

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

Treasurer's report for 2015-16

Over the year to 30 June 2016 our membership remained steady at around 150, and our accounts remained positive. This is despite still not having increased membership fees, which we want to keep affordable for all. The proportion of members who are earning (and hence paying the higher subscription) has remained at very slightly below two-thirds.

Although, as our President has said, our greatest concentration of members (roughly half) were in the Wellington area, we had around a fifth in greater Auckland and a tenth in Canterbury. We additionally had five members in Otago; three each in Northland, Waikato, East Coast, Manawatu, and Nelson; and a further sprinkling in Hawkes Bay, Taranaki, Horowhenua, Marlborough, and Southland.

As usual, our main expenditure over the year was on the production and distribution of *Phanzine* – this being one of our principal points of contact with members.

Another important point of contact, though, is our website. During the year, members of the committee worked hard, with the help of a website developer, to update and improve it and, as you know, the new version recently went live. I signalled in last year's annual report that the work was likely to involve an outlay of several thousand dollars. Indeed, an early quote (which we rejected) came in at around \$12,000. Because the work was still in train as at 30 June 2016, the associated invoices had yet to be received, but we now expect an outlay of less than half that early quote. Payments will come into the 2016-17 accounts.

In addition to the above activities, a symposium was held in Auckland in July 2015 which was very much enjoyed by those who attended. Financially, it yielded a modest surplus.

Lastly, I would like to advise that this is probably the last year that the accounts will be presented in their current form. New accounting standards are being phased in, meaning that we will need to move to reporting in accordance with one of the External Reporting Board's 'standard tier' models for not-for-profit entities. I am still exploring how to do this but will do my best to answer any questions. Alternatively, the Board's website, www.xrb.govt.nz, has detailed information for those interested.

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PHANZA Treasurer
30 September 2016