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# 2022 *Official* Annual Report



NINETY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT  
AND BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

## Sharing Fun and Friendship

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Ballarat District ..... Ms Carol Maude  
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Central Highlands ..... Mrs Rosemarie Jones  
Central Murray ..... Mrs Kate Ismail  
Central Victoria ..... Ms Dallas Giles  
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Diamond Valley ..... Bronwyn Hodges  
East Gippsland ..... Mrs Olivia Harwood  
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Fraser ..... Ms Pamela Crockett  
Geelong ..... Mrs Gwen White  
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Goulburn Valley West ..... Ms Mandy Perkins  
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Kiewa Valley ..... Mrs Shelley Schreiber  
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South Gippsland ..... Ms Meg Parkinson  
South Western ..... Mrs Beverley Byron  
Upper Murray ..... Mrs Margaret Wood  
West Gippsland ..... Mrs Joan Graham  
West Wimmera ..... Mrs Leisha Schoer  
Yarra Valley ..... Shared by Past Group Presidents



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## State President's Report

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**Pam Mawson**  
State President

I had in my head how I thought 2022 would unfold - as the world slowly opened up and we 'learnt to live with COVID' things would slowly go back to normal. There is no doubt some of our members were a little weary after two years of lockdowns and not being able to work in the usual way. But with courage and resilience we've had face-to-face meetings and Group Conferences (with COVID rules), Group Creative Arts exhibitions and Branch Association Days. Branches have honoured our Theme of 'Sharing Fun and Friendship' and stepped in to introduce some social activities and bring some fun back into our lives, taking it gently so that we looked after one another as our world opened up again.

The resulting changes in our lives we couldn't have imagined but they haven't all been negative. Online meetings, online training, virtual meetings, two out of four State Councils held on Zoom, State representative's visits to Group Conferences and AGMS in February only, Committee meetings run by Zoom enabling members far away to attend. Another change that has proved to be successful is the community value of CWA Victoria Pop Up Shops around the State, including at Umina.

The Annual General Meeting and State Conference was held in May 2022 for the first time in two years and I was delighted to see so many members in attendance at the Victoria Pavilion at the Melbourne Royal Showgrounds. The sentiment of seeing so many women together again in one place was expressed by more than one of our Conference speakers.

The State Creative Arts Exhibition was held at the Tallangatta Memorial Hall on 5 and 6 August and the Creative Arts Committee with their members and volunteers, together with the Upper Murray and Kiewa Valley Groups are to be congratulated for their enormous effort in presenting this event. Also, to the many members who submitted entries of such an exceptional standard. Once again there was the opportunity for members to view the awards presentation via a zoom link – a positive consequence from COVID!

As we have started to return to doing more, this was never more evident than in September when the Melbourne Royal Show reopened with record crowds attending after not being held for two years. It was so heart-warming to be reconnected with the wider community over the eleven days of the Show. The welcome we received from the public was overwhelmingly positive and smiles greeted us each day. Even with long queues and the wait for scones (as we couldn't always keep up with the demand it was so great), a chat and a laugh kept everyone happy. With quite a few changes and quite a small contingent of volunteers we managed a healthy profit. Thank you to the Catering Committee, volunteers and helpers.

The last State event for the year was the Christmas Fare which was held at Umina on 3 December with many Branches and Groups also participating by running Christmas Pop Up Stalls around the State.

All the State events held during the year have been successful thanks in no small part to all the wonderful members who have helped make them happen. I thank you all for taking the chance to reinstate these events and step back into the community. Thank you also to the Committees, State Office Bearers and Board Members for their support.

The ACWW World President had a quote I thought rang true. "Embrace what you don't know, especially in the beginning, because what you don't know can be your greatest asset. It ensures that you will absolutely be doing things differently from your predecessors."



## 2022 OFFICIAL ANNUAL REPORT

As my time as State President draws to a close, I'd like to thank the small team of staff who support not only all the members but the Branches, Group Presidents, State Office Bearers, Board Members, and particularly the State President.

Together  
Everyone  
Achieves  
More

### BOARD ATTENDANCE

<b>01.01.2022 - 27.05.2022 Attendance</b>	
State President Pam Mawson	4/5
Deputy State President Jennifer Nola	5/5
State Treasurer Heather Scott	5/5
State Vice President Joanne Alderman	3/5
State Vice President Mary Grant	5/5
State Vice President Amanda Millar	4/5
General Board Member Sarah Barnbrook	4/5
General Board Member Lyn Harris OAM	5/5
General Board Member Janette Mason	5/5
General Board Member Marie Vassallo	5/5
Executive Director Lynne Jordan	5/5

<b>28.05.2022 - 31.12.2022 Attendance</b>	
State President Pam Mawson	7/7
Deputy State President Jennifer Nola	7/7
State Treasurer Heather Scott	7/7
State Vice President Sarah Barnbrook	6/7
State Vice President Mary Grant	6/7
State Vice President Amanda Millar	6/7
State Vice President Vivien Speight	7/7
General Board Member Joanne Alderman	6/7
General Board Member Viviane Chemali	6/7
General Board Member Lyn Harris OAM	7/7
General Board Member Sandra Webb	5/7
Executive Director Lynne Jordan	7/7

# Board Members 2022

## Senior Office Bearers



**STATE PRESIDENT**

Pam Mawson



**DEPUTY STATE PRESIDENT**

Jennifer Nola



**STATE TREASURER**

Heather Scott

## State Vice Presidents



Sarah Barnbrook



Mary Grant



Amanda Millar



Vivien Speight

## General Board Members



Joanne Alderman



Viviane Chemali



Lynette Harris OAM



Sandra Webb

## State Vice Presidents' Reports

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### AMANDA MILLAR

Members of our Association can be very proud of all that was achieved during 2022 by our Association, our branches and our members. Whilst other voluntary organisations across Australia reported significant reductions in the number of members and the volunteer contribution – our membership numbers have remained constant and our members have dug deep yet again to see the Association through.

The health check of any not-for-profit organisation is about so much more than just whether or not we can return a surplus. Although the organisation had forecast a deficit outcome in a year which saw the end of the Federal and State Government financial support packages to assist during the COVID lockdowns and with the continuing closure of our Umina B&B, I am pleased to report that the signs are encouraging that all of the other fundraising efforts will ultimately get us over the line in 2022.

Significantly, 2022 saw the return of the Melbourne Royal Show, a fabulous State Conference and a wonderful State Creative Arts Exhibition able to be attended by all of our members once again. In 2023, we hope that even more members will return to support these fabulous statewide events with an opportunity to meet and form friendships with like-minded women from across the State.

For me in the final term of my appointment as State Vice-President, absolute highlights of the year were my visits as a senior office bearer to the Annual Meetings of our highly dedicated Gippsland groups; the policy work in support of the Association's advocacy function in working with our committees, groups and members to shape and develop our State Conference resolutions and always the ability to recruit new members to join our amazing Association.

Much of the work which I have been able to commence in the past year has laid the foundation for a very exciting project to be completed in 2023 – as we plan for our goals, priorities and the type of Association our members want us to be when we celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in a few short years.

It has been a truly great privilege to serve the Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc in this role and I thank you for the trust which you have shown in me.

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

As my term as Vice President comes to an end, it is with a tinge of sadness I leave this role. Perhaps there is a challenge somewhere else?

I have enjoyed my involvement as a Board member and being part of the team that steers and keeps the Association on the right course. Good Governance can be a boring task, but unfortunately, a necessity for an Association such as ours.

My Vice President's role, as a Board member, took me to another level of the workings of CWA Victoria. This has given me the opportunity to see "the big picture" from a much wider perspective than before. There is a lot to learn in this role as one must learn to concentrate on the engine which drives the Association rather than the "nuts and bolts" involved in the organisation of an event.

I thoroughly enjoyed my Conference rounds to the Wimmera/Mallee area meeting up with many members who I have previously worked with. It is lovely to meet them in their home territory. I was delighted to witness the dedication, enthusiasm and resilience demonstrated by these members despite the many obstacles put in front of them. Distance in this area of the State is a real challenge as many members live quite some distance from their meeting venue.



My role as mentor to a large number of Group Presidents across Victoria has given me the opportunity to see first-hand 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 CWA in all areas.

I am delighted to see many Junior members as part of Branches around the State. These girls are our future and we need to nurture and encourage them to stay on as adult members.

Volunteering – why volunteer at CWA events? – the biggest, of course, the Royal Melbourne Show. What do you get from being part of any CWA event, especially the Show?

- You are part of a 75 year tradition;
- Melbourne Royal hold us in very high esteem and want us there, so therefore you are part of a very special highly respected team.
- You enjoy the friendship, camaraderie that exists when working as a team, all striving for the same goal.
- Old / new friendships are forged.
- And you learn new skills!

Why don't you come and join this happy band and volunteer some time to help at the 2023 Melbourne Royal Show?

Thank you to those branches/groups who continue to support, the State Fundraising Initiatives. Your efforts are very much appreciated. Keep on doing what you love and do so well, for the benefit of women, families and children across the State of Victoria

To the team at 3 Lansell Rd, Toorak, thank you so much for your dedication, friendliness and administration of the Association. A special thank you to our Executive Director, Lynne Jordan, for the extraordinary amount of time and effort she gave to the Association in finalising our bid to become recognised as a Charitable Organisation.

Members, it is our responsibility now, to honour the principles as set out in the Charitable organisations charter.

Finally, many thanks to our State President, Pam Mawson for her dedication and hard work over the past two years in the name of CWA.

## VIVIEN SPEIGHT

I'm honoured to provide this report to you after a busy, few months. I am enjoying being able to be involved with the broader Association. Board meetings continue to be a chance for learning and carefully considering options for the future. I thank those I have called on for help that was given so willingly, it made the learning curve easier.

Practical volunteering also gives me an opportunity for satisfaction and meeting new and longer standing friends. Christmas Fare was fun, although a bit warm. I've also become involved with 'Pop Up's.

Maintaining membership of the ACWW International and Community Support Committee means I see the great work done across the State in way of donations and hear the gratitude of those I can deliver items to and as a side effect keep up with the others members of the committee.

Fortunately, thanks to East Gippsland Group I had a refreshing break at Coonawarra catching up on an entry to our North Gippsland Exhibition. During that weekend I became aware that there are a number of women who may not first come to mind as our target for vulnerable women, but have a need to meet with other women, relax and be cared for with food and friendship and occasionally a listening ear. I would encourage you and your Branches to invite non-members to as many activities as possible, not only as prospective members but as an outreach to women in the community.

## State Presidents

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Lady Mitchell CBE .....	1928-29-30, 31-32
Mrs J S Fraser OBE.....	1930-31
Mrs R G Beggs.....	1932-33-34-35
Miss E Grice.....	1935-36
Mrs W E Sargood.....	1936-37-38
Mrs O A Hicken OBE JP.....	1938-40, 45-46-47
Mrs A C Benner.....	1940-41-42
Mrs H G Marfell OBE JP .....	1942-43-44-45
Mrs N Welsh.....	1947-48-49
Mrs G O Dorward.....	1949-50-51
Mrs J N Spittle.....	1951-52-53
Mrs N S F Hedditch OBE .....	1953-54-55
Mrs V B Jane.....	1955-56-57
Mrs H Hillgrove.....	1957-58-59
Miss A T Stewart OBE.....	1959-60-61
Mrs N W Cameron OBE.....	1961-62-63
Mrs W B Lang .....	1963-64-65
Mrs J P Wallace OBE.....	1965-66-67
Mrs H McF Cameron MBE.....	1967-68-69
Mrs J Grant Coutts OAM.....	1969-70-71
Mrs D H Reid.....	1971-72-73
Mrs H R Fisher AO OBE.....	1973-74-75
Mrs A L Ferry.....	1975-76-77
Mrs J H Goldsmith OAM.....	1977-78-79
Mrs W Tom AO.....	1979-80-81
Mrs H Rinaldi.....	1981-82-83
Mrs R Eliason .....	1983-84-85
Mrs W Gedling OAM.....	1985-86-87
Mrs L J Olden.....	1987-88-89
Mrs D G Dempster.....	1989-90-91
Mrs B Cumming.....	1991-92-93
Mrs N Courtney OAM .....	1993-94-95
Mrs J Reid OAM.....	1995-96-97
Mrs D Ward OAM.....	1997-98-99
Mrs B Burgess OAM.....	1999-00-01
Mrs J Weller.....	2001-02-03
Mrs P Pither-Mills AM .....	2003-04-05
Mrs N MacLeod AO .....	2005-06-07
Mrs H Wall OAM.....	2007-08-09
Mrs H Christie .....	2009-10-11
Mrs C Clay .....	2011-12-13
Ms D Coombe.....	2013-14-15
Ms M Crichton.....	2015-16-17
Mrs L Harris OAM.....	2017-18-19
Mrs M Dewar .....	2019-20-21
Mrs P Mawson.....	2021-22-23

## Groups and Branches as at 31st December 2022

### BALLARAT DISTRICT GROUP

Group President: Ms Carol Maude

#### **BRANCHES (9)**

Bacchus Marsh, Ballan & District, Ballarat Dinner (Night), Dean, Melton Owls (Night), Scarsdale, Sebastopol, Spa Centre, Webbcon.

### BASS GROUP

Group President: Agnes Veldhuizen

#### **BRANCHES (7)**

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

### BEAUFORT GROUP

Group President: Mrs Barbara Blamey

#### **BRANCHES (7)**

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

### BENDIGO NORTHERN GROUP

Group President: Mrs Lyn Turner

#### **BRANCHES (6)**

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

### CENTRAL HIGHLANDS GROUP

Group President: Mrs Rosemarie Jones/Mrs Amanda Millar

#### **BRANCHES (11)**

Craigieburn, Gisborne Day, Heathcote Night, Kyneton, Kyneton Twilighters, Lancefield, Macedon, Mount Macedon Moonlighters, Romsey, Sunbury Stars, Woodend Eves.

### CENTRAL MURRAY GROUP

Group President: Mrs Kate Ismail

#### **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 MALLEE GROUP

Group President: Mrs Prue McCredden

#### **BRANCHES (8)**

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

### DIAMOND VALLEY GROUP

Group President: Mrs Bronwyn Hodges

#### **BRANCHES (5)**

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

### EAST GIPPSLAND GROUP

Group President: Mrs Olivia Harwood

#### **BRANCHES (4)**

Bairnsdale-Amaroo, Buchan Gelantipy & District, Orbost, Paynesville Toonalook.

### EAST WIMMERA GROUP

Group President: Mrs Sharon Douglas

#### **BRANCHES (7)**

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

### EASTERN FOOTHILLS GROUP

Group President: Mrs Lyn Riley

#### **BRANCHES (5)**

Belgrave, Boronia, Donvale, Mooroolbark, Ringwood.



## EASTERN GOULBURN VALLEY GROUP

Group President: Mrs Catherine Shields

### BRANCHES (7)

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

## ECHUCA GROUP

Group President: Mrs Delia Currie

### BRANCHES (4)

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

## FRASER GROUP

Group President: Ms Pamela Crockett

### BRANCHES (5)

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

## GEELONG GROUP

Group President: Mrs Gwen White

### BRANCHES (14)

Altona, Barrabool, Central Nights, Drysdale, Galena, Inverleigh, Lara, 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, Meenyan, Mirboo, Mirboo North Night Owls, Poowong & District, Woorayl.

## GOULBURN VALLEY WEST GROUP

Group President: Ms Mandy Perkins

### BRANCHES (6)

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

## HENTY GROUP

Group President: Ms Megan Rees

### BRANCHES (10)

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).

## HUME GOULBURN GROUP

Group President: Mrs 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 Vicki Start

### BRANCHES (12)

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

## MCDONALD GROUP

Group President: Mrs Helen Paraskevas

### BRANCHES (4)

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

## MILDURA/MILLEWA GROUP

Group President: Mrs Gaye Lamb

### BRANCHES (4)

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

## MITCHELL GROUP

Group President: Ms Roxane Harris

### BRANCHES (9)

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

## MOIRA GROUP

Group President: Ms Judith Lockwood

### BRANCHES (6)

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

## MORNINGTON PENINSULA GROUP

Group President: Mrs Rosemarie Reynolds/Mrs Kaye Kyle

### BRANCHES (7)

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

## MURRAY VALLEY GROUP

Group President: Mrs Liz Kaylock

### BRANCHES (5)

Dingwall, Moulamein, Nykora (Night), Tanlynne (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: Mrs Lesley Stergiopoulos

### BRANCHES (7)

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

## OMEQ/TAMBO VALLEY GROUP

Group President: Mrs 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: Mrs Meg Parkinson

### BRANCHES (2)

Fish Creek, Yarram.

## SOUTH WESTERN GROUP

Group President: Mrs Beverley Byron

### 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 (5)

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

## WEST WIMMERA GROUP

Group President: Mrs Leisa Schoer

### BRANCHES (6)

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

## YARRA VALLEY GROUP

### BRANCHES (5)

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

## Deputy State President's Report

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It is with great pleasure I present my Annual report as the Deputy State President for 2022.

My second year as the Deputy State President of our wonderful Association has been one of continued growth and learning for myself. As with every year of my membership, I have learnt more about the Association. More importantly, I have learnt more about the women of the Association and what they can, and do, achieve in good times and in crisis in any one year of volunteering for The Country Women's Association Inc. and the state of Victoria!

As always, I thoroughly enjoyed my Senior Office Bearer rounds in 2022. This time I headed off for a five-day journey to the southwest of our beautiful state with Henty group being my first stop. The group extended their well-known hospitality in Hawkesdale, and it was a joy and honour to

meet members Bett Basham in her 100<sup>th</sup> year and Doris Lanyon who is 97 years young. The CWA is a leader in valuing the worth and contribution of older women. Past State Treasurer Janette O'Keefe gave me a walk through her garden which was one of the offerings in last year's 2021 Festival of Gardens.

Next stop was Warrnambool where GP Sandra Webb had organised a dinner get together with past GP's and the South West executive which was greatly appreciated. It was lovely to catch up with my past GP buddies. The Group AGM and conference were held the next day in the beautiful town of Terang. The challenges of filling volunteer roles during a pandemic were quite evident at this meeting and I was very appreciative of the teamwork that became apparent in filling the GP position for a twelve month term. Next I travelled to Colac to stay with GP Sarah McKew, who was the most amazing hostess. Both Sarah and past State President, Lyn Harris were a part of the 2021 Festival of Gardens so a tour of their beautiful gardens was a must.

Back home it was straight into organising the contents for the 2022 CWA show bag ready for September and then the volunteers for Open House Melbourne 2022 in July. OHM22 was a wonderful day of showcasing our Umina gem to the community. Past State President Marion Dewar organised our tour guides, Club Chair Karen Jackson organised the Devonshire teas that were available post tour and Executive Director Lynne Jordan's staff had set the merchandise shop up in readiness for our two days of showing off our heritage building.

The Melbourne Royal Show was a very busy period with our CWA Showbags selling out with four days to go. Members of the public were very keen to support the Association by purchasing handmade knitted goods, our tea towels, and our show bags. It is such a wonderful experience to volunteer at the show and to hear the comments from the public about how special eating in the cafeteria is to them. It reminds some of their mums, aunts, and grandmother's home cooked food and the feelings of days gone by.

State President Pam Mawson asked me to represent her at the 70<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of the Sebastopol Branch in April. This was particularly special for me as this was my late mother's branch. It was a blast from the past to attend the RSL Hall which was part of my childhood. Continuing with the 70<sup>th</sup> birthday theme in May Past State President Marion Dewar, Past State Treasurer Marie Vassallo, and myself travelled to Barnawartha's celebration. It was wonderful to be a part of this special day and to present service certificates to a number of members.

I continued to sit on the Social Issues and ACWW/International/Community Support Committees and enjoy every minute of my time attending these meetings with other passionate members. When I can I also attend the monthly United Nations Association of Australia Status of Women Committee meetings which are very enlightening.



**Jennifer Nola**



The Merchandise sub-committee was faced with a huge challenge this year with our long-time tea towel supplier, Rodriguez closing down. Our tea towels have a loyal following and Red Tractor Designs who provide the artwork were not in a position to continue with product for the remainder of the year. Thanks to Executive Director, Lynne Jordan who ordered as many tea towels as possible from Rodriguez's final stock to keep us going for the remainder of the year plus our Christmas Fare. A great deal of research was carried out by the sub-committee before finally placing an order with KE Designs, a local firm, whose operations are in line with our CWA purpose and employ women workers who have graduated from assisted learning programmes to make the new tea towels. Four new designs have been ordered thus far.

It is with sincere appreciation and gratitude I thank State President Pam Mawson for the kindness, constant support, hints, and tips extended towards me, not to mention the laughs we have had. I have never left the Lansell Rd kitchen without learning something new from Pam.

My Essendon branch and Mitchell group members have continued to provide me with great support and friendship and can be relied upon to step up whenever I put out a call for help. The kindness and generous hospitality that has been shown towards me throughout the year is greatly appreciated. I look forward to continuing working with all of our talented members again in 2023 as we continue to grow the Association into the future!

## State Treasurer's Report

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**Heather Scott**  
State Treasurer

It is a pleasure to present my second 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 2022 and the accompanying Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2022 in this official annual report. These statements have been audited by our independent auditors Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu.

As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 the Association's total assets were \$6,297,386. 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 2022, our total liabilities of \$901,405 consist of membership subscriptions paid in advance, provision for employee entitlements, Endowment Fund (life memberships), trade and other payables and accruals.

Interest rates began to rise in May 2022. Although the effects of rate rises will mainly be seen in the 2023 annual report, there was a significant impact on our 2022 investment income. Our operational investment income in 2022 from the Main account term deposits and cash management account was \$28,654, compared to \$11,411 in 2021. The investment interest received from our Special Purpose term deposits was \$27,729 for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, compared to \$9,329 the previous year. This was an increase in total of \$35,643, which brought us close to the level of income we had from investments in 2020.

The Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive income for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 shows a total income of \$1,361,641, a total expenditure of \$1,280,683 and a surplus of \$80,958 in the combined Main and Special Purpose Accounts. This income includes Victorian State Government grant monies of \$153,279. Members will notice a significant difference from the 2021 figures of total income \$1,766,291, total expenditure \$1,615,305, and a surplus of \$150,986, largely as a result of the \$733,677 in Commonwealth Government drought grants received in 2021. No Disaster Recovery grants were received in 2022.

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 \$2,381,195 as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, an increase of \$26,009 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 2022. At State level we provided \$21,500 in Emergency relief and \$7,100 in Welfare payments. The Emergency relief funds distributed in 2022 came from donations from our members and the general public, which are greatly appreciated. Public donations show that people trust the Country Women's Association of Victoria to use their donations wisely and for the benefit of those in greatest need. Members can be proud of the reputation we have built in our 94 years.

Branch returns show that branches made generous donations to our Special Purpose funds with donations of \$10,745 for Educational Grants, \$21,000 for the Emergency Fund and \$17,891 for the Welfare Fund. In 2022 we continued to provide support to primary, secondary, tertiary and post graduate students through our Educational Grants. In total throughout 2022, the Country Women's Association of Victoria awarded \$23,032 in Educational Grants from Special Purpose Funds. These grants included \$800 in the name of the Colac CWA Educational fund, \$2,200 in the name of Mrs AA Gibbs, and \$3,000 in Diamond Jubilee Residential Grants. In addition, branches and groups provided local schools with scholarships and grants for educational expenses to the value of \$11,870.

Due to the impact of COVID-19 on fundraising, it was decided to continue the 2020 Thanksgiving Fund recipient, Endometriosis Research at the Jean Hailes Medical Centre for Women's Health, into 2021, and at the 2022 State Conference, a cheque for \$31,176 was presented, a very pleasing result. The 2022 Thanksgiving Fund donations were for the Free 3D Hands charity, and the proceeds will be presented this year. Branches and groups also very generously donated a further \$27,393 to the State Project for Information Technology and Systems Upgrade and Maintenance. Disbursement of these funds has already begun, with \$17,956 spent on the project in 2022, and further work underway.

Our greatest strength as an organisation is our membership base. Revenue from membership subscriptions was \$288,731 in 2022; in 2021 it was \$298,918. In 2022, 39% of branches increased their membership and 20% of our branches had stable numbers. New branches were formed: Paynesville Toonalook in East Gippsland Group, Waubra in Beaufort Group and Mount Macedon Moonlighters in Central Highlands Group. There were also two amalgamations: Mildura and Merbein Branches amalgamated as Mildura Merbein Branch, and Officer Owls and Woorinyan amalgamated as Officer Woorinyan. The five new branches formed in 2021 continue to grow and now have 100 members between them.

Our Bed & Breakfast remained closed to the public throughout 2022, but in the later part of the year, volunteers working at CWA Victoria events were able to stay overnight, which was a great help in enabling events to take place. Maintenance and renovations are continuing.

The Association was able to proceed with some activities and events in 2022 which had not been held in 2021 due to COVID 19. These included the Melbourne Royal Show, Seniors Week, and various catering activities and training events. We have a much-valued long-standing relationship with the Melbourne Royal Show, and 2022 marked our 80<sup>th</sup> year of catering there. Financially, the Melbourne Royal Show was a great success for CWA Victoria. Catering income was \$220,318, and expenses \$111,193, producing a net surplus of \$109,125. As in previous years, the Show provided an excellent outlet for our CWA merchandise, with showbags, tea towels, cookbooks and other items being very popular. Thank you to the 140 volunteers who worked so hard to achieve these great results. Seniors Week was also very successful, with most of the Devonshire Teas being booked out. The Christmas Fare was again held across a variety of locations in Victoria. Thanks to Coles for once again generously supporting us with vouchers for the purchase of ingredients.

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Some of the initiatives adopted during the COVID 19 pandemic to assist the Association to raise funds were continued in 2022. These included:

- Twenty-one Pop up shops were held at Umina between January and December 2022. A net \$32,763 was raised from sales of CWA baked goods and preserves. CWA merchandise was also sold at the Pop up shops.
- The State-wide “Birthday Scone Challenge” was held in March.

In addition, branch and group returns show a total of \$76,197 was contributed to Association Day and General Funds in the 2021-2022 branch year. This was a wonderful effort by members, branches and groups in support of the Association. Thank you for your generosity.

Our application for an ongoing exemption from Land Tax is still under review by the State Revenue Office. We have also received exemptions from the major component of council rates for most of our properties. We would like to thank our solicitors King & Wood Mallesons for the pro-bono work they did for us in 2022 in relation to these submissions.

Activity for the 2022 financial year has resulted in a surplus of \$80,958.

Our members continue to contribute to their local communities and to other organisations which support disadvantaged and vulnerable women, children and families in need. Members took up the challenge of fundraising again post-covid, and branch and group returns for the 2021-2022 branch year show that our members distributed a total of \$346,230 with the following breakdown:

Local:	\$234,018
National:	\$101,009
International:	\$ 11,203.

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

2022 has shown that the Country Women’s Association of Victoria is adaptable, compassionate and caring. Members and staff are working together, 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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Special Purpose Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31  
December 2022

# Special purpose financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

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

2 May 2023

Dear Chair

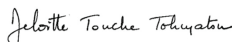
## Auditor's Independence Declaration to The Country Women's Association of Victoria Incorporated

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 2022, 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



DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU



**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 2022, 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 2022 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 the 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 2022, 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*

DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU



**Isabelle Lefevre**

Partner

Chartered Accountants

Melbourne, 2 May 2023

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*.

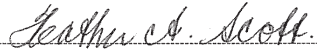
In the opinion of the Board:

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, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

**THE COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
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**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
Revenue	2	652,299	1,317,550
Other income	2(a)	709,342	448,741
Administration expenses		(728,647)	(378,297)
Employee benefits expense		(384,681)	(406,878)
Repairs and maintenance		(42,040)	(12,286)
Scholarships		(23,032)	(13,855)
Donations		(4,953)	(11,129)
Welfare		(7,100)	(11,000)
Emergency Relief		(21,500)	(735,003)
Projects and Thanksgiving		(34,986)	(149)
Finance costs		(3,712)	(2,841)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(30,032)	(43,867)
Surplus before tax		80,958	150,986
Income tax expense	1(a)	-	-
<b>Surplus for the year</b>		<b>80,958</b>	<b>150,986</b>
Other comprehensive income		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>80,958</b>	<b>150,986</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

**THE COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2022</u> \$	<u>2021</u> \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash	3	827,638	785,439
Short term deposits	3	1,978,703	1,977,203
Trade and other receivables	4	59,973	29,409
Stock on hand at cost	5	40,124	60,722
Investments - Special Purpose Funds	7	<u>2,571,132</u>	<u>2,494,857</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>5,477,570</u>	<u>5,347,630</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	6	801,506	794,807
Right of use asset		<u>18,310</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>819,816</u>	<u>794,807</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>6,297,386</u>	<u>6,142,437</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	8	500,656	447,646
Members subscriptions paid in advance		193,258	193,519
Provision for employee entitlements		96,326	90,776
Endowment fund – Lifetime memberships		90,565	95,473
Lease liability		<u>10,043</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>890,848</u>	<u>827,414</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Lease liability		<u>10,557</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>10,557</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>901,405</u>	<u>827,414</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>5,395,981</u>	<u>5,315,023</u>
<b>MEMBERS FUND</b>			
Accumulated surplus		3,014,786	2,959,837
Reserves – Special Purpose Funds	11	<u>2,381,195</u>	<u>2,355,186</u>
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS</b>		<u>5,395,981</u>	<u>5,315,023</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

**THE COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

<u>Notes</u>	<u>Accumulated surplus \$</u>	<u>Special Purpose Funds \$</u>	<u>Total \$</u>
Balance at 1 January 2021	2,846,242	2,317,795	5,164,037
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>
Surplus for the year	80,958	-	80,958
Total comprehensive income for the year	80,958	-	80,958
Transfer to/(from) Special Purpose Funds	(26,009)	26,009	-
<b>Balance at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>3,014,786</b>	<b>2,381,195</b>	<b>5,395,981</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements



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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Notes</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Receipts from members and customers	1,204,208	1,727,891
JobKeeper receipts	-	37,800
Interest received	45,958	23,258
Finance costs	(3,360)	(2,489)
Payments to suppliers and employees	<u>(1,102,466)</u>	<u>(1,669,957)</u>
<b>Net cash generated by operating activities</b>	<b>9(b) 144,340</b>	<b>116,503</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Repayment of lease liability	<u>(7,217)</u>	<u>(24,904)</u>
<b>Net cash used in financing activity</b>	<b><u>(7,217)</u></b>	<b><u>(24,904)</u></b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(27,576)	(6,648)
Net investments in term deposits	<u>(177,554)</u>	<u>(1,709)</u>
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b><u>(205,130)</u></b>	<b><u>(8,357)</u></b>
<b>Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(68,007)</b>	<b>83,242</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year</b>	<b><u>3,489,311</u></b>	<b><u>3,406,069</u></b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<b>9(a) <u>3,421,304</u></b>	<b><u>3,489,311</u></b>

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 Accounting Standards Board (the AASB) that are relevant to its operations and effective for and accounting period that begins on or after 1 January 2022.

**THE COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
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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 Exposure Draft 318	<i>Illustrative examples for Income of Not-for-Profit Entities and Right -of-use-Assets arising under Concessionary Leases</i>	1 January 2022
AASB 2020-3	<i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards- Property, Plant and Equipment: Proceeds before Intended Use</i>	1 January 2022
AASB 2020-3	<i>Amendments to Australian accounting Standards – Annual Improvements 2018-2020 and Other Amendments</i>	1 January 2022
AASB 2022-3	<i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards — Illustrative Examples for Not-for-Profit Entities accompanying AASB 15</i>	1 January 2022
AASB 2020-9	<i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Tier 2 Disclosures: Interest Rate Benchmark Reform (Phase 2) and Other Amendments</i>	1 January 2022

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.

<b>Standard/Interpretation</b>	<b>Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after</b>	<b>Expected to be initially applied in the financial year ending</b>
<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 2023	31 December 2023
<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

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

**Standards and Interpretations in issue not yet adopted (cont'd)**

<b>Standard/Interpretation</b>	<b>Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after</b>	<b>Expected to be initially applied in the financial year ending</b>
<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.

**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

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

**(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 2022.

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.

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.



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**(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.

**(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.

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

**(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.

**(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.

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

**(l) Financial instruments (cont'd)**

**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 Australian Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation in the current year.

**(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.

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

**(n) Leases (cont'd)**

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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	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Note 2: Revenue</b>		
Membership Subscriptions	288,731	298,918
Magazine income	491	436
Accommodation income	5,314	423
Donation income – Operational	4,222	8,673
Grant income – Commonwealth Government	-	20,677
Grant income – State Government – Victoria	153,279	143,023
Grant income – Special Purpose Funds – Commonwealth Government - Drought	-	713,000
Donations income – Special Purpose Funds – Drought	-	13,173
Donations income – Special Purpose Funds – Other	143,879	97,137
Donations income – Special Purpose Funds – Bushfire	-	1,350
Investment income – Operational	28,654	11,411
Investment income – Special Purpose Funds	27,729	9,329
	652,299	1,317,550

**Note 2 (a):** Other income includes JobKeeper receipts amounting to \$37,800 in 2021. There is no JobKeeper receipts in 2022.

**Note 3: Cash and Term Deposits**

Cash on hand	721	936
Cash at bank	826,917	784,503
<b>Total cash</b>	827,638	785,439

Interest Bearing Term Deposits at amortised cost (i)

- National Australia Bank Limited	534,329	532,828
- Westpac Banking Corporation	517,789	517,789
- Bank of Melbourne	926,585	926,586
<b>Total Term Deposits</b>	1,978,703	1,977,203
<b>Total Cash and Term Deposits</b>	9 2,806,341	2,762,642

(i) Term deposits have maturity periods of over 90 days, however, can be withdrawn with a maximum of 31 days-notice.

**Note 4: Trade and other receivables**

Trade debtors	7,142	4,927
Provision for doubtful debts	(2,045)	(3,360)
	5,097	1,567
Sundry debtors	23,238	9,912
Interest receivable	14,711	2,395
Prepayments	16,927	15,535
	54,876	27,842
	59,973	29,409

**Note 5: Stock on Hand – At Cost**

Office and retail goods	45,346	66,399
Provision for obsolescence	(5,222)	(5,677)
	40,124	60,722



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	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>Note 6: Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		
Freehold land - at cost	402,544	402,544
Buildings – at cost	441,668	441,668
Less Accumulated depreciation	(143,640)	(140,630)
	298,028	301,038
CWA vehicle – at cost	22,219	22,219
Less Accumulated depreciation	(15,923)	(14,349)
	6,296	7,870
Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment – at cost	672,565	644,987
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(577,927)	(561,632)
	94,638	83,355
<b>Total Property, Plant &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>801,506</b>	<b>794,807</b>

**Note 7: Investments at amortised Cost – Special Purpose Funds**

- Cash at Bank – restricted (i)	9	614,963	726,668
Interest Bearing Term Deposits – restricted (i)			
- National Australia Bank Limited		315,000	30,000
- Commonwealth Bank		140,000	311,000
- Westpac Banking Corporation		640,000	694,741
- Bank of Melbourne		848,444	548,444
- Bendigo		-	181,705
		1,943,444	1,765,890
Other Assets/(Payables)			
- Accrued Interest		12,725	2,299
<b>Total Special Purpose Funds</b>		<b>2,571,132</b>	<b>2,494,857</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.

	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>Note 8: Trade and other payables</b>		
Trade creditors	24,221	31,536
Accrued expenses	226,217	104,963
Disbanded branches	15,801	8,706
Prepaid income	22,893	31,950
Other liabilities	168,782	187,706
Deferred Grants – State Government – Victoria – Other	42,742	74,588
Deferred Revenue – Other	-	8,197
	500,656	447,646

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		2022 \$	2021 \$
<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	721	936
Cash at bank	3	826,917	784,503
Short Term Deposits	3	1,978,703	1,977,204
Cash and cash equivalents – Association		2,806,341	2,762,643
Cash at bank – Special Purpose Funds - restricted	7	614,963	726,668
		3,421,304	3,489,311

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

Surplus for the year		80,958	150,986
Interest reinvested		(10,425)	2,518
Interest on lease liability		352	352
Depreciation		30,032	43,867
Provision for bad and doubtful debts		(1,315)	(3,550)
Provision for obsolescence of inventory		(455)	2,354
<b>Changes in net assets and liabilities:</b>			
Decrease /(increase) in assets:			
Trade and other receivables		(27,857)	51,143
Inventories		21,053	12,584
Other assets		(1,392)	2,609
(Decrease) /increase in liabilities:			
Trade and other payables		52,747	(148,979)
Provisions		5,550	6,843
Endowment fund		(4,908)	(4,224)
Net cash flows provided by operating activities		144,340	116,503

**Note 10: Subsequent events**

Since the end of the financial year, no event has occurred which materially affects the financial statements.

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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 2022.

Special Purpose Funds 2022 - Reserve	Balance 1 January 2022 \$	Donations, Grants and Legacies \$	Transfers from Retained earnings \$	Interest \$	Total \$	Administration \$	Disbursements \$	Balance 31 December 2022 \$
Emergency Relief Fund	372,250	51,461	-	11,119	434,830	-	21,500	413,330
Welfare Fund	217,965	16,876	-	2,504	237,345	-	7,100	230,245
Education Grants Fund	257,928	10,407	-	977	269,312	3,869	8,850	256,583
Colac CWA Education Fund	179,822	-	-	1,539	181,361	1,533	804	179,024
Central Highlands Ruby McCullough Scholarship	154,065	-	-	1,938	156,003	2,311	-	153,692
AA Gibbs Educational Fund	90,328	-	-	1,152	91,480	1,355	2,200	87,925
Elsa Mary Grice Education Grant	428,935	-	-	5,608	434,543	6,434	682	427,427
Food Technology Scholarship	30,957	-	-	108	31,065	464	-	30,601
Sarah Amiet (nee Nicholson) Award	61,126	-	-	294	61,420	917	-	60,503
Alice Stewart Post Graduate Agribusiness Scholarship	109,837	50	-	299	110,186	1,648	1,500	107,038
International & Community Support Fund	66,114	415	-	-	66,529	982	-	65,537
Post Graduate Environmental Scholarship	55,725	-	-	272	55,997	836	3,000	52,161
Diamond Jubilee Resident Grant	16,913	-	-	116	17,029	254	3,000	13,775
Rural Nurse Post Graduate Scholarship	150,014	-	-	1,763	151,777	2,250	3,000	146,527
Thanksgiving Fund (2020); (2021)	31,423	-	-	-	31,423	247	-	-
Thanksgiving Fund (2022)	-	20,303	-	-	20,303	-	-	20,303
ACWW Pennies for Friendship	17,899	14,882	-	-	32,781	537	-	32,244
ACWW Women Walk the World	1,636	2,092	-	-	3,728	49	-	3,679
Valerie Fisher AO OBE Memorial Educational Fund	10,811	-	-	-	10,811	162	-	10,649
Waverley Harris World Conference Fund	5,489	-	-	39	5,528	165	-	5,363
State Project 2020; 2021; 2022	32,589	27,393	-	-	59,982	978	17,956	41,048
State Project 2017	193	-	-	-	193	6	-	187
State Project 2013 - What Can I Do (Family Violence)	11,278	-	-	-	11,278	338	-	10,940
B&B Upgrade	51,869	-	-	-	51,869	1,557	17,928	32,404
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,355,186</b>	<b>143,879</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,728</b>	<b>2,526,793</b>	<b>26,902</b>	<b>118,686</b>	<b>2,381,195</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 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	23,984	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 Amiet (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	17,889
ACWW Women Walk the World	-	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	-
Slate Project 2020; 2021	19,932	13,404	-	-	33,336	598	149	32,589
Slate Project 2019	24,736	-	(23,994)	-	742	742	-	-
Slate Project 2018	13,326	-	(12,926)	-	400	400	-	-
Slate Project 2017	199	-	-	-	199	6	-	193
Slate 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>

# ACWW/International/ Community Support Committee Report

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**Marilyn Tangey**  
Chairperson

The members of CWA continuously produce a large volume of goods – knitting, sewing, crocheting – for their communities, and thousands of items such as rugs, beanies, gloves, and scarves and knitting for babies came to Head Office to be sorted and distributed by the committee. The most direct impact of the work of this committee is in distribution of donated goods and this is repeated by CWA members in their home districts. Over time, the type of items that are made changes, but always the purpose is to bring joy and comfort to those “doing it tough.” From Aladdin’s Cave, our little storage room, over four thousand items were distributed to organisations such as hospitals, groups working with homeless, and others providing care and programs for women and families.

Vivian Speight organised an information stall for the State Conference and provided interested members with a “Showbag” about Malaysia, as well as encouraging members to actively seek out information about ACWW programs in developing countries. Rural Women in Action Fund is the entity that supports these programs which focus on educating women in areas such as maternal and reproductive health; fiscal management; climate smart sustainable agriculture; and developing small business enterprises.

In 2022 we did not hold an international luncheon as had occurred in the past. A long-term member of the committee, Glenys Ball, provided articles on our country of study, Malaysia, for the Victorian Country Woman. There was a great deal of preparation for the 30<sup>th</sup> Triennial World Conference, to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in May 2023, and it was planned to hold a luncheon for those who registered to attend the World Conference.

ACWW directly supports an initiative of the United Nations – 16 Days of Activism - a program that aims to reduce the incidence of gender-based violence. “Orange the World” delivers a vibrant declaration that attitudes around gender-based violence must change so that all can be safe. CWA Branches and Groups participated in activities in their own communities across the State, and our committee encouraged members to continue to grow awareness of this issue, aiming to eliminate incidences of violence against women and girls in Victoria.

Floods in Queensland and New South Wales devastated many towns in those two States and members rallied to collect and deliver goods via travelling friends. When Victorian towns were inundated by flood waters, members saw first-hand the impact of flood waters and rallied to support the residents and this effort continues in 2023.

Internationally we have supported programs in Papua New Guinea by supplying sewing materials and clothes for women. Stamps and foreign coins are collected and sent to the ACWW Area President, who sells them and deposits the funds in the South Pacific Area Fund.

The committee had a stall at the Christmas Fare, selling goods as well as taking the opportunity to inform the shoppers about the work of ACWW.

Our work is diverse and relies on a group of women who are dedicated to improving the lives of women and children and I am grateful for the hard-working ladies that form our committee and the hundreds of CWA members who donate goods. I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to Viv Speight who continues to provide advice to ensure the work of the committee can continue.

Viv represented CWA of Victoria at United Nations of Australia Association Status of Women committee. One of her important contributions was to configure the system used to setup Zoom meetings. It is now expected and essential that our meetings can be attended remotely via Zoom, allowing CWA members to participate no matter where they reside (with the proviso that there is a reliable internet service).

# Agriculture and Environment Committee Report

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The Agriculture and Environment Committee (Ag & E) launched and executed the State Festival of Gardens in 2021. This state-wide event was a huge undertaking but despite COVID rules and bad weather it was a great event for fundraising for both local and State. The Committee would like to express our gratitude to the Head Office team for their input, many hours spent collating information to plan the logistics and operations of the event, whilst considering the COVID implications. To the Branches and Groups who also participated, we thank you for your enormous efforts to ensure a great start to an event we believe will grow as more branches and groups come on board to participate in the future. The Board and Committee agreed the event will occur every two years.



**Joanne Alderman**  
Chairperson

The Committee supported several Resolutions at State Conference. These were Resolutions 1, 2 and 5. The Ag & E Committee also put forward Resolution 6 – “Don’t Mince Words: definitions of meat and other animal products”. All Resolutions were carried although not unanimously.

The State Product/Resource was potatoes. A family favourite, members enjoyed using potatoes in recipes outside of their usual cooking repertoire. At a luncheon I tried a potato-based dessert. It was an ‘adventurous’ attempt using the humble spud. However, my favourite is a baked potato, in its skin, with lashings of butter, salt and pepper – simple, tasty and honest fare.

Our collective thanks go to Narelle Hanrahan and her Committee members for their efforts during another trying year due to COVID.

After State Conference we revisited how the Committee was made up: The incoming Committee had some familiar faces and some new ones. It is a big ask to request members to take on another role, however the members of this Committee have done so with gusto. We have a great cross-section of members, these being: Kate Commins, Jude Gade, Narelle Hanrahan, Lynette Harris OAM; Rosslyn Heaney, Prue McCredden, Mandy McMahan, Leanne Menegazzo, Sue Morgan, Meg Parkinson and Margaret Wood. I thank them for their support and commitment.

Firstly, we set up several sub-committees. This enables the spreading of the workload to give the Committee a higher chance of exceeding our targets for the year. These sub-committees include:

- State Festival of Gardens 2023
- Selection of Product for 2022/2023 including a short video production that was shown to State Council
- Resolutions

Since May, each magazine has included a report by the Chair talking about Ag & E issues within the community, our undertakings and projected goals for city, rural or remote members. Wherever possible, additional articles have been written by Committee members that we hope members have enjoyed reading.

We have deliberated on agricultural issues such as:

- The threat of the Varroa mite on our local honeybee populations
- The infestation of the Queensland Fruit Fly in backyards throughout Victoria
- Bushfire Resilience
- Vigorous discussion about resolutions to be put to the next State Conference.

It has been a pleasure to lead this Committee, to meet members who are new to me and work, as always, with a dedicated and passionate group of women.

## Cooking Committee Report

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The Cooking Committee has had another difficult year. The aftermath of the COVID lockdowns and the challenging economy has enormously affected our traditional income streams.

The highlights of the year were the activities during the State Conference and the Christmas Fare. We held a competition about our oldest Willow Brand cake tins and household items. Although we only received about a dozen entries, those members who entered sent in gorgeous photos and lovely stories about items that they had received for events such as their Kitchen Tea and Engagement parties. We displayed a collection of vintage cannisters and cake tins that provoked many fond memories.

We held a stall at the Christmas Fare where we sold used cookbooks, bakeware, china pieces and doilies. We also had a fabulous collection of vintage tea-towels that were very popular. Our Committee member Carolyn Asquith collected an enormous number of cookbooks which sold very well. We also contributed some potato based recipes to the magazine and assisted the Agriculture and Environment Committee with their display at the Christmas Fare by sourcing and purchasing many interesting potato varieties.

The disappointment of the year was the inability to hold the traditional masterclasses. We were only able to offer them at Christmas because of the remaining COVID restrictions. We didn't attract enough members to make either the on-line classes or the in-person masterclass viable.

I would like to thank the small Committee for their ideas and input through the year. There still is a place for the Cooking Committee; to foster a love a cooking within the membership so hopefully this can be the focus in 2023.



**Louise Taylor**  
Convenor

## Club Committee Report

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It is with great pleasure that I present the Club Committee Report for 2022.

Pop-Up Shop continues to be a great success and a very generous income for the Association.

As Club Chairperson, it would not be possible to do the work that is needed without an amazing team behind me, and I thank you all so very much for your commitment each fortnight.

The Pop-Up Shops, selling food to take away and our merchandise have again been very successful in 2022.

I would like to thank all the members who have donated biscuits, yos, jams and preserves to sell at the Pop-Up Shop. At each Pop-Up Shop we also serve Devonshire Tea on the Verandah. During the winter months we introduced Soups which have been immensely popular.

High Teas are another success story. In May, we held a High Tea for Mothers' Day and November was our Christmas Celebration, both of which were fully booked. We also held a Gluten free High Tea which was another great success.

After the Melbourne Royal Show we entertained many visitors during Seniors Week with two sittings per day for a week. We were all extremely tired but like all CWA members we got the work done and received excellent feedback.

Although not as many State Council Meetings as previous years, we had many a kind word about the meals that were served.

Christmas Fare was again a success in 2022. Thank you to all those who baked, provided raffle prizes and helped with this event.



**Karen Jackson**  
Chairperson



## Catering Committee Report

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Post COVID limitations, and with small steps, CWA State Catering commenced 2022. The CWA Birthday Scone Challenge in March saw Branches bake and provide scones in their local area, with all plain scone monies raised sent to HO. Congratulations to Morwell Evening for being presented with the Scone cutter trophy for the second time at 2022 State Conference.

Again, more than 6000 ANZAC biscuits, together with 500 scones were baked and packaged for VRC race patrons on Anzac Day at Flemington. Thank you to all who were involved in these activities.

By mid-year, Melbourne Royal planned its reopening with many changes in a Post COVID environment. My position as Catering Chairperson was ratified by June State Council to manage the largest, longest CWA fundraising event in any calendar year. A three-year break (the previous RMS was 2019) resulted in many changes including much hesitancy, less involvement and consequently less shifts worked from our membership.

There were many extra requirements, both in time and effort required to assess all CWA items that had been in storage for the intervening 3 years. A very big Thank you to the 130 CWA members, extra family members and Telstra corporate volunteers who provided the almost 4500 volunteer hours on site at both Umina and RMS. Thank you also to the branch members who baked and provided sought after merchandise - rich fruit cakes, preserves and many craft items for sale to customers. Much CWA merchandise (tea towels and cookery books) and 800 CWA Showbags containing member provided knitted dishcloths or sewn potholders were sold.

Each day, record crowd numbers again appreciated CWA presence on site - our menu, our 'much talked about' scones, our cafeteria environment our members' ready smile and dedicated service. Thank you to all volunteers from across the State who provided this CWA presence.

It is almost 80 years - interrupted only by WW2 and COVID limitations - since our RASV/ CWA longstanding connection was initiated. It is a unique opportunity to be fiercely maintained, and 'does wonders' for our CWA reputation in the community. I hope in 2023 there will be more CWA members able to volunteer and ensure this partnership continues.

I am particularly grateful for the support and encouragement from members of the current Catering Committee and the CWA staff. We can be justly proud of our achievements in 2022.



**Lyn Fleming**  
Chairperson

## Creative Arts Committee Report

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The year started cautiously, with limited use of Umina, some of our Committee meetings were still held via zoom but became face to face as the year progressed.

Judges updates were held later than usual due to the same restrictions, however COVID cancelled them halfway through. We have 35 Handcraft Judges and 40 Home Industries Judges - many have both qualifications. Groups were able to hold their Annual Creative Arts Exhibitions for the first time since COVID started, with most finding that entry numbers were less than previous years. Unfortunately, training for new Judges was suspended for the whole year due to restrictions.

The State Photography Competition was once again, held very successfully in the digital format. Congratulations to all Prize winners, with a special congratulations to the winner of the Paula Pither Mills Perpetual Plaque, which was won by Denise Tyrie of Peninsula Belles Branch, Mornington Peninsula Group. The results were published in the September edition of the Magazine. Prize winning photographs have been included in the 2023 Calendar, also appearing in the Magazine.

Preparations began early in the year for the 2022 State Creative Arts Exhibition in Tallangatta along with the Coat Hanger Festival. Entry numbers were lower than previous years due to the uncertainty of COVID. However, the 2022 Exhibition was very successful, with 1176 items entered which was approximately 500 less than the previous year, many volunteers worked tirelessly across the 6 days, a big thankyou to the Committee members, Judges and volunteers (which includes a number of husbands) for the time and commitment they give.

A most heartfelt thank-you to Upper Murray Group and Kiewa Valley Group members who catered and assisted during this week, keeping us well fed and watered with a much welcome smile when we were exhausted, also providing a beautiful lunch for visiting dignitaries on the Friday following the ceremony and not forgetting the special treats for the annual Past Creative Arts Chairpersons' Afternoon Tea. Well done to all.

Immediate Past State President Marion Dewar officiated on behalf of State President Pam Mawson for the presentations, a zoom connection for the official ceremony was set up and managed by Viv Speight, this was much appreciated by those not able to visit.

Congratulations to all trophy winners, and all those who won Green Stars for excellent Handcraft and Blue Certificates of Merit for exceptional Home Industries, a full list of winners was printed in the August 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 2022 Creative Arts Raffle was conducted online again this year, with most tickets being sold. Congratulations to all the prize winners.

The Creative Arts Committee was called upon to run craft demonstrations each day in the Spotlight Pavilion during the Melbourne Royal Show, thank you to the committee members and CWA members who volunteered during this time, the Japanese braiding was very popular with the children and adults also, some also learned to knit and crochet.

Finally, many thanks to all of the Committee members and Exhibition Committee members, for all your help, guidance and advice, and not forgetting our wonderful judges who are so willing to go and judge at your Group exhibitions or Agricultural Shows throughout the year.



**Helen Ryvitch**  
Chairperson

## Social Issues Committee Report

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It is a pleasure to present the Social Issues Committee Annual Report and share with you our work over the 12 months, as we emerged from the pandemic as we planned and hoped that events could be held.

The Committee was chaired by Wendy Earwicker until June 2022, and under her Chairmanship the Committee met with the ACWW and Community Support Committee, where they discussed Orange the World and how the two Committees could work together to promote community engagement around violence against women and children, the making of orange flowers was discussed to be handed out with information about family violence at an annual walk in November.

Sally Ann Matthews became Chairperson in June 2022. The Committee meets on the last Monday of the month at 7pm by zoom. Zoom allows members from across the State to participate in this vibrant Committee. I thank all Committee members for your active participation and your encouragement and support of each other.

The theme continued in 2022 to be “Safe Home for All”. Our discussions continued around Orange the World Walks, where they were to be held in each geographical area and how best for CWA to support these events. Through the magazine, Country Woman, members were encouraged to join local walks, promote the United Nation’s Orange the World slogan, “Together we can end violence against women”, by wearing orange, hosting a stall with orange as the theme and encouraging their family and friends to make each woman’s home a safe place to be. Members walked in the Melbourne Walk organised by Safe Steps and in walks close to home, joining with women across the State.

Social Housing and the perceived issues by surrounding residents has been discussed at each of our meetings, how best to try to assist those who struggle to have a safe home. The Committee has researched what local councils have in place to encourage low-cost housing. Of particular interest has been the Big Housing Build and housing initiatives that are aimed at the growing homelessness experienced by women over 55. We watched as a positive of the pandemic unfolded – homes for the homeless were provided in the near empty hotels and apartments. The Committee is very supportive of the Thanksgiving Fund recipient for 2023, Women’s Housing Ltd., an organisation that provides low-cost housing for women at risk of homelessness.

How to best support women in their homes, to make them a safe place for them and their children? Back to Base Alarms were discussed and we sought more information from Orange Door. This organisation can provide at risk women access to an alarm and give hope to those women who live in fear of domestic violence in their own home where they should feel safe.

The Committee presented to State Council in November, the proposed theme for 2023, “Improving access to Everyday Services”. This is very exciting as it encompasses such a wide range of what should be available in our communities. We look forward to working with our members to research this and see where we can make a difference to the lives of vulnerable women, children and families in Victoria.



**Sally Ann  
Matthews**  
Chairperson

# Membership Committee Report

It is with great pleasure that I present the Membership Report for the year 2022.

2022 was another busy year for our members and for the membership committee. Everyone was actively planning events and organizing various activities around the state to encourage new members to join our organisation. I found it a great pleasure to talk to some of our members and discuss different ways we can promote our organisation in the post-Covid era.

The Membership Committee continued meeting on a regular basis to discuss ways for promoting and growing our organisation. There are ten regular members on the committee, who come from various parts of the state. Two members are from Metropolitan Melbourne and eight are from regional Victoria. At these meetings we discussed various issues such as ways we can support branches and groups. We shared new ideas and learned for example how a few groups are making connections with the local real estate agents to have information packs available with information about where and when the CWA branches meet. This is a way to make connections with women moving to the area but do not know anyone. We discussed the various ways members can start new branches, including starting junior branches. Earlier in the year, we invited few Group Presidents to come and attend our meetings, to share ideas and provide feedback to their group and branches. At that meeting, some of our members also shared their experience of being on a committee and what they learned.

At Committee meetings, we discussed a range of issues relating to membership. We discussed ways for improving our branches geographical map so we can show prospective members at various events where our branches are located. One of our skilled members worked on plotting where are these branches located. We also reviewed how we can contribute to the Group president training. One of our members shared with us how she opened a new branch in Mt Macedon, and what she learned in the process.

Throughout 2022 I endeavoured to keep our members informed and I have published regular articles in the CWA magazine. This included how to start new junior branches, what is the role of a mentor of a new branch, appointing a membership officer to help increase branches membership base, the importance of greeting new members and what information to give to new member when they join so they understand our organisation. I hope that our members have found these articles useful. I also attended the new Group President training session and encouraged attendees to continue growing the organisation and opening new branches.

Membership Committee members have been out and about on a regular basis at promotional events. In May 2022 we held a stall at the State AGM and Conference, and we shared with our members various ways to grow our organisation. In July, a few committee members attended the Quilt and Craft Show. In August, we held a membership stall at the State Creative Arts Exhibition at the Tallangatta Memorial Hall. It was a great opportunity to talk to various people interested in joining the organisation. Our message to them was 'Join Us'. Some were interested in a day branch and others in a night branch. Some asked about the Virtual branch. Also, one of our members attended the Melbourne Show in September. We then held a stall at the Christmas Fair and encouraged people we spoke to, to 'Join Us'.

I would like to thank all the Membership Committee members for their support and dedication. I would also particularly like to thank the Membership Office staff. Their support has been invaluable. Thank you also to all members and to Group Presidents for all their work promoting the organisation and supporting membership drive at their events.



**Viviane Chemali**  
Chairperson

**Membership Statistics as at 31 December 2022**

Full Members	3799
Life Members	85
Junior Members	193
Total Membership	4077
Number of branches	284
Number of Groups	38

**New branches formed in 2022**

- Mildura Merbein
- Mount Macedon Moonlighters
- Officer Woorinyan
- Paynesville Toonalook
- Waubra

## Curator Archivist Report

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The work of the Curator Archivist continued throughout 2022 with some assistance from interested members. Thank you, members. Tasks have included checking the materials against the database entries, receiving minute books from branches and groups and rehousing returned minute books. A beginning has been made on housing albums of photographs.

There were two especially interesting events during the year. The first was the correspondence and then the arrival from England of the gift of a gilet (sheepskin vest) and tie belonging to an Englishman, Squadron Leader Norman Scrivener DFC DFO. The second was the request for photos and information about our catering at the Royal Melbourne Show for the 175th Anniversary Book of the RASV.

Branch, family or community members requested details of 22 members, branches or groups. Reasons included family or community history, branch or group celebrations, service certificates and obituaries. As well, questions were received about cookbooks and their contents.

The Association received a variety of memorabilia including tea towels, magazines, papers, photographs, spoons, badges and cookbooks.

When writing minutes, please write legibly, include the names of all present at each meeting, the names and dates of joining of new members, all activities of members and the branch or group (including community activities) and any interesting items about members.

As completed minute books should be forwarded to Head Office for safekeeping (it is also a legal requirement that the Association retain minute books) it is a good idea to bring your member and branch or group history up to date before doing so.



**Marion Dewar**  
Curator Archivist

## Group Reports

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### BASS

Bass Group enjoyed another successful craft exhibition in April, in the lovely picturesque town of Loch. It was nice to see that our junior members are also participating in this event.

We had a lovely garden outing to Picardy Gardens in the rolling Hills of Gippsland.

Our monthly craft group is enjoyed by many, and some lovely projects are made.

We also enjoyed an outing to 3D Hands which is located in Newhaven, and we were shown how the hands were made on the printers.

Quite a few members of Bass went to the State Conference. There were quite a few members of Bass who entered in the State Creative Arts Exhibition, and it was lovely to see all the entries from around Victoria.

### BEAUFORT

2022 was an exciting post lockdown year, for Beaufort Group, having Branches again pro-actively involved with their fundraising, crafts, catering in our Communities and particularly with people living in isolation. Waubra, opened in July, is the third Branch I have opened as Group President. It a vibrant 'new ideas' Branch with a great membership age mix of young Mums to Seniors. Actioning our Beaufort Group Membership Drive 2021/2022 has resulted in membership increases in each of our Branches. Sadly, we farewelled some longstanding Members due to illness or death.

### BENDIGO NORTHERN

Bendigo Northern Group has been very active over the year. Membership has remained steady. Branches have supported Bendigo Northern Group efforts throughout the year to raise the profile of CWA. This has included involvement in the Bendigo Sustainability Festival, catering for various activities throughout the Municipality and being a part of the Seniors festival.

Members attended the State Conference and participated in the Arts and Crafts Exhibition successfully. Several members belong to the ACWW Committee and have actively supported that Committees' activities and are looking forward to the trip to the ACWW conference in Malaysia in May.

The State Government's initiative of allowing camping on river frontages held under licence by farmers was of concern to many members and Members of Parliament were contacted to voice this concern.

However, this became less relevant following the devastation of the 2022 floods. We have supported both the local communities and Lismore with catering for Blazeaid volunteers, visiting communities to support businesses and donating goods following these disasters, which will continue.

### CENTRAL HIGHLANDS

As Acting President – a role I assumed after the resignation of former Central Highlands Group President Rosemarie Jones in September 2022 who we thank for her contribution to the Association.

Last year continued to be a successful and an active year for the Central Highlands Group. In the first part of the year, I am pleased to say that Central Highlands conducted a successful birthday scone challenge stall at Mount Macedon and we raised approximately \$600 for the Association. Special thanks to all branches who baked for this event.

The Central Highlands Creative Arts Exhibition which was held at the Lancefield Mechanics Institute in April was a highlight with a high quality of work and good participation by branches.

Our branches were well represented at State Conference 2022 and those attending brought back great accounts of the event and of the high quality of speakers.

We welcomed our newest branch the Mt Macedon Moonlighters with 22 new dynamic members. The Moonlighters have already proved themselves to be a tour de force in the local fundraising scene. But sadly, we said goodbye to the Riddells Creek Branch.

Massive thanks to Group Treasurer Joan Strawbridge who helped me Chair all of the AGM's in October and November. With 11 branches spread across the Central Highlands, this is a massive task – and together we managed to attend every one.

The year ended with our third Christmas Pop-Up at the Macedon CWA Hall on 3 December at which we raised approximately \$800 for the Association as well as funds for our Gisborne, Macedon, Mount Macedon Moonlighters, Romsey and the Woodend Eves branches.

I want to most especially thank Group Treasurer Joan Strawbridge and Group Secretary Sharon McNamara-Youl as my fellow Exec members in 2022, and together we wish the new Exec team for 2023 every success.

## CENTRAL VICTORIA

The Central Victoria Group have enjoyed a busy year with all branches holding events throughout the year. A Group Craft Day was well attended with hints and tips from a Home Industries judge when entering items in Exhibitions. Many of our branches are slowly increasing their numbers.

## CENTRAL WIMMERA MALLEE

Central Wimmera Mallee have had another successful year doing what they are good at - sharing fun and friendship. All the Central Wimmera Mallee branches have all supported local community activities and dipped their toes in a few new activities. The Group is still working on getting new members and sustaining the ones we have.

## DIAMOND VALLEY

Our group has had a great year as we gradually returned to normality and were able to rekindle friendships and resume branch activities to meet our objectives with fundraising and community activities.

The group held a very successful Creative Arts Exhibition last March and the talent and creativity of our members was just amazing.

Our ACWW fundraising walk was held in Hurstbridge, it was a lovely day, and everyone enjoyed the companionship and lunch afterwards.

Rosanna Branch initiated a community project making Mastectomy Packs, volunteers from all our branches and other members of the community are all busy sewing. The packs consist of a cushion, drainage bag and small gift which are given to women after breast surgery, the demand sadly is huge, and they are donated to six or seven of the major hospitals.

## EAST GIPPSLAND

Members of the East Gippsland Group have worked hard with successful fund raising at the Bairnsdale Show and the Paynesville and Orbost Christmas stalls in particular where over 40 Christmas puddings were sold, and orders taken for Christmas 2023. A relationship with Orange Door Bairnsdale was established with regular donations of toys etc being made. Group funds were donated to Newborn Intensive Care Foundation towards the purchase of special cots to be installed at the Bairnsdale Hospital. Support for the swift reopening of the Mallacoota Landing Strip was sent to Darren Chester, while East Gippsland Shire Council was asked to re-examine their proposed changes to Library hours across the Shire. Both of these approaches were successful. Finally, the happy re-establishment of the Buchan Gelantipy and District Branch was a great outcome.



## EAST WIMMERA

East Wimmera Group delegates to Spring Group Conference had the opportunity to use an External Automatic Defibrillator under the guidance of the enthusiastic and knowledgeable emergency response team at Wedderburn. Recently we enjoyed a movie along with local activity groups in Charlton; funded by a shire grant.

We are excited to host the 2023 State Exhibition in St Arnaud.

## EASTERN GOULBURN VALLEY

Eastern Goulburn Valley Group Members have enjoyed activities that have brought us together in friendship. Activities to promote our organisation included a Group Luncheon, Women Walk the World in Dookie, Church Service, Association Day celebrating Malaysian culture, catering for the Shepparton Agricultural Show, Christmas Pop Up Shop and conducting our Creative Arts Exhibition.

## ECHUCA

Echuca Group have ridden the highs of group conferences and annual meetings and CWA friendship, with the lows of 3 of our 4 branches having members' homes being flooded. Branches have supported all members and kept in constant communication with each other. Planned group craft days were put on hold along with our August conference.

At Elmore Field Days we held a Group stall which was very successful.

We welcome Marion as our new GP.

## FRASER

Fraser Group Branches and members strongly supported all State activities, local communities, and their branch members and families. Fraser Group currently consists of 5 evening branches – Ashburton, Boroondara, Port Phillip, Richmond and Umina. This year Boroondara Branch celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday supported by members from other Fraser Group branches. Members look forward to continuing their involvement at all levels in CWA, and to opening new Branches in future.

## GEELONG

The Geelong Group has had an eventful year with a successful exhibition and huge Mother's Day raffle! We opened the new Barwon Heads Branch with a group of young enthusiastic women joining! Sadly, Mereburn Branch has closed after over 50 years' service to CWA and the community!

## GIPPSLAND HILLS

It is with pleasure that I write my last report as Group President. I am so proud of our Group who are willing to participate in all avenues of CWA. We sold scones for the Scone Bake off, 2 members have helped out at the pop-up shop, and we have also sent goods. The Christmas fare received plenty of Christmas cakes and puddings, and members also helped in the preparation of goods. Our members are willing workers at Melbourne Royal and are looking forward to going back.

We held a fun day of entertainment with Bass and South Gippsland Groups with many very funny items plus some interesting stories in public speaking.

The Group holds a stall at Coal Creek Market monthly. Members who supply goods keep the proceeds for their branch. It is a great way to put CWA out to the public. ACWW also receives goods from members.

The State Exhibition saw members win many prizes including "Stars". Our membership has grown and new members are made welcome. My rounds to each branch saw all positions filled with volunteers at each annual meeting. Mirboo North Nightowls ran a very successful public forum on Orange Day – Domestic Violence Awareness Day- involving all the community.

Our 68<sup>th</sup> Exhibition was a huge success with over 700 entries and just over 400 attending. The standard was very impressive. We were honoured that State President Pam Mawson was able to open the event.



Members really enjoyed the State Conference with some the last to leave the dance floor. We always learn from the guest speakers.

I wish to thank all members for their support and care especially when I wasn't up to keeping in touch for a while.

## HUME GOULBURN

The Hume Goulburn Group enjoyed the ability to once again have some social gatherings. We held our two half yearly conferences, as well as our AGM. We also held a Women Walk the World walk around the Yea Wetlands and a Group Service Award ceremony celebrating our members who have dedicated 20+ years of service to the CWA. Planning was complete for our Creative Arts Exhibition in October but unfortunately had to be postponed at the last minute due to the flooding event.

## LATROBE CENTRAL

The Latrobe Central CWA Group had many branches visit the 3D hands factory as a group event in August followed by lunch. This year we managed to hold our craft exhibition, our first one since Covid. We held a winter and summer conference. Lastly our group received the Latrobe City Council Australia Day Community Service of the Year award for our family violence refuge starter kits. It has been a busy year.

## MCDONALD

McDonald Group is celebrating our 50th birthday this year. We are a very active bunch of talented ladies, our Branches are thriving with a hub of activities, we have a strong presence in the community and are continuing to be actively involved in fundraising with successful stalls held throughout the year selling our popular craft, cakes and jams. Our Bunnings and street stalls are always successful, and we support local clubs like Hampton RSL with a donation of our Anzac biscuits, we support the local Bayside Emergency Relief Centre with craft donations and we give beautiful baby knitted goods to Monash hospital as needed.

Branches are invited by their Councils to be part of major community events such as Bayside's Halloween night held at Billilla House.

## MITCHELL

A highlight this year was our catering for the Kids from Rochester when they came to Melbourne for an activity day at North Melbourne Football Club. All branches contributed and it was great to be able to help give the kids a fun day away from the issues resulting from the floods. All branches reported new members this year, but sadly we closed the Sydney Road branch, due to ongoing impacts from Covid. We had two face to face conferences this year, for the first time since 2019 and both were successful days with good attendance from across this Group. Branch reports reflected the diversity of activities across the Group and the creativity and generosity of the members.

## MOIRA

What a learning curve but one I so enjoyed. Moria Group certainly kept me busy with Arts and Craft exhibitions, International day functions held at different branches and then the big one at Corowa, followed by Corowa again hosting the Orange Day lunch. All branches held fundraising functions, gave multiple and varied donations to community groups, entertained in aged care facilities, going into schools and childcare centres, really spreading and sharing the CWA values. Several branches had new members joining from these activities. A huge well done to each and everyone

## MORNINGTON PENINSULA

Mornington Peninsula have 7 branches with approximately 150 members and as a Group I see recruitment as the most important. A lot of work needs to be done to encourage new members to our branches.

I attended all the Annual General Meetings with most positions filled although some Branches have less than 10 members and are struggling.

As I write this, we will be holding our Art and Craft exhibition in a few days covering the next weekend opening both Saturday and Sunday with over 600 items on show. It has taken a big effort from all concerned, especially the Committee and the participants who have entered the exhibition.

And, last but not least, I wish our new Group President Jodi Johnson all the best and hope she enjoys the challenges ahead.

## MURRAY VALLEY

We held an extra special Music and Drama event with the Millewa Branch from Mildura coming over to join in with the impromptu speeches, singing and performing. It was certainly an extra special day of fun. The Murray Valley Group also held a competition and display at the Swan Hill show. This allows the region to showcase our diversity in Handicrafts and Homecrafts. We were able to enter the State Exhibition at Tallangatta. Towards the later part of the year saw the resumption of the 2-day craft weekend with people coming from outside the Group to participate. It was a resounding success.

## NORTH EASTERN

Another busy year for the Group. Sadly, four members passed away: Doris Boyd (Whorouly) on 21/3/22; Gwen Clarke (Barnawartha) on 12/4/22; Judy Wagstaff (Whorouly) on 30/6/22 and Pat Webb (Whorouly) on 8/7/22. Barnawartha celebrated their 70th birthday and Beechworth celebrated 80 years! The Group entered the Group Handcraft section in the Creative Arts Exhibition and scored 85.7%. Two members from Bright celebrated 60 years, Joan Thompson and 70 years, Norma Torriero. A successful Festive Fair was held in December with 5 branches participating.

## NORTH GIPPSLAND

Had a successful Group Exhibition March 2022, beautiful craft was on display for all to see. Had a few members from Group participating in Women Walk the World, beautiful day a great way to get together. Arrived at Umina for GP training, also attended State Conference, found both to be interesting. As a Group I have had meetings with Branch Presidents and Secretary's, that way I got to hear about their needs and also got to pass on State information. We have also had Christmas in July, International Day Lunches, all with the choir singing and much laughter. A cheerful way of coming out of their little pods and being together as a CWA family.

## POLWARTH

Polwarth Group was able to resume many of its annual fundraising activities in 2022, including the successful running of a stall at the 110th Warrion Flower Show, despite excessive mud underfoot which ultimately led to the unfortunate cancellation of the Colac Show, another annual event we traditionally support.

A sold-out High Tea of exceptional culinary quality was another highlight in May and followed hot on the heels of our Creative Arts Exhibition in late April.

As a result of events held, Polwarth Group was able to again support its community through the provision of fuel vouchers to the local McGrath Foundation breast care nurse for distribution to patients needing to travel for care.

We provided bags full of joy for local foster care children to lighten their return home after being in care.

Polwarth Group members can be proud of their efforts and achievements.

## SOUTH GIPPSLAND

South Gippsland Group spent an interesting year which was capped off by a Christmas get together. We went to the Annamieke Mein textile exhibition in Gippsland Art Gallery in Sale. After being astounded by the level of skill shown, we had a pleasant lunch.

We also celebrated Women Walk the World and CWA Sunday, which were also most enjoyable.

## SOUTH WESTERN

The South Western Group has run a successful Creative Arts Exhibition, a Group Bunnings BBQ, three Group craft days, an international day, a social Christmas dinner, sing a long, fun night and receive a \$5 gift from an Opp shop. We have also supported The Melbourne Show, and our Group Project was the local Ambulance Service. Scholarships were given to 8 Children, going onto Secondary College.

## UPPER MURRAY

Upper Murray Group has had a busy year of Stalls at Tallangatta Show, Mitta Muster, Bunnings cake stalls, Christmas children's party and Wellbeing Weekend for local ladies and we held the marvellous State Creative Arts Exhibition last year. It was a great success, such fantastic work done by CWA members, but a busy week getting it all ready.

## WEST GIPPSLAND

West Gippsland Group had one Branch closed and two Branches have merged. But we have a new Berwick Branch. It has been an amazing experience, with Viviane, Membership Chair, starting the new Berwick Branch.

All other branches are busy in their communities, and also helping those caught up in flooded areas.







East Gippsland Christmas Fare



Footscray Cooking class



Grantville Raffle



Macedon Christmas



Mansfield



Macedon Christmas



Rodney Juniors



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