



## BALLARAT WRITERS INC

### 2024 TREASURER'S REPORT

In 2024, Ballarat Writers Inc finally sorted out its relationship with the ATO. Since 2017, after a polite request from the Commissioner to sort out our filing responsibilities, the Treasurer was, by dint of lodging a complaint with the intent of pursuing the problem with the Inspector-General of Taxation, finally recognised as the Treasurer for authorisation purposes, and had a whale of a time logging into the Australian Business Register to update our name and to remove unauthorised people from the list of authorised contacts. The problem that the old Treasurer has to hang around and authorise the new Treasurer (illegally) still hasn't been solve, but I first alerted the ATO to the problem in 2011, so I'm sure it's on someone's To Do list. ChatGPT's, probably.

The upshot of this is that people who aren't financial members have been removed from the list of authorised contacts and the Treasurer and Secretary have been added. As noted above, new committee names may need to be entered, and I'll tackle that whether I'm Treasurer or not as it is a nightmare that took seven years to wake up from.

We are registered as a 'not for profit' organisation. We embraced this status in 2024 and ran with it! Our total income was \$4150.76 and our total expenses were \$8393.98, meaning a loss of \$4243.22. The most significant expense was for the Martha Richardson Poetry Prize, but \$1500 in prizes and \$500 for Melissa Watts to judge, and income of \$1452.59 is consistent with the 2022 MRPP (\$1500 in prizes, \$500 in judges fees vs \$1235.00 in entry fees, so \$217.59 lost less in 2024)

Our other major expense was the cost of *Below the Surface* \$1396.63 expenses including the launch (I hope everyone enjoyed the food) as against sales of \$665.00 to date. But future scholars exploring your fame can point to it as your first appearance.

Our liabilities are zero.

For 2025, two projects remain - to regain control of our PayPal account, which is still linked to our bank account, and to change our name from Ballaarat Writing Council to Ballarat Writers Inc on all the government databases. The Treasurer may have to lodge an intention to see the IGT again...

2024 Profit & Loss statement is attached.

DJ Rout  
Treasurer  
Ballarat Writers Inc

10 February 2025



Ballarat Writers		Ballarat Writers	
Financial Statement 1/1/24-31/12/24		Balance Sheet as of 31/12/24	
<b>Income</b>		<b>Assets</b>	
BW Memberships	\$ 1,880.00	<i>Current Assets</i>	
Workshops	\$ 127.25	Cash in Bank	\$ 5,136.01
MRPP Competition	\$ 1,452.59	Cash in TryBooking	\$ 566.50
Festivals			
Merchandise	\$ 670.92	<i>Non Current Assets</i>	
Donations/Raffles	\$ 20.00		
	\$ -	2024 Deposits	
	\$ -		
		<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 5,702.51</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 4,150.76</b>		
		<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>		Current Liabilities	\$ -
Venue Hire	\$ 60.00	Non Current Liabilities	\$ -
Postage	\$ 120.00		
PO Box	\$ 174.00	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Printing and Stationery	\$ 342.90		
Stationery	\$ 15.00		
Bank Fees	\$ 5.85	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 5,702.51</b>
TryBooking Fees	\$ 39.50		
Insurance/Legals	\$ 1,394.99		
Website	\$ 263.40		
Professional Fees	\$ 1,800.00		
Anthology	\$ 1,396.63		
Prizes and Gifts	\$ 2,084.99		
Members Nights	<b>\$ 696.72</b>		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$ 8,393.98</b>		

<b>DEFICIT</b>	-\$ 4,243.22					

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