



Annual Report of Council for 2016-2017

AGM 17 August 2017

During this past year the Society has continued to promote and assist in the advancement of science through the articles in its Journal, by holding a diversity of interesting monthly talks, and further developing its website for the benefit of members, a wider audience in Australia and around the World.

Council Members

Since the last Annual General Meeting on 18 July 2016, members who have served on Council have been:-

- **President:** Associate Professor Kate Trinajstic (elected 20/07/15)
- **Immediate Past President:** Dr Hugo Bekle (elected 20/07/15)
- **Vice Presidents:** Professor Bill Loneragan and Adj Professor Chris Florides (both elected 20/07/15)
- **General Secretary:** Professor Myra Keep (co-opted 19/09/16), Kelly Freeman (co-opted 29/06/16, resigned 18/08/16)
- **Membership Secretary:** Professor David Haig (co-opted 16/11/15)
- **Treasurer:** Mr Greg Benjamin (elected 20/07/15)
- **Editor-in Chief:** Professor Patrick Armstrong (elected 20/07/15)
- **Librarian:** Ms Bobbie Bruce
- **Councillors:** Dr Desireé Moon (co-opted 17/08/15), Ms Elizabeth Re (elected 20/07/15), Dr Charlotte Oskam (elected 20/07/15, resigned 4/10/16), Mr Brian Devine (co-opted 20/06/16, resigned 17/12/16)

In accordance with clause 26 of the Constitution, the term of all positions on Council expire at this AGM when, for a new term, nominated members will be considered for each position.

Meetings

During the past year the Council has met to attend to matters for the Society on 8 occasions being 15 August 2016, 19 September 2016, 17 October 2016, 21 November 2016, 4 February 2017 (for the annual planning day), 20 March 2017, 15 May 2017, and 10 July 2017.

Journal of The Royal Society of Western Australia (per Professor Patrick Armstrong, Editor-in-Chief)

The two issues of volume 99 of the Journal contained seven original papers, a total of 76 pages. Geology made a welcome return, and there were two strongly interdisciplinary articles. The fact that the Journal is now entirely online does not seem to have discouraged authors. The possibility of including colour photographs, diagrams and maps in articles without any page charges has been welcomed.

Three papers are in hand for issue 100/1; these include articles on island ecology and on exotic species. Others are currently being reviewed, or revised following review.

The standard of the Journal depends, not only on the authors who have the confidence to publish in its pages, but on the refereeing process. It is sometimes difficult to find reviewers with appropriate expertise to review some papers, and the Society particularly appreciates the efforts of those who are prepared to review papers for publication, some of whom wish to remain anonymous.

I have edited the Journal since April 2014, and am resigning to concentrate on other work this year. I am delighted that Dr Arthur Mory has agreed to take over the editorship. We have met twice to discuss the transfer and ensure a smooth transition.

Digitised Journals from 1899

We are very grateful to the Museum of Victoria who continue to digitise the Journals of The Royal Society of Western Australia and precursor societies which are now freely available online via The Biodiversity Heritage Library which provides free access to digitised biological literature through a global consortium of contributing libraries and affiliated literature digitisation projects. Links to these historical Journals are given on the Society's website under Publications/Journal/Past Volumes from 1899.

Library

Printed copies of the Journals of The Royal Society of Western Australia (since 1914), and precursor societies (since 1899), can be accessed from the RSWA Library housed within the Western Australian Museum at Welshpool. The Museum Library is one of the oldest government libraries in the State with collection strengths in the areas of the natural sciences such as ornithology, palaeontology, malacology, marine invertebrates, earth sciences, Australian history, anthropology and archaeology, maritime archaeology, materials conservation and museology. The resources of both libraries are available to the public for research. A description of the collection and contact details for the Librarian Bobbie Bruce are available on the Society's website.

Updated Constitution

At the last Annual General Meeting on 18 July 2016, a Special Resolution was passed to alter The Constitution of The Royal Society of Western Australia to comply with the new law "Associations Incorporations Act 2015 (WA)", and to update the current rules to reflect current operations of The Society as well as recommendations from the 2015 Business Plan. The updated Constitution was accepted by the WA Department of Commerce with effect from 24 August 2016. A copy of the updated Constitution can be found on the Society's website.

ACNC Registration

As recommended in the 2015 Business Plan, following approval of the updated Constitution, the Society made a successful application to be registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC). The Society has been registered with the subtypes advancing education and advancing the natural environment. The effective date of charity registration is 1 July 2016. Further details can be found on the Society's website.

DGR Status

During the year the Society made detailed enquiries with the Australian Taxation Office to seek Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status. It is evident that attaining DGR status for RSWA is now more onerous and demanding than it was some years ago when DGR was attained by most of the other Royal Societies in other states. At this stage, RSWA continues not to have DGR status. Donations are still welcome, albeit currently non tax deductible.

Newsletter (former Proceedings)

Given details of events are now advertised on the Society's website and notified to members via email, electronic distribution of a newsletter is less frequent and dependent on available time from our volunteer members. Thanks go to Myra Keep who prepared the April 2017 Newsletter in a new easier format. Dating from 2004, copies of all Newsletters, formerly referred to as Proceedings, are available on the RSWA Website, and make for interesting reading.

Monthly Talks

During the year members, guests, and visitors have been fortunate to attend a diverse range of informative and interesting talks which have been promoted on the Society's website and Eventbrite. We intend to continue inviting expert speakers from a range of the scientific disciplines. Talks since the last AGM have included:-

- Why do we find our richest flora on our poorest soils - Professor Hans Lambers
- Your Museum and the Deep Sea - Dr Andrew Hosie
- Emerging Antimicrobial Resistance from a One-health Perspective - Dr Sam Abraham
- Crime Scenes Clues from Nature - Dr Paola Magni
- Fireballs in the Sky Tracking Meteorites in WA - Professor Phil Bland
- Flora and Fauna of Lake Macleod - Dr Chris Kavazos and Professor Pierre Horwitz

Website

The Society's website continues to be improved and updated, including:-

- Journal Search Back Issues page now includes for reference an updated Bibliography of Journals from 1899 to 2016 being a very impressive heritage of more than 1,600 articles on Science in W.A.
- Publications for Sale page has been updated, noting that limited copies are available of many printed RSWA and precursor society Journal issues dating back to 1904
- History of the Society and precursor societies page has been updated with reference links to many sources including the records of the State Library of Western Australia
- Events page with details of Talks, Symposiums, and other events since 2009
- Science News Items page, particularly if relevant to Western Australia, including March for Science on 22 April 2017 when events were held in over 600 cities across the World, including Perth where numerous speakers included our Vice Patron Professor Lyn Beazley
- Science and Innovation page which includes a vast array of useful links to organisations promoting and advancing science in Western Australia
- Institutions Login page where, since the Journal has gone online, selected approved Institutions have been given Journal access
- Members Login page where members have free access to all Current Journals since Volume 97

Sponsoring Science

During the year the Society sponsored a prize, as detailed on our website, for the Ecology, Environment and Evolution session at the Combined Biological Sciences Meeting held at The University of Western Australia on 26 August 2016. The winning student for this session was Rachele Bernasconi a PhD student from the Centre for Marine Ecosystems Research at Edith Cowan University. Also, more recently the Society was pleased to assist sponsoring the International Mammalogical Congress held in Perth from 9 to 14 July 2017.

Membership

We are pleased to have welcomed a number of new members during the year. As detailed in the Treasurer's Report, at year end there are a total of 129 members. With subscription fees unchanged for another year, in 2017-2018 we hope to be able to grow the number of members and extend the benefits of membership which not only include access to the distinguished Journal, attending monthly talks, a bi-annual symposium starting 2018, but also include being able to connect with, and being inspired by, scientists from other disciplines. We are pleased to be promoting science which in Western Australia continues to grow and have vibrant interest in schools and universities.

Honorary Life Members

At the Council Meeting on 20 March 2017 a motion was passed to recommend at the AGM, Honorary lifetime membership to three members in recognition of their many years of outstanding service to the Society:-

- **Dr Alex Bevan**

After graduating in 1972 with an Honours degree in Geology from University College London, Alex worked briefly at the Geological Society, and then for 13 years as Assistant Curator of Meteorites at the Natural History Museum in London. During this period he completed a PhD on the Metallurgy of Meteorites, which included periods of research at Manchester University, Lehigh University in Pennsylvania, and the Indian Museum in Calcutta.



In 1985, with his family, Alex emigrated to Australia to take up a newly established position of Curator of Mineralogy and Meteoritics at the Western Australian Museum. Here he established a systematic programme of meteorite recovery and research (WAMET) from the Nullarbor Region. His work has opened up many new lines of research, including the innovative use of weathered, ancient stony meteorite falls from the Nullarbor to interpret past climatic change. He has authored more than 100 scientific and popular publications, including six books. Since 1991 he has lectured widely including the UK and South Africa as well as locally. Alex is currently Head of the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences at the WA Museum, and an Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Applied Physics and Imaging at Curtin University. Amongst his contributions to other organisations is the Editorial Board of Records of the WA Museum; Editorial Panel of the Australasian Gemmologist journal; Member of the sub-committee of the National Committee for Space Science under the auspices of the Australian Academy of Science; Board member, Earth Science Western Australia (2007-present); Ambassador for Science, WA Science Network, Scitech (2005-present); and a Member of the Planetary Sciences Group, Geological Society of Australia.

Between 2001 and 2015 Alex has been a major contributor to The Royal Society of WA Council, variously as a Committee Member (2001-02, 2007-09 and 2011-15); Vice-President (2002-04 and 2009-11); President (2004-06); and Immediate Past-President (2006-07). In his final two years on Council, Alex helped organise the meeting programme for the Society's Centennial year (2014) that involved some 14 events. He contributed two papers to the Centennial volume of the Society, including a history of the 100 years of the Society. Since 2012 Alex has been a member of the Editorial Board for the Journal of The Royal Society of WA and one of its Associate Editors.

- **Dr Lynne Milne**

Diversity is just one of the fascinating aspects of a scientist's career. After eleven years as a high school Physical Education and Science Teacher in Western Australia, interspersed with several years overseas, Lynne commenced a BSc in Geology at The University of Western Australia completing it with Honours in Palynology (1st class) in 1981. Then followed three years part-time tutoring and lecturing at UWA, working for Analabs, starting a family, before moving to Queensland in 1985 where she continued consulting work. A PhD in Palynology was completed part-time in 1997 during which time she helped solve her first murder case.



Lynne returned to Perth in 1998, was awarded a UWA re-Entry Fellowship in 1999 in the then School of Earth and Geographical Sciences, after which she moved to the Centre for Forensic Science at UWA. In 2008 she moved to Curtin University, initially part-time, then as a full-time, Senior Lecturer until 2013. Since then she has continued at Curtin as a University Associate, supervising and funding postgraduate and honours students and working on projects for mining companies, CSIRO, ChemCentre WA and State and Federal police. A recent development has been melissopalynology - the study of honey, for the ChemCentre WA with the aim of palynologically certifying monofloral jarrah and marri honey and chemically determining their microbial potency (al la Manuka honey) for the international market.

Through her expertise in forensic science Lynne is frequently sought after by the media: the subject of an ABC program in 2005 (Australian Story), Forensic Investigators and Catalyst, plus numerous other TV appearances. She wrote A Grain of Truth, published in 2005 by New Holland Publishers and has undertaken about 50 radio interviews, most recently on 720 on 'Who are you' with Geoff Hutchison, along with articles on her forensic work published in several magazines and all state newspapers. Her community contributions have included Educational guest speaker talks at Scitech; various Probus Clubs, the University of the Third Age, Mature Age Education, UWA Extension, WA Naturalist Clubs, National Seniors Clubs, Council Libraries and other community and sporting bodies; as a Motivational speaker for Inspire Australia; and was a founding member of the UWA Geology Alumni in 1999 and Committee member until 2009.

Lynne has brought her passion to be fully involved in whatever she was doing to become an indefatigable supporter of The Royal Society over many years. She first served as a Councillor between 2002-04 before becoming the Society's Secretary, initially between 2004-09 and then for a second period, 2011-15. This period as Secretary also included the role of Newsletter Editor and, as a member of Council, commencement of the difficult move from a paper-based Society to an electronic one. She was elected a Vice-President 2007-09, President between 2009-11 followed by two years as Immediate Past-President 2011-13. Lynne, along with Alex Bevan, was the principal "mover-and-shaker" in organising the Society's successful Centennial year, 2014, built around some 14 events plus financial support funded through a Lotterywest Grant.

- **Dr Philip O'Brien**

Phil O'Brien completed a BSc Hons in Microbiology at the National University of Ireland, Dublin in 1976 followed by a PhD entitled "Repair of radiation damaged DNA in the blue green alga *Synechocystis* PCC6308". In 1981 he moved to the USA to take up a Postdoc position at Yale University, New Haven working on "Mechanisms of action of the recA protein" followed by an extended Postdoc (1981-85) at the University of California, Berkeley campus, the project being "Targeted and untargeted mutagenesis in the glyU gene of *Escherichia coli*". In late 1985 Phil moved to Australia and Canberra to join the CSIRO Division of Plant Industry as a Postdoc working on "Genetic engineering of plants for improved wool growth in sheep". It was with this diverse background that led to his appointment as lecturer in Biotechnology (1988-94) and, subsequently as Senior Lecturer (1994-2017).



Since joining Murdoch University Phil's research has been mainly in the area of plant pathology of agricultural and native ecosystems as well as application of the underlying technology in other research areas as part of collaborative projects. To-date he has 86 refereed publications, 20 Honours and 22 PhD theses to his credit. He was the Executive Secretary of the Australasian Plant Pathology Society (1993-95); a member of the Gene Technology Advisory Committee (2002-07); Convenor of the 20th Biennial Conference of the Australasian Plant Pathology Society, Fremantle 14-16th Sept 2015; and is the Editor-in-Chief of Australasian Plant Pathology and Australasian Plant Disease Notes (2010-present).

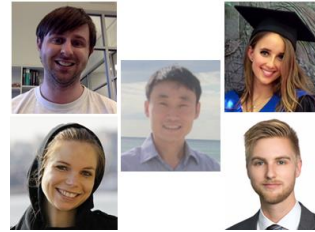
Phil first joined The Royal Society Council as an ordinary member in 2001-02. He has since become unique for the length of time he has served continuously in multiple executive roles, firstly as Treasurer commencing in 2002 through to 2015. During this period he was not only Treasurer but a Vice-President (2004-07), served two terms as President (2007-09) and (2011-13), along with the subsequent periods as Immediate Past-President (2009-11) and (2013-15). This Society can be most grateful to Phil O'Brien for not only overseeing its finances through some 14 years but as Treasurer and President successfully defending it against an action for financial damages by a former Council member, a matter that required his close attention between 2013 and 2015.

Student Medals

Since 1998 the Society has awarded Student Medals to those science students nominated by Perth's universities as most outstanding in Natural and Earth Sciences. Details about the Medallists and their accomplishments can be found on our website. At this year's AGM the Medallists are:-

Student Medallists 2015 (presented 2017)

Mr Asif Lewis Howard - Curtin University
Ms Shannon Roberts - Edith Cowan University
Mr Geoffrey Zhang - Murdoch University
Ms Sophie Locke - The University of Notre Dame Australia
Mr Callum McElhinney - The University of Western Australia



Student Medallists 2016 (presented 2017)

Mr Christopher Watts - Curtin University
Ms Laura Barnes - Edith Cowan University
Mr Simon John Bagas - Murdoch University
Ms Jessica Puca - The University of Notre Dame Australia
Ms Bronte Van Helden - The University of Western Australia

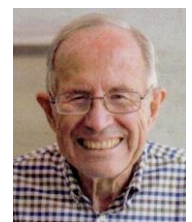
Vale Dr Phillip Playford

On 12 July 2017 Dr Phillip Playford passed away aged 85.

Phillip held a B.Sc. (Hons) in geology and an Honorary D.Sc. from the University of Western Australia where he attended from 1948 to 1953. Phillip was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship in 1959 which took him to Stanford University where he obtained a PhD for his thesis on the geology of the Egan Range, near Lund, eastern Nevada.

Phillip had a career with both government and the oil exploration industry, was a former Director of the Geological Survey of WA, and is well known through his many publications and lectures on the geology and history of the State. He is particularly renowned for his work on the Devonian reef complexes of the Canning Basin and geology of the Shark Bay area, and as a primary discoverer of the Zuytdorp wreck, the first Dutch wreck to be found and identified in Western Australia. His book "Carpet of Silver: The Wreck of the Zuytdorp" received a Premier's prize for literature, and another, "Voyage of discovery to Terra Australis: by Willem de Vlamingh in 1696-97", was short listed for a Premier's award.

Phillip was an Honorary Associate of the Geological Survey and the WA Museum, a Fellow of the Geological Society of Australia, and a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering. Among the honours he has received are the Lewis G Weeks Gold Medal of The Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association, a Special Commendation Award of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, and the Gibb Maitland Medal of the Geological Society of Australia. In 1998 he was made a Member of the Order of Australia for his contributions to knowledge of the geology and history of Australia.



Phillip first joined The Royal Society of Western Australia in 1952 which in recent times must have made him one of its longest continuously involved members. He joined Council in 1965-66, became Vice President in 1967-69 and President in 1969-70 followed by a further year as the Immediate Past President 1970-71. Phil remained a Council member until 1984 then took a break until a second period of service between 1989-93. In 1999 he was given Honorary Life Membership of the Society and in 2001 awarded the Society's highest accolade, the Medal of The Royal Society of Western Australia.

Phillip was a gentleman, eminent scientist and scholar, and will be remembered as a long-time supporter of this Society. Councillors and Members offer their deepest sympathies to the Playford family.

A more extensive tribute to Phillip's life is to be included in RSWA Journal Volume 100.

Vice-Patrons

The Society is thankful for the continuing support of our Vice-Patrons the Governor of Western Australia, Her Excellency the Honourable Kerry Sanderson AC, and Professor Lyn Beazley AO FTSE (who served as Chief Scientist of Western Australia from 2006 to 2013).

Acknowledgements

We thank the Board of the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority for allowing the Society to hold meetings on the Kings Park premises under their jurisdiction and for providing support for Society activities.

The Society is very thankful to our Librarian Bobbie Bruce and the Western Australian Museum who manage and house the Society's library, for storing a sizeable stock of additional copies of the Journal, for assisting the Museum of Victoria to digitise the Journals, for attending to enquiries, and for occasional mailing of publications when required.

We continue to be very appreciative of the voluntary services of Dr Peter Williamson who very capably and promptly manages the Society's website.

Also thanks to Mr Matteo Vinci who manages and regularly updates our Facebook and Twitter accounts.

All members of Council are thanked for their voluntary contributions during the year, with particular thanks to:-

- Professor Patrick Armstrong as Editor-in-Chief, steps down from Council, having, together with Associate Editors (Hugo Bekle, Alex Bevan, Rob Davis, David Haig, Philip Ladd, Kate Trinajstic, and Mike van Keulen), continued to maintain high standards in reviewing articles for the RSWA Journal
- Professor Myra Keep who we are pleased joined the Council as General Secretary, and who we thank for preparing the April 2017 Newsletter in a new easier format, as well as attending to other communications to members and correspondence for the Society
- Professor David Haig who has been managing the membership records as well as promoting the Society to help grow its membership
- Mr Greg Benjamin for his role as Treasurer, financial and other reporting to Council, preparing the Accounts and work papers for the auditors, updating the Society's website, processing the updated Constitution which was accepted by the WA Department of Commerce from 24 August 2016, and registering the Society with the Australian Charities and Not-for profits Commission from 1 July 2016.

Next Year, including Bi-annual Symposium

The Council looks forward to the next year and continue with its activities to promote and assist in the advancement of science. We encourage participation from all our members across the various scientific disciplines. In particular, as announced in the April Newsletter, the Society intends to hold symposia every second year, starting in 2018, to embrace scientific issues that affect members in Western Australia. The symposium to be held on 27th and 28th July 2018 will be on the theme "Landscapes, Seascapes and Biota: Unique Western Australia - Past, Present and Future". The symposium will target researchers working in the biological, geological and environmental sciences in Western Australia, other Australian states and overseas. The two day conference is expected to have more than 20 talks together with posters to showcase the natural sciences of WA. We hope also to engage students, with schools invited to send representatives to some of the keynote talks. We plan to publish special issues of the RSWA Journal to capture the papers presented. We hope that these special issues will attract high citation rates, which will boost the standing of the Society and the Journal.



Treasurer's Report to AGM on 17 August 2017

For the year ended 30 June 2017, The Royal Society of Western Australia finished with a net surplus of \$5,463 compared to the previous year net surplus of \$4,757. Although the Society no longer receives a grant from the WA Department of Culture and the Arts, which was for printing The Society's Journal, the move to online has been successful and affordable. Expenses continue to be kept low due to significant support from volunteers and other factors mentioned below.

Revenue this year included:-

- Membership Subscriptions \$9,541. Thanks to all members for their ongoing support. Last year subscriptions of \$14,476 were higher thanks to one member who paid a Lifetime subscription of 20 years under clause 20 of The Constitution. Individual subscription fees have remained unchanged for four years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 being at \$95 for Ordinary members and \$55 for Students. With the update of the Constitution on 24 August 2016, the Associate membership category will not continue. At year end there are a total of 129 members (Ordinary 103, Associate 4, Students 10, Honorary 6, Life 6) compared to the previous year end total of 166 members (Ordinary 123, Associate 12, Students 10, Gift 4, Honorary 5, Life 7, Award 5).
- Events Income was \$Nil as all Talks during the year were provided free of charge.
- Journals Subscriptions and Sales \$792 were low compared to last year as the RSWA Journal is now online.
- Interest Received \$955 was from two accounts opened with Bankwest in January 2016, being an interest bearing account at call, and a term deposit which has been rolled over every six months.

Expenses this year included:-

- Operating Expenses \$3,740 consisting of Advertising and Marketing \$300; Audit \$1,600; Awards and Prizes \$34; Bank and Transaction Fees \$744; Insurance \$891 (Association Liability Insurance \$297; Personal Accident Insurance \$214; Public Liability Insurance \$380); and Other \$171. Operating Expenses were higher last year at \$10,498 as they included buying stock of award medallions \$4,443 and Office Lease \$1,536 which finished in September 2015.
- Event Expenses were \$Nil as, thanks to the Board of the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority, the Society has been able to hold meetings and talks on the Kings Park premises without charge.
- Journal Expenses \$1,970 comprised applicable costs of format and layout for online Volumes 99-1&2 and 100-1. Last year Journal Expenses were considerably higher at \$19,198 as they included printing and mail out which no longer applies since the RSWA Journal is now available only online.
- Website Expenses \$267. The Society is again very thankful to Peter Williamson who this year has managed the RSWA website on a voluntary basis. As listed in the Annual Report, numerous improvements to the website have been made.

Greg Benjamin.

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SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT
For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

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Auditor's Independence Declaration

For the Period Ended 30 June 2017

Auditor's independence declaration to the Management Committee of The Royal Society of Western Australia

In relation to our audit of the financial report of The Royal Society of Western Australia for the year ended 30 June 2017, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.



Alastair Abbott CA

Registered Company Auditor number 486826

Australian Audit Pty Ltd

Level 8, 251 St Georges Terrace, PERTH, WA

Date: 27 July 2017

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of Royal Society of Western Australia

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Royal Society of Western Australia (the Entity), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and the statement by the Board of Directors.

In our opinion the accompanying financial report has been prepared in accordance with requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)* and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the Entity's financial position as at 30 June 2017, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's *APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the Entity to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)* and the *ACNC Act*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.



Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)* and the *ACNC Act* and the needs of the members. The responsibility of Management also includes such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to



continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In our opinion, Royal Society of Western Australia has complied with 60-30(3)(b), (c) and (d) of the ACNC Act:

- by providing us with all information, explanation and assistance necessary for the conduct of the audit;
- by keeping financial records sufficient to enable a financial report to be prepared and audited ; and
- by keeping other records required by Part 3-2 of the Act, including those records required by Section 50-5 that correctly record its operations, so as to enable any recognised assessment activity to be carried out in relation to the entity.

Alastair Abbott, CA

Registered Company Auditor number 486826

Director

Australian Audit

Perth, Western Australia

Dated: 27 July 2017

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Management Committee's Report

For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

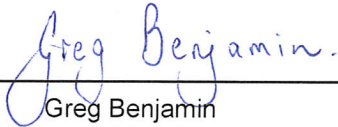
The Management Committee presents the report on The Royal Society of Western Australia for the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

The Management Committee have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

The net surplus of The Royal Society of Western Australia for the year ended 30 June 2017 amounted to \$5,463.

The principal activity of the association during the financial year was the promotion and development of science in Western Australia.

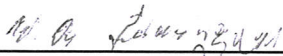
During the period, The Royal Society of Western Australia applied the accounting policies described in note 1 to these financial statements.



Name: Greg Benjamin

Position: Treasurer

Date: 10 July 2017



Name: William Loneragan

Position: Vice President

Date: 10 July 2017

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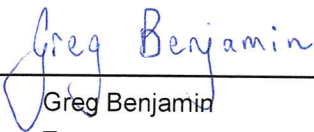
Statement by the Management Committee

For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

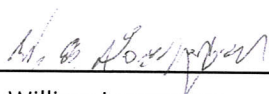
In the opinion of the Management Committee of The Royal Society of Western Australia:

- The financial report presents a true and fair view of the financial position of The Royal Society of Western Australia as at 30 June 2017, and its performance for the year ended on that date, in accordance with the accounting policies described in note 1 to these financial statements.
- The operations of The Royal Society of Western Australia have been carried out in accordance with its Constitution.
- At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that The Royal Society of Western Australia will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Management Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Management Committee by:



Name: Greg Benjamin
Position: Treasurer
Date: 10 July 2017



Name: William Loneragan
Position: Vice President
Date: 10 July 2017

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

	Note	Year ended 30-06-17 \$	Year ended 30-06-16 \$
Grants	2	-	16,000
Membership Subscriptions		9,541	14,476
Operating Income	3	1,747	4,807
Dividends		152	152
Total revenue from operating activities		<u>11,440</u>	<u>35,435</u>
Operating Expenses		(3,740)	(10,498)
Event Expenses		-	(758)
Journal Expenses		(1,970)	(19,198)
Website		(267)	(224)
Total expenses from operating activities		<u>(5,977)</u>	<u>(30,678)</u>
Surplus (deficit) from operating activities		<u>5,463</u>	<u>4,757</u>
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period		<u>5,463</u>	<u>4,757</u>

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Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2017

	Note	30-06-17 \$	30-06-16 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	48,173	42,074
Receivables - Interest on Term Deposit		339	327
Total current assets		<u>48,512</u>	<u>42,401</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Shares at Cost		1,324	1,324
Total non-current assets		<u>1,324</u>	<u>1,324</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>49,836</u>	<u>43,725</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
GST Payables		681	33
Total current liabilities		<u>681</u>	<u>33</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>681</u>	<u>33</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>49,155</u>	<u>43,692</u>
EQUITY			
Retained Earnings		49,155	43,692
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>49,155</u>	<u>43,692</u>

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Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 30 June 2015	38,935	38,935
Total comprehensive income for the year ended 30 June 2016	4,757	4,757
Balance at 30 June 2016	43,692	43,692
Total comprehensive income for the year ended 30 June 2017	5,463	5,463
Balance at 30 June 2017	49,155	49,155

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

1 Statement of significant accounting policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (WA) 2015 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC). The Management Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

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

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

a) Income Tax

The Association is exempt from income tax under the provisions of Section 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

b) Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

c) Revenue and Other Income

Grant revenue is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when the entity obtains control of the grant and it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the entity and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably.

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

Membership Subscriptions are recognised as revenue when received.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

Interest revenue is recognised when it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Association and the amount of revenue can be measured reliably. Dividend revenue is recognised when received.

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

d) 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). 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.

e) Investments

Investment includes equity securities. The Association recognises and measures this investment at cost.

f) Expenses

Audit fee and Insurance expenditure is recognised as an expense when paid. All other expenses are recorded on an accruals basis.

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For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
2 Grants		
Department of Culture and the Arts	-	16,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>16,000</u>
3 Operating Income		
Events Income	-	181
Journals Subscriptions and Sales	792	4,161
Bank Fee Rebate	-	70
Interest Received	955	395
	<u>1,747</u>	<u>4,807</u>
4 Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Bankwest - Business Account	1,187	930
Bankwest - TeleNet Saver, at call	13,170	15,144
Bankwest - Term Deposit, matures 24/07/17	33,816	26,000
	<u>48,173</u>	<u>42,074</u>

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