

# **Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc.**

**ABN 36 520 675 471**

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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## Committee's Report

The committee members present the financial report of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc. ("the association") for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

### Committee Members

The names of the committee members at any time during or since the end of the year are:

President	Richard Broome
Vice President	Elisabeth Jackson (until May 2022)
	Rosalie Triolo (from May 2022)
Secretary	Carole Woods
Treasurer	Daniel Clements
Member	Margaret Anderson
Member	Cathy Butcher
Member	Paul Fearon (from July 2022)
Member	Associate Professor Don Garden OAM FFAHS FRHSV (until August 2022)
Member	Pauline Hitchins (until May 2022)
Member	Elisabeth Jackson FRHSV (from May 2022)
Member	Dr Judith Smart AM FRHSV
Member	Emeritus Professor Chips Sowerwine FRHSV
Member	Elisabeth Triarico (from May 2022)
Member	Dr Rosalie Triolo FRHSV (until May 2022)
Member	Dr Peter Yule FRHSV
Member	Dr Nikita Vanderbyl

### Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were to develop and conserve our collection of Victorian history, to promote all aspects of Victorian history through exhibitions, publications and events for its members and the general public, to recognise outstanding achievement in Victorian history, to support affiliated historical societies and to act as an advocate in the conservation and promotion of Victoria's cultural and built heritage.

o significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

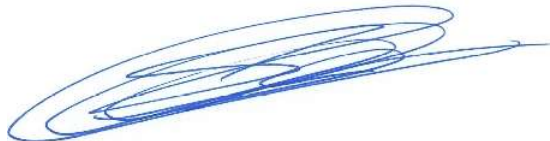
### Operating Result

The operating deficit of the association for the financial year amounted to \$37,439.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the committee:



**Professor Richard Broome**  
**President**



**Daniel Clements**  
**Treasurer**

**Dated: 30 May 2023**

**Auditor's Independence Declaration**

**Under Section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012**

**To the Committee of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc.**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 December 2022 there have been no contraventions of:

- i. the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 in relation to the review; and
- ii. any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

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Camberwell, Victoria



**Director: Kevin P. Adams**

**30 May 2023**

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## Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>Revenue</b>		
Research fees	22,177	32,760
Project Fees	15,455	15,000
Sales publications	63,308	67,943
Donations	248,456	219,776
State government grants – Creative Victoria – OIP	42,158	84,315
State government grants – Creative Victoria – CEP SI	37,500	-
Government grants stimulus packages – Treasury	-	5,521
Annual subscriptions	83,779	84,643
Insurance – member societies	144,860	130,784
U Ethical investment income / (loss)	(31,566)	89,541
Interest income	424	111
Other income	78,152	45,851
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>704,703</b>	<b>776,245</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Advertising and marketing	9,171	11,115
Accounting and audit fees	25,789	30,267
Bank charges	4,223	3,779
Books	30,032	44,787
Computer and internet	19,543	18,616
Consultancy costs	6,000	-
Depreciation	13,967	8,228
Grants – Holsworth Fund	6,820	2,000
Insurance	157,294	102,425
Insurance assets historic societies	-	15,112
Member support services	35,695	9,721
Occupancy costs	32,283	38,099
Postage	16,493	15,798
Printing and stationeries	14,141	13,793
Publications	18,487	18,528
Staff costs	338,419	311,714
Telephone	2,644	3,093
Other expenses	11,141	28,302
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>742,142</b>	<b>675,377</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year</b>	<b>(37,439)</b>	<b>100,868</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Income for the Year</b>	<b>(37,439)</b>	<b>100,868</b>

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.

# Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc.

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## Statement of Financial Position As at 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	322,464	426,568
Trade and other receivables	3	17,062	18,326
Other assets	4	51,875	43,226
Total Current Assets		391,401	488,120
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Other financial assets	5	1,099,936	948,686
Collections, plant and equipment	6	1,880,218	1,873,881
Total Non-Current Assets		2,980,154	2,822,567
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>3,371,555</b>	<b>3,310,687</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	7	258,591	219,637
Income received in advance	8	182,883	134,308
Provisions	9	26,945	19,732
Total Current Liabilities		468,419	373,677
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>			
Provisions	9	13,046	9,481
Total Non-Current Liabilities		13,046	9,481
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>481,465</b>	<b>383,158</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>2,890,090</b>	<b>2,927,529</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Reserves	10	2,770,587	2,674,883
Retained surplus		119,503	252,646
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>2,890,090</b>	<b>2,927,529</b>

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.

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## Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Reserves \$	Retained Surplus \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 January 2021	2,577,944	248,717	2,826,661
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	100,868	100,868
Transfer from retained surplus to reserves	96,939	(96,939)	-
<b>Balance at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>2,674,883</b>	<b>252,646</b>	<b>2,927,529</b>
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	(37,439)	(37,439)
Transfer from retained surplus to reserves	95,704	(95,704)	-
<b>Balance at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>2,770,587</b>	<b>119,503</b>	<b>2,890,090</b>

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## Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2022</b> <b>\$</b>	<b>2021</b> <b>\$</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>			
Receipts from customers		655,560	569,272
Government grants received		112,158	106,406
Payments to suppliers and employees		(668,702)	(493,856)
Net cash provided by operating activities	11	99,016	181,822
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>			
Purchase of collections, plant and equipment		(20,305)	(18,415)
Purchase of financial assets		(182,815)	(25,001)
Net cash used in investing activities		(203,120)	(43,416)
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash held</b>		<b>(104,104)</b>	<b>138,406</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		426,568	288,162
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year</b>	2	<b>322,464</b>	<b>426,568</b>

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.



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## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

### NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of Preparation

The committee has prepared the financial statements on the basis that the association is a non-reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. The financial statements are therefore special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in order to meet the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. The association is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the mandatory Australian Accounting Standards applicable to entities reporting under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the significant accounting policies disclosed below, which the committee has determined are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. Such accounting policies are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

#### Accounting Policies

##### (a) Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the association is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

##### (b) Revenue

Revenue is recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the association is expected to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to a customer.

Grant revenue is recognised in profit or loss when the association satisfies the performance obligations stated within the funding agreements. If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before the association is eligible to retain the contribution, the grant will be recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until those conditions are satisfied.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customer.

Donations are recognised as revenue when received.

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised at the point of delivery as this corresponds to the transfer of significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods and the cessation of all involvement by the association in those goods.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

### NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

#### (c) Collections, Plant and Equipment

Collections are measured on the valuation basis less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. In the event the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment is greater than the estimated recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to the estimated recoverable amount and impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. A formal assessment of recoverable amount is made when impairment indicators are present.

#### Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a straight-line basis or a diminishing value basis over the asset's useful life to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss when the item is derecognised.

#### (d) Financial Instruments

Financial instruments are recognised initially on the date the association becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. On initial recognition, all financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs. Where available, quoted prices in an active market are used to determine fair value.

#### Financial assets

##### *Classification*

Financial assets are subsequently measured at:

- amortised cost; or
- fair value through profit or loss.

##### *Amortised cost*

The association's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise cash and cash equivalents and trade and other receivables in the statement of financial position. Subsequent to initial recognition, these assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less any provision for impairment. Interest income and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.

##### *Fair value through profit or loss*

The association has a number of strategic investments in managed funds over which they do not have significant influence nor control. The association has made an irrevocable election to classify these investments as fair value through profit or loss. These investments are carried at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss. Distributions and other net gains and losses are recognised as income in profit or loss.

#### Financial liabilities

The association measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

### NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

#### (e) Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the entity assesses whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

When it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the entity estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

#### (f) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

#### (g) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

#### (h) Comparative Figures

Where required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

#### (i) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The committee evaluates estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the association.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		
Cash on hand	301	278
Cash at bank	322,163	426,290
	<u>322,464</u>	<u>426,568</u>
<b>NOTE 3: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Trade receivables	2,680	9,990
Accrued income	14,382	8,336
	<u>17,062</u>	<u>18,326</u>
<b>NOTE 4: OTHER ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Prepayments	45,823	32,975
Inventories – at cost	6,052	10,251
	<u>51,875</u>	<u>43,226</u>
<b>NOTE 5: OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>		
<b>Non-Current</b>		
U Ethical Growth Portfolio – at fair value	512,065	549,235
U Ethical Enhanced Cash Trust Wholesale – at fair value	398,674	399,451
Yarra Lane Wealth - Investments - at fair value	189,197	-
	<u>1,099,936</u>	<u>948,686</u>
<b>NOTE 6: COLLECTIONS, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT</b>		
Collections – at valuation	1,841,804	1,841,804
Furniture & Fixtures – at cost	30,567	16,847
Accumulated depreciation	(8,404)	(3,662)
	<u>22,163</u>	<u>13,185</u>
Plant and equipment – at cost	31,402	60,292
Accumulated depreciation	(15,151)	(41,400)
	<u>16,251</u>	<u>18,892</u>
	<u>1,880,218</u>	<u>1,873,881</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>NOTE 7: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Trade creditors	49,806	7,723
GST payables	8,156	4,148
Other payables	6,942	14,004
Funds in advance	193,687	193,687
	<u>258,591</u>	<u>219,562</u>
<b>NOTE 8: INCOME RECEIVED IN ADVANCE</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Subscriptions in advance	65,879	51,626
Insurance in advance	34,731	32,909
Grants in advance	82,273	49,773
	<u>182,883</u>	<u>134,308</u>
<b>NOTE 9: PROVISIONS</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Provision for annual leave	<u>26,945</u>	<u>19,732</u>
<b>Non-Current</b>		
Provision for Long-Service-Leave	<u>13,046</u>	<u>9,841</u>
<b>NOTE 10: RESERVES</b>		
Foundation	830,694	704,646
Weston Bate Reserve	-	19,384
Don Gibb Reserve	10,382	11,131
Estate of John Adams Reserve	-	12,200
Vic Historical Journal Reserve	87,707	85,718
Asset Revaluation Reserve	1,841,804	1,841,804
	<u>2,770,587</u>	<u>2,674,883</u>
<b>NOTE 11: CASH FLOW INFORMATION</b>		
<b>Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year</b>		
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(37,439)	100,868
Non-cash flows in surplus/deficit:		
- depreciation	13,967	8,228
- U Ethical investment income reinvested	31,566	(89,541)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- decrease in trade and other receivables	1,264	12,438
- increase in other assets	(8,649)	(2,201)
- increase in trade and other payables	38,954	167,431
- increase (decrease) in income received in advance	48,575	(23,464)
- increase in provisions	10,778	8,063
	<u>99,016</u>	<u>181,822</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>99,016</u>	<u>181,822</u>

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## Statement by Members of the Committee

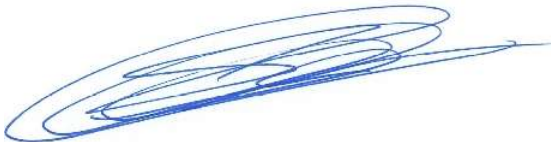
In accordance with a resolution of the committee of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc., the committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The committee of the association declares that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 3 to 11, are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and:
  - a. give a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 31 December 2022 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements; and
  - b. comply with the applicable Australian Accounting Standards and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.



**Professor Richard Broome**  
**President**



**Daniel Clements**  
**Treasurer**

**Dated: 30 May 2023**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC.**

We have reviewed the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc. (the association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by members of the committee.

*Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report*

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* (Vic) and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control that the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

*Auditor's Responsibilities*

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2415 *Review of a Financial Report: Company Limited by Guarantee or an Entity Reporting under the ACNC Act or Other Applicable Legislation or Regulation*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial report does not satisfy the requirements of Division 60 of the ACNC Act including: giving a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 31 December 2022 and its performance for the year ended on that date; and complying with the Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2022* (ACNC Regulation). ASRE 2415 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the review of the financial report.

A review of a financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

## *Conclusion*

Based on our review, which is not an audit, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial report of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc. does not satisfy the requirements of Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic)* including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 31 December 2022 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2022*.

## *Basis of Accounting*

Without modifying our conclusion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

## *Other Information*

The committee are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc's. annual report for the year ended 30 June 2022, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's review report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our review of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the review or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## *Independence*

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the ACNC Act, which has been given to the committee of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc, would be in the same terms if given to the committee as at the time of this auditor's review report.

*DFK BKM Audit Services*  
**DFK BKM Audit Services**  
Camberwell, Victoria



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**Director: Kevin P. Adams**

**30 May 2023**