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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your directors present their report on The Australian Rangeland Society – hereafter “the Society” or “ARS” – for the year ended 31st December 2021.

The names of directors in office at any time during the year were:

David George Phelps (Senior Principal Scientist, DAF, Qld, Age 53) – 1/1/21 to 26/5/21;
Dionne Lee Walsh (Managing Director, Range IQ Pty Ltd, NT, Age 49) – 26/5/21 to 31/12/21
Robert Norman Shepherd (Principal Scientist, DAF, Qld, Age 67) – 1/1/21 to 31/12/21; and
Donald Grosvenor Burnside (Director, D.G. Burnside & Associates, Age 71) – 1/1/21 to 31/12/21.

The Society's operations for the year resulted in a loss of \$11,098.

The Society publishes and circulates three issues of the *Range Management Newsletter* and six issues of *The Rangeland Journal* to the members annually, runs a Biennial Conference, provides grants to assist members with travel and research, maintains a publicly accessible website, provides social media platforms, and promotes the advancement of the science and art of using Australia's rangeland resources for all purposes commensurate with their continued sustainability and productivity.

Review of operations

The Society's governing Council met four times by teleconference, once face-to-face at the Longreach Biennial Conference and held an Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 26 May 2021 (a total of six meetings).

The agenda for every scheduled meeting included discussion of Membership, Finance and Publication Committee reports, matters related to the strategic direction of the Society and the Biennial Conferences of the Society.

At the AGM, held on 26 May 2021, the Office-Bearers and general Council members were confirmed as follows.

President	Dionne Walsh	– continuing member
Secretary	Bob Shepherd	– continuing member
Finance and Audit Officer	Don Burnside	– continuing member
General Council Members	Angus Whyte	– continuing member
	Megan Munchenberg	– continuing member
	Paul Erkelenz	– continuing member
	Matthew Fletcher	– continuing member

One (1) further nomination was required to fill the eight (8) Council positions. This was filled after a call for nominations was undertaken in compliance with the Articles of Association of the Society. One nomination was received from Pieter Conradie; being the only nomination, Pieter was duly elected as a General Council Member for a term of four (4) years. Pieter is the Regional Manager, Beef and Sheep Central Western Queensland at the Department of Agriculture & Fisheries.

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The following were members of the ARS Council, and attended meetings during 2021.

Name	Location	Meetings attended (including AGM)	Meetings eligible to attend (including AGM)
* David Phelps	Longreach, Qld	3	3
Bob Shepherd	Charters Towers, Qld	6	6
Dionne Walsh	Darwin, NT	6	6
Don Burnside	Perth, WA	6	6
Megan Munchenberg	Cloncurry, Qld	2	6
Angus Whyte	Wentworth, NSW	1	6
Matthew Fletcher	Kununurra, WA	5	6
Paul Erkelenz	Strathalbyn, SA	3	6
† Pieter Conradie	Rockhampton, Qld	4	4
	* Retired at 2021 AGM; † New Councillor appointed at 2021 AGM		

Major Council and Society activities during 2021 are presented below.

- A very successful Biennial Conference was held in Longreach in October. It was the first time the ARS has held a joint conference and the partnership with Desert Channels Queensland resulted in a record number of registrations. Pandemic-related travel restrictions threatened to derail the conference, but the Organising Committee was able to pivot late in the piece to deliver the conference on-line. Some technical difficulties were experienced, including a fire in the server room at the conference hub, but the Organising Committee ably kept the show on the road. A substantial number of people travelled to Longreach to attend in person and the conference hub was a vibrant venue. The Proceedings from the conference are in the process of being uploaded to the ARS website.
- Planning for the 2025 International Rangeland Congress (IRC) in Adelaide is in full swing with all committees established. The ARS is the host organisation for the IRC, but the finances of ARS and IRC are being kept separate. Significant financial support has been provided by the SA Convention Bureau. The ARS has provided \$20,000 as 'seed funding' for use on planning and organising the IRC, with the understanding that these funds will be returned to the Society after the IRC. Council thanks Pieter Conradie and Andrew Ash for their hard work as co-chairs of the IRC Committee in 2021, together with all committee members.
- Strategic Planning is an on-going agenda item for both Council and the Publications Committee. We aim to grow participation in ARS activities, enhance membership services, ensure financial security and increase the impact of the Society's publications (journal, newsletter, website and social media). A strategic planning meeting was held in Longreach in October 2021 in conjunction with the Biennial Conference. This meeting was attended by members of Council, the Publications Committee and invited guests with an interest in the strategic direction of the Society. The Strategic Plan is currently being updated as a result of this meeting, with particular emphasis on growing and retaining our membership base and consolidating the future of *The Rangeland Journal*.
- Society membership continues to remain stable to slightly declining. Membership has been reasonably stable over the last few years, but the number of members is less than

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half the number in the years before 2000. Small but steady growth in the number of new members each year is off-set by losing a similar or greater number each year, especially in non-conference years as members often do not renew. Ensuring members see value in retaining their membership is an on-going challenge for the Council. Offering a three-year membership option has been a positive initiative. As at 31 December 2021, 24 per cent of the financial members held multi-year memberships. Building this commitment to multi-year memberships is an objective of Council. The Membership officer has continued to work with a website expert to rectify problems with the membership renewal system on the ARS website.

- The management of the Society's affairs resulted in a modest financial loss in 2021 of \$11,098, mainly caused by income being received from only one special issue of the *Journal* being received in 2021. Profit from Biennial Conferences is an important source of revenue for the ARS. At the time of reporting, Council was awaiting confirmation from the conference organising committee regarding the final financial result of the Longreach Conference; and a small profit to be received by the ARS is anticipated. The financial position of the Society is strong, with cash equivalents and term deposits at 31 December 2021 being \$156,642.
- The Publications Committee (PC) drives and supports the Society's publications, being *The Rangeland Journal*, the *Range Management Newsletter*, the website and social media. The Council is grateful for the contributions made by all members of the Publications Committee, particularly the Editors of the four publications. Council thanks Dr Andrew Ash for his considerable service as the Interim Chair of the Publications Committee for the past 18 months. In late 2021, Dr Bradd Witt responded to a call from the ARS for expressions of interest in the role and he will commence his term in early 2022. Council also thanks Russell Grant for his management of the ARS website for many years and wishes him well for his retirement. We welcomed Jayne Cuddihy to the role of website editor in late 2021.
- Six issues of Volume 43 of *The Rangeland Journal* were published in 2021, with the final two issues (comprising a Special Issue titled "Application and development of the Rangeland Comprehensive and Sequential Classification System" to be published early in 2022. A Special Issue on "Managing drought and improving business resilience in Australian rangelands" was published across two issues (2 & 3).
- In late 2021, Council ratified a recommendation from the PC to reduce the number of *Journal* issues from six to four per year. This decision was taken in response to a sharp decline in the number and quality of submitted manuscripts (anecdotally, the PC and Council are aware that this has also been experienced by other journals during 2020 and 2021). Reducing the number of issues will allow the editorial team to maintain a high standard of papers being published (i.e. quality over quantity).
- Strategic planning for the future of *The Rangeland Journal* is an essential task, given the rapidly changing environment for the publication of scientific papers, including the emergence of new business models such as "Read & Publish". A Strategic Plan for the *Journal* was developed by the PC, with significant input by Drs Marisa Spiniello (CSIRO Publishing) and Dr Andrew Ash.
- Council ratified a recommendation from the PC to engage with CSIRO Publishing to commence negotiations for a new publishing contract. The current contract expires in late 2022. This decision to commence negotiations fulfils a term in the current contract, which requires the ARS to advise CSIRO Publishing of its intention to commence negotiations (or not) a year in advance of contract expiry.

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- Three issues of the *Range Management Newsletter* were published during the year. Efforts to increase the technical content of the RMN – through cross-sharing of material with other publications and inviting member contributions – is paying off. Collectively, these actions are resulting in increased readership, with the most sought after material being tracked by the Newsletter Editor. Improved cross-promotion of content between the RMN and our social media channels has also been a highlight.
- The Society’s exposure via social media use by members and others is increasing slowly but steadily and represents an area where future growth will be encouraged through implementation of recommendations provided in operational reviews conducted in 2018 and 2021. Modest funds were committed to ‘boosting’ some of the material posted on the Society’s Facebook page, resulting in a much wider readership by those accessing the page. The Social Media Editor regularly reports performance metrics for the ARS social media channels to the PC. In late 2021, Sarah Moles announced her intention to retire from the social media editor role. Council thanks Sarah for her dedication to the role and for agreeing to continue until a replacement is found.
- The ARS continues to support the proposal for an ‘International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists’ (IYRP). Mongolia has spearheaded the IYRP proposal with the support of several other organisations via the United Nations (UN) FAO Committee on Agriculture. Drs Dana Kelly, David Phelps and Nicole Spiegel have been instrumental in coordinating Australia’s contribution to the proposal. A vote at the UN to ratify the IYRP is expected in early 2022. If successful, a number of events and initiatives will be planned within Australia in the lead up to, and during, the International Year to raise public awareness about the importance of rangelands and pastoralists.

Membership (A/Membership Officer – Dr Don Burnside)

Membership at 31 December 2021

At the end of 2021, the Society had 196 members, with 40 (24%) of the financial members on multi-year memberships extending to December 2022 and December 2023. During 2021, 20 people joined the Society for the first time, two members advised that they were resigning from the Society for a range of reasons, and 26 people let their memberships lapse by non-payment of subscriptions for 2021. The situation as at 31 December 2021 is shown in the table below.

Category	Hardcopy Journal	E-journal	Total
Complimentary members at 31 December 2021	7*	22	29
Members paid for 2021	85*	82	167
ARS members	92	104	196
Institutional subscribers to the Journal	10	79	89
Grand total	112	183	285

* one complimentary member has paid for 2021

In addition to publishing *The Rangeland Journal*, CSIRO Publishing manages subscriptions for the Society’s ‘Library’ subscribers as well as some of its ‘Institutional/Corporate’ subscribers. There were 89 institutional subscribers to *The Rangeland Journal* in 2021.

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The number of Institutional Subscribers to the Journal has remained almost the same for several years. Although the Society does not benefit financially from their patronage, through the Journal, they provide the ARS with very wide exposure across the world.

Complimentary memberships at 31 December 2021

At the conclusion of 2021, there were 29 complimentary members of the Society, as shown in the categories below.

Category	Number	Comments
Fellows and past Fellows of the ARS	7	Six current Fellows and one former Fellow
People receiving honoraria for services to the Society	4	Editor-in-Chief of <i>The Rangeland Journal</i> , Editor of the RMN and Social Media and Website Editors
Associate Editors of <i>The Rangeland Journal</i>	14	See list in a later section
Prize winners at the 21st Biennial Conference, ARS, Longreach, 2021	3	These complimentary memberships will expire at 31 December 2022
Significant contribution to strategic planning for the ARS	1	This complimentary membership will expire at 31 December 2022
Total	29	

Membership trends through years

As shown in the table below, membership numbers have been relatively stable across the years since 2014. There is always a 'boost' in the number of new members during a conference year, as shown in 2012, 2015, 2017, 2019 and 2021, but there is also a similar number allowing their membership to lapse. These people are not lost to the Society, as their names are retained in the database as 'inactive members', and they receive invitations to renew their membership and attend the Biennial Conferences.

Category	Membership at 31 December							
	2014	2015*	2016	2017*	2018	2019*	2020**	2021* ^a
ARS members at 31 December	220	221	182	231	209	224	202	196
ARS Members joined during year	22	37	38	71	16	39	10	20 ^b
ARS Members left during year	48	36	77	22	38	14	32	26
Institutional subscribers to TRJ	91	100	90	91	93	93	89	89

* conference year. a. includes 29 complimentary members. b. includes 4 new complimentary members

Awards and Prizes

Fellowships

There were no nominations for Fellowships received in 2021.

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Travel Grants

There were no Travel Grants awarded in 2021 due to on-going global restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic. A Travel Grant for \$2000 awarded in 2020 was returned by the recipient because COVID-19 prevented the recipient from undertaking the travel.

Prizes presented at the Longreach Conference

CSIRO provided \$1,000 to award prizes on behalf of *The Rangeland Journal* to the following presenters at the 21st Biennial Conference in Longreach October 2021. Prizes were awarded as follows.

Best Oral Presentation – Stream 1. Susan Orgill for Luke Mashford, Sarah Mashford, Paul Theakston, Hugh Pringle, Sarah McDonald, Simon Clarendon, Kirsty Yeates, Ian Toole, and Susan Orgill. *'Rangelands hydration - a landscape scale approach to increasing ground cover and soil carbon'* - \$300.

Best Oral Presentation – Stream 2. Paul McDonald. *'First Nations and Water'* - \$300.

Best Lightning Presentation. Jane Tincknell and David Phelps. *'Pots of hope – assessing landscape recovery through seedbank viability testing'* - \$200 (subsequently donated to the Society's Conference Account).

Best Poster. Greg Bath, Kate Brown, Col Paton, Megan Willis and Megan Gurnett. *'Stocktake GLM'* - \$200.

Award of Excellence in Rangeland Management

This new Award was approved formally at the 2019 AGM. The recipient of this award shall have rendered or is a significant contributor to the betterment of the rangelands. An announcement regarding the first of these awards will occur in early 2022.

The 21st Biennial Conference of the Australian Rangeland Society – jointly organised with Desert Channels Queensland – October 2021

The Organising Committee

For the first time, the ARS partnered with another organisation – Desert Channels Queensland headquartered in Longreach, in holding the 21st Australian Rangeland Society Biennial Conference in Longreach 5 to 8 October, 2021.

The Organising Committee included people from several organisations, as shown below.

Name	Affiliation	Representing
David Phelps (Co-chair)	Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Qld	ARS and QDAF
Leanne Kohler (Co-chair)	Desert Channels Queensland	DCQ
Jeff Poole	Desert Channels Queensland	DCQ
Prue Button	iButton Events	PCO*
Ben Galea	Desert Channels Queensland	DCQ
Kate Paterson	Kaloola Station, Longreach	DCQ
Vol Norris	AgForce Queensland Farmers	AgForce

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Name	Affiliation	Representing
Pieter Conradie	Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Qld	ARS and QDAF
Pip Gilmore	Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Qld	QDAF
Roelie Hartwig	Montessori Tours and Travel	PCO*
Matthew Fletcher	Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, WA	ARS
Jane Tincknell	Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Qld	ARS and QDAF
Jenny Milson	Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Qld	ARS and QDAF

* PCO – Professional Conference Organiser

The three-day *NRM in the Rangelands Conference - Shaping Our Future* was held at the Longreach Civic and Cultural Centre, Longreach, Queensland. The Conference brought together industry representatives and practitioners, researchers, and policy makers discussing critical issues to the management of rangelands in Australia.

Planning and delivering the 21st Conference

Originally the conference format included a three day Conference, a gala dinner, a welcome evening and a day of field trips. From the moment of conception, the COVID-19 situation was monitored and in August 2021 the Organising Committee made the decision to move from a full face-to-face conference, to a virtual conference with a ‘hub’ in Longreach.

As such, the landscape changed in terms of the Conference format and inclusions. The content remained the same focusing on *Shaping Our Future*. However, it was necessary to deliver the Conference virtually so delegates from other states could still attend.

The Conference format quickly moved from in-person to delivering content on-line with Longreach as a networking hub. To accommodate this change, adjustments were made to the program based on conference industry advice and research of similar virtual events held globally during 2021. There was still a great deal of uncertainty if the content and format would work for an Australian rangelands conference.

The final format was based on a block of three 15 minute long presentations, each followed by 2-3 minutes for questions and a 10 minute long panel session with all three presenters. The individual question time was removed and the panel extended to 15 minutes during the conference based on feedback from delegates and presenters, and ran much more smoothly. Each panel was facilitated by an invited technical expert, who could also be relied on to keep to time and ask engaging questions. Post-conference feedback was very positive of this final formula.

The Conference was considered successful due to a record number of delegate registrations (see later section) and the fact that the organisers were able to adapt and present the conference through such uncertain times.

Conference activities

The Conference theme ‘*Shaping Our Future*’ was chosen to provide a focus on the future of the rangelands and to encourage delegate participation in forward looking discussions. DCQ and local ARS committee members shared a desire to showcase western Queensland, with

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a number of the topics (or sub-themes) and invited presentations inspired by successful on-ground action and RD&E across the region. The Organising Committee also wished to generate discussion on shared topics from around Australia to benefit regions across the nation.

The risks associated with climate change and variability, and opportunities associated with the emerging carbon economy were seen as key themes for the future and all rangeland regions. Accordingly, the first day was mostly devoted to the sub-theme of 'Climate variability & resilience' including a keynote address from Professor Ross Garnaut, a world renowned author on the topic.

As the Conference was a partnership between ARS and DCQ, the main sub-theme for the second day was 'NRM in focus' and DCQ developed the majority of the content. The Organising Committee identified the importance of 'Traditional knowledge' as a sub-theme, which had also featured at previous rangeland conferences. Feedback from previous conferences clearly identified the need to continue to include practical management, sustainable production and conservation as core topics. Both the Port Augusta and Canberra conferences had started to incorporate more social-science based presentations. The response to the on-going drought across western Queensland from a number of agencies had also successfully broadened their programs to include community-focussed events and a focus on mental-wellbeing. The 'Community' sub-theme was included in the conference to provide a focus on these topics.

The final topic based conference sessions were:

- Climate variability & resilience;
- NRM in focus;
- On-ground management;
- Healthy rangelands;
- Productive rangelands;
- Environment & conservation;
- Applied technology;
- Traditional knowledge; and
- Community.

The **Keynote addresses** within these sessions were:

- Professor Ross Garnaut - 'The rangelands renewables renaissance' to look at threats and opportunities through climate change and emerging economies within 'Climate variability & resilience';
- Tony Hill - 'Success and challenges for the rangelands' within NRM in Focus;
- Dalene Wray - 'Are clean green rangelands enough?' addressing both productive and healthy rangelands; and
- Josh Gorringe - 'Reconnecting with country through traditional knowledge and science' within 'Traditional knowledge'.

The number of submissions in each sub-theme are shown in the table below.

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Category	Number of submissions
Climate variability & resilience	17
NRM in focus	8
On-ground management	15
Healthy rangelands	16
Productive rangelands	23
Environment & conservation	14
Applied technology	15
Traditional knowledge	3
Community	7
International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists	1
Grand Total	119

Conference attendance

316 people registered for the Conference and associated functions, including 217 full registrations, 13 day registrations, 48 student registrations and 38 complimentary registrations (key note speakers/ exhibitor/ sponsors).

It was estimated there were over 105 people at the Conference in person with the remaining attending on-line via EventAir. In Longreach, 90 people attended the Welcome Evening, 104 attended the main dinner at Smithy's on the Thompson River, and 30 attended the impromptu field trips organised by QDAF staff for the day after the Conference.

Conference finances

A draft budget was prepared with an anticipated attendance of 200 delegates and a sponsorship budget of \$60,000. When the situation was reassessed due to border restrictions and COVID impacts, the Organising Committee also reassessed the budget. A decision was made to move to a fully virtual event. This meant there was no AV team on site and presenters were unable to present live.

Delegate numbers as well as sponsorship income exceeded expectations which enabled the conference to deliver a profit, which will be shared between the ARS and DCQ. The key figures excluding GST to note are presented in the table below.

Category	Amount (excl GST)
Registration Income	\$65,286
Sponsorship Income	\$98,350
Other Income	\$4,545
Total Income	\$168,182
EventAir for Virtual conference	(\$31,500)
Contractors - Marketing, Event & other	(\$44,237)
Journal Publication Costs	(\$10,000)

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Category	Amount (excl GST)
Other expenses	(\$13,333)
Total Expenses	(\$99,069)
Net Profit	\$69,112

NOTE – at the time of preparing this Annual Report, the finances were awaiting final confirmation, and there has been no decision yet on how the profit will be allocated between ARS and DCQ.

Committees

In addition to Council, the Society continues to rely heavily on volunteers who fulfil vital roles.

Publications Committee (A/Chair – Dr Andrew Ash)

The Publications Committee comprised the following members as at 31 December 2021. The committee meets between Council meetings and provides a report to the subsequent Council meeting with recommendations for Council's consideration.

Name	Role
Dr Andrew Ash	Committee member (Interim Chair from 01/07/2020)
Dr Donald Burnside	Committee member
Dr Noelene Duckett	Editor, <i>Range Management Newsletter</i>
Mr Russell Grant	Website Editor (term end 30/11/2021)
Ms Jayne Cuddihy	Website Editor (term commence 01/12/2021)
Mr Daryl Green	Committee member
Ms Sarah Moles	Social Media Editor
Dr Paul Novelty	Editor-in-Chief, <i>The Rangeland Journal</i>
Dr Jen Silcock	Committee member
Dr Sarah McDonald	Committee member
Dr Robyn Cowley	Committee member

Dr Andrew Ash continued as Interim Chair of the Publications Committee, while the Council searched for a new Chair. As at December 31, 2021, a new Chair for the Committee had not been appointed but a candidate had been identified and will commence the role in early 2022. Sarah Moles, the Social Media Editor, decided not to renew her term which concluded in December 2021. Sarah agreed to stay in the role until a new Social Media Editor is appointed.

The Publications Committee met six times during 2021.

Associate Editors of *The Rangeland Journal*

There were 14 Associate Editors of the Journal at 31 December 2021, as shown below.

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Name	Country
Dr S.G. Bray	Australia
Prof. F. Hou	China
Prof. B. Hubert	France
Dr S. McDonald	Australia
Dr S.R. McLeod	Australia
Prof. G.I. Metternicht	Australia
Dr A. W. Muger	Australia
Dr A. J. Pressland	Australia
Dr D. Race	Australia
Dr R. Smith	Australia
Dr D. M. Stafford-Smith	Australia
Prof Wei Sun	China
Dr A. Waters-Bayer	Germany
Dr I. W. Watson	Australia

During 2021, the terms of Professor Anna Cingolani and Professor Ling Wang came to an end and they declined an invitation to renew. The terms of Professors Pauline Dube and Glenda Wardle also concluded during 2021. Dr Sarah McDonald and Professor Wei Sun were appointed as Associate Editors during 2021.

Advisory Editors of *The Rangeland Journal*

There were eight Advisory Editors of the journal at 31 December 2021, as shown below.

Name	Country
Dr B. T. Bestelmeyer	USA
Dr J. R. Brown	USA
Dr M.H. Friedel	Australia
Prof. I. Gordon	Australia
Prof. J. Huang	China
Prof. D. Wang	China
Dr A. Waters-Bayer	The Netherlands
Dr I. Wright	Ethiopia

Publications

The Rangeland Journal (Editor-in-Chief: Dr Paul Novelty)

As of 31 December 2021 Volume 43 of *The Rangeland Journal* had not been completed. The outstanding Issue is Issues 5/6, a Special Issue (SI) on the Chinese Comprehensive and Sequential Classification of Rangelands. This SI consists of nine papers and an overarching Preface/Introduction, and is due for publication in February 2022.

To date, Volume 43 consists of Issue 1 (6 papers and 64 printed pages), Issue 2/3, (a double issue SI focussed on “Managing Drought and Improving Business Resilience in Australia’s Rangelands”), consisting of 9 papers and an Introduction [119 printed pages],

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and Issue 4 (7 papers and a Corrigendum; 98 printed pages). Issue 4 also included an ARS commissioned paper by Hacker and McDonald, ‘Prospects for Sustainable use of the pastoral areas of Australia’s southern rangelands: A synthesis’. This compares with 459 pages in 2020 (Issue 42), and 586 pages in 2019. Prior to 2014 the journal published only four issues per year and the number of pages ranged from 417-455 (2010-2013).

The Rangeland Journal received 58 submissions in 2021, compared with 114 submissions in 2020. Data for the years 2012 to 2021 are shown the table below. All submissions from ‘Rest of the World’ in 2021 were received from Africa, and all ‘Asia Pacific [inc. China]’ were received from China.

Details of the regional distribution of submissions across the years 2012 to 2021 are shown below. Submissions in 2021 were well below average, although the number of submissions from the Middle East is increasing. Unfortunately, many of the submissions from the Middle East are of poor quality, and the Editor-in-Chief is attempting to recruit an Associate Editor from this region who may be able to both further increase submissions and at the same time improve submission quality.

Number of submissions received by *The Rangeland Journal*

Year	Australia	New Zealand	Asia-Pacific (inc. China)	Middle East	Europe	North America	South America	Rest of World	Total
2021	14	0	11	23	1	1	1	7	58
2020	45	0	35	15	2	8	4	5	114
2019	27	0	30	9	6	4	5	7	88
2018	44	1	25	8	6	7	6	15	112
2017	35	0	32	19	16	6	9	10	127
2016	28	0	42	17	15	6	11	12	131
2015	52	0	24	17	12	4	8	10	127
2014	31	0	60	7	12	3	4	8	125
2013	35	1	41	14	9	7	8	12	127
2012	39	0	20	22	9	4	5	10	109
Average (2012-20)	37.3	0.2	34.3	14.2	9.7	5.4	6.7	9.9	117.8
Std Dev (2012-20)	7.9	0.4	11.5	4.9	4.3	1.6	2.3	2.8	12.9

The number of institutional subscriptions in 2020 was 89 compared to 93 in 2019 and 2018 and 91 in 2017. Consortia deals are counted as single subscriptions regardless of the number of campuses involved (which may be up to several hundred). Most institutional subscriptions (89 per cent) are for online-only. These subscriptions promote rangelands and Australia to an extensive global audience, especially to students and staff within academic institutions.

Production details and analytics for volume 43

At the time of preparing the Annual Report for 2021, production details and analytics for Volume 43 were not complete.

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Downloads

The journal has a significant web presence on the CSIRO Publishing site. Archival back content is available to all subscribers (volumes 1–40, years 1976–2018). In 2020 there was a 31 per cent increase in downloads compared with 2019. Also, page visits and Crossref resolutions increased.

Web downloads (full-text HTML/PDF) are measured initially based on usage from the CSIRO Publishing website. Systematic filters are applied to exclude downloads of content by crawlers or internet 'bots'. Data in 2018 reflect enhanced filtering of crawler activity. Filters are constantly being refined to remove increasingly sophisticated crawlers, as their activity may compromise the data.

	2017	2018	2019	2020
Downloads	43,805	32,065	47,617	62,305
Page visits	66,531	74,026	78,093	96,542
Crossref resolutions	34,551	43,350	74,840	92,707

Downloads (HTML/PDF)	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Vol. 32 (2010)	2106	2209	1354	1732	2032
Vol. 33 (2011)	2172	2469	2045	2705	3634
Vol. 34 (2012)	1241	1218	763	792	963
Vol. 35 (2013)	1524	1781	1506	2347	2340
Vol. 36 (2014)	5137	5793	3862	6483	7442
Vol. 37 (2015)	3452	2825	1545	2356	2695
Vol. 38 (2016)	3471	2841	1599	1966	2378
Vol. 39 (2017)		3814	6351	3386	3911
Vol. 40 (2018)			3640	5378	5304
Vol. 41 (2019)				5295	8749
Vol. 42 (2020)					3261
TOTAL (All Years)	34,681	43,805	32,065	47,617	62,305

The Society Website (Editor: Russell Grant)

The Society website (<http://www.austrangesoc.com.au/>) is the hub of the online presence of the Society. The website was managed by Russell Grant for a three-year term until June 2021 when he elected to retire from the role. During the latter part of the year, a recruitment drive resulted in the appointment of Jayne Cuddihy to the position, with a handover of the duties occurring on 9 November 2021. Jayne has substantial experience in rural media, journalism and website management as well as maintaining close links to a family grazing business based in the Queensland rangelands.

The website has a function that complements the social media presence of the ARS. While Twitter, Facebook and Instagram provide topical coverage of rangeland-based events and issues relevant to the Society, the website provides a long-term repository for ARS resources and archives. The website includes public information as well as a Members Only area which provides a cost-free link to current and archived editions of *The Rangeland Journal* held by CSIRO Publishing. During 2021, the current edition of the *Range Management Newsletter* and archive was moved from the Members Only area to open access in order to improve the profile of this publication.

A major reconstruction of the website was completed in December 2019. Site management in 2020 therefore consisted of re-establishing functionality under a new operating system

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with assistance of Blue Platypus, the host organisation. Recurring hacking events in November 2020 were managed by installing Wordfence software which selectively excludes access from certain countries, primarily Russia.

Throughout 2021, website management was, in comparison, relatively straightforward, involving routine updates to news items as well as minor new page development. At the request of Council, a page was developed for Professional Development and the Award of Excellence in Rangeland Management was added to the Australian Rangeland Society Awards page. The 2019 Biennial Conference Abstracts were uploaded and the 2015 Biennial Conference papers reloaded, having been lost during the website migration.

Google Analytics data indicates that the most visited pages included:

- The Home Page;
- The Members Area;
- The 21st Biennial Conference page, which linked to the official conference website;
- The Members Area and My Account;
- *The Rangeland Journal* page, which links to the journal through the CSIRO Publishing site; and
- *The Range Management Newsletter*.

Monthly visitation data were variable during 2021. The 'bounce rate' (single page visit) was in the range of 42-65 per cent which is average website performance, bordering on higher than average in some months. The monthly number of sessions ranged from 280-450 while individual page views ranged from 700-1,200. The timing of the 21st Biennial Conference was a strong driver of website usage as it attracted views seeking information and the link to the registration site.

Editorial proficiency in the Wordpress software adopted in 2020 improved during 2021. However, the website membership and subscription system in particular continued to experience some functionality issues which at times created customer service difficulties for the Director, Finance and Audit. Website host Blue Platypus provides a very cost effective and economical site maintenance package but as a consequence the level of support has been insufficient to resolve all issues within required timeframes. As initiated in 2021, Rod Campbell of Uncapped Creative, has been contracted to supply additional support on an as-needed basis.

The Range Management Newsletter (Editor: Dr Noelene Duckett)

Three issues of the newsletter were uploaded to the website in 2021 in April, July and December. The last issue was slightly delayed to allow contributions from the ARS/DCQ *NRM in the Rangelands* Biennial Conference to be included. Each issue contained between 17 and 20 individual articles and included both volunteered and sourced articles as well as several regular reports.

The number of people viewing each issue of the newsletter on the ARS website continued to be tracked by Google Analytics, and it was pleasing to see strong viewing numbers for each newsletter. Summary statistics for the year show 159 page views for RMN 21/1 (April 2021), 249 page views for RMN 21/2 (July 2021) and 82 page views for RMN 21/3 (December 2021 – data until 31/12/21 only). Higher numbers of page views were found for the major research articles in each newsletter. Other popular articles included Rangeland Journal features, obituaries and conference information.

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Sourcing articles for the newsletter remained a major task in 2021 although the number of volunteered articles was slightly higher than previous years. The Editor did note increased enthusiasm from authors when approached for articles during the year – feedback suggests this may be due to the newsletter’s open access publication status and a belief that the newsletter has an increasing profile. Over the year there was also a continued effort to promote content from other relevant publications in every newsletter through the regular *Hot Off the Press* feature and also some individual articles. Efforts were also made to promote ARS content to collaborating organisations with only limited success.

In 2022, there will be a continued effort to source original content, particularly focussing on longer research and review type articles as these appear to be the most popular with readers and of most interest to collaborating organisations.

Social Media (Editor: Sarah Moles)

Our social media presence on three platforms – Facebook, Twitter and Instagram – helps ARS maintain its standing as an authority on evidence-based research and sustainable management of the rangelands; ensures our members and followers are kept abreast of topical issues; and ensures that relevant current issues are regularly circulating.

During 2021, the Social Media Editor (SME) continued to post content reflecting the three pillars of our social media engagement strategy. This includes news from like-minded organisations working across or interested in the rangelands nationally and globally; as well as articles from current issues of *The Rangeland Journal*. Articles featuring rangeland managers, people who live and work in the rangelands and short profiles of ARS Council and Publications Committee members have been popular and well received by our followers. Topics such as cultural burning / Indigenous vegetation management, climate issues and the role of dingoes in rangeland landscapes never fail to result in large numbers of positive sentiments (in the form of likes and shares) as well as some discussion and tagging of posts to draw them to the attention of friends and potentially interested others.

The SME has continued to post a minimum of three Facebook and Twitter posts per week and one to two Instagram posts per month. Our social media presence has grown steadily over the year with some 1,500 people following us on Twitter, 1,350 on Facebook and 1,400 on Instagram.

We boosted quite a large number of our Facebook posts in 2021 to increase our reach. Some of these posts have reached more than 20,000 of people, with one – promoting the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists - reaching more than 50,000 people!

The lead-up to and actual proceedings of the joint ARS/DCQ Biennial Conference in Longreach last October provided plenty of material for social media purposes. Presentations from Ross Garnaut and Dalene Wray of OBE Beef were particularly well received, as were photographs of the Conference social events.

The SME is grateful to all members of our Society for the photographs generously supplied for social media purposes, as well as to members of the Publications Committee for the provision of interesting, timely and newsworthy content to share with our followers.

Early in 2021, the Publications Committee Interim/Chair Dr Andrew Ash undertook a review of our Social Media Engagement Strategy and made some specific recommendations for improvements. This will assist the new SME in sourcing good content and making interesting and engaging posts that reflect the three pillars that are central to our Social Media Engagement Strategy.

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**Organising Committee for the XIIth International Rangeland Congress (IRC),
Adelaide 2025**

A new International Rangeland Congress Organising Committee was appointed early in 2021 to provide a legal governance framework to organise the 2025 Adelaide Congress. A separate Company, limited by Guarantee has been set up to provide a 'firewall' between the ARS and the IRC.

The main Organising Committee comprises chairs of the sub-committees covering all aspects of IRC planning and delivery. These have been drawn from ARS members and others as shown below.

Name	Role
Dr Andrew Ash (Chair 2022)	Scientific Program
Dr Nicole Spiegel (Chair 2022)	International Liaison
Dr David Phelps	IRC Continuing Committee Liaison
Pieter Conradie	Logistics
Sarah Nicolson	Logistics and Secretarial
John Gavin	Mid-Congress Tours
Dr Don Burnside	Finance and Pre-Congress Tours
Kate Forrest	Sponsorship
Professor Stephen van Leeuwin	Indigenous Liaison
Dr Sarah McDonald	Publications
Dr Cecile Godde	Scientific Program
Sally Leigo	Social Program

Financial Report

The financial affairs of the Society remain on an adequate footing with a loss from ordinary activities of \$11,098 in 2021 (loss of \$845 in 2020) and total equity/accumulated surplus of \$162,763 at 31 December 2021 (2020: \$173,861).

The Society's total equity at 31 December 2021 was \$162,763 which is considered adequate to cover any liabilities.

The Society maintains appropriate systems and protocols to allow it to complete its commitments to standard reporting of its financial position as required under law.

The key income sources for the ARS are conferences (with a minimum profit target of \$20,000 and Special Issues of *The Rangeland Journal*. The ARS Council has remained committed to encouraging membership by keeping fees low (and unchanged since 2016), whilst balancing this with other income streams. Identifying organisations wishing to edit and pay for Special Issues is an on-going challenge for the Publications Committee. There is an increasing – but as-of-yet poorly defined – risk of this income stream decreasing. Further, the increasing trend of Open Access articles in international journals creates additional competition in attracting submissions.

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The loss of \$11,098 for 2021 is more than the 2020 loss of \$845, and is largely due to the profit from the biennial conference not being included in the revenue for 2021, and the Society receiving sponsorship revenue for only one Special Issue of *The Rangeland Journal* in 2021.

Other matters

Nil.

Subsequent events

The impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is ongoing and it is not practicable to estimate the potential impact, positive or negative, after the reporting date. The situation is continues to develop and is dependent on measures imposed by the Australian Government and other countries, such as maintaining social distancing requirements, quarantine, travel restrictions and any economic stimulus that has been provided. The main areas of risk are to conference attendance and travel awards, travel restrictions are easing but the perceived risk of Covid 19 still exists albeit that the virus symptoms are more moderate than previous years.

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2021 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the company's operations, the results of those operations, or the company's state of affairs in future financial years.

Future developments

Likely developments in the operations of the Society and the expected results of those operations in future financial years have not been included in this report as the inclusion of such information is likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the Society.

Environmental issues

The Society's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory.

Dividends paid, recommended and declared

Under Clause 3 of the Articles and Memorandum of Association of the Society, no dividends shall be paid to any persons who are members of the Society; consequently, no dividends have been paid or recommended.

Share capital and options

The Society is a company limited by guarantee and does not have any share capital. Consequently, no share options have been issued and none are outstanding at the end of the financial year.

Indemnification of officers and auditors

No indemnities have been given or insurance premiums paid, during or since the end of the financial year, for any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the Society.

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the Society or intervene in any proceedings to which the Society is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Society for all or any part of those proceedings.

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The Society was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors;

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Dionne Walsh
Director

Donald Burnside
Director

Dated this 27th day of April 2022.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			
Income from ordinary activities	2	32,709	62,234
Journal Costs		(22,182)	(40,364)
Conference Costs		-	-
Newsletter Costs		(2,500)	(2,500)
Other expenses		(19,125)	(20,215)
Profit/(Loss) from ordinary activities		<u>(11,098)</u>	<u>(845)</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached audit report.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash Assets	4	45,903	21,454
Term Deposits		110,739	150,436
Receivables	5	-	1,971
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>156,642</u>	<u>173,861</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Loan IRC 2025	5	20,000	1,971
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>176,642</u>	<u>173,861</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	6	13,879	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>13,879</u>	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>162,763</u>	<u>173,861</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated surplus	7	162,763	173,861
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>162,763</u>	<u>173,861</u>

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from members and others	46,694	62,562
Interest received	1,055	1,504
Payments to suppliers	<u>(42,997)</u>	<u>(61,025)</u>
Net Cash generated from operating activities 8(b)	<u>4,752</u>	<u>3,041</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Loan IRC 2025	<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>(100,000)</u>
(Purchase)/redeem Term deposit	<u>39,697</u>	<u>(50,436)</u>
Net Cash used by investing activities	<u>19,697</u>	<u>(50,436)</u>
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash held	24,449	(47,395)
Cash at Beginning of the year	<u>21,454</u>	<u>68,849</u>
Cash at End of the year 8(a)	<u>45,903</u>	<u>21,454</u>

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This special purpose financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the directors' financial reporting requirements. The financial statements comply with those Accounting Standards and UIG Consensus Views (if any) deemed necessary by the directors in the circumstances to meet the objectives of the special report. The Society is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Society in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

a) Income Tax

The directors have assessed that the Society has no current liability to income tax for the 2021 year.

b) Cash

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and at call deposits with banks or financial institutions, investments in money market instruments maturing within less than two months and net of bank overdrafts.

c) Income

Membership fees are recognised when they are receivable.

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

d) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Income, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of the acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement financial positions are shown inclusive of GST.

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1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Cont'd

e) Members' Guarantee

The Society is limited by guarantee. If the Society is wound up, the Articles and Memorandum of Association states that each member including those members ceasing membership within one year of that date is required to contribute a maximum of \$10 each towards the meeting any outstanding obligations of the society. As at 31st December 2021, the number of members was 196 (2020: 202).

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
2. Income		
Operating activities		
Conferences	200	6,029
Membership fees	16,230	19,758
Bank interest	1,055	1,504
Journal income	14,442	34,943
Sundry income	782	-
	32,709	62,234

3. Profit from ordinary activities

Profit from ordinary activities before income tax expense has been determined after:

(a) Expenses:

Bank Charges	240	213
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4. Cash Assets

Commonwealth Saver	31,821	19,303
Commonwealth Operating	665	559
Membership	12,608	1,236
National Conference	789	336
Crowd Funding Account	20	20
Cash and Cash Equivalents	45,903	21,454

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	2021 \$	2020 \$
5. Receivables		
Accounts Receivable	-	-
GST Receivable	-	1,971
	-	1,971
6. Payables		
GST Payable	1,018	-
Accounts Payable	810	
Memberships in Advance	12,051	
	13,879	-
7. Accumulated Surplus/ Change in Equity		
Accumulated surplus at the beginning of the financial year	173,861	174,706
Net Profit/(loss) attributable to members of the Society	(11,098)	(845)
Accumulated surplus at the end of the financial year	162,763	173,861

8. Cash Flow information

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statements of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:

Cash at Bank and on Hand	45,903	21,454
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(b) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with profit from ordinary activities after income tax

Profit/(loss) from ordinary activities	(11,098)	(845)
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase)/decrease in receivables	1,971	3,886
Increase/(decrease) in payables	13,879	-
Cash flows generated from operations	4,752	3,041

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9. Related Party Transactions

During the year, honoraria amounting to \$11,137.50 (2020: \$14,000) were paid.

- \$4,000 to Dr Paul Novelty for his role as Editor-in-Chief, *The Rangeland Journal*; in 2021;
- \$2,500 to Dr Noelene Duckett for her role as Editor, *Range Management Newsletter* in 2021;
- \$2,137.50 to Russell Grant for his role as Website Editor from January to early November 2021;
- \$2,500 to Sarah Moles for her role as Social Media Editor in 2021.

All payments were made excluding GST. These amounts are in accordance with the reviews of honoraria undertaken by the Council in 2017. Normally an honorarium of \$2,500 would be paid to the Chair of the Publications Committee, but in 2021, the position was occupied by Interim Chair Dr Andrew Ash, who declined to take the honorarium.

In 2021, \$2,100 was paid to Lee Green and Co for the Audit, and \$2,190 was paid to Integrity Taxation for bookkeeping services.

10. Subsequent Events

The impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is ongoing and it is not practicable to estimate the potential impact, positive or negative, after the reporting date. The situation is dependent on measures imposed by the Australian Government, State Governments and other countries, such as maintaining social distancing, quarantine, travel restrictions and any economic stimulus that may be provided.

No other matter or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affect the operations of the Society in future financial years.

11. Society Details

The registered office of the Society is:
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29 Woodsome Street
MOUNT LAWLEY WA 6050

The principal place of business is:
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MOUNT LAWLEY WA 6050

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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The directors of the Society declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 16 to 25
 - (a) Comply with Accounting Standards and the Corporations Act 2001; and
 - (b) Give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31st December 2021 and performance for the year ended on that date of the Society.

2. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Society will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

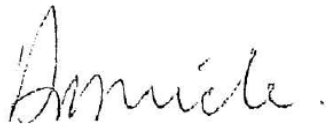
This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

For and on behalf of the board



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DIONNE WALSH
Director



DONALD BURNSIDE
Director

Dated this 27th day of April 2022.

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board and Members of The Australian Rangeland Society

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of the Australian Rangeland Society (the Entity), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2021, 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 declaration by those charged with governance.

In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation discussed in the qualification paragraph not existed, the accompanying financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Entity as at 31 December 2021, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

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 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.

Qualification

As is common for an organisation of this type, it is not practicable for the society to maintain an effective system of internal control over conference, royalties and other fundraising activities until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit in relation to sponsorships, subscriptions and conference income was limited to the amounts recorded.

Other Information

Those charged with governance are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Entity's annual report for the year ended 31 December 2021 but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

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If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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 in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the 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 related 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 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 the financial report.

DAVID CHARLESWORTH



LEE GREEN & CO PTY LTD

DATED THIS

28th

DAY OF

April

2022

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