Bank Statement as at 30 June 2017	\$ 8,085.91
Add: Outstanding Deposits	<u>\$ -</u>
	\$ 8,085.91
Less: Unpresented Cheques	<u>\$ -</u>
Balance as per Cash Book as at 30 June 2017	<u>\$ 8,085.91</u>

Westpac Banking Corporation
Account No. 032-509 28-1139

Cash Book Balance 1 July 2016	Closed 23/01/2017	\$ -
Add: Receipts for year		<u>\$ 55.11</u>
		\$ 55.11
Less: Payments for year		<u>\$ 55.11</u>
Cash Book Balance 30 June 2017		<u>\$ -</u>
Balance as per Bank Statement as at 30 June 2017		\$ -
Add: Outstanding Deposits		<u>\$ -</u>
		\$ -
Less: Unpresented Cheques		<u>\$ -</u>
Balance as per Cash Book as at 30 June 2017		<u>\$ -</u>

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DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE AS AT 30 JUNE 2017

Description	Historical Details Date	Cost	Opening Written Down Value	New Acquisitions Date	Cost	Value for Depreciation	Rate %	Depreciation	Closing Written Down Value
Non-depreciable Assets									
Case, ICON and Iconography	30/06/2015	\$ 25,173.00	\$ 25,173.00			\$ 25,173.00	0%	\$ -	\$ 25,173.00
Case, ICON and Iconography	30/06/2016	\$ 9,591.50	\$ 9,591.50	04/07/2018	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 20,591.50	0%	\$ -	\$ 20,591.50
Case, ICON and Iconography				09/05/2017	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	0%	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00
								\$ -	
Church									
Daikin Air-conditioning System				18/08/2016	\$ 17,010.00	\$ 17,010.00	20%	\$ 2,835.00	\$ 14,175.00
								\$ 2,835.00	
Ladies Auxiliary									
Stainless Steel Shelving	05/08/2015	\$ 685.00	\$ 548.00			\$ 548.00	20%	\$ 137.00	\$ 411.00
Steel Marquee Bench	04/12/2015	\$ 356.00	\$ 284.80			\$ 284.80	20%	\$ 71.20	\$ 213.60
Colourbond Back Tray				24/01/2017	\$ 886.00	\$ 886.00	20%	\$ 73.83	\$ 812.17
								\$ 282.03	
		\$ 35,805.50	\$ 35,597.30		\$ 34,896.00	\$ 70,493.30		\$ 3,117.03	\$ 67,376.27