

Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc.

ABN 36 520 675 471

FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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Committee's Report

The committee members submit the financial accounts of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc ("the association") for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

Committee Members

The names of Committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

President	Richard Broome AM FAHA FRHSV
Vice President	Rosalie Triolo FRHSV
Secretary	Carole Woods OAM FRHSV (until 3 October 2023) Cathy Butcher (from 3 October 2023)
Treasurer	Daniel Clements
Member	Margaret Anderson
Member	Cathy Butcher (until 3 October 2023)
Member	Paul Fearon
Member	Elisabeth Jackson FRHSV
Member	Dr Judith Smart AM FRHSV
Member	Emeritus Professor Chips Sowerwine FRHSV
Member	Elisabeth Triarico
Member	Dr Nikita Vanderbyl
Member	Carole Woods OAM FRHSV (from 3 October 2023)
Member	Dr Peter Yule FRHSV

Ex-officio Member Rosemary Cameron

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.

Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating Result

The Net Income for the year ended 31 December 2023 amounted to a surplus of \$11,644.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee on 14 May 2024



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Richard Broome
President

Dated: 14th May 2024

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Statement by Members of the Committee

In accordance with a resolution of the committee of the 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.

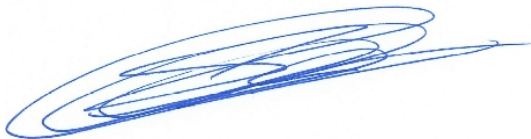
The committee of the association declares that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 4 - 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 2023 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 2022.

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.



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Richard Broome
President



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Daniel Clements
Treasurer

Dated: 14 May 2024

**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 2023 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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Director: Kevin P. Adams

14 May 2024

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Revenue		
Research fees	20,182	22,177
Project Fees	15,000	15,455
Sales publications	73,682	63,308
Donations	192,285	248,456
State government grants – Creative Victoria – OIP	86,590	42,158
State government grants – Creative Victoria – CEP SI	-	37,500
Annual subscriptions	90,032	83,779
Insurance – member societies	134,139	144,860
U Ethical investment income / (loss)	86,005	(31,566)
Interest income	1,455	424
Other income	84,366	78,152
Total Revenue	783,736	704,703
Expenses		
Advertising and marketing	6,288	9,171
Accounting and auditor's review fees	27,102	25,789
Bank charges	4,631	4,223
Books	47,429	30,032
Computer and internet	16,393	19,543
Consultancy costs	10,532	6,000
Depreciation	16,419	13,967
Grants – Holsworth Fund	-	6,820
Insurance	140,073	157,294
Member support services	16,456	35,695
Occupancy costs	33,237	32,283
Postage	26,579	16,493
Printing and stationeries	9,110	14,141
Publications	21,534	18,487
Staff costs	378,459	338,419
Telephone	4,033	2,644
Other expenses	13,817	11,141
Total Expenses	772,092	742,142
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	11,644	(37,439)
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year	11,644	(37,439)

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position As at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	224,412	322,464
Trade and other receivables	3	33,126	17,062
Financial assets		180,000	-
Other assets	4	43,824	51,875
Total Current Assets		481,362	391,401
Non-Current Assets			
Other financial assets	5	1,004,133	1,099,936
Collections, plant and equipment	6	1,881,760	1,880,218
Total Non-Current Assets		2,885,893	2,980,154
Total Assets		3,367,255	3,371,555
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	7	199,951	258,591
Income received in advance	8	213,260	182,883
Provisions	9	32,817	26,945
Total Current Liabilities		446,028	468,419
Non-Current Liabilities			
Provisions	9	19,493	13,046
Total Non-Current Liabilities		19,493	13,046
Total Liabilities		465,521	481,465
Net Assets		2,901,734	2,890,090
Equity			
Reserves	10	2,832,566	2,770,587
Retained surplus		69,168	119,503
Total Equity		2,901,734	2,890,090

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Reserves \$	Retained Surplus \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 January 2022	2,674,883	252,646	2,927,529
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	(37,439)	(37,439)
Transfer from retained surplus to reserves	95,704	(95,704)	-
Balance at 31 December 2022	2,770,587	119,503	2,890,090
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	11,644	11,644
Transfer from retained surplus to reserves	61,979	(61,979)	-
Balance at 31 December 2023	2,832,566	69,168	2,901,734

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Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
Note	\$	\$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Receipts from customers	657,954	655,560
Government grants received	54,090	112,158
Payments to suppliers and employees	<u>(793,943)</u>	<u>(668,702)</u>
Net cash (used in) / provided by operating activities	11 <u>(81,899)</u>	<u>99,016</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Purchase of collections, plant and equipment	(17,961)	(20,305)
Purchase of financial assets	<u>(1,808)</u>	<u>(182,815)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(16,153)</u>	<u>(203,120)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	(98,052)	(104,104)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	<u>322,464</u>	<u>426,568</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	2 <u>224,412</u>	<u>322,464</u>

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION

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 material accounting policy information 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 comply with the recognition and measurement requirements specified by the Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

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.

The association has adopted the amendments to AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements which require only the disclosure of material accounting policy information rather than significant accounting policies and therefore policy information which does not satisfy one of the following requirements has been removed from these financial statements:

- Relates to change in accounting policy
- Policy has been developed in the absence of an explicit accounting standard requirement
- Documents an accounting policy choice
- Relates to an area of significant judgement or estimation
- Relates to a complex transaction and is required to explain the treatment to the user.

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

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

the rate inherent in the instrument.

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

(c) Collections, Plan 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.

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.

(d) Financial Instruments

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.

(e) 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 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash on hand	450	301
Cash at bank	223,962	322,163
	<u>224,412</u>	<u>322,464</u>
NOTE 3: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Current		
Trade receivables	2,105	2,680
Accrued income	31,021	14,382
	<u>33,126</u>	<u>17,062</u>
NOTE 4: OTHER ASSETS		
Current		
Prepayments	37,636	45,823
Inventories – at cost	6,188	6,052
	<u>43,824</u>	<u>51,875</u>
NOTE 5: OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Non-Current		
U Ethical Growth Portfolio – at fair value	276,814	512,065
U Ethical Enhanced Cash Trust Wholesale – at fair value	-	398,674
Yarra Lane Wealth - Investments - at fair value	727,319	189,197
	<u>1,004,133</u>	<u>1,099,936</u>
NOTE 6: COLLECTIONS, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Collections – at valuation	1,841,804	1,841,804
Furniture & Fixtures – at cost	48,528	30,567
Accumulated depreciation	(15,440)	(8,404)
	<u>33,088</u>	<u>22,163</u>
Plant and equipment – at cost	31,402	31,402
Accumulated depreciation	(24,534)	(15,151)
	<u>6,868</u>	<u>16,251</u>
	<u>1,881,760</u>	<u>1,880,218</u>

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	2023 \$	2022 \$
NOTE 7: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
Current		
Trade creditors	9,827	49,806
GST payables / (receivables)	(1,447)	8,156
Other payables	16,165	6,942
Funds in advance	175,406	193,687
	<u>199,951</u>	<u>258,591</u>
NOTE 8: INCOME RECEIVED IN ADVANCE		
Current		
Subscriptions in advance	73,545	65,879
Insurance in advance	33,935	34,731
Grants in advance	105,780	82,273
	<u>213,260</u>	<u>182,883</u>
NOTE 9: PROVISIONS		
Current		
Provision for annual leave	<u>32,817</u>	<u>26,945</u>
Non-Current		
Provision for Long Service Leave	<u>19,493</u>	<u>13,046</u>
NOTE 10: RESERVES		
Foundation	873,885	830,694
Don Gibb Reserve	11,049	10,382
Vic Historical Journal Reserve	105,828	87,707
Asset Revaluation Reserve	1,841,804	1,841,804
	<u>2,832,566</u>	<u>2,770,587</u>
NOTE 11: CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	11,644	(37,439)
Non-cash flows in surplus/deficit:		
- depreciation	16,419	13,967
- U Ethical investment income reinvested	(86,005)	31,566
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- (increase) / decrease in trade and other receivables	(16,064)	1,264
- (increase) / decrease in other assets	8,051	(8,649)
- Increase / (decrease) in trade and other payables	(58,640)	38,954
- Increase in income received in advance	30,377	48,575
- increase in provisions	12,319	10,778
	<u>(81,899)</u>	<u>99,016</u>
Net cash (used in) / provided by operating activities	<u>(81,899)</u>	<u>99,016</u>

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Statement by Members of the Committee

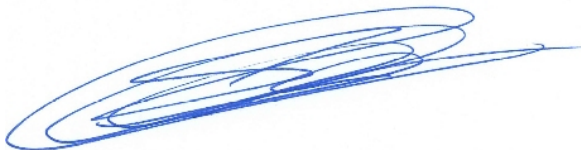
In accordance with a resolution of the committee of Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc., the committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to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

The committee of the association declares that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 4 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 2023 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 2022.
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.



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Richard Broome
President



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Daniel Clements
Treasurer

Dated: 14 May 2024

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 2023, 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 material accounting policy information 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 2023 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.

Directors

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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 2023 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 31 December 2023, 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
Camberwell, Victoria



Director: Kevin P. Adams

14 May 2024