

**CANBERRA ORNITHOLOGISTS GROUP INCORPORATED**

**ABN: 72 534 628 789**

**FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**30 JUNE 2023**

## CANBERRA ORNITHOLOGISTS GROUP INCORPORATED

### REPORT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Your committee members submit the financial report of the Canberra Ornithologists Group Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The names of the committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

#### Executive:

Neil Hermes

Steve Read

Alison Mackerras

Margaret Robertson

Prue Watters (to 9 November 2022)

President

Vice-President

Secretary Minutes (from 10 November 2022)

Secretary

Treasurer

#### General Committee:

Jenny Bounds

Kathy Eyles

Bill Graham

Prue Watters (from 9 November 2022)

Brittany Brockett

Clare Henderson (to 1 March 2023)

Kim Farley (from 18 May 2023)

### Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Association during the financial year were:

- To encourage interest in, and develop knowledge of, the birds of the Canberra region;
- To promote and co-ordinate the study of birds; and
- To promote the conservation of native birds and their habitats.

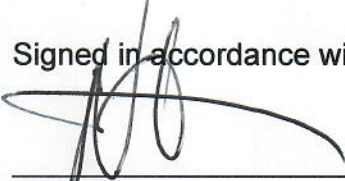
### Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.


### Operating Result

The operating result for the financial year was a profit of \$75,880 (2022: profit \$413).

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

  
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Neil Hermes  
President

Canberra, 13 October 2023

  
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Prue Watters  
Committee Member

Canberra, 13 October 2023

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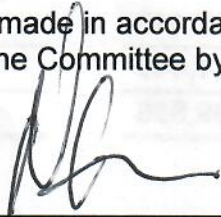
### STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

In the opinion of the Committee the financial report as set out on pages 4 to 7:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of the Canberra Ornithologists Group Incorporated, as at 30 June 2023, and its performance for the year ended on that date. The financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional reporting requirements, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991*; and
2. At the date of this statement, there are sound grounds to believe that the Canberra Ornithologists Group Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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

Signature:



Name:

**Neil Hermes**

Position:

**President**

Date:

*13 October 2023*

Canberra, ACT



**Prue Watters**

**Committee Member**

*13 October 2023*



**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

	Notes	2022-23 \$	2021-22 \$
<b>Income</b>			
Members Fees		12,155	15,090
Sales		1,196	1,415
Surplus from field trips			81
Raffles		382	115
Bequest		84,734	
Other Operating Income		71	450
<b>Total General Revenue</b>		<u>98,538</u>	<u>17,151</u>
<b>Projects and Investments</b>			
Projects			
Project Investments		1,448	786
<b>Total Projects and Investments</b>		<u>1,448</u>	<u>786</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<u>99,986</u>	<u>17,937</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Cost of Sales		780	1,085
Members services		8,057	4,427
Administration		7,052	6,993
<b>Total General Expenses</b>		<u>15,889</u>	<u>12,505</u>
<b>Project and Investments Costs</b>			
BigNet		50	320
Woodland Surveys		6,142	4,559
Project/Subsription		2,025	140
<b>Total Project and Investments Costs</b>		<u>8,217</u>	<u>5,019</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<u>24,106</u>	<u>17,524</u>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>		<u>75,880</u>	<u>413</u>

The accompanying notes form part of the financial report.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS AT 30 JUNE 2023**

	Notes	2022-23 \$	2021-22 \$
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Bank accounts		199,884	121,407
Cash On Hand		80	80
Debtors (CBCF)		-	100
Stock on hand		697	981
Prepayments	5	1,452	7,116
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>202,113</b>	<b>129,684</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Payments in Advance - Field Trips		-	3,586
Subscriptions in advance		4,925	4,790
CBCF		-	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>4,925</b>	<b>8,376</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>197,188</b>	<b>121,308</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Retained Earnings		121,308	120,895
Current Year Earnings		75,880	413
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>197,188</b>	<b>121,308</b>

The accompanying notes form part of the financial report.



**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

**1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

This financial report has been prepared in accordance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991*.

The financial report covers the Canberra Ornithologists Group Incorporated as an individual entity. The Canberra Ornithologists Group Incorporated is an association incorporated in the Australian Capital Territory under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991*.

The financial report is prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs. It 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 Association in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated:

**Income Tax**

The Association has an ABN. It is not registered for GST. The Association has applied for and received endorsement from the Australian Tax Office as an Income Tax Exempt Charity. The Association is prescribed under the Income Tax Act as a Deductible Gift Recipient and maintains a separate Public Account for gifts, the Canberra Birds Conservation Fund, which is separately reported.

**Non Current Assets**

The depreciable amount of all non-current assets are depreciated on a straight line basis commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. The depreciation rate used for plant and equipment is 25%, except the compactus equipment which is at 10%.

**Revenue**

Grant income is recognised as revenue in the year to which the associated expenditure relates. Accordingly, grants received in the current year for expenditure in future years are treated as grants in advance. Revenue from sale of goods is recognised upon the delivery of goods to customers.

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

**Inventories**

Inventory has been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

## 2 ASSOCIATION DETAILS

The principal place of business of the Association is:  
Canberra Ornithologists Group Incorporated  
2 Carstensz Street, Griffith ACT 2603

## 3 RELATED PARTIES

There were no transactions with Board members other than for reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the Association or for woodlands survey participation payments.

## 4 SEGMENTAL REPORT

The Association operates predominantly in the Australian Capital Territory. Its operations are mainly to encourage interest in, and develop knowledge of, the birds of the Canberra region.

## 5 PREPAYMENTS

	2022-23	2021-22
	\$	\$
Field Trip Deposits		5,182
Other	509	1,007
Insurance	943	927
<b>Total Prepayments</b>	<b>1,452</b>	<b>7,116</b>

## 6 COG Trips

The accounts reflect the nett result of all COG trips undertaken during the financial year.



**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT ON THE CANBERRA ORNITHOLOGISTS GROUP  
INCORPORATED'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

To the Committee of the Canberra Ornithologists Group Incorporated.

**Opinion**

I have audited the financial report of the Canberra Ornithologists Group Incorporated, which comprises of the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Comprehensive Income and associated notes. In my opinion, the attached financial report presents fairly the results of the operations for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 for the Canberra Ornithologists Group Incorporated.

**Basis for Opinion**

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of my report. I am independent of the Canberra Ornithologists Group Incorporated 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 my audit in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting**

The financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis and no opinion is expressed as to whether this and other accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the Committee. In addition, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. My 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 in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the applicable legislation and for 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 Canberra Ornithologists Group Incorporated'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 Canberra Ornithologists Group Incorporated or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Canberra Ornithologists Group Incorporated's financial reporting process.



### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report**

My 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 my 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rod Griffiths', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Rod Griffiths  
Chartered Accountant  
5 Yampi Place Fisher

13 October 2023