



SAFCA

South Australian Financial Counsellors Association

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REPORT



SAFCA is represented by a volunteer Board comprised of members and independent subject matter experts.

SAFCA is the peak body for financial counsellors in South Australia and the Northern Territory

We support our members to achieve the best possible outcomes for financially vulnerable people and support the financial counselling sector to adopt and maintain best practice through casework, advocacy and law reform.

Our members provide a unique blend of financial counselling and advocacy within a social justice framework. Their services are confidential, impartial, free and available to everyone.

Financial Counsellors are skilled and qualified professionals who help people plan their way out of debt. They look at each client's financial situation, identify the debts that are priorities and customise a detailed and unique budget.

With their extensive knowledge of the credit reporting system and their clients' rights, responsibilities and eligibility under the National Credit Code, they can help their clients apply for a hardship variation and support them to receive their proper entitlements.

Financial Counsellors can also help their clients understand how they are protected under law, and what to do if they are subject to unacceptable behaviour by organisations chasing payment.

If clients no longer want to deal with creditors, or are no longer able to, financial counsellors can act as their advocates in negotiations and represent them in dispute and complaint resolution processes.

Clients always retain control. Financial counsellors will explain all options but it is up to their clients to make decisions about how to manage their situation with the advice they've been given.

As they are based in not-for-profit social service settings, and legal centres, financial counsellors are able to refer clients to support services for issues they may be experiencing, such as mental health, domestic and family violence and gambling and substance abuse.

"There is no way I'd have been able to do this myself. I wouldn't have had the confidence or the authority to negotiate with creditors and the institutions, or to cope with the stress. My financial counsellor's help has been invaluable."

Client testimony

The 2020 AGM saw me re-elected as the Chair of the SAFCA Board

The 12 months that followed proved busy and rewarding, as we utilised the learnings we made through innovation, member needs and in response to living through a pandemic.

Most important was the retirement of Wendy Shirley, who announced her retirement as Executive Officer at the beginning of 2021 after eight years in the role.

When Wendy was initially appointed, SAFCA consisted entirely of volunteers. She used her skills and knowledge, to build on their good work and shape SAFCA into a well-oiled peak body.

With Wendy having given plenty of notice, the Risk and Finance Committee was tasked with finding a suitable replacement. We were incredibly fortunate to recruit Kate Fox who had been at The Wyatt Trust. Kate hit the ground running, and from a board perspective, it has been a seamless transition.

My thanks go to both Wendy and Kate— Wendy for her leadership, insight and connectiveness and Kate for taking up the role with gusto, positivity, and humility.

In 2020-2021, SAFCA continued to utilise online platforms for member engagement, training, and virtual meetings. This method proved beneficial for reaching our broader membership base where members previously may not have been able to engage due to geographical locations and travel restrictions. Seeing the benefit in this, we will continue to provide online platforms, where appropriate.

COVID-19 safe practices have allowed us to meet face-to-face and renew connections. I want to thank the sector for being so adaptable, flexible, compassionate and amazing for adapting at short notice to the challenges faced over the last 12 months whilst keeping the most vulnerable of our clients front of mind.



The board continues to work hard in many areas:

- Increasing and supporting the membership.
- Advocating within the sector— for both its own longevity and for pertinent issues arising from the work of our members.
- Sourcing and providing training across multiple platforms.
- Working and delivering on our strategic plan.
- Continuing to improve the governance of SAFCA as an entity.

This work could not be achieved without the collaboration of the sub-committees. The board members bring much knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm for progressing the sector.

I wish to pass on heartfelt thanks to all the board members, both sector and independent, for your contribution and dedication throughout the year.

Many thanks also to the staff at SAFCA, Kate, Sue, Steffany and Kelly, for your hard work and commitment.

Carolyn Piper
Board Chair

What a year it has been! COVID-19 continued to challenge how financial counsellors met with clients, especially in the first part of the financial year

It has been inspiring to see financial counsellors and agencies working hard to find ways to support clients, even when unable to meet face-to-face. Fortunately, SAFCA was able to continue full services and support to members even through lockdowns. This report covers a summary of the work of SAFCA over the 2020-2021 financial year under the headings of key goal and support areas of the organisation.

Membership as at 30/6/21

	NT	SA	TOTAL
Affiliate	23	79	102
Associate	21	65	86
Full	22	93	115
TOTAL	66	237	303

Member Support

SAFCA strives to serve its members to a high standard. This year, SAFCA membership increased by 48% on the previous year; growing to 303 members; comprising of 237 South Australian members and 66 Northern Territory members. Those numbers include 201 financial counsellors over the state and territory.

Over 24 professional development opportunities were offered to members throughout the year and provided directly through SAFCA such as consumer law, ethical code of practice, professional supervision, family violence, bankruptcy, insurance, Centrelink, fines enforcement and recovery, just to name a few.



Additionally, there were many more training opportunities sourced through external providers that attracted continuous professional development points for members. The SAFCA training calendar provides details of relevant training options, not just available directly through SAFCA, but also through other relevant training providers and industry bodies. Thank you to the members of the Professional Development and Supervision Advisory Committee for their contribution to these areas of the sector.

The weekly SAFCA newsletter, SAFCA News, provides relevant membership, policy, advocacy, sector updates and training opportunities. SAFCA News is sent to all members once per week.

The SAFCA website has been updated with relevant information for members and the community. Ongoing work is being undertaken to make it easier to use. Password protected areas were added for the Board, Advocacy Advisory Group, NT Steering Committee, PDSAC and Professional Supervisors where minutes and resources were made available.

The annual satisfaction survey results indicated over 90% of respondents were satisfied with the information they received from SAFCA, and over 85% of respondents were satisfied in the way SAFCA consults with them on issues affecting their clients. While these results are pleasing, SAFCA will endeavour to continuously improve practices by listening and responding to feedback in line with sector needs and resources available.

NT Steering Group

The SAFCA NT Steering Group updated its Terms of Reference during the year. This group includes members from nine financial counselling agencies in the NT and advises on professional development and supervision, and also advocacy for their clients in the Northern Territory. Members have had great success with advocacy issues throughout the year. SAFCA believes the members of this Steering Group provide the knowledge and expertise required to meet the needs of NT financial counsellors and financial capability workers. Their time and contribution is strongly valued by SAFCA Staff and Board.

Advocacy Advisory Group

The Advocacy Advisory Group (AAG) has worked on addressing a number of advocacy issues throughout the year. These include supporting national campaigns led by Financial Counselling Australia such as safe lending laws, Raise the Rate and buy now pay later schemes. Issues identified by members include the hardship arrangements for SA Water and SA Health (specifically mandatory hotel quarantine fees).

The AAG has been very generous with their time and knowledge in addressing advocacy issues identified by SAFCA members. We thank them for their contribution to the sector and their assistance to vulnerable people.

The Shadow Minister for Human Services, Nat Cook MP, participated in the Day in the Life project. This project encourages Members of Parliament and other key decision makers to meet with financial counsellors and clients to understand more about work of financial counsellors.

Ms Cook visited UnitingCare Wesley Bowden where she engaged with clients and was supportive of the project and the work of financial counsellors. A Day in the Life is expected to continue in the 2021-2022 financial year.

Engagement

SAFCA held regular meetings for agency managers and funders regarding sector issues and updates. SAFCA values agency managers input, not just at these meetings but outside of these meetings when sector issues need to be addressed.

SAFCA also held regular meetings with DHS, the Department of Social Services, The Wyatt Trust, other State Financial Counselling Associations, FCA, NTCOSS, SACOSS and Financial Counselling training providers. SAFCA also held positions on utilities advisory groups.

It was disappointing that SAFCA was unable to hold a conference during this financial year, especially as they represent a great opportunity for SAFCA and financial counsellors to engage with credit providers, banks, utilities companies and other industry stakeholders.

Funding

SAFCA completed the third year of the second term of funding from the Department of Human Services (DHS). We are pleased that they have offered funding for a further three-year term. This year, we received \$146,835 from the DHS to undertake capacity building and systems advocacy on behalf of South Australian financial counsellors.

A Workforce Development Project Grant from Financial Counselling Australia (FCA) supported several intern positions in SA and NT, and the upskilling of 15 students across both states. This has made a significant difference to the financial counselling sector in SA and NT and we thank FCA for their support.

SAFCA also received one-off Vulnerable Persons Funding through DHS. The aim of this funding was to address some of the recommendations in the Scoping Paper for Financial Counselling in South Australia. The majority of funds were used to support a campaign to promote the National Debt Helpline (NDH) as a gateway to financial counselling support and services.

Funding (cont)

The aim was to assist in normalising help-seeking for people who are financially vulnerable as well as raise awareness of financial counselling services and promote ways to access their services.

Advertising appeared on the backs of buses and taxis, bus shelters, shopping centres, in regional SA and online. Calls from South Australia to the NDH increased by 25% during the campaign.

It was disappointing that the Department for Child Protection withdrew \$700k of annual funding to the sector. This resulted in the loss of many financial counselling positions. Industry funding is still very much needed, especially as we anticipate higher demand for services as COVID hardship supports and payments cease.

Funding from other sources, such as membership fees (very low at \$165 in 2020-2021), projects undertaken and a lean administration gave SAFCA a surplus of just under \$76,000 for the financial year.

Governance: SAFCA Board

We saw some changes to the SAFCA Board, with Kerry White and Meredith Nelson both leaving after six years of service. We thank them for their valuable contribution. Kerry was active on the Membership Committee and Meredith had been Deputy Chair and a member of the Professional Development and Supervision Committee.

We also said farewell to Susan Wallace who resigned as an independent board member. Susan had been the Chair of the Advocacy Committee and we appreciated her input during her two years of service. In October 2020, Samantha Forsyth (Deputy Chair) and Karen Hoffensetz were elected to the Board as Directors, and have been a great addition. Chaired by Carolyn Piper, our other elected Directors were Rosalyn Williams, Astra Fleetwood, Juliet Sheppard and Karyn Hicks. Our independent Directors were Simon Gilbert-Kent, Ian Walker and Emily Heywood-Smith. We also had the support of Mark Henley. We have an experienced and engaged Board working in the best interests of SAFCA members and their clients.

Although I only commenced in the role of Executive Officer late in this financial year, I would like to thank the SAFCA Board for their good governance, support and willingness to go above and beyond; generously giving of their time and expertise to make a difference to the sector.

Staff

This year saw the retirement of our esteemed staff member Maria Rees. Maria assisted SAFCA to make great improvements in communications and advocacy. We wish Maria and her husband the best as they enjoy travel and time with grandchildren. The SAFCA team welcomed Kelly Higgins to the role of Communications and Advocacy Officer. Kelly joined Sue Mackenzie, Membership and Finance Officer and Steffany Woolford, Workforce Development Officer. The team have a passion for the work they undertake and truly care about supporting and advocating for vulnerable persons. Thank you for all you do to support SAFCA members and the wider community. A particular thanks to Wendy Shirley who retired after eight years as Executive Officer. Wendy remains in high regard by her peers and those she worked with. Her contributions cannot be underestimated and the sector is much better for her involvement. We wish Wendy and her partner great joy as they travel Australia (COVID permitting) and spend quality time with family and friends.

A final note...

Although it has been a difficult year managing restrictions and working with clients with multiple and increasingly complex needs, I want to say a huge thank you to all of our members— financial counsellors, financial capability workers and those working in the sector more broadly. Your skills in listening, communicating, advocacy, negotiation and beyond have made a difference in the lives of many. A particular thank you to the numerous members who contributed their time, skills and knowledge to the many SAFCA committees and groups— you are all greatly appreciated.

Kate Fox
Executive Officer

“I love helping people and assisting them to have control back over their finances and their lives. I’ve just had an email from a client saying, ‘Thank you so much for your help. No way would I have understood any of this was possible’. Comments like this are my reward for a job I love. In hindsight, I shouldn’t call it a job as it’s my passion to help people.”

Jen, SAFCA Member

SAFCA Board

- Carolyn Piper (Chair)
- Samantha Forsyth (Deputy Chair)
- Ian Walker (Treasurer)
- Astra Fleetwood
- Simon Gilbert-Kent
- Emily Heywood-Smith
- Karyn Hicks
- Karen Hoffensetz
- Simon Gilbert-Kent
- Meredith Nelson (term ended Oct 2020)
- Juliet Sheppard
- Susan Wallace (term ended Oct 2020)
- Kerry White (term ended Oct 2020)
- Rosalyn Williams
- Mark Henley (Advisor)

NT Steering Committee

- Toni Cork (Chair)
- Fiona Pettiford
- Kelly Gulliver
- Deborah Armstrong
- Susan Blackmore
- Vicki Borzi
- Philip Bowden
- Susan Guley (term ended June 2021)
- Tania Robinson
- Khandra Stafford (term ended June 2021)
- Serena Staines

National Representative Council

- Carolyn Piper (SA)
- Juliet Sheppard (SA)
- Kelly Gulliver (NT)

Advocacy Advisory Committee

- Simon Gilbert-Kent (Chair)
- Samantha Forsyth
- Elizabeth "Buffy" Kerekes
- Juliet Sheppard
- Lucia Smith
- Sarah Warren
- Wendy Richards (term ended April 2021)
- Mark Henley (Consultant)

Professional Development and Supervision Advisory Committee

- Carolyn Piper (Chair)
- Sarah Lumsden
- Helen Laity
- Anna O'Loughlin
- Paula Kelly (term ended June 2021)
- Sharon Brinkley (term ended June 2021)

Membership and Compliance Committee

- Astra Fleetwood
- Karyn Hicks
- Karen Hoffensetz

Risk and Finance Committee

Carolyn Piper

- Karen Hoffensetz
- Simon Gilbert-Kent
- Ian Walker

Constitution Review Committee

- Simon Gilbert-Kent
- Ian Walker
- Rosalyn Williams

Despite another challenging year because of the COVID-19 pandemic and government restrictions, SAFCA recorded an operating surplus of \$75,873 in the year ended 30 June 2021

This is a pleasing increase of around \$15,000 on the previous year particularly noting that our 2020 annual conference was cancelled. The major changes from the previous year are:

- An increase in membership fees of \$12,000 driven by a 48% increase in membership.
- A grant of \$140,000 from Financial Counselling Australia (FCA) for a workforce development project, of which \$41,000 is unexpended income carried forward to the 2021/22 year.
- A grant of \$100,000 received from DHS to fund a project on vulnerable persons.
- An increase of \$48,000 received from the Commonwealth and State Governments, as income support during the pandemic.
- A grant of \$25,000 received from the FCA to develop a financial counselling plan for SA.
- A reduction in net income of \$88,000 with the cancellation of the annual conference and with professional development moving to online delivery.
- An increase of \$30,000 in consultancy fees paid, reflecting the additional work arising from project grants received.
- An increase of \$65,000 in employment costs (salaries, superannuation and leave) reflecting an increase in full-time equivalent staff.

SAFCA's balance sheet at 30 June 2021 shows a strong financial position with net assets of more than \$346,000. Total assets increased by around \$240,000, much of it reflected in SAFCA's healthy bank balance and financial investments.

The statement from the board confirms the financial statements present fairly the financial position of SAFCA at 30 June 2021 and its financial for the year, and there are reasonable grounds to believe that SAFCA will be able to meet its financial obligations.



Lastly, the auditor's report states that, in his opinion, the financial statements: provide a true and fair view of SAFCA's financial performance and position, and comply with Accounting Standards and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations.

SAFCA's solid financial performance is a result of sound leadership and management with particular thanks to the following:

- Executive Officer, Wendy Shirley, for managing SAFCA's operations particularly in adapting to the changing COVID-19 restrictions. As you know, Wendy has retired and was instrumental in building SAFCA into a strong organisation. We welcome Kate Fox taking up the reins.
- Membership and Finance Officer, Sue Mackenzie, for keeping the accounts in good order, preparing regular reports to the board and providing timely information
- Members of the board including the finance & risk committee who give up their time to exercise oversight and provide guidance.
- independent auditor, Richard Deane, who has audited SAFCA's accounts for several years.

I commend the 2021 financial statements to this annual general meeting.

Ian Walker
Treasurer

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FINANCIAL COUNSELLORS ASSOCIATION INC

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FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30TH JUNE 2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

30 JUNE 2021

	2021	2020
INCOME		
Memberships	40,215.81	28,028.50
DHS Grant	146,835.00	140,890.00
Less Grant Carried Forward	0.00	0.00
FCA Project Support Agreement	140,000.00	0.00
Less Grant Carried Forward	(41,381.42)	0.00
Industry Funding NT Members	20,000.00	0.00
Less NT Membership Support Carried Forward	0.00	0.00
Energy Consumers Australia	0.00	70,562.00
Plus Grant Brought Forward	0.00	39,000.00
Less Grant Carried Forward	0.00	0.00
DHS: Access/Coordination/Capacity	100,000.00	0.00
Less Grant Carried Forward	0.00	0.00
SA FC Plan	25,000.00	0.00
Less Grant Carried Forward	0.00	0.00
ATO Cash Flow Boost	12,308.00	10,000.00
ATO Jobkeeper	59,050.00	13,500.00
Conference Sponsorship	0.00	137,240.00
Conference/ P D Fees	5,778.17	51,541.24
Donations	0.00	8,500.00
Interest Received	714.78	4,612.52
MOU ICAN Learn	0.00	10,000.00
Revenue SA Covid 19 Grant	10,000.00	10,000.00
Sundry Income	2,090.91	5,799.64
TOTAL INCOME	520,611.25	529,673.90
EXPENSE		
Advertising	705.00	0.00
Audit Fees	1,056.00	705.00
Bank Charges	642.80	71.19
Conference Costs	0.00	94,988.30
Consultants	31,063.64	815.52
Depreciation	1,745.39	1,240.09
Grant Direct Expenses	62,246.83	88,362.73
Insurance	3,201.72	3,000.06
IT Expense	7,319.15	8,338.00
Lease Interest	71.48	0.00
Lease Amortisation	8,330.32	0.00
Meeting Costs	3,066.04	7,733.99
Miscellaneous Expenses	732.88	212.28
Newsletter, Annual Report & Graphic Design Expenses	2,502.73	774.55
P D Day	14,889.80	16,469.58
P D / Conference Travel Grants	2,400.00	600.00
Provision for Annual Leave	(2,136.08)	8,241.96
Provision for Long Service leave	3,159.13	3,447.78
Reimbursements	0.00	1,987.92
Rent, Power and Parking	5,553.74	13,666.78
Repairs - Office equipment	1,009.27	165.00
Salary and Wages	257,209.71	192,110.21
Staff Amenities & Recruitment	1,641.17	720.50
Stationery, Postage & Printing	1,434.81	533.96
Subscriptions & Licenses	484.55	918.51
Superannuation	24,071.59	18,110.73
Telephone & Internet	1,354.03	1,748.10
Travel & Mileage	8,693.37	2,699.55
Website Expenses	655.00	0.00
Workcover	1,633.60	1,207.95
TOTAL EXPENSE	444,737.67	468,870.24
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	\$75,873.58	\$60,803.66

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET

30 JUNE 2021

	Note	2021	2020
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	2	423,854.18	277,719.40
Trade and Other Receivables	3	79,324.38	13,407.83
Financial Assets	4	41,940.01	41,144.90
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>545,118.57</u>	<u>332,272.13</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	2,329.38	4,074.77
Right of Use Asset	6	<u>29,156.21</u>	<u>31,485.59</u>
		0.00	4,074.77
TOTAL ASSETS		576,604.16	336,346.90
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and Other Payables	7	32,288.37	4,365.77
Lease Liability	8	12,398.39	0.00
Income in Advance	9	83,167.45	28,462.77
Provisions	10	33,809.22	16,217.41
Unexpended Grants & Funds	11	<u>51,381.42</u>	<u>213,044.85</u>
		0.00	49,045.95
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lease Liability	8	16,953.54	0.00
Provisions	10	<u>0.00</u>	<u>16,953.54</u>
		16,568.76	16,568.76
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>229,998.39</u>	<u>65,614.71</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>\$346,605.77</u>	<u>\$270,732.19</u>
EQUITY			
Association Funds	12	<u>346,605.77</u>	<u>270,732.19</u>
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>\$346,605.77</u>	<u>\$270,732.19</u>

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

30 JUNE 2021

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared for the members of The South Australian Financial Counsellors Association Inc and to enable compliance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act SA.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act SA. The South Australian Financial Counsellors Association Inc is a non-reporting entity under Corporations Law. No regard has been paid in this financial report to other Statements of Accounting Concepts or Accounting Standards in the preparation of this report other than AAS 1025.

The accounts have been prepared from historical cost records except where stated otherwise. The accrual and going concern bases of accounting have been applied.

a. COVID-19 Pandemic

On the 11th March 2020 the World Health Organisation declared COVID-19 a pandemic. Subsequently the annual conference of the Association in September 2020, the major event of the next year, was cancelled. Some expenses incurred have been carried forward for the 2021 conference.

The Association has received funding from the State Government of SA (\$10,000) and the Federal Government (Jobkeeper \$59,500 and Cash Flow Boost \$12,308) as support for the increased costs of operation and lost income - these have been included in the income of the 2021 year.

At this date the Board believes that the Association will have sufficient funds to continue operations for the next twelve months.

The Board also believe that it is not possible to predict with any certainty whether the 2021 conference will occur or when normal operations will be resumed.

b. Income Tax

The South Australian Financial Counsellors Association Inc is exempt from income tax. The Association is registered for GST purposes.

c. Plant & Equipment and Depreciation

Plant and equipment owned by the association have been depreciated on a straight line basis from the day that the equipment was purchased and ready for use. Depreciation rates have been set as follows:

Plant and equipment	15%
Computers	33%

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30 JUNE 2021

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

d. Revenue and Other Income

Grant revenue is recognised when received, with the exception that if conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue is deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

Memberships are recognised as revenue in the year to which the subscription relates.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

e. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes deposits at call with banks.

f. Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from third parties. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets.

g. Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

h. Employee Benefits

Provision has been made in these accounts for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by the employee to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is extinguished.

Provision has been recognised for long service leave payable by the association to the employees after the employees have worked for more than five years with the association.

i. New Accounting Standards for Application in the Current Year

There is one new accounting standard issued which affects the current year.

The association has reviewed the impact of this change and has determined that the adoption of this standard has no effect on the financial position or performance of the association.

AASB 16: Leases

The association has signed a premises lease of a material value for three years from November 2020. The lease has been brought to account as a Right of Use Asset and Lease Liability as per AASB 16 with no affect on equity.

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30 JUNE 2021

	2021		2020	
NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS				
ANZ Bank	85,493.89		69,525.58	
ANZ Online Saver	338,360.29	\$423,854.18	208,193.82	\$277,719.40
NOTE 3: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES				
Trade Debtors	58,504.99		414.99	
Less: Provision for doubtful debts	(250.00)		(250.00)	
	58,254.99		164.99	
Prepayments	19,661.09		3,926.84	
Accrued Income	0.00		246.80	
Sundry Debtors	1,408.30	\$79,324.38	9,069.20	\$13,407.83
NOTE 4: FINANCIAL ASSETS				
Investment - U C Invest # 1	27,790.55		27,121.99	
Investment - U C Invest # 2	14,149.46		14,022.91	
		\$41,940.01		\$41,144.90
NOTE 5: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT				
Plant & Equipment at cost	5,292.70		7,932.50	
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(2,963.32)	\$2,329.38	(3,857.73)	\$4,074.77
NOTE 6: RIGHT OF USE ASSET				
Right of Use Asset - Premises	37,486.53		0.00	
Less Accumulated Amortisation	(8,330.32)	\$29,156.21	0.00	\$0.00
NOTE 7: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES				
Trade Payables	26,990.04		4,349.55	
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	5,298.33	\$32,288.37	16.22	\$4,365.77
NOTE 8: LEASE LIABILITY				
Lease Liability - Current	\$12,398.39		\$0.00	
Lease Liability - Non-Current	\$16,953.54	\$29,351.93	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOTE 9: INCOME IN ADVANCE				
Memberships	22,024.27		21,731.77	
Conference	61,143.18		0.00	
Other	0.00	\$83,167.45	6,731.00	\$28,462.77
NOTE 10: PROVISIONS				
Provision for Annual Leave		\$14,081.33		\$16,217.41
Provision for Long Service leave		\$19,727.89		\$16,568.76

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NOTE 11: UNEXPENDED GRANTS & FUNDS

Grants and Funds Brought Forward	<u>\$51,381.42</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
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NOTE 12: EQUITY

Balance 1st July	270,732.19	209,928.53
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Surplus for year	<u>75,873.58</u>	<u>60,803.66</u>
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BALANCE 30 JUNE	<u>\$346,605.77</u>	<u>\$270,732.19</u>
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THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FINANCIAL COUNSELLORS ASSOCIATION INC

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

The Board has determined that the association is a not reporting entity.

The Board has determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the accounts.

In the opinion of the Board, the financial statements as set out on pages 1 to 6:


1. Present fairly the financial position of The South Australian Financial Counsellors Association Inc at 30 June 2021 and the performance of the association for the year ended on that date:
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that The South Australian Financial Counsellors Association Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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


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Name: Carolyn Piper

Position: chair person


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Name: Ian Walker

Position: Treasurer

Dated: 23 September 2021

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**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FINANCIAL COUNSELLORS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**

Report on Audit of the Financial Report

We have audited the financial report of South Australian Financial Counsellors Association Incorporated (the association) which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2021, and the income statement, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement by the members of the Board.

In our opinion, the financial report of South Australian Financial Counsellors Association Incorporated 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 registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its financial performance for the year ended then ended; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Regulations 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 registered entity in accordance with 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 believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibility of the Board for the Financial Report

The Board of the association is 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 ACNC Act and the needs of members.

The Board's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Board determines 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 Board is responsible for assessing the registered entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board either intends to liquidate the registered entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board is responsible for overseeing the registered entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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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Richard F Deane

Date: 13 August 2021

Richard F Deane, Principal

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