



The Parents Victoria Cookbook

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Parents Victoria Annual Conference Online.
October 11th, 2021

Annual General Meeting
October 11th, 2021

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PARENTS VICTORIA PRESIDENTS (formerly VFSSPC)

Miss Ida Body (1925-26)
Mrs Minnie Berfield (1927-29)
Mrs Leah Kloot (1929-32)
Mrs Myrtle McColl (1932-35)
Mrs Minnie McNaughton (1935-40)
Mrs Jean Raff (1940-41)
Mrs Eleanor Quinton (1941-47)
Mrs Dorothy Howells (1947-64)
Mrs Daisy Houghton (1964-69)
Mrs June Lynch (1969)
Mrs Marie Thompson (1970-71)
Mrs Joan Kirner (1971-77)
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Mrs Pat Reeve (1980-83)
Mrs Shirley Pinnell (1983-85)
Mrs Anne McLeish (1985-89)
Mrs Esther Harris (1989-91)
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Mrs Jeanne Chippett (1993-97)
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Mrs Gail McHardy (2001-2005)
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Ms Margaret Pledger (2008-2009) Vice President•
Mrs Sharron Healy (2009-2010) Vice President•
Mrs Sharron Healy (2010-current. 2019 Immediate Past President)

•Note: During 2008-2010 the position of President was not filled.
During that time the role was shared between the Vice-President and
Immediate Past President

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Immediate Past President's Report

Welcome to the 2021 Parents Victoria Annual Conference, Recipes for Great Schools.

Well, what a year! Writing this report for last year's conference, I fully expected by now that life would have returned to some sort of "normal", and our students would currently be completing a full year of on-site learning. But life had other plans.

Once again, our schools and homes were thrown into chaos by the pandemic, and learning (and working) from home became necessary. Again, our students, families, teachers, support staff and school leaders banded together to continue the learning. Was the extended period of learning from home any easier the second time around? Maybe. On the one hand, we had done it before, so had some insight into what to expect, and at least this time students had the equipment needed to immediately return to remote learning. But on the other hand, there were the extremely depressing thoughts of "here we go again", and "will this ever end". Throw into the mix the ever-changing testing dates for senior students, and how end of year exams will work, and there's still a lot of stress and unknowns. But overall, I feel our students and families have adapted brilliantly again.

As well as teaching and learning having to be adapted, so too has the way our parent clubs and school councils have had to operate. Creating a warm, welcoming and inclusive environment for new families to a school is perhaps the major purpose of our parent clubs, and that is so much harder to do remotely. So, a huge thank you to the clubs which have managed to do that over the last two years. And making governance decisions about the direction of student learning and wellbeing is a huge responsibility at the best of times, so to all those also serving on our school councils, thank you for continuing the job in such extreme circumstances.

Our work at Parents Victoria has obviously changed, too. Our meetings are no longer in person, and I for one find that quite challenging. Meeting remotely is simply not as effective for me. I'm sure others find the same struggles with it, and equally there are probably some people who prefer it. I have to admit I don't miss the travel time. Our Board has only met in person for board meetings twice since the pandemic began, although we were extremely lucky with our timing for our annual planning weekend, held between our first two lockdowns this year. We worked hard to further develop our strategic plan, and subsequently have proposals to our constitution being presented to members at this year's A.G.M.

To that end, I thank my fellow Board members for their continued dedication to the work PV does, and for making themselves available during such trying times to improve the educational experiences of students in our Victorian government schools.

But I need to be honest and acknowledge publicly that the vast majority of our work this year has been expertly carried out by our staff. Gail, our EO, has, as always, been the driving force behind our achievements, meeting with government, stakeholders, parents and principals to ensure families' voices are not only heard, but embedded in decision making. The day to day running of PV has again been seamlessly coordinated by Leanne, our AO, while she has also attended meetings and contributed to our submissions alongside Gail and the Board. And the technical talents of Alan, our Comms Officer, have continued to make us professional in our online presence, whilst also contributing to discussions and submissions when needed. Alan is the brains behind our online conferences, and if this one runs as smoothly as last year's, it is thanks to him.

And so, a mammoth thank you goes to Gail, Leanne and Alan, on behalf of our Board, and the families of our government school families.

In closing, I very much hope to see you all in person at our conference next year. Take care of yourselves and your families, and remember that everyone's mental health and wellbeing take precedence over formal learning at this time.

Cheers,

Sharron Healy

Immediate Past President

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Executive Officer Report

Parents Victoria (PV) is a state-wide democratic organisation representing parents of students in Victorian government schools. Regardless of the ongoing Covid pandemic impacts on our families and schools, our commitment to our Strategic Plan has not faltered. See: <https://www.parentsvictoria.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/PV-Strategy.pdf>

In my role as EO for 2021, it's been like an endurance race and at the same time remaining mindful on how to best lead an organisation with care and compassion in such challenging times for everyone!

In the spirit of optimism and hope when uncertainty exists, PV like many organisations must transition with the times - without losing our core beliefs but while still pursuing our goals and aspirations, changes needed to be considered and made. PV completed a Governance review and drafted a new Constitution over the last 20 months, this has been a remarkable accomplishment by the PV Board and our contracted staff. PV looks forward to the future with the newly constituted membership structure (once the Constitution is ratified) to be more inclusive of all Victorian Government School parents, regardless of whether their school does or doesn't have a formally constituted Parent Club/Association.

I would like to take this opportunity to give special and heartfelt thanks to Leanne McCurdy, our AO. I'm often seen as the public face of the organisation, leading and implementing the organisation's strategic plan but Leanne is the engine room – liaising, triaging and performing the operational functions that takes significant skill and patience. I greatly value her work ethic and counsel.

Big thanks to our Communications Officer, Alan Davies – another thoughtful and skilful member of the team, he knows how the organisation ticks and crafts our communications accordingly. He has worked tirelessly with Leanne, John Hendry and myself over the last 18 months to build the Relationship Based Education (RbE) resource platform, housed in the NEW website he built too, well done Alan.

Thanks to our current Board members who have had to juggle their volunteering Board role with employment commitments, further training and health challenges. A huge personal thanks to Sharron Healy who not only has been performing the role of Chair/Immediate Past President for Parents Victoria but is also playing a significant role on the national stage as President/Chair of Australian Council of State School Organisation (ACSSO). Sharron has been a committed, loyal and active volunteer in public education for many years now and she should be congratulated.

PV wishes to congratulate our longstanding PV Member Clubs they've always given PV unwavering support over many years. A shout out to the many parent volunteers in schools who have continued to support their schools throughout the pandemic via online or other external means within covid safe rules. It's been tremendous to see how some school communities, parents and teachers have been working together to bring joy to students during lockdowns, or lifting teacher spirits with some surprise treats and decorations in special thanks.

The silver lining from the lessons learnt from Covid, is that families now want to be even more connected to schools where and when able. Parents had a direct inside view and experienced firsthand various teaching and learning methods - this only adds value to their child's education experience and highlights the importance of relationships with the school. We must all note that schools are the largest compulsory social institution in our society today, so it's essential we all work together better, for the future.

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PV's commitment to get the Victorian Government to invest in Family Engagement Officers <https://www.parentsvictoria.asn.au/issues/family-engagement-officers-in-schools/> and our Relationship Based Education (RbE) work for our schools, are key objectives. https://www.parentsvictoria.asn.au/issues_category/relationship-based-education/. This is in order to support our state schools to improve mental health issues for students and including Principal and staff wellbeing. Most importantly, to give every student a sense of belonging so they can learn and thrive. Please visit our new website to stay in touch with our work and achievements on your behalf. Also, to access opportunities for you as parents and carers, so that you can have input and hear about school policies, programs and government initiatives relevant to your child's education. Please consider what role and contributions you can personally make at your local state school - to participate and support community connectedness - every bit you do counts and can have impact, not just for your child, but all the children in our schools.

Throughout the history of humanity, groups of people with common interests have banded together to pursue these interests. Some groups have a single interest and may be short lived. Others cover a wider sphere and are long lasting - like PV, who since 1925 has been working for a common goal - the improvement of the education of children and young people in Victorian Government Schools. It is one of the oldest organisations in Victoria and has always persevered with its objectives - through a terrible depression, a World War, numerous changes of government, constant changes in education theory and practice, changes in society and now a world pandemic none of us could have envisaged. PV has been a constant presence in the Victorian Public Education system for 96 years. There will always be a need for such a body to ensure that parents and carers continue to have a voice and agency in the education of their children.

Gail McHardy

Executive Officer

4 October 2021

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2021 Treasurer's Report

As reported in the 2020 Treasurer's report, negotiations for a new **Common Funding Agreement (CFA)** with the Department of Education commenced in October 2020. A new three-year Agreement was installed, commencing January 1, 2021 through to December 31, 2023. Parents Victoria's (PV) final CFA payment for 2021 is due upon submission of PV's end of year report (December 2021) and therefore will fall into the 2022 financial year.

Under the current CFA, Parents Victoria's (PV) core Activities are:

- **Parent engagement in school education**
- **Responsive complaints**
- **Consultation and advice**

We are pleased that a new and improved format Accountability Work Plan, together with PV's Strategic Plan will guide our work over the next three years.

PV's Mission: To ensure that the educational journey for every student in a state government school is holistically supported and achieved in partnership with parents, schools and Government. **PV's Vision:** A fully supported Victorian public education system meeting the needs of every student, where parents' voices are sought, heard and valued.

2021 Accounts – items to note

- PV's Annual Conference and AGM is our main event each year. The cost to host the 2020 online event (as shown in the 2021 Profit and Loss Statement) is significantly lower than for our 2019 face to face event (as shown in the 2020 Profit and Loss Statement). While PV and many of our delegates enjoy the face to face conference experience; the online event which PV pivoted to in response to the Pandemic in 2020, certainly attracted a high number of attendees. Once again due to the Pandemic, PV is hosting our Conference event in an online format on October 11, 2021.
- **Contractor payments** increased due to demand for PV services, and an increase in work hours for PV's Communications Officer role.
- **PV Website.** The newly updated PV website went live in the week commencing October 2, 2021. The increase in Website expenditure in the Profit and Loss Statement, reflects the continuation of work in progress on this project, through the 2021 year.
- **Consultancy Fees** remained steady but conservative as PV outsourced assistance for Governance Training; to develop our Strategic Plan; a Communications Strategist; and to finalise the draft 2021 PV Constitution which is being proposed for ratification at this 2021 AGM.
- **Subscriptions.** Encompasses the Annual Fee for the Customer Support Platform which PV utilises to store and administer the Responsive Complaints work.
- **PV's Planning (Leadership) Weekend.** While PV was again conservative but creative in facilitating and hosting this annual event, it's a crucial part of our calendar year work, to on-board new team members and agree plans and strategies for the calendar year.

Karen Rook
Treasurer

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AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF STATE SCHOOL ORGANISATIONS (ACSSO) Member report

Once again, the national education arena has been reduced to online interactions with government, department and stakeholders, due to the continuing pandemic. However the actual workload for the organisation has increased.

Parents Victoria has contributed to submissions which ACSSO has made to government, and provided feedback on a number of issues throughout the year.

As well as attending Member Representative meetings, we have attended Communication meetings with other peak state and territory bodies, facilitated by ACSSO.

ACSSO, through the professional and passionate leadership of CEO, Dianne Giblin, has put forward the voice of parents and families to the federal Department, media, and various government funded bodies, such as ACARA, AERO, AITSL and ESA, universities, national principal groups, and other stakeholder groups.

During the periods of remote learning across the country, and especially for the eastern states experiencing long lockdowns, it is more vital than ever to make the voices of families heard and acknowledged. To that end, ACSSO undertook in early 2021 a follow up survey to the COVID survey for families last year. Whilst last year's data painted a very grim picture for many respondents, this year saw some more positive responses. This is no doubt because at the time Australians weren't undertaking learning from home, although Victoria was re-entering a lockdown towards the end of the survey. And so the opportunity to respond was kept open for Victoria, and the responses demonstrated the ongoing remote learning issues families were experiencing. These results have been shared widely at the national level and ACSSO will continue to work towards eradicating the inequities remote learning has highlighted.

I would like to thank Di for her leadership of ACSSO, and also the other State Member representatives for working collaboratively to engage parents and families in their children's education.

Karen Rook

Member Representative



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Annual Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2021

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Parents Victoria Balance Sheet As at 30 June 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Equity		
Retained Profits	378,265	398,218
Total Equity	<u>378,265</u>	<u>398,218</u>
 Represented by:		
Current Assets		
Rental Bond	3,240	3,240
Cash at Bank	253,811	80,394
Cash at Bank	152,029	171,976
Trade Debtors	-	165,000
	<u>409,080</u>	<u>420,610</u>
Non-Current Assets		
Office Furniture & Equipment	6,725	6,725
Less Accumulated Depreciation & Impairment	4,583	1,892
	<u>2,142</u>	<u>4,833</u>
 Furniture & Fittings	1,073	1,073
Less Accumulated Depreciation & Impairment	636	421
	<u>437</u>	<u>652</u>
	<u>2,579</u>	<u>5,485</u>
Total Assets	<u>411,659</u>	<u>426,095</u>
Current Liabilities		
Other Creditors	16,779	13,523
Provision for GST	16,615	14,354
	<u>33,394</u>	<u>27,877</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>33,394</u>	<u>27,877</u>
Net Assets	<u>378,265</u>	<u>398,218</u>

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**Parents Victoria
Statement of Changes in Equity
For the Year ended 30 June 2021**

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Retained Earnings		
Balance at 1 July 2020	398,218	348,866
Profit Attributable to Members	(19,953)	49,352
Balance at 30 June 2021	<u>378,265</u>	<u>398,218</u>

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Profit and Loss Statement For the Year ended 30 June 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Income		
Service Agreement	288,938	375,000
Club Membership	2,310	4,013
Individual Membership	227	364
Annual Conference	200	5,418
Friends of Parents Victoria	82	57
Sponsorship	-	740
Rental Contribution	300	500
Interest Received	53	130
	<u>292,110</u>	<u>386,222</u>
Expenditure		
Accountancy Fees	1,320	1,250
ACSSO	8,711	9,145
Annual Conference	1,556	25,752
Bank Charges	45	7
Consultancy Fees	8,574	8,286
Contractor Payments	220,291	210,932
Depreciation	2,906	2,088
Donations	-	155
Executive - Travel	840	878
Executive - Other Expenses	569	714
Executive - Leadership Weekend	2,659	1,512
Executive - PD/Training	-	1,446
Hospitality	-	77
Insurance	1,544	1,526
Internet Expenses	349	855
Light & Power	640	748
Photocopying	-	97
Postage	314	224
Printing & Stationery	789	800
Projects - Website	3,478	2,209
Projects - Parent Workshops	-	5,971
Projects - RbE	113	2,385
Publications - Parent Voice	-	800
Rent	31,307	31,122
Repairs & Maintenance	-	64
Subscriptions	3,365	2,674
Sundry Expenses	-	216
Superannuation Contributions	20,790	23,139
Telephone	600	550
Workcover	1,303	1,248
	<u>312,063</u>	<u>336,870</u>
Loss before Income Tax	<u>(19,953)</u>	<u>49,352</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements For year ended 30 June 2021

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (*) *. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

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

(b) Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

(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 benefits have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on-costs.

(d) Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are carried at cost, independent or committees' valuation. All assets excluding freehold land, are depreciated over their useful lives to the association.

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

(e) Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is recognised when the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the entity and specific criteria relating to the type of revenue as noted below, has been satisfied. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and is presented net of returns, discounts and rebates.

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

Sale of Goods

Revenue is recognised on transfer of goods to the customer as this is deemed to be the point in time when risks and rewards are transferred and there is no longer any ownership or effective control over the goods.

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Interest Revenue

Interest is recognised using the effective interest method.

Rendering of Services

Revenue in relation to rendering of services is recognised depends on whether the outcome of the services can be measured reliably. If this is the case then the stage of completion of the services is used to determine the appropriate level of revenue to be recognised in the period.

If the outcome cannot be reliably measured then revenue is recognised to the extent of expenses recognised that are recoverable.

Subscriptions

Revenue from the provision of membership subscriptions is recognised on a straight line basis over the financial year.

(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 (ATO).

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 are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

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2. Profit

Expenses

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Employee Benefits Expense	20,790	23,139
Depreciation and Amortisation Expenses	2,906	2,088
Annual Conference	1,556	25,752
Bank Charges	45	7
Insurance	1,544	1,526
Light & Power	640	748
Postage	314	224
Printing & Stationery	789	800
Rent	31,307	31,122
Repairs & Maintenance	-	64
Telephone	600	550
Other Expenses	251,572	250,850
	<u>312,063</u>	<u>336,870</u>

3. Profit for the Year

Profit before income tax expense from continuing operations includes the following specific expenses:

Charging as Expense

Movements in Provisions

Depreciation		
- Depreciation of Property, Plant and Equipment	2,906	2,088
	<u>2,906</u>	<u>2,088</u>
Net Expenses Resulting from Movement in Provisions		

4. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Rental Bond	3,240	3,240
Cash at Bank	253,811	80,394
Cash at Bank	152,029	171,976
	<u>409,080</u>	<u>255,610</u>

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	2021 \$	2020 \$
Reconciliation of Cash		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	409,080	255,610
	<u>409,080</u>	<u>255,610</u>
5. Trade and Other Receivables		
Current		
Trade Debtors	-	165,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>165,000</u>
Total Trade and Other Receivables	<u>-</u>	<u>165,000</u>
6. Property, Plant and Equipment		
Plant and Equipment		
Office Furniture & Equipment	6,725	6,725
Less Accumulated Depreciation & Impairment	4,583	1,892
	<u>2,142</u>	<u>4,833</u>
Furniture & Fittings	1,073	1,073
Less Accumulated Depreciation & Impairment	636	421
	<u>437</u>	<u>652</u>
Total Plant and Equipment	<u>2,579</u>	<u>5,485</u>
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	<u>2,579</u>	<u>5,485</u>
7. Trade and Other Payables		
Current		
Other Creditors	16,779	13,523
Provision for GST	16,615	14,354
	<u>33,394</u>	<u>27,877</u>
Total Trade and Other Payables	<u>33,394</u>	<u>27,877</u>

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Fixed Asset and Depreciation Schedule For year ended 30 June 2020

Asset	Private Use	Cost Price	Cost Limit	Opening W.D.V 1/07/2020	Additions Disposals	Gain/Loss on Disposal	Capital Gains	---- Depreciation ---- Rate \$	Accum Deprec 30/06/2021	Closing W.D.V 30/06/2021
OFFICE FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT										
HP Probook		4,432		2,640				40.0%PC	1,773	3,565
HP Probook		2,293		2,193				40.0%PC	918	1,018
Sub-total		6,725		4,833					2,691	4,583
FURNITURE & FITTINGS										
Beds		1,073		652				20.0%PC	215	636
Sub-total		1,073		652					215	636
Total		7,798		5,485					2,906	5,219

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Statement of Cash Flows For year ended 30 June 2020

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Receipts from Customers		478,662	526,899
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(325,245)	(315,092)
Interest Received		53	130
Net Cash Inflow from Operating Activities		<u>153,470</u>	<u>211,937</u>
Net Increase in Cash Held		<u>153,470</u>	<u>211,937</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents as at 1 July 2020		255,610	43,673
Cash and Cash Equivalents as at 30 June 2021		<u><u>409,080</u></u>	<u><u>255,610</u></u>

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Parents Victoria Committee's report

The committee members present their report on the association for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

Committee Members

The names of each person who has been a committee member during the year and to the date of this report are:

- * Sharron Healy
- * Jenny Ballard
- * Karen Rook
- * Wendy Oh
- * Natalie Clemmet
- * Nicole Sweeney

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were:

- * Supporting students and families who attend Victorian Government Schools
- * Providing parents' voice in Government school education

Significant Changes

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

Operating Result

The loss of the association amounted to (\$19,953).

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



Sharron Healy



Karen Rook

Dated: October 8, 2021

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Parents Victoria Certificate by Members of the Committee

We Sharron Healy and Karen Rook being members of the committee of Parents Victoria certify that:-

The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial performance and position of the above named association during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending June 30, 2021.



.....
Committee Member (Sharron Healy)

October 8, 2021



.....
Committee Member (Karen Rook)

October 8, 2021

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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 statements:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of
Parents Victoria
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
Parents Victoria 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: Sharron Healy (Chair / Immediate Past President)



.....
Treasurer: Karen Rook

Dated: October 8, 2021

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Compilation Report to Parents Victoria

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of Parents Victoria, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021, the statement of profit and loss, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is set out in Note 1.

The Responsibility of the Committee of Management

The Committee of Management is solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements and has determined that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to meet the needs of the Committee of Management and for the purpose that the financial statements were prepared.

Our Responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the Committee of Management, we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting and APES 315: Compilation of Financial Information.

Our procedures use accounting expertise to collect, classify and summarise the financial information, which the directors provided, in compiling the financial statements. Our procedures do not include verification or validation procedures. No audit or review has been performed and accordingly no assurance is expressed.

The special purpose financial statements were compiled exclusively for the benefit of the Committee of Management. We do not accept responsibility to any other person for the contents of the special purpose financial statements.

Hughes O'Dea Corredig Pty Ltd

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Michelle Grech

30 September 2021



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INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW REPORT

To Parents Victoria Inc.

Report on the Financial Statements

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Parents Victoria Inc., which comprises the Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2021 and the Profit and Loss Statement for the year ended 30th June 2021.

Management's Responsibility for the 2021 Financial Statements

Management of the association are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements. This responsibility includes: establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the 2021 financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Assurance Practitioner's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the 2021 financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2400, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements are not presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. ASRE 2400 requires us to comply with the requirements of the applicable code of professional conduct of a professional accounting body.

A review of the 2021 financial statements consisted of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements do not give a true and fair view of the financial position of Parents Victoria Inc. as at 30 June 2021, and of its financial performance for the year ended 30 June 2021.

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PV2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE ONLINE / ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

BRAVE NEW WORLD

“Brave New World”

Parents Victoria Online Conference – October 19, 2020

(Notes as taken by Parents Victoria)

Taking the Parents Victoria (PV) Annual Conference online presented some challenges for us this year, but the essentials were still there: thought-provoking speakers, lots of new ideas and opportunities to learn, and plenty of interest from parents and educators. The conference attracted 180 participants over its 3-hour duration.

PV Chair, Sharron Healy welcomed the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Minister for Health, James Merlino, to open the PV 2020 online conference and expressed PV's appreciation that “the Minister is incredibly generous every year to attend our conference”.

Official Conference Opening – Hon. James Merlino, Minister for Education and Minister for Mental Health

The Minister acknowledged:

- PV conference looks very different from last year! Coronavirus has turned things upside down and required us to do things differently - including teaching our kids.
- PV continues to offer support to families by way of resources and information guidance. It's a vital role of reassurance to families as we back health experts to hold the spread (of the virus). Thank you on behalf of the Victorian Government and families.
- In a year of challenges and change, parents and carers have navigated uncharted waters - including working from home and (students) learning from home. It's been a heightened time of stress for families. We are the same as you all - with some good and some not so good days, as part of the learning.
- Thank you for persevering and doing the best you can. Some students thrived and some found it hard. The experience was magnified for vulnerable students. But the experience has presented an opportunity to build an inclusive and equitable education system. DET is already using the lessons from Terms 2 & 3 to shape the education system in a post-Covid world. For Preps to Year 11 there is time to catch up in terms of Education and Health & Wellbeing. For Year 12 students they are close to the end and students will be individually assessed as part of a wide-ranging process to ensure fair results.
- PV's conference asks us to look beyond. There are opportunities for us all - schools, government, parents & carers, families. Let's apply the benefits of learning from home. Parents gained insights, including an appreciation of the work of teachers. There are also opportunities for schools to continue to collaborate more closely with families. Flexible and personalised approaches.
- 2020 has been a year like no other. One we will never forget. We have been challenged in ways we could not have predicted or imagined.

In Victoria, education is everything and our people are our best resources. It's important in our social recovery. We want children to look with hope, at successful lives and successful education. Thank you to the work of Parents Victoria and for this opportunity today.

Q&A with the Minister. The Minister then provided answers (responses) to several questions which were pre-submitted by conference delegates, to DET/the Minister. Questions which weren't able to be responded to during the Q&A session, were provided in writing to delegates, post-conference.

The Minister announced the winner of the Joan Kirner, Parent Participation Award 2020 *“The Joan Kirner Award is an annual award given to a Member Parent Club, Parent, or Individual Member who has demonstrated, encouraged, or facilitated parent or family engagement in their school.”*

Winner: Catherine Kirby (Sandringham College)

Runner Up (and winner of Special Covid Award): Nikky Edwards (Croydon Hills Primary School)

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AGM

No apologies were received.

No Life Member nominations were received.

Motion that the Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting be accepted.

Moved: Raelene Vine, Ouyen P-12 College

Seconded: Wendy Oh, Parents Victoria Individual Member

Carried

Reports

Immediate Past President. Moved: Sharron Healy

Seconded: Wendy Oh, Parents Victoria Individual Member

Executive Officer. Moved: Gail McHardy

Seconded: Raelene Vine, Ouyen P-12 College.

Treasurer's Report. Moved: Sasha Briseno.

Seconded: Karen Rook, Upwey High School.

ACSSO Report. Moved: Sharron Healy

Seconded: Jenny Ballard, Mount Erin Secondary College

All reports were carried.

Appointment of Auditor for 2020/2021

Under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 Parents Victoria is a Tier 2 organisation (annual revenue between \$250,000 and \$1 million) and is obliged to have our financial records reviewed by an independent accountant.

The Executive committee recommended that Hughes O'Dea Corredig Pty Ltd be engaged to review the PV 2020/2021 financial records.

Moved: Wendy Oh

Seconded: Jenny Ballard

All in favour

Nominations to the Executive Committee and Election of Office Bearers – 2020/2021

Nominations for the Election of Office Bearers for 2020/2021 will be received during the period from the AGM (19/10/20) to the first PV Executive Monthly Meeting after the AGM (10/11/20).

Nominations for PV Executive (Ordinary Members) for 2020/2021 were:

Wendy Oh (Individual Member); Jenny Ballard (Mount Erin Secondary College); Karen Rook (Upwey High School); Natalie Clemmet (Bundoora Secondary College)

Sharron Healy thanked outgoing Executive members Nicole Sweeney (for her dedication and passion over many years) and Donna Evans, Sasha Briseno and Paul Fry for their time and interest to volunteer to Parents Victoria.

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“Re-setting the foundations for good mental health for families post COVID” - Dr Stephen Carbone, Executive Director, Prevention United
<https://preventionunited.org.au/>

Stephen's presentation included topics: What is Mental Health; Window of Tolerance; Self Care; Healthy Behaviours; Relaxation; Emotion Regulation; Fostering a Helpful Mindset; Social Support; Social & Emotional Skills; Social Factors; Indicators of Mental Health Conditions; Physical, Emotional, Thought & Behaviour Changes; Seeking Help; Getting through this together; Parenting Strategies; Parenting and mental wellbeing; Parenting style; Family climate; Top 10 tips (partners in parenting); Parenting Programs; Parenting Resources.

PV Link to Presentation video. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IwUukNn-sfk>

“Family Engagement Officers in schools” – Dori Ellington, Community Engagement Officer, Whittington Primary School
What they do and why the role is so important.
Video Presentation Link here. (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wko_wjl8Ycl)

“Connected Schools Communities: The Next School Improvement Frontier” – Keynote Speaker Adam Voigt, Director, Real Schools.
<https://realschools.com.au/>

Adam provided an example of a school staff member (during the pandemic) who introduced some Year 3 students to her home, backyard and to her puppy. The staff member then introduced a creative writing lesson to the students and asked “what would happen if the gate to the backyard was left open?” and “what would the puppy's day have been like if they had not put in the gate?” The work which resulted from the students was fabulous and regarded as the best output since being online. Adam asked - what is that about? Why did this work so well? Adam suggested this was about “content and connection”. And that perhaps while the work content is reasonable, perhaps there is no connection to the work.

Adam shared:

- remote learning removes the shame (removes the comparisons of which student was quicker or faster). Adam challenged - so how do we reduce the shame when students return to onsite learning?
- parents when asked “Why do you send your kids to school – if you haven't specifically chosen the teachers?” – generally respond that 1. parents want schools to be a house of learning (produce good learners) and 2. So students can learn the Soft Skills (Social. Citizen building – empathy, resilience, responsibility, respect).

These are simple notions and this has not changed in schools. We want to build kids to be fantastic citizens who make a positive contribution.

- When conflict arises between parents and schools, relationships can become adversarial rather than trusting. Adam feels it's important for schools to go deep and serious about the culture being built in our schools. To ask “what is your school culture”.
- Culture is a behavioural set – contributed to by parents, staff and students. Encouraging people to move from unwanted behaviours to desired behaviours. Has the conduct of a student been impacted because of the culture of a school? Routines and language to impact culture are important.

Ask – have I impacted the culture of others? Students need support, connection and love.

PV Link to Presentation video. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kU77tYAiEZA>

END OF 2020 ONLINE CONFERENCE



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