

Local Government Finance Professionals Association Inc.

Financial Report for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your committee members submit the financial report of Local Government Finance Professionals Association Inc., "The Association" for the financial year ended 30 September 2024.

Committee Members

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Bradley Thomas	John Brockway
Gabrielle Gordon	Aaron Gerrard
Alan Wilson	Belinda Johnson
Binda Gokhale	Nathan Kearsley
Chen Wei	Fiona Rae
Melissa Baker	Tony Rocca
Simone Wickes	Nathan Morsillo
Navec Lorkin	

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were to provide professional development opportunities to members of the association.

Operating Result


The surplus for the 2024 financial year amounted to \$25,553 (2023: Surplus of \$44,482).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the committee.

Signed: 

Bradley Thomas, President FinPro

23.11.24

Signed: 

Tony Rocca, Executive Committee Member FinPro

23.11.24

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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

	Note	2024	2023
		\$	\$
INCOME			
Contributions (members)		56,403	53,167
Professional Development Fees	2	446,526	445,706
Sponsorship		127,273	113,090
Interest		10,063	6,994
		640,265	618,957
EXPENDITURE			
Bank charges		356	181
Consultants		45,638	3,575
Communications		1,006	7,030
Administration expenses		115,420	101,660
Professional Development	3	424,436	405,743
Representations		3,119	9,424
Scholarship Program		24,737	46,862
		614,712	574,475
Current year surplus / (deficit) and other Comprehensive income		25,553	44,482

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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ASSETS AND LIABILITIES STATEMENT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		\$	\$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash on hand	4	212,302	242,078
Financial Assets	5	175,139	166,818
Prepayments		263,718	235,949
Other Receivable		3,850	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		655,009	644,845
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LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors	6	-	39,510
Contract Liabilities	6	341,016	321,287
Accrued Expenditure	6	-	2,274
Other Payables	6	23,203	16,537
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		364,219	379,608
TOTAL LIABILITIES		364,219	379,608
NET ASSETS		290,790	265,237
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Opening Balance Equity		63,335	63,335
Retained Surplus		201,902	157,420
Net surplus/ (deficit)		25,553	44,482
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		290,790	265,237

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Members' Funds	Retained Surplus	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 October 2022	63,335	157,420	220,755
Net surplus for the year	-	44,482	44,482
Total comprehensive income/ (deficit) attributable to members of the Association for the year		44,482	44,482
Balance at 30 September 2023	63,335	201,902	265,237
Balance at 1 October 2023	63,335	201,902	265,237
Net surplus for the year	-	25,553	25,553
Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the Association for the year	-	25,553	25,553
Balance at 30 September 2024	63,335	227,455	290,790

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
CASHFLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from customers (GST inclusive)	649,931	531,111
Payments to suppliers (GST Inclusive)	(681,449)	(607,294)
Interest Received	1,742	6,994
NET CASH PROVIDED FROM / (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(29,776)	(69,189)
CASHFLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of financial asset	-	(166,818)
NET CASH PROVIDED FROM/ (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES	-	(166,818)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD	(29,776)	(236,007)
CASH AT BEGINNING OF FINANCIAL YEAR	242,078	478,085
CASH AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	212,302	242,078
RECONCILIATION OF CASH		
CASH AT BANK	212,302	242,078
	212,302	242,078
RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATIONS WITH NET INCOME		
NET SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)	25,553	44,482
(INCREASE) / DECREASE IN RECEIVABLES	(8,321)	3,300
(INCREASE) / DECREASE IN PREPAYMENTS AND OTHER ASSETS	(31,619)	(24,251)
INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CONTRACT LIABILITY	19,729	(84,152)
INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CREDITORS AND OTHER LIABILITIES	(35,118)	(8,568)
CASHFLOW FROM OPERATIONS	(29,776)	(69,189)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 Vic. The committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements specified by the Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 'Presentation of Financial Statements', AASB 107 'Statement of Cash Flows', AASB 108 'Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors', AASB 1048 'Interpretation of Standards' and AASB 1054 'Australian Additional Disclosures', as appropriate for not-for-profit oriented entities.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

a. **Income Tax**

The Association is not registered for income tax as income is received from members and in the event of winding up the organisation it states that all surplus funds are transferred to another like not-for-profit organisation.

b. **Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)**

The Association owns no Property, Plant or Equipment.

c. **Employee Provisions**

The Association has no employees.

d. **Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result, and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

e. **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

f. **Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors**

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from donors. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

g. **Revenue and Other Income**

Revenue from contracts with customers

The core principle of AASB 15 is that revenue is recognised on a basis that reflects the transfer of promised goods or services to customers at an amount that reflects the consideration the Association expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services. Revenue is recognised by applying a five-step model as follows:

1. Identify the contract with the customer
2. Identify the performance obligations
3. Determine the transaction price
4. Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations
5. Recognise revenue as and when control of the performance obligations is transferred

Generally the timing of the payment for sale of goods and rendering of services corresponds closely to the timing of satisfaction of the performance obligations, however where there is a difference, it will result in the recognition of a receivable, contract asset or contract liability.

None of the revenue streams of the Association have any significant financing terms as there is less than 12 months between receipt of funds and satisfaction of performance obligations.

Specific revenue streams

Contributions (members)

Contributions received throughout the year are recognised as income on a pro-rata basis. Contributions received relating to the subsequent year are recognised at year-end as contract liabilities, if any.

Professional Development Fees

Revenue is recognised when the event is held.

Sponsorship

Sponsorship revenue is recognised on an accruals basis when the Association is entitled to it.

h. **Leases**

The Association has no leases at 30 September 2024.

i. **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the assets and liabilities statement.

j. **Financial Assets**

Investments in financial assets are initially recognised at cost, which includes transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value, which is equivalent to their market bid price at the end of the reporting period. Movements in fair value are recognised through an equity reserve.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

k. **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.

l. **Contract liabilities**

Contract liabilities represent the incorporated association's obligation to transfer goods or services to a customer and are recognised when a customer pays consideration, or when the incorporated association recognises a receivable to reflect its unconditional right to consideration (whichever is earlier) before the incorporated association has transferred the goods or services to the customer.

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NOTE 2: INCOME - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FEES	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Professional Development: AGM	-	26,864
Professional Development: Conferences	297,145	303,789
Professional Development: Seminars	114,199	82,600
Professional Development Levy	35,182	32,453
Total Income – Professional Development Fees	446,526	445,706

NOTE 3: EXPENDITURE - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Professional Development: AGM	-	32,191
Professional Development: Conferences	325,127	326,984
Professional Development: Seminars	99,309	46,569
Total Expenses – Professional Development Fees	424,436	405,744

NOTE 4: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash on Hand- Commonwealth Bank	212,302	242,078
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	212,302	242,078

NOTE 5: FINANCIAL ASSETS

Term Deposit > 90 Days - Commonwealth Bank	175,139	166,818
Total Financial Assets	175,139	166,818

NOTE 6: CURRENT LIABILITIES

Creditors	-	39,510
Contract liabilities	341,016	321,287
Accrued Expenses	-	2,274
Other Payables	23,203	16,537
Total Current Liabilities	364,219	379,608

NOTE 7: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may affect the operations of the Association, the results of the operations or the state of affairs of the Association in the future financial years.

NOTE 8: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Association had no contingent liabilities or assets as at 30 September 2023 and 30 September 2024.

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Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012

ss 94(2)(b), 97(2)(b) and 100(2)(b)

**ANNUAL STATEMENTS GIVE TRUE AND FAIR VIEW OF FINANCIAL POSITION AND
PERFORMANCE OF INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION**

We, Bradley Thomas and Tony Rocca, being members of the committee of Local Government Finance Professionals Association Inc., certify that:

The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of Local Government Finance Professionals Association Inc. during and at the end of the financial year of the Association ended on 30 September 2024.

Signed:



Bradley Thomas, President FinPro

23.11.24

Signed:



Tony Rocca, Executive Committee Member FinPro

23.11.24

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

We declare that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit of the financial report Local Government Finance Professionals Association Inc for the year ended 30 September 2024.

HLB Mann Judd

**HLB Mann Judd
Chartered Accountants**

Melbourne
26 November 2024



**Michael Gummery
Partner**

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Local Government Finance Professionals Association Inc.

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

Opinion

We have audited the special purpose financial report of Local Government Finance Professionals Association Inc. ("the Association") which comprises the Assets and Liabilities Statement as at 30 September 2024, the Income and Expenditure Statement and Other Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, and the declaration by the Members of the Committee ("the Committee").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the Association as at 30 September 2024, and its financial performance and its cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 of the financial statements and the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2021 (Vic)*.

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 Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* ("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.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Use

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is a special purpose financial report and has been prepared to assist the Association to meet the requirements of *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2021 (Vic)*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the Association and its members and should not be used by parties other than the Association and its members. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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Responsibilities of Management and The Committee for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the special purpose financial report in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 of the financial statements and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the special purpose financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Committee are responsible for overseeing the Association'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 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.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.



We communicate with the Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

HLB Mann Judd

**HLB Mann Judd
Chartered Accountants**

Melbourne
26 November 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Gummery', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Michael Gummery
Partner**