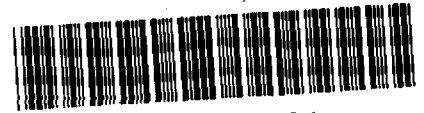




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Annual return – Friendly society

Friendly Societies and Credit Unions Act 1982

Name of friendly society

The Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society

Organisation number

1802979

Financial year ended

31 / 03 / 2017

Name of branch (where applicable)

IMPORTANT

- > This form is used for friendly societies, benevolent societies and fidelity insurance societies, registered under Part II of the Friendly Societies and Credit Unions Act 1982 (‘the Act’). A separate form is available for UFS dispensaries and working men’s clubs registered under the Act.
- > Section 70 of the Act requires you to file the annual return, duly completed, together with a copy of your financial statements and audit report (where applicable), within three months of the end of the financial year of your society or branch.

A. Names and addresses of officers

As at the date of the return; continue on a separate sheet if necessary

	Name	Residential address
Committee of management	W J B Brittenden	Apt 623, 42 Herd St, Auckland 1042
	I Bailey	71 Stanley Ave, Palmerston North 4414
Trustees	P Doody	14 Brackendale Place, Burnside, Christchurch 8041
	A Horan	25 Manene St. Wattle Downs, Auckland 2103
	G Stewart	60 Tinakore Rd, Thorndon, Wellington 6011
Secretary	P O'Brien	31 Melbourne Rd, Island Bay, Wellington 6023
Treasurer		

B. Membership

Total number of members at beginning of year

1292

Number who joined during year

21

Number who died during year

23

Number who left during year

210

Total number of members at end of year

1080



Name of friendly society

The Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society

Organisation number

1802979

C. Organisation addresses

Address of registered office

This must be a physical address in New Zealand and must not be a PO Box or Private Bag address

5th floor,
104, The Terrace
Wellington 6011

Postal address for communication

Postal address (e.g. PO Box) to which communications from the Registrar may be sent

PO Box 11-632
Wellington 6142

Email address for communication

The Registrar may contact the society via email – this email address will not be publicly available

D. Financial statements and auditor's report

Please select one of the following options:

- A signed copy of the financial statements and auditor's report (where applicable) are enclosed because the society/branch is;
 - an FMC reporting entity/ issuer (section 61); or
 - a specified not-for-profit (section 62).

OR

- Financial statements have not been prepared because the society/branch has opted out in accordance with section 64.

OR

- Financial statements and auditor's report (where applicable) have been prepared in accordance with this society's rules.

E. Certification

I certify that the particulars of this annual return are correct.

Philip O'Brien

Signature of Secretary or Treasurer

COMPANIES OFFICE
10 AUG 2017
RECEIVED

Date: 05/05/2017

3/8/2017

Form completed by:

Name: Philip O'Brien

Address:

5th floor
104 The Terrace
Wellington 6011

Name of friendly society

The Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society

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1802979

Payment details

The fees shown below all include GST and are quoted in New Zealand dollars.

Amount

\$255.55 – Financial statements filing fee

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Method of payment

Choose your payment method from the options below. Please do not send cash or a purchase order

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Make your cheque payable to the Registrar of Friendly Societies and Credit Unions

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or

Direct debit

Your (or your organisation) name:

OR

Your nine-digit User ID No:

Signature:

Philip Brian



The Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society

Information for the year ended 31 March 2017

Legal Name:

The Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society

Type of Entity and Legal Basis:

Friendly Society registered in NZ. It is not incorporated

Registration Number:

1802979

Purpose:

A Catholic mutual aid society in New Zealand for fellowship and assistance in need. The Society has separate branches which are affiliated to its order. The branch's members – who thereby became members of the Society – used to contribute to the Society's funds, but that has reduced in recent years, and finally ceased during 2016. The members can apply for benefits from the Society's equity funds. At balance date the remaining equity funds for members benefit were the Benevolent fund and The Holiday Accommodation fund. The Retraining fund has been wound up.

Structure:

A Board of Management of six includes the president and vice-president and four other members. Three members of the Board are trustees who by their office own all the Society's property including its bank accounts.

Main Sources of Cash and Resources:

Nearly all the Society's property is derived from actuarial surpluses in its former Sick and Funeral and Assurance funds, which in turn arose from accumulated members' contributions and investment income thereon.

Main Methods Used to Raise Funds:

The income is derived from investment income and by commissions and management levies on the branches per capita.

Reliance on Volunteers and Donated Goods or Services:

The Board of management are volunteers who donate their services. There is little other reliance on donated services and none on donated goods.

Additional Information:

The Society has greatly reduced in size since 2013 because it closed its Funeral and Assurance funds due to Reserve Bank regulation. The residue, not yet paid to members is in the Transitional Fund. In 2016, the Society closed all its funds except the Benevolent Fund.

Contact Details:

The Secretary

11 McKinley Crescent

Brooklyn, Wellington 6021


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The Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society

Statement of Service Performance for the year ended 31 March 2017

Outputs:

Reduced cost of medical care. Relief of members in need. Holiday resort accommodation.

Additional Output Measures:

	31/03/17	31/03/16
Actual Outputs		
Bulk payments to branches for their members medical purposes.	0	3
Benevolent payments to needy members.	2	5
Tertiary Education and Retraining benefits paid.	0	5
Timeshare weeks used by members.	0	20
Members paid out their balances in the Transitional Fund (the former Funeral and Assurance Funds) of which 8 members were repayment of stale 2016 cheques	13	358



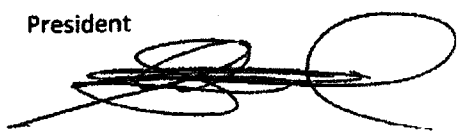
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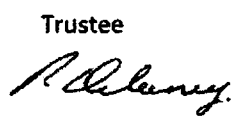
Statement of Financial Performance as at 31 March 2017


	Page	31/03/17 \$	31/03/16 \$
Revenue			
Income on Investments	8	3,973	83,056
Members contributions to Benefit funds	5-6	0	969
Branch Management Charge	9	11,274	42,368
Commissions Received	9	9,811	10,670
National Office Branch 1	9		3,667
Timeshare Holiday Accommodation	6	940	12,170
Decrease in Transitional Fund Liability		6,073	
Other income	9	1,582	2,059
		<u>33,653</u>	<u>154,960</u>
Expenses			
Administration Routine Expenses	9	33,680	93,194
Administration Non-Routine Expenses	9	10,742	18,223
Members Benefits	5-6	608	21,628
Timeshare Maintenance Fees Paid	6	3,462	14,130
Timeshare Legal fees Paid	6	5,853	
Increase in Transitional Fund Liability	7		27,502
Medical Assistance Allocated to Branches	6		23,484
		<u>54,345</u>	<u>198,161</u>
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year		<u>(20,692)</u>	<u>(43,201)</u>

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Approved by the Board on *4th* *July* *June* 2017

President


Trustee


Secretary






The Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society

Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2017

	Note	31/03/17 \$	31/03/16 \$
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts and Deposits		127,506	310,518
BNZ 10 Unreconciled Cheques		(13,362)	(170,642)
Deposits with Bishops		0	30,000
Timeshares	4	3,500	30,000
Non-Current Asset: Fixed Interest Securities	3	50,000	50,000
Total Assets		167,644	249,876
Current Liabilities			
Members Contributions to Branches		278	12,343
Trade Payables		4,097	15,659
Transitional Fund	Pg7	72,377	110,290
Total Liabilities		76,752	138,292
Net Assets		90,892	111,584
Represented by:			
Members Equity			
Retraining Fund	Pg5	0	10,858
Benevolent Fund	Pg5	78,912	78,212
Medical Assistance Fund	Pg6	0	-
Tertiary Bursary Fund	Pg5	0	160
Holiday Accomodation Fund	Pg6	11,980	22,355
		90,892	111,584

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The Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society

Changes in Equity for the year ended 31 March 2017

	31/03/17	31/03/16
	\$	\$
Opening Balance	111,585	154,786
Net surplus / (Deficit) Before Apportionment	<u>(20,692)</u>	<u>(43,201)</u>
Closing Balance	<u>90,893</u>	<u>111,585</u>

Changes in Equity for the individual funds are as follows:

Tertiary Bursary Fund

Opening Balance	160	14,808
Income		
Members Contributions	0	924
Transfer from Investment Revenue	-	795
	<u>0</u>	<u>1,720</u>
Expenditure		
Bursaries Paid		-
Transfer to Benevolent Fund	160	
Cancellations & Refunds	0	15,868
Management Charge	-	500
	<u>160</u>	<u>16,368</u>
Net Increase / (Decrease) for the year	<u>(160)</u>	<u>(14,648)</u>
Closing Balance	<u>0</u>	<u>160</u>

Retraining Fund

Opening Balance	10,858	12,169
Income		
Members Contributions	0	45
Transfer from Investment Revenue	-	654
	<u>0</u>	<u>699</u>
Expenditure		
Benefit Paid		1,510
Transfer to Management Fund	10,858	
Management Charge	0	500
	<u>10,858</u>	<u>2,010</u>
Net Increase / (Decrease) for the year	<u>(10,858)</u>	<u>(1,311)</u>
Closing Balance	<u>0</u>	<u>10,858</u>

Benevolent Fund

Opening Balance	78,212	56,209
Income		
Transfer from Investment Revenue	1,649	5,452
Transfer from Medical (2016), Tertiary Bursary (2017) Fund	160	21,801
	<u>1,808</u>	<u>27,253</u>
Expenditure		
Grants Paid	608	4,250
Management Charge	500	1,000
	<u>1,108</u>	<u>5,250</u>
Net Increase / (Decrease) for the year	<u>700</u>	<u>22,003</u>
Closing Balance	<u>78,912</u>	<u>78,212</u>

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The Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society

Changes in Equity for the year ended 31 March 2017

	31/03/17	31/03/16
	\$	\$
Medical Assistance Fund		
Opening Balance	-	45,285
Income		
Transfer from Investment Revenue	-	-
Expenditure		
Allocations to Branches		23,484
Transfer to Benevolent Fund		21,801
Management Charge		-
	-	45,285
Net Increase / (Decrease) for the year	-	(45,285)
Closing Balance	-	-
Holiday Accomodation Fund		
Opening Balance	22,355	26,314
Income		
Rent Received from Members	740	10,670
Administration Charge from Members	200	1,500
	940	12,170
Expenditure		
Loss on sale of timeshares	5,853	-
Management Charge	2,000	2,000
Maintenance Fees	3,462	14,130
	11,315	16,130
Net Increase / (Decrease) for the year	(10,375)	(3,960)
Closing Balance	11,980	22,355

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Transitional Fund for the year ended 31 March 2017

	31/03/17	31/03/16
	\$	\$
Opening Balance	<u>110,290</u>	<u>1,417,804</u>
Income		
Share of Investment Revenue	2,325	76,155
	<u>2,325</u>	<u>76,155</u>
Expenditure		
Payments to Members	47,396	1,335,016
31 March 2016 Stale cheques reversed	(15,556)	
Management Charge	8,397	48,653
	<u>40,237</u>	<u>1,383,669</u>
Net Increase / (Decrease) for the year	(37,913)	(1,307,514)
Closing Balance	<u>72,377</u>	<u>110,290</u>

Members' accounts in the Transitional Fund as at 31 March 2017 totalled \$48,554 (\$80,394; 31-03-16). The difference of \$24,327 (\$29,896; 31-03-16) from the closing balance of \$72,377 (\$110,290; 31-03-16) has arisen from a number actuarial adjustments upon the termination of the Assurance Fund and Funeral Fund at 31 March 2013, less some allocation to member accounts.

A pro-rata share of investment income and associated management and administrative costs are allocated to the Transitional Fund balance payable to members.





The Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society

Investment Income and Allocation Account for the year ended 31 March 2017

	31/03/17	31/03/16
	\$	\$
Income on Investments		
Interest on Bank Accounts	923	17,025
Interest on Fixed Interest Securities	3050	54,432
Impairment Recovery		3,280
	<u>3,973</u>	<u>74,737</u>
Realised Income on Investments		
Realised Gain / (Loss) on Fixed Interest Securities		8,319
	<u>0</u>	<u>8,319</u>
Unrealised Income on Investments		
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Income	<u><u>3,973</u></u>	<u><u>83,056</u></u>
Expenditure on Investments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Investment Revenue for the year	3,973	83,056
Allocation to:		
Transitional Fund	2,325	76,155
Benevolent Fund	1,649	5,452
Medical Assistance Fund	-	-
Tertiary Bursary Fund	-	795
Retraining Fund	-	654
	<u>3,973</u>	<u>83,056</u>

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Management Account for the year ended 31 March 2017

	31/03/17	31/03/16
	\$	\$
<u>Income</u>		
Branch Management Charges	11,274	42,368
Commissions Received	9,811	10,670
National Office Branch 1		3,667
Other Income	1,582	2,059
Total Income	22,667	58,764
<u>Administration Expenses</u>		
<u>Operating</u>		
Equipment & Software Support	46	151
Munro Benge Admin Services Fee		44,000
Secretarial Services Fee	15,000	15,000
Fees & Subscriptions	203	1,199
Filing Fees	60	60
Insurance Fidelity	500	500
Miscellaneous Administration	766	823
Postage & Distribution	1,686	5,468
Printing & Stationery	933	1,672
Telephones	350	365
<u>Professional</u>		
Audit	6,254	6,789
Legal		190
<u>Management</u>		
Board of Management	2,831	11,736
Annual Meeting	5,052	5,242
	33,680	93,194
<u>Non Routine Expenses</u>		
Filing Fees - FMA	-	-
Legal	-	-
Munro Benge Administration	10,742	18,223
	10,742	18,223
Total Expenditure	44,422	111,417
Expenditure Net of Income	21,756	52,653
<u>Allocation to:</u>		
Transitional Fund	8,397	48,653
Benevolent Fund	500	1,000
Medical Assistance Fund	-	-
Tertiary Bursary Fund	-	500
Retraining Fund	10,858	500
Holiday Accomodation Fund	2,000	2,000
	21,756	52,653

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The Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society

Statement of Cash Flows for the ended 31 March 2017

	31/03/17	31/03/16
	\$	\$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Cash was provided from:		
Investment Income	3,973	74,737
Branch Management Charge	10,797	47,041
Commissions Received	9,811	10,670
Timeshare Income	27,760	12,170
Other Income	1,581	5,726
Members Contributions to Benefit Funds	0	969
	<u>53,922</u>	<u>151,313</u>
Cash was applied to:		
Transitional Fund Payments	31,690	1,335,016
Transfers to Branch Benefit Funds	11,638	45,112
Timeshare Payments	9,734	14,130
Payments to Suppliers	56,592	105,859
	<u>109,654</u>	<u>1,500,117</u>
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	<u>(55,732)</u>	<u>(1,348,804)</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Cash was received from:		
Receipts from Sale of Investments		858,000
Realised Gains		8,319
	<u>0</u>	<u>866,319</u>
Cash was applied to:		
	<u>0</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Cash was received from:		
	<u>0</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash was applied to:		
	<u>0</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities	<u>0</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash	(55,732)	(482,485)
Opening Cash	169,876	652,361
Closing Cash	<u>114,144</u>	<u>169,876</u>
This is represented by:		
Bank Accounts and Cash	<u>114,144</u>	<u>169,876</u>

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The Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society

Statement of Accounting Policies for the year ended 31 March 2017

Statement of Accounting Policies

1.1 General Account Policies

a) Basis of Preparation:

The Society has elected to apply PBE SFR-A (NFP) Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-For-Profit) on the basis that it does not have public accountability and has total annual operating payments of equal to or less than \$2,000,000. All transactions in the Performance Report are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. The Performance Report is prepared under the assumption that the entity will continue to operate in the foreseeable future.

b) Reporting Entity:

The financial statements presented here are for the reporting entity The Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society ("the Society"). The financial statements are presented in accordance with the Friendly Societies and Credit Unions Act 1982, and the rules of the Society.

This report reflects the Society and not its Branches because each Branch is a separate legal entity with its own officers and trustees and the Society's Board does not have the ability to direct Branch activity nor Branch operating or financial policy, nor benefit from operational branches. Each Branch is responsible to prepare its own Performance Report (unless they qualify for an exemption under Section 64 Friendly Societies and Credit Unions Act 1982)

To ensure consistency with the current period, comparative figures have been restated where appropriate.

c) Measure Basis:

The measurement basis is historic cost.

d) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The Society is not registered for GST. Therefore amounts recorded in the Performance Report are inclusive of GST (if any).

1.2 Specific Account Policies

a) Income and Expense Recognition:

Income:

All income is recognised when received.

b) Fixed Interest Securities:

Carried at cost as at 31 March 2017. Refer Note 3.

c) Timeshares:

Timeshares were not purchased as revenue-earning assets but as property facilities for the use of members during the year. They are recorded at the Boards valuation as at 31 March 2013. Expenditure incurred on these properties is recovered from users of the facilities by way of a rental charge. 15 of 20 weeks owned as at 1 April 2016 have been sold.

d) Taxation:

No taxation is provided for the financial statements as the Society is exempt from income tax under Section CW 44 of the Income Tax Act 2007.





The Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society

Statement of Accounting Policies for the year ended 31 March 2017

2 Members Equity

Members' equity is represented by the Society's various benefit funds constituted per their respective rules –benevolent, and holiday accommodation – with all monies in those funds belonging to the members. Apart from the Holiday Accommodation Fund, each fund receives a pro-rata share of investment income, and all pay a share of management and administration costs as determined by the Society's Board of Management each year.

3 Investments

	31/03/17	31/03/16
	\$	\$
<u>Fixed Interest Securities:</u>		
BNZ Bank Bonds 6.1%p.a. Maturity 20/12/2018	50,000	50,000
	50,000	50,000
Total Investments	50,000	50,000

4 Property, Plant and Equipment Depreciation Schedule

	31/03/17	31/03/16
	\$	\$
Timeshares	3,500	30,000
	3,500	30,000

Since July 2016 the Society has sold 15 of the 20 timeshare weeks it owned.

5 Operating Lease Commitments

The Society has no lease commitments.

6 Commitments for Capital Expenditure and Loan

As at 31 March 2017 there are no commitments for capital expenditure.

7 Contingent Liabilities and Assets

The Society had no contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2017.

The Society receives a small sum from a former employee being repayment of previous fraud.

8 Changes in Account Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies during the financial year (last year – nil).

9 Related Party Transactions

The Society had no employees at balance date. During the 2011 year its administration was outsourced to Munro Benge Chartered Accountants Limited of Wellington. Amounts paid to that firm are shown in the Management Account. A director of that firm, Philip O'Brien is a member of the Society and was Secretary until November 2014.

From 1 April 2016, administration was outsourced to independent contractors, Jocelyn Delaney and Leeane Palmer. Jocelyn Delaney was appointed as Secretary in November 2014 is the widow of a Trustee's brother. Leeane Palmer was appointed as Secretary and Treasurer in August 2016. Amounts paid to Jocelyn and Leeane are shown in the Management Account as "Secretarial Services Fee".





The Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society

Statement of Accounting Policies for the year ended 31 March 2017

Description of Related Party Relationship	Description of Transaction	Value of Transaction
Secretary Treasurer	Paid one timeshare week at Taupo	\$670
Board member P G Horan is secretary of Te Whare Aroha O Nga Mokopuna Inc	Payment for printing and mailing Newsletter	\$1,467

The Society deals with the Board of Management and contractor staff on the same terms and conditions applied to all members.

10 Holiday Accommodation Fund

This fund was established in 1989 for the purchase of holiday accommodation at timeshare resorts. The timeshares were not purchased as revenue-earning investments but as facilities for the use of members during the year. Expenditure incurred on these properties is recovered from users of the facilities by way of a rental charge.

In the 2016 financial year, the Board decided to sell the Society's Timeshare.

11 Significant Events After Balance Date

There are no significant events subsequent to the balance date and up to the time of preparation of these financial statements, which materially affect the position as it existed at that date.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Trustees of The Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society

Report on the Financial Statements

Disclaimer of Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society on pages 3 to 13, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2017, the statement of financial performance and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, the statement of accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion. Accordingly we do not express an opinion on the financial statements.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described below in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 (Revised) *Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners* issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

The Society comprises a national Board of Management and branches. The Friendly Societies and Credit Union Act 1982 provides that no branch shall be registered unless its objects are identical with or comprised in the objects of the society of which it forms part.

When preparing a performance report under Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not for Profit) (PBE SFR-A (NFP)), an entity is required to identify its interests in other entities and assess whether, for the purposes of financial reporting, any of those interests result in the other entity meeting the definition of a controlled entity.

We have not been provided with an assessment, prepared by an appropriately qualified person, determining whether, for the purposes of financial reporting, any of the Society's branch interests result in the branches meeting the definition of a controlled entity. As a result, the scope of our audit was limited and we were unable to undertake adequate audit procedures in respect of this aspect of this audit. We were unable to determine whether any adjustments were necessary in respect of the Society's control of branch assets, liabilities, net assets/equity, revenue and expenses and cash flows for the year.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in, the Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society.

Restriction on responsibility

This report is made solely to the Trustees, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Trustees Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-For-Profit), and for such internal control as the Trustees determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing [as applicable] matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting, unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

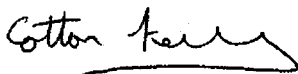
Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Mis-statements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (NZ), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society's internal control.
- conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Trustees and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society to cease to continue as a going concern.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

We communicate with the Trustees regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



Cotton Kelly
Chartered Accountants
5 July 2017