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## Membership Report for 2022

On behalf of the organising committee of Ballarat Writers, I would like to again extend my gratitude and appreciation to the membership who continued to support the organisation in various ways throughout the ongoing trials of 2022. Our membership was able to be more active this past year, with semi-regular meetings and other events taking place. These were the Pamela Miller Flash Fiction competition and the Marth Richardons Memorial Poetry Prize.

The BW membership tiers established in previous years remain the same and costs to members likewise have not changed. As of 31/12/2022, there were 86 financial members of Ballarat Writers which represented a decrease of 24.57% in numbers from 2021, with the breakdown by type as follows:

Membership Type	Annual Dues	Number
Full	\$30	30
Concession	\$20	45
Junior	\$10	0
PWE Student	FREE	2
New Resident	FREE	3
Lifetime	FREE	1
Type Unknown		5

Of these members, 49 were renewing and 37 were brand new, with twice as many full members joining as concession members.. The total dues collected in 2022 was \$2070.

The MailChimp Newsletter list has 503 subscribers as of the writing of this report (1/1/2022). Almost all financial members are on this list but obviously there are many more subscribers who are not members. This mailing list is the primary method of contacting our members, as well as providing outreach to the

community and potential future members, and it is a valuable resource for Ballarat Writers.

The committee hopes to see regular monthly gatherings at the Bunch of Grapes resume in 2023 and have booked our regular last Wednesday nights for the year. We will, of course, continue to comply with COVID restrictions and requirements, such as vaccination statuses.

In closing, the membership of Ballarat Writers has decreased in 2022. Members are enthusiastic and keen to participate in the organisation and its events, providing an excellent base on which to build as we anticipate the impacts of COVID-19.

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Treasurer & Membership, Ballarat Writers 2022.

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