

## **Professional Historians' Association of New Zealand/Aotearoa (PHANZA)**

### **Treasurer's report for 2014–15**

I took over as Treasurer in August last year, and would particularly like to acknowledge the work of my predecessor, Andrew Gregg, who left everything in such good order.

Our membership during the year has remained fairly steady at around 150, and our accounts remain positive – despite not having increased membership fees since our inception. However, the proportion of members who are earning (and hence pay the higher subscription) has dropped very slightly to just below two-thirds. In terms of geographical distribution, around half our members are based in Wellington, with the next biggest proportions being in greater Auckland (just under one-third) and Canterbury (just over a tenth).

Our principal expenditure over the year has been on the production and distribution of Phanzine – this being one of our main points of contact with members. Another important point of contact is our website. Over the year, the committee has been investigating ways of updating and improving the website and has come to the conclusion it will take most of the \$8,000 we are currently holding in our savings account. That money has taken a considerable number of years to accumulate, but we are of the view that expending it on the website would give the most benefit to the most members, and we are keen to proceed.

Although we did not hold any conferences or workshops over the year to June, we did outlay money for gatherings in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch to celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> birthday, and these events were much enjoyed by those who attended. The committee has noted the call to hold more events outside Wellington and is keen to do so, but stresses that achieving this goal depends heavily on the active involvement of members based in the centre(s) concerned. One such event has just been successfully held in Auckland. Having come after the end of our financial year, however, it does not feature in the 2014/15 accounts.

**Eileen Barrett-Whitehead**

**PHANZA Treasurer**

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