

**VICTORIAN PSYCHOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION INC.**

**ABN 87 851 818 075**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**



victorian psychologists association inc.

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This financial report covers the Victorian Psychologists Association Inc. ("VPA") as an individual entity. The financial report is presented in the Australian currency.

The Victorian Psychologists Association Inc. is an association incorporated in Victoria under the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*. The purpose of VPA is promoting the union movement in the health service sector. The members of the VPA are also the members of the Health Services Union Victoria No 4 Branch (a registered trade union).

*The principal place of business is:*  
Victorian Psychologists Association Inc.  
Level 1, 62 Lygon Street  
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The financial report was authorised for issue by the committee on 12 September 2023.

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**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

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	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Revenue from contracts with customers	3	251,498	226,899
Other revenue	3	1,453	695
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration expenses		(3,975)	(4,160)
Affiliation fees and industrial fees		(24,214)	(20,672)
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment expenses		(43)	(51)
Fee to MSAV		(194,889)	(166,803)
Insurance expenses		(10,741)	(20,891)
Legal and professional fees		(4,045)	(30,240)
		<u>(237,907)</u>	<u>(242,817)</u>
Surplus (Deficit) before income tax	4	15,044	(15,223)
Income tax expense		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Surplus (Deficit) for the year		15,044	(15,223)
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>15,044</u>	<u>(15,223)</u>

The above statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 30 JUNE 2023**

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	255,061	230,057
Trade and other receivables	6	4,103	1,773
Other assets	7	-	5,847
<b>Total current assets</b>		<u>259,164</u>	<u>237,677</u>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	8	282	325
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<u>282</u>	<u>325</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		<u>259,446</u>	<u>238,002</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	9	70,948	67,012
Other liabilities	10	52,580	50,116
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<u>123,528</u>	<u>117,128</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<u>123,528</u>	<u>117,128</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>135,918</u>	<u>120,874</u>
<b>MEMBERS' FUND</b>			
Accumulated surplus	11	135,918	120,874
<b>Total members' fund</b>		<u>135,918</u>	<u>120,874</u>

The above balance sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

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	<b>Accumulated surplus \$</b>	<b>Reserves \$</b>	<b>Total \$</b>
<b>Balance at 1 July 2021</b>	136,097	-	136,097
Total comprehensive income for the year	(15,223)	-	(15,223)
Transfer to reserve	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 30 June 2022</b>	<u>120,874</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>120,874</u>
<b>Balance at 1 July 2022</b>	<b>120,874</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>120,874</b>
Total comprehensive income for the year	<b>15,044</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,044</b>
Transfer to reserve	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 30 June 2023</b>	<u><b>135,918</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>135,918</b></u>

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from members		278,649	263,729
Payments to suppliers and employees		(255,097)	(239,990)
Interest received		1,452	695
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>		<u>25,004</u>	<u>24,434</u>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		25,004	24,434
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		<u>230,057</u>	<u>205,623</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year</b>	5(a)	<u>255,061</u>	<u>230,057</u>

The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

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**1: Summary of significant accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial report are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

**(a) Basis of preparation**

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*. The Victorian Psychologists Association Inc. ("VPA") is a not-for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

*Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosure Requirements*

The financial statements of the Association comply with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures as issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB).

*New and amended standards adopted by the VPA*

The association adopts all of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Board (AASB) that are relevant to the operations and effective for the current annual reporting period. None of them has material impacts on the financial reports of the VPA.

*Early adoption of standards*

The Association did not early adopt any standards and amendments.

*Historical cost convention*

The financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for the following:

- certain financial assets and liabilities (including derivative instruments and investment property – measured at fair value, and
- assets held for sale – measured at fair value less cost of disposal.

*Critical accounting estimates*

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the VPA's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in note 2.

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

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**1: Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)**

**(b) Revenue recognition**

VPA enters into various arrangements where it receives consideration from another party. These arrangements include consideration in the form of membership subscriptions. The timing of recognition of these amounts as either revenue or income depends on the rights and obligations in those arrangements.

Revenue is recognised for the major operating activities as follows:

*Membership subscription*

For membership subscription arrangements that meet the criteria to be contracts with customers, revenue is recognised when the promised goods or services transfer to the customer as a member of the VPA.

If there is only one distinct membership service promised in the arrangement, the VPA recognises revenue as the membership service is provided, which is typically based on the passage of time over the subscription period to reflect the VPA's promise to stand ready to provide assistance and support to the member as required.

If there is more than one distinct good or service promised in the membership subscription, the VPA allocates the transaction price to each performance obligation based on the relative standalone selling prices of each promised good or service. In performing this allocation, standalone selling prices are estimated if there is no observable evidence of the price that the VPA charges for that good or service in a standalone sale. When a performance obligation is satisfied, which is either when the customer obtains control of the good (for example, books or clothing) or as the service transfers to the customer (for example, member services or training course), the entity recognises revenue at the amount of the transaction price that was allocated to that performance obligation.

For member subscriptions paid annually in advance, the VPA has elected to apply the practical expedient to not adjust the transaction price for the effects of a significant financing component because the period from when the customer pays and the good or services will transfer to the customer will be one year or less.

When a member subsequently purchases additional goods or services from the entity at their standalone selling price, the VPA accounts for those sales as a separate contract with a customer.

*Interest income*

Interest income is recognised on a time proportion basis using the effective interest method. When a receivable is impaired, the VPA reduces the carrying amount to its recoverable amount, being the estimated future cash flow discounted at the original effective interest rate of the instrument, and continues unwinding the discount as interest income.

*Other revenue*

Other revenue is recognised when the right to receive the revenue has been established.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of Goods and Services Tax (GST).



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**1: Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)**

**(c) Cash and cash equivalents**

For the statement of cash flows presentation purposes, cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short-term borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

**(d) Receivables**

Receivables are recognised and carried at original invoice amount less any allowance for any uncollectible amounts. An estimate for doubtful debts is made when collection of the full amount is no longer probable. Bad debts are written off when identified.

**(e) Property, plant and equipment**

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at historical cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of items.

*Depreciation*

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including buildings are depreciated over their estimated useful lives to the VPA commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

<b>Class of fixed asset</b>	<b>Depreciation rate</b>	<b>Depreciation basis</b>
Plant and equipment	7.5 – 11.25%	Diminishing value

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount. These are included in the income statement.

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

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**1: Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)**

**(f) Financial Liabilities**

**Initial recognition and measurement**

Financial liabilities are classified, at initial recognition, at amortised cost unless or at fair value through profit or loss. All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value and, in the case of financial liabilities at amortised cost, net of directly attributable transaction costs.

The VPA's financial liabilities include trade and other payables.

**Subsequent measurement**

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (including designated)

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss include financial liabilities held for trading and financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition as at fair value through profit or loss. Gains or losses on liabilities held for trading are recognised in profit or loss. Financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition at fair value through profit or loss are designated at the initial date of recognition, and only if the criteria in AASB 9 are satisfied.

**Financial liabilities at amortised cost**

After initial recognition, trade payables and interest-bearing loans and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the EIR method. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the liabilities are derecognised as well as through the EIR amortisation process.

Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the EIR. The EIR amortisation is included as finance costs in profit or loss.

**Derecognition**

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as the derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in profit or loss.

**(g) Goods and Service Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). In this case, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of expense.

Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are stated inclusive of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities, which are recoverable from, or payable to the ATO as classified as operating cash flow.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed inclusive of GST.

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**1: Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)**

**(h) Functional and presentation currency**

Items included in the financial report are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ('the functional currency'). The financial report is presented in Australian dollars, which is the VPA's functional and presentation currency.

**(i) Impairment of assets**

Other assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash inflows which are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets (cash-generating units). Non-financial assets that suffered impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

**(j) Fair value measurement**

All assets and liabilities are stated at their initial recognition value which approximates their fair value at the end of each financial year. Due to their nature, none of the assets and liabilities have been re-measured at fair value on either a recurring or a non-recurring basis after their initial recognition.

**(k) Comparative figures**

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

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**2: Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that may have a financial impact on the VPA and that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

**(a) Critical accounting estimates and assumptions**

The VPA makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. None of the estimates and assumptions are expected to have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

**(b) Critical judgments in applying the VPA's accounting policies**

No critical judgements have made in the process of applying the VPA's accounting policies.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**3: Revenue**

	2023 \$	2022 \$
<b>Revenue from contracts with customers</b>		
Membership subscription	<u>251,498</u>	<u>226,899</u>
	<u>251,498</u>	<u>226,899</u>
<b>Other revenue</b>		
Interest	<u>1,453</u>	<u>695</u>
	<u>1,453</u>	<u>695</u>
	<u><u>252,951</u></u>	<u><u>227,594</u></u>

**4: Expenses**

	2023 \$	2022 \$
The results for the year includes the following specific expenses:		
<i>Depreciation of non-current assets</i>		
Depreciation – furniture and fittings	43	51
Loss allowance	-	680

During the year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by the auditor and its related practices:

Audit of the financial report	1,545	1,500
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**5: Current assets – Cash and cash equivalents**

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Cash at bank	<u>255,061</u>	<u>230,057</u>

**(a) Reconciliation to cash at the end of the year**

The above figures are reconciled to cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows as follows:

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Balances as above	255,061	230,057
Bank overdrafts	-	-
Balances per statement of cash flows	<u>255,061</u>	<u>230,057</u>

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**6: Current assets – Trade and other receivables**

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Other receivables	709	-
Net GST	<u>3,394</u>	<u>1,773</u>
	<u>4,103</u>	<u>1,773</u>

**(a) Other receivables**

Other receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. If collection of the amounts is expected in one year or less they are classified as current assets. These amounts generally arise from transactions during the usual operating activities of the VPA. Interest may be charged at commercial rates where the terms of repayment exceed six months. Collateral is not normally obtained.

**7: Current assets – Other assets**

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Prepayments	<u>-</u>	<u>5,847</u>

**8: Non-current assets – Property, plant and equipment**

	2023 \$	2022 \$
<b>Plant and equipment</b>		
Office furniture and equipment		
At cost	4,244	4,244
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(3,962)</u>	<u>(3,919)</u>
	<u>282</u>	<u>325</u>
<b>Total property, plant and equipment</b>	<u>282</u>	<u>325</u>

**(a) Non-current assets pledged as security**

There are no mortgages, charges and securities affecting any property of the association at 30 June 2023.

**(b) Movements in carrying amounts**

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the year:

<b>Office furniture and equipment</b>	2023 \$	2022 \$
Opening net book amount	325	376
Depreciation	<u>(43)</u>	<u>(51)</u>
Closing net book amount	<u>282</u>	<u>325</u>

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**9: Current liabilities – Trade and other payables**

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<i>Unsecured:</i>		
Other payables	<u>70,948</u>	<u>67,012</u>

The carrying amounts of other payables are assumed to be the same as their fair values, due to their short-term nature.

**10: Current liabilities – other liabilities**

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Income received in advance	<u>52,580</u>	<u>50,116</u>

**11: Accumulated surplus**

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<i>Movements in the accumulated surplus were as follows:</i>		
Balance 1 July	120,874	136,097
Net surplus (deficit) for the year	<u>15,044</u>	<u>(15,223)</u>
Balance 30 June	<u>135,918</u>	<u>120,874</u>

**12: Contingencies**

There are no known contingent assets or liabilities at 30 June 2023.

**13: Events occurring after the reporting period**

There has not been any other matter or circumstance occurring subsequent to the end of the financial year that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the VPA, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of VPA in subsequent financial periods.

**14: Commitments**

There are no capital or lease commitments at the end of the financial year.

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**15: Related party transactions**

<i>(i) Transactions with related parties</i>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
(a) Purchases of goods and services:		
Fee paid to MSAV for services rendered *	<b>194,889</b>	166,803
Capitation fee & industrial fee paid to HSU Vic No. 4 Branch	<b>20,853</b>	17,128
* VPA pays a fee to the MSAV, a related party, to provide industrial and administrative services.		
(b) Outstanding balances arising from sales and purchases of goods and services:	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Current payables (purchases of goods and services)		
Other related party	<b>70,948</b>	66,037

*(ii) The names of the VPA Committee who have held office during the year are:*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>
Megan Chapman	President
Claudia Mulder (resigned 26 November 2022)	Vice President
Daniel Simsion (appointed 26 November 2022)	Vice President
David Reid	Treasurer
Lisa Alcock	Secretary
Jacqueline Evans-Barker	Committee Member
Ania Krysztofiak (resigned 9 February 2023)	Committee Member
Viviane Lebnan	Committee Member

*(iii) Transactions with key management personnel and remuneration*

- (a) VPA did not pay any remuneration to its key management personnel during the year for the administration of VPA.
- (b) There are no loans between key management personnel and the VPA.
- (c) There were no transactions between the officers of VPA other than those relating to their membership of VPA and reimbursement by VPA in respect of expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties. Such transactions have been on conditions no more favourable than those which is reasonable to expect would have been adopted by parties at arm's length.

*(iv) Other Trusts*

The association was not a trustee of a trust during any part of the financial year and none of its funds or assets are held by another person or body.

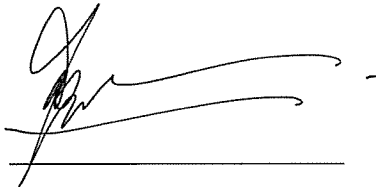


**STATEMENT BY THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT**

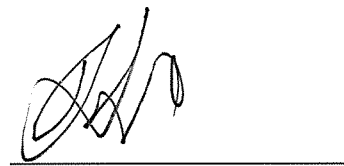
In the opinion of the Committee, the financial report as set out on pages 1 to 14:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Victorian Psychologists Association Inc. as at 30 June 2023 and its performance for the financial year ended on that date in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Victorian Psychologists Association Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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



President – Megan Chapman



Treasurer – David Reid

Dated this *Twelfth day of September 2023*

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VICTORIAN PSYCHOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION INC.

### Report on Audit of the Financial Report

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of the Victorian Psychologists Association Inc. ("VPA") which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2023, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information and the statement by Committee of Management.

In our opinion:

the accompanying financial report of Victorian Psychologists Association Inc.:

- a) presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Victorian Psychologists Association Inc. as at 30 June 2023 and the results of its operations, its changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended; and
- b) complying the Australian Accounting Standards – General Purpose Financial Statements – Simplified Disclosures and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*

#### 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 believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Independence

We are independent of the VPA in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the "Code") that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VICTORIAN PSYCHOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION INC. (Continued)

### Committee of Management's responsibility for the financial report

The Committee of Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – General Purpose Financial Statements – Simplified Disclosures and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* and for such internal control as the Committee of Management determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Committee of Management is responsible for assessing VPA's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Committee of Management either intend to liquidate VPA or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### Auditor's responsibility for the audit of the financial report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment 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 VPA's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Committee of Management.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VICTORIAN PSYCHOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION INC. (Continued)

### Auditor's responsibility for the audit of the financial report (Continued)

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Committee of Management use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial report. We also conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events and conditions that may cast significant doubt on the VPA's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in the auditor's report to the disclosures in the financial report about the material uncertainty or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify the opinion on the financial report. However, future events or conditions may cause the VPA 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 statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the VPA or business activities within the VPA to express an opinion on the financial report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the management 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.

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