



Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre Inc

Annual Report

July 2021 to June 2022

Our vision

A place where everyone can connect with nature to improve health and wellbeing and be inspired to care for our precious natural environment



Image: Grimshaw

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Message from the Acting Chair



This has been our fourth year since incorporation and we have continued to work with the Hobsons Bay community and our partners, to bring the incredible biodiversity of our wetlands into their lives. The hard and satisfying work that we have taken on this year has seen the achievement of some exciting developments for the Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre Incorporated (HBWC) and the Hobsons Bay community. At times we still faced the challenges of working within COVID-related restrictions, although these restrictions did allow many people to enjoy the beautiful wetlands and open space of our region and our educational walks were well received. Hopefully we were able to enhance people's appreciation and enjoyment of this special place where they live.

Workshops, community events and partnering all continued during the year, even though we were sometimes forced to use on-line forums due to the restrictions. World Mental Health Day was celebrated on-line this year, but fortunately restrictions had eased sufficiently for us to enjoy a rescheduled World Wetlands Day in May with the community at our temporary home in the Truganina Explosives Reserve. We conducted workshops and tours on the wetlands and promoted wetland-associated events including the launch of a children's book and art installation, all with the welcome assistance of the members of HBWC. Our regular newsletters, email updates and social media posts kept the wetlands and HBWC's progress and achievements in the minds of our many members and supporters.

One of the most exciting and very satisfying developments this year was the completion of the concept design for our future wetlands centre on the banks of Laverton Creek. The design project was sponsored and managed by the Hobsons Bay City Council (HBCC) and was undertaken by internationally-renowned architects Grimshaw. The Council has designated the establishment of a wetlands centre complex as a priority project for the City of Hobsons Bay and has generously supported and involved our group in all stages of the design and subsequent advocacy for funding to build the centre.

The diverse range of projects and events that we have been involved with this year can be found later in this report and I hope that they have contributed to our reputation both within the Hobsons Bay community and in the wider wetlands network of Victoria, Australia and internationally. However, all of these achievements have only been possible with the selfless commitment of time and energy of our Committee of Management, our Team Leaders, our members and volunteers, and with the support and guidance of our partners and particularly the City of Hobsons Bay. Together we have continued to bring the wonder of wetlands into the lives of many people to the benefit of their long-term health as well as that of the wetlands.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Wood'. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Kevin Wood
Acting Chair

Our Organisation

HBWC is a community-based not-for-profit charity with the vision to connect people with nature to improve their health and well-being and inspire them to care for our precious natural environment. Our purpose is to protect and enhance the natural environment along the north-western shoreline of Port Phillip Bay and we are on the Register of Environmental Organisations and with deductible gift recipient status. Donations are received through our website at <https://hobsonsabaywetlandscentre.org.au> and through the GiveNow donations platform at <https://www.givenow.com.au>. For the first time since incorporation, our finances have been audited in the 2021-2022 financial year, and that audit is presented in Section 5 of this report.

HBWC's continued success is only possible because of the skills, expertise, commitment and dedication of our volunteers, with support from small grants and in-kind assistance from other organisations. Over the year, HBWC membership increased to 73 and we continue to encourage people to join us, whether or not they have the time to volunteer with us. The membership form is available on our website <https://hobsonsabaywetlandscentre.org.au> where details of all our events, news and publications are also available. We also share what is happening in the wetlands on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/hobsonsabaywetlandscentre> and Instagram page [hbwetlandscentre](https://www.instagram.com/hbwetlandscentre).

Strategic Directions

HBWC continues to pursue four key strategic areas:

- Recreation for health and wellbeing
- Education and learning
- Conservation
- Development of an inspiring meeting place

Our work in each of these areas is described throughout this Annual Report. As in the previous year, the pandemic restrictions have limited the number of activities we could hold at our temporary home at Truganina Explosives Reserve in Altona. However, one positive outcome was that we introduced a series of popular guided walks in the wetlands when indoor contact was restricted.

Our Values

Our values define who we are, what we stand for and how we will achieve our purpose. They are the foundation for our policies, actions and behaviours and uphold the vision of the organisation. They let everyone else know what is important to us and how we will engage with them. Decisions we make will reflect our values and be directed towards achieving our aims. All who work in or for our organisation are encouraged to embrace and reflect these values.

Inclusivity

- Respect for people from all cultures, identities and abilities
- Respect for indigenous culture and heritage
- Caring for people, community and the natural environment
- Connecting to members, volunteers, participants and partners

Integrity

- Being honest and accountable
- Being fair and ethical
- Being transparent and open

Innovation

- Learning from the past, embracing new ideas and adapting to change
- Being courageous
- Demonstrating best practice in pursuit of excellence

Stewardship

- Nurturing of healthy, sustainable ecosystems, biodiversity and protection of species
- Promoting the wellbeing and hopes of the community through the natural environment
- Delivering careful, ethical and professional governance of the organisation
- Creating a legacy for future generations

Promoting joy and wonder

- Creating a sense of fun, awe, curiosity and inquiry
- Opening people's eyes to the natural world
- Inspiring people to explore and appreciate nature and the rich tapestry of ecosystems, particularly across Hobsons Bay

Volunteers – Ambassadors for Nature

HBWC is led by a volunteer Committee of Management and the majority of our programs are coordinated and conducted by volunteers, with only the occasional limited project funding for short term roles. The extraordinary work carried out by our volunteers over the year has connected people with nature, shared our knowledge and enthusiasm about the local wetlands, encouraged the community's contribution to conserving the biodiversity of the wetlands and progressed our journey towards establishing a Centre on the H D Graham Reserve in Altona. Our volunteers truly were Ambassadors for Nature! When completing a Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) survey assessing volunteer hours in not-for-profit organisations, HBWC estimated that 30 volunteers had contributed close to 5000 hours in 2021-2022. We are so very, very grateful to all those people who have given up their time and contributed their energy to be ambassadors for nature in our wonderful wetlands. Our volunteers were supported by our Volunteer Coordinator, Sandra Wilson in 2021-2022.

Committees and Teams

The work of HBWC is led by a Committee of Management whose members contribute a diverse range of skills, including governance, business, education, environmental management and community engagement. We are lucky to benefit from their expertise.

Details of Committee members can be found in the Financial Report Section, and teams, subcommittees and team leaders are:

Centre Development – Working towards a purpose-built centre

Team leader Gordon Lescinsky

Public Relations and Events – Connecting with our community

Team leader Penny Bell

Citizen Science – Bringing science to everyone

Team leader Nick Olliff

Key Biodiversity Guardianship – Caring for birds in the wetlands

Team leader Kevin Wood

Governance – Strengthening our organisation

Sub-Committee Chair Kevin Wood

Our Partnerships

Strategic Partners

Our significant progress during the year would not have been possible without the support of our strategic partners who have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) committing to work with us to achieve our vision and purpose. Partners are Hobsons Bay City Council (HBCC), Deakin University, Melbourne Water, Greater Western Water, Ecolinc, Cirqit Health and Birdlife Australia.

HBCC continues to support our community activities by allowing us the shared use of Truganina Explosives Reserve and providing grants and in-kind assistance for our open days and workshops. Support and advice from the HBCC Conservation Team has been invaluable and the HBCC Make it Happen Recovery and Reconnection grant allowed us to employ workshops and community engagement coordinators. HBCC has adopted the vision of HBWC, has funded the development for a Concept Design for a purpose-built wetlands centre, has endorsed the project as a key advocacy priority, and has committed \$5 million in its forward capital works program.

Other Partners and Supporters

In addition to our formal partnerships, HBWC continues to engage with other organisations at both government and community level. We have reached out to the Bunurong Land Council and other Traditional owners. Hobsons Bay Community Fund supported us with a grant and was patient when their contribution was spread across two years because of COVID restrictions. Parks Victoria, Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority (CMA), Corangamite CMA, Greening the West, Lead West, Altona Village Traders, Truganina Explosives Reserve Preservation Society, Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre and many other groups and organisations support us in enhancing the health and wellbeing of everyone and our natural environment. We are registered with Wetlands Link International, a world-wide wetlands network to share our journey with other centres and learn more about wetlands. Our volunteer, Jackie Kerin, is helping us build our relationships with other centres along the East Asian Australasian Flyway.

Our Program Areas

Our work is managed, and our progress achieved, through the activities of our volunteer teams and subcommittees.

Public Relations and Events - connecting with our community

Team objective: to promote the centre and invite community participation in events that help people connect with nature.

Successful outcomes:

- Two open days with over 300 community members attending
- Six workshops to promote wellbeing as well as an understanding of how to enjoy, protect and preserve the wetlands
- 3000 followers and subscribers across our Facebook, Instagram and quarterly eNews communication channels.

Our talented Public Relations and Events team delivered a wonderful series of events and workshops to engage with our community.

In 2021-2022 the team was led by Penny Bell and included Sandra Wilson (strategic adviser), Rob Mancini (creative director), Melissa Sheedy (social media coordinator until April) and Brandi Olliff (social media coordinator), Rebecca Gelsi (events coordinator), Christine Rockley (workshops coordinator), Carol Challis (newsletter editor), Jackie Kerin (events specialist and storyteller), Philippa Marchbank (workshop assistant), Sally Lock and Penny Rawlins (until March). Brandi Olliff joined the group in June as a Deakin University intern and has contributed significantly to social media and other PR activities. Of course, there were many other contributors, and we thank everyone for their help to raise the profile of HBWC and help the community strengthen connections to our wonderful wetlands.

Engaging with the community

In October 2021 we recognised World Mental Health Day and World Migratory Bird Day, as we welcomed the migratory birds back for the summer. COVID meant that this 'Open Day' was once again online. Our presenters helped us explore both migratory birds and mental health through yoga, a talk about the migratory birds of Hobsons Bay, craft and stories and a discussion on the link between nature and wellbeing.

Although we were unable to hold our annual World Wetlands Day celebration in February again due to COVID, we celebrated our wetlands at the Truganina Explosives Reserve in May. A special appearance by the Orbweavers, and many fun nature-based activities for kids of all ages, made it a really wonderful event for over 200 visitors. We are particularly grateful to our volunteer event coordinator, Rebecca Gelsi along with our volunteers, members, partner organisations, friends and fans who helped put on this excellent community event.

Our workshop program continued to be very successful with six workshops using a combination of online and face-to-face activities. A big thanks to our workshop presenters and those who participated in our "Let's Talk Stormwater" panel discussion in February. Our workshops have been supported by Hobson Bay City Council's Make it Happen grants program, aiming to reconnect people following COVID restrictions. This grant allowed us to complete a project focussing on a sustainable workshop delivery system, coordinated by Christine Rockley and to develop a database of community groups in Hobsons Bay coordinated by Sandy Gonzalez.

Through the development of our community database, managed by volunteer Helen Meyer-Tinning, we have the opportunity to promote the vision and activities of HBWC to a wide range of organisations. Marilyn Olliff, assisted by volunteer ambassadors Rebecca Patrick, Carol Challis, Sandy Gonzalez and Mel Sheedy, were invited to speak to 5 organisations during the year.

Many of our volunteers participated in events and activities hosted by others including but not limited to Williamstown Literary Festival, presentations at local schools, Clean Up Australia Day, Art and Industry Festival, Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek tree planting day and 3RRR's Radio Marinara radio program.

Online engagement

Many of our talks and workshops are available through our website, social media platforms and our quarterly eNews. Volunteers Melissa and Brandi create inspired Facebook and Instagram posts on a regular basis, Carol collated terrific newsletters, and Rob and Terttu Mancini looked after our website and published our quarterly eNews. Our warm thanks to them all.

Centre Development – working towards a purpose-built centre

The Centre Development Team has the objectives to:

- work with key partners
- establish a purpose-built Wetlands Centre, and
- enable the mission and vision of the HBWC

Successful outcomes for the year included the completion of the concept design for the new Centre and development of an advocacy campaign to procure funding to build the Centre. In 2021-2022, the Centre Development Team consisted of Marilyn Olliff, Gordon Lescinsky, Sandra Wilson and John Kean.

HBCC-funded Architecture Project

In July 2021, following an extensive HBCC Expression of Interest process, an HBCC-funded Architecture Project commenced the process of designing a purpose-built Wetlands Centre at HD Graham Reserve. HBCC invited HBWC to contribute directly to the project through a role on the HBCC-led Project Steering Group (PSG). Dr. Phil Roos, architect and Director of the Deakin Live+Smart Research Lab also joined the PSG to help the project achieve the aims of the Wetlands Centre Architect's Brief.

The Architecture Project team appointed a world-class consortium of architects, including lead firm Grimshaw, landscape architecture partner McGregor-Coxall, and Indigenous design partner Greenaway Architects. In November 2021, the project delivered a Concept Design, which provides visualisations and designs for both the building and landscaping of the reserve. The design incorporates the principles utilised in Indigenous Design, Environmentally Sustainable Design, and Biophilic Design.

As part of the project, HBCC held consultation workshops with elders of the Bunurong Land Council, which resulted in an Indigenous Insights report and initiated a formal relationship on the project with the Traditional Owners.

HBCC has allocated funding to continue with detailed design and construction of the Centre when funding from other sources for construction is achieved.

Advocacy Campaign

In November 2021, the Architecture Project reached a scheduled pause, so that the PSG could devote 12 months to an Advocacy Campaign, to seek \$16M funding from all levels of government for the purpose of ensuring construction.

Development of the Wetlands Centre has been designated as one of Council's top five strategic priorities which is supported by an Advocacy Strategy that includes a new Prospectus document aimed at potential investors.

The Centre Development team participated in meetings led by HBCC with State and Federal Members of Parliament in December, and with the Victorian Minister for Environment and Climate Action, the Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio MP in May.

In a further major commitment to the development of the Wetlands Centre in June 2022, the Council committed to \$5 million in funding contingent on support from other levels of government.

Citizen Science – bringing science to everyone

Objectives: to identify and encourage Citizen Science projects that will engage people with the environment.

Key Outcomes:

- Monitoring waterway health for Waterwatch Victoria
- Coordinating Hobsons Bay's contribution to the Greater Southern Bioblitz
- Contributing to Blue Carbon Lab (BCL) research

COVID-19 had a continuing impact on our Citizen Science activities, with a decrease in volunteer numbers because of restrictions which limited travelling and interacting. However, this also provided the opportunity to promote Citizen Science amongst the membership, reenergise the team with the help of zoom meetings, and reflect on future plans. During the year, team volunteers included Nick Olliff (team leader), Keri Chater, Sandy Gonzalez, Lance Lessels and Sandy Webb and our thanks to them for helping to conserve our precious wetlands.

Testing water quality in Laverton Creek had to be put on hold during the year due to COVID restrictions but monitoring and reporting to Waterwatch Victoria was able to recommence at the beginning of 2022. The team attended online training with Melbourne Water to refresh their skills before recommencing the monitoring program. The team also contributed to an art project funded by HBCC to teach primary school children about monitoring water quality.

In another Citizen Science activity, the team reached out to the Australian Museum to participate in their Frog ID program, and learnt how to upload and identify species on the Museum app. Identifying frogs will continue as a Spring time activity for the team into the future.

Our partnership with Deakin University's BCL continued during the year, through contributions to their work with HBCC in mapping the blue carbon-storing potential of the coastal eco-system. Plans were also made for later in 2022, when the Citizen Science team will contribute to BCL's research in the wetlands to survey weeds and micro-plastic pollution.

The strong partnership with Port Phillip Ecocentre (PPEC) continued this year, and the team contributed to the Baykeeper's shell survey at Altona and Jawbone Marine Sanctuary, resulting in the identification of fourteen types of shells at Altona and sixteen at Jawbone. Our Citizen Science team leader also spoke with PPEC about designs for the lab in their new building and contributed to a grant proposal for citizen science activities in Port Phillip and Altona.

In May, the Citizen Science team spoke about HBWC Citizen Science activities at the first of a series of forums held by Coastcare to celebrate volunteers who contribute to the health of the State's marine and coastal environment. The team also represented HBWC at Parks Victoria workshops.

Key Biodiversity Area Guardianship - advocating for birds in the wetlands

Objective: Prepare an annual health check of significant birds and their habitats in the Cheetham and Altona Key Biodiversity Area (KBA) as a basis for advocating for wetland management and protection to Birdlife Australia and key government agencies

HBWC was rewarded for its community advocacy for coastal wetlands in and near the City of Hobsons Bay by being chosen as the Guardian for the Cheetham and Altona Key Biodiversity Area. HBWC continued to run awareness, conservation and advocacy programs designed to protect these significant wetlands and implement some of the most important findings from the 2021 KBA Health Check report.

HBWC has established a co-ordinated KBA-wide bird monitoring program with the help of an enthusiastic group of experienced amateur bird counters that has completed six counts since November 2021. A Research Permit from Parks Victoria has been granted to the Centre for access to the restricted area of Cheetham Wetlands and these have also been included in the KBA-wide surveys since June 2022. The Centre's bird surveys provide an important input to the Melbourne Water Regional Bird Monitoring Project with Birdlife Australia as a partner.

HBWC provided input to the City of Hobsons Bay draft Coast and Marine Management Plan, making comment on habitat aspects of some of the Plan's actions. We also made a major submission to DELWP on their proposal to expand the area of wetlands included in the Western Port Phillip Bay and Bellarine Peninsula Ramsar Site as part of their public consultation late in the year. HBWC advocated strongly for the inclusion of KBA wetlands that are not currently included in the Ramsar site and recommended that management of these areas be integrated with the Ramsar site management plan. DELWP is managing the Ramsar site boundary review and has advised that finalisation of the boundaries will take some time and requires Australian Government approval.

HBWC continued to participate in meetings of the Port Phillip Ramsar Site Steering Committee during the year together with representatives of all the agencies managing wetlands in the Ramsar site

Governance - strengthening our organisation

Objective: to set out the way we do things for an effective, efficient and happy organisation

HBWC is governed by a skills-based Committee of Management which had nine members across the 2021-22 financial year. Full details of the Committee can be seen in Section 5 of this report.

The Committee met 10 times during 2021-22 to consider the business of the organisation, and all decisions are recorded in the minutes of these meetings. The Committee also met at specific issue workshops at other times to progress priority matters, such as the strategic and business plans. The Governance Sub-committee met twice during the year, with substantial business dealt with out of session by committee members.

Compliance Framework

The Governance Sub-committee developed a Compliance Framework for the organisation that was completed by the end of June 2022. It was adopted by the Management Committee at its meeting of 19th July 2022. The Framework has been used in the completion of end-of-year reporting and other compliance actions, some of which are referred to in this 2021-2022 Annual Report.

The Compliance Framework was identified as a priority policy for the organisation to ensure that all reasonable measures are being taken to comply with relevant legislation, association rules, applicable standards and codes, and conditions of funding agreements. It is designed to demonstrate to our members, our partners, other stakeholders and the wider community that the management committee

is acting in accordance with our organisational values and is a good corporate citizen. The Framework comprises a policy statement of the purpose, scope and principles for compliance, a detailed catalogue of its compliance obligations, the Compliance Register, and a monitoring and reporting program that demonstrates compliance obligations have been met.

Compliance Attestation

HBWC has developed and adopted a Compliance Framework which identifies and establishes controls to ensure that all reasonable measures are being taken to comply with relevant legislation, association rules, applicable standards and codes, and conditions of funding agreements that apply to the operation of the organisation. All relevant provisions identified in the Framework's Compliance Register that were applicable to the organisation in the 2021-22 business year have been reviewed and compliance with their requirements has been assessed. The Governance Sub-committee has notified the Management Committee that the most significant compliance requirements applicable to the organisation have been met for the 2021-22 year, and measures put in place to ensure that all requirements will be met in the future.



Kevin Wood
Acting Chair

Business Planning

Continuing to develop and expand our Centre's philosophical and operational direction is important for us to grow as an organisation and to find better ways to be relevant to the community and our members. A major activity that we undertook during the year was to re-examine our business strategy through the lens of operating as a social business enterprise. With the assistance of an experienced facilitator and strategic mentor, Viv McWaters of Creative Facilitation, the Management Committee developed an operating framework for the organisation to be a community-based business aiming to deliver programs with social and environmental benefits.

Working through this framework the group was able to identify key customers and partners, relationships, resources and revenue streams. Together we have clearly defined our key impacts in the community to be:

- improving the health and quality of life of Hobsons Bay residents and visitors, and
- protecting Port Phillip Bay's coastal wetlands.

To achieve these outcomes, we believe we can offer services that provide:

- Opportunities for people in Melbourne's west to connect with nature through rich learning experiences that are restorative, fun and rewarding
- A welcoming, open hub for people looking for a nature-based group to meet new friends while making a meaningful difference to their local environment.
- A partner for conservation and health agencies to focus community efforts on increasing the health of humans and the health and stewardship of the significant coastal environment.

In working through this process, the Centre has reimagined its programs through a new lens, that of a social enterprise, while reinforcing our focus on the main programs through which we interact with the community and our partners.

Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre Impact Map – Improved quality of life for residents and visitors

The Challenge	People in our community are increasingly alienated from the natural world and each other ●	We need to create opportunities for them to experience the wonders and healing power of the local wetlands ●	We need accessible and enjoyable ways for people to learn about and immerse themselves in the local wetlands habitats ●	We can bring people into the wetlands, help them to appreciate their value, foster caring for the wetlands, and thereby strengthen their family and community connections and their pride in the place where they live ●	
If we	Use a community-based organisation to run programs to raise awareness of the regional wetlands and their ability to increase happiness ●	Create a home where wetland education, awareness and engagement activities can be provided ●	Bring people into contact with wetlands and introduce them to ways of caring for wetlands ●		
By	Establishing an exciting biophilic wetland facility in a wetland parkland ●	Promoting participation in the Wetland Centre's programs ●	Running education and conservation projects that are enjoyable and instructive ●	Running events that bring people into contact with nature and each other ●	
This will result in	Greater awareness of the significance and diversity of wetlands in the region by people living within and visting the City of Hobsons Bay ●	Increased participation in wetland tours and conservation projects ●	Increased enjoyment of the wetland parklands of the City of Hobsons Bay ●	Increased appreciation of the attributes that the City of Hobsons Bay has to offer, increased sense of 'connectedness' of residents in the City of Hobsons Bay ●	Participation by people in meaningful science and conservation projects ●
And eventually lead to	Increased personal well-being ●	Reduction of barriers to participation in community activities ●	Growth of authentic connections in the local community ●	Increased support for municipal open space and conservation management programs ●	
Contributing to a broad goal of		Breaking social isolation and building community			

The strategic planning process, as in any progressive organisation, is on-going, and a new strategic plan commenced in June 2022 and should be delivered by end 2022.

Special Purpose Financial Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2022

Committee of Management Report

Your committee members present the special purpose financial report on the entity for the financial year ended 30 June 2022.

Committee Members

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

Name	Portfolio
Dr Marilyn Olliff	Chairperson
Kevin Wood	Deputy Chairperson
Jenny Mitchell OAM	Secretary
Craig Rowley	Treasurer
Gordon Lescinsky	Committee Member
Nicholas Olliff	Committee Member
Penelope Bell	Committee Member
Sally Lock	Committee Member
Sandra Wilson	Committee Member

Resigned 19 July 2022

Committee Members for the Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre Public Fund

Jenny Mitchell OAM
Nicholas Olliff
Sandra Wilson

Principal Activities

Hobsons Bay Wetland Centre Inc is a not-for-profit community group which is passionate about connecting people with nature.

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 \$17,767 (2021: \$16,653 - Surplus).

Significant Changes in State of Affairs

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


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

Chairperson



Dr Marilyn Olliff

Treasurer



Craig Rowley

Dated this 4th day of November 2022

Financial Statements

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
INCOME		
Membership Fees	1,420	1,020
Product Sales	30	-
Event Ticket Sales	2,104	1,603
Donations Received	1,530	1,226
Grants Received	500	22,310
Interest Received	13	16
TOTAL INCOME	5,597	26,175
EXPENDITURE		
Accounting & Bookkeeping	88	-
Advertising & Marketing	1,905	80
Contractor Fees	14,580	-
Computer & IT Expenses	170	2,137
Entertainment	137	-
Event Costs	5,669	4,320
Insurance	560	834
Inventory Purchases	-	660
Legal Fees	60	429
Staff Training & Education	195	875
Sundry Expenses	-	186
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	23,365	9,522
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	(17,767)	16,653

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	(17,767)	16,653
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year	-	-
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ASSOCIATION	(17,767)	16,653

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

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	13,999	31,607
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>13,999</u>	<u>31,607</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Plant & Equipment	60	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	<u>60</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>14,059</u></u>	<u><u>31,607</u></u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	220	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>220</u>	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS	<u><u>13,840</u></u>	<u><u>31,607</u></u>
EQUITY		
Accumulated funds	13,840	31,607
TOTAL EQUITY	<u><u>13,840</u></u>	<u><u>31,607</u></u>

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	Accumulated funds \$	Total \$
Balance as at 1 July 2020	14,954	14,954
Surplus/(deficit) attributable to the Association	16,653	16,653
Balance as at 30 June 2021	<u>31,607</u>	<u>31,607</u>
Surplus/(deficit) attributable to the Association	(17,767)	(17,767)
Balance as at 30 June 2022	<u><u>13,840</u></u>	<u><u>13,840</u></u>

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

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from various income sources		5,584	26,160
Payments to suppliers		(23,145)	(9,522)
Interest received		13	16
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	(i)	<u>(17,548)</u>	<u>16,653</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payment for property, plant and equipment		(60)	-
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment		-	-
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		<u>(60)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		(17,608)	16,653
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		31,607	14,954
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	(ii)	<u>13,999</u>	<u>31,607</u>

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

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Note (i). Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities		
Net surplus/(deficit) attributable to the Association	(17,767)	16,653
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payable	220	-
	<u>(17,548)</u>	<u>16,653</u>
Note (ii). Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year		
Cash at bank	<u>13,999</u>	<u>31,607</u>
	<u>13,999</u>	<u>31,607</u>

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

Note 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report includes the financial statements and notes of the Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre Incorporated., an incorporated association, which is incorporated in Victoria under the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*.

Basis of preparation

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and also a not-for-profit association.

The financial report has been prepared on the cash accounting basis and is based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the company in the preparation of the general purpose financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

Accounting Policies

a. 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 six months or less.

b. Income Tax

The Association is exempt from paying income tax.

c. Revenue

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.

Membership Revenue

Membership revenue is recognised when the membership fees are received.

Interest Revenue

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

d. Comparative Figures

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

e. Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised gross of the amount of GST

HOBSONS BAY WETLANDS CENTRE INCORPORATED
ABN 50 813 083 752
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 2 to 7:

- 1 Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre Incorporated as at 30 June 2022 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 Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre 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:

Chairperson



Dr Marilyn Olliff

Treasurer



Craig Rowley

Dated this

4th day of November 2022



HOBSONS BAY WETLANDS CENTRE INCORPORATED
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial report of Hobsons Bay Wetland Centre Incorporated (the Association), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2022, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement 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 30 June 2022 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.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

I draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Hobsons Bay Wetland Centre Incorporated to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012* and *the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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 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.

Auditor: Frederik Ryk Ludolf Eksteen

ASIC Registration Number: 421448

Address: Collins & Co Audit Pty Ltd, 127 Paisley Street, FOOTSCRAY VIC 3011

Signature:

Date: 4 November 2022

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Please contact us through email HBWCgroup@gmail.com or message us through FaceBook

<https://www.facebook.com/hobsonsbaywetlandscentre/>

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We acknowledge the Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation
as the Traditional Owners of the land and waterways of
Hobsons Bay and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

We also extend our respects to the Elders past
and present of the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri.