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The Melbourne Athenaeum Incorporated

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

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*Surviving its third pandemic, the Melbourne Athenaeum Incorporated
Is pleased to welcome library members and visitors to its historic building.*

The Melbourne Athenaeum Incorporated

President's Report

The Melbourne Athenaeum Incorporated has managed to trade through another tough year across 2021 and our building with the library at its centre is now back up and running in 2022. If you haven't visited the library recently, I would encourage you to drop in and say hello. The book collection continues to expand, and the arts program is back, providing stunning entertainment for members and their guests and much needed support to Melbourne's creative community. We have enjoyed some great musical performances so far this year with more to planned during the rest of the year.

Other events planned for the rest of the year include the return of Inventi Ensemble, a play reading directed by Susie Dee in June, Sisters in Crime and the *Body in the Library* short story competition, music performances by Affinity Quartet, Rebecca Barnard, Barry Dickens with Danny Walsh, Sally Ford and the Idiomatics and Flinders Quartet in December.

The organisation has traditionally managed a very conservative balance sheet to ensure the organisation maintains a good cash reserve. The management of this cash reserve enabled the Melbourne Athenaeum to survive the past 2 years by carefully managing expenditure, and by financially supporting our tenants to ensure they survived through the toughest of economic times. The organisation can now look forward, and we hope, flourish in 2022 with the support and engagement of the whole building community including our members. Financially, the Melbourne Athenaeum remains in a strong position.

Thanks to staff and volunteers, and to retiring archives volunteer Anne Marsden who has not only volunteered her time researching the

organisation's history, but also authored essays for the *Victorian Historical Journal* and the Charles Latrobe Society's *Latrobeana*. During her research with the Melbourne Athenaeum, she published two books on the first committee of the Melbourne Mechanics' Institution and a companion volume on their wives and daughters. She received a commendation for her work from the Royal Historical Society of Victoria and the Public Records Office.

Thanks also to the committee for so capably steering the organisation through another difficult year.

Don Smith President



Business Manager's Report

My 2021 report could not have anticipated that Victoria, and Melbourne in particular, would find itself once again in and out of lockdowns, navigating the financial impact of forced closures on the hospitality and entertainment sectors (our key income source), returning to the limited library services of 'click and collect' and planning

and rescheduling activity within the building and the library.

Well, all that did occur, and here we are again, anticipating a brighter future after two very grim years in the heart of this city. I had a conversation just last week with a friend based in Lismore, New South Wales, who is struggling to come to grips with the massive and repeated flooding devastation there over the past six weeks. Even as that community commence the rebuilding of their city, she thanked Victoria “for doing all those lockdowns while we were waiting for vaccines.” It is worth taking a moment to reflect on how tough the 2021 year of lockdowns was.

The library farewelled Eunice Ang and Lauren Francis and due to the uncertainty of 2021 were not immediately replaced. An HR consultant was engaged to review our staff and organisation structure to ensure that future recruitment was tailored to our specific needs. The full-time coordinating role was upgraded to a lead position, and we welcomed Jill Semmens in March 2022 to fill that role. We also welcomed casual staff Shannon and Aubrey to support the re-opening effort. An acquisitions librarian will soon be recruited, returning the library to it's full staff. We farewelled some of our longer serving volunteers, Aaron Cook in the library and Anne Marsden in the archives. As our Treasurer Kevin Quigley once said, “people will donate enormous time to community enterprises which simply give pleasure to others.” Their contribution to this organisation's library and archive is immense and enduring.

The organisation has been able to navigate this financially challenging period, drawing on its reserves to maintain the building, retain staff and our tenants, and limit the impact of the pandemic on our building's community.

In the latter part of the year, the management committee developed and published its 5-year strategic plan, a condensed copy of which is available on our website. Priority areas for the building and library over the next twelve months have been identified and work has commenced to achieve tangible outcomes through the delivery of an annual operating plan. The sub-committees have started to meet “in person” again, and a new cultural sub-committee was established to steer the events, activities and cultural program initiatives that will add value to memberships and encourage new activity within the building and library.

We cannot thank members enough for enduring the past two years, maintaining your membership, and continuing to show support for the organisation's services. In the first quarter of 2022, we have seen a spike in membership growth, and we hope that continues during this year. Members are returning, whether it is to borrow books, attend an event, or simply to enjoy sitting next to the beautiful library windows. We are so very pleased to welcome you back.

Sue Westwood Business Manager



Library Report

It is tempting to just reprint the 2020 library report for 2021. For the second year in a row the library was closed more days than it was open.

We reopened in Mid-January 2021 initially for three days per week (Thursday – Saturday); this continued until March when we welcomed our new staff member, Lauren Francis, to the library desk. Being fully staffed meant we could resume our full operating hours, six days per week.

During this time, it was exciting to see some (covid) normalcy return to the library. Our membership numbers started to increase, and it was great to see our members, and the books, returning to the library.

Then, at the end of May, Melbourne locked down for two weeks. During this period Lauren Francis resigned and when the library reopened in June it returned to three days per week.

In June we welcomed Sarah Jasenia, a Master of Information Student from RMIT, to the library. Sarah was able to complete her professional placement in between lockdowns and was an excellent addition (albeit temporary) to the library team.

Looking at the daily statistics we seemed to flip flop in and out of lockdown in June and July. In between lockdowns, and in conjunction with Sisters in Crime, The Scarlet Stiletto Short Story Competition was officially launched at the Library on Friday 9 July 2021. Briefly things seemed normal...

Our excitement at having events back in the library was short lived. In early August Melbourne locked down again and the library closed. Staff were furloughed for part of this period, and it was mid-September before we were able to re-introduce a click and collect service, operating one day a week, from the building foyer.

October brought with it the resignation of Eunice Ang who accepted a position in the Medical Library at Eastern Health. We also welcomed Aubrey Flood a Diploma of Library and Information Services student from Swinburne to the library. Her August placement in pushed her start date out to October.

From mid-November we reopened four days per week – Wednesday to Saturday, having recruited two casual staff members Shannon Parsons and Aubrey Flood to support this.

In November the committee approved a three-month extension on current library memberships to thank members for their loyalty during a very difficult 2021. All staff and volunteers have enjoyed welcoming members back as services resumed.

Unsurprisingly there was an increase in eBook loans through 2021, especially during lockdowns. As the library reopened, we saw members returning books and, anecdotally, not borrowing for fear of future

lockdowns, even though the library constantly extended loans through this period.

It was a tough year for our volunteers also. The ongoing lockdowns impacted their ability to contribute to the library, yet they came in whenever possible to help. We couldn't have done it without them.

2021 was not without challenges and I thank everyone (Committee, Staff, Volunteers, Students) who stepped up to ensure that the library was able to continue to provide valuable services to our members.

Thank you also to our loyal members for sticking with us during two years of disruption.

Fiona Malcolm Senior Librarian



Archives Report

The archive was again closed in 2021 and continues to be inactive at the present time.

The management committee considers the archive a valuable resource and is aware that it provides a unique perspective on the settler community in the colony of Port Phillip.

Caring for our home and heritage is a key goal in the organisation's strategic plan, and the organisation will seek funding support to prepare a collection significance assessment and preservation reports on key documents held in the collection.

It is hoped in the coming years, the Melbourne Athenaeum's archive will become more available to researchers and the general public.

THE MELBOURNE ATHENAEUM IN PICTURES 2021



Performances by Inventi Ensemble (top right) and Affinity Quartet (top left) were held in the Library through the pandemic interrupted year.

Sisters in Crime presented an entertaining evening of Short Story readings featuring 2020 *Body in the Library* short story winner Blanche Clark (pictured above left with Susanna Lobez, Carmel Shute and Jane Clifton)

While Zoom was how many of us engaged with the library through book clubs in 2021, volunteer book club coordinator Lynne Johnston (pictured bottom and second from the left) was able to host her book club's end of year function in the great outdoors.



2021 Year in Review

February

Melbourne Athenaeum 2020 resident playwright Angus Cerini awarded the 2021 Victorian Premier's literary award for drama for his play *Wonnangatta*. The library opened with limited services available to members. Book quarantine period ceased. Tea and coffee service and daily newspapers still unavailable. Role of full-time library and administration coordinator advertised.

March

Librarian and member, Lauren Francis joined the team and the library commenced 6-day opening. Book and screen club meetings returned to the library. Volunteers returned to assist library staff.

April

Library services return as Melbourne's Covid-19 restrictions ease. The 182nd Annual General meeting held in the library

May

Music in the library returned with Inventi Ensemble performing Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade*. Books that had been borrowed for more than a year returning to the library!

June

Steve Lucas, Jerome Smith, and Tanya-Lee Davies scheduled to perform in the library, all postponed as the city shut down due to Covid-19. Scarlet Stiletto award short story readings postponed.

July

Library re-opened with 2020 Scarlet Stiletto recipient and *Body in the Library* winner Blanche Clark hosting the event with *Sisters in Crime*. Library member Greg Hansen wins the gold medal at the 25th annual Independent Publisher Book Awards held in the USA. Greg's novel *Pelsaert's Nightmare* was announced as Best Regional Fiction in the Australia/New Zealand/Pacific Rim region. Book and screen clubs once again meeting on the Zoom platform.

August

Music was again scheduled with performances by Affinity Quartet and Rebecca Barnard with Monique Brumby. Again, Covid-19 caused cancellations of these events.

September

By September the library had again returned to providing Click and Collect service for members. Melbourne Writer's Festival moved to largely digital format and Melbourne's CBD was quiet again due to an increase in Covid-19 cases because of the surge in the Delta variant.

October

Melbourne Athenaeum awarded \$200,000 grant through Heritage Victoria to complete roof repairs.

Library refurbishment complete with the delivery of new Victorian-built oak tables with the support of a State Government grant of \$10,000. Click and collect service continued. Acquisitions librarian Eunice Ang resigned to take up a full-time role as a librarian with Eastern Health. An earthquake at Mansfield measuring 5.9 on the Richter scale was felt across the city. No damage was reported at our building.

November

Library reopened for "browse and borrow" as well as "click and collect". The management committee voted to provide a three-month membership extension in appreciation of member's support through the library's closure due to the pandemic.

December

Due to overwhelming demand Affinity Quartet provided two performances in December. The quartet performed work by Schubert and Debussy.

2021 Annual Giving Appeal

The Melbourne Athenaeum thanks those members who donated to the 2021 appeal. More than \$10,000 was raised with all funds used to improve library facilities. All donation are tax-deductible.

\$3,000 or more

Mr J. Waugh.

\$500 or more

Anon (2), Mr I. McBeath, Mr D. Smith.

\$200 or more

Anon (1), Ms C. Gibbs, Mr D. Reynolds, Ms S. Westwood.

\$100 or more

Anon (5), Mr M. Balmford, Ms S. Beaton, Ms J. Bissland, Mr I. Bissland, Ms L. Box, Ms L. Coulson, Ms J. Engdahl, Ms J. Harris, Ms M. Hicks, Ms S. Hill, Ms S. Hollow, Ms J. Johnston, Mr D. McLaren, Mr W. Mullane, Ms E. O'Keefe, Ms L. Payne, Ms P. Scott, Ms J. Talbot, Ms J. Thomas, Mr D. Thomas, Ms A. Turner, Mrs B. Coffield, Ms A. Wallace.

Up to \$100

Anon (1), Ms N. Barakat, Mr T. Blaschek, Mr J. Bloustein, Ms B. Duncan, Rev G. Edgcumbe, Mr M. Fawaz, Ms B. Gliddon, Mr G. Hansen, Mr J. Jellett, Mr M. Joyce, Ms S. Kidd, Ms P. Lloyd, Ms J. Lukins, Ms L. Mate, Ms G. McLachlan, Ms P. Miller, Ms M. Saheed, Mr M. Scholes, Ms K. Starnawski, Ms K. Turbitt, Ms C. Weeden, Mr. R. Youl.

The Melbourne Athenaeum Incorporated Management Committee

The following people held Committee positions and 12 meetings were held during 2021

	Members	Meetings Attended	Sub-Committees
	Don Smith, President	10/12	Executive, Property
	Kevin Quigley, Treasurer	11/12	Executive, Finance & Audit
	Barbara Gliddon, Vice President	12/12	Executive, Marketing & Membership
	Matthew Balmford (A/g President 09/21—02/22)	12/12	Property
	Louise Box	8/12	Marketing & Membership
	Marianne Dunham	11/12	Library
	Michael Fawaz	8/9	Library
	Christine Gibbs	9/12	Marketing & Membership
	Chris Johnson	10/12	Property
	Sue Reynolds	10/12	Library



Staff and volunteers have been eager to welcome members back to the pleasant tranquility of the library

The Melbourne Athenaeum Incorporated

Patron: The Hon Linda Dessau, AC, Governor of Victoria

Management Committee

President: Don Smith
Vice President: Barbara Gliddon
Treasurer: Kevin Quigley
Committee: Matthew Balmford (A/g President Oct 2021—Feb 2022)
Louise Box
Marianne Dunham
Michael Fawaz (until Sept 2021)
Christine Gibbs
Chris Johnson
Sue Reynolds

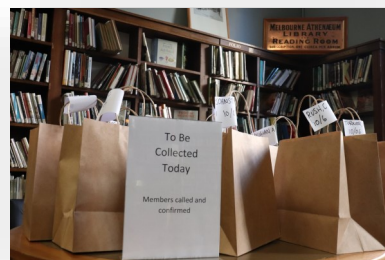
Athenaeum Staff: Sue Westwood, Business Manager
Fiona Malcolm, Senior Librarian
Eunice Ang (until Sept 2021)
James Baker
Lawana Coulson
Aubrey Flood (from Nov 2021)
Shannon Parsons (from Oct 2021)
David Pryor (Accountant)
Caroline Debevc (Senior Bookkeeper)

Library volunteers

Perry Anderson
Lea Beranek
Aaron Cook
Rhonda Crandle
Norma Gates
Fallon Huynh
Lynne Johnston
Thomas McCrossin
Moyra McAllister
Pat Miller
Shannon Parsons

Archive volunteers

Kimberley Hughes
Anne Marsden (Retired)
Christine Perkins



Honorary members

Marjorie Dalvean
Moyra McAllister
Leila Winchcombe

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The Melbourne Athenaeum Inc.

Reg. No. A0010369T

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

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Committee's Report

31 December 2021

The committee members submit the financial report of the Association for the financial year ended 31 December 2021.

1. General information

Committee members

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

Names	Position
Don Smith	President from 10/02/2022
Matt Balmford	Acting President till 10/02/2022
Barbara Gliddon	Vice-President
Kevin Quigley	Treasurer
Louise Box	Committee member
Marianne Dunham	Committee member
Christine Gibbs	Committee member
Chris Johnson	Committee member
Sue Reynolds	Committee member
Michael Fawaz	Committee member (resigned on 15/09/2021)

Principal activities

The principal activities of the Association during the financial year were to manage a heritage building, provide a library and encourage cultural activity.

Significant changes


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


2. Operating results and review of operations for the year

Operating result

The deficit of the Association for the financial year amounted to \$ (84,991) (2020 deficit: \$ (73,038)).

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

President: 
Don Smith

Treasurer: 
Kevin Quigley

Dated 06 April 2022

Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Committee of The Melbourne Athenaeum Inc.

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 December 2021, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



Andrew Fisher FCA, Partner (auditor registration number 306364) on behalf of
Banks Group Assurance Pty Ltd, Chartered Accountants
Authorised audit company registration number 294178 (ACN 115749598)

06 April 2022
Melbourne, Australia

Statement of Income and Expenditure

For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
Income			
Revenue	2	398,313	295,201
Other income	2	39,419	240,607
		437,732	535,808
Expenditure			
Advertising		7,265	2,503
Depreciation and amortisation expense		48,886	51,081
Employee benefit expense		224,677	302,012
Insurance		51,630	48,349
Office and administration costs		21,963	19,859
Other expenses		124,672	91,474
Rates, taxes and land tax		15,737	5,079
Repairs and maintenance		27,893	88,489
		522,723	608,846
Deficit after income tax		(84,991)	(73,038)
Retained surplus at the beginning of the financial year		3,255,560	3,328,598
Retained surplus at the end of the financial year		3,170,569	3,255,560

Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	418,588	302,762
Receivables	4	282	20,760
Other non-financial assets	5	31,648	25,369
Other financial assets	6	71,241	62,466
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		521,759	411,357
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	7	8,661,741	8,699,327
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		8,661,741	8,699,327
TOTAL ASSETS		9,183,500	9,110,684
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	8	54,805	32,221
Employee benefits	9	31,714	27,277
Other liabilities	10	135,667	5,598
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		222,186	65,096
TOTAL LIABILITIES		222,186	65,096
NET ASSETS		8,961,314	9,045,588
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Accumulated surplus		3,170,569	3,255,560
Asset revaluation reserve		5,791,613	5,791,613
Investment revaluation reserve		(868)	(1,585)
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		8,961,314	9,045,588

Statement of Changes in Members' Funds

For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

2021

	Accumulated surplus	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Investment Revaluation Reserve	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2021	3,255,560	5,791,613	(1,585)	9,045,588
Deficit attributable to members	(84,991)	-	-	(84,991)
Revaluation changes for financial assets	-	-	717	717
Balance at 31 December 2021	3,170,569	5,791,613	(868)	8,961,314

2020

	Accumulated surplus	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Investment Revaluation Reserve	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2020	3,328,598	5,791,613	(1,340)	9,118,871
Deficit attributable to members	(73,038)	-	-	(73,038)
Revaluation changes for financial assets	-	-	(245)	(245)
Balance at 31 December 2020	3,255,560	5,791,613	(1,585)	9,045,588

Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
Note	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Receipts from subscriptions	55,970	53,157
Payments to suppliers and employees	(504,993)	(601,919)
Rental income	384,844	182,834
Interest and Investment income	10,436	16,159
Receipt from grants and other income	188,927	316,851
Net cash provided by operating activities	11 <u>135,184</u>	<u>(32,918)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(11,300)	(122,329)
Purchase of financial assets	(8,058)	(3,794)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(19,358)</u>	<u>(126,123)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents held	115,826	(159,041)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	302,762	461,803
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	3 <u><u>418,588</u></u>	<u><u>302,762</u></u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Preparation

This financial report is a special purpose financial statement prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. The Committee has determined that the not-for-profit Association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, AASB 107 *Statement of Cash Flows*, AASB 108 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors* and AASB 1054 *Australian Additional Disclosures*.

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 functional and presentation currency of The Melbourne Athenaeum Inc. is Australian dollars. Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

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.

(b) Income Tax

The Association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

(c) Revenue and Other Income

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method.

Revenue from membership subscriptions is recognised on a cash basis

Investment property revenue is recognised as and when receivable under the terms of the lease agreements with the property tenants.

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

Grant revenue

Where grant income arises from an agreement which is enforceable and contains sufficiently specific performance obligations then the revenue is recognised when control of each performance obligation is satisfied.

Each performance obligation is considered to ensure that the revenue recognition reflects the transfer of control and within grant agreements there may be some performance obligations where control transfers at a point in time and others which have continuous transfer of control over the life of the contract.

Amounts arising from grants in the scope of AASB 1058 are recognised at the assets fair value when the asset is received. The Company considers whether there are any related liability or equity items associated with the asset which are recognised in accordance with the relevant accounting standard.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies continued

(c) Revenue and Other Income continued

Other income

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis when the Association is entitled to it.

(d) 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 Tax 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 the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

(e) Property, Plant and Equipment

Property

The land was purchased in 1842 and there have been no comparable sales in the immediate area for some time. In 2017 the Committee decided to value the land component of the Property to that calculated by the Tax Office for Land Tax purposes of \$3,060,000 resulting in a credit to the Asset Revaluation Reserve of \$3,060,000.

The building is a valuable heritage site and heavily protected by heritage orders. It is also subject to constant renovation and restoration. The replacement cost is difficult to determine so in 2017 the Committee decided to revalue it on the basis of its economic worth to The Melbourne Athenaeum, being a discounted calculation of actual and implied rentals for the next ten years. This resulted in a valuation of \$5,000,000 and a transfer to the Asset Revaluation Reserve of \$2,610,956.

Plant and Equipment

Plant and Equipment is carried at cost less depreciation over the useful life of the assets.

The Book Collection

In 2017 the Committee re-valued The Book Collection from the carrying value in 2016 of \$179,343 to \$300,000, resulting in a transfer to the revaluation reserve of \$120,657.

The valuation reflects the current replacement cost, based on the average purchase price of books discounted by 50% to reflect the average age of The Book Collection.

Depreciation

Plant and equipment, excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life to the Association, commencing when each asset is ready for use.

(f) Cash and cash equivalents

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

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies continued

(g) 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 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 expected to be settled more than twelve months after the end of the reporting period 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 satisfy vesting requirements. Changes in the measurement of the liability are recognised in income and expenditure.

Employee benefits are presented as current liabilities in the statement of financial position if the Association does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting date regardless of the classification of the liability for measurement purposes under AASB 119.

(h) Leases

AASB 16 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019.

The objective of the disclosures is for lessors to disclose information in the notes that, together with the information provided in the statement of financial position, statement of profit or loss and statement of cash flows, gives a basis for users of financial statements to assess the effect that leases have on the financial position, financial performance and cash flows of the lessor.

A lessor shall disclose a maturity analysis of lease payments, showing the undiscounted lease payments to be received on an annual basis for a minimum of each of the first five years and a total of the amounts for the remaining years.

	First 5 years	Remaining years
	\$	\$
Undiscounted lease payment to be received	4,203,495	13,388,597

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

2 Revenue and Other Income

Revenue from continuing operations

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Revenue		
- Rental income	314,053	183,279
- Member subscriptions	50,894	48,325
- Grant income	30,088	55,656
- Other trading revenue	3,278	7,941
Total operating revenue	398,313	295,201
Other revenue		
- JobKeeper Subsidy	29,700	176,550
- Interest and investment income	9,719	8,217
- ATO CashFlow Boost	-	55,840
Total other revenue	39,419	240,607
Total Revenue	437,732	535,808

3 Cash and cash equivalents

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	418,588	302,762

4 Receivables

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Receivables	2,816	6,779
Provision for impairment	(2,534)	(6,101)
Other receivables	-	20,082
Total current receivables	282	20,760

The carrying value of receivables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the fair value of each class of receivable in the financial statements.

5 Other non-financial assets

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Prepayments	31,648	25,369

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

6 Other Financial Assets

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Opening Black Rock investment	62,466	58,917
Distribution reinvested	8,058	3,794
Revaluation of investment	717	(245)
Closing value	71,241	62,466

7 Property, plant and equipment

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
PROPERTY		
At Committee's valuation	8,060,000	8,060,000
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Plant and equipment		
At cost	121,834	121,834
Accumulated depreciation	(108,383)	(103,060)
Total plant and equipment	13,451	18,774
Furniture, fixtures and fittings		
At cost	285,742	274,442
Accumulated depreciation	(116,980)	(97,173)
Total furniture, fixtures and fittings	168,762	177,269
Office equipment		
At cost	50,128	50,128
Accumulated depreciation	(37,092)	(25,876)
Total office equipment	13,036	24,252
The Book Collection		
At Committee's valuation	300,000	300,000
Theatre Fittings		
At cost	250,694	250,694
Accumulated depreciation	(144,202)	(131,662)
Total theatre fittings	106,492	119,032
Total plant and equipment	601,741	639,327
Total property, plant and equipment	8,661,741	8,699,327

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8 Trade and other payables

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Unsecured liabilities		
Sundry payables and accruals	17,606	18,738
Trade payables	18,061	14,549
GST payable/(receivable)	19,138	(1,066)
Total trade and other payables	54,805	32,221

9 Employee Benefits

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Provision for Annual leave	13,964	14,856
Provision for Long service leave	17,750	12,421
Total employee benefits	31,714	27,277

10 Other liabilities

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Income received in advance	46,755	5,598
Deferred income	88,912	-
Total other liabilities	135,667	5,598

11 Cash Flow Information

Reconciliation of result for the year to cashflows from operating activities

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Deficit for the year	(84,991)	(73,038)
Cash flows excluded from surplus attributable to operating activities		
Non-cash flows in surplus:		
- depreciation	48,886	51,081
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- decrease/(increase) in receivables	20,478	(8,421)
- (increase)/decrease in other assets	(6,280)	61,368
- (decrease)/increase in trade and other payables	22,584	(34,998)
- (decrease)/increase in other liabilities	130,070	(15,673)
- (decrease)/increase in employee benefits	4,437	(13,237)
Cashflow from operations	135,184	(32,918)

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

12 Remuneration of Auditors

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Remuneration of the auditor of the Association, Banks Group Assurance Pty Ltd, for:		
- Auditing or reviewing the financial report	<u>6,800</u>	<u>6,500</u>

13 The Melbourne Athenaeum Deductible Gift Recipient Fund

The Melbourne Athenaeum Deductible Gift Recipient Fund was created to keep donations separate from the Athenaeum's general funds and facilitate the tax deductibility of donations, in accordance with the requirements of tax legislation and related guidance. For accounting purposes, the fund is treated as a separate entity to the Melbourne Athenaeum Incorporated and its income and expenditure is not incorporated in these accounts.

14 Contingencies

In the opinion of the Committee of Management, the Association did not have any contingencies at 31 December 2021 (31 December 2020: None).

15 Events Occurring After the Reporting Date

The rapid outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19) presents an alarming health crisis and has a significant impact on the economies of the affected countries. The extent of the impact of COVID-19 on the Association's operational and financial performance will depend on certain developments, including the duration and spread of the outbreak, impact on its members, employees and vendors all of which are uncertain and cannot be predicted.

This event will not individually or collectively cast a significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern and the going concern assumption is still appropriate as a basis for the preparation of the Association's financial statements.

Except for the above, no other matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or could significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

16 Association Details

The registered office of the association is:

The Melbourne Athenaeum Inc.

188 Collins Street

MELBOURNE VIC 3000


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 3 to 13:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of The Melbourne Athenaeum Inc. as at 31 December 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 The Melbourne Athenaeum 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:

President 
Don Smith

Treasurer 
Kevin Quigley

Dated 06 April 2022

Independent Audit Report to the members of The Melbourne Athenaeum Inc.

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of The Melbourne Athenaeum Inc. (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2021, the statement of income and expenditure, the statement of changes in members' funds and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the statement by members of the committee.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Association for the year ended 31 December 2021 is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

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 auditor independence requirements of 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.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1(a) of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared to assist the Association in complying with the financial reporting provisions of the Associations Incorporations Reform Act 2012. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the Association and should not be distributed to or used by parties other than the Association. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance

The officers of The Melbourne Athenaeum are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

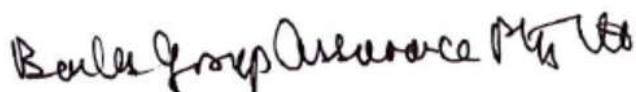
In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Association 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.

Independent Audit Report to the members of The Melbourne Athenaeum Inc.

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.



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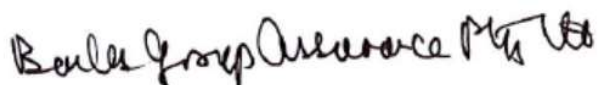


Andrew Fisher FCA, Partner
Registration number 306364

Melbourne, Australia
06 April 2022

Disclaimer

The additional financial data presented on page 18 is in accordance with the books and records of the Association which have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our statutory audit of the Association for the year ended 31 December 2021. It will be appreciated that our statutory audit did not cover all details of the additional financial data. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on such financial data and we give no warranty of accuracy or reliability in respect of the data provided. Neither the firm nor any member or employee of the firm undertakes responsibility in any way whatsoever to any person (other than The Melbourne Athenaeum Inc.) in respect of such data, including any errors or omissions therein however caused.



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The Melbourne Athenaeum Inc.

Reg. No. A0010369T

Income and Expenditure Account

For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Income		
ATO CashFlow Boost	-	55,840
JobKeeper Subsidy	29,700	176,550
Member subscriptions	50,894	48,325
Operating grants	30,088	55,656
Other income	9,719	8,217
Other trading revenue	3,278	7,941
Rental revenue for property investment	314,053	183,279
Total Income	437,732	535,808
Less: Expenses		
Accounting and professional fees	(36,535)	(28,805)
Advertising, awards, and promotion	(19,265)	(4,503)
Auditor's remuneration	(6,800)	(6,600)
Bank charges	(85)	(79)
Board and AGM expenses	(1,850)	(1,973)
Book purchases	(34,643)	(26,593)
Cleaning	(1,158)	(2,353)
Computer expenses	(14,726)	(11,960)
Depreciation	(48,886)	(51,081)
Electricity	(2,745)	(1,944)
Freight and cartage	-	(41)
Insurance	(5,416)	(6,690)
Insurance - Building	(43,856)	(39,461)
Land tax	(13,369)	(3,936)
Magazines, journals and periodicals	(3,359)	(1,408)
Member functions and newsletters	(192)	(291)
Office supplies	(1,584)	(1,757)
Postage	(872)	(3,682)
Printing and stationery	(755)	(845)
Provision long service leave	(5,329)	(1,218)
Rates and taxes	(2,368)	(3,087)
Repairs and maintenance	(27,893)	(88,489)
Salaries and wages	(199,576)	(279,783)
Staff training and amenities	(1,049)	(64)
Subscriptions	(2,442)	(2,321)
Sundry expenses	(24,960)	(13,195)
Superannuation contributions	(18,722)	(20,947)
Telephone	(3,051)	(4,525)
Workers' compensation insurance	(1,237)	(1,215)
Total Expenses	(522,723)	(608,846)
Deficit	(84,991)	(73,038)