



CNA

Catholic Network Australia

2013–2014 ANNUAL REPORT



EDUCATION SITES

1,639



STUDENTS AND STAFF

660,000

Catholic Network Australia Limited

Catholic Network Australia Limited (CNA) is a subsidiary company of Catholic Resources Ltd. It was created to procure and manage a private telecommunications network and associated technology services for the Catholic Church.

PARTICIPANTS

Current Participants in CNA include the following Dioceses and Religious Institutes:

- The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn
- The Diocese of Armidale
- The Diocese of Broken Bay
- St Augustine's College-Sydney
- Trustees of the Marist Brothers
- The Archdiocese of Sydney
- The Diocese of Parramatta
- The Diocese of Wollongong
- The Diocese of Wagga Wagga
- The Diocese of Bathurst
- The Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes
- The Diocese of Lismore
- The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle
- The Archdiocese of Brisbane
- The Diocese of Townsville
- The Diocese of Cairns
- The Diocese of Rockhampton
- The Diocese of Toowoomba
- The Archdiocese of Adelaide
- The Diocese of Port Pirie
- The Archdiocese of Hobart
- The Archdiocese of Melbourne
- The Diocese of Ballarat
- The Diocese of Sale
- The Diocese of Sandhurst
- The Archdiocese of Perth
- The Diocese of Geraldton
- The Diocese of Broome
- The Diocese of Bunbury.

Key Activity

Since 2009, CNA has fostered collaboration and sharing of digital content and pedagogical approaches to support Australian Catholic educators and their communities and has provided private network services to Catholic schools and associated administrative offices across Australia.

Whilst the anchor tenant on the CNA network is the Education sector, CNA's charter includes the delivery of services to all sectors of the Catholic Church.





From the Chair

It is with great pleasure that the board presents this Annual Report of Catholic Network Australia Limited. CNA provides enhanced telecommunications services and educationally focussed services to more than 660,000 students and staff at 1639 Catholic schools and offices across Australia via a private network. The network is still Australia's only truly national education network by connecting schools from geographically diverse locations together on a single national network.

The establishment of the network was possible because various entities within the Catholic education sector combined their energy and resources to participate in a project which delivered mutually beneficial outcomes. Collaboration across the education sector has increased with enhancements to the *CNA Education Staff Online* portal. Collaboration between teachers has expanded with cross diocesan online communities such as the *More Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Teachers Initiative (MATSITI)* network and the *Faith Formation for Australian*

Catholic Education and Australian Catholic Identity network and groups of teachers collaborating on areas such as digital citizenship, ways of meeting the Australian Curriculum ICT General Capability dimension and sharing snapshots of digital learning initiatives.

The board is grateful to the many people who have made CNA the success it is, not least of whom are the Australian Catholic Bishops who support the work of CNA, no doubt mindful of the benefit it brings to the education sector and to the wider Church community.

Our thanks go to those who serve with dedication on board sub committees. Those on the Education Standing Committee continue to plan the enhancement of services delivered on the network and co-ordinate joint procurement activities. The Negotiation Team have been very successful in negotiating with Telstra and Microsoft.

Delivery of ICT services to participants requires close co-operation with service partners, who include Telstra, CEO Melbourne, CEO Adelaide and CEnet

and we thank them for their service to participants.

This year CNA has focussed on renegotiating the contract with Telstra for CNA network services for the next five years. These negotiations are well advanced.

CNA also negotiated an extension of the *Microsoft Enrolment for Education Solutions (EES)* license agreement to March 2015. Negotiations are continuing with Microsoft for a new agreement for licenses post March 2015.

The company is in a solid financial position and is well placed to add value to Catholic institutions that seek to be part of private telecommunications networks.

I thank my fellow directors for their contribution to this essential platform for the Australian Catholic Church. I extend particular thanks to the Bishops who comprise the Commission for Administration and Information, chaired by Bishop Hanna, for their ongoing guidance and support.

Julie-Anne Schafer



Services Summary

There is a range of services available for CNA sites belonging to the education sector.

TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

CNA's telecommunication services include Internet access and Internet data, a national core network, site connections, virtual private networks; network-router monitoring and management, router purchase and maintenance. These are all sourced via CNA's contract with Telstra.

Some of these services are discrete to a Participant (e.g. site connections) while some services are shared across numerous or all Participants (e.g. the Core Network). The CNA Core Network interconnects the five major data centres currently servicing Catholic schools across Australia. These data centres are located in Perth (CathEdnet), Adelaide

(CESAnet), Melbourne (CEVN), Brisbane (Lincs) and Sydney (CEnet).

The current CNA agreement with Telstra expires in March 2015. CNA is negotiating a new contract with Telstra for CNA network services for the next five years.

EDUCATION SERVICES

The *CNA Contemporary Learning Working Group* facilitates collaboration across Education sector participants. This group collectively and collaboratively leads and supports Australian Catholic educators and their communities through:

- curation, creation and publication of digital *CNA Contemporary Learning Resources*
- connecting Catholic communities of learning using *CNA Education Staff Online*



“Snapshots of digital learning on *CNA Education Staff Online* provide short examples of learning to share with staff for professional development.” CNA CONTEMPORARY LEARNING WORKING GROUP MEMBER



Services Summary (continued)

- supporting pedagogical change and professional learning
 - providing advice on the procurement of third party resources
 - working directly with the *CNA Online Community Manager* to facilitate online Catholic communities.
- CNA Education Staff Online:**
- facilitates communication across Australian Catholic education with targeted announcements, a directory of collaborative spaces available for each user and self-managed professional profiles of users and colleagues
 - allows participants to publish digital content for sharing across the participant's sites and/or across all CNA sites
 - supports professional communication and collaboration of teachers across the participant's sites and/or across all CNA sites via the use of moderated open, restricted and private collaboration spaces and discussion forums. Participants can establish collaboration spaces/discussion forums for their own sites and/or propose additional collaboration initiatives across CNA sites to the existing forums
 - provides authenticated user access to CNA Contemporary Learning Resources and services such as Education Services Australia online curriculum content and other education services
 - provides links to other shared services provided to Participants and to external sites such as ACARA and *Together at One Altar*.



“The Whole School Blogging clip on *CNA Education Staff Online* was really comprehensive in explaining the school’s contemporary learning journey.” CNA CONTEMPORARY LEARNING WORKING GROUP MEMBER

Services Summary (continued)

Some Participants use the *CNA Education Staff Online* to share resources and facilitate collaboration across their own CNA sites and/or across all CNA sites. Foci for online communities include:

- Positive Partnerships
- Faith Formation and Catholic Education
- Music
- Libraries and Learning
- Students with Disability
- CNA Participants' Forum
- More Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Teachers Initiative (MATSIIT)
- Digital Technologies in Lower Primary
- Rural Education
- Catholic Identity Schools Network
- Australian Curriculum Implementation
- Frameworks of Learning
- Video Stories
- English as Additional Language
- National Leuven Network
- Engaging Adult Learners
- Catholic School Leaders.

A full time *CNA Online Community Manager* supports these online communities.

CNA Contemporary Learning Resources are provided as a service for teachers in CNA sites. Resources include:

- high quality, educationally significant digital resources including video, still images, sound, and text published by participants
- Education Services Australia (ESA) digital objects and resources
- other negotiated third-party content.

AGGREGATED PURCHASING – MICROSOFT LICENSING

As well as collaborating on shared services, the Education Sector has aggregated its purchasing power under the auspices of CNA to negotiate a special *Microsoft Enrolment for Education Solutions (EES)* agreement. The current agreement with Microsoft has been extended and now expires in March 2015. This agreement sees all participants receive the highest level of discount available for Microsoft products and services.

Aggregate savings to Participants are conservatively estimated to be of the order of \$3m per year.

Negotiations are continuing with Microsoft for a new agreement for licenses post March 2015. The new agreement is to provide different options for Microsoft license purchases given participants' use of Microsoft products and services varies enormously.

WEB CONTENT FILTERING

Three of the largest Catholic Education networks (CEVN, CEnet and CathEdnet) have contracted to use the same enhanced Web Content Filtering solution. The solution has been implemented and is assisting in providing a safe online learning environment for students both inside and outside the classroom. The economies of scale represented by this joint procurement have resulted in significant volume discounts for the Participants involved.



Financial Accounts

CATHOLIC NETWORK AUSTRALIA LIMITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

Notes

1. The summary of the financial statements of Catholic Network Australia Limited was extracted from the audited 30 June 2014 financial statements. These are available upon request from the Company Secretary or via a company search of ACNC.
2. The Statement of Comprehensive Income is to be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the financial statements.

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
REVENUE			
Revenue from services provided	2	1,586,812	1,193,791
Other revenues		21,083	39,870
Total Revenue		1,607,895	1,233,661
Accounting Fees		32,630	26,202
General Expenses		7,410	3,519
Audit Fee Expense		13,439	8,650
Bank Service Charges		-	160
CE net Management Fees		285,569	285,328
Corporate Registrations		7,404	7,404
Insurance		-	2,936
IP Addressing		-	1,290
Legal Expenses		(2,816)	26,781
Consultancy and Marketing Expenses	3	294,812	126,687
Educational Services Expenses		685,015	728,313
Rental Data Centre		10,800	10,800
Subscriptions		8,972	7,546
Telephone and Teleconferencing		163	240
Total Expenditure		1,343,398	1,235,856
Profit / (Deficit) for the year		264,497	(2,195)
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
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Total Comprehensive Income for the year		264,497	(2,195)
Retained Profit / (Deficit) of the Company		264,497	(2,195)

CATHOLIC NETWORK AUSTRALIA LIMITED
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers		1,585,236	1,194,669
Interest received		20,852	39,870
Payments to suppliers		(1,352,380)	(690,627)
Net cash generated by / (used in) operating activities	12(b)	253,708	543,912
Net increase/ (decrease) in cash		253,708	543,912
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		2,382,838	1,838,926
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	12(a)	2,636,546	2,382,838

Financial Accounts (continued)

CATHOLIC NETWORK AUSTRALIA LIMITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2014

In addition to the operation of the company itself, the CNA telecommunications contract represents substantial direct financial transactions between Participants and Telstra. The aggregate spend in the last financial year (July 2013-June 2014) across all Telstra services for all Participants were in the order of \$42m. The total spend on Telstra Services since the Telstra-CNA Business Services Agreement was executed in August 2009 to the end of 2013 was \$142m.

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	2,636,546	2,382,838
Trade Receivables		-	-
Other current assets	5	6,958	5,153
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		2,643,504	2,387,991
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LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade payables	6	165,715	130,242
Other creditors	7	821,311	865,768
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		987,026	996,010
TOTAL LIABILITIES		987,026	996,010
NET ASSETS		1,656,478	1,391,981
EQUITY			
Members' Funds			
Retained earnings		1,656,478	1,391,981
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		1,656,478	1,391,981

Key People

CNA DIRECTORS

Julie-Anne Schafer (CNA Board Chairperson)
Pam Betts
Jim Burke
Danny Casey (*resigned 25 June 2014*)
Stephen Elder
Peter Matthey
Tim McDonald
Francis Moore
Paul Sharkey
Dan White

CNA EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Stephen Elder (Chairperson)
Martin Roberts (CathEdnet)
Vin Thomas (CESAnet)
Jeff Rosewarne (CEVN)
Greg Whitby (CEnet)
Warren Armitage (LinCS)
Doug Ashleigh (Participant – Archdiocese of Sydney)
Cathy Day (Participant – Diocese of Townsville)
Graham Neist (Catholic Religious Australia)
Michael Haigh (NCEC ITC Committee)

CNA NEGOTIATING TEAM

Vin McPhee, Convenor
Martin Roberts (CathEdnet)
Vin Thomas (CESAnet)
Greg Whitby (CEnet)
Simon Mackey (LinCS)
Graeme Jane (Company Secretary)

OFFICE BEARERS

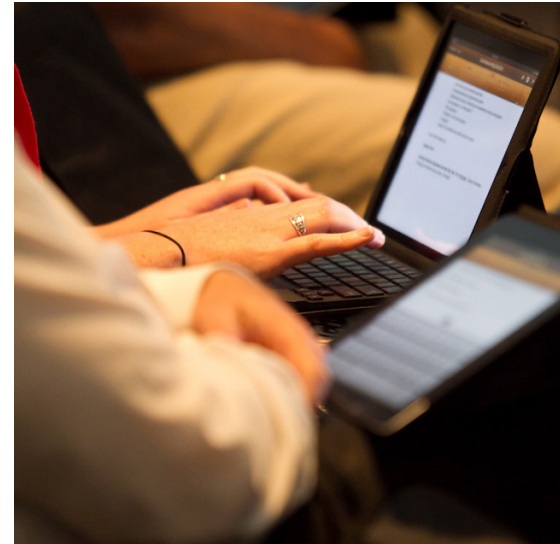
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SERVICE DELIVERY TEAM

Service Delivery Manager: Chris Burrows
Technical Officer: Ian Gregory

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“The CNA Digital Citizenship Weebly on CNA Education Staff Online was easy to read and provided a Catholic context for parents listing a variety of resources that are available.”

CNA CONTEMPORARY LEARNING WORKING GROUP MEMBER

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