



**Russian Ethnic
Representative
Council of Victoria**

Annual Report 2020/2021

WHO WE ARE

Russian Ethnic Representative Council of Victoria (RERC), trading as RERC and Russian Aged Care, is the leading community and not-for-profit organisation founded in 1984 to represent interests of Russian speaking people living in Victoria.

RERC acts as an umbrella for a range of community organisations to provide a platform for various cultural initiatives, community events and community development projects. We give voice to, advocate and care for the Australian Russian community and help Russians better integrate in Australian society.

RERC also provides a range of social and aged care services to support the elderly, people with disabilities, and disadvantaged people with CALD (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse) backgrounds.

VISION STATEMENT

Strong and supportive community that enables each and every individual to flourish, retain their heritage and cultural values, and contribute to the overall success of Australian society.

MISSION STATEMENT

To enrich lives, enhance wellness and improve independence of people in our community through promotion of cultural diversity, collective sense of belonging, and quality services.

OUR VALUES

Heritage

We are proud of our culture, people and heritage.

Respect

We value cultural diversity and respect individual life experiences.

Care and compassion

Our community and its people are at the heart of everything we do.
We care, help and bring joy to our people's lives.

Integrity

We are accountable for what we do and committed to engaging professionally and conducting our operations in an honest, transparent and ethical way.



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OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- We unite Russians and Russian community organisations in Victoria.
- We help to preserve and pass onto younger generations our language and our rich and unique culture.
- We listen, acknowledge and respond to the needs of our community.
- We promote a positive image of the Russian community and Russian heritage in the wider Australian society.
- We assist the elderly, the disadvantaged and other vulnerable people in our community and ensure that the services we provide are of high quality.
- We remain committed to access & equity principles within a social justice framework.
- We help migrants better integrate in the Australian community.
- We facilitate access to government grants and funding initiatives for Russian community organisations and groups.
- We foster and maintain fruitful relationships with ethnic community organisations and other stakeholders.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Almost two years of the COVID-19 pandemic. Another challenging year of learning how to live with the COVID-19 and how to protect our clients and RERC staff.

Our work in all areas has been affected by six lockdowns in Melbourne. We did not have an opportunity to hold the Russian Melbourne festival in 2021. We were looking forward for the Day of Russia reception in June, we have planned a joyful Grant Ball in October to cheer up our community after the long lockdown. Unfortunately, these events were postponed. Pandemic also had direct negative impact on our services, for instance our social support groups could not get together during lockdowns and had long months without face-to-face communication.

But despite all the hurdles, RERC proved itself to be a resilient organisation which reflects our community and Russian spirit in general:

- We have regrouped and adjusted our plans to retain two major community events this financial year — our Ball (scheduled for April 2022) and a Day of Russia Reception (scheduled for June 2022).
- Our programs have grown quite substantially across most of key service segments, this includes both the components of our Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) and brokerage. Our grant revenue has increased by 60% comparing to previous year — this reflects both increasing aged care needs of our community and improved capability of RERC as a service provider.
- We have commenced significant organisational transformation program to make our operations more sustainable and our services future-proof. This program will focus on critical aspects of organisational development including but not limited to areas of sustainable community development, service quality and risk management, yet continue maintaining focus on needs of Russian community.
- In line with the above transformation program,

we have commenced re-structuring of our organisation which brought an introduction of new critical roles. It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Igor Zhevelyuk as our Chief Executive Officer. We also have new positions in both operational and business support areas including roles of Team Leader, Client Service Coordinators, Finance Manager, Human Resource Coordinator and Marketing Coordinator.

- In year 2021-22 we will also maintain a strong focus on internal system and process improvements to increase effectiveness and efficiency of our operations and community support.

As indicated in this report, our Aged Care programs not just had substantial growth this year but also being expanded into new services and regions. While Domestic Assistance, Allied Health and Therapy Services, Transport Services continued to grow during the year, we have now increased our service offering to include Meals, Home Maintenance and Home Modification services funded by the Commonwealth.

Our Social Support Groups (SSG) are resuming activities across all regions and we all hope that this year will bring more stability. Yet, we will reflect on some positive experiences we had during pandemic, for instance we started online classes that proved to be a great success and allowed many people to learn new skills — English, computer, painting and many more.

Other services provided during the year included:

- Volunteers visiting the elderly in aged care facilities under the Community Visitors Scheme,
- Brokerage services to other organisations to serve Russian clients,
- Traditional Home and Community Care program,
- We have also successfully completed our Palliative Care Ancillary Services program in October 2021.

I would like to say thank you to the RERC Management Committee, our dedicated staff, carers and volunteers for their hard work, commitment to RERC mission and resilience demonstrated all over the year. We are looking forward to a happy and prosperous 2022, we wish our community, friends and family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Anna Feoktistova
RERC President

COMMONWEALTH HOME SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) is the core support program at RERC and comprises several components.

1. DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE

Program is operating since October 2017. Activity for 2020/21 is as follows:

- We provided 3,292.5 hours of at-home assistance. Increase by 34.5 % (from 2,447.5 hours) compared to the previous FY,
- 132 clients received services.

Staff: Program Manager, Client Services Coordinators, Rostering Coordinator and 38 Care Workers.

2. ALLIED HEALTH AND THERAPY SERVICES

Program is operating since October 2017. Activity for 2020/21 is as follows:

- We provided 987.5 hours of assistance. Increase by 26.6% (from 779.50 hours) compared to the previous FY,
- 31 clients received services.

Staff: Project Officer and Social Worker.

3. TRANSPORT SERVICES

Program is operating since July 2020:

- Presently 192 clients are registered for the program and receive services compared to 10 clients from the last FY,
- 1,643 units of service have been provided .

Staff: Program Manager, Client Services Coordinators, Rostering Coordinator and 38 Care Workers.

4. SOCIAL SUPPORT GROUPS

A highlight of the CHSP program are our Social Support Groups (SSG).

These groups meet on a weekly basis, and provide an essential service for older members of our

community, providing an outlet to socialise, as well as maintain physical and mental health. Our SSGs engage in multiple activities, including fitness, excursions, bingo, playing cards, lunches, information exchange and viewing of films. During the 2020/21 year, SSG activities were impacted by COVID-19 lockdowns numerous times.

Even with the restrictions, SSG milestones (9,355 person hours) were met for the financial year. When required, face-to-face meetings were cancelled. Then, interactions were transferred to telephone and online. Each of the coordinators continued to contact clients one-on-one during the lockdown periods, providing them with food parcels and care packs, and supporting client's mental health.

At present RERC continues to run six SSGs:

Fitzroy: Coordinated by Alexander Ilyin and current president is Tatiana Abramoff; comprises 13 members with average weekly attendance of 10.

Yarraville: Coordinated by Alexander Ilyin and current president is Tamara Kerig. Comprises 21 members with average weekly attendance of 12.

Ormond: Coordinated by Alexander Ilyin and the current president is Elizabeth Lee; comprises 26 members with average weekly attendance of 14.

Box Hill: Coordinated by Marina Yurgaeva and current president is Anatole Boyko; comprises 19 members, with 16 participants attending weekly. Southern suburbs: facilitated by Jane Neskoromenko, 3-4 clients each week.

Prahran: Coordinated by Albina Levina (resigned in February). Presently has 10 participants, and 6 clients who were provided with additional IT training.

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This year, the Russian Seniors Club at Box Hill took part in the Global Fiesta event hosted by the Whitehorse City Council.

A table was organised where adults and children could create a Russian headdress — a kokoshnik, as well as make and decorate Easter eggs.



The newly formed duet of the club members became a real discovery for everyone. They presented with two songs and were very warmly welcomed by the audience, their bright performance was marked with thunderous applause. At the end of the event, the festive atmosphere was supported by the folklore group Carousel. Talented performers in colourful national costumes made all passers-by forget about the shower and stop at the Russian Tent.



5. ONLINE SOCIAL SUPPORT GROUPS

With COVID-19, face-to-face meetings needed to be cancelled. From October 2020, interactions were transferred to telephone and online.

We instruct our clients in the use of technology with minimal stress, ensuring that participation is not only beneficial, but joyful. Clients are offered a range of educational and entertainment online activities, including learning English, how to use computers, how to draw, participate in interactive quizzes, or attend theater and music events.

To avoid stress for clients who are not familiar with the use of new technologies, we provide individual training and then regular technical support.

Remote technical support is provided to all clients who experience difficulties using our online service.

Each client who received a tablet device also receive a user manual (in Russian or English) which was adapted by our IT specialist specifically for our clients.

Our extended Social Support Group Online Program is offering our clients a great opportunity to stay connected, keep fit and learn new skills while staying isolated as a result of COVID-19 restrictions.

We offer:

- The basic personal face-to-face training and online technical support in the use of new technologies,
- Provision of tablets and prepaid SIM-cards, if necessary,
- A wide range of entertainment and educational online activities:
 - English classes 3 levels,
 - Computer classes 4 levels,
 - Art classes,
- Health club:
 - Alexander Technique,
 - Yoga,
 - Dietician,
- Entertainment activities:
 - Musical, Theatre or Poetry Eve,
 - Trivia Club Event,
 - Math Club,
- Memory Games,

- Psychology of Communication,
- News Time,
- Online Excursions,
- Guest Speaker Events,
- Salon (Sunday free chat session),
- Cinema and Concert Hall.

6. SOCIAL SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL CLIENTS

Aside from our Social Support Groups, our CHSP program provides support services for individual clients. This includes:

- Weekly telephone conferences Telelink and Zoom for up to ten clients (especially when groups were not allowed to meet),
- Free of charge delivery of traditional Easter foods (home baked kulichi and decorated eggs) to 284 frail elderly,
- Christmas card mail outs to the elderly isolated
- Reaching out and sending care packs to the vulnerable elderly,
- Provision of COVID-19 information, updates on restrictions, vaccination information to lonely seniors, via telephone, email, newsletters.

7. COMMUNITY BUS

Having upgraded our vehicle in the previous year, we are able to maintain a reliable bus service. The purchase of a new trailer has also ensured that roadworthiness is maintained, allowing for safe transport of luggage over longer trips. Bus usage by the community has reduced due to the impact COVID-19 restrictions and due to client hesitancy. During the 2020/21, our community bus was utilised on 93 days, mainly for groups of people in the Russian community.

NEW SERVICES PREVIEW

In 2021 four new services were launched, which allow our clients to maintain independence in their own homes for as long as possible.

1. MEALS

The aim of the Meals services is to support client's nutritional needs for a healthy life. Eating a balanced diet and regular meals is an important part of both client's physical and emotional wellness. We understand that it's not just about meal delivery, it's about a nutrition partnership based on your needs, likes and preferences. That's why we have partnered with Lite n' Easy and with Good Meals to provide the right food to maintain optimum health.

2. GARDENING AND HOME MAINTENANCE

The aim of the Gardening and Home Maintenance service is to help clients to keep your home and garden in order. So you can feel comfortable knowing clients home is well maintained and looking good for when client's friends or family come over. We will help clients with home maintenance and minor repairs so clients can continue living independently and safely in client's home for longer. We offer a helping hand around client's home and garden.

3. HOME MODIFICATIONS

The aim of Home Modifications is to assist clients with the organisation and cost of simple home modifications and, where clinically justified, more complex modifications. This service will provide changes to your home that may include structural changes, to increase or maintain clients functional independence so that clients can continue to live move safely in the house.

4. CENTRE BASED RESPITE PROGRAM

The aim of the Centre Based Respite Program is to give carers a break to take care of their own health and wellbeing, with the comfort of knowing RERC is supporting their dependants.

“ As we get older, many of us require a bit of extra assistance to get by. Nowadays, over 90% of our ageing population are choosing to stay at home, rather than moving into residential aged care facilities ”

COMMUNITY VISITORS SCHEME

The Community Visitors Scheme has commenced many years ago and over the years of its existence it has helped hundreds of people find themselves new friends, avoid social isolation and maintain important connections with their cultural roots through communication in their native language.



Our Community Visitors Scheme (CVS) program arranges volunteer visits to provide friendship and companionship to the Russian speaking elderly citizens in subsidised residential aged care facilities and those who receive services under Home Care package and are socially isolated. The program is fully funded by the Australian Government and this service is provided free of charge. During the lockdown, our volunteers not only helped

their wards cope with a difficult period, but also helped HCP clients master new technologies and learn English. Volunteers, who visit residents of aged care facilities have switched from face-to-face visits to online visits via Skype, ZOOM, or by phone. And since recently, personal visits began to be renewed. In this year all our volunteers have the opportunity to take a First Aid Course and receive certificates.

Region	Residential			Home Care Packages
	Aged Care Facilities	Residents	Groups	Number of Clients
South	8	9	30	8
East	1	1		1
North	1	1		
West				1
Gippsland	1	1		

On the National Volunteers Week, all our volunteers have been granted the letter of appreciation. The age of our volunteers ranges from 23 to 81 years, and the team is very dynamic. Currently the CVS program operates with 16 volunteers,

who service 11 aged care facilities where they support 12 clients and separately 2 groups (15 clients each) and 10 Home Care Package (HCP) clients are supported in their own homes.

BROKERAGE SERVICES

RERC also provides support to Russian speaking clients, who chose to receive services through different Aged Care providers but want to stay connected with our community, its people and language.

Activity for 2020/21 are as follows:

- 13 Service Agreements with other Aged Care

Providers in Victoria (including palliative ancillary services),

- 89 active ongoing clients,
- Provision of 6,823.5 hours of service, increase by 27.69% from the previous FY.

Staff: Program Manager and Service Coordinator.

HACC FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

RERC provides support to clients with disabilities under 65 years of age and their families. We provide resources and information, help clients access services that they are eligible for, in order to achieve a better quality life. This includes help navigate to the NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme) services.

During 2020/21 we worked with six clients. Services are provided free of charge.

The program is funded by the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services.

PALLIATIVE CARE ANCILLARY SERVICES

Aside from our other programs, social and practical support in a culturally-sensitive way is provided to clients with life-limiting illnesses living in their homes.

Fixed-term funding was received from DHHS Victorian Department of Health and Human Services in June 2018 and ended in September 2021. The program's primary goal was to help people with incurable diseases live their lives with maximum completeness and comfort. The program's philosophy was based on the belief that clients and their families can live more fulfilling lives through the care of others.

More than forty clients have been serviced during this time. The program was personally tailored to the clients in accordance with their needs, health conditions, and current support from other organisations.

For the 2020-21 financial year, services provided include:

- Assistance with healthcare and equipment needs. On average, two clients per month were assisted in purchasing and renting equipment as well as home modification.
- Up to ten clients per month were assisted with daily activities, meal preparation and house maintenance.
- Two clients per month received in-home support with hygiene, feeding and mobility around the house.
- Up to six clients per month received transport to medical appointments and shops.
- On average, six carers per month were provided respite.
- Two clients per month received gardening service.
- Client care coordination.

There is a gap in the industry for people who require home support with palliative care. We had come across a number of disadvantaged clients who needed assistance to remain at home and maintain their quality of life. There is no immediate support for people under 65 whose medical condition has deteriorated quickly. While hospitals offer palliative care, this is limited to pain management and does not include in-home support. Clients face a financial burden paying for medications, equipment and private help to assist with home and personal care needs.

The goal of our program was to improve the quality of life of our clients. The achievement of this goal implied assistance in solving the client's social and psychological problems alongside the satisfaction of the individual needs. Our program was aimed not only at meeting basic household needs such as cleaning, cooking, purchasing medical equipment or gardening, but also at satisfying the emotional needs of a person. We tried to help clients do what they love and fulfil their dreams where possible. One of these dreams coming true is an exhibition of paintings by the artist and author of many stories, Venera Nurmatova, which will take place in February at Hampton Community Centre.

“ The goal of palliative care is to relieve suffering and provide the best possible quality of life for patients and their families ”



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Another important arm of RERC's activity is our support for the community. We host community events, and assist with the provision of services and running community events by others. We are also the umbrella organisation of the Russian community in Victoria. Presently RERC has 67 member organisations.

EVENTS AT RERC

Victory Day

This day is very important to all Russians. RERC has coordinated a series of events and organised the concert at Flagstaff gardens. The celebrations took place all day and involved many community groups — Night Wolves Motorcycle Club lead flower-laying ceremonies and traditional

motorcade from Brighton Beach to Queens Bridge Square and to Flagstaff Gardens, the Immortal Regiment organised the traditional action in which people marched carrying photographs of their ancestors who fought in the the World War II. The concert became the culmination as all groups gathered in the park.





The concert was opened by Russian Ambassador to Australia Alexey Pavlovsky. Many artists performed in the concert — group Karusel, Trali-Vali band, Polina Lagutina, Bard Club Southern Cross, Michael Yarovoy and Issak Drukman, Artyom and Amalia Safonov, Solovushki, choir Harmony, group Nostalgia, club Bodrost and many others.



During the celebration in the park guests were able to participate in a historical quest We remember, we are proud, which was a great success. Winners received memorable prizes. RERC has also organised a painting competition dedicated to the Victory Day and received many pictures from kids from Victoria and abroad, the winners were announced during the concert.



Australia Day

For the first time, the Russian Ethnic Representative Council of Victoria hosted Australia Day Celebration via live streaming, the format which was suitable to COVID-19 situation. Live stream allowed us to provide educational and entertaining content in real time and made the virtual tour that viewers could enjoy from anywhere.

During that virtual tour we visited Russian House, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne General Cemetery, Russian ANZAC Memorial and National Gallery of Victoria – places that preserved the memory of Russian people who had contributed to

the history of Australia.

During the live stream from various memorial places of interest we had learned stories from people who have been awarded the Order of Australia for outstanding service to the country and society.



E-VESTNIK

Our most effective communication tool, the online e-Vestnik newsletter is published on a regular basis. Our database has in excess of 2,600+ contacts from Russian community of Victoria. Each month we receive a variety of submissions for publication which we broadcast to the broader community.

Due to COVID-19, e-Vestnik content underwent significant change. While previously it focused on featuring member organisations and informing the community about events, in 2020 the focus shifted to report on and highlight community milestones, and feature unique aspects of Russian culture as well as other matters of interest. We believe that the experience has demonstrated that e-Vestnik continues to be major community communication tool moving forward.



AGED CARE VESTNIK

In addition to the online e-Vestnik, a printed newsletter was published each month and distributed to CHSP, CVS and Palliative Care Ancillary Services clients.

We understand that our clients spent most of 2021 at home with strict restrictions on going out. However, we figured out how to cheer everyone up and end this year in a positive way and run the creative competition Joy of Life in Lockdown. The main rule was to tell or show things that helped you not to lose heart and somehow enjoy life, despite the forced long isolation.



DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

As a condition that afflicts the elderly, dementia is difficult for the community particularly due to the impact that it has on family and friends. There is great stigma associated with it.

To help face the challenges of dealing with dementia in the Russian community, we have undertaken a community engagement program funded by Dementia Australia.

Activities undertaken during 2020-21, include the following:

- Provision of dementia information to the community via member organisations,
- Radio feature on dementia awareness on SBS Russian and 3ZZZ,
- Information campaign monthly via e-Vestnik newsletter (paper based and digital) workers and volunteers,
- Social media posts,
- Training for care workers and volunteers.

This program has now ended.

Our feedback and evaluation has shown that anxiety associated with dementia was reduced, leading to a better quality of life for those afflicted and a better outcome for their friends and family.

A number of quality improvements were implemented in our own organisation, thanks to the focus group of clients, that advised the project officer.

“Dementia care — it's not rocket science, it's heart science”



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2021

	2020-21	2019-20
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,897,407	926,400
Trade and other receivables	93,418	28,229
Other current assets	22,346	62,080
Total Current Assets	2,013,171	1,016,709
Property, plant and equipment	79,131	99,125
Total Non-current Assets	79,131	99,125
TOTAL ASSETS	2,092,302	1,115,834
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Trade and other payables	233,494	163,329
Funding in advance	1,252,760	681,071
Short-term provisions	98,874	53,781
Total Current Liabilities	1,585,127	898,182
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,585,127	898,182
NET ASSETS	507,175	217,652
<u>Accumulated funds</u>		
Accumulated Reserves	217,652	206,263
Net Surplus (Loss) for the year	289,524	11,389
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS	507,175	217,652

INCOME STATEMENT

For the year ending 30 June 2021

	2020-21	2019-20
<u>Income</u>		
Grants income	1,032,111	645,116
Fee for services income	336,435	266,567
Other Income	621,584	134,140
TOTAL INCOME	1,990,130	1,045,822
<u>Expenses</u>		
Program costs	1,495,290	871,842
Events and community grant expenses	37,946	85,037
Administration	167,370	77,554
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,700,606	1,034,433
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	289,524	11,389

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ending 30 June 2021

	2020-21	2019-20
<u>Cash at the beginning of the period</u>	926,400	728,350
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	971,007	271,610
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	-	(73,560)
Net increase/decrease for the period	971,007	198,050
CASH AT THE END OF THE YEAR	1,897,407	926,400

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENT DECLARATION



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Auditor's independence declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001

The Committee,
Russian Ethnic Representative Council of Vic Inc,
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To: The Committee – Russian Ethnic Representative Council of Vic Inc

I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit for the financial year ended 30th June 2021, there have been:

- no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit, and
- no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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DATED: 13th December 2021

EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT



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**Report on the financial report of the Russian Ethnic Representative Council of Vic Inc
for year ended 30th June 2021**

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of the Russian Ethnic Representative Council of Vic Inc, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021, the statement of 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 responsible entities' declaration.

In our opinion the financial report of Russian Ethnic Representative Council of Vic Inc, has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act), including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Basis of 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 registered entity in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's *APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of the responsible entities, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

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 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the responsible entities' 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.

Responsible entities' responsibility for the financial report

The responsible entities of the registered entity 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 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and the needs of the members. The responsible entities' responsibility also includes such internal

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control as the responsible entities determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a 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 responsible entities are responsible for assessing the registered entity'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 directors either intend to liquidate the registered entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibility

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 the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at:
<<http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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