



CNA

Catholic Network Australia



2012-2013 ANNUAL REPORT



EDUCATION SITES

1,623



STUDENTS

644,000



STAFF

67,000

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

The initial activity of CNA involved the roll out of high-speed broadband connections to 1,623 Catholic schools and associated administrative offices across Australia. CNA services to the Catholic education sector also includes the provision of a National Core Network which 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).

Whilst the anchor tenant on the network is the Education sector, CNA's charter includes the delivery of services to all sectors of the Catholic Church including Health, Aged Care, Welfare and Diocesan Parishes and Agencies.





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 644,000 students and staff at 1623 Catholic schools and offices across Australia via a private network. The network has created 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 the expansion of education services for participants.

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. Delivery of ICT services to participants requires close co-operation with service partners, who include Telstra, CEO Melbourne and CENet and we thank them for their service to participants.

CNA is only possible because of the willingness of Catholic Church entities to collaborate on the delivery of shared ICT services. The first phase of the CNA 10 year plan was to establish services for the Education sector which has been achieved. CNA is now expanding its focus on phases 2 and 3 of the 10 year plan which involves consolidating education services as well as expanding services to other sectors.

This year CNA, through the Archdiocese of Sydney, and Telstra piloted a digital

business suite of services for diocesan organisations and parishes. This offer will be available by the end of 2013 as CNA works with Telstra and Church Resources to deliver the offering.

Next year CNA will liaise more closely with Catholic Church organisations from other sectors with the aim of broadening services for the Church.

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) but many are shared across numerous or all Participants (e.g. the Core Network).

EDUCATION SERVICES

CNA Contemporary Learning Working Group facilitates collaboration across Education sector participants. The group:

- facilitates professional conversations and professional learning across participants to support pedagogical change and professional learning and the sharing of expertise particularly in the area of eLearning,
- assists participants to publish contemporary learning resources and exemplars, curriculum resources and the *Models of Contemporary Learning*.

Forty-eight *Models of Contemporary Learning* have been created and published through Scootle.



“The creative and exciting initiatives taken in other dioceses and their willingness to share their hard-won learning has saved our diocese frustration, time and funds.” CNA Contemporary Learning Working Group member



CNA education services are accessed from the *CNA Education Staff Portal*. The portal provides infrastructure for staff at CNA sites to collaborate on the development and sharing of learning resources and approaches that enhances learning for students including:

- set up and access collaboration spaces
- access to shared services (e.g. the ePotential service, an online tool designed to assist development of teachers' ICT capabilities; the *Web 2.0 Professional Learning Online Course for Teachers* and the *Contemporary Teaching Continuum Tool for Teachers*, a tool that assists users to affirm and enhance their current learning and teaching practice)

- access to content repositories such as *Scootle*, a robust search interface developed by The Learning Federation (now Education Services Australia) for teachers to access CNA digital learning resources developed by participants as well as the The Learning Federation.

Fifty-nine collaboration spaces have been created. Use of the portal has increased with over 3000 teachers using the portal in April 2013.

CNA has appointed an *Education Online Community Manager* to facilitate teacher collaboration and to assist participants to set up collaboration spaces and publish and share resources.



“Since joining the *CNA Contemporary Learning Working Group*, I can confidently advise my Director of activities from around the country – I have come back to use information at a later point and have followed up and formed alliances based on the professional learning and collaborative activities from CNA in the past.”

Vickie Vance, Catholic Education Office, Bathurst

Collaboration spaces include:

- ICT in Catholic Education (BYOD, Digital Citizenship, Mobile Devices and Video Conferencing)
- Church celebrations (Year of Grace, Year of Faith, gift of Family in difficult Times)
- Religious Education, Faith Formation and Catholic Identity (Ecological justice and Environmental Stewardship, Scripture Commentary and Contemporary Religious Education Teaching).

AGGREGATED PURCHASING

As well as collaborating on shared services, the Education Sector has aggregated its purchasing power under the auspices of CNA to undertake the following optional procurement activities:

Microsoft Licensing

An agreement was negotiated in April 2011 for special purchasing arrangements to be in place for Microsoft licensing for CNA Education sector participants. The agreement sees all participants who have entered into an Enrolment for Education Solution contract with Microsoft receive the highest level of discount available for Windows operating systems, Office, CALs, Server Option and Student Option. This provides coverage for all computers for general use and also computers

owned or assigned for the sole use of a student under 1:1 programs.

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

Web Content Filtering

Three of the largest Catholic Education networks (CEVN, CEnet and CESAnet) 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.

“The CNA Contemporary Learning Working Group is one of my most powerful Professional Learning Networks. I have engaged in much more dialogue and direct sharing since becoming a member of this group. It has also enables us as an Archdiocese to fulfil our responsibilities to support smaller and less well-resourced member dioceses.” Greg Swanson, Catholic Education Office, Sydney



Financial Accounts

CATHOLIC NETWORK AUSTRALIA LIMITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

Notes

1. The summary of the financial statements of Catholic Network Australia Limited was extracted from the audited 30 June 2013 financial statements. These are available upon request from the Company Secretary or via a company search of ASIC.
2. The Statement of Comprehensive Income is to be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the financial statements.

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
REVENUE			
Revenue from services provided	2	1,193,791	1,151,128
Other revenues		39,870	82,097
Total Revenue		1,233,661	1,233,225
Accounting Fees		26,202	15,955
General Expenses		3,519	4,661
Audit Fee Expense		8,650	16,000
Bank Service Charges		160	189
CNet Management Fees		285,328	466,397
Consultancy Expenses	3	112,854	90,030
Corporate Registrations		7,404	7,480
Insurance		2,936	5,159
IP Addressing		1,290	2,382
iTunes U Project		-	-
Seminars and Conferences		-	398
Legal Expenses		26,781	11,250
Meetings and Marketing	3	13,833	18,709
Educational Services Expenses		728,313	512,438
Rental Data Centre		10,800	32,400
Subscriptions		7,546	10,377
Telephone and Teleconferencing		240	893
Write-Off Capitalised Project Costs		-	39,280
Total expenditure		1,235,856	1,233,998
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year		(2,195)	(773)
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		(2,195)	(773)
Retained (Deficit) / Surplus of the Company		(2,195)	(773)

CATHOLIC NETWORK AUSTRALIA LIMITED
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers		1,194,669	938,039
Interest received		39,870	80,745
Payments to suppliers		(690,627)	(1,177,310)
Net cash (used in) / generated by operating activities	13(b)	543,912	(158,526)
Net increase in cash		543,912	(158,526)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		1,838,926	1,997,452
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	13(a)	2,382,838	1,838,926

Financial Accounts (continued)

CATHOLIC NETWORK AUSTRALIA LIMITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2013

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 2012 – June 2013) across all Telstra services for all Participants were in the order of \$42m. This brings the total spend on Telstra Services since the Telstra-CNA Business Services Agreement was executed in August 2009 to \$124m.

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	2,382,838	1,838,926
Trade receivables	5	–	1,938
Other current assets	6	5,153	4,093
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		2,387,991	1,844,957
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LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade payables	7	130,242	–
Other creditors	8	865,768	450,781
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		996,010	450,781
TOTAL LIABILITIES		996,010	450,781
NET ASSETS		1,391,981	1,394,176
EQUITY			
Members' Funds			
Retained earnings		1,391,981	1,394,176
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		1,391,981	1,394,176

Key People

CNA DIRECTORS

Julie-Anne Schafer (CNA Board Chairperson)
Pam Betts (appointed 13 May 2013)
Jim Burke (appointed 13 May 2013)
Danny Casey
Stephen Elder
Peter Matthey (appointed 11 February 2013)
Tim McDonald (appointed 13 May 2013)
Francis Moore
Paul Sharkey (appointed 13 May 2013)
Dan White (appointed 13 May 2013)

OFFICE BEARERS

Company Secretary: Graeme Jane

SERVICE DELIVERY TEAM

Service Delivery Manager: Chris Burrows
Technical Officer: Ian Gregory



“The CNA Contemporary Learning Working Group has provided a myriad of links, professional reading and shared hints from colleagues through an amazingly generous and professional group.”

CNA Contemporary Learning Working Group member

The background is a gradient of blue, transitioning from a lighter shade at the top to a darker shade at the bottom. Overlaid on this are white, stylized circuit lines that branch and cross in various directions. There are also several clusters of white dots of varying sizes, some arranged in horizontal rows and others in more irregular patterns.

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