

REPORT BY TREASURER (ANDREW E KNOTT)
RELATING TO ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR 1.7.2021-30.6.2022
TO BE LAID BEFORE THE ANZELA AGM ON 28.09.2022

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As an Irish-English East Coast of Australia man, I acknowledge all those humans, from any time or place, who have contributed to the preservation of any of the numerous lifeforms on this planet, or to the cultural and intellectual resources available to all humans, each contribution valued according to merit.

THE ACCOUNTS

These accounts, as with those tabled at the 2021 AGM, reflect assets, liabilities, and transactions of the Australian corporation, whether at National level or of the four Australian Chapters. (Please see next section re New Zealand.)

Board members can of course obtain further details, e.g., in relation to National or Chapter bank accounts.

Clearly there have been limited transactions in the year to which the accounts relate.

I understand the current Conference will produce a small surplus.

The Board may wish to review likely future revenue, especially re membership trends and conference attendance, when reviewing future activities.

New Zealand Members are truly and fully members of the Australian corporation through the New Zealand Chapter of the Australian corporation.

However financial transactions in New Zealand are conducted by a similarly-named New Zealand corporation, which is a separate legal entity constituted and regulated under New Zealand law.

The transactions of that New Zealand corporation are only reflected in the accounts of the Australian corporation where they are transactions with the Australian corporation, e.g., capitation fees or in relation to Annual Conferences held in New Zealand.

The shares in the New Zealand corporation are owned by the Australian corporation. Those shares are recorded in the Australian accounts at a nominal value, to reflect respect for the autonomy of the New Zealand corporation.

Board members can of course seek details from New Zealand if they wish.

As I am standing down from the Board and as Treasurer, I wish to thank Jo Spencer and Andrew Dewar of Lower Russell and Farr very much for their great assistance to me as Treasurer.

I will of course be available to assist the new Treasurer and will seek to initiate contact next week.

PERSONAL

After 11 years on the Board (and about four in the Nineties), the last few as Treasurer, it is absolutely time to make way.

I understand there will be a turnover of about a third, which is very healthy. I thank very much the Board members with whom I have served, for their wisdom and collegiality, and I wish the new Board all the best.

I certainly hope to remain involved, e.g., I have some potential Conference papers and Journal submissions in mind, and some follow-up on the recent archival work I have done. If wanted, and not blocking others, I will remain on Qld Chapter Committee (even though there since 1992 foundation).

Although it was inconvenient to attend this Conference, I strongly hope to attend future Conferences.

Old men who can no longer match the pace
must to the young then yield their place
and seek support, not leadership, to give,
for none in vigour can forever live.

Warm Regards, and Best Wishes

Andrew Knott.