



MELBOURNE
PRESS CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended
31 December 2021

MELBOURNE PRESS CLUB

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President's Report 2021

In 2021, the Melbourne Press Club enjoyed another terrific year, celebrating and supporting the best journalism in Victoria, providing development opportunities for the state's journalists and working hard to service the diverse needs of our members.

To do so in the face of the pandemic was especially rewarding and I'd like to thank the MPC's dedicated staff, led by CEO Cathy Bryson, for their tireless work. I'd also like to acknowledge the service of Anna Marulli and David Fisher, who have been long-time staff members who left the club to find new challenges.

The club is nothing without its members, so the focus of 2021 was on ensuring the club remains relevant and meaningful for those in Victoria's media sector. Our board has worked hard to do just this, especially via its sub-committees. These consist of small teams of our directors who are assigned different tasks, including coming up with vibrant events and masterclasses, fine tuning the annual Quill awards and working with our sponsors to ensure the club remains financially secure.

Our 2021 masterclasses were all well attended and helped member journalists gain new media skills and inspiration. In late 2021, I also put out a call out to members for feedback on future masterclasses and events. The most popular suggestions involved FOI and data mining, along with more social/networking events. We began delivering on those in late 2021 and in early 2022. The Edit has also been a hit with early career journalists and students, while traditional MPC events, like the state budget lunch, were also popular and have ensured the MPC remains at the centre of media and political life in Melbourne.

It's also been inspiring to see some of the work of our Gordon Fellows from 2021-2. These fellows were awarded generous grants (funded by the Copyright Agency Fund, Nine and Robyn Carter & Family) to fund social justice journalism inspired by the legacy of MPC member and journalism legend Michael Gordon, who passed away far too young.

The Quills award night was a tremendous evening, with reporter Russell Jackson taking out the major award, the Gold Quill 2020, for his searing expose of racism in sport.

New MPC sponsors include the Victoria Chamber of Commerce (VCCI) and the Federation of Victorian Traditional Owners Corporations. Paul Paton, an indigenous community leader in Victoria, has joined our board as we strive to ensure the MPC champions diversity. I'd also like to welcome to the board Fotis Kapetopoulos, a leading figure in Victoria's multicultural media sector. There is much more for the club to do in the diversity space and with Paul, Fotis and the support of our board, we are committed to further change. It was also an honour for the MPC to support our partner, the Australasian Intercultural Society, to host the annual Iftar dinner.

I'd like to heartily thank all the MPC directors for their commitment in 2021. We represent different media outlets across the state, as well as aligned industries (public relations, media law, the AFL), and we are all volunteers who give up our time to foster networking, innovation, advocacy and collegiality across the media sector. We want to keep hearing from our members and delivering for you, so please stay engaged and inspired as the club forges ahead in 2022.



Nick McKenzie
President
Melbourne Press Club

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Treasurer's Report 2021

The continuing effect of the Covid-19 pandemic and the ongoing lockdown disruptions on the Victorian and broader economy in 2021, meant the Club continued to face challenges in relation to its core member activities.

Our CEO, Cathy Bryson and her small hard working team, with the help of the various Board sub-committees, have worked to deliver benefits for our members and sponsors and to develop a strong working relationship with our new Principal Sponsor the University of Melbourne, who we thank for the fantastic support this year. We also bid farewell to long-serving members of staff, David Fisher and Anna Marulli and thank them for their invaluable services. Staff were finally able to settle into temporary office space at our new Rialto office with the help of and thanks to our host sponsor Thomson Geer. (Permanent offices will be available after renovations are complete).

We are pleased to report that we secured Victorina Chamber of Commerce (VCCI) and the Federation of Victorian Traditional Owners Corporations as new sponsors. We also received grant funding from the US Consulate and thank them for their generosity. We are also very pleased to welcome back Hope & Glory as a sponsor this year. While we did not lose any sponsors this year, we saw the consolidation of the News/Herald Sun sponsorship to include Sky News.

The Club's focus for the year continued to be running our combined online and in person program of events to support our members and enable them to connect and hear about the issues that matter. We held six Edit events, three Masterclasses, three Book clubs, three media lunches and two webinar panels. We were able to support our partner the Australasian Intercultural Society to host the annual Iftar dinner and host two in person events with VCCI, including the State Budget lunch.

From a record number of applicants in 2020, four journalists have been awarded grants totalling \$18,000 from the Michael Gordon Fellowships program for 2021-2. We extend our thanks to our primary funder for this program, The Copyright Agency Fund, who have been understanding of the challenges faces with border closures causing delays for our Fellows being able to complete their projects.

We have continued to maintain the Club's Public Fund.

We are pleased to end the year with Club membership at 617 which demonstrates the engagement of the industry with the work of the Club. Revenue from membership was slightly lower compared to the previous year as we extended memberships for loyal members to 15 months during the lockdown period.

We were very grateful that we were again able to hold our key annual event, the Quill Awards, in person at Crown. This is an important revenue raising activity in our calendar which enables the Club's members, sponsors and supporters to come together to celebrate and recognise excellence in journalism.

This year, with the ongoing uncertainty and economic impact of the pandemic on the Club and our sponsorship base, we continued to take a cautious approach to our finances. After we were able to report a surplus of \$167,815 last year, we are reporting a deficit of \$68,206 this year. This was due to a combination of factors which impacted our revenue and increase in expenses. Job Keeper funding ceased early in the year (we received just \$15,300 this year compared to \$90,000 in 2020), and there was limited government grant funding. We were no longer able to rely on in-kind flights for our Quill winners through our sponsorship with Virgin, which came to an end and for which we acknowledge their support. Notes to the Audited Financial Report or 2021 also explain the treatment of other key items - our principal sponsorship payment received in 2021 and the timing of Quill event payments. However, overall our revenue from events increased, we retained a good cash position going into the new calendar year of \$295,487 which provided us with support and finished the year with a lower but solid level of member funds of \$103,494.

I would like to thank all of our sponsors, both long-time, new and returning, for their ongoing support for the Club and to acknowledge the services of the Club's auditors Collins & Co. in helping management prepare the records and accounts and ensure all the correct procedures and standards are followed for this year Financial Report.



Veronica Scott
Treasurer
Melbourne Press Club

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Events Calendar 2021

	CORPORATE EVENTS	MEDIA EVENTS	EDIT EVENTS
January			
February		Book club Event – Michael Rowland ‘Black Summer’ with Corrie Perkin – 4 Feb Total tickets = 25 Total views = 95 views Masterclass – Investigative Journalism – 24 Feb – Melb Uni (live event) 50 attended	
March	Quills Dinner - 26 March 532PAX		The Edit – ‘How to get people to talk’ online panel – 10 th March Total tickets = 110. Total views = 62 views
April		Masterclass – Court reporting with Judge Liz Gaynor and lawyer Justin Quill – 27 April – Thomson Geer Office, 6.30-7.30pm 45 attended	
May	IFTAR Dinner – 11 May – Graduate House, 5.30-7.30pm 9 MPC guests attended Tim Pallas VECCI – Budget Lunch – 21 May – Sofitel 61 MPC Guests 200 VCCI Guests	Mentee Session – 3 May – Thomson Geer 8 mentees attended Press Freedom Panel – 12 May – Zoom webinar, 12.30-1.30pm Total tickets = 17 Masterclass – How to read a budget – Repeat ZOOM Total views = 148 views	The Edit – Talking TV & Correspondence with Lexi Daish – Live Event - 20 May – Imperial Hotel, 6.30-8pm Total attended = 21
June		Book club Event – The Girl Remains by Katherine Firkin with Corrie Perkin – 3 June – Zoom webinar, 12.30-1.30pm Total tickets = 28 Total views = 19 views	The Edit – Panel of speakers - How to report sexual assault – Zoom Webinar – 23 June – 6:30-8pm Total tickets = 43 Total views = 21 views
July		Paul Guerra VCCI – 7 July – Mr Hive 12-2pm Total tickets = 51 Michael O’Brien – 28 th July – Crown River Room - CANCELLED	
August			The Edit – 11 August- Ahron Young Zoom Webinar - 6:30pm-8pm Total tickets = 55 Total viewers = 39
September		The Media and Health Literacy – 8th Sep –6.30-7.30pm - Webinar Total tickets = 61 Total viewers = 53 Reporting Newsrooms and mental health – 22 Sep – 6:30-7:30pm – Webinar Total tickets = 29 Total viewers = 16	The Edit – Importance of Images in Journalism with Chris Gillett and Tia Kass – 29 Sep – 6.30-7.30pm Webinar Total tickets = 35 Total viewers = 20
October		Victoria’s Truth and Justice Process with Gabrielle Williams – 21 October – Webinar Total tickets = 121	
November		Book Launch – ‘Daring to Fly’ Lisa Millar – 10 Nov – Mr Hive - 12-2pm Total tickets = 85	The Edit – Editors: How to pitch your story – 17 27 Nov – The Imperial Total tickets = 40
December	Xmas Board/Sponsor drinks – 9 Dec – University House Total guests = 20 Court & Crime Reporters networking – Sponsored by Thomson Geer at Slate Restaurant 6-8pm 40 attended	Gaven Morris – 1 st Dec – MR Hive – Total tickets = 100	

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Quills Honour Roll 2021

The Gold Quill

Michael Warner | Herald Sun

The Graham Perkin Award for the Australian Journalist of the Year

Samantha Maiden | News.com

Lifetime Achievement Award

Caroline Wilson

Harry Gordon Australian Sports Journalist of the Year Award

Michael Warner | Herald Sun

Young Journalist of the Year Award

Olivia Jenkins | Herald Sun

Student Journalist of the Year Award

Petra Stock | University of Melbourne

Artwork

Richard Giliberto | The Age

Business News / Feature

Sarah Danckert | The Age

Breaking News

7NEWS Melbourne | 7NEWS

Cartoon

Jim Pavlidis | The Age

Coverage of an Issue or Event

Shannon Deery, Matt Johnston, Kieran Rooney, Mitch Clarke | Herald Sun

Coverage of Woman in Sport sponsored by VicHealth

Tom Cowie, Rachael Dexter | The Sunday Age

Excellence in Indigenous Affairs Reporting sponsored by Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations

Yoo-rrook: A time for truth team | The Age

Excellence in Science Health and Medical Reporting sponsored by University of Melbourne

Liam Mannix | The Age

Feature Photograph

Justin McManus | The Age

Feature Writing

James Button | The Age

The Grant Hattam Quill Award for Investigative Journalism

Nick McKenzie | The Age

Innovation in Journalism

Matilda Boseley | Guardian Australia

The Keith Dunstan Quill for Commentary

Martin McKenzie-Murray | The Monthly

News Photograph
David Caird | Herald Sun

News Report in Writing
Melissa Cunningham | The Age

Podcasting
Genevieve Allison, Ashley Argoon, Andrea Thiis-Evensen, Jon Burton | Herald Sun

Radio Current Affairs
Charlotte King | ABC Background Briefing and AM

Radio News
Bridget Rollason | 774 ABC Radio Melbourne

Regional & Rural Journalism
Dale Webster | The Regional

Reporting on Disability Issues sponsored by Victorian Government
Luke Henriques-Gomes | Guardian Australian

Reporting on Multicultural Affairs sponsored by Victorian Government
Bang Xiao, Jarrod Fankhauser, Steven Viney | ABC News

Road Safety Reporting sponsored by TAC
Lana Murphy | Nine News

Sports Feature
Konrad Marshall | Good Weekend

Sports News
Michael Warner | Herald Sun

Sports Photograph
Alex Coppel | Herald Sun

TV Camera Work (Creative)
Ryan Mason | Nine News

TV Camera Work (Shot of the Year)
Oli Bourguignon | 7NEWS

TV / Video Feature
Adele Ferguson, Klaus Toft, Lauren Day | ABC Four Corners

TV / Video News
Cameron Baud | 7NEWS

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COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The Board members present their report together with the financial report of The Melbourne Press Club Incorporated ("The Association") for the financial year ended 31 December 2021.

Board Members

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

Name	Portfolio	Affiliation	Date of Change
Nick McKenzie	President	The Age	
Ashlynn McGhee	Vice President	ABC	
Heidi Murphy	Vice President	3AW/ Nine Network	
Richard Leder	Secretary	Corrs Chamber Westgarth	
Veronica Scott	Treasurer	KPMG	
Ash Argoon		News	
Eileen Berry		Eileen Berry Trust	
Patrick Considine		Minter Ellison	
Rachael Dexter		The Age	
Jude Donnolly		AFL	
Kate McGrath		Nine Network	
Pat O'Beirne		Six O'Clock Advisory	
Justin Quill		Thomson Geer	
Tom Salom		News	
Lynne Scrivens		Seven	
Nicole Strahan		Network Ten	
Richard Willingham		ABC	
Fotis Kapetopoulos		Neos Kosmos	From June 2021
Paul Paton		Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations	From September 2021
Mark Baker			to 18 March 2021
Nicole Denton		Vic Roads	to June 2021

Secretariat:

Cathy Bryson	Chief Executive Officer
Anna Marulli	Membership & Admin Manager
Jenny Denton	Casual Digital Producer from 15 February 2021
Kate Handley	General Manager
David Fisher	Assistant Manager to 4 April 2021
Will Kulich	Digital Producer

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COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Association during the year were:

- Holding various events including the annual Quill Awards for Excellence in Victorian Journalism and The Edit, supporting young journalists;
- Social functions for members;
- Regular club lunches with high profile speakers;
- Journalism conferences;
- Forums for debate on professional issues;
- Administering the Public Fund;
- The Michael Gordon Fellowship, furthering social justice journalism in memory of Michael Gordon; and
- Mentoring programs for Victorian journalists.

Significant Changes

No significant changes in the nature of the entity's activity occurred during the financial year.

Operating Results

The deficit for the year attributable to the entity amounted to \$68,206 (2020: \$167,815 - Surplus).

Review of Operations

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Significant Changes in State of Affairs

No significant changes in the entity's state of affairs occurred during the financial year.

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COMMITTEE'S REPORT

After Balance Date Events

A matter has continued to evolve since 31 December 2021 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

- (a) the entity's operations in future financial years, or
- (b) the results of those operations in future financial years, or
- (c) the entity's state of affairs in future financial years.

The COVID-19 pandemic may impact the state of affairs of the association. The committee members will take the necessary measures to preserve reserves and manage the association whilst continue to conduct activities through this period.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.

President



Nick McKenzie

Treasurer



Veronica Scott

1 June 2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME			
Sales revenue	2	95,757	64,197
Other revenue	2	369,309	402,297
COVID-19 Related Assistance	2	35,300	192,120
Interest received		175	166
TOTAL REVENUE		<u>500,541</u>	<u>658,780</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Depreciation and amortisation expense		1,091	1,283
Employee salaries and benefits expenses		333,925	293,389
Sponsorship, event and function expenses		181,875	124,793
Overhead expenses		51,856	71,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>568,747</u>	<u>490,965</u>
Net surplus/(deficit) attributable to the Association		<u>(68,206)</u>	<u>167,815</u>

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Net surplus/(deficit) attributable to the Association	(68,206)	167,815
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>(68,206)</u>	<u>167,815</u>
Total comprehensive income attributable to the Association	<u>(68,206)</u>	<u>167,815</u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	295,287	295,419
Trade and other receivables	4	170	135
Other assets	5	29,400	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>324,857</u>	<u>295,554</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	6	6,182	7,273
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>6,182</u>	<u>7,273</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>331,039</u>	<u>302,827</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	7	54,333	31,486
Income received in advance	8	141,050	71,414
Provisions	9	24,834	25,799
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>220,217</u>	<u>128,699</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	9	7,328	2,428
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>7,328</u>	<u>2,428</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>227,545</u>	<u>131,127</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>103,494</u>	<u>171,700</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated funds		103,494	171,700
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>103,494</u>	<u>171,700</u>

The balance sheet is to be read in conjunction with the audit report and the notes to the financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Accumulated Funds \$	Total \$
Balance as at 1 January 2020	3,885	3,885
Surplus/ (Deficit) attributable to the Association	167,815	167,815
Balance as at 31 December 2020	171,700	171,700
Surplus/ (Deficit) attributable to the Association	(68,206)	(68,206)
Balance as at 31 December 2021	103,494	103,494

The statement of changes in equity is to be read in conjunction with the audit report and the notes to the financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from sponsorship, membership fees and other income		569,967	638,609
Payments to suppliers and employees		(570,274)	(475,914)
Interest received		175	166
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	10	<u><u>(132)</u></u>	<u><u>162,861</u></u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payment for property, plant and equipment			(2,727)
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>(2,727)</u></u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		(132)	160,134
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		295,419	135,285
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	10	<u><u>295,287</u></u>	<u><u>295,419</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Note 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report includes the financial statements and notes of the Melbourne Press Club Incorporated, an incorporated association, which is incorporated in Victoria under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

Basis of preparation

Melbourne Press Club Incorporated applies Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements as set out in AASB 1053: Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards and AASB 201 0-2: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Reduced Disclosure Requirements.

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards- Reduced Disclosure Requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, *the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012* and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* (Victoria). The association is a not-for-profit association for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied 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, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

Accounting Policies

a. Income Tax

The Association is exempt from paying income tax by virtue of Sections 50-50 & 50-52 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

b. Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value as indicated less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses.

Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis and are therefore carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. In the event the carrying amount of plant and equipment is greater than its estimated recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to its estimated recoverable amount and impairment losses recognised either in profit or loss or as a revaluation decrease if the impairment losses relate to a revalued asset. A formal assessment of recoverable amount is made when impairment indicators are present.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the income statement.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Note 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

b. Property, Plant and Equipment (continued)

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, including buildings and capitalised lease assets, is depreciated on the diminishing value method over the asset's useful life commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The asset's residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at each balance date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the comprehensive income statement.

c. Leases

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are recognised as expenses on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

For leases that have significantly below-market terms and conditions principally to enable the Association to further its objectives (commonly known as peppercorn/concessionary leases), the Association has adopted the temporary relief under AASB 2018-820 and measures the right-of-use assets at cost on initial recognition.

d. Financial Instruments

Initial Recognition and Measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the association becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. For financial assets, this is equivalent to the date that the company commits itself to either purchase or sale of the asset (i.e. trade date accounting is adopted).

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transactions costs, except where the instrument is classified 'at fair value through profit or loss', in which case transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately.

Classification and Subsequent Measurement

Finance instruments are subsequently measured at either of fair value, amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, or cost. Where available, quoted prices in an active market are used to determine fair value. In other circumstances, valuation techniques are adopted.

Amortised cost is calculated as (i) the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition (ii) less principal repayments (iii) plus or minus the cumulative amortisation of the difference, if any, between the amount initially recognised and the maturity amount calculated using the effective interest method; and (iv) less any reduction for impairment.

The effective interest method is used to allocate interest income or interest expense over the relevant period and is equivalent to the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts (including fees, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life (or when this cannot be reliably predicted, the contractual term) of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. Revisions to expected future net cash flows will necessitate an adjustment to the carrying value with a consequential recognition of an income or expense in profit or loss.

Fair value is determined based on current bid prices for all quoted investments. Valuation techniques are applied to determine the fair value for all unlisted securities, including recent arm's length transactions, reference to similar instruments and option pricing models.

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Note 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

d. Financial Instruments (continued)

(i) Financial assets at fair value through the profit and loss

Financial assets are classified at "fair value through profit or loss" when they are held for trading for the purpose of short-term profit taking, or where they are derivatives not held for hedging purposes, or when they are designated as such to avoid an accounting mismatch or to enable performance evaluation where a group of financial assets is managed by key management personnel on a fair value basis in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy. Such assets are subsequently measured at fair value with changes in carrying value being included in profit or loss.

(ii) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process and when the financial asset is derecognised.

(iii) Held-to-maturity investments

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets that have fixed maturities and fixed or determinable payments, and it is the association's intention to hold these investments to maturity. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process and when the financial asset is derecognised.

(iv) Available-for-sale Financial assets

Available-for-sale investments are non-derivative financial assets that are either not capable of being classified into other categories of financial assets due to their nature or they are designated as such by management. They comprise investments in the equity of other entities where there is neither a fixed maturity nor fixed or determinable payments.

They are subsequently measured at fair value with any remeasurements other than impairment losses and foreign exchange gains and losses recognised in other comprehensive income. When the financial asset is derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss pertaining to that asset previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified into profit or loss.

Available-for-sale financial assets are classified as non-current assets when they are expected to be sold within 12 months after the end of the reporting period. All other available-for-sale financial assets are classified as current assets.

Financial liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process and when the financial liability is derecognised.

Impairment

At the end of each reporting period, the association assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset has been impaired. A financial asset or a group of financial assets is deemed to be impaired if, and only if, there is objective evidence that impairment as a result of one or more events (a "loss event") has occurred, which has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset(s).

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Note 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

d. Financial Instruments (continued)

In the case of available-for-sale financial assets, a significant or prolonged decline in the market value of the instrument is considered to constitute a loss event. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss immediately. Also, any cumulative decline in fair value previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified to profit or loss at this point.

In the case of financial assets carried at amortised cost, loss events may include: indications that the debtors or a group of debtors are experiencing significant financial difficulty, default or delinquency in interest or principal payments; indications that they will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; and changes in arrears or economic conditions that correlate with defaults.

When the terms of financial assets that would otherwise have been past due or impaired have been renegotiated, the association recognises the impairment for such financial assets by taking into account the original terms as if the terms have not been renegotiated so that the loss events that have occurred are duly considered.

Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognised where the contractual rights to receipt of cash flows expires or the asset is transferred to another party whereby the association no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised where the related obligations are either discharged, cancelled or expired. The difference between the carrying value of the financial liability, which is extinguished or transferred to another party and the fair value of consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

e. Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the association 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, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount in accordance with another Standard (e.g. in accordance with the revaluation model in AASB 116). Any impairment loss of a revalued asset is treated as a revaluation decrease in accordance with that other Standard.

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

f. Employee Entitlements

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may not satisfy any vesting requirements. Those cash outflows are discounted using market yields on national government bonds with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cash flows.

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g. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities in the statement of financial position.

h. Revenue and Other Income

The Association has applied AASB 15: Revenue from Contracts with Customers (AASB 15) and AASB 1058: Income of Not-for-Profit Entities (AASB 1058) using the cumulative effective method of initially applying AASB 15 and AASB 1058 as an adjustment to the opening balance of equity at 1 January 2019. Therefore, the comparative information has not been restated and continues to be presented under AASB 118: Revenue and AASB 1004: Contributions.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

Revenue is brought to account when received and to the extent that it relates to the subsequent period it is disclosed as a liability.

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

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

Income from Operating Grants

When the Association receives operating grant revenue, donations or bequests, it assesses whether the contract is enforceable and has sufficiently specific performance obligations in accordance with AASB 15.

When both these conditions are satisfied, the Association:

- identifies each performance obligation relating to the grant;
- recognises a contract liability for its obligations under the agreement; and
- recognises revenue as it satisfies its performance obligations.

Where the contract is not enforceable or does not have sufficiently specific performance obligations, the Association:

- recognises the asset received in accordance with the recognition requirements of other applicable Accounting Standards (for example, AASB 9, AASB 16, AASB 116 and AASB 138);
- recognises related amounts (being contributions by owners, lease liability, financial instruments, provisions, revenue or contract liability arising from a contract with a customer); and
- recognises income immediately in profit or loss as the difference between the initial carrying amount of the asset and the related amount.

If a contract liability is recognised as a related amount above, the Association recognises income in profit or loss when or as it satisfies its obligations under the contract.

Income from Capital Grants

When the Association receives a capital grant, it recognises a liability for the excess of the initial carrying amount of the financial asset received over any related amounts (being contributions by owners, lease liability, financial instruments, provisions, revenue or contract liability arising from a contract with a customer) recognised under other Australian Accounting Standards.

The Association recognises income in profit or loss when or as the Association satisfies its obligations under the terms of the grant.

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Interest Revenue

Interest revenue is recognised when the association obtains control over the funds which is generally at the time of receipt.

Donations

Donation income is recognised when the association obtains control over the funds which is generally at the time of receipt.

i. Borrowing Costs

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to prepare for their intended use or sale are added to the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale.

All other borrowing costs are recognised as expenses in the period in which they are incurred.

j. 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.

k. Comparative Figures

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

l. Trade and Other Payables

Trade and other payables represent the liabilities for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid at the end of the reporting period. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

m. Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

n. Key Estimates

(i) Impairment

The association assesses impairment at the end of each reporting period by evaluation of conditions and events specific to the association that may be indicative of impairment triggers. Recoverable amounts of relevant assets are reassessed using value-in-use calculations which incorporate various key assumptions.

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	2021 \$	2020 \$
Note 2. Revenue and Other Income		
Revenue from Contracts with Customers: Sales Revenue		
Functions	95,757	64,197
	<u>95,757</u>	<u>64,197</u>
Other Revenue and Other Income		
Sponsorships, donations & grants	323,188	343,776
Membership fees	45,840	49,430
Public fund management fees	281	9,091
	<u>369,309</u>	<u>402,297</u>
COVID-19 Related Assistance		
Business support funding	20,000	30,000
Cash flow boost	-	71,220
JobKeeper	15,300	90,900
	<u>35,300</u>	<u>192,120</u>
Note 3. Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash at bank	295,287	295,419
	<u>295,287</u>	<u>295,419</u>
Note 4. Trade and Other Receivables		
Trade receivables	170	135
Less provision for doubtful debts	-	-
	<u>170</u>	<u>135</u>
Other receivables	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>170</u>	<u>135</u>
Note 5. Other Assets		
Prepayments	29,400	-
	<u>29,400</u>	<u>-</u>
Note 6. Property, Plant and Equipment		
Plant and equipment - at cost	22,385	22,385
Less accumulated depreciation	(16,203)	(15,112)
	<u>6,182</u>	<u>7,273</u>
Reconciliation of the carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment at the beginning and end of the current financial year		
Plant and equipment		
Opening balance	5,829	4,955
Additions	-	2,113
Disposals	-	-
Depreciation expense	(1,091)	(1,239)
Closing balance	<u>4,738</u>	<u>5,829</u>

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	2021 \$	2020 \$
Note 7. Trade and Other Payables		
Trade creditors	31,717	12,493
Sundry creditors and accrued expenses	1,873	1,319
Net GST payable	11,582	8,777
PAYG Withholding Tax payable	4,191	6,175
Superannuation payable	4,970	2,722
	<u>54,333</u>	<u>31,486</u>
Note 8. Amounts Received in Advance		
Income received in advance	141,050	71,414
	<u>141,050</u>	<u>71,414</u>
Note 9. Provisions		
Current		
Annual leave	15,426	10,936
Long service leave	9,408	14,863
	<u>24,834</u>	<u>25,799</u>
Non-current		
Long service leave	7,328	2,428
	<u>7,328</u>	<u>2,428</u>
Note 10. Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows		
Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Profit from Ordinary Activities after Income Tax		
Net surplus/(deficit) attributable to the Association	(68,206)	167,815
Non-cash flow item:		
Depreciation	1,091	1,283
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- (Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(35)	25
- (Increase)/decrease in other assets	(29,400)	10,977
- Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	22,847	(2,933)
- Increase/(decrease) in income received in advance	69,636	(20,030)
- Increase/(decrease) in provisions	3,935	5,724
	<u>(132)</u>	<u>162,861</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year		
Cash at bank	295,287	295,419
	<u>295,287</u>	<u>295,419</u>

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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

In the opinion of the Committee the financial report as set out on pages 4 to 15:

- 1 Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Melbourne Press Club Incorporated as at 31 December 2021 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.
- 2 At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Melbourne Press Club Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

President



Nick McKenzie

Treasurer



Veronica Scott

Dated this 1st day of June 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial report of Melbourne Press Club Incorporated (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2021, and the statement of financial performance, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the statement by the members of the Board.

In my opinion, the financial report of the Association is in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012* and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*, including:

- i. giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 31 December 2021 and of its performance for the year ended; and
- ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards as per Note 1, the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012 and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. I am independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the applicable legislation and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is 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 Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements 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 the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, 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 my 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 registered entity's internal control.

Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the responsible entities.

Conclude on the appropriateness of the responsible entities use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the registered entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the registered entity to cease to continue as a going concern.

Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal controls that I identify during my audit.

Name of Auditor: Frederik R. L. Eksteen
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 127 Paisley Street
 Footscray VIC 3011
 Date: 1 June 2022