



**Beyond
Blindness**
Supporting Independence and Inclusion
for Blind South Australians

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021





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Mission Statement

To provide high standard welfare, support services to blind and vision impaired people while promoting independence, dignity and quality of life.



Board of Management (July 2020—June 2021)

CURRENT BOARD



Tony Starkey
(President)

Tony Starkey (President)
Jed Alexander (Vice President)
Leonore Scott (Secretary)
Maureen Montes
Sarah Savage
Sheryl Berry



A group photo of members and volunteers
enjoying time together at a reunion
morning tea

President's Report

As Beyond Blindness moves towards celebrating 85 years of supporting people who are blind or vision impaired within South Australia, it is important to reflect on how our support and services have developed, ensuring that our members can participate independently and, where required, access the assistance they need to fully participate in all areas of life.

In 1937, one of the first services offered by the Association involved ensuring that, during winter, South Australians who were blind or vision impaired had sufficient wood for heating. Today, the world has moved on and our primary support offerings are in financial assistance and social interaction, through recreational and leisure functions.

Although we aim to continue providing much needed services and supports for South Australians who are blind or vision impaired for a further 85 years and beyond, we also hold the hope that advances in technology and medicine will mean that vision loss will be overcome in the foreseeable future.

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President's Report (cont)

The current Board of Beyond Blindness is committed to creating and maintaining a viable financial income stream to ensure the Association's sustainability well into the future. To this end, the Board engaged the services of an independent Marketing and Fundraising Consultant in late 2020 to undertake a review and provide recommendations on the Association's marketing, branding and fundraising/income generation functions and capacity.

Following this initial review, the Board introduced the part-time position of internal Marketing Consultant in early 2021 to the staffing structure to further develop and implement these activities.

The Board has committed to an overall three-year plan of increasing brand awareness and community liaison, Member

communications and engagement, and the development and implementation of sustainable fundraising and income generation strategies.

I draw your attention to the following pages of this Annual Report where our operational results indicate the tremendous level of commitment provided by our volunteers and staff to the provision of services and support for blind and vision impaired Beyond Blindness Members.

Naturally the organisation would not be able to provide ongoing support without the generosity of South Australians who continue to provide financial support in the form of donations and bequests. On behalf of our members, staff, and volunteers, I extend my sincerest thanks for your continued generosity. I'd also like to take this opportunity to Thank our dedicated Board, management, staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication over the past year and look forward to our continued work together as we grow and expand our services for all Beyond Blindness members.

TONY STARKEY

President



Manager's Report



Once again, I am incredibly pleased to report that Beyond blindness has ended the year in a strong financial position, enabling us to continue to grow and expand services to members across metropolitan Adelaide and near regional areas. Restructuring and efficiencies gained through technology have enabled us to reduce administration costs while growing our volunteer numbers from 85 to over 120 as well as adding dedicated resources to support new groups in the North and West of Adelaide.

For the first time we can now support our southern members with a dedicated southern centre currently being established at Christies Beach. This new centre, along with a vehicle kindly donated by The Honda Foundation, will help cater for our small groups and assist with the coordination of local volunteer training in the south.



Throughout 2020-21 our volunteer small jobs program has continued to expand, and we have assisted in running more social trips and outings for members living across the Metropolitan area. The introduction of overnight social trips to regional SA has also proven to be very popular with Members. These programs will continue to expand in the coming year.

Manager's Report (cont)

Development of our new Community Education Program and accompanying instructional video, progressed significantly during the second half of the year. This will initially be delivered to the many volunteers and staff running Local Government community programs across the State. This project will assist in raising the profile of Beyond Blindness, educating the public to the needs of people living with blindness and promoting safe guiding techniques. It is hoped that new opportunities will open for members to access the vast assortment of local government community programs once this training has been rolled-out in coming months.

“2020-21 has been an exciting year for Beyond Blindness “

This year also saw Beyond Blindness assisting our friends in the blind sporting community, with our buses and volunteer drivers and other support for blind sporting events whenever possible, including the National Blind Golfing Championships held in Adelaide in May and, coaching camps in conjunction with Blind Cricket SA. We plan to continue this support into the future and foster a stronger affiliation with Blind Sports in SA.

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Manager's Report (cont)

2020-21 has been an exciting year for Beyond Blindness as we position ourselves for further expansion of member services, whilst continuing to maintain our strong financial position.

New roles for existing staff and the recruitment of new part time staff , Jessica Mudge and Marian Phuah as Business Support Officers, will assist in supporting our members. Additionally, the appointment of Jayson Hanrahan as Marketing Consultant will help to raise the community profile of Beyond Blindness in future years.

I must thank our Board of Management, our resolute team of staff and our growing team of volunteers

JIM COLLIGAN

Manager



Volunteers Report

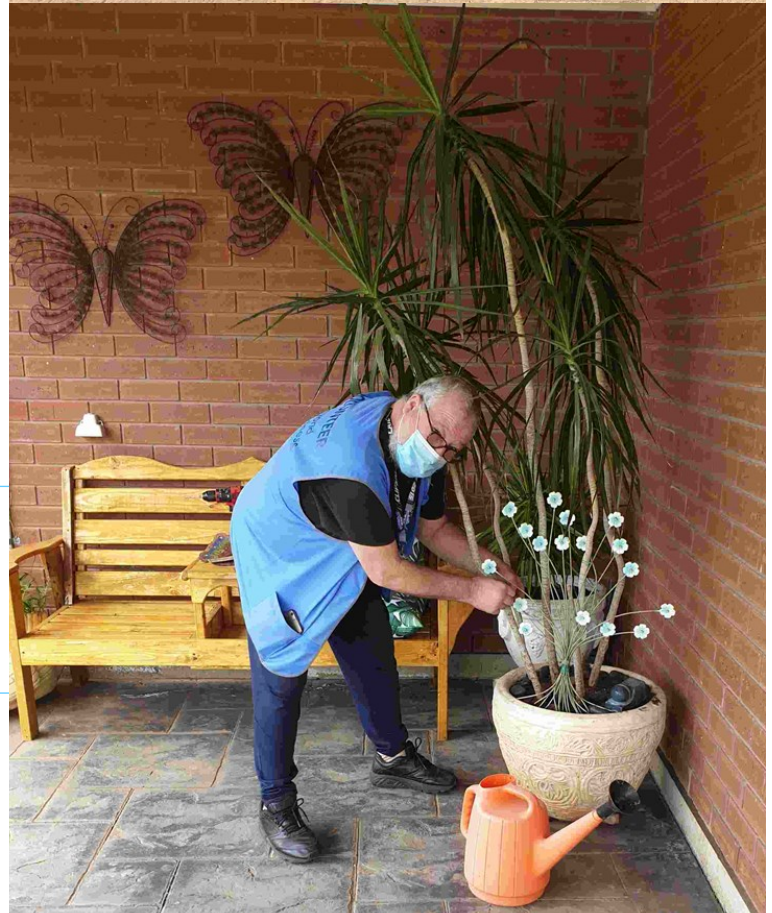
Volunteers 'value add'

Beyond Blindness enjoyed the assistance of a large volunteer team during the 2020-21 year, which enhanced the organisation's work and the quality of its service delivery. The contributions made by a total of about 120 volunteers included activities such as transporting our members, social support to members, assistance with the organisation's administrative work and attending to minor home maintenance issues at member's places.

Beyond Blindness is grateful to have a wonderful bunch of volunteers with varied skills who assist us in a range of capacities across our organisation.

Our members were able to enjoy the companionship of social support volunteers in the course of activities such as having a coffee, going for a hike or walk and going out to a park, the movies or bowling – as appropriate to each client's interests.

"Beyond Blindness is grateful to have a wonderful bunch of volunteers"



Volunteers Report (cont)

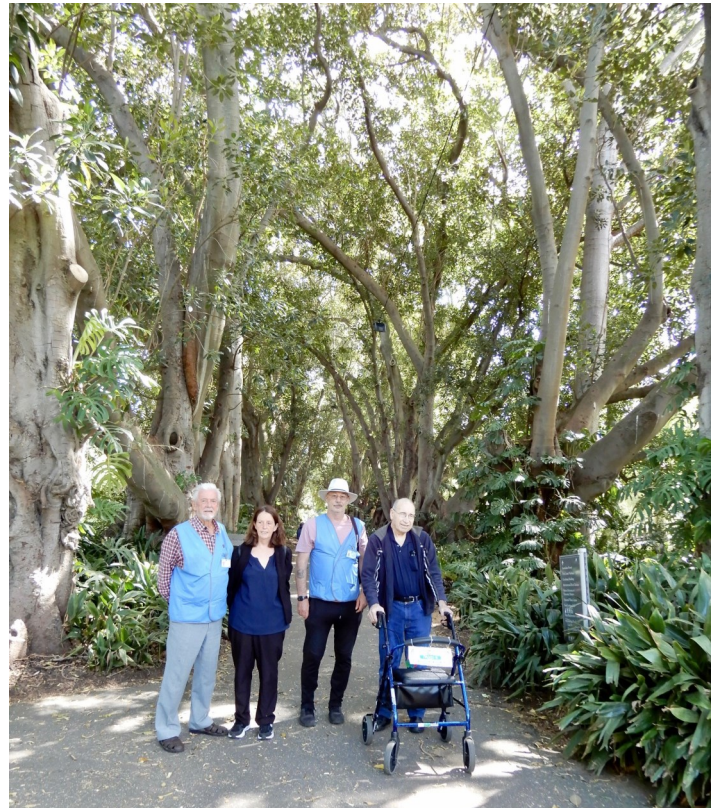
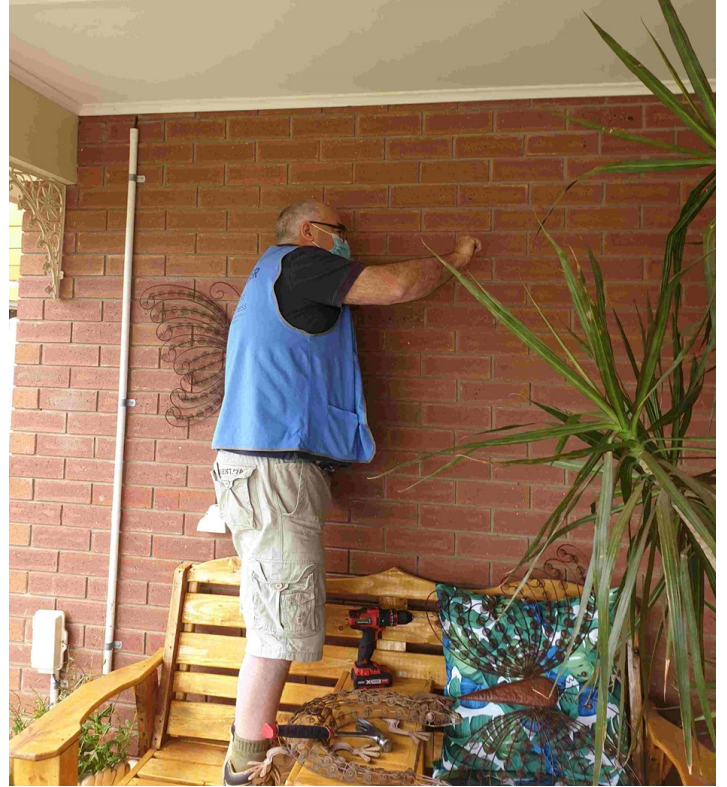
Volunteers also undertook minor home maintenance jobs such as assembling flat-pack furniture, replacing globes, changing tap washers, hanging pictures on the wall, organising garage, cupboards to name a few.

As always, our Volunteers once again went above and beyond to help change the lives of people who are blind or vision impaired. Without the support and generous time given by the Volunteers, the provision of many Beyond Blindness services would not be possible.

“Volunteers once again went above and beyond”.

Visa Neelam

Operations Coordinator



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Special Purpose Financial Report

For the year ended 30 June 2021

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Committee's Report

Your committee members submit the financial report of Blind Welfare Association of SA Inc for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

Committee Members

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

Committee Member	Position
Mr Tony Starkey	President
Mr Jed Alexander	Vice President
Ms Leonore Scott	Secretary
Mrs Maureen Montes	
Ms Sarah Savage	
Ms Sheryl Berry	
Ms Kerry Skipworth (until October 2020)	

Committee members have been in the office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Principal Activities

The principal activity of the Association is to provide support services to blind, vision impaired to promote independence, dignity, and quality of life.

Significant Changes

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

Operating Result

2021 2020

The Operating Result for the year amounted to a surplus / (deficit) as follows:

Current Year Earnings	1,187,312	(123,955)
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Committee's Report (contd.)

Related Party Transactions

The members of the committee report that for the financial year:

1. No officer of the association, a firm of which an officer of the association is a member, or a body corporate in which an officer of the association has a substantial financial interest, has received, or become entitled to receive a benefit as a result of a contract between the officer, firm or body corporate and the association.
2. No officer of the association has received directly or indirectly from the association any payment or other benefit of a pecuniary value.

Related Entities

In accordance with section 35(5) of the Associations Incorporations Act 195 (1985), the Committee of the Blind Welfare Association of SA Inc. hereby states that during the financial year. the following committee members of the Blind Welfare Association of SA Inc. are also directors of Blind Welfare Pty Ltd as trustee for the Blind Welfare Foundation:

- Tony Starkey

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

Mr Tony Starkey

President



Ms Leonore Scott

Secretary

Dated this 8th day of October 2021

Income and Expenditure Statement

For the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
Income		
Other Fundraising Income	1,146,641	158,069
Grant Income	-	65,000
Foundation Income	660,000	360,000
Interest Income	6,216	1,887
Other Income	340,025	334,924
Total Income	2,152,881	919,880
Gross Surplus	2,152,881	919,880
Expenditure		
Administration Expenses	662,303	615,353
Donation to BW Foundation	-	76,428
Other Expenses	303,267	352,054
Total Expenditure	965,570	1,043,835
Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Income Tax	1,187,312	(123,955)
Surplus/ (Deficit) After Income Tax	1,187,312	(123,955)

Assets and Liabilities Statement

As at 30 June 2021

Assets			
Current Assets	NOTES	2021	2020
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2	1,728,714	456,269
Trade and Other Receivables	3	22,436	25,242
Prepayments		2,423	6,731
Investment in Shares		25,620	20,515
Total Current Assets		1,779,193	508,758
Non-Current Assets			
Land and Buildings	4	3,652,696	3,677,063
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	228,988	268,296
Total Non-Current Assets		3,881,684	3,945,359
Total Assets		5,660,877	4,454,118
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	6	12,899	14,779
Employee Entitlements	7	126,112	104,785
Total Current Liabilities		139,011	119,563
Total Liabilities		139,011	119,563
Net Assets		5,521,866	4,334,554
Member's Funds			
Reserves			
Asset Revaluation Reserve		3,432,281	3,432,281
Total Reserves		3,432,281	3,432,281
Retained Profits			
Current Year Earnings		1,187,312	(123,955)
Retained Earnings		902,274	1,026,229
Total Retained Profits		2,089,586	902,274
Total Member's Funds		5,521,866	4,334,554

Movements in Equity

For the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
Equity		
Opening Retained Earnings	902,274	1,026,229
Increases		
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Period	1,187,312	(123,955)
Total Increases	1,187,312	(123,955)
Closing Retained Earnings	2,089,586	902,274
Asset Revaluation Reserve		
Asset Revaluation Reserve	3,432,281	3,432,281
Total Asset Revaluation Reserve	3,432,281	3,432,281
Total Equity	5,521,866	4,334,554

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 30 June 2021

1. Indirect Method Cash Flow Statement

Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Surplus / (Deficit) After Income Tax		\$1,187,312
Add adjustments		
Net Change in Trade Receivables	\$8,162	
Depreciation	\$78,568	
Net Change in Net Change in Employee Entitlements	\$21,328	
Net Change in Trade and Other Payables	-\$2,928	
		\$105,130
Net Cash From Operating Activities		\$1,292,442
Cash Flows Investing Activities		
Investment income	-\$5,104	
Property, Plant and Equipment	-\$14,893	
Net Cash from Investing Activities		-\$19,997
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents		\$1,273,217
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		\$456,269
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period		\$1,728,714

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporations Act 1985 (SA)*. The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

Accounting Policies

a) Income Tax

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

b) Property, Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all plant and equipment is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

c) Employee Benefits

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 provisions have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

d) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and deposits held at-call with banks.

e) Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is no discount to present values when recognising revenue. Grant income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt. Any grant income over which the entity does not have control at balance date is transferred to the Unexpended Grants account on the Assets and Liabilities Statement until such time as either the entity becomes entitled to recognise the income, or the balance is returned to the funding body.

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021 (contd.)

f) 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. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of expense.

Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

g) Comparative Figures

Where applicable, comparative figures have been adjusted to reflect changes in presentation for the current financial year.

h) Going Concern Basis

This financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis, which contemplates the continuity of normal business activity and the realisation of assets and the settlement of liabilities in the normal course of business.

The ongoing operations of the association are reliant on the continued receipt of State and Commonwealth Government funding.

	2021	2020
Note 2. Cash and Cash Equivalents		
General Cheque Account	330,234	192,808
Bus. Online Saver	22,020	22,013
Gift Account	1,371,948	237,658
Debit Card	3,587	2,326
Petty Cash	925	1,464
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,728,714	456,269

Note 3. Trade and Other Receivables

Trade Receivables		
Trade Debtors	26,766	27,504
Provision for Bad Debts	(4,329)	(2,556)
Other Debtors	-	294
Total Trade and Other Receivables	22,436	25,242

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021 (contd.)

	2021	2020
Note 4. Land and Buildings		
Land		
Land at Valuation	1,044,341	1,044,341
Total Land	1,044,341	1,044,341
Buildings		
Buildings at Valuation		
Buildings at Valuation	2,600,000	2,600,000
Building Improvements	114,829	114,829
Total Buildings at Valuation	2,714,829	2,714,829
Accumulated Depreciation	(106,474)	(82,107)
Total Buildings	2,608,355	2,632,722
Total Land and Buildings	3,652,696	3,677,063
Note 5. Property, Plant and Equipment		
Motor Vehicles		
Motor Vehicles at Cost	280,574	280,574
Accumulated Depreciation	(93,350)	(51,264)
Total Motor Vehicles	187,224	229,310
Furniture and Fixtures at Cost		
Furniture and Fixtures at Cost	88,316	86,914
Accumulated Depreciation	(65,902)	(62,530)
Total Furniture and Fixtures at Cost	22,415	24,383
Plant and Equipment		
Plant and Equipment at Cost	72,723	84,894
Accumulated Depreciation	(53,374)	(70,291)
Total Plant and Equipment	19,349	14,603
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	228,988	268,296

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021 (contd.)

	2021	2020
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Note 6. Trade and Other Payables		
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Trade Payables		
Trade Creditors	1,122	2,397
Total Trade Payables	1,122	2,397
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Other Payables	11,777	12,381
Total Trade and Other Payables	12,899	14,779
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Note 7. Employee Entitlements

Provision for Annual Leave	46,854	39,479
Provision for Long Service Leave	79,258	65,306
Total Employee Entitlements	126,112	104,785

Note 8. Events After the Reporting Period

There has been no matter or circumstance which has arisen since the end of the financial year that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

1. the operations, in financial years subsequent to the financial year end of the association, or
2. the results of those operations, or
3. the state of affairs, in financial years subsequent to the financial year end of the association.

Statement by Members of the Committee

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 outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 5 to 12:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Blind Welfare Association of SA Inc. as at 30 June 2021 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Blind Welfare Association of SA Inc. 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:


Mr Tony Starkey
President


Ms Leonore Scott
Secretary

Ms Leonore Scott

Secretary

Dated this 8th day of October 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BLIND WELFARE ASSOCIATION OF SA INC

Report on Audit of the Financial Report

We have audited the financial report of the Blind Welfare Association of SA Inc (the association) which comprises the statement of assets and liabilities as at 30 June 2021, the income and expenditure statement, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes, the statement by the Committee and the Committee report.

In our opinion, the financial report of Blind Welfare Association of SA Inc has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- (a) Giving a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its financial performance for the year ended then ended; and
- (b) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Regulations 2013.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial report Section of our report. We are 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 our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibility of the Committee for the Financial Report

The Committee of the association is responsible for the preparation of a 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 ACNC Act and the needs of members.

The Committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Board 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.

In preparing the financial report, the Committee 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 the Committee either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Committee is responsible for overseeing the association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our 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 the 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 this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at <http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

DEANE & ASSOCIATES

Richard F Deane, Principal

Date: 29th September 2021
69 Franklin Street, ADELAIDE SA