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President's Report



In my first year as President, one could not have been prepared for COVID-19 and the challenges that the Society would endure. Not since World War II has there not been a Perth Royal Show, and the idea of not having a Show was indeed unfathomable.

During these times, one reflects on what might have been, considers what does the future hold and look like. Will the Perth Royal Show in 2021 be similar to previous years, or might it be of a different format and approach. Will it be of the same magnitude and over an eight-day period?

The strength of any organisation is the speed to adapt to challenging and changing decisions, and the ability to ensure its continued short and long-term existence is paramount. The solid and dedicated commitment of RASWA Council, its CEO, Executive and our skeleton staff have endured and worked hard to maintain momentum and RASWA integrity. I am pleased to say that much has been achieved, and the short and long-term future of the Society and the Showground is in capable hands.

The decision by the West Australian government on 18 August 2020, less than six weeks from the opening of the 2020 Perth Royal Show, to cancel the Show due to COVID-19 restrictions was tough, immobilising, and financially crippling to the Society. Not to mention the many exhibitors and competitors preparing their animals, exhibits and competition entries and our commercial vendors who were all hit hard with the cancellation of the Show.

Many RASWA staff went to JobKeeper in March 2020, with the chance of returning to full-time work to deliver a Perth Royal Show in 2020 being a real possibility. The decision on 18 August 2020 caused the staff to be again placed on JobKeeper for the second time. This has had a far-reaching outcome with the loss of intellectual property, with several staff leaving to take other positions outside of RASWA. The Department of Primary Industry and Rural Development (DPIRD) provided casual work for some of our staff, and other staff members continued with RASWA on a casual basis. At the end of March 2021, the JobKeeper scheme ended, which impacted our staff who were receiving this allowance. I would like to express my thanks to those staff who have moved to permanent positions outside RASWA. You shall be sadly missed, and your contribution has been greatly appreciated.

Mobilisation of our volunteer army of 2,200 plus people required for a Perth Royal Show shall be a monumental task. This was previously managed by Kay Fuller, who, after 17 years of dedicated service, decided to depart due to the uncertainty of future work. Sadly, this had been the case for several RASWA staff who had no immediate long-term prospects at RASWA due to the impact of COVID-19 on the business. Our CEO has worked tirelessly to look after our staff, but he has had to make some hard decisions with staff required to operate RASWA during these challenging times. I would like to acknowledge the dedicated service of Janice Davidson, who, after 15 years of loyal and exemplary service to RASWA in the capacity of Personnel Assistant to the CEO, decided to retire. The 2021 challenge shall be staff mobilisation to meet the demanding requirements to hold a 2021 Perth Royal Show.

The financial impact of not holding a Perth Royal Show in 2020 had a direct and immediate effect on RASWA, and the grants from the Federal and State Governments after the cancellation was announced have provided short term relief for RASWA. The grants have enabled RASWA to consider and plan for a Perth Royal Show in 2021, but future Perth Royal Shows in their current form cannot endure without similar financial support. We are working towards gaining the State Government's support for the 2021 Perth Royal Show and future endeavours.



The important work of the Agricultural Shows of Australia (ASA) with Doctor Rob Wilson OAM as the President, and his dedicated team, were instrumental in securing the Federal grants to RASWA and several of our 56 affiliate Regional Show groups. Securing these grants has had a beneficial impact during COVID-19, cancelling many regional shows throughout Western Australia. The grant secured via ASA to RASWA was utilised to purchase equipment that is standard to operate a Show, and these items are available to our affiliates to support their regional events and potentially cover some mainstream costs.

The Western Australian government also provided much needed financial assistance after the cancellation of the 2021 Perth Royal Show. Both the Federal and State Government support provided immediate benefit and assisted RASWA during a difficult 2020/21 period. The Society is extremely thankful to both governments.

“Out of Show” activities that boost the funds to hold a Perth Royal Show each year have been crippled by the pandemic. Some of these events have started again in the first quarter of 2021, including the Caravan and Camping Show. This was a successful and well-patronised event whilst meeting all the COVID-19 safety conditions.

It is scheduled that into the second and third quarters of 2021, these “Out of Show” events will return.

In lieu of the 2020 Perth Royal Show, we delivered a Spring Farm Fair and a Christmas Festival event in 2020. Without the generous grants and support from Lotterywest, these activities would not have been financially possible. Thank you, Lotterywest, for your ongoing and crucial support.

Although the Perth Royal Show was cancelled, the Perth Royal Food Awards continued in 2020 and remained a vital element of RASWA endeavours to celebrate the best food and beverage in Western Australia. There was outstanding support and effort to see these food competitions eventuate, and with the support from exhibitors, the events continued to build on the Perth Royal Food Awards (PRFA) brand and consumer Trustmark of Quality. This was evident during the 2020 Christmas period, with the PRFA Trustmark being seen on various products, including award-winning hams in several major food chains. RASWA is keen and working hard to ensure the Perth Royal Food Awards develops into a well-regarded competition and award recognised by producers and consumers.

The Agricultural Hall of Fame was established in 1999 by the Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia

to commemorate the achievements of individuals who have made significant contributions to the agricultural industry. 2021 is an unusual year with two portrait unveilings and an induction due to the COVID-19 situation of the past 12 months.

The 2019 Inductee Raymond Harrington OAM included a Portrait unveiling. Raymond is Australia's most prolific inventor of farm machinery.

2020 Inductee Raymond Cecil Owen 1905-2003 also included a Portrait unveiling. As an agricultural scientist, horticulturalist and politician, Ray Owen made significant contributions to the State's fruit and vegetable industries.

2021 Inductee was Dr Graham Crosbie. Western Australia is the major world supplier of specialised wheat for the Japanese and Korean udon noodle market, and Graham Crosbie is recognised as the driving force behind it.

All three Inductees have made a significant contribution to the Agricultural sector within Western Australia, and as a Society, we acknowledge their unique and lasting contribution.

RASWA highly values its members, and it is hoped that our current members retain their membership In 2021 and we can also attract new members and increase the RASWA membership base in 2021.

In my first year as President of RASWA, it has been a great pleasure being part of an enthusiastic and very dedicated group of like-minded volunteers on the RASWA Council. This enthusiasm has been important for the Societies future direction and the Perth Royal Show, and with the skilled support of RASWA Vice President John Snowball, the future is looking positive. The engagement of external consultants, such as Beanstalk, GRA, Metrix Consulting and DMG in the review and creation of future development proposals, consultation with stakeholders, and overseeing the possibilities for the future of RASWA is ongoing, and these outcomes shall be released in the second quarter of 2021.

It is a pleasure, privilege, and honour for me to serve as your President, and I will endeavour to work diligently with the fantastic group of Councillors in my second year as the President. To work with an experienced CEO like Peter Cooper, we are incredibly fortunate to have his services. Unfortunately, we have lost, through the events of COVID-19 many experienced and dedicated staff who have left the organisation. During the last 12 months, it has been a rollercoaster ride for the staff. I thank all staff, past and present, for meeting these challenges and the professional way they conducted themselves through this challenging period of RASWA.

There is no doubt that the devastating impact of COVID-19 and the restrictions imposed have damaged these worthy efforts financially, but not the spirit of the RASWA family that includes our members, volunteers, the agricultural community, our staff, sponsors and our commercial partners. In recent times, it has been uplifting to see the continued effort and support for RASWA's core purpose of connecting communities and celebrating the Best in Western Australia.

The Showground currently houses several community groups that provide vital Not-For-Profit pro-bono service to the Western Australian community. Such groups include the Showground Community Men's Shed and the Our Veterans Forge (Blacksmithing Association), which provide mental health support to military veterans and others within the community.

During the past twelve months, the Showground has provided space for a critical COVID-19 testing station and, more recently, a COVID-19 vaccination centre.

The recent devastating Wooroloo fires activated the Showground to provide animal shelter and accommodation to those affected. RASWA staff assisted with a centre for West Australians to donate clothing, toys, manchester, and many other needed items. Due to the magnitude of the donations, a charity clothing sale was held, raising over \$6,000. This was achieved when staff were on JobKeeper.

On 11 November 2020, Remembrance Day was held at the Showground, and the event was a memorable experience, with the members and horses of the 10th Light Horse Troop enactment group on parade. The Showground is steeped in past military history, providing the Showground for training and housing of diggers during World War I and II.

I look forward to the 2021 Perth Royal Show and the future of the Royal Agricultural Society of WA. We are on the cusp of a new and exciting future direction, but we will not forget our heritage and vision of bringing the "Country to the City" and the "City to the Country".

Thank you for all your support during these challenging times. I must personally thank our Patron, the Governor, our Vice Patron, the Chief Justice, the Premier and the Minister of Agriculture for their public support of the Society. Their future guidance and support shall be essential in the direction of the Society and the Perth Royal Show, an iconic event that we all love.



David Thomas
President



2019 Inductee Raymond Harrington OAM



2020 Inductee Raymond Cecil Owen
1905-2003



2021 Inductee Dr Graham Crosbie

Peter Cooper CEO of RASWA

CEO's Report



RASWA, like most organisations in the arts and entertainment sector, wore the brunt of the COVID-19 impact and whilst Western Australia fared well during the isolation period, our sector did not.

The ban on mass gatherings included the Perth Royal Show and all third-party events that were due to be held at the Showground over the year, and accordingly, RASWA saw its ability to create income evaporate overnight.

It was a personal struggle to see our staff and team stood down, not once, but twice and ultimately lost many to other "safer" industries. It must be acknowledged that we were fortunate to have the support of DPIRD, who were able to redeploy some staff during an extremely emotional and stressful time.

Despite the situation, RASWA pushed on with planning around a "sustainable future". The pandemic had again demonstrated the need for business diversity, and this focused the organisation. Our planning was undertaken along with three guiding principles.

- Long Term Financial Sustainability
- Increased Relevance to Agriculture
- Increased Community Engagement

The Management Plan approved by the WAPC in November 2019 demonstrated the intent of RASWA to utilise the Showground asset to provide the financial sustainability required for future generations. RASWA has now developed strategic options for the Showground to provide this future sustainability, but we will need short term assistance for our long-term survival. The outcome of this will ensure that the Perth Royal Show and the Showground remain true state assets for all West Australians.

Despite the doom and gloom of 2020, RASWA did manage to put on two significant events for the community. The Spring Farm Fair was the closest RASWA could get to providing an agricultural experience for the community. This was staged during the traditional Perth Royal Show period and engaged with many young families eager to interact with animals and farming. The Christmas Festival was also a new event created to provide the community with a sense of connection, belonging and support during a difficult period.

The effects of COVID-19 will be long felt, and as we move through the 2021/22 year, there are events that are planned to happen; however, an outbreak of COVID can result in cancellations overnight, and this adds another layer of stress to the planning and execution of these events. The Affiliated Agricultural Shows that were staged in 2021 have been successful, and RASWA has assisted with COVID-19 planning, as required.

I would like to thank my Executive and Councillors for their assistance and tireless support during this challenging period and the numerous voluntary hours that they have provided. To the "skeleton staff" that wore many hats, did many things and worked around the clock to keep the organisation moving, I thank you.

For the Members, stay tuned for the Perth Royal Show 2021; it will give us a chance to celebrate agriculture again and connect communities.

Stay Safe.

Peter Cooper
CEO





March 31, 2021, marked the end of our financial year, a challenging year for RASWA severely impacted by COVID-19. Not since World War II has RASWA had to endure such a difficult financial period.

Dudley Elliott Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

Whilst we in Australia have weathered the storm better than most countries, organisations like RASWA in the Events and Entertainment sector have not done so well, being exposed to significant uncertainty, including sudden cancellation of events that have had a severe financial impact.

This financial loss seriously impacted RASWA staff that were initially stood down, then reinstated with JobKeeper, but with reduced hours. Many RASWA staff have indeed moved on for financial or personal reasons.

Whilst the 2020 Perth Royal Show was cancelled, we have been financially more fortunate than most due to Federal and State financial assistance, including Lotterywest grant support.

RASWA will need continued financial assistance from State and Federal Governments in 2021 to re-establish the Perth Royal Show and the overall organisation.

As a result of the initial cancellation of the 2020 Perth Royal Show, then the likelihood of it proceeding and then finally a second cancellation, RASWA incurred \$3M of expenses setting up for the 2020 Perth Royal Show. RASWA would like to thank the State and Federal Governments for the support it provided RASWA in relation to these costs.

Our Net position for the financial year ending 31 March 2021, was circa \$743k surplus, with \$942k of JobKeeper/Cashflow Boost receipts providing good support and being a major contributor.

This financial result, whilst pleasing, was disappointing in that our primary business was seriously interrupted and effectively shut down.

Due to Government support RASWA currently has a good Balance Sheet, has cash in the bank, but senses a challenging operating environment for 2021/2022.

Depreciation is approximately \$1.1M per annum, and we have insufficient reserves to renew ageing facilities at the Showground.

Notwithstanding all that has happened over the past 12 months, there is significant planning occurring and good optimism in RASWA Council.

We look forward to the challenges that 2021/2022 will bring.

Dudley Elliott
Treasurer



2020 Perth Royal Show Sustainable Scarecrows Schools Competition
FIRST PLACE
Mount Helena Primary School



2020 Perth Royal Show Sustainable Scarecrows Schools Competition
SECOND PLACE
Carlisle Primary School



2020 Perth Royal Show Sustainable Scarecrows Schools Competition
THIRD PLACE
Wirrabirra Education Support Centre



DECORATED CAKES OPEN - 1ST PLACE
Class 96
Miniature Wedding Cake



DECORATED CAKES AMATEUR - 1ST PLACE
Class 93
Novelty Sculptured Cake



YOUTH CREATIVE AWARD
Haley Musca
Dripping in Gold



OPEN COLOUR PRINTS - 1ST PLACE
Roy Bolton
Arabian Desert

2020/21 RASWA

LEADERSHIP

PATRON

The Honourable Kim Beazley AC, Governor of Western Australia

VICE PATRON

The Honourable Peter Quinlan QC, Chief Justice of Western Australia

PRESIDENT

Mr David Thomas (June 2020)

VICE PRESIDENT

Mr John Snowball (June 2020)

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Mr Paul Carter (June 2020)

TREASURER

Mr Dudley Elliott

PAST PRESIDENTS

Dr Rob Wilson AM
Mr Tony Devitt
Dr Don Robertson

PAST PRESIDENTS (RET'D)

Mr Hugh Harding
Mr Ivan Solomon
Mr John O'Meehan

COUNCILLORS

Mr Deane Allen
Mr Brenton Bain (August 2020)
Dr Catherine Bowen
Mr Don Chipper
Mr Peter Gelmi
Mr Leon Giglia

Mr Ian Gregory
Mr Bill Keane
Mrs Beth McDonnell
Mrs Mary Nenke
Mr Jarrod Ryan (August 2020)
Mr Harold Sealy

Mrs Anne Stroud (August 2020)
Mr Ken Walker
Mr Andrew Williams

COUNCIL CHANGES

Mr Don Boyle
Ms Natasha Atkinson
Dr Johanna Pluske

Retired
Resigned
Resigned

June 2020
December 2020
December 2020

HONOURARY

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Mr Kevin Cahill OAM Mrs Merrilyn Gollan	Mr Jeff Langdon Mr Roy Pope	Lt General John Sanderson AC
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HONORARY COUNCILLORS

Mr Kevin Cahill OAM Mr Peter Dring Mrs Ellie Eaton	Mr Don Forrest Mr Dudley Preston Mr Ross Reading	Mr Malcolm Seymour OAM Mr John Tate AM Mrs Shirley Thorn AM
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MANAGEMENT

SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

Chief Executive Officer
Mr Peter Cooper

Chief Financial Officer
Mr Sean Burke

Marketing & Communications
Mr Allen Burtenshaw

Asset Services Manager
Mr Jonathan Garwood

Event Sales
Ms Michelle Carey

Competitions, Events & Education
Ms Natalie Raynor

Human Resources & Volunteers
Ms Kay Fuller
(resigned October 2020)

Governance Statement

The Royal Agricultural Society of WA (RASWA) is committed to best practice and the principles of good governance. Our position on corporate governance is outlined below.

GENERAL

RASWA is an Incorporated Association and operates in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 2015.

RASWA is governed by the Society's Constitution which is reviewed on a regular basis.

PRINCIPLES OF GOOD GOVERNANCE

1. Lay solid foundations for management and oversight

RASWA has established the respective roles and responsibilities of Council and of Management and these are outlined in the Council Charter.

- a) Council's roles and responsibilities focus on the following key areas:
 - Strategy;
 - Reviewing and Approving the Annual Budget;
 - Reviewing past performance;
 - Reviewing and monitoring the integrity of external reporting;
 - Risk management and compliance;
 - Executive Review, Succession Planning and Culture;
 - Council Performance; and
 - Stakeholder Interests.
- b) The performance of the CEO is reviewed at least annually by the Remuneration Committee. In addition, Council provides informal feedback to the CEO and senior management on their performance via the Council meetings.

2. Structure the Council to add value

The Council consists of a President, up to 28 elected Councillors (including the Vice President) and a Treasurer.

The President of RASWA is elected by Council and is responsible for chairing all Council meetings.

The President and the CEO have separate roles and these are not

performed by the same individual.

RASWA has a Nomination Committee that is responsible for reviewing nominations for Council.

The Council conducts a self-assessment process when evaluating its own performance.

3. Promote ethical and responsible decision making

RASWA has adopted a formal Code of Conduct and also has a Statement of Values to which all members of Council and staff are required to adhere. These documents clearly outline the behaviour that is expected of Councillors and staff and ensure that everyone acts in accordance with the desired standards.

4. Safeguard the integrity in financial reporting

RASWA has a corporate structure that allows it to independently verify and safeguard the integrity of its financial reporting. Specifically;

- a) RASWA has a separate Audit & Risk Committee that is responsible for overseeing RASWA's financial reporting processes, liaising with external auditors and reporting results to Council.
- b) The Audit & Risk Committee is chaired by the Treasurer and reports to Council on any matters of significance.
- c) The Audit & Risk Committee operates in accordance with its own Charter that has been approved by Council.

5. Make timely and balanced disclosure

RASWA keeps key stakeholders informed of its activities throughout the year.

- a) RASWA prepares an Annual Financial Report and makes this available to its members and other key stakeholders.
- b) RASWA has adopted a Compliance Reporting Programme requiring immediate disclosure of major events impacting on RASWA and regular reports to Council in respect to general compliance,

crisis management, OH&S, risk management, insurance, legal issues, information technology, the environment and human resources.

6. Respect the rights of members

RASWA values its members and the contribution that they make to the organisation, specifically during the Perth Royal Show.

RASWA is in regular contact with its members through its members' newsletters and has formalised a Communications Policy for all key stakeholders.

7. Recognise and manage risk

RASWA has established a sound system of risk oversight and management as well as internal controls.

- a) RASWA utilises the services of a Risk & Safety Consultant and has a comprehensive system in place to manage material business risks. Detailed risk management plans are prepared and revised regularly.

Regular Occupational Health and Safety Audits are undertaken by the Risk & Safety Consultant.

- b) RASWA conducts regular reviews of its internal processes and control systems and reports the findings of such reviews to the Audit & Risk Committee.
- c) Both the CEO and the CFO are required to sign a declaration that the financial statements are founded on a sound system of risk management and material compliance with internal controls, prior to Council approving the Annual Report.

8. Remunerate fairly and responsibly

- a) RASWA has a Remuneration Committee which is responsible for reviewing the salaries of senior executives. In addition, as part of the annual budget setting process, the Council considers the overall quantum of staff salaries and wages.
- b) Councillors are volunteers and as such do not receive remuneration.

Financial year ended 31 March 2021

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Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the financial year ended 31 March 2021

	NOTE	2021	2020
		\$	\$
REVENUE			
Royal Show income		456,102	9,629,449
RASWA managed event income		939,242	-
Perth Royal Food Awards income		272,948	355,367
Membership subscriptions		-	181,988
Non-Royal Show income			
Letting - Grounds and Buildings		540,648	746,073
Long-Term leaseholders		353,304	452,861
Catering income		126,066	124,808
Recovery - Electricity, materials, labour and other expenses		231,224	331,260
Interest		8,063	29,423
Parking revenue		97,125	116,526
Other income	3	4,100,859	119,425
Revenue from Ordinary Activities		7,125,581	12,087,180
EXPENDITURE			
Royal Show expenses		3,154,822	11,568,009
RASWA managed event expenses		545,406	-
Perth Royal Food Awards expenses		67,760	163,105
Administration expenses		2,268,701	406,323
Finance costs		7,397	22,490
Upkeep of Showground		338,588	982,567
Total Expenditure	3	6,382,674	13,142,494
Profit / (Loss) for the Year		742,907	(1,055,314)
Total Comprehensive Income / (Loss) for the Year		742,907	(1,055,314)

Notes to the financial statements are included on pages 22 to 33

Statement of Financial Position

as at 31 March 2021

	NOTE	2021 \$	2020 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	5,865,686	3,427,651
Contract assets	5	386,164	733,345
Other Current Assets	6	256,115	403,648
Total Current Assets		6,507,965	4,564,644
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	7	7,392,321	8,872,605
Total Non-Current assets		7,392,321	8,872,605
Total Assets		13,900,286	13,437,249
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	8	739,363	546,213
Provisions	9	540,705	525,078
Contract liabilities	10	591,127	1,067,455
Lease liability		-	10,650
Total Current Liabilities		1,871,195	2,149,396
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	9	32,662	34,331
Total Non-Current Liabilities		32,662	34,331
Total Liabilities		1,903,857	2,183,727
Net Assets		11,996,429	11,253,522
Accumulated Funds		11,996,429	11,253,522

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Statement of Changes in Equity

for the financial year ended 31 March 2021

	NOTE	2021	2020
		\$	\$
Balance of accumulated funds at the beginning of the Year		11,253,522	12,308,836
Total Comprehensive Income / (Loss) for the Year		742,907	(1,055,314)
Balance of Accumulated Funds at the end of the Year		11,996,429	11,253,522

Statement of Cash Flows

for the financial year ended 31 March 2021

	NOTE	2021 \$	2020 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from Royal Show		501,173	10,490,784
Receipts from RASWA managed events		978,625	-
Receipts from Perth Royal Food Awards		300,243	390,904
Receipts from non-Royal Show activities		1,032,598	1,488,296
Receipts from recoveries		254,346	364,386
Receipts from parking		106,838	128,179
Receipts from sundry revenue		3,474,306	131,365
Receipts from membership subscriptions		-	181,988
Payments to suppliers and employees		(4,089,175)	(12,828,154)
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	15	2,558,954	347,748
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payment for property, plant and equipment		(117,854)	(38,621)
Interest received		8,063	29,423
Net cash used in investing activities		(109,791)	(9,198)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Leasing - principal repayments		(10,650)	(36,913)
Leasing - interest repayments		(478)	(2,140)
Net cash used in financing activities		(11,128)	(39,053)
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		2,438,035	299,497
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		3,427,651	3,128,154
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	4	5,865,686	3,427,651

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Notes to the Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 31 March 2021

NOTE 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia ("RASWA") is a not-for-profit, incorporated association operating in Western Australia.

Its principal place of business is:
Claremont Showground, Claremont, WA 6010

RASWA's principal activities relate to education and the promotion of state agriculture together with using the Showground as an exhibition and trade promotion centre.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FINANCIAL REPORTING FRAMEWORK

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

RASWA is not a reporting entity because in the opinion of the Councillors there are unlikely to exist users of the financial report 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 reporting requirements of the Australian Charities and not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the Society's Constitution.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements specified by all Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of Accounting Standards AASB 101: 'Presentation of Financial Statements', AASB 107: 'Statement of Cash Flows', AASB 108: 'Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors', AASB 1048: 'Interpretation of Standards' and AASB 1054: 'Australian Additional Disclosures'.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by Council in May 2021.

GOING CONCERN

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis as RASWA has sufficient cash reserves to pay its debts as and when they fall due. It has significant unencumbered (saleable) assets, the ability to borrow should it be appropriate and possible access to government assistance. In the event that the 2021 Perth Royal Show does not proceed in the usual manner this is expected to have a detrimental impact on RASWA's cash flow. Management continues to monitor its solvency and costs.

PRESENTATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia has established two separate Trusts. The Society controls the Trusts through the Trustees (Refer to Note 16). However, Accounting Standard AASB 127 Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements has not been adopted in the preparation of these special purpose financial statements.

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical cost. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets. All amounts are presented in Australian dollars.

Accounting policies are selected and applied in a manner which ensures that the resulting information satisfies the concepts of relevance and reliability, thereby ensuring that the substance of the underlying transactions or other events is reported.

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CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In the application of RASWA's accounting policies, which are described below, management is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstance, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements. Actual results may vary 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.

ADOPTION OF NEW AND REVISED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

The AASB has issued a number of standards and amendments to standards that are mandatory for the first time in the reporting period commenced 1 April 2020. RASWA has assessed and determined that there are no new or amended standards applicable for the first time for the 31 March 2021 year report that materially affect RASWA's accounting policies or any of the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

New Accounting Standards and Interpretations not yet mandatory or early adopted

Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have recently been issued or amended but are not yet mandatory, have not been early adopted by RASWA for the annual reporting period ended 31 March 2021. RASWA has not yet assessed the impact of these new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations.

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

(a) Revenue

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when RASWA has passed control of the goods to the buyer. Revenue from the provision of services is recognised when RASWA has completed its obligations under the contract or arrangement. Interest revenue is accrued on a time basis by reference to the amount outstanding and at the effective interest rate applicable.

Contract assets

Contract assets are recognised when RASWA has transferred goods or services to the customer but where RASWA is yet to establish an unconditional right to consideration. Contract assets are treated as financial assets for impairment purposes.

Contract liabilities

Contract liabilities represent RASWA's obligation to transfer goods or services to a customer and are recognised when a customer pays consideration, or when RASWA recognises a receivable to reflect its unconditional right to consideration (whichever is earlier) before RASWA has transferred the goods or services to the customer.

(b) Income Tax

RASWA is exempt from income tax under section 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

(c) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and cash in banks, net of outstanding bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities in the statement of financial position.

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for the financial year ended 31 March 2021

(d) Financial Instruments

Recognition, initial measurement and derecognition

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when RASWA becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument, and are measured initially at fair value adjusted by transaction costs, except for those carried at fair value through profit or loss, which are measured initially at fair value. Subsequent measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities are described below.

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

Classification and subsequent measurement of financial assets

Except for those trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component and are measured at the transaction price, all financial assets are initially measured at fair value adjusted for transaction costs (where applicable).

All income and expenses relating to financial assets that are recognised in profit or loss are presented within finance costs or sundry revenue, except for expected credit losses of trade receivables is presented within administration expenses.

Classifications are determined by both:

- the entities business model for managing the financial asset
- the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets

Financial assets are measured at amortised cost if the assets meet the following conditions (and are not designated as Fair Value through Profit or Loss [FVPL]):

- they are held within a business model whose objective is to hold the financial assets and collect its contractual cash flows
- the contractual terms of the financial assets give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding

After initial recognition, these are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Discounting is omitted where the effect of discounting is immaterial. RASWA's cash and cash equivalents, trade and most other receivables fall into this category of financial instruments.

Impairment of financial assets

AASB 9's impairment requirements use more forward looking information to recognise expected credit losses - the 'expected credit losses (ECL) model'. RASWA considers a broader range of information when assessing credit risk and measuring expected credit losses, including past events, current conditions, reasonable and supportable forecasts that affect the expected collectability of the future cash flows of the instrument.

Classification and measurement of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value, and, where applicable, adjusted for transaction costs unless RASWA designated a financial liability at fair value through profit and loss. Subsequently, financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments through the expected life of the financial liability, or (where appropriate) a shorter period, to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

All interest-related charges and, if applicable, changes in an instrument's fair value that are reported in profit or loss are included within finance costs or sundry revenue.

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(e) Property, plant and equipment

All non-current assets are initially recorded at cost, being the purchase consideration paid at the date of acquisition plus costs incidental to the acquisition.

All non-current assets except land are depreciated over their expected economic lives using the straight-line method. The following rates are used in the calculation of depreciation:

- Buildings 2.5%
- Improvements to Showground 3% - 5%
- Plant and equipment 5% - 40%

The useful lives of all non-current assets are reviewed at least annually. Where a revision is made to the useful lives of non-current assets, the effect of that revision is included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and separately disclosed.

Where the carrying value of non current assets decreases to \$5,000 or less, RASWA has a policy of writing these off via accelerated depreciation. This is primarily as the cost of maintaining the asset register and the ongoing processing of these assets in our view outweighs any benefits of disclosing these "immaterial items".

(f) Impairment of long-lived assets

At each reporting date, RASWA reviews the carrying amounts of its assets to determine whether there is any indication that the assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment, if any. Where the asset does not generate cash flows that are independent from other assets, RASWA estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and the value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset.

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised in the profit and loss immediately.

(g) Borrowing costs

All borrowing costs are expensed when incurred as RASWA does not have any qualifying assets that require borrowing costs to be capitalised.

(h) Employee entitlements provision

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 to employee entitlements expected to be settled within 12 months are measured at their nominal values using the remuneration rates expected to apply at the time of settlement.

Liabilities recognised in respect to employee entitlements not expected to be settled within 12 months are measured at the present value of estimated future cash outflows to be made by RASWA in respect of services provided by employees up to reporting date.

Superannuation

Contributions to superannuation plans are expensed when incurred.

(i) Income in advance

Income in advance comprises deposits received for the letting of facilities for specific events that have yet to occur, as well as membership fees received in advance. Income in advance is initially recorded as a liability at fair value until such time as RASWA has fulfilled its obligations under the terms of the contract, at which time the funds are regarded as revenue.

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(j) Goods and services tax

Revenues and expenses are recorded net of GST. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables. Cash flows are included in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis.

The GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

(k) Leases - RASWA as a lessee

Leases are recognised as right-of-use assets and corresponding liabilities at the date at which the leased assets are available for use by RASWA. The right-of-use asset is included within Property, Plant and Equipment in the statement of financial position.

At the commencement date, lease liabilities are measured at an amount equal to the present value of the following lease payments for the underlying right-of-use assets during the lease term:

- fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments), less any lease incentives receivable;
- variable lease payments that are based on an index or a rate;
- amounts expected to be payable by RASWA under residual value guarantees;
- the exercise price of a purchase option if RASWA is reasonably certain to exercise that option;
- payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects RASWA exercising that option.

The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease if that rate can be readily determined, or RASWA's incremental borrowing rate.

Each lease payment is allocated between the liability and finance cost. Lease liabilities are subsequently measured using the effective interest method.

The carrying amount of liability is remeasured to reflect any reassessment, lease modification or revised in-substance fixed payments.

The lease term is a non-cancellable period of a lease; periods covered by options to extend and terminate the lease are only included in the lease term if it is reasonably certain that the lease will be extended or not terminated.

Right-of-use assets are measured initially at cost comprising the following:

- the amount of the initial measurement of the lease liability;
- any lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received;
- any initial direct costs;
- restoration costs.

Subsequently, the right-of-use assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses, and adjusted for remeasurement of the lease liability due to reassessment or lease modifications.

The right-of-use assets are depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term on a straightline basis.

Payments associated with all short-term leases and certain leases of all low-value assets are recognised on a straight-line basis as an expense in profit or loss. RASWA applies the exemption for low-value assets on a lease-by-lease basis i.e. for the leases where the asset is sub-leased, a right-of-use asset is recognised with corresponding lease liability; for all other leases of low value asset, the lease payments associated with those leases will be recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Short-term leases are leases with a lease term of 12 months or less.

Low-value assets comprise computers, tablets, mobile phones and small items of office furniture.

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NOTE 3. PROFIT / (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS

	2021	2020
Profit / (loss) from operations includes the following:	\$	\$
REVENUE:		
Other Income :		
State Government funding	1,650,000	-
Federal Government funding	1,116,061	-
Commonwealth Regions Infrastructure Grant	124,563	-
JobKeeper subsidy received	842,400	3,876
Cashflow Boost receipts	100,000	-
Recoveries - Labour	240,332	-
Perth Royal Food Awards Gala 2019	-	55,724
Various minor	27,503	59,825
	4,100,859	119,425
EXPENSES		
Depreciation expense	1,598,138	\$1,225,426
Auditor's remuneration:		
Auditing the financial report	13,000	15,000
Other services	3,400	1,000
The auditor of the Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia is William Buck Audit (WA) Pty Ltd.	16,400	16,000
Finance costs		
Bank fees	6,919	20,350
Interest expense on lease liability	478	2,140
	7,397	22,490
Employment benefit expense:		
Superannuation	127,989	297,317
Other employment benefits	2,158,962	3,496,145
	2,286,951	3,793,462

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NOTE 4. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Cash at bank	5,865,686	3,427,651

Cash balances not available for use

Restrictions exist upon the use of cash disclosed at the end of the financial year, as they relate to trust funds held on behalf of various non-operative Agricultural Societies. The balance of the restricted funds are as follows:

Restricted funds	2,521	2,521
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NOTE 5. CONTRACT ASSETS

Trade receivables	505,814	803,321
Expected credit losses	(119,650)	(69,976)
	<u>386,164</u>	<u>733,345</u>

The average credit period on sale of goods and rendering of services is 30 days. No interest is charged on outstanding trade receivable balances. An expected credit loss is raised based on estimated irrecoverable amounts from the sale of goods and rendering of services, determined by reference to past default experience.

NOTE 6. OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

Prepayments	254,057	255,576
Net GST receivable	(175,100)	60,336
Other receivables	177,157	87,736
	<u>256,115</u>	<u>403,648</u>

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NOTE 7. PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT

	2021	Land \$	Buildings \$	Showground improvements \$	Plant and equipment \$	Total \$
Gross carrying amount – at cost						
Balance at 01/04/2020		29,565	18,816,607	7,377,497	9,603,722	35,827,391
Additions		-	-	-	117,854	117,854
Disposals		-	-	-	-	-
Write offs		-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31/03/2021		29,565	18,816,607	7,377,497	9,721,576	35,945,245
Accumulated depreciation						
Balance at 31/03/2020		-	(12,647,334)	(6,523,663)	(7,783,789)	(26,954,786)
Write offs		-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation expense		-	(609,156)	(212,467)	(764,301)	(1,585,924)
AASB 16 depreciation - Right-of-Use asset		-	-	-	(12,214)	(12,214)
Disposals		-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31/03/2021		-	(13,256,490)	(6,736,130)	(8,560,304)	(28,552,924)
Net book value as at 01/04/2020		29,565	6,169,273	853,834	1,819,933	8,872,605
as at 31/03/2021		29,565	5,560,117	641,367	1,161,272	7,392,321
	2020	Land \$	Buildings \$	Showground improvements \$	Plant and equipment \$	Total \$
Gross carrying amount – at cost						
Balance at 01/04/2019		29,565	18,816,607	7,377,497	9,517,539	35,741,208
AASB 16 depreciation - Right-of-Use asset		-	-	-	47,562	47,562
Balance at 01/04/2019		29,565	18,816,607	7,377,497	9,565,101	35,788,770
Additions		-	-	-	38,621	38,621
Disposals		-	-	-	-	-
Write offs		-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31/03/2020		29,565	18,816,607	7,377,497	9,603,722	35,827,391
Accumulated depreciation						
Balance at 01/04/2019		-	(12,125,370)	(6,334,165)	(7,269,825)	(25,729,360)
Write offs		-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation expense		-	(521,964)	(189,498)	(478,617)	(1,190,079)
AASB 16 adjustment - Right-of-use asset		-	-	-	(35,347)	(35,347)
Disposals		-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31/03/2020		-	(12,647,334)	(6,523,663)	(7,783,789)	(26,954,786)
Net book value as at 01/04/2019		29,565	6,691,237	1,043,332	2,247,714	10,011,849
as at 31/03/2020		29,565	6,169,273	853,834	1,819,933	8,872,605

Property, plant and equipment is carried at cost. In 2014, the Councillors commissioned a valuation of the land from Landgate (Government of Western Australia) on a "current use land value" basis. Given that the value of Land is significantly above cost no adjustments have been posted to the amounts recorded in the financial statements.

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Lease activities

The Company leases various items of office equipment (photocopiers, printers, multi-function devices) and a motor vehicle.

Leases are negotiated on an individual basis and in general do not include any additional renewal or termination terms and conditions outside of initial agreement. The main lease features are summarised below:

- 4 Multi-function display devices and 7 printers are rented for a fixed period of 3 years. The lease term commenced May 2017 and expired in April 2020. The lease payments are fixed.
- The motor lease agreement is for a fixed period of 3 years. The lease term commenced October 2017 and expired in September 2020. The lease payments are fixed.
- Small equipment (office desktop phones) lease agreement is in place for a period of 5 years. The lease term commenced August 2015 and expired August 2020.
- RASWA did not enter into any new lease arrangements during the 2020/21 year.

NOTE 8. PAYABLES

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Trade creditors ^(a)	249,485	178,937
Accruals	489,878	367,276
	<u>739,363</u>	<u>546,213</u>

(a) The average payment terms are 30 days. RASWA has policies in place to ensure that all payables are paid within their credit timeframe.

NOTE 9. PROVISIONS

Current

Employee benefits	540,705	525,078
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Non-current

Employee benefits	32,662	34,331
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The aggregate amount of employee benefits recorded in the financial statements amount to:

Employee benefits	573,367	559,409
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NOTE 10. CONTRACT LIABILITIES

Income in advance	591,127	1,067,455
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for the financial year ended 31 March 2021

NOTE 11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The names of the Councillors of RASWA during the year are shown on page 12 of the Annual Report.

Councillor related entity transactions

During the year financial services were provided to RASWA by Provident Financial Services, a company in which Councillor Paul Carter has an interest. Total costs paid directly or indirectly to Provident Financial Services during the period amounted to \$191 (2020: \$1,016).

NOTE 12. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION

Details of Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel consists of the Members of Council – refer to the Members of Council page of the Annual Report as well as the following members of management:

P Cooper (Chief Executive Officer)

S Burke (Chief Financial Officer)

M Carey (Manager - Event Sales)

A Burtenshaw (Manager - Marketing and Communications)

N Raynor (Manager - Competitions, Events and Education)

J Garwood (Manager - Asset Services)

*K Fuller (Manager - Human Resources) *Ceased employment October 2020*

Key Management Personnel Compensation Policy

Councillors who travel in their own vehicles to Council meetings and RASWA sanctioned committee meetings from distances of greater than 200 kilometres away, are entitled to a cents per kilometre reimbursement (as per ATO guidelines) up to a maximum of \$200 for the return trip.

RASWA also provides up to \$125 per day towards the cost of hotel accommodation for country-based Councillors attending the Perth Royal Show. In all cases, prior approval by the President or Vice President is required.

The nature and amount of compensation the remaining members of the Key Management Personnel receive is approved by Council annually. No specific performance based compensation arrangements have been established.

NOTE 13. COMMITMENTS

Leases relate to printers, photocopiers and vehicles with lease terms of 4 years or less.

No formal arrangements exist in regard to purchasing the assets at the expiry of the leases.

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Non-cancellable operating lease payments:		
Not later than 1 year	-	11,133
Later than 1 year, not later than 5 years	-	-
Total	-	11,133

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NOTE 14. NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

	2021	2020
Number of full-time equivalent employees at the end of the financial year	16	29

NOTE 15. NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Profit / (loss) attributable to Members of RASWA	742,907	(1,055,314)
Add back non-cash items:		
Depreciation	1,598,138	1,225,426
Lease interest paid	478	2,140
Less: Interest received	(8,063)	(29,423)
Changes in net assets and liabilities:		
Decrease / (increase) in contract assets	347,181	220,898
Decrease / (increase) in other current assets	147,533	(75,091)
Increase / (decrease) in payables	193,150	(136,992)
Increase / (decrease) in provisions	13,958	79,231
Increase / (decrease) in other current liabilities	(476,328)	116,872
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	2,558,954	347,748

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NOTE 16. CONTROLLED ENTITIES

On 16 March 2011, the Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia established a separate Trust, called the Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia (Inc) Scholarship Fund ("The Trust"). The Trust has been established solely for the purpose of providing money for Eligible Scholarships. As at 31 March 2021, the Trust has received \$350,000 in donations and has accrued interest on those funds.

Scholarship payments totalling \$71,600 have been made from the Trust to date.

The Society controls The Trust through the Trustee. The Trustee of The Trust is RAS Western Australia PTY LTD ACN 604 725 635 and its officers are the President, Vice President, Treasurer and the Chief Executive Officer of the Society.

On 30 July 2015, the Society established a second Trust, called the Royal Agricultural Society of WA (Inc) Education Foundation ("The Foundation").

The Foundation has been established solely for the purpose of advancing education.

As at 31 March 2021, the Foundation has received \$138,199 in donations and accrued interest on those funds.

Scholarship payments totalling \$51,740 have been made from the Foundation to date.

The Society controls The Trust through the Trustee. The Trustee of The Trust is RAS Western Australia PTY LTD ACN 604 725 635 and its officers are the President, Vice President, Treasurer and the Chief Executive Officer of the Society.

NOTE 17. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS

RASWA will receive the second instalment of the Commonwealth Regions Infrastructure Grant totalling \$104,013 (ex GST) in April 2021. The funds will be received subject to acceptance of the phase one progress report.

NOTE 18. POST-REPORTING DATE EVENTS

Covid-19 is anticipated to have a continuing material effect on RASWA's ability to generate revenue in the 2021/22 year. Similar to 2020 it is possible that RASWA's main income generator, the Perth Royal Show may not be in a position to proceed. As no decision has been taken on this at the time of producing this report, no adjustment has been reflected in the current year accounts.

Council's Declaration

The Council declares that:

As detailed in note 2 to the financial statements, RASWA is not a reporting entity because in the opinion of the Councillors there are unlikely to exist users of the financial report who are unable to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. Accordingly, this 'special purpose financial report' has been prepared to satisfy the Councillors' reporting requirements under the requirements of section 60.40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Regulation 2013 (ACNC Regulation) and the Society's Constitution.

The Council declares that:

- (a) in the Councillors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that RASWA will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- (b) in the Councillors' opinion, the attached financial statements and notes thereto are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 and the Society's Constitution, including compliance with accounting standards and giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of RASWA.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission Regulation 2013 and a resolution of the Council made pursuant to the Constitution of RASWA.

On behalf of the Council



Dudley Elliott
Treasurer

Perth, 24 May 2021



Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia

Independent auditor's report to members of the Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia (the Society), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2021, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the Council's declaration.

In our opinion the financial report of Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the Society's financial position as at 31 March 2021 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 2, 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 Society in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (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

We draw attention to Note 2 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Society's financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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Independent auditor's report to members of the Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia (cont'd.)

Responsibilities of the Council for the Financial Report

The members of the Council are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 2 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act and the needs of the members. The Council's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Council determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Council are responsible for assessing the Society'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 Council either intend to liquidate the Society or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Council are responsible for overseeing the Society's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of these financial statements is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at:

https://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf

This description forms part of our independent auditor's report.

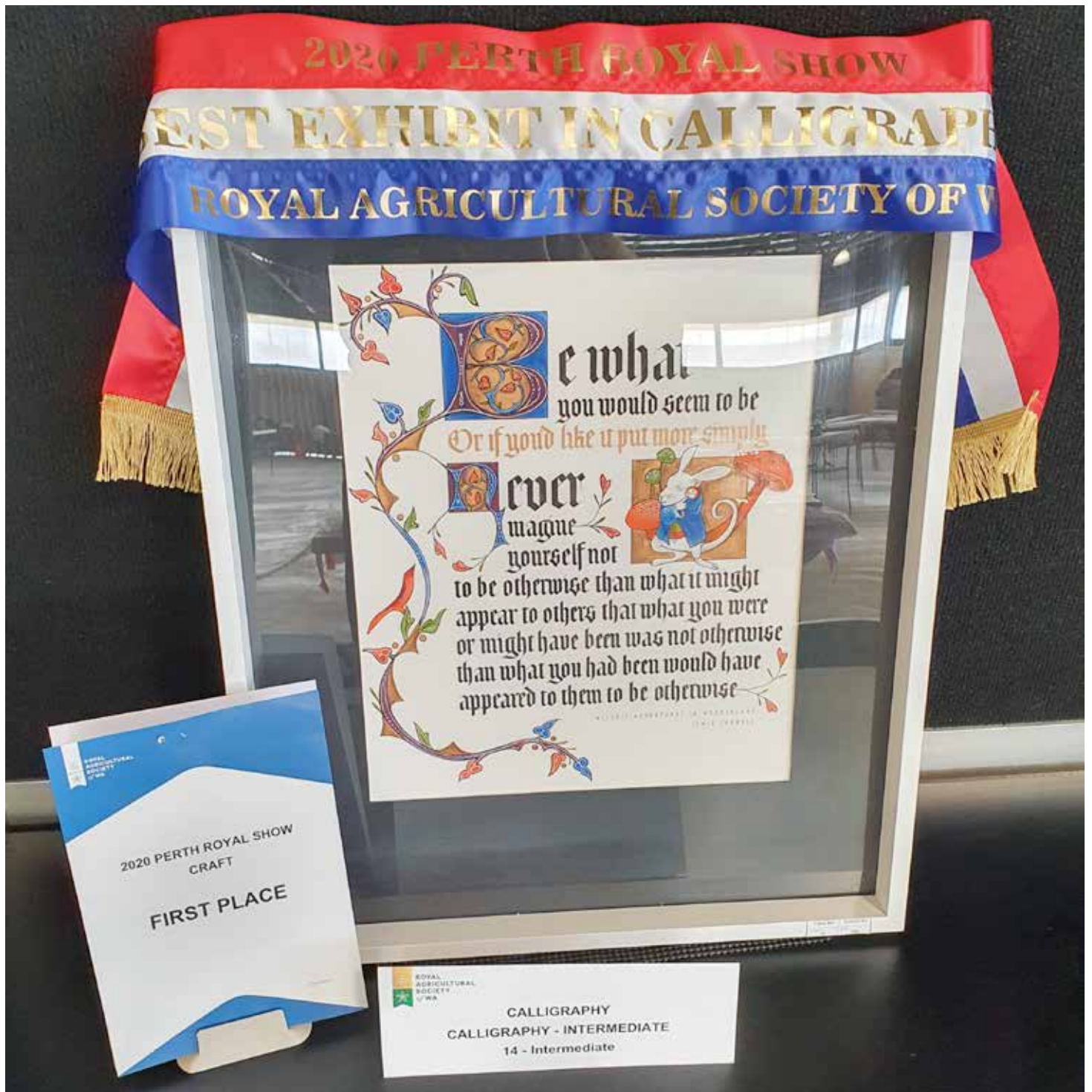
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Dated this 24th day of May, 2021





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