



THE ROYAL
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The Royal Society of Tasmania
For the year ended 31 December 2023

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Financial Report

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**Committee's Report
For the year ended 31 December 2023**

Your Committee Members submit the financial report of The Royal Society of Tasmania for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

1. General information

Principal Activities


The principal activities of the Society for the year were undertaken for the advancement of knowledge:

- Maintaining an extensive public library and art collection,
- Running an annual lecture series conducting monthly lectures,
- Publishing books and annual Papers & Proceedings,
- Providing bursaries and scholarships and awarding medals.

2. Operating Results and Review of Operations for the Year

The net surplus/(loss) of the Society for the financial year amounted to (\$14,492) (2022: \$16,236).

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

Committee Member.....

Committee Member.....

Dated this...29th...day of ...February.....2024

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Committee's Declaration – per section 60.15 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*

The Committee of the Royal Society of Tasmania have determined that the organisation is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The Committee declare that in the Committee's opinion:

1. The financial statements and notes are in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth)* and;
2. Give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 December 2023 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the organisation in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 of the financial statements.
3. In the Committee's opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the organisation will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Committee.

Committee Member.....

Committee Member.....

Dated this.....29th day of February.....2024

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Statement of Comprehensive Income
For the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
Income	\$	\$
Donations - Art Fund	5,245	0
Donations - Library	1,000	0
Donations - Library and Art Fund	1,057	49,413
Donations non-tax deductible	95	0
Bequests - Peter Smith Trust	7,948	4,990
Grants - Other	4,000	10,050
Grants - State Govt	4,000	4,000
Membership with papers	14,445	11,810
Membership no papers	11,545	11,445
Membership student with papers	110	200
Membership student no papers	30	105
Postage and handling income	829	2,446
Publications - books	5,296	10,036
Publications - n/books, cards & calendars	5,698	1,241
Publications - papers and proceedings	3,281	3,125
Program income - events	25,817	10,756
Interest Income - Foundation	23,755	5,185
Interest Income - Operations	3,147	1,334
Total Income	117,299	126,136
Less: Expenses		
RST Art collection expenses	8,243	18,309
RST Art fundraising expenses	17,244	5,953
RST Library expenses	42,039	5,150
Bursaries and Awards - ANZAAS	5,290	4,987
Bursaries and Awards - Peter Smith	710	0
Bursaries and awards RST	250	0
Advertising & Promotion	440	50
Bank & Merchant Fees	1,185	1,277
Computer Expenses	2,784	2,061
Printing & Stationery	977	1,528
Insurance	2,499	2,055
Audit Fees	300	260
Meeting Expenses	1,303	1,252
Aboriginal engagement	5,077	2,980
Program expenses	11,182	18,490
Program expense - transfer to Nth branch	2,400	2,000
Postage, freight & courier	3,990	2,164
Publications - books	0	5,360
Publications - notebooks & calendars	8,056	5,033
Publications - papers & proceedings	11,552	24,546
Salaries & Wages	6,268	6,445
Total Expenses	131,790	109,900
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	(14,492)	16,236
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive Income	(14,492)	16,236

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 December 2023

		2023	2022
Assets	Note	\$	\$
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	28,623	53,958
Accounts Receivable	3	1,674	0
Accrued Income	4	9,147	0
Investments	5	609,295	610,785
Prepaid expense	6	1,763	0
Publications, Books, Calendars & Cards	7	0	0
Total Current Assets		650,502	664,743
Non-current Assets			
RST Art collection	8	8,100,000	8,100,000
RST Library inc Rare Book collection	9	3,057,355	3,057,355
Total Non-current Assets		11,157,355	11,157,355
Total Assets		11,807,857	11,822,098
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Prepaid income	10	250	0
Total Current Liabilities		250	0
Total Liabilities		250	0
Net Assets		11,807,607	11,822,098
Equity			
Reserve - ANZAAS unexpended	11	65,576	0
Reserve - Library and Art Fund donations unexpended	11	71,804	0
Reserve - Peter Smith unexpended	11	38,463	0
Revaluation Surplus	12	11,157,355	11,157,355
Accumulated surpluses		474,409	664,743
Total Equity		11,807,607	11,822,098

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Equity
For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Accumulated Surpluses	Restricted Reserve - ANZAAS	Restricted Reserve - Lib & Art	Restricted Reserve - Peter Smith	Revaluation Reserve	Total
2023						
Balance at 1 January 2023	664,743	-	-	-	11,157,355	11,822,098
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	(14491)	-	-	-	-	(14491)
Transfer to/(from) Reserve	(175843)	65576	71804	38463	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2023	474,409	65,576	71,804	38,463	11,157,355	11,807,607
2022						
Balance at 1 January 2022	725,891	-	-	-	3,057,355	3783246
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	8,099,675	-	-	-	-	8099675
Transfer to/(from) Reserve	-8,100,000	-	-	-	8,100,000	-
Balance at 31 December 2022	725,566	0	0	0	11,157,355	11,882,921

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	2023	2022
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Receipts from customers		84,723	115,617
Receipts from government		4,000	4,000
Interest income		26,902	6,519
Payments to suppliers & employees		<u>(131,790)</u>	<u>(109,901)</u>
Net Cash Flows provided by(used in) Operating Activities	13	<u>(16,165)</u>	<u>16,235</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Purchase of Property Plant & Equipment		-	-
Proceeds from sale of Plant & Equipment		-	-
Other cash items from investing activities		<u>(9,419)</u>	<u>(4,000)</u>
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities		<u>(9,419)</u>	<u>(4,000)</u>
Financing Activities			
Other cash items from financing activities		250	-
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities		<u>250</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Cash Flows		<u>(25,335)</u>	<u>12,235</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents			
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		53,958	41,733
Net change in cash for period		<u>(25,335)</u>	<u>12,235</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	2	<u>28,623</u>	<u>53,968</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Note 1: Statement of Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The Committee has prepared the financial report on the basis that the not-for-profit organisation is a non-reporting entity because there are no users dependent on a general purpose financial report. This financial report is therefore a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth)*. The organisation is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the minimum requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth)* and therefore comply with the following Australian Accounting Standards as issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board:

- AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements;
- AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows;
- AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors;
- AASB 124 Related Party Disclosures
- AASB 1048 Interpretation of Standards; and
- AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosure

The financial report, except for the cash flow information, has been prepared on an accrual basis of accounting and are based on historical cost and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets. The amounts presented within the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar. The accounting impact on the change from cash to accruals on the statements has been noted.

As the Royal Society's Foundation is not a separate legal entity, the interest earned has been included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, and its investments are included in the Statement of Financial Position.

(a) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and cash in banks and PayPal, and other highly liquid investments with a maturity of less than 3 months.

(b) Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are recorded at cost.

(h) Employee benefits

No leave entitlements are provided with casual employment.

Superannuation contributions are charged as expenses when incurred.

(i) Income tax & GST

The organisation is exempt from paying income tax and is below the threshold for GST obligations.

(j) Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised when received and to the extent that it relates to the subsequent period it is disclosed as a liability.

Interest

Interest revenue is recognized as it accrues.

Grant income

Grant income received, other than for specific purposes, is recognised when the organization obtains control over the funds which is generally at the time of the receipt.

Deferred Income

Unspent grant income in relation to specific projects and events is not recognised as revenue in the current year but deferred as a liability and held in a Restricted Reserve until spent for the purpose received.

Donations

Unspent donations arising through deductible gift recipient (DGR) status are transferred to the Foundation's investments and held in a Restricted Reserve until spent for the purpose received.

Restricted Reserves

Restricted reserves are used to separate funds that are reserved for specific purposes such as DGR donations, ANZAAS funds and Peter Smith Bequest funds.

(k) Heritage Assets

Rare books and the Art Collection are treated as heritage assets and the revaluation model is used to determine the carrying amount in the financial records.

(l) Related Party Transactions

One related party transaction is reportable this financial year: honorarium of \$2,000 to the Honorary Editor (an ex officio Council Member).

Note 2: Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Cash on Hand	150	150
CBA Business Account	27399	52808
CBA Visa Debit Card	1004	1000
PayPal	70	0

Note 3: Accounts Receivable

Payments for papers and proceedings sent out in December and are yet to be paid.

Note 4: Accrued Income

Interest on bank term deposits, earned but not yet received.

Note 5: Investments

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Fund 1 TPT Long Term Fund Lib & Art DGR	36273	39560
Fund 3 TPT Fixed Term Fund ANZAAS	65576	32190
Fund 4 TPT Balanced Fund	3277	195375
Fund 5a MyState Bank TD	35834	35549
Fund 5b MyState Bank TD	36298	35224
Fund 5c MyState Bank TD	41667	41337
Fund 5d MyState Bank TD	15540	15000
Fund 6a MyState Bank TD	143335	142197
Fund 6b CBA TD	80000	0
Fund 7 TPT Long Term Fund	77500	74354
Fund 8 TPT Fixed Term Fund Peter Smith	38463	0
Fund 9 TPT Long Term Art Fund	35531	0

All investments have been transferred to the Foundation.

Note 6: Prepaid Expenses

Insurance paid in 2023, with payment allocated across 12 months. The amount of \$1,763 would have previously been recognised in 2023 as an expense with cash accounting.

Note 7: Publications, Books, Calendars & Cards

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Publications, Books, Calendars & Cards	0	0

Inventory of books, calendars and cards were valued at lower of cost or net realisable value. The amount remaining in 2022 reflected an historical amount with all recent amounts having been expensed as incurred and not capitalised with no stock controls. Following AASB108 a retrospective restatement to correct the error of \$67,734 in stock has been made to reduce it to zero.

Note 8: RST Art Collection

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
RST Art collection	8100000	8100000

Last revalued August 2022. Following AASB108 a retrospective restatement was made to recognise a revaluation surplus in equity to reflect this revaluation in full as there was no previous carrying amount.

Note 9: RST Library inc. Rare Book Collection

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
RST Library inc Rare Book collection	3057355	3057355

Last revalued 2016. To assist in the next valuation, \$36,292 was provided to UTas library to employ staff to complete an inventory of the current holdings. This payment was a one-off (part of the Library and Art expenses in the Statement of Comprehensive Income) and was not part of the 2023 budget, resulting in a deficit for the year. Following AASB108 a retrospective restatement was made to recognise past revaluations as part of the revaluation surplus in equity.

Note 10: Prepaid Income

Prepayment of a standing order for papers and proceedings, and a prepayment of membership fees. This amount of \$250 would have previously been recognised as income in 2023 under cash accounting.

Note 11: RST Reserves

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Reserve - ANZAAS unexpended	65576	0
Reserve - Library and Art Fund donations unexpended	71804	0
Reserve - Peter Smith unexpended	38463	0

Reserves were created for unexpended funds for DGR donations, the ANZAAS fund and Peter Smith bequest fund as they are all required for specific purposes.

Note 12: Revaluation Surplus

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Revaluation Surplus	11,157,355	11,157,355

Revaluation surplus reflects the amount in upward changes in asset values, in this case the heritage assets that are regularly revalued by an independent valuer.

Note 13: Reconciliation of result for the year to cashflows from operating activities

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Net surplus/deficit for the year	(14492)	16236
Cash excluded from surplus attributable to operating activities		
Depreciation		
(Gain)/Loss on Disposal		
Interest expense		
Changes in assets & liabilities		
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(12584)	
(Increase)/decrease in other assets	10661	
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	250	
Increase/(decrease) in income in advance		
Cash flows (used by)/from Operations	<u>(16165)</u>	<u>16236</u>

**The Royal Society of Tasmania
Auditor's Declaration
For the year ended 31 December 2023**

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

1. No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth)* in relation to the audit; and
2. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit


Richard H James FIPA FFA
Institute of Public Accountants IPA#: 134606

AUDITOR
6 February 2024

The Royal Society of Tasmania
Independent Audit Report to the members of The Royal Society of Tasmania
For the year ended 31 December 2023

I have audited the financial report of The Royal Society of Tasmania.

In my opinion the accompanying financial report of the organisation has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth)*, including:

- Giving a true and fair view of the organisation's financial position for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended;
- Complying with the Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*;
- My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting accounts and other disclosures in the accounts, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates; and
- To the best of my belief and knowledge, all information and explanations required have been obtained and rules relating to the administration of funds appear to have been observed.


Richard H James FIPA FFA
Institute of Public Accountants IPA#: 134606

AUDITOR
6 February 2024