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VICTORIA

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

LATE VICTORIAN SOCIETY OF MELBOURNE INC.

DURING THE PERIOD BEGINNING ON THE 1ST DAY OF JANUARY, 2022, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF JUNE, 2023; TOGETHER WITH THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR



PRESENTED TO THE MEMBERS AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF
ASSOCIATION,

By Authority
JAMES EDWARD WALACE HENDERSON, CHAIRPERSON



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I. About

The Late Victorian Society of Melbourne Inc. (LVSM) is a non-profit incorporated association to re-live aspects the period 1870s to 1910s,

Purposes

To bring together people interested in recreating aspects of the late Victorian period of 1870 to 1910, to cooperate in making displays and examples of period society for public education/entertainment, and to portray/recreate the era for Members enjoyment.

Values and founding principles

Accuracy and Authenticity :-

To be as accurate to the period as possible; to not misrepresent historical facts and beliefs of the time.

Transparency and Honesty :-

To not hide or hoard information; to actively disclose when items are not historically accurate and be open about sources

Inclusivity & Enjoyment :-

To provide opportunities for everyone to participate and engage with history; to provide engaging and fun displays for the public and Members.



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II. Chairpersons Message

It gives me great pleasure to report to our Members on the first incorporated year for the Late Victorian Society of Melbourne (LVSM). Consistent with our mission to bring together people interested in recreating aspects of the late Victorian period, we have created the beginnings of a society that will deliver engaging activities and build our capacity to steward living heritage throughout Australia.

The Society remains focused on the delivery of its short term and long-term objectives plan. The plan has allowed us to work towards achieving a financial net surplus; increased fundraising possibilities; education and exhibition capabilities; increased membership; and better Member experience. The year saw further strategic planning to ensure growth and Member happiness.

The Society hosted successful and well attended Dinners and events at Ballarat (Her Majesty's Dinner) and Keilor (Kings Coronation Dinner), and opportunities that showcased the strengths and treasures of our Members' historical knowledge. The Society will continue to deliver events which showcase late Victorian social history, and its people, through our aim to create inclusive and enjoyable events for all.

As Chairman, I am delighted to be involved with all of the Society's activities that promote the importance of heritage. The Annual Principal Activity keeps on growing, with this year's event being more immersive and grand. I congratulate our hard-working organisers along with everyone involved in creating and running events.

I am especially pleased to report that the Society was able to secure \$1,300 in contributions from events Members volunteered to attend. This much needed investment will go towards projects and help build events for Members. We welcome and encourage all Members to help and attend, what have been enjoyable paid events, that have meant LVSM was able to run more expensive events at reduced costs.

The Late Victorian Society of Melbourne is a fun hobby, but hobby nun the less. I myself have miss many activities due to work. It is understandable that work and life must come first and that Members have had to step down from volunteer roles; I and the CoM appreciate everyone's contributions to the Society. We are a very new club still finding our feet and growing; I look forward to the future growth great years the Society has ahead of itself. Thank you for being a part of it.

MUSN. James Henderson, BoA
Chairperson



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III. Committee

The following members have volunteered their time in pursuant of LVSM's purposes.

Chairperson: James Henderson

Vice Chairperson: Siobhan Buttler, appointed¹ September 2022 filling vacancy

Secretary: Jeffery McDougall

Treasurer: Joshua Furgason, resigned January 2023, position vacant

Ordinary Member: Natasha Penniceard, appointed¹ September 2022 filling vacancy

¹ Appointments were made in accordance with Rule 57-1(b) of the Model Rules for an Incorporated Association and Associations Incorporation Reform Regulations 2012

Committee Meetings

14 meetings have been held on the following dates :-

2021-2022

4th September 2021
2nd October 2021
6th November 2021
6th January 2022
6th March 2022
22 May 2022
6th June 2022

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29th September 2022
8th January 2023
5th February 2023
17th March 2023
14th April 2023
25th May 2023
3rd August 2023

Short Term and Long Term Objectives

The Society has the following objectives:

1. Engage with local communities using educational displays;
2. Costumed events throughout the year that fall on the same date annually;
3. Promote history;
4. Minimise the cost of being a Member and attending events;
5. Increase membership and attendance;
6. Build up the Annual Principal Activity; and,
7. Build financial strength.

Strategies and aims

1. Engage with local communities using educational displays;

By tapping into Members' area of historical expertise, LVSM has the possibility to create and run sponsored events.

2. Costumed events throughout the year that fall on the same date annually;

Now that LVSM is into its second year, and Covid restrictions have well and truly passed, we are able to construct a regular calendar of events that considers other member groups.

Our dates for events in the future will become like Mothers or Father Day, when the event will fall on a certain week of a month, rather than a date that changes.

By having a select few annual events, Members and guests will have adequate prior knowledge to ready themselves. Naturally there will be unique events that will come up throughout the year; notifications for these events will be made as soon as possible.



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3. Promote history;

To be recognized as Australia's leading voice for 1870-1910, empowering Members and the community to protect, use and celebrate our heritage.

4. Minimise the cost of being a Member and attending events;

Insurance is the biggest cost to Members, without public liability LVSM would not be able to host some of the events. The CoM has been looking into many different ways to fix and get around this cost. Further discussion with Members is needed for a solution that best suits the Members.

5. Increase membership and attendance;

The Society will invest in its people to grow our culture of positivity, engagement, passion, and expertise. By making Membership costs a nominal expense, reducing personal costs to attend events, and having long-term locked in events, we hope to continue to see Members and friends enjoying themselves within LVSM.

6. Build up the Annual Principal Activity;

The Annual Principal Activity is currently an annual dinner in the first half of the calendar year. In keeping personal costs to attendees down, the dinner is currently being run at a loss and its costs subsidised by income from other events. The dinner is run by a few members who donate their time and use their own money to cover overheads. By growing the principal activity into a ball, LVSM would save on the cost of catering, as well as increasing capacity. Organisers continue to work towards an annual winter ball.

7. Build financial strength;

The Committee has been looking into grants, paid events, and fundraising. With the help of Members, LVSM is in a position to make money; this money would be reinvested into the Members to subsidise prices, aid costs associated with a ball, end of year events, insurance, administration costs, etc.



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IV. Financial Report & Statements

Prepared by Jeffery McDougall, Secretary

Income Statement

as of 30 June 2023

Income	2022	2023
Membership	\$245.00	\$419.94
Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fundraising	\$95.00	\$0.00
Event Income	\$2,549.18	\$4,004.27
Services	\$300.00	\$1,000.00
Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Income	\$1.56	\$0.09
Total Income	\$3,190.74	\$5,424.30
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Expenses		
Insurance	\$25.00	\$385.00
Event Expenses	\$2,340.00	\$3,108.64
Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00
Advertising	\$0.00	\$0.00
Accounting	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$2,365.00	\$3,493.64
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Net Profit (+/-)	\$825.74	\$1,930.66



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Balance sheet

as of 30 June 2023

ASSETS	Notes	2022	2023
Current Assets			
Bendigo Bank Account		\$825.74	\$2,756.40
Accounts receivable		\$ -	\$ -
Fixed Assets			
Equipment		\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 825.74	\$ 2,756.40
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	1	\$430	\$2,084.00
Income tax payable	2	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 430.00	\$ 2,084.00
NET ASSETS		\$ 395.74	\$ 672.40

Notes :-

1. Accounts payable include payments to the Australasian living history Association for group membership and reimbursements to members for purchases.
2. The Late Victorian Society of Melbourne is a non-profit organisation and is considered exempt from income tax.



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Cash Flow Statement

as of 30 June 2023

ACCOUNT	2022	2023
Beginning Cash Balance	\$ -	\$825.74
Cash Flow from Operating Activities		
Net Income	\$825.74	\$1,930.66
Net cash provided by Operating Activities	\$825.74	\$1,930.66
Cash Flow from Investing Activities		
Net cash provided by Investing Activities	\$ -	\$ -
Cash Flow from Financing Activities		
Net cash provided by Financing Activities	\$ -	\$ -
Net Change in cash	\$825.74	\$1,930.66
Ending Cash Balance	\$825.74	\$2,756.40



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V. Activities & Events

LVSM held 9 events since incorporating and unfortunately had to cancel 4 events late 2022 due to illness and availability conflicts within the organisers.

2022

Name	Date	Type	Profit	Attendance
Boer War Banner	15 th April 2022	Public Display	\$300.00	4
Glimpse of Victorian	19 th April 2022	Public Display	-	8
Her Majesty's Dinner	4th June 2022	Members & Guests only	- \$ 119.47	34
Christmas in July Soiree	30 th July 2022	Members only	-	Cancelled
Taminick	30 th September 2022	Members only	-	5
Royal Botanical Gardens Picnic	15 th October 2022	Public Lunch	-	Cancelled
100th Anniversary Laverton State School Honour Roll	23 rd October 2022	Public Display	\$ 1,000.00	5
High Tea at Coragulac House	19 th November 2022	Public Lunch	-	Cancelled
LVSM Christmas Party	18 th December 2022	Members only	-	Cancelled

2023

Name	Date	Type	Profit	Attendance
Carton Gardens Promenade	11 th February 2023	Public Promenade	-	1
Farewell Summer! Seaside promenade	26 th February 2023	Public Promenade	-	3
Picnic at Ripponlea	18 th March 2023	Public Lunch	-	2
Kings Coronation Dinner	13 th May 2023	Members & guest only Dinner	- \$ 619.73	32



Group photo from the Kings Coronation Dinner



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VI. Membership

From the group's inception, LVSM had 4 founding members in 2020, then 15 members joined in 2021 – 2022, and 3 in 2022 – 2023. Totalling 22 accepted members by the end of the 2023 financial year.

Membership by type and status

	Primary Members ¹	Secondary Members ¹	Associate Members ²
Active ³	9	2	0
Inactive	8	3	0
Total	17	5	0

Notes :-

1. Primary and Secondary members are covered by insurance to participate in training and public displays provided they have paid their dues.
2. An associate member cannot vote but may have other rights as determined by the Committee or by resolution at a general meeting.
3. Active memberships are those that have paid for the latest membership term.

Demographics

Membership by Age

Under 18	18 - 25	26 - 35	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	Over 65
0	2	8	3	6	1	2

Membership by Gender

Female	Male	Other	Not Stated
11	9	0	2

Membership Locality

