



The Country Women's Association  
of Victoria Incorporated

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# 2021 *Official* Annual Report

NINETY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT  
AND BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

## Engage Support Challenge



# Office Bearers

Patron ..... Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AC, Governor of Victoria

## **BOARD OF THE COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC. 2021-2022** (from 23 July 2021)

State President (Chair).....Mrs Pam Mawson  
Deputy State President.....Mrs Jennifer Nola  
State Treasurer.....Ms Heather Scott  
State Vice-Presidents.....Mrs Joanne Alderman, Mrs Mary Grant, Mrs Amanda Millar  
General Members.....Mrs Sarah Barnbrook, Mrs Lynette Harris OAM, Mrs Janette Mason, Ms Marie Vassallo

## **STATE COUNCIL 2021-2022**

State President (Chair).....Mrs Pam Mawson  
Deputy State President.....Mrs Jennifer Nola  
State Treasurer.....Ms Heather Scott  
State Vice-Presidents.....Mrs Joanne Alderman, Mrs Mary Grant, Mrs Amanda Millar

ACWW/International/Community Support Committee Chairperson... Mrs Vivien Speight  
Agriculture & Environment Committee Chairperson..... Ms Narelle Hanrahan  
Catering Committee Chairperson..... Mrs Janette Mason, Ms Marie Vassallo  
Club Committee Chairperson.....Mrs Anne DuVé  
Creative Arts Committee Chairperson..... Mrs Helen Ryvitch  
Magazine/Communications Committee Chairperson..... Mrs Sarah Barnbrook  
Membership Committee Chairperson.....Ms Viviane Chemali  
Social Issues Committee Chairperson..... Mrs Wendy Earwicker

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Mrs Betty Burgess OAM, Mrs Kaye Kyle, Mrs Noela MacLeod AO,  
Mrs Helen Wall OAM, Mrs Dorothy Ward OAM

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Historian Archivist..... Mrs Noela MacLeod AO  
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Auditor.....Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu  
Solicitor..... King & Wood Mallesons

## **GROUP PRESIDENTS**

(from 1 June 2021)

Ballarat District (Caretaker)..... Miss Rosalie Silvey	Kiewa Valley..... Mrs Shelley Schreiber
Bass..... Mrs Sally Ann Matthews	Latrobe Central..... Ms Janet MacDonald
Beaufort..... Ms Barbara Blamey	McDonald..... Ms Mandy McMahon
Bendigo Northern..... Mrs Marilyn Tangey	Mallee (Caretaker)..... Mrs Prudence McCredden
Central Highlands..... Mrs Rosemarie Jones	Mildura/Millewa..... Mrs Gaye Lamb
Central Murray..... Mrs Helen Christie	Mitchell..... Ms Roxane Harris
Central Victoria..... Ms Dallas Giles	Moira..... Mrs Rosslyn Heaney
Central Wimmera (Caretaker) Mrs Sadie King-Williams	Mornington Peninsula..... Ms Rosemarie Reynolds
Diamond Valley..... Bronwyn Hodges	Murray Valley..... Mrs Ruth Arthur
East Gippsland..... Mrs Olivia Harwood	North Eastern..... Paula McGavin
East Wimmera..... Ms Cheryl Kemp	North Gippsland..... Dianne Honey
Eastern Foothills..... Ms Lyn Riley	Omeo/Tambo Valley..... Ms Yvonne Werner
Eastern Goulburn Valley..... Mrs Catherine Shields	Polwarth..... Mrs Sarah McKew
Echuca..... Mrs Delia Currie	South Gippsland..... Ms Meg Parkinson
Fraser..... Ms Margaret Maxwell	South Western..... Mrs Sandra Webb
Geelong..... Mrs Gwen White	Upper Murray..... Mrs Margaret Wood
Gippsland Hills..... Mrs Marilyn Mackie	West Gippsland..... Mrs Joan Graham
Goulburn Valley West..... Mrs Barbara Carter	West Wimmera..... Mrs Leisha Schoer
Henty..... Mrs Megan Rees	Yarra Valley..... Mrs Carmel Mitchell
Hume Goulburn..... Ms Sarah Hensell	



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# State President's Report



**Pam Mawson**  
State President

I have much pleasure in presenting the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of the Country Women's Association of Victoria for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

The year for the Association began under the care of Mrs Marion Dewar, Past State President. I would like to thank her on your behalf for her dedication and tenacity in meeting all the challenges of her 2 years including the first 7 months of the year in her positive and calm way. The 93<sup>rd</sup> AGM didn't take place in May due a COVID lockdown

resulting in a last-minute rescheduling until 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2021. This meeting was for the second time held online by video conferencing and for the first time, we successfully used online voting.

My thanks, must also go to the dedicated members of the Board who met 14 times during the year occasionally Face to Face but mainly by video conferencing.

Another huge thanks go to State Council which consists of Members of Honour, the Senior office Bearers being the Executive, the Vice Presidents and the Committee Chairs, and the Group Presidents. The changeover of Group Presidents took office on the 1<sup>st</sup> June as they were already voted in at their AGMs. Many have done much to keep the branches well informed and connected.

The Committees of State Council have still managed to meet be it mostly by video conferencing. On your behalf I thank these hard-working Chairpersons and Convenors. They have still managed to hold some events, fundraise, send in reports, run meetings and classes, well done to you all. I am sure you will look forward to reading their reports.

We have a small but dedicated team of part time staff members at the office who despite not being able to come to work due to lockdowns have done their absolute best to try to keep on top of things. I value their support and dedication to this Association, thank you, Executive Director Lynne Jordan, Office Administrator Robyn Smith, our Accountant Loretta, Membership Officer Juliet, Jasmine and Mandy. I know we all thank Lynne who has constantly kept us updated on the ever changing COVID regulations and how to deal with them.

Then an enormous thank you to all the members, branches and groups for staying engaged with all aspects of the Association in so many ways. So much has been achieved by your generosity in not only money but in your support of gifts of items beautifully made for all the committees, for entering the State competitions and being such a support to each other.

The theme "Engage, Support and Challenge" was well chosen by State Council for the year as it was aptly demonstrated by the whole Association.

A tremendous highlight for 2021 which was announced at the July AGM, by State President Marion, was the gaining of Charitable Status for the Country Women's Association of Victoria. This was a large piece of work aided by your submissions of information but was put together by our Executive Director, Lynne Jordan. The statistics that were the outcome of this work were amazing. This will have a great financial beneficial to us as we move forward.

Another highlight was the publication of two more books by Murdoch Books. From Our Kitchen to Yours is a beautiful Coffee Table Book which was marketed here and overseas. The second in the series of our Thrifty books was Thrifty Cooking. All of the books produced by Murdoch we receive Royalties for. The promotion of these books is amazing and helps promote us as an Association too.

I acknowledge the contribution of members who have passed away during the year, including Past State President Mrs Joy Weller, and past State Office Bearer Nancy Dean.

At the time of writing this report I would add that in April 2022 a memorial service was held for Member of Honour and Past State President, Mrs Carol Clay by her family.

1.1.21-23.7.21	Attendance
State President Marion Dewar	7/7
Deputy State President Pam Mawson	7/7
State Treasurer Marie Vassallo	7/7
State Vice Pres. Sarah Barnbrook	7/7
State Vice Pres. Viviane Chemali	6/7
State Vice Pres. Jennifer Nola	7/7
State Vice Pres. Lyn Trezise	7/7
Gen. Board Member Lyn Fleming	7/7
Gen. Board Memb. Noela MacLeod AO	4/7
Gen. Board Member Janette Mason	6/7
Gen Board Member Heather Scott	7/7
Executive Director Lynne Jordan	7/7

24.7.21-31.12.21	Attendance
State President Pam Mawson	7/7
Deputy State President Jennifer Nola	7/7
State Treasurer Heather Scott	7/7
State Vice Pres. Joanne Alderman	5/7
State Vice Pres. Mary Grant	7/7
State Vice Pres. Amanda Millar	7/7
Gen. Board Member Sarah Barnbrook	7/7
Gen. Board Member Lyn Harris OAM	6/7
Gen. Board Member Janette Mason	6/7
Gen. Board Member Marie Vassallo	6/6
Executive Director Lynne Jordan	7/7



# Board Members 2021

## Senior Office Bearers



**STATE PRESIDENT**  
Pam Mawson



**DEPUTY STATE PRESIDENT**  
Jennifer Nola



**STATE TREASURER**  
Heather Scott

## State Vice Presidents



Joanne Alderman



Mary Grant



Amanda Millar

## General Board Members



Sarah Barnbrook



Lynette Harris OAM



Janette Mason



Marie Vassallo

# State Vice Presidents' Reports

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## Amanda Millar

Since election to the position of State Vice-President last June – it was been a truly great privilege to serve the Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc. whether internally within the Association or externally in the community when I have travelled throughout Victoria.

I have attended and participated in all State Council meetings, Board meetings, many of the Association's major events including the State Creative Arts Exhibition in Ararat last August, Pop-Up shops and other events and fundraisers. I have also been a member of the Membership Committee and, via that committee, have contributed to the production of materials designed to attract new members to join the Association.

Additionally, I have represented the Association in the media – including on ABC Radio at the request of the State President. I truly enjoy the opportunity to promote the amazing array of activities of our Association and the many achievements and contributions made by our members.

A real highlight for me this year was the opportunity to visit a number of our fabulous Groups across Gippsland and also in Ballarat during the Group AGM rounds. The work being done by our groups, branches and members is a true inspiration – with the Association playing an active and continuous presence across the uncertainty of life over the past two years.

As a member of both the Board and State Council – I have been able to bring both a strategically focussed and positive viewpoint to discussions and deliberations – which is supported by my professional background working in workplace relations and experience as a volunteer across a range of community-based organisations. I have assisted the Association with providing advice on a range of matters since taking up this position.

It has also been a pleasure to assist with finalising the various resolutions which we will be debating and voting on at this State Conference to ensure that our Association's role as a strong voice and advocate for policy change continues at Federal, State and local government levels. I particularly commend the branches, groups and committees who have brought resolutions forward this year.

Like all voluntary organisations, the Association has faced challenges in coming through two years of the COVID pandemic lockdowns, but we can assure members that the Association – led by a tireless State President in Pam Mawson – has come through this period untarnished and united in committing to the recovery of our great State. As always – the community will look to the Association to show resilience and a positive way forward.

Looking ahead to the close of our Association's first century in just 6 short years from now, we have a most exciting opportunity to expand our membership and introduce a whole new generation of women who are keen to make a real difference to their communities. I also hope to play a part in increasing our fundraising from outside the organisation – to supplement the great work of our tireless members.

Thank you to each of you for your continuing commitment, dedication and for making the State of Victoria a better place to live through your kindness and contribution.

## Mary Grant

A State Vice President's role takes you into another level of the workings of C W A Victoria as a Board member. Mentor to new Group Presidents as well as many other special projects. This has given me the opportunity to see "the big picture" from a much wider perspective than before.

Unfortunately, Covid restrictions prevented us from meeting face to face all the time but Zoom overcame these problems as we were still able to "see" each other and chat informally before proceedings began.

During my Conference rounds to the beautiful South Gippsland area, I was delighted to witness the dedication, enthusiasm and resilience demonstrated by these members despite the many obstacles put in front of them. They were still able to support the Association, their local communities as well as provide donations to support the wider CWA community.

My role as mentor to a large number of Group Presidents across Victoria has given me the opportunity to see firsthand the activities of a diverse group of CWA members. Thank you, Group Presidents for your enthusiasm and care as you work with your branches to assist them to reach their full potential and truly represent C W A in all areas.

When the Association asked its members to dig deep during 2021, you responded in true CWA fashion without hesitation. Thank you to those branches/groups who supported and continue to support, the State Fundraising Initiatives - the Scone Challenge, fortnightly Pop Up shops at Toorak, Festival of Gardens, Christmas Baking Fare, Anzac Biscuits for the VRC, manning stalls at Autumn racing events and the list goes on. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

To the team at 3 Lansell Rd, Toorak, thank you so much for your dedication, friendliness and administration of the Association. 2021 has not been an easy year for you but you remained steadfast to the cause, battled on and steered the ship through some very stormy seas. Thank you and well done – a true demonstration of the essence of CWA.

Members keep on doing what you love and do so well for the love of CWA Victoria

Let us hope that 2022 is much kinder to us all.

## Joanne Alderman

My first six months being a member of The Board was a huge learning curve and much had to be learnt in a short space of time in relation to the goals, governance and business of the Association.

A lot of what a State Vice President does, is to assist the State President with the traditional and physical tasks that are performed each year. These are usually event related and my first task was to work on the State Fare Committee. I learnt something as to why we use the word fare instead of fair. Fare is because we are selling fabulous food. The Chair of the Committee was Anne Duvè who has vast experience running this event. One item of many on our 'event checklist' was how to implement and execute the significant Covid regulations required on-the-day. The Pop-Up shops that have been operating at Umina gave us a good insight into how that needed to be managed and we just had to ramp-it-up for a larger crowd.



How this event comes together is truly amazing. There are dedicated branches/groups who ensure they provide the plum puddings, Christmas cakes, shortbreads and mince pies that are so eagerly sought-after year in year out. Women travel to HO to drop off their 'gifts' and many stay to work on the pre-event work-up and on-the-day. A big thank you to these wonderful women for their largesse and their willingness to support our Association via a long tradition of raising funds through our baking and cooking skills.

Additional Christmas Fares were held throughout the State with branches and groups making plum puddings and Christmas cakes. All proceeds from these sales went to Head Office and anything else sold on the day was retained by the branch/group. My group, East Gippsland, had an extremely successful fare. Not only did it allow us to work together Face2Face, which we had not done for a long time, raise much needed funds and it gave us the opportunity to talk to the women in our community about opening a branch in Paynesville. Everyone we talked to was so excited to see us and very interested in what we do in the community. Would we be opening a branch soon?

The previous Board established a Covid Task Force to look at ways we could raise funds due to the fact that our traditional Face2Face fundraisers had to be cancelled. New ways of doing business needed to be put forward, scrutinized for suitability and put in place. In order for a fundraising idea to be brought before the Board a detailed Business Plan must be submitted. It is not only new ideas that need to be 'sold' but of course their profitability is paramount. There were some fantastic ideas put forward including the opening of private members gardens throughout the State; the Scone Challenge and the many pop-up shops that thrived. There are still a number of excellent ideas that we can instigate moving forward.

I love to shop and being on the Merchandise Committee was a good fit for me, so I thought. It is one thing buying something that is magically sitting on the shelf, but quite another ensuring our members can purchase our goods.

Trying to gaze into the crystal ball that all retailers must do in order to keep sufficient stock on hand and thinking about new stock to develop was a challenging task. The figures for the year have been quite amazing and we thank members for continuing to support us in this area of funding.

One of the unique roles within the CWA of Vic is being a mentor to Group Presidents. It has been a privilege and marvelous opportunity to help those mentees, allocated to me. We can only gauge what our members want or need by talking to them about their issues, listening to their concerns and those of their branch members. Nothing like picking up the phone and having a chat to quell misunderstandings, get something off their chest and give suggestions about initiating change. Sometimes it is difficult to stay positive, focused and advocate for members. Everyone needs a few words of wisdom, a pat on the back and positive reinforcement that the work they are doing is being valued and the challenges being faced can be solved with a little understanding and a kind word. Often, we forget that we are all volunteers trying to do our very best for what we sincerely believe in.

In 2020 a resolution was passed at State Conference which looked at satellite coverage in remote country areas. The resolution has been put before Federal and State governments and we have received a substantial amount of media coverage

and support. Through the Rural Agency Network Support Services, who are a committee formed by the East Gippsland Shire Council to monitor and report the effects on families throughout the drought and bushfires. We have spread the word and gained momentum for the resolution by partnering with the local NGO services and government agencies – including the National Recovery and Resilience Agency who report directly to the Prime Minister & Cabinet.

Recovering communities need advocacy, especially around communication. We are confident that there will be a significant outcome for the resolution, and that is to make affordable and cost-effective satellite communication available to farmers, their families and emergency services who live, work and respond in remote country Victoria.

There has been some fun along the way, especially the radio interview I did with presenter Johnno on ABC Country, about making Lemon Butter. I was talking about the importance of whisking and Johnno thought I had said how important whiskey was! Everyone roared with laughter. It might preserve it, but I would hate to taste it!

Representing our State President, I went on Conference Rounds. 3-days of conference meetings were planned. My first stop was the gorgeous little town of Tallangatta. I had never been to this part of Victoria before and the drive over the Great Alpine Way, via Swifts Creek, Omeo and Bright was amazing. The Swifts Creek and Omeo side of Mount Beauty was still in drought. Then coming down into Bright the pastures were so lush and green with cattle up to their bellies in beautiful green feed. It really drove home just how drought affected East Gippsland still was. Driving over Mount Beauty was breathtaking, the day warm and the sky crystal clear. The next morning, after enjoying Joy Lowry and her husband's hospitality, we started the conference. Everything was going well, with positions being filled, a lovely lunch and chat, messages and information passed on to the delegates from the State President and other Senior Office Bearers.

Everything was going 'swimmingly', literally with the heavens wide open. Then the announcement by the Premier of Victoria, that Victoria was going into a sudden lockdown and closing its borders. The meeting was quickly finished and I had 10 hours to get back to our home. All other conferences had to be cancelled. It was such a pity that the two remaining conferences could not be held Face2Face. They were eventually rescheduled for a later date. I would like to thank the Group Presidents, Joy Lowry, Wilma Bright and Dhirleen Clark for assisting and working with me to ensure all the dates etc., meshed and I had a bed, dinner and CWA hospitality everywhere I went.

It is wonderful to know that our Association is in a financially secure position as we move forward eventually out of Covid. The Executive Director and her administration team have displayed amazing drive working under strained circumstances for much of the time. This team are the ones that keep the Association on track with the plethora of everyday administration that need to be achieved on a daily basis. I cannot tell you the mountain of paperwork and hours that go into submissions and ensuring our governance obligations are met. They all have the patience of saints and a great tenacity of purpose.

All in all, it has been a productive year and I would like to thank everyone who listened and supported me in 2021.

## State Presidents

Lady Mitchell CBE .....	1928-29-30, 31-32	Mrs W Tom AO .....	1979-80-81
Mrs J S Fraser OBE .....	1930-31	Mrs H Rinaldi .....	1981-82-83
Mrs R G Beggs .....	1932-33-34-35	Mrs R Eliason .....	1983-84-85
Miss E Grice .....	1935-36	Mrs W Gedling OAM .....	1985-86-87
Mrs W E Sargood .....	1936-37-38	Mrs L J Olden .....	1987-88-89
Mrs O A Hicken OBE JP .....	1938-40, 45-46-47	Mrs D G Dempster .....	1989-90-91
Mrs A C Bennet .....	1940-41-42	Mrs B Cumming .....	1991-92-93
Mrs H G Marfell OBE JP .....	1942-43-44-45	Mrs N Courtney OAM .....	1993-94-95
Mrs N Welsh .....	1947-48-49	Mrs J Reid OAM .....	1995-96-97
Mrs G O Dorward .....	1949-50-51	Mrs D Ward OAM .....	1997-98-99
Mrs J N Spittle .....	1951-52-53	Mrs B Burgess OAM .....	1999-00-01
Mrs N S F Hedditch OBE .....	1953-54-55	Mrs J Weller .....	2001-02-03
Mrs V B Jane .....	1955-56-57	Mrs P Pither-Mills AM .....	2003-04-05
Mrs H Hillgrove .....	1957-58-59	Mrs N MacLeod AO .....	2005-06-07
Miss A T Stewart OBE .....	1959-60-61	Mrs H Wall OAM .....	2007-08-09
Mrs N W Cameron OBE .....	1961-62-63	Mrs H Christie .....	2009-10-11
Mrs W B Lang .....	1963-64-65	Mrs C Clay .....	2011-12-13
Mrs J P Wallace OBE .....	1965-66-67	Ms D Coombe .....	2013-14-15
Mrs H McF Cameron MBE .....	1967-68-69	Ms M Crichton .....	2015-16-17
Mrs J Grant Coutts OAM .....	1969-70-71	Mrs L Harris OAM .....	2017-18-19
Mrs D H Reid .....	1971-72-73	Mrs M Dewar .....	2019-20-21
Mrs H R Fisher AO OBE .....	1973-74-75	Mrs P Mawson .....	2021-22
Mrs A L Ferry .....	1975-76-77		
Mrs J H Goldsmith OAM .....	1977-78-79		

## Groups and Branches as at 31st December 2021

### BALLARAT DISTRICT GROUP

Group President: Miss Rosalie Silvey (Caretaker)

#### BRANCHES (10)

Bacchus Marsh, Ballan & District, Ballarat Dinner (Night), Daylesford/Hepburn, Dean, Melton Owls (Night), Scarsdale, Sebastopol, Spa Centre, Webbcona (Night).

### BASS GROUP

Group President: Mrs Sally-Anne Matthews

#### BRANCHES (7)

Cowes, Glen Alvie, Grantville, Loch, Phillip Island Twilight, Woodleigh Vale, Wonthaggi Owl Women.

### BEAUFORT GROUP

Group President: Mrs Barbara Blamey

#### BRANCHES (6)

Ararat, Avoca and District, Beaufort, Landsborough, Lilyana (Night), Stawell (Night).

### BENDIGO NORTHERN GROUP

Group President: Mrs Marilyn Tangey

#### BRANCHES (6)

Axedale (Night), Bendigo, Dingee & District, Golden Night, Kangaroo Flat, Old Church on the Hill

### CENTRAL HIGHLANDS GROUP

Group President: Mrs Rosemarie Jones

#### BRANCHES (11)

Craigieburn, Gisborne Day, Heathcote Night, Kyneton, Kyneton Twilighters, Lancefield, Macedon, Riddells Creek (Night), Romsey, Sunbury Stars, Woodend Eves.

### CENTRAL MURRAY GROUP

Group President: Mrs Helen Christie

#### BRANCHES (5)

Baulkamaugh (Night), Cobram Nocturnals, Nathalia Night Watch, Tallygaroopna, Youanmite.

### CENTRAL VICTORIA GROUP

Group President: Ms Dallas Giles

#### BRANCHES (9)

Castlemaine (Night), Dunolly, Harcourt, Heathcote, Maryborough, Newbridge, Newstead, Phoenix Chewton, Sutton Grange.

### CENTRAL WIMMERA GROUP

Group President: Mrs Sadie King-Williams (Caretaker)

#### BRANCHES (6)

Beulah, Dunmunkle, Hopetoun, Murtoa, Rainbow and District (Night), Willenabrina.

### DIAMOND VALLEY GROUP

Group President: Bronwyn Hodges

#### BRANCHES (5)

Hurstbridge (Night), Kinglake (Night), Rosanna, South Morang Night Owls, Whittlesea Jumbunna Night (Night).

### EAST GIPPSLAND GROUP

Group President: Mrs Olivia Harwood

#### BRANCHES (3)

Bairnsdale-Amaroo, Buchan Gelantipy & District, Orbost.



**EAST WIMMERA GROUP**

Group President: Ms Cheryl Kemp

**BRANCHES (7)**

Bealiba, Cabbaritta Charlton (Night), Kara (Night), Marnoo, Stuart Mill, Wedderburn (Night), Wirrim (Night)

**EASTERN FOOTHILLS GROUP**

Group President: Ms Lyn Riley

**BRANCHES (6)**

Belgrave, Boronia, Donvale, Gully Golden Girls, Mooroolbark, Ringwood.

**EASTERN GOULBURN VALLEY GROUP**

Group President: Mrs Catherine Shields

**BRANCHES (7)**

Caniambo, Congupna, Dookie, Karramomus, Pine Lodge (Night), Shepparton East, Shepparton Sunset (Night).

**ECHUCA GROUP**

Group President: Mrs Delia Currie

**BRANCHES (5)**

Bamawm, Boobook (Night), Campaspe (Night), Echuca-Murray (Night), Milloo.

**FRASER GROUP**

Group President: Ms Margaret Maxwell

**BRANCHES (5)**

Ashburton (Night), Boroondara (Night), Port Phillip, Richmond (Night), Umina (Night).

**GEELONG GROUP**

Group President: Mrs Gwen White

**BRANCHES (15)**

Altona, Barrabool, Central Nights, Drysdale, Galena, Inverleigh, Lara, Mereburn (Night), Native Hut (Night), Ocean Grove Nightlights, Point Cook Evening, Surf Coast, Thurina, Werribee, Werribee South.

**GIPPSLAND HILLS GROUP**

Group President: Mrs Marilyn Mackie

**BRANCHES (10)**

Bena, Inverloch, Kardella, Korumburra, Leongatha Twilight, Meeniyan, Mirboo, Mirboo North Night Owls, Poowong & District, Woorayl.

**GOULBURN VALLEY WEST GROUP**

Group President: Mrs Barbara Carter

**BRANCHES (6)**

CWA Potters, Harston, Mooroopna (Night), Rodney (Night), Sheridan-Kyabram (Night), Toolamba Wrens.

**HENTY GROUP**

Group President: Ms Megan Rees

**BRANCHES (11)**

Burswood (Night), Dunkeld and District (Night), Glenelg (Night), Hamilton, Hamilton Evening (Night), Hawkesdale, Heywood Evening (Night), Koroit (Night), Port Fairy (Night), Wattle Hill Creek (Night), Woolsthorpe.

**HUME GOULBURN GROUP**

Group President: Ms Sarah Hensell

**BRANCHES (6)**

Broadford Mount Piper (Night), Mansfield, Redgate-Alexandra, Seymour Central (Night), Yarck, Yea.

**KIEWA VALLEY GROUP**

Group President: Mrs Shelley Shreiber

**BRANCHES (3)**

Kergunyah (Night), Kiewa District, Wodonga.

**LATROBE CENTRAL GROUP**

Group President: Ms Janet MacDonald

**BRANCHES (12)**

Bunyip, Drouin, Drouin South, Flynn-ites (Night), Gormandale, Lowanna Hills Newborough (Night), Moe, Morwell Evening, Neerim District, Traralgon, Traralgon Evening, Warragul Evening.

**MALLEE GROUP**

Caretaker – Mrs Prue McCredden

**BRANCHES (2)**

Cowangie, Woomelang.

**McDONALD GROUP**

Group President: Ms Mandy McMahan

**BRANCHES (5)**

Bayside (Night), Bentleigh Day, Brighton, Dingley Village, Mentone.

**MILDURA/MILLEWA GROUP**

Group President: Mrs Gaye Lamb

**BRANCHES (5)**

Carinya, Darling Junction (Night), Merbein, Mildura, Millewa (Night)

**MITCHELL GROUP**

Group President: Ms Roxane Harris

**BRANCHES (10)**

Alphington, Collingwood (Night), Essendon (Night), Footscray (Night), Keilor Downs, Niddrie, Pascoe Vale, Sydney Road (Night), Virtual, Williamstown Evening.

**MOIRA GROUP**

Group President: Mrs Rosslyn Heaney

**BRANCHES (6)**

Benalla, Boorhaman, Corowa, Swanpool, Thoona, Yarrawonga/Border

**MORNINGTON PENINSULA GROUP**

Group President: Ms Rosemarie Reynolds

**BRANCHES (7)**

Frankston, Frankston South, Mornington, Pearcedale, Peninsula Belles (Night), Rosebud, Rosebud East

**MURRAY VALLEY GROUP**

Group President: Mrs Ruth Arthur

**BRANCHES (5)**

Dingwall, Moulamein, Nykora (Night), Tanlyne (Night), Tyntynder (Night).

**NORTH EASTERN GROUP**

Group President: Paula McGavin

**BRANCHES (8)**

Barnawartha, Beechworth, Bright & District (Night), King Valley (Night), Moyhu (Night), Rosewhite & District (Night), Wangaratta District Evening (Night), Whorouly.

**NORTH GIPPSLAND GROUP**

Group President: Dianne Honey

**BRANCHES (8)**

Avon, Bundalaguah, Cobains, Denison, Giffard, Maffra, Sale, Sale Starlight (Night).

**OMEQ/TAMBO VALLEY GROUP**

Group President: Ms Yvonne Werner

**BRANCHES (2)**

Benambra District (Night), High Country

**POLWARTH GROUP -**

Group President: Ms Sarah McKew

**BRANCHES (6)**

Barongarook (Night), Birregurra (Night), Colac Night Owls (Night), Dreeite, Irrewarra, Winchelsea (Night).

**SOUTH GIPPSLAND GROUP**

Group President: Ms Meg Parkinson

**BRANCHES (2)**

Fish Creek, Yarram.

**SOUTH WESTERN GROUP**

Group President: Mrs Sandra Webb

**BRANCHES (11)**

Allansford, Camperdown Evening, Clocktower, Cobden, Dalvui (Night), Mortlake, Mortlake Evening, Panmure, Terang, Warrnambool, Warrnambool Night Owls.

**UPPER MURRAY GROUP**

Group President: Mrs Margaret Wood

**BRANCHES (3)**

Cudgewa, Kurrajong (Night), Tallangatta..

**WEST GIPPSLAND GROUP**

Group President: Mrs Joan Graham

**BRANCHES (7)**

Casey Dinner (Night), Cranbourne, Koo Wee Rup (Night), Noble Park, Officer Owls (Night), Pakenham, Woorinyan.

**WEST WIMMERA GROUP**

Group President: Mrs Leisa Schoer

**BRANCHES (6)**

Dimboola, Drung South, Horsham, May, Nhill Twilight (Night), Serviceton.

**YARRA VALLEY GROUP**

Group President: Mrs Carmel Mitchell

**BRANCHES (5)**

Monbulk, Monbulk Lady Night Hawks, Tarrawarra, Wanallock (Night), Wandin.

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## Deputy State President's Report

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It is with great pleasure I present my report for 2021. Half of the year as a State Vice President and the other half of the year as the Deputy State President.

My first major task for 2021 was to undertake Senior Office Bearer rounds in the northwest of our wonderful state. A couple of stops along the way to Mildura to visit Group Presidents I was mentoring or had been a fellow GP with during my time in the role for Mitchell Group. This made the long drive so much more enjoyable. Senior Office Bearer Rounds are one of the most pleasurable tasks a senior office bearer can undertake. You get to visit parts of our beautiful state you may not have been to for years (I enjoyed visiting a small part of the Silo Trail on this trip). Listening to the Secretary's reports on the activities undertaken by the various branches over the past year is so inspiring and encouraging and of course the country hospitality goes without saying. It gives me great hope for the future of our wonderful organisation!

The ladies of the Mildura/Millewa group were exceptionally welcoming and like all areas attracting new members is their greatest challenge. Then off to the Mallee Group to find they were down to two branches, a mere 160km apart. With Ouyen in recess a decision will be made in 2022 as to the future of the Group. Lastly, I travelled to the inspiring Murray Valley Group for my last meeting and to collect a carload of goodies to bring back to Lansell Rd for distribution to various charities and stalls. A very rewarding trip from my point of view.

Supporting Marion Dewar as State President and Pam Mawson, first as Deputy State President and then as State President was a great honour and learning curve under the strange and ever-changing circumstances that Covid-19 and its variations threw at our association. It sure kept us all on our toes!

It was with great joy that I saw the CWA of Victoria Inc. Virtual Branch grow legs and take off. It has been an absolute pleasure to be the mentor for this branch and their creativity and skills on Zoom have meant that the meetings are efficient, and their fund-raising efforts and guest speakers have been fun and educational. I look forward to meeting them all in person at the first available opportunity to share the champagne I won at their virtual tour of Seppelts Great Western Winery.

I was very honoured to be elected Deputy State President in July and I have been learning a great deal more about the Association in my new position under State President Pam Mawson's tutelage. The new world we live in has meant that many ordinary day to day activities have become major time-consuming challenges. For example, who would have thought that changing the signatories for the Head Office bank accounts could be such an ordeal? The executive certainly didn't but we have been educated otherwise!

Amongst other things some of my duties over the past year have included assisting at the Lansell Rd Pop Up shops whenever Covid restrictions permitted travel across town, chairing the Merchandise Committee and the Covid Task Force where a number of new income producing activities have been reviewed.

I look forward to these ideas coming to fruition in the year ahead. I chaired the Social Issues committee until July and then continued on as a member when the new Chair, Wendy Earwicker was appointed. I am also a member of the ACWW/International/Community committee and have coordinated the stalls for the State Fare and baked cakes and puddings for the Association stall.

In December I attended the Bacchus Marsh 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration and was honoured to be asked to cut the beautifully decorated birthday cake. It was a wonderful day with a band that caused your foot to tap away happily, a wonderful display of members craft and a delicious meal provided by the caterers.

I thank all my wonderfully supportive branch members from Essendon and the Mitchell Group for their continued support and their readiness to heed a call to arms at the drop of hat, your generosity is very gratefully received. I would like to thank all of our awesome members for their friendship and the kindness shown to me throughout the year and look forward to working with as many of you as possible in the year ahead as we continue to carry out the great work of The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc.!



**Jennifer Nola**



# State Treasurer's Report



**Heather Scott**  
State Treasurer

It is a pleasure to present my first report to you as State Treasurer. You will find the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31 December 2021 and the accompanying Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2021 in this official annual report. These statements have been audited by our independent auditors Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu.

The most significant change which occurred in our Association in 2021 was the notification of our registration as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not for profits Commission (ACNC), which we received at the end of April. Our registration is dated from December 2020. This was the result of much work by many people, but in particular, I would like to record the appreciation of The Country Women's Association of Victoria to our Executive Director Lynne Jordan, who took on this challenge and led the preparation of the information supplied to our solicitors for the application. There are considerable financial and other benefits which will flow to the Association from our charitable status. The Executive team are continuing to work on maximising these.

As at 31st December 2021 the Association's total assets were \$6,142,437. This figure is constituted by our cash assets including main account investments, trade and other receivables, Special Purpose funds, stock on hand at cost, property, plant and equipment as well as cash at hand. As at 31 December 2021, our current liabilities of \$827,414 consist of membership subscriptions paid in advance, provision for employee entitlements, Endowment Fund (life memberships), trade and other payables and accruals.

Interest rates continued to be at historic low levels in 2021. This had a significant impact on our 2021 investment income. Our operational investment income in 2021 from the Main account Term deposits and cash management account was \$11,411, compared to \$26,309 in 2020. The investment interest received from our Special Purpose Term deposits was \$9,329 for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021, compared to \$33,444 the previous year. This is a decrease in total of \$39,013. The impact on disbursements for Educational Grants is being closely monitored.

The Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 shows a total income of \$1,766,291 a total expenditure of \$1,615,305, and a surplus of \$150,986 in the combined Main and Special Purpose Accounts. This income includes \$713,000 from the Commonwealth government for drought relief, Jobkeeper payments from January to March 2021 of \$37,800, and Victorian State government grant monies of \$143,023. Members will notice a very significant difference from the 2020 figures of total income \$6,413,603, total expenditure \$6,423,725, and a deficit of \$10,122. The 2020 figures included \$4,359,673 received by the Association from the State Government and distributed in drought relief payments.

Special Purpose Funds represent donations, grants and legacies held in Trust for special purposes. The funds are administered by the Board and are not available for use in general operations. The Special Purpose Fund reserves showed a balance of \$2,355,186 as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021, an increase of \$37,391 over the previous year.

The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc. continued to provide direct benevolent assistance to disadvantaged and vulnerable women, children and families in need throughout metropolitan, regional, rural and remote settings in Victoria in 2021. We provided \$735,003 in Emergency relief and \$11,000 in Welfare payments. Emergency relief funds come from government grants, and from donations from our members and the general public, which are greatly appreciated. They demonstrate a continued high level of trust in our Association, and we can all be exceedingly proud of the reputation which CWA Victoria has established over many years.

Branch returns show that branches continued to support our Special Purpose funds with donations of \$9,367 for Education Grants, \$4,155 for the Emergency Fund and \$2,825 for the Welfare Fund. In 2021 we continued to provide support to primary, secondary, tertiary and post graduate students through our Educational Grants. In total throughout 2021, the Country Women's Association of Victoria awarded \$13,855 in Educational Grants. These grants included \$800 in the name of the Colac CWA Educational fund, \$2,750 in the name of Mrs AA Gibbs, and \$3,000 in the Diamond Jubilee Residential Grant.

It was decided by State Council in 2020 that our Thanksgiving Fund and Special Project recipients would be extended for another year due to the impact of COVID-19. During 2021, further donations were made to the Thanksgiving Fund for Endometriosis Research through the Jean Hailes Medical Centre for Women's Health, which will be disbursed in 2022. Branches and groups also donated a further \$13,404 to the State Project for Information Technology and Systems Upgrade and Maintenance at the Country Women's Association of Victoria.

Our membership base is the foundation of our Association. Membership subscriptions received in 2021 of \$298,918 were approximately 5% lower than in 2020. Although 25% of our branches experienced falling membership numbers in 2021, 27% had stable numbers and 48% of branches increased their membership. It was heartening to see five new branches formed in 2021: Phillip Island Twilight in Bass Group, Old Church on the Hill in Bendigo Northern Group, Buchan, Gelantipy & District in East Gippsland, Clocktower in South Western Group and the Virtual Branch, which meets entirely on line, and is hosted by Mitchell Group. The enthusiasm, sense of community and new ideas brought by these new members and branches is very encouraging for our Association.

Many Association activities and events could not proceed in 2021 due to COVID 19. These included the Royal Melbourne Show, Seniors Week, and various catering activities and training events. The Association Bed & Breakfast remained closed throughout 2021, due to COVID 19 regulations. Plans are underway for a re-opening in mid-2022.

Loss of income from these activities and events made it more difficult to meet budget and for the Association to continue to provide services to the community. Some of the ways in which these losses were partially offset were:

- The Festival of Gardens, a new event for CWA Victoria, was held in several locations across the state.
- Two new books were launched, *From Our Kitchen to Yours* and *Thrifty Cooking*
- Nineteen Pop up shops were held at Umina between January and December 2021 selling CWA baked goods, preserves and merchandise.
- The State-wide "Birthday Scone Challenge" was held in March.

- The Christmas Fare was held across a variety of locations in Victoria.

In addition, branch and group returns show a total of \$49,063 was contributed to Association Day and General Funds in 2021. This was a wonderful effort by members, branches and groups in support of the Association. Thank you for your generosity.

In February 2022, the Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc. was granted an exemption from land tax for the 2021 year. This exemption was for all CWA Victoria properties, including *Umina*. We have also received exemptions from council rates for some of our properties. Others are still being considered. As a result of gaining charitable status, applications have been made for exemptions or concessions of land tax and council rates for all CWA Victoria owned properties.

Recurrent expenses were managed tightly by our Executive Director which also assisted in reducing the effect of the loss of income on our budget.

Our members continue to contribute to their local communities and to other organisations which support disadvantaged and vulnerable women, children and families in need. Whilst 2021 was a difficult year with members' fundraising activities severely curtailed, the Branch returns show that our members raised a total of \$224,190 which has been donated with the following breakdown:

Local donations: \$192,499

National donations: \$30,096

International donations: \$1,595.

Thank you to all members for the many hours of volunteer work and support that you provide to each other and our communities.

2021 has shown that the Country Women's Association of Victoria is innovative, caring and resilient. We are fulfilling our purpose of assisting disadvantaged and vulnerable women, children and families in need. I am very proud to present this report to you all.





# **The Country Women's Association of Victoria Incorporated**

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Annual financial report for the financial year ended 31 December 2021

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Mrs. Pamela Mawson  
The Board Members  
The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc  
3 Lansell Road  
Toorak  
VIC 3142

3 May 2022

Dear Chair

## Auditor's Independence Declaration to The Country Women's Association of Victoria Incorporated

In accordance with Subdivision 60-C of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the members of The Country Women's Association of Victoria Incorporated.

As lead audit partner for the audit of the financial report of The Country Women's Association of Victoria Incorporated for the year ended 31 December 2021, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- (i) the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Yours faithfully



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**Isabelle Lefevre**  
Partner  
Chartered Accountants

## Independent Auditor's Report to the members of The Country Women's Association of Victoria Incorporated

### *Opinion*

We have audited the financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of The Country Women's Association of Victoria Incorporated, ("the Association") which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2021, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the declaration of members of the Board.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of The Country Women's Association of Victoria Incorporated is in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Act 2012* (the "ACNC Act"), including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 31 December 2021 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of 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 Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the ACNC Act and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (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 and restriction on Distribution and use*

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 Association to meet the financial reporting requirements of the Association *Incorporations Reform Act (Vic) 2012* and the ACNC Act. Our report is intended solely for the members of the Association and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) and should not be distributed to or used by parties other than the members and the ACNC. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.



## *Other information*

The Board is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Official Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2021, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report 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.

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 the Board for the Financial Report*

The Board of the Association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and has determined that the basis of preparation and accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Association *Incorporations Reform Act (Vic) 2012* and the requirements of the ACNC Act. The Board's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Board determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Board is responsible for assessing the ability of the Association 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 intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

## *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 the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement 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 Association'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 the Board'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 Association'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 Association 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 the Board 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.

*Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu*

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**Isabelle Lefevre**

Partner

Chartered Accountants

Melbourne, 3 May 2022



**THE COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
OF VICTORIA INCORPORATED**

**DECLARATION BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

As detailed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Association is not a reporting entity because in the opinion of the Board there are unlikely to exist users of the financial statements who are unable to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. Accordingly, these special purpose financial statements have been prepared to satisfy the Board's reporting requirements under the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act (Vic) 2012* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

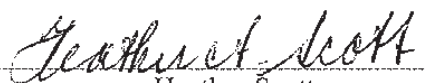
In the opinion of the Board:

1. there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
2. the attached financial statements and notes thereto are in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act (Vic) 2012* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including compliance with accounting standards and giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Association.

This statement is signed in accordance with a resolution of the board members made pursuant to s.60.15 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.



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Pamela Mawson  
State President



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Heather Scott  
State Treasurer

Melbourne, 3rd May 2022

**THE COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
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**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
Revenue	2	1,317,550	5,786,640
Other income	2(a)	448,741	626,963
Administration expenses		(378,297)	(570,853)
Employee benefits expense		(406,878)	(555,370)
Repairs and maintenance		(12,286)	(14,755)
Scholarships		(13,855)	(15,775)
Donations		(11,129)	(16,246)
Welfare		(11,000)	(13,100)
Emergency Relief		(735,003)	(5,149,074)
Projects and Thanksgiving		(149)	(37,311)
Finance costs		(2,841)	(4,560)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(43,867)	(46,681)
Surplus / (deficit) before tax		150,986	(10,122)
Income tax expense	1(a)	-	-
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for the year</b>		<b>150,986</b>	<b>(10,122)</b>
Other comprehensive income		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the year</b>		<b>150,986</b>	<b>(10,122)</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2021 \$</u>	<u>2020 \$</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash	3	785,439	765,883
Short term deposits	3	1,977,203	1,974,485
Trade and other receivables	4	29,409	79,610
Stock on hand at cost	5	60,722	75,660
Investments - Special Purpose Funds	7	2,494,857	2,434,701
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>5,347,630</u>	<u>5,330,339</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	6	794,807	808,879
Right of use asset		-	17,565
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>794,807</u>	<u>826,444</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>6,142,437</u>	<u>6,156,783</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	8	447,646	594,070
Members subscriptions paid in advance		193,519	196,073
Provision for employee entitlements		90,776	83,933
Endowment fund – Lifetime memberships		95,473	99,696
Lease liability		-	18,974
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>827,414</u>	<u>992,746</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Lease liability		-	-
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>827,414</u>	<u>992,746</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>5,315,023</u>	<u>5,164,037</u>
<b>MEMBERS FUND</b>			
Accumulated surplus		2,959,837	2,846,242
Reserves – Special Purpose Funds	11	2,355,186	2,317,795
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS</b>		<u>5,315,023</u>	<u>5,164,037</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements



**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

<u>Notes</u>	<u>Accumulated surplus \$</u>	<u>Special Purpose Funds \$</u>	<u>Total \$</u>
Balance at 1 January 2020	2,735,505	2,438,654	5,174,159
Deficit for the year	(10,122)	-	(10,122)
Total comprehensive loss for the year	(10,122)	-	(10,122)
Transfer to/(from) Special Purpose Funds	120,859	(120,859)	-
<b>Balance at 31 December 2020</b>	<b>2,846,242</b>	<b>2,317,795</b>	<b>5,164,037</b>
Surplus for the Year	150,986	-	150,986
Total comprehensive income for the year	150,986	-	150,986
Transfer to/(from) Special Purpose Funds	(37,391)	37,391	-
<b>Balance at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>2,959,837</b>	<b>2,355,186</b>	<b>5,315,023</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

**THE COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2021</b> \$	<b>2020</b> \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Receipts from members and customers		1,727,891	4,677,654
JobKeeper receipts		37,800	167,100
Interest received		23,258	89,903
Finance costs		(2,489)	(3,668)
Payments to suppliers and employees		<u>(1,669,957)</u>	<u>(6,364,898)</u>
<b>Net cash generated by operating activities</b>	9(b)	<u>116,503</u>	<u>(1,433,909)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Repayment of lease liability		<u>(24,904)</u>	<u>(24,157)</u>
<b>Net cash used in financing activity</b>		<u>(24,904)</u>	<u>(24,157)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(6,648)	(5,758)
Proceeds from maturity of term deposits		-	250,004
Investments in term deposits		<u>(1,709)</u>	<u>(1,313)</u>
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<u>(8,357)</u>	<u>242,933</u>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		83,242	(1,215,133)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year</b>		<u>3,406,069</u>	<u>4,621,202</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	9(a)	<u><u>3,489,311</u></u>	<u><u>3,406,069</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

**THE COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Note 1: Significant Accounting Policies**

**Financial reporting framework**

The Association is not a reporting entity because in the opinion of the Board there are unlikely to exist users of the financial statements who are unable to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. Accordingly, these special purpose financial statements have been prepared to satisfy the Board's reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act (Vic) 2012*, and under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

For the purpose of preparing the financial statements, the Association is a not-for-profit entity.

**Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act (Vic) 2012*, the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, the recognition and measurement requirements specified by all Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, AASB 107 *Statement of Cash Flows*, AASB 108 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors* and AASB 1054 *Australian Additional Disclosures*.

**Basis of Preparation**

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.

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the Association in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated. All amounts have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

The operations, assets and liabilities of the groups and branches are not included in this financial report, except as follows:

- the membership subscriptions are collected by the branches for the Association;
- the groups and branches contribute to the Association by way of fund raising;
- the groups and branches also contribute to the Educational Grant/Scholarships Fund each year, used to fund scholarships, in accordance with the Constitution, Policies and Procedures, and Rules and Objects of the Association, whichever is most relevant.

Each group/branch manages affairs within its own boundaries subject to the Constitution, Policies and Procedures, and Rules and Objects of the Association, whichever is most relevant.

**Application of New and Revised Accounting Standards**

**Amendments to Accounting Standards that are mandatorily effective for the current reporting period**

The Association has adopted all of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accountant Standards Board (the AASB) that are relevant to its operations and effective for an accounting period that begins on or after 1 January 2021.



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Note 1: Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)**

**Application of New and Revised Accounting Standards (cont'd)**

**Amendments to Accounting Standards that are mandatorily effective for the current reporting period (cont'd)**

Reference	Title	Application
AASB 2020-8	<i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – Phase 2</i>	1 January 2021

The application of these amendments did not have any material impact on the disclosures or the amounts recognised in the entity's financial statements.

**New and revised Australian Accounting Standards in issue but not effective**

At the date of authorisation of the financial statements, the Association has not applied the any new and revised Australian Accounting Standards, Interpretations and amendments that have been issued but are not yet effective.

**Standards and Interpretations in issue not yet adopted**

At the date of adoption of the financial statements, the Standards and Interpretations listed below were in issue but not yet effective.

Standard/Interpretation	Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after	Expected to be initially applied in the financial year ending
<i>AASB 1060 – General Purpose Financial Statements – Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 entities</i>	1 January 2022	31 December 2022
<i>AASB 2020-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non Current and AASB 2020-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current – Deferral of Effective Date.</i>	1 January 2022	31 December 2022
<i>AASB 2020-3 Amendments to Australian accounting Standards – Annual Improvements 2018-2020 and Other Amendments</i>	1 January 2022	31 December 2022
<i>AASB 2020-9 - Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Tier 2 Disclosures: Interest Rate Benchmark Reform (Phase 2) and Other Amendments</i>	1 January 2022	31 December 2022
<i>AASB 2021-2 - Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure of Accounting Policies and Definition of Accounting Estimates</i>	1 January 2023	31 December 2023
<i>AASB 2021-6 - Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure of Accounting Policies: Tier 2 and Other Australian Accounting Standards</i>	1 January 2023	31 December 2023

The Directors and management are in the process of initiating a project to review and assess the impact of the adoption of the standards and interpretations listed above on the financial statements of the Association. This project will be completed prior to the next reporting date.

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**Note 1: Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)**

**Accounting policies**

The following significant accounting policies have been adopted in the preparation and presentation of the financial statements:

**(a) Income tax**

No liability for income tax has been recognised as the Association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

**(b) Property, Plant and Equipment**

Freehold land and buildings are brought to account at cost.

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets are depreciated on a diminishing value basis over the useful lives of the assets to the Association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Buildings	100 years
Motor vehicles	5 years
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	3 – 6 years

**(c) Revenue Recognition**

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Revenue is recognised as (and when) the performance obligation is satisfied.

Annual subscriptions are due by 1<sup>st</sup> October each year and are collected by the branches. The income stream arising there from is then accounted for as subscriptions received in advance and drawn down in 12 equal amounts on a monthly basis. At balance date, the subscriptions received in advance represent 9/12 of the subscription run completed on 1 October 2021.

Life members are women distinguished and elected for outstanding service to the Association at branch or group level. All lifetime membership subscriptions fees received are placed in the “Endowment Fund – Lifetime membership” and the interest is available to the Association. The lifetime membership subscriptions are amortised over 10 years.

The sales of goods are accounted for and recognised upon delivery of the goods to the customer, which is when the Association has satisfied the performance obligation and the amount of revenue can be measured reliably.

**Grants – Government and others**

The new income requirements state that in cases where there is an ‘enforceable’ contract with a customer with ‘sufficiently specific’ performance obligations, the transaction should be accounted for under AASB 15 where income is recognised when (or as) the performance obligations are satisfied, as opposed to immediate income recognition under AASB 1058.

For those grant contracts that are not enforceable or the performance obligations are not sufficiently specific, this will result in immediate income recognition under AASB 1058. Income will be deferred under AASB 15 otherwise and recognised when (or as) the performance obligations are satisfied.

In light of the financial impacts of Covid-19, the Association received JobKeeper payments. JobKeeper subsidies are not recognised until there is reasonable assurance that the entity will comply with the conditions attached to them and the grant will be received. The grant is recognised in profit or loss in the period in which the entity recognised the related costs as expenses.

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**Note 1: Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)**

**(c) Revenue Recognition (cont'd)**

Donations and bequests

The majority of the donations and bequests do not meet the enforceability and the 'sufficiently specific' criteria under AASB 15 and are therefore recognised as income once the Association controls the relevant asset (assuming no other related amounts are applicable) under AASB 1058.

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

**(d) Inventories**

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs are assigned on a first in first out basis.

**(e) Employee Entitlements**

A liability is recognised for benefits accruing to employees in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave and long service leave when it is probable that settlement will be required and they are capable of being measured reliably.

Liabilities recognised in respect of short-term employee benefits, are measured at their nominal values using the remuneration rate expected to apply at the time of settlement.

Liabilities recognised in respect of long term employee benefits are measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made by the Association in respect of services provided by employees up to reporting date.

**(f) Special Purpose Funds**

Special Purpose Funds represent bequests and other monies held in Trust for special purposes. The funds are administered by the Board and are not available for use in general operations. The Investment – Special Purpose Funds has been classified as current in the balance sheet.

Monies raised from the branches for special purposes are recorded as Special Purpose Funds and initially recorded in the profit and loss account on receipt. As these funds are designated for specific purposes by the members and the Association, they are recorded as Special Purpose Funds in equity and can only be used for the purpose specified.



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**Note 1: Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)**

**(g) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements**

In the application of the Association's accounting policies, the Board is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

**(h) Goods and Services Tax**

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except:

- i. where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority, it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of an asset or as part of an item of expense; or
- ii. for receivables and payables which are recognised inclusive of GST.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables.

**(i) Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash comprises cash on hand and term deposits. Term deposits are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

**(j) Trade and Other Receivables**

Receivables are measured at amortised cost less any impairment. An estimate for doubtful debts is made for the expected lifetime credit losses. In using this practical expedient, the Association uses its historical experience, external indicators and forward-looking information to calculate the expected credit losses using a provision matrix.

**(k) Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the Association has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that the Association will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at reporting date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where a provision is measured using the cashflows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cashflows.

When some or all of the economic benefits required to settle a provision are expected to be recovered from a third party, the receivable is recognised as an asset if it is virtually certain that reimbursement will be received and the amount of the receivable can be measured reliably.

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**Note 1: Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)**

**(l) Financial instruments**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Association becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument.

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or when the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards are transferred. A financial liability is derecognised when it is extinguished, discharged, cancelled or expires.

**Classification of Financial assets**

Debt instruments that meet the following conditions are measured subsequently at amortised cost:

- The financial asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows;
- The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

All other financial assets are measured subsequently at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL).

**Initial measurement of financial assets**

Financial assets are classified according to their business model and the characteristics of their contractual cash flows.

**Subsequent measurement of financial assets**

For the purpose of subsequent measurement, financial assets are classified into the following categories:

- Financial assets at amortised cost
- Financial assets at FVTPL

**(i) Amortised cost and effective interest method**

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a debt instrument and of allocating interest income over the relevant period.

**(ii) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)**

Financial assets at FVTPL are measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period, with any fair value gains or losses recognised in profit or loss to the extent they are not part of a designated hedging relationship. The net gain or loss recognised in profit or loss includes any dividend or interest earned on the financial asset and is included in the 'other gains and losses' line. The Association does not have any financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss.

**Impairment of financial assets**

The Association recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses on trade receivables. The amount of expected credit losses is updated at each reporting date to reflect changes in credit risk since initial recognition of the trade receivables. Long standing debts identified by management and those which are unlikely to be received have also been included in the provision for impairment of receivables.

**(m) Comparative figures**

Where required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation in the current year.

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**(n) Leases**

The Association assesses whether a contract is or contains a lease, at inception of the contract. The Association recognises a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability with respect to all lease arrangements in which it is the lessee, except for short-term leases (defined as leases with a lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low value assets (such as small items of office furniture and telephones). For these leases, the Association recognises the lease payments as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease unless another systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leased assets are consumed.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted by using the rate implicit in the lease. If this rate cannot be readily determined, the Association uses its incremental borrowing rate.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise:

- Fixed lease payments less any lease incentives receivable;
- Variable lease payments that depend on an index or rate, initially measured using the index or rate at the commencement date;
- The amount expected to be payable by the lessee under residual value guarantees
- The exercise price of purchase options, if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise the options; and
- Payments of penalties for terminating the lease if the lease term reflects the exercise of an option to terminate the lease.

The lease liability is subsequently measured by increasing the carrying amount to reflect interest on the lease liability (using the effective interest method) and by reducing the carrying amount to reflect the lease payments made.

The Association remeasures the lease liability (and makes a corresponding adjustment to the related right-of-use asset) whenever:

- The lease term has changed or there is a significant event or change in circumstances resulting in a change in the assessment of exercise of a purchase option, in which case the lease liability is remeasured by discounting the revised lease payments using a revised discount rate.
- The lease payments change due to changes in an index or rate or a change in expected payment under a guaranteed residual value, in which cases the lease liability is remeasured by discounting the revised lease payments using an unchanged discount rate (unless the lease payments change is due to a change in a floating interest rate, in which case a revised discount rate is used).
- A lease contract is modified, and the lease modification is not accounted for as a separate lease, in which case the lease liability is remeasured based on the lease term of the modified lease by discounting the revised lease payments using a revised discount rate at the effective date of the modification.

The Association did not make any such adjustments during the periods presented.

The right-of-use assets comprise the initial measurement of the corresponding lease liability, lease payments made at or before the commencement day, less any lease incentives received and any initial direct costs. They are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated over the shorter period of lease term and useful life of the underlying asset. The depreciation starts at the commencement date of the lease.

The Association applies AASB 136 to determine whether a right-of-use asset is impaired and accounts for any identified impairment loss as described in the 'Property, Plant and Equipment' policy.

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	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>Note 2: Revenue</b>		
Membership Subscriptions	298,918	315,137
Magazine income	436	1,424
Accommodation income	423	58,623
Donation income – Operational	8,673	9,640
Grant income – Commonwealth Government	20,677	4,273
Grant income – State Government – Victoria	143,023	233,697
Grant income – Special Purpose Funds – Commonwealth Government - Drought	713,000	-
Grant income – Special Purpose Funds – State Government – Victoria - Drought	-	4,359,673
Donations income – Special Purpose Funds – Drought	13,173	389,004
Donations income – Special Purpose Funds – Other	97,137	126,727
Donations income – Special Purpose Funds – Bushfire	1,350	228,689
Investment income – Operational	11,411	26,309
Investment income – Special Purpose Funds	9,329	33,444
	1,317,550	5,786,640

**Note 2 (a):** Other income includes JobKeeper receipts amounting to \$37,800 (2020: \$189,600).

**Note 3: Cash and Term Deposits**

Cash on hand	936	970
Cash at bank	784,503	764,913
<b>Total cash</b>	785,439	765,883

Interest Bearing Term Deposits at amortised cost (i)

- National Australia Bank Limited	532,828	530,529
- Westpac Banking Corporation	517,789	517,371
- Bank of Melbourne	926,586	926,585
<b>Total Term Deposits</b>	1,977,203	1,974,485
<b>Total Cash and Term Deposits</b>	9 2,762,642	2,740,368

(i) All of the term deposits have maturity over 90 days, however, can be withdrawn with a 31 days-notice.

**Note 4: Trade and other receivables**

Trade debtors	4,927	20,680
Provision for doubtful debts	(3,360)	(6,910)
	1,567	13,770
Sundry debtors	12,307	47,696
Prepayments	15,535	18,144
	29,409	79,610

**Note 5: Stock on Hand – At Cost**

Office and retail goods	66,399	78,983
Provision for obsolescence	(5,677)	(3,323)
	60,722	75,660



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	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Note 6: Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		
Freehold land - at cost	402,544	402,544
Buildings – at cost	441,668	441,669
Less Accumulated depreciation	(140,630)	(137,589)
	301,038	304,080
CWA vehicle – at cost	22,219	22,219
Less Accumulated depreciation	(14,349)	(12,381)
	7,870	9,838
Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment – at cost	644,987	641,764
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(561,632)	(549,347)
	83,355	92,417
<b>Total Property, Plant &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>794,807</b>	<b>808,879</b>
<b>Note 7: Investments at amortised Cost – Special Purpose Funds</b>		
- Cash at Bank – restricted (i)	9 726,668	665,701
Interest Bearing Term Deposits – restricted (i)		
- National Australia Bank Limited	30,000	30,000
- Commonwealth Bank	311,000	311,000
- Westpac Banking Corporation	694,741	694,741
- Bank of Melbourne	548,444	548,444
- Bendigo	181,705	179,996
	1,765,890	1,764,181
Other Assets/(Payables)		
- Accrued Interest	2,299	4,819
<b>Total Special Purpose Funds</b>	<b>2,494,857</b>	<b>2,434,701</b>

- (i) The amounts disclosed in the Special Purpose Funds include restricted cash and restricted investments which can only be used for the purpose for which they have been designated.

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Note 8: Trade and other payables</b>		
Trade creditors	31,536	27,052
Accrued expenses	104,963	236,687
Disbanded branches	8,706	3,666
Prepaid income	31,950	21,349
Other liabilities	187,706	205,316
Deferred Grants – State Government – Victoria – Other	74,588	100,000
Deferred Revenue – Other	8,197	-
	447,646	594,070

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		2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>Note 9: Notes to the statement of cash flows</b>			
<b>(a) Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents</b>			
For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand and in banks and investments in money market instruments, net of outstanding bank overdrafts. Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:			
Cash on hand	3	936	970
Cash at bank	3	784,503	764,913
Investments at amortised cost	3	1,977,204	1,974,485
Cash and cash equivalents – Association		2,762,643	2,740,368
Cash at bank – Special Purpose Funds - restricted	7	726,668	665,701
		3,489,311	3,406,069

**(b) Reconciliation of (deficit)/ surplus for the year to net cash flows from operating activities**

Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	150,986	(10,122)
Interest reinvested	2,518	32,854
Interest on lease liability	352	892
Depreciation	43,867	46,681
Provision for bad and doubtful debts	(3,550)	346
Provision for obsolescence of inventory	2,354	2,607
<b>Changes in net assets and liabilities:</b>		
Decrease /(increase) in assets:		
Trade and other receivables	51,143	(22,243)
Inventories	12,584	(12,583)
Other assets	2,609	(4,811)
(Decrease) /increase in liabilities:		
Trade and other payables	(148,979)	(1,489,561)
Provisions	6,843	23,329
Endowment fund	(4,224)	(1,298)
Net cash flows provided by operating activities	116,503	(1,433,909)

**Note 10: Subsequent Events**

- (a) The COVID-19 pandemic continues to adversely impact the activities of the Association. Other than this, there has not been any other matter or circumstance occurring subsequent to the end of the financial year that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the entity, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the entity in future financial years.
- (b) Following a review in 2021 of the Special Purpose Educational grants, changes will be implemented in 2022 to further enhance the relevance to current Post-Secondary education and maximise distribution of funds.
- (c) The financial report was authorised for issue on 3rd May 2022 by the Board.

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**Note 11: Reserves – Special Purpose Funds in Equity**

The following table shows the movements of the Special Purpose Funds for the year 2021.

Special Purpose Funds 2021 - Reserve	Balance 1 January 2021 \$	Donations, Grants and Legacies \$	Transfers from Retained earnings \$	Interest \$	Total \$	Administration \$	Disbursements \$	Balance 31 December 2021 \$
Emergency Relief Fund	334,188	748,175	23,994	896	1,107,253	-	735,003	372,250
Welfare Fund	212,785	14,641	-	1,539	228,965	-	11,000	217,965
Education Grants Fund	256,692	11,086	-	-	267,778	3,850	6,000	257,928
Colac CWA Education Fund	181,111	-	-	1,322	182,433	1,811	800	179,822
Central Highlands Ruby McCullough Scholarship	153,072	-	-	993	154,065	-	-	154,065
AA Gibbs Educational Fund	91,795	2,000	-	660	94,455	1,377	2,750	90,328
Elsa Mary Grice Education Grant	434,405	-	-	1,351	435,756	6,516	305	428,935
Food Technology Scholarship	31,287	-	-	139	31,426	469	-	30,957
Sarah Almet (nee Nicholson) Award	62,620	-	-	445	63,065	939	1,000	61,126
Alice Stewart Post Graduate Agribusiness Scholarship	110,874	70	-	556	111,500	1,663	-	109,837
International & Community Support Fund	64,824	2,262	-	-	67,086	972	-	66,114
Post Graduate Environmental Scholarship	56,290	-	-	279	56,569	844	-	55,725
Diamond Jubilee Resident Grant	20,052	-	-	162	20,214	301	3,000	16,913
Rural Nurse Post Graduate Scholarship	151,371	-	-	914	152,285	2,271	-	150,014
Thanksgiving Fund (2015)	275	-	(267)	-	8	8	-	-
Thanksgiving Fund (2016)	(223)	-	223	-	-	-	-	-
Thanksgiving Fund (2020); (2021)	15,744	15,957	194	-	31,895	472	-	31,423
ACWW Pennies for Friendship	14,745	13,406	-	-	28,151	442	9,810	17,899
ACWW Women Walk the World	1,334	1,661	-	-	2,995	40	1,319	1,636
Murray Marathon Fund	150	-	(150)	-	-	-	-	-
Valerie Fisher AO OBE Memorial Educational Fund	10,976	-	-	-	10,976	165	-	10,811
Waverley Harris World Conference Fund	5,497	-	-	74	5,571	82	-	5,489
State Project 2020; 2021	19,932	13,404	-	-	33,336	598	149	32,589
State Project 2019	24,736	-	(23,994)	-	742	742	-	-
State Project 2018	13,326	-	(12,926)	-	400	400	-	-
State Project 2017	199	-	-	-	199	6	-	193
State Project 2013 - 'What Can I Do' (Family Violence)	11,627	-	-	-	11,627	349	-	11,278
B&B Upgrade	38,111	2,000	12,926	-	53,037	1,148	-	51,889
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,317,795</b>	<b>824,662</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,330</b>	<b>3,151,787</b>	<b>25,465</b>	<b>771,136</b>	<b>2,355,186</b>

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**Note 11: Reserves – Special Purpose Funds in Equity (continued)**

The following table shows the movements of the Special Purpose Funds for the year 2020.

Special Purpose Funds 2020 - Reserve	Balance 1 January 2020 \$	Donations, Grants and Legacies \$	Transfers from Retained earnings \$	Interest \$	Total \$	Administration \$	Disbursements \$	Balance 31 December 2020 \$
Emergency Relief Fund	459,756	5,021,471	-	4,740	5,485,967	-	5,151,779	334,188
Emergency Drought Pamperpacks Fund	(249)	-	249	-	0	-	-	0
Welfare Fund	205,731	17,988	-	5,252	228,971	3,086	13,100	212,785
Education Grants Fund	253,430	11,952	-	3,840	269,222	3,805	8,725	256,692
Colac CWA Education Fund	181,111	-	-	2,625	183,736	1,825	800	181,111
Central Highlands Ruby McCullough Scholarship	153,072	-	-	2,078	155,150	2,078	-	153,072
AA Gibbs Educational Fund	95,258	-	-	1,287	96,545	-	4,750	91,795
Elsa Mary Grice Education Grant	434,405	-	-	6,434	440,839	6,434	-	434,405
Food Technology Scholarship	31,287	-	-	404	31,691	404	-	31,287
Sarah Amiet (nee Nicholson) Award	62,620	-	-	900	63,520	900	-	62,620
Alice Stewart Post Graduate Agribusiness Scholarship	109,772	70	-	2,679	112,521	1,647	-	110,874
International & Community Support Fund	63,463	2,749	(249)	-	65,963	952	187	64,824
Post Graduate Environmental Scholarship	56,290	-	-	801	57,091	801	-	56,290
Diamond Jubilee Residential Grant	21,230	-	-	322	21,552	-	1,500	20,052
Rural Nurses Post Graduate Scholarship	151,371	-	-	1,932	153,303	1,932	-	151,371
Thanksgiving Fund (2015)	275	-	-	-	275	-	-	275
Thanksgiving Fund (2016)	(223)	-	-	-	(223)	-	-	(223)
Thanksgiving Fund (2019)	32,796	-	-	-	32,796	-	32,796	-
Thanksgiving Fund (2020)	-	15,984	-	-	15,984	240	-	15,744
ACWW Pennies for Friendship	19,015	9,810	-	-	28,825	-	14,080	14,745
ACWW Women Walk the World	2,182	1,319	-	-	3,501	-	2,167	1,334
Murray Marathon Fund	150	-	-	-	150	-	-	150
Valerie Fisher AO OBE Memorial Educational Fund	10,976	-	-	-	10,976	-	-	10,976
Waverley Harris World Conf Fund	5,428	-	-	150	5,578	81	-	5,497
State Project 2020	-	22,378	-	-	22,378	-	2,446	19,932
State Project 2019	24,736	-	-	-	24,736	-	-	24,736
State Project 2018	13,326	-	-	-	13,326	-	-	13,326
State Project 2017	199	-	-	-	199	-	-	199
State Project 2013 - 'What Can I Do' (Family Violence)	11,627	-	-	-	11,627	-	-	11,627
B&B Upgrade	39,620	125	-	-	39,745	-	1,634	38,111
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,438,654</b>	<b>5,103,846</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,444</b>	<b>7,575,944</b>	<b>24,185</b>	<b>5,233,964</b>	<b>2,317,795</b>





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# ACWW/International/ Community Support Committee Report

We started the year with high hopes for getting back to 'normal'. But it wasn't to be, so we pivoted, zoomed and worked around lockdowns. However, looking back it's amazing what we have been able to achieve. Items sent to Umina were unpacked and noted and then deliveries happened. Thanks to the wonderful members who have knitted crocheted and sewed, just as important, are those who donated bought goods, together, they enabled us to help all our regular recipients plus a few extra. A brief window of opportunity meant we delivered a large amount of goods to the container arranged by the Highlands Foundation for Papua New Guinea. We have also been involved with packing Birthing Kits at Bairnsdale for distribution in Kiribati, Kenya and Uganda. The sale of international coins and stamps continues to provide money towards the South Pacific Area Emergency Fund.

Country of Study: Australia-Indigenous Communities

Not being able to get to Aladdin's Cave is a frustration for all the Committee, thankfully Zoom allowed over 60 women to get together and have some fun and hear interesting speakers. The prize for the most laughter for articles beginning with A.C.W.W. goes to Jenny Nola who was able (at very short notice) to produce an article that covered both W's. Ask her what it was if you need a smile!

We were fortunate to have Aunty Geraldine Atkinson, Co-chair of First People's Assembly of Victoria as our first speaker. Geraldine is a proud Bangarang/Wiradjuri woman and Co-Chair of the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria. She was elected to the Assembly in November 2019 as a candidate from the North East Region.

In 2016 Aboriginal people called for treaty in a state-wide self-determination forum in Melbourne. The State agreed to explore treaty in Victoria, after initial discussion and organisation, The Advancing the Treaty Process with Aboriginal Victorians Act 2018 was passed. It commenced in August 2018.

The First People's Assembly of Victoria is the independent and democratically elected body to represent Traditional Owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Victoria. Aunty Geraldine explained "We will not negotiate a Treaty and/or Treaties with the State Government. Rather, we will work with State government to create the Treaty Negotiation Framework for negotiations and the rules and processes by which a Treaty/or Treaties can be agreed in Victoria.

Gail Cummins ACWW South Pacific Area President was able to join us and we caught up with recent projects and donations made by the South Pacific Area. Gail told us of a group of PNG workers who were unable to return to PNG from Australia whose accommodation burnt down, fortunately no one was hurt but they were left without anything. Gail was able to use Area funds to buy some basic clothes and necessities for them.

Feedback from the day was positive with most saying how much they learnt and were inspired to learn more.

We received a letter of thanks from ACWW in London for donations from Women Walk the World and for donations to the WE Fund for Maternal & Reproductive Health and Income Generation which helps women start small business enterprises.

I continue to attend the United Nations Australia Association Status of Women Committee. This is a forum for Representatives of Victorian Women's Groups to get together to share topics of interest and information about issues affecting women.

The Committee were able to have a stall at Christmas Fare at Umina and as well as making money were able to have the pleasure of meeting old friends and making new ones.

Grateful Thanks to all members of the Committee and for the generous support of Groups and Branches to this Committee.

## Catering Committee Report

This year our State President appointed two members to share the role of Catering Chairperson with a view to cutting the workload of any one member during the time of Melbourne Show. The last twelve months has been another challenging year, and with one cancellation after another it was hard to know what events would be going ahead.

Much planning went into the possibility of again being able to cook and serve food at Royal Melbourne Show. Take-away food was considered, and the menu changed accordingly. We knew that with Government restrictions we could not have the public sitting at our tables enjoying their meal. We also needed to find a way of working with less staff as members were reluctant to travel, work and gather as normal.

Unfortunately, the Melbourne Show was cancelled for a second year leaving a hole in our budget.

We hope that after a two-year break, members will return as volunteers to our cafeteria at Royal Melbourne Show in 2022.

The Scone Challenge last year proved very popular with Branches and Groups holding their own Scone drive throughout the State with funds from the sale of plain scones being sent to Head Office. This has become an annual event to be held in March each year, our birthday month. A trophy of a large scone cutter has been introduced as an incentive for members to bake and sell as many scones as possible. This will be suitably engraved and presented to the Group/Branch who makes and sells the most scones.

Anzac biscuits and scones are to be supplied for the Anzac Day Race Meeting at Flemington Racecourse.



**Vivien Speight**  
Chairperson



**Janette Mason**  
Chairperson



**Marie Vassallo**  
Chairperson

# Club Committee Report

Our major fundraising for the Club Committee is Pop-up shops which were held fortnightly in 2021.

We started our first on Saturday 23 January in time for Australia Day. 260 Lamingtons were made by Mary Grant and the Club Chairperson Anne DuVé. We were delighted when all were sold. Umina Branch members made up lovely deep green tablecloths for the trestles, white and green check cloths for the scone baskets and green bunting to hang on the front of the two marquees. Umina members help with setting up/pulling down the marquees, baking scones, serving in the shop and delivering the pop-up flyers for the next selling day to local letterboxes. We thank you for all your help each fortnight.

To the members of the Gippsland Hills Group, we thank you for baking YoYo biscuits for our February, July and October Pop-up Shop days. We thank the many members, branches or groups who just love making Jams, Marmalade, pickles, sauces, for us to sell at our pop-up shop. Most of our customers also buy preserves along with our baking when they visit our shop. Executive Director Lynne Jordan gained a \$5000.00 government grant to enhance the serving of food outside, especially on the verandah. Six new solid outdoor tables were purchased to use for Devonshire Teas. Our first Devonshire tea morning was held on Saturday 20 February.

Our thanks go to Louise Taylor and Rebecca Vickers and members from the Footscray Branch who help each fortnight.

Cushions for Umina - we now have lovely pink and white cushions for the cane chairs, which look so inviting. Thank you to Viviane Chemali and members of the Ashburton Branch for purchasing the inserts for the cushions to help to finish the project.

Anzac Biscuits for the VRC Flemington. In the kitchen of Umina, Pam Mawson, Janette Mason, Narelle Hanrahan, Mary Grant and I made Anzac biscuits during the week leading up to Anzac Day. Anzac biscuits also came in from branches and groups. On Wednesday and Thursday prior to Anzac Day members arrived to help with packing the Anzac biscuits into cello bags and placing a CWA sticker on each bag. Total 3000 packets 6000 biscuits. Thanks to the team of members from Ashburton, Boroondara, Umina branches, the packets of biscuits were all packed into boxes by 6pm. On the Friday morning we packed all the biscuits into the back of Barry Grant's ute, then Barry and Pam Mawson delivered them to Flemington Racecourse. On the Sunday morning (Anzac Day) Pam and Mary made 200 plain scones and delivered them to the racecourse.

Group Presidents Elect were welcomed to Umina on Saturday, 1 May for a Face to Face training day with State President Marion Dewar and Deputy State president Pam

Mawson. The Club Committee served morning tea and a light lunch to the incoming Presidents.

Two very successful High Teas were held during 2021. Our "May Day" high tea on Sunday, 16 May and our "Christmas in July". Tables were set up in the dining room Annex and lounge room. Our guests enjoyed our high tea of savoury and sweet delights with lots of tea and coffee. A big thank you to the team of members who helped on both days.

Our new dishwasher arrived and has been installed in the scullery. It has two wash cycles 1 ½ or 3 minutes. A big thank you to Deputy State President Pam Mawson for her persistent calls over many months to the company for an update regarding its delivery date.

State Christmas Fare, Saturday, 4 December, 9.00 am to 2.00 pm. The Club Committee Chairperson Anne DuVé together with Pam Mawson State President, Deputy State President Jenny Nola, State Vice President's Mary Grant, Amanda Millar, Joanne Alderman, organised the Christmas Fare.

Prizes were donated by the State Fare Committee members for the Christmas Raffle.

Wrapping and pricing all the Christmas baking was held over two days, Thanks to Kaye and Bob Ashe and the team of members who helped with this project. All our Christmas baking looked amazing. To the many members who baked Christmas Cakes, puddings, shortbreads and Mince pies we thank you for your support. The Christmas Fare was a very successful day. Umina, Bunyip, Frankston South, Yarra Valley Group, ACWW, joined the Club Committee to have stalls on the front lawn. Devonshire teas were held in the dining room. Thanks to our scone cooks Leanne Menegazzo, Mary Grant, Kerry Free, Marilyn Mackie, Chairman Anne for baking scones for the dining room and the Pop-up shop. Thanks to the Regular Pop-up shop helpers who manned the Christmas Stall, Pam Mawson, Heather Scott, Marion Dewar, Marie Vassallo, Shelagh Dawson, Dorothy Daly, Anne-Marie Moore, and Devonshire tea helpers Louise Taylor, Rebecca Vickers, Julie Anne Hobbs, Janice Field, Cathie Irving, Janice Young and Deanna Zammitt for serving all the Devonshire teas.

I would like to thank the dedicated band of members who willingly give their time whenever asked to work in the Kitchen, Pop-up shop or events we organised in 2021 year. We look forward to new members coming and joining us on the Club Committee in 2022.



**Anne DuVé**  
Chairperson

# Creative Arts Committee Report

The year started under Covid 19 restrictions with our first Committee meeting held via Zoom teleconference in January, as was the case for most of the year. Judges updates were held via zoom teleconference early February as many members were not comfortable travelling to Umina for face to face meetings.

We have 35 Handcraft Judges and 40 Home Industries Judges - many have both qualifications. The year saw some Groups being able to hold their Annual Creative Arts Exhibitions early in the year, with many being cancelled in the latter half, some for the second year in a row. Unfortunately, training for new Judges has been suspended for the whole year due to restrictions.

The State Photography Competition was once again, held very successfully in the digital format due to restrictions, 344 entries from 78 members were received (2020: 262 entries from 59 members), with some topics more popular than others. Congratulations to all Prize winners, the results were published in the September/October edition of the Magazine. Prize winning photographs have been included in the 2022 Calendar, also appearing in the Magazine.

The State AGM and Annual Conference were also held via zoom after a last-minute face to face cancellation due to lockdown. I became the new Creative Arts Committee Chair, thanking Heather Scott as the Immediate Past Chair for her assistance in hand over.

We held our breath as August approached, whilst still continuing to prepare for the State Creative Arts Exhibition, along with the Inaugural Sock Festival to be held at Ararat Town Hall Friday 20 August and Saturday 21 August. The Exhibition was cut short on the Saturday due to the State being in lockdown number 6.

However, the 2021 Exhibition was very successful, with 1724 items entered (1401 actually received), 75 volunteers worked tirelessly across the 6 days, a big thankyou to the Committee members, Judges, volunteers, Beaufort Group members for catering and general volunteering during this week.

Due to many Melbourne members not able to be at the Exhibition, Immediate Past State President Marion Dewar officiated on behalf of State President Pam Mawson for the presentations, set up a zoom connection for the official ceremony and later walked around the hall showcasing all the entries for those not able to visit. Visitor numbers were down on previous years, due to Covid-19. 362 people were able to visit over the Friday and Saturday morning.

Congratulations to all trophy winners, and all those who won Green Stars for excellent Handcraft, Blue Certificates of Merit for exceptional Home Industries, a full list of winners was printed in the September E-magazine.

I thank our many members for contributing to the exhibition, without you, it would not be the success that it is, so a big thankyou to you all.

The 2021 Creative Arts Raffle was conducted by Rafflelink this year, with most tickets being sold. Congratulations to all the prize winners, results were published in the September/October magazine.

To finish the year, the Governor of Victoria invited the CWA to make a Christmas Ornament to hang on the Christmas Tree at Government House. Members were invited to submit an ornament, with the winning entry to be sent to Government House. A beautiful double-sided ornament made by Jan Murphy from Bealiba Branch was chosen to be sent, thankyou to all who entered the competition, photos of the ornaments are in the February E-magazine 2022.

Finally, many thanks to all of my Committee, for all your help and advice, and our wonderful judges who are so willing to go and judge at your Group exhibitions or Agricultural Show.



**Helen Ryvitch**  
Chairperson

# Social Issues Committee Report

The Social Issues Committee started the year with our new theme being 'Safe Home For All'. The logic behind this theme was that you don't have a choice in life if you don't have a safe home. Whether that be a safe home to live in or a safe home to move to if you are leaving a family violence situation. The plan was to work with local organisations who have the funds to provide these homes and see how we as CWA of Victoria can support them.

The Committee very optimistically planned on holding two meetings outside Melbourne, the original meetings had been cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic lockdowns. The first event was to be held in Seymour during Homelessness Week in August, with local housing groups to speak to the attendees on the homeless and social housing situation in the Hume Goulburn region. The second event was to be held in Moe in November in conjunction with the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence event. Orange Door were coming to speak to us about their work in the Latrobe Valley. Sadly, both events were felled by the pandemic lockdowns, but we are hopeful that in 2022 our Committee can rekindle the enthusiasm for rural visits again.

We were also excited to be participating in the Junior Camp from a Social Issues perspective but once again the pandemic put paid to those plans. Hopefully 2022 will be a more successful year for events as lots of discussion had been held about how we could work with the Juniors from a social issues perspective.

A considerable amount of research was carried out on resolutions for the 2021 State Conference. Our resolution regarding the Aged Care System was combined with one from Diamond Valley supporting all the recommendations in the Aged Care Royal Commission. Happily, this was passed at the virtual State Conference. A couple of other resolutions relating to Coercive Control and the Mental Health System were withdrawn as the Governments of the day had made statements to the effect that they were going to be funding or legislating for these two issues. We will be watching to see how that goes. My sincere thanks to Margaret Maxwell, Elaine Smith, and Judie Gade for the many hours they put into the resolutions. We encourage all members to research any social issue that you feel needs our attention. We are only too willing to help get a resolution across the line.

Wendy Earwicker took over as the Chair Social Issues in July but unfortunately also inherited the longest lockdown for 2022 complete with five-kilometre travel limits. This put paid to all our rural events. Discussions have started about joint meetings with the ACWW/International/Community Committee for 2022. Stay tuned for further instalments.

Finally, my heartfelt thanks to all the members of the committee who despite the difficulties of the past year never lost their passion for social issues particularly the issues that directly affect women and children!

*Report by Interim Chairperson Jennifer Nola*



**Wendy Earwicker**  
Chairperson



# Membership Committee Report

It is with great pleasure that I present my report on behalf of the Membership Committee for the year 2021.

Throughout 2021 the Membership Committee members attended committee meetings by Zoom. Some of the issues discussed included growing and retaining membership, starting up new branches, conducting information sessions for new branches, supporting new and existing members and the various ways we can promote our organisation.

The Membership Committee members have continued to focus on growing and retaining membership. At a time when Covid forced us to slow down our activities, members continued to meet regularly to discuss how we can retain existing members and support groups and branches to grow our membership. Members provided input and ideas, shared information and then provided feedback to groups and/or branches.

The Committee worked on a Growth Plan, which involved discussing membership issues and planning how we can continue growing membership. We conducted a Planning session in August to discuss how we can support our members post-Covid. We then contacted Group Presidents and offered our support. We also documented a range of membership information to support groups and branches and circulated some of our ideas to members.

The Membership Committee held a Membership stall at the CWA August State Exhibition. Two of our members were able to attend. They handed out membership flyers and spoke to visitors about the CWA. They also gave them an overview of the various activities our branches get involved in. The Central Highlands Group had developed a Powerpoint presentation, that was used to show the work of the CWA. We were unable to attend other planned events due to Covid. We hope that we will be able to attend more events in the future.

I would particularly like to thank the Membership Committee and the membership office staff. Their support has been invaluable.

I would also like to thank all those members who worked hard to promote the CWA and encourage more women to join our wonderful organisation. It is a great pleasure to report that new branches continued to be established, including a Virtual branch, which is a wonderful way for women across various regions to meet on Zoom. The branch brings together women from regional and metropolitan areas of Melbourne, who come together to form friendship and to fundraise to help the community. Keep up the good work!



**Viviane Chemali**  
Chairperson

## Membership Statistics as at 31 December 2021

Full Members	3926
Life Members	98
Junior Member	182
Total Membership	4206
Number of branches	294
Number of Groups	39

## New branches formed in 2021

Buchan Gelantipy  
Clocktower  
Old Church on the Hill  
Phillip Island Twilight  
Virtual Branch

# Group Reports

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## BALLARAT DISTRICT

The Ballarat District Group now has 10 branches as 3 closed during 2021. We now have 6 day and 4-night branches who are very active branches working hard for CWA. Even though we were in lockdown for some of the time, the Group held a very successful Art and Craft Exhibition and some branches were still able to meet, raise funds and carry on with their craft projects and many were able to donate in monetary terms and in-kind to the many organizations they support within their local areas, State and International Projects. 2 of our Branches celebrated significant birthdays during the year - Bacchus Marsh Branch 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday was in December 2021 and Sebastopol Branch 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday was in April 2022.

## BASS

Bass Group have had a very active and exciting 2021, we are now very good at pivoting and working with Covid. Our members produced stunning craft work and delicious baking for the Bass Group Creative Arts Exhibition held in Loch with all branches participating. The AGM held via the zoom platform was well attended by members and we were delighted to support the new State President Pam, a Bass Group member. Members participated in the State Photographic Competition, the State Literary Competition and the State Creative Arts Exhibition and are to be congratulated for their awards. Our new branch, Phillip Island Twilight held their inaugural meeting in August, making seven vibrant branches in Bass Group. Garden Group excursions were held during the year and the Craft Group meets monthly learning new crafts. Bass Group enjoyed supporting our neighbouring groups and State events.

## BENDIGO NORTHERN

The year began well with our AGM being hosted by Campbell's Forest. We were disappointed when this vibrant branch decided to disband at the end of the year. We wish the community of Campbell's Forest well. For a Group Meeting, members travelled out to Dingee on the train, the Haw family teaching us about the indigenous people and their way of life on the Loddon Plains and the grasses they cultivated. After an information session a new branch was opened, beginning with 15 members and this has doubled. Lockdowns interrupted our plans but Branch members still held stalls, participated in the Scone Challenge, attended Pleasant Sunday Afternoon, hosted guest speakers, sewed scrub caps, knitted/crocheted 140 orange flowers, attended ACWW Zoom world events, catered for High Tea, presented scholarships, ran a library, had craft demonstrations, donated baby clothes and goods. Kangaroo Flat Branch celebrated their 70th birthday. Seven branch members had individual entries in the State Exhibition, and we enjoyed putting together our Group entries. Four members entered the photography competition. A good CWA year for Bendigo Northern Branches.

## CENTRAL HIGHLANDS

The years fundraiser were our Creative Arts Exhibition in Kyneton and our Christmas Pop Up Stall in Macedon. These annual events have been very profitable not only for our branches but also for contributions to Head Office. Looking forward to next year's fundraising events.

## CENTRAL MURRAY

Five Branches all gaining new members some due to relocation from city to regional area. Excellent Autumn Conference – all positions filled easily – large collection goods to FoodShare in area donated by Branch members. International Women's Day by Branches thanks to sponsorship of Moira Shire Council. New events Group Church service, first for many years in Group. Christmas lunch enjoyed by members and families. Group Craft Days monthly when COVID permitted. International Days in Branches. Proud to say Group has bonded together well in CWA friendship. Thank you, members, for support and CWA friendship.

## CENTRAL VICTORIA

The past year has been a challenge, unfortunately the Central Victoria Group has had to amalgamate two of its branches due to dwindling numbers. We now have 9 branches. The AGM was held in Newbridge with a very good attendance and a positive outlook for the coming year given that Covid restrictions have eased. We are looking forward to our Group Creative Arts Exhibition scheduled for May 2022 with many of the members of the various branches having submitted entries.

## CENTRAL WIMMERA

In a year dominated by Covid 19, there were very few opportunities for getting together. A very successful International Indigenous Food Day was held at Warracknabeal. We were able to hold all 6 Branch AGM's and Group Conferences face to face, with some rescheduling. It was great that the members were keeping in touch with each other, and continuing to socialize and fund raise when possible. They continue to manage and maintain a holiday cottage in Halls Gap. I wish the Group well under their in-coming Group President and as they move forward with some changes.

## DIAMOND VALLEY

Although the year didn't develop as we had hoped we tried to keep our spirits up and continue with the friendship and co-operation of our members.

Thanks to "zoom" most branches were able to continue with their monthly meetings and maintain some degree of communication, February Group Conference was held as usual, but August was by Zoom. Our Creative Arts Exhibition had to be cancelled for the second year which was terribly disappointing, but some degree of normality had returned by December when Christmas celebrations were able to be held together.

## EAST GIPPSLAND

For my first year as Group President for the East Gippsland Group, life was always going to be a challenge thanks to COVID. However, we managed to have a great Group Christmas lunch at Buchan, and a highly successful craft weekend at our annual Coonawarra Farm Resort. There was the excitement of the successful opening or re-opening of a branch in the lovely lakeside town of Paynesville as well. Signing up 17 new members and then throwing them in at the deep end to organise a stall in support of the local Men's Shed, they rose to the occasion and still turned up for their next meeting none the worse for the experience. The Group was very happy to hear that pressure applied by our Branches, the Group and our State President helped contribute to the Federal Government changing their stance and deciding to provide post bushfire support to the little town of Sarsfield.

## EAST WIMMERA

Socially we've had Group Exhibition, AGM/Conference, Branch AGMs, Christmas luncheon and one Group Craft Day.

Four successful Scholarship recipients. Goods, potholders sent regularly by some branches to Head Office. Our Grant funded Fun Day still pending and Zoom and emails have been invaluable.

Branch participation in Literature, Photography, Christmas Decoration and Creative Arts Exhibition with two green stars, one trophy and one gift for Patron awarded.

## EASTERN FOOTHILLS

Eastern Foothills Group celebrated a Christmas lunch, which was very enjoyable. We are in the process of organising a group exhibition from 30 June to 2 July. Looking forward to this event and encouraging all branch members to enter at least one item. We will meet to celebrate Women Walk the World on Friday 29 April.

Not much happening, we need to recover from the devastating effects COVID has had on our population.

## EASTERN GOULBURN VALLEY

In 2021, Eastern Goulburn Valley Group were able to get together for a Group Luncheon, contribute to the Scone Challenge, join Goulburn Valley West in Women Walk the World and conduct a Christmas Fare and Pop Up Shop which was supported by all of our Branches.

## ECHUCA

Echuca Group has had a quiet few months, but it is great to see members being able to gather and celebrate all things CWA.

Our February Conference – the first face to face meeting for a while, saw all branches attending and the branch competitions hotly contested. Branches are finally meeting monthly and have undertaken interesting activities. We are currently organising our group entry for the state exhibition, and Elmore field day display.

Planning is underway for our August conference being held at Campaspe Branch.

It is pleasing to see some branches welcoming new members.

## FRASER

As the pandemic entered its second year, Branches spent much of 2021 unable to meet in person due to lockdowns. Plans were made and cancelled. Zoom and other digital platforms, emails and phone calls, kept most in touch. Women Walk the World took place in April 2021 and an end of Year Group Craft event took place in December. Financial donations reached local communities and Head Office. Fraser Group Branches and members when possible, strongly supported state activities-answering emergency calls for volunteers, particularly for the Pop Up Shops. Al Fresco meetings became popular as Lockdowns finally ceased. Fraser Group now consists of 5 evening branches. Members look forward to continuing their involvement at all levels in CWA, and to growing our Branches again

## GEELONG

Geelong Group remains at 15 branches having seen our Portarlington branch close at their AGM.

Members have thoroughly enjoyed meeting up again, enjoying the friendships and fundraising after two years of lockdowns! We enjoyed our high tea a couple of weeks ago and look forward to our Group Exhibition over Mother's Day Weekend.

## GIPPSLAND HILLS

The last twelve months have seen lots of cancellations for meetings and conferences. We still were able to hold our exhibition at Inverloch last April and we are planning our next one at the end of April. We were able to support the Christmas Fare and hold a big Christmas Cooking stall at Korumburra market in December. Our informal get together in December was a big wet when we were packing up we all got drenched. At our Group craft we were able to learn different crafts and finish the gollies that had been gifted to us with lots of material to make more. We sold them at the Christmas Fare. I had the pleasure of attending all the Branch annual meetings and its interesting how each Branch hold their meeting. It's a great way to get to know members over a cuppa. We welcomed Mary Grant State Vice President to our conference held at Bena, one of our smaller branches they made everyone very welcome. There are always activities to attend with members coming to the State Conference and plans are in place for our performing arts day at the end of June. Our Group has been able to welcome some new members and it's a pleasure to be Group President to all the lovely ladies that make up Gippsland Hills.

## GOULBURN VALLEY WEST

Goulburn Valley West Group consists of six Branches and one very strong Juniors Branch.

Sadly, we said farewell to Rushworth Branch after 93 years of serving the community.

We are very happy to be able to meet face to face after Covid restrictions. Although we did not hold our annual Creative Arts Exhibition, we met as a Group for a Friendship Day, Annual General Meeting and Group Luncheon.

## HENTY

Since shaking off the uncertainty of last year's everchanging restrictions Henty Group has had a fantastic start to 2022. A well-attended February Group Conference started our year and was closely followed by the return of our much-loved Group Exhibition after a two and a half year break. Most recently we had a lovely group event for Women Walk the World, and we cannot wait to see what the rest of the year brings for Henty.

## HUME GOULBURN

The Hume Goulburn Group has had a fantastic past year. Thanks to the pandemic, we had to adapt to not being able to meet in person by holding our first ever Zoom meeting, which was well attended. However, we were lucky to have had a break in lockdowns to hold our most successful Creative Arts Exhibition to date! We have a lot coming up this year and I am so grateful for my branches and a wonderful team to support me.

## MALLEE

The Mallee Group in North Western Victoria only had two branches and at their February Conference it was decided to absorb Cowangie and Woomelang branches into the Central Wimmera Group. So, now the Central Wimmera Group is 260 km long from north to south.

## MITCHELL

We celebrated two wonderful anniversaries in Mitchell Group – 70 years for the Pascoe Vale branch and 25 years for the Niddrie branch, a wonderful achievement. I acknowledge the many branch members who worked in front line occupations and did an amazing job for their communities and deserve a big thank you! Alphington branch won the Alvie Ferry Trophy for greatest percentage membership growth, and many other branches have new members.

## MOIRA

The last twelve months were quieter, with our only Group activities, our AGM and celebrating International Day at Corowa. Thankyou Yarrowonga for suggesting Indigenous Australia for our Country of Study, which was then adapted into such a great theme.

We sent \$1000 to Vic Fire Relief. Branches participated in ACWW Women Walk The World.

## MORNINGTON PENINSULA

As the challenges of COVID infection in our community have continued, Branches and their members in our Group have shown amazing resilience, commitment and ingenuity to remain connected and active.

As a Group we have very successfully run a stall of baked goods, preserves and CWA merchandise to promote membership at the Red Hill Show and participated in the CWA Birthday Scone Challenge. Again, to promote membership we have also offered a presentation on the Crafting Opportunities within CWA at the Westernport Craft Expo.

## MURRAY VALLEY

The COVID 19 pandemic I feel hit the Murray Valley Group harder than most Groups because we had branches and members on both sides of the river. Our August Conference which should have been held in Moulamein NSW was cancelled but we did manage to get a couple of members from Victoria to attend Moulamein Branch casserole luncheon in July.

Our Conference in February which was attended by Vivian Speight was a great success. We managed to save the new Group President dilemma. We are busy planning for our Music and Drama event and the Swan Hill Show in October. Things are slowly getting back to normal.

## NORTH EASTERN

North Eastern Group had a busy year with membership increasing slightly. Sadly, we saw the closure of the Oxley and Milawa and the Wangaratta Day branches - making us now a Group of 8 branches. Many successes during the year: 2 scone drives; 26 members cooking 2,100 biscuits for Legacy; held our inaugural Annual Festive Fair. Bimonthly Group lunches and a monthly Group Newsletter are new initiatives for the Group. Thank you to all Branches for supporting your Group.

## NORTH GIPPSLAND

We've moved through another difficult year due to the disruptions caused by the COVID pandemic restrictions with our members trying to maintain contact via emails, zoom meetings and phone calls. The North Gippsland Group did manage to hold a Christmas picnic breakup and held a successful Creative Arts Exhibition earlier this year. Our members are very pleased that life has returned to a new normal that is more like what life was prior to the pandemic.

## POLWARTH

With input from its members and the local community, the Polwarth Group emerged from the pandemic with vigour to participate fully in the Festival of Gardens in November, opening three properties in the district to almost 250 grateful members of the public who were keen to admire the gardens, partake in Devonshire Teas, and further support the CWA through plant, book, craft, merchandise and cooking sales.

## SOUTH GIPPSLAND

South Gippsland Group enjoyed a Christmas party as well as its usual meetings. Our members continued making trauma teddies, blankets as well as hospital visits.



## SOUTH WESTERN

South Western Group have 11 branches with the opening of Clocktower Branch which is the Day Branch at Camperdown. We have had some fantastic Group Days which included International Day, Group Craft Days and a Creative Arts Exhibition in October. We have had a couple of fantastic Bunnings BBQ's and we will be serving meals at Warrnambool Show.

## UPPER MURRAY

Upper Murray Group has 3 branches: Cudgewa, Tallangatta (day), Kurrajong (night).

Kurrajong has a Deb ball or two every year. This year we held a breakfast the next morning for the State Office Bearer for the Ball, Marion Dewar, and did the Garden Walk last year. And hopefully again this year.

The group has just done four stalls Tallangatta Show, Mitta Muster, Tallangatta Community Breakfast, and the Farm and Water Expo.

We participated in the Destash with Wodonga branch and will do so again this year.

We are actively looking for new members and to start up new branches.

Every year we have a Christmas lunch at Koetong which is halfway between Tallangatta and Corryong.

## WEST GIPPSLAND

This past year has been so different. So many things on hold. Venues closed and COVID rules, unable to have face to face meetings. It is really good to be able to hold meetings now, enjoying our time together. Attended our sister branch Association day, our first visit to another branch for a long time. Looking forward to our Group Exhibition in October. Exciting times ahead with invitations coming in to visit other branches. All looking forward to future fellowship with our members.

## YARRA VALLEY

The Yarra Valley Group has been steady in their projects. Meetings, stalls, Association Day, markets and February Group Conference was well attended. New members for a couple of branches.









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