

RELATIONSHIP BASED EDUCATION

# LIFE IS RELATIONAL

PARENTS VICTORIA ONLINE CONFERENCE  
& ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 24TH 2022



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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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## PARENTS VICTORIA CHAIR'S REPORT 2022

Welcome to the Parents Victoria 2022 online conference "Life is Relational".

During the conference today we will hear about the successful outcomes schools are achieving having implemented Relationship based Education as part of their everyday teaching and learning. And you will have access to resources used to implement RbE across school communities.

Which is vitally important as we move back to fulltime face to face learning. And hopefully next year, all things being equal, we will be meeting together in person for our conference, with the option of joining remotely, too. 2022 has been a year of new beginnings for Parents Victoria, with our new Constitution and Board in place, steering the direction the organisation needs to take as we head into a future few of us could have predicted only a couple of years ago.

Our new Board has brought many diverse skills to the table, and having learnt to meet virtually during 2020 has allowed us to interact in ways which are no longer impacted by where our Board members are located. This has streamlined our processes greatly. We still meet in person for our planning and assessment retreat at the beginning of each year, and I thank the Board members for their attendance and input early this year, which has shaped our focus for 2022.

And while there have been new opportunities, there have also been the same, ever increasing, requests for the expertise and insight of our organisation as ever. I thank the Board for their input to the many discussions, submissions and consultations brought before us this year, and especially thank our CEO, Gail McHardy, and our COO, Leanne McCurdy, for their extremely professional work throughout the year. Their value is immeasurable, and under the direction of the Board they have achieved some outstanding results for the students in our Victorian State Schools.

There are too many initiatives, committees, submissions, and activities to report in detail, but some of the highlights for us this year were: celebrating 150 years of public education in Victoria; the Think. Wait. Communicate. initiative; community conversations with families; input to the (in our opinion) highly problematic School Community Safety Orders; addressing the mental health crisis; and Respectful Relationships and Consent education. In the coming year, our focus will be on getting back out into our school communities and having conversations with parents, and parent clubs, to discuss in person what matters most to you in education.

It would be remiss of me not to thank the outgoing Minister for Education, the Honourable James Merlino, for the extremely positive and respectful relationship we shared over his time as Minister. James would always listen to our issues and expectations, and if there was ever a time where the answer was No, then it was always clearly articulated with a reason. We didn't always see eye to eye on every issue, but we always enjoyed a respectful debate. So, on behalf of Parents Victoria, and the families of children attending our government schools, I'd like to thank James for his incredible contribution to education in our State, and wish him well in his chosen future.

Which leads me to thank the incoming Minister for Education, the Honourable Natalie Hutchins, for her willingness to engage with our organisation so early in her tenure. We look forward to an equally respectful and productive relationship with her going forward.



**PARENTS VICTORIA CHAIR'S REPORT 2022 (Continued)**

To finish, I would like to extend a personal thank you to our Board members, Tooba Awais, Paul Fry, Trish Marks and Raelene Vine for their support of my role, and the objectives of Parents Victoria throughout this year of change. Your wealth of knowledge and the generosity with which you share it have been most appreciated. And last, but by no means least, a huge thank you to our tireless team, Gail McHardy, Leanne McCurdy and Alan Davies. The three of you carry out the day-to-day work of the organisation, plus the requests of the Board and the Department, in such a professional manner, and do us proud every single day. Your knowledge and expertise are well known in the education arena, and Parents Victoria wouldn't be the amazing organisation it is without you all. So, THANK YOU!

As I finish my time with Parents Victoria, I would like to thank each and every Exec and Board member I have worked with over the last 18 years. Each one has taught me something, and left a lasting impression. I've gained more skills than I could ever have thought possible, but more than that, I've gained some amazing, life-long friends. And for that, I am forever grateful.

Sharron.

**Sharron Healy**

Immediate Past President & Chair





## CEO Report to PV2022 AGM

**2022 is a significant year, as it marks 150 years of public education in Victoria.**

Noting the Education Act 1872 (Vic) made our state the first Australian colony (and one of the first regions in the world) to offer free, secular, and compulsory education to children. The 1872 legislation required all children aged 6–15 years to attend school unless they had a reasonable excuse. If you haven't already, I urge all our members, supporters and followers to check out the Department 150th Anniversary website to access further historical information and stories about some of the schools that still exist today since those early beginnings. You may recall PV featured a story in Parent Voice (March) about our earlier women pioneers - <https://www.vic.gov.au/celebrating-women-public-education#1930s>

In keeping with this historical theme and reflecting on our last 12 months, it seems timely to share what we've been doing in keeping with our organisation's mission and values in accordance with our strategy.

Since our beginnings in 1925 our organisation continues to strive to input and influence policy and practices in state education. With a State Election under 8 weeks away from writing this report and 4 weeks away from our AGM, our organisation continues to work in a 'non party-political' manner. You will see with our 2022 State Election asks, we seek commitments from all political candidates to put public education first with the public purse!

The objectives of the organisation in the early years were to establish a bond of union between Mothers Clubs (now Parent Clubs/Associations) of various schools; to confer questions of common interest and to advance the scholars (students) of Victorian Schools. Today PV offers FREE membership to all Victorian State Schools, those with a fully constituted club are deemed full members and those not constituted deemed general members. PV promotes and facilitates opportunity for parents to contribute their views and remain informed about state education reforms and resources. PV continues to prioritise students in state education in everything we do, in their best interest.

Reflecting on the issues raised in the 1930's by our predecessors, there still remains some common recurring themes, challenges and ongoing objectives. These include cost of schooling (known today as parent payments); a pursuit for free education from kindergarten to University; health initiatives like dental care (today we have Smiling Squad; Drs in Secondary Schools and Mental Health Practitioners); to raise the school leaving age to 15 years (school is now compulsory to 17 years); opposition from Headmasters to the formation of Mothers Clubs (this one is the most disappointing - today we still have some Primary and Secondary School leaders who actively discourage some of our Parent Clubs to be constituted in accordance with the DET Secretary's model constitution!). In the past there was a lack of cooperation of School Committee's with the control of funds raised by Mothers' Clubs (now School Councils) – there remains an expectation for Parents' Clubs to fundraise and for School Councils to have the final decision on where that money is expended. PV continues to remind all schools to work in partnership with parents as they are the volunteers providing loads of good-will to the school. Volunteering has been hugely impacted over the last 3 years so we urge schools to rethink how they engage and support families to do better together for the future.

PV had hoped to do a series of road trips in Victoria this year but with Covid restrictions and schools being so overwhelmed with their own workforce shortages and daily demands, we parked that plan for 2023! Virtual meetings, briefings, webinars, case conferences and consultations with DET, Schools, Parent Clubs, parents and other stakeholders – these tasks have been on steroids this year. So, there is no excuse not to connect, it's just a matter of time and getting it into the PV calendar.





PV have done numerous submissions to state government and the DET -predominantly in the senior secondary pathway reform and mental health and wellbeing space. The most significant piece of work this year, following on from the enacting of a new School Protections Bill in 2021, was the Ministerial Guidelines for the NEW School Community Safety Orders implemented in Term 3 this year - <https://www.vic.gov.au/school-community-safety-orders-ministerial-guidelines-templates>

All this work could not be possible without the support and guidance of our wonderful volunteer PV Board team – Sharron, Trish, Tooba, Raelene and Paul and especially my hard working operational colleagues Leanne and Alan. Not for profit community organisations have done it tough the last few years and it's the commitment and loyalty of the PV people that make this happen – we continue to strive to be a “we culture” vs “me culture” putting others first in all that we do.

I take this opportunity to give great gratitude to the terrific John Hendry OAM who has worked with PV to lead by example, to lead us with the Relationship based Education (RbE) initiative with schools - for everyone to be the best they can be. We give thanks for this great opportunity.

Finally, we urge all Conference & AGM attendees to urge all Victorian Government Schools to have a registered contact with PV, in order to stay informed and continue to make impact!

**Gail McHardy**  
Chief Executive Officer





## 2022 TREASURER'S REPORT

The 2022 calendar year sees Parents Victoria (PV) in the second year of our three-year Common Funding Agreement (CFA) with the Victorian Department of Education.

As reported in the 2021 Treasurer's report, PV's work tasks are guided by our CFA Accountability Work Plan core activities which are:- Parent Engagement; Responsive Complaints; Consultation and Advice. However, at the same time PV is versatile and responsive in order to support our Mission that the educational journey for every student in a state government school is holistically supported and achieved in partnership with parents, schools and Government.

### Comments to the Profit and Loss Statement

- Contractor Payments. Includes PV's three contracted operations staff.
- Club Membership and Individual Membership. PV's 2021 updated constitution no longer includes the requirement for a membership cost to join PV. Individual Membership is also no longer an option. Parent Clubs, schools and parents with a child at a Victorian government school can join PV. Friend of Parents Victoria membership is still available.
- Annual Conference. PV's conferences are conducted in the second half of the calendar year and while both the 2020 and 2021 conferences were delivered online, costs to secure our valued speakers from year to year, varies. Conference costs generally were well down on budget, due to the online delivery versus the cost to present an in-person event.
- ACSSO. PV is the Victorian State Affiliate with the National organisation – Australian Council of State School Organisations. Membership fees to the State Affiliate organisations were heavily subsidised by ACSSO for this year only.
- Executive Leadership Weekend. This meeting is an important part of the PV calendar where the Board and Operations staff come together at the beginning of each calendar year to set plans and priorities for the year ahead. PV appreciates the generosity of our volunteer Board Members to allocate a full weekend to this task.
- Projects - Parent Workshops. PV partnered with Dr Debbie Pushor to offer a limited number of Victorian government school families the opportunity to register for a COOL (Chapters of Our Lives) family memoir project.
- Projects RbE. Creation of logo branding for the Relationship based Education (RbE) work which PV does in partnership with John Hendry OAM.
- Promotions. PV updated and refreshed our organisation promotional brochure.
- Subscriptions. This amount includes annual payment for PV's customer relations management system to receive communications under our Responsive Complaints work.
- Rent. PV secured two years (2021 and 2022) without an increase.

**Trish Marks**

Treasurer







## Communications Report

### Website

The PV website had over 32,000 page views in the 2021/22 financial year.

The most popular pages were:

- Membership
- About
- Newsletter
- RbE
- Board and staff
- Contact

### Parents Voice

We published 11 issues of Parents Voice over the year.

Distribution increased to over 1,700 in late 2021, with the Constitutional change that included all Victorian schools as 'Recipient Members'. It's encouraging that the open rate of the emails has increased too, so Parents Voice now reaches many more people than in the past.

Popular topics in Parents Voice included:

- Cost of schooling
- Vaping among children and teenagers
- School Community Safety Orders
- VCAL and Career Education
- Fair funding for state schools

### Facebook

Our Facebook page has 1,800 page followers, up from 1,500 at the end of 2021.

Among our most popular post topics for 2021/22 have been:

- Public/private school divide
- Sexuality and consent education
- Announcements/commentary on Covid restrictions, including mask mandates and home/on-site learning
- Changes to VCE
- Principals Day in Victorian schools
- "Mask up – it can't hurt" campaign

### Alan Davies

Communications Officer







### AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF STATE SCHOOL ORGANISATIONS (ACSSO) Member Report

On a National Platform, the year started tough for many schools as variants of COVID kept popping up in different states which meant that some schools were unable to revert to on-site learning because of the extensive staff shortages. On a more recent news, meetings have been held at various levels to address the growing shortage of teachers across the country. ACSSO has expressed interest to be involved in discussions.

The focus of expectations from the Government had always been mental health and wellbeing along with equitable funding model. Leading into the federal elections ACSSO reached out to several parties and asked them to join in a series of webinars to discuss their education policies. There was also a call of questions from the public so that their concerns could be raised during the webinars.

ACSSO worked closely with Life Skills Group during the National Check-In Week to promote emotional wellbeing resource that provided information about student's well-being on a daily basis.

ACSSO conducted a survey to gather information about the concerns of families and school staff. Some of the key issues that came forward were

- Support for student wellbeing and connectedness to school
- Support for students with additional needs
- Recognition of authentic family engagement

ACSSO is completing 75 years of operating as a National Peak body for parents of Australia. The National Conference to be held in Canberra in November is expected to bring experts and speakers from around Australia who will be presenting the latest education happenings in Australia.

ACSSO is also looking up to set a New Online Communities platform that is set to launch at the conference. The aim of the platform is to facilitate discussions between interested individuals and groups across the nation including parents and families.

#### **Tooba Awais**

Member Representative



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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**





## Parents Victoria

### Annual Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2022

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**Parents Victoria  
Balance Sheet  
As at 30 June 2022**

	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>Equity</b>		
Retained Profits	368,417	378,265
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>368,417</u>	<u>378,265</u>
Represented by:		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Rental Bond	3,240	3,240
Cash at Bank	252,114	253,811
Cash at Bank	152,044	152,029
	<u>407,398</u>	<u>409,080</u>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
Office Furniture & Equipment	6,725	6,725
Less Accumulated Depreciation & Impairment	6,368	4,583
	<u>357</u>	<u>2,142</u>
Furniture & Fittings	1,073	1,073
Less Accumulated Depreciation & Impairment	851	636
	<u>222</u>	<u>437</u>
	<u>579</u>	<u>2,579</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>407,977</u>	<u>411,659</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Other Creditors	24,054	16,779
Provision for GST	15,506	16,615
	<u>39,560</u>	<u>33,394</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>39,560</u>	<u>33,394</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>368,417</u>	<u>378,265</u>



**Parents Victoria  
 Statement of Changes in Equity  
 For the Year ended 30 June 2022**

	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>Retained Earnings</b>		
Balance at 1 July 2021	-	398,218
Profit Attributable to Members	(9,848)	(19,953)
Balance at 30 June 2022	<u>(9,848)</u>	<u>378,265</u>

**Parents Victoria  
Profit and Loss Statement  
For the Year ended 30 June 2022**



	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>		
Service Agreement	305,625	288,938
Club Membership	123	2,310
Individual Membership	-	227
Annual Conference	-	200
Friends of Parents Victoria	91	82
Sponsorship	940	-
Rental Contribution	100	300
Interest Received	15	53
	306,894	292,110
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Accountancy Fees	1,344	1,320
ACSSO	3,144	8,711
Annual Conference	3,574	1,556
Bank Charges	62	45
Consultancy Fees	7,305	8,574
Contractor Payments	222,606	220,291
Depreciation	2,000	2,906
Executive - Travel	1,614	840
Executive - Other Expenses	1,196	569
Executive - Leadership Weekend	1,493	2,659
Insurance	1,501	1,544
Internet Expenses	413	349
Light & Power	650	640
Photocopying	62	-
Postage	193	314
Printing & Stationery	538	789
Projects - Website	4,503	3,478
Projects - Parent Workshops	3,394	-
Projects - RbE	570	113
Promotions	408	-
Publications	540	-
Rent	31,421	31,307
Repairs & Maintenance	214	-
Subscriptions	3,599	3,365
Sundry Expenses	80	-
Superannuation Contributions	22,184	20,790
Telephone	600	600
Website	16	-
Workcover	1,518	1,303
	316,742	312,063
<b>Loss before Income Tax</b>	(9,848)	(19,953)

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.  
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conjunction with the attached Compilation Report.*

**Parents Victoria**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year ended 30 June 2022**



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**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.

**Parents Victoria**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year ended 30 June 2022**



	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>2. Profit</b>		
<b>Expenses</b>		
Employee Benefits Expense	22,184	20,790
Depreciation and Amortisation Expenses	2,000	2,906
Annual Conference	3,574	1,556
Bank Charges	62	45
Insurance	1,501	1,544
Light & Power	650	640
Postage	193	314
Printing & Stationery	538	789
Rent	31,421	31,307
Repairs & Maintenance	214	-
Telephone	600	600
Other Expenses	253,805	251,572
	<u>316,742</u>	<u>312,063</u>
<b>3. Profit for the Year</b>		
Profit before income tax expense from continuing operations includes the following specific expenses:		
<b>Charging as Expense</b>		
Movements in Provisions		
Depreciation		
- Depreciation of Property, Plant and Equipment	2,000	2,906
Net Expenses Resulting from Movement in Provisions	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,906</u>
<b>4. Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		
Rental Bond	3,240	3,240
Cash at Bank	252,114	253,811
Cash at Bank	152,044	152,029
	<u>407,398</u>	<u>409,080</u>

**Parents Victoria**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year ended 30 June 2022**



	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>Reconciliation of Cash</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	407,398	409,080
	<u>407,398</u>	<u>409,080</u>
 <b>5. Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		
<b>Plant and Equipment</b>		
Office Furniture & Equipment	6,725	6,725
Less Accumulated Depreciation & Impairment	<u>6,368</u>	<u>4,583</u>
	357	2,142
 Furniture & Fittings	1,073	1,073
Less Accumulated Depreciation & Impairment	<u>851</u>	<u>636</u>
	222	437
 Total Plant and Equipment	<u>579</u>	<u>2,579</u>
 <b>Total Property, Plant and Equipment</b>	<u>579</u>	<u>2,579</u>
 <b>6. Trade and Other Payables</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Other Creditors	24,054	16,779
Provision for GST	<u>15,506</u>	<u>16,615</u>
	39,560	33,394
 <b>Total Trade and Other Payables</b>	<u>39,560</u>	<u>33,394</u>

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**Fixed Asset and Depreciation Schedule**  
**For the Year Ended 30 June 2022**



Asset	Private Use	Cost Price	Cost Limit	Opening W.D.V 1/07/2021	Additions Disposals	Gain/Loss on Disposal	Capital Gains	---- Depreciation ---- Rate \$	Accum Deprec 30/06/2022	Closing W.D.V 30/06/2022
<b>OFFICE FURNITURE &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>										
HP Probook		4,432		867				40.0%PC	867	4,432
HP Probook		2,293		1,275				40.0%PC	918	1,936
Sub-total		6,725		2,142					1,785	6,368
<b>FURNITURE &amp; FITTINGS</b>										
Beds		1,073		437				20.0%PC	215	851
Sub-total		1,073		437					215	851
<b>Total</b>		<b>7,798</b>		<b>2,579</b>					<b>2,000</b>	<b>7,219</b>

**Parents Victoria**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the Year ended 30 June 2022**



	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>			
Receipts from Customers		328,351	478,662
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(330,049)	(325,245)
Interest Received		15	53
<b>Net Cash Inflow from Operating Activities</b>		<u>(1,683)</u>	<u>153,470</u>
Net Increase in Cash Held		<u>(1,683)</u>	<u>153,470</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents as at 1 July 2021		409,080	255,610
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents as at 30 June 2022</b>		<u><u>407,397</u></u>	<u><u>409,080</u></u>

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## Parents Victoria

### Board Report

The board members present their report on the association for the financial year ended 30 June 2022.

### Board Members

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

Sharron Healy  
Trish Marks  
Tooba Awais  
Paul Fry  
Raelene Vine

### Principle Activities

The principle 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 (\$9,848).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Board

**Trish Marks**

Dated: October 13, 2022



**Parents Victoria**

**Certificate by Members of the Board**

We Sharron Healy and Trish Marks being members of the board of Parents Victoria, certify that:

The annual financial 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 in June 30, 2022.

..... (Sharron Healy)

..... (Trish Marks)

Board Members  
October 13, 2022





## Parents Victoria

### Statement by Members of the Board

The board 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 board the financial statements:

Presents fairly the financial position of Parents Victoria as at 30 June 2022 and its performance for the year ended on that date.

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 board and is signed for and on behalf of the board by:

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**Treasurer: Trish Marks**

Dated: October 13, 2022



## Parents Victoria Compilation Report To Parents Victoria

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We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of Parents Victoria, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, 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**

Level 2, 333 Keilor Road Essendon VIC 3040

Michelle Grech  
29 August 2022

## INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW REPORT

To Parents Victoria Inc.

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### 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 2022 and the Profit and Loss Statement for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

### Management's Responsibility for the 2022 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 2022 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 2022 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 2022 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 2022, and of its financial performance for the year ended 30 June 2022.

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## Recipes for Great Schools

Parents Victoria Online Conference (Zoom webinar) – October 11, 2021

(Notes as taken by Parents Victoria)

The Parents Victoria (PV) Board took the decision to again present an online conference in 2021.

The conference theme was well received and the speakers definitely delivered.

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

Minister Merlino shared his recipe for great schools - responding that the pandemic has highlighted what makes schools great – **community and connection**. Minister Merlino thanked Parents Victoria for a strong year of advocacy and for invaluable wise council in another difficult school year and said that parents and schools have formed stronger connections. He added that generous proportions of wellbeing, equity and excellence are needed.

The Minister took questions from conference attendees.

## Caring through Connection – how we build relationships, develop trust and safety, and support regulation for our children to thrive and grow. Dr Elspeth Stephenson, Lecturer in Education, Professional Learning, Faculty of Education, University of Tasmania.

Dr Stephenson gave a challenging and inspiring presentation on the impact of trauma on children's ability to learn, and what can be done about it. She said:

- Imagine a world where the cry of every child is met by a loving, compassionate adult
- Diagnosis does not always relate to the trauma experienced (often there is no consideration of that horror)
- It is important to share the understanding of the significance of the early years and trauma – and how to work to enable the child to learn. A child is not emotionally well if they are not safe
- Everyone who touches the life of a child can make a difference
- **Complex Trauma** – “The experience of **multiple**, chronic and prolonged, **developmentally** adverse traumatic events, most often of an **interpersonal** nature ...and early life onset” (*van der Kolk, 2005, p.402*)
- Children are not wilfully disobedient. They are trying to tell you something from their behaviour. Behaviours are survival techniques.
- Evidence is clear that regardless of adversity and age, if we respond we can make positive and significant impact
- Stay calm – no matter what. See the need behind the behaviour. Meet the need. Find a way.



## **AGM**

No apologies were received.

### **First Item of Business** – Parents Victoria updated Constitution (2021)

PV did not receive any questions on this item so it was proposed that the changes be accepted as circulated.

Moved: Raelene Vine, Ouyen P-12 College

Seconded: Wendy Oh, Individual Member

### **Motion that the Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting be accepted.**

Moved: Wendy Oh, Individual Member

Seconded: Raelene Vine, Ouyen P-12 College

## **Reports**

As circulated prior to the meeting - the reports from the Immediate Past President, Executive Officer, Treasurer and ACSSO Member Representative were accepted.

Moved: Raelene Vine, Ouyen P-12 College

Seconded: Wendy Oh, Individual Member

### **Appointment of Auditor for 2021/2022**

Under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 Parents Victoria is a Tier 2 organisation (annual revenue between \$250,000 and \$1million) 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 2021/2022 financial records.

Moved: Paul Fry, Lowanna College

Seconded: Sarah Weston, Sunshine Heights PS

All in favour

### **Nominations to the Board and Election of Office Bearers – 2021/2022**

Sharron Healy thanked outgoing Executive Members for their support and declared all Executive Committee positions vacant.



Gail McHardy declared that Immediate Past President Sharron Healy's acceptance to continue in the role.

Further nominations for the Election of PV Board Members for 2021/2022 will be received until October 26, 2021 (under the new 2021 constitution).

### **Conferring of Life Membership**

Life Membership of Parents Victoria was awarded to Raelene Vine, Ouyen P-12 College

### **Joan Kirner Award 2021**

The Minister for Education, James Merlino announced via a pre-recorded video message that Parents Victoria advised the winner of this Award is - **all parents and carers of Victorian government school students** – in recognition of their incredible efforts to support children to learn from home over the past two years of the pandemic.

The Minister acknowledged that the late Joan Kirner would have whole-heartedly supported this well-deserved recognition, as does he.

Sharron Healy also agreed that Joan would have been very pleased with the spectacular job parents have done.

### **Collective Conversation on Consent**

**Debbie Ollis, Honorary Associate Professor, School of Education, Deakin University.**

*Session facilitator. Introduction and setting the scene.*

Debbie informed that parents are primary educators in this space, they are a trusted source of information and that consent needs to be a collective conversation. There has been a great suite of resources developed over the last 30 years. Parents are the missing link in a whole-school approach. There needs to be a framework for parents.

**Chanel Contos, Sexual assault activist, tutor and post graduate student.**

*Creating a culture where our children are safe (via pre-recorded video).*

Home and school messages need to be noncontradictory. Language used to communicate with children is important. We need a **no-blame language** in order to encourage children to be open to having discussion. Discussion about pornography is necessary – from school and parents. Create open situations so that children can speak about this – can't afford these issues to be taboo or children won't speak up. Language at home when referring to sexual assault victims is important, as children are assessing whether they could come to their parents, if they needed to. Situations are harder for your child than they are for you – ask them what they need?

Chanel lobbies for consent to be taught in schools. Parents need to be in these conversations. But not everyone has involved parents.



**Katrina Marson, Advocate for Relationships & Sexuality Education.**

*Comprehensive relationships and sexuality education.*

Katrina informed that parents play a critical role in teaching sexuality education. Rates of sexual violence are not an unchangeable constant and the source of sexual violence is something we can change. We have to teach children .... it is unfair not to teach them. Students comment “we wished we had learned this at school.”

They have already needed the lesson and they haven’t had it! Learning about healthy intimate relationships and what they look like. Respecting feelings. Children need to start learning at a young age.

Standards need to be carefully articulated – e.g. not just as “free from violent” but “far from violent”. Inconsistent messaging can work to undo the benefits of lessons. Some parents worry that lessons at school will exclude the parents. Overseas it is recognised that this is a partnership between home, school and community. Some parents feel this information is more appropriate to be given at home and not school. Unfortunately, there would be many parents who would not give the lesson at home. It’s helpful for students to learn with their peers. Kids need **everyone** to stand up.

*Sharron Healy recounted that we need to do better at home and in the classroom regarding the consent discussion; parents would probably love to have resources to assist the content delivery; PV can always have discussions with DET about the funding. Sharron acknowledged Debbie’s comment that parents are the missing link and added that PV finds that in much of our work. There is work happening at both State and National level for initial teacher educators about **family engagement!** Sharron again thanked conference delegates for attending and formally closed the 2021 conference.*

*Conference Close – 2.00pm*



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