



MELBOURNE
PRESS CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended
31 December 2005

MELBOURNE PRESS CLUB

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Committee 2005

- President:** Ian Henderson, ABC TV
- Vice Presidents:** Peter Bartlett, Minter Ellison
Bob Kearsley, Channel 9
- Treasurer:** David Poulton, Minter Ellison
- Secretary:** Sue Henderson
- Committee:** Eileen Berry, The Age
Bill Birnbauer, The Age
Sylvia Bradshaw, Leader Community Newspapers
Genevieve Brammall, Herald Sun
Rob Curtain, 3AW
Sushi Das, The Age
Michele Fonseca, ABC TV
Richard Leder, Corrs Chambers Westgarth
Kevin McQuillan, RMIT
Keith Moor, Herald Sun
Justin Quill, Corrs Chambers Westgarth
John Rees, RACV
Mike Smith, Inside PR
Karalee Tilvern
John Trevorror, Herald Sun

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President's Report 2005

2005 marked a significant anniversary for the Melbourne Press Club. It was ten years since the virtual rebirth of the club under a new energetic committee determined to make a creative contribution to the journalistic and cultural life of this city. It's an appropriate time to check the club's vital signs... and the degree to which it's succeeded in its mission of creating a regular forum for discussion of current issues; fostering career and professional development; and providing fellowship for members.

The club's biggest statement back in 1995 was to establish the Quill awards for excellence in Victorian journalism. Ten years on, I'm proud to say the Quills are an unqualified success. The night is embraced by all sections of the industry as a "must attend" celebration of the best work of the past year, and a rare opportunity to meet as a group. The tenth anniversary Quills at Zinc at Federation Square were perhaps the best of the lot... demonstrating that the concept, and the night, are here to stay. We no longer have to market the tickets, they sell themselves. Some enduring features of the night help guarantee its success. The Lifetime Achievement Award is always warmly received. And the Young Journalist of the Year now has an enviable record of turbo-charging the careers of its recipients. The success of the evening is helped, in no small measure, by the conjoint staging of the Graham Perkin Australian Journalist of the Year Award. It's a great synergy. Long may it continue.

The backbone of the club's activities, and its most regular interface with members, remains our calendar of luncheons addressed by newsmakers of the day. Over the years we've had some outstanding speakers, and the 2005 program was again generally well supported. But we can't afford to rest on our laurels. Though we've had lots of hits, we've also had a few misses, and a few misses is too many in a competitive market. Much of our effort will need to continue to be directed towards attracting big-ticket speakers at the forefront of debate, and from varied walks of life, if we're to succeed in getting the numbers through the door. As it stands, the program is working well but it needs continual care and attention.

The club's annual journalism conference is our biggest regular contribution to the career development of members and aspiring journalists alike. In 2005 we resolved some of our sponsorship dilemmas by staging the event at RMIT University and tailoring the content towards student journalists. This guaranteed that it was well subscribed, while top-notch speakers such as Rob Hulls, Graeme Samuel and Denis Muller ensured that it had an appeal beyond the tertiary institutions. It was a winning formula and one we hope to emulate in the years ahead. I'm particularly proud of the links we've forged with journalism educators. Committee members regularly make themselves available to address student groups out of a desire to return something to the industry that's nurtured them. In the years ahead, we need to foster and cement those links.

The mainstay of the club's social program in 2005 was the Trivia Night, again ably pulled together by David Poulton... and again won by the Supreme Court team (can no-one knock them off?). The regular Media Mums get togethers were also popular. Looking ahead, plans are afoot for another Journalists' Ball, and the committee is still on the look out for a regular watering hole for members. One that holds some potential is the soon-to-opened "Press Club" bar and restaurant in the old Herald and Weekly Times building. Talks are progressing with its proprietors.

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Continued...President's Report 2005

Underpinning all our efforts in 2005 was the solid and professional output of our secretariat. Sue and Sophie have run a tight ship, and provided members with a friendly and helpful point of contact five days a week. Looking back, the establishment of a permanent secretariat was one of the club's most significant achievements over the past decade. It embodies our corporate memory and provides the engine that drives most of our work. Speaking on behalf of all committee members, I pass on our thanks and appreciation to Sue and Sophie for a job well done.

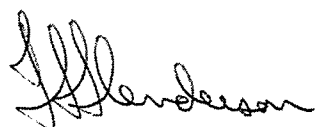
But you can't have a full-time secretariat without the sponsorship dollars to sustain it. And I'd like to record my thanks to our generous list of sponsors, headed of course by Tattersall's, for under-writing the club's program. We, as committee members, give freely of our time to chart a course for the club, but none of it would get off the drawing board without the corporate muscle provided by our sponsors, most of whom have now developed long-term relationships with the club. For that show of faith, and of course their practical support, we are deeply grateful. Again this is something we can't take for granted. We have to ensure sponsors' legitimate needs and concerns are met, while holding fast to the club's commitment to independent and robust debate. I'm happy to report we're currently exploring ways of broadening our sponsorship base and importantly, adding to our impressive list of media sponsors.

Financially, 2005 was a challenging year but I'm pleased to tell you we finished the year modestly in the black. And that was a big change from 2004. More on that, in the Treasurer's report. Suffice to say, the committee and secretariat is constantly on the look-out for ways to constrain our costs, particularly where our functions are concerned.

As you may be aware, this is my final report. I've enjoyed a busy and fulfilling three years as President, and am pleased to hand over the reins now to John Trevorrow, who I understand is the only nomination for president today. Deservedly so. He's an excellent choice. As I've said many times before, it's important for the club to rotate the presidency on a regular basis to foster the industry-wide involvement. That is its best guarantee of long-term relevance and survival.

It remains for me to thank my fellow committee members for their moral and practical support over the past three years. I know how much of your valuable free time you devote to the club, and I deeply appreciate your efforts and friendship. As they say at Olympic and Commonwealth Games time... you're the best ever.

To conclude, the club's vital signs are robust, and its mission is on track.



Ian Henderson

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Treasurer's Report 2005

In 2005 the Melbourne Press Club achieved a significant financial improvement. Although revenue has declined, the Club was able to post a net operating gain of \$666 for 2005 as against the 2004 loss of \$70,443.

It is expected that measures taken to control expenses during 2005 will stand the Club in good stead for the future.

The highlights of financial performance included:

- < Sponsorship receipts were at a reasonably good level of \$200,000 in cash, with significant in-kind sponsorship in addition. Maintaining sponsorship levels is a continuing challenge.
- < Membership revenue was down slightly, from \$17,700 in 2004 to \$16,147 in 2005.
- < Total revenue decreased by 9% to \$304,694, down from \$335,768 in 2004. This decline is entirely explained by the fact that the Club did not have the revenue from a Journalists' Ball (the 2004 Ball resulted in revenues of just over \$31,000).
- < Total costs decreased by 5%, from \$406,211 in 2004 to \$304,028 in 2005. Again, the Journalists' Ball was a significant factor here (expenses of just under \$74,000 in 2004).
- < Bank balance of \$23,825 as at 31 December 2004. Balance of \$26,418 as at 31 December 2005.

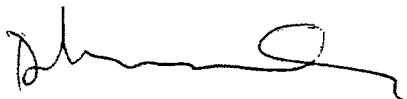
The financial performance was particularly pleasing when one considers that the Quill Awards in 2005 were held at a relatively higher cost venue (Zinc).

The sponsorship environment remains extremely competitive and we must continue to work hard to provide our sponsors with value for money. A club like ours is simply not viable without the continuing support of our sponsors. We are very fortunate to have had such a loyal group of sponsors.

The Club was also fortunate during 2005 to have had a stable and highly efficient Secretariat, headed by our general manager, Sue Henderson, ably supported by her assistant manager, Sophie Gaylard. Sue and Sophie have worked extremely hard to further increase the efficiency of our systems. The Club's core activities such as memberships and functions are operating in a very sound manner. The Secretariat has also handled all of the Club's day-to-day financial work, making the role of Treasurer far less onerous than otherwise it would have been.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Sue and Sophie for their continuing assistance in my role as Treasurer.

We have continued to observe the procedures required by our auditors to ensure that accounting and association standards are met. Once again, I would like to thank our auditors, BDO, for their excellent service.



David Poulton
Treasurer
Melbourne Press Club
16 May 2006

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Functions Calendar 2005

	LUNCHES	CONFERENCE	OTHER EVENTS
February	Michael Long Lunch RACV Club 22.4.2.05		
March	The Tsunami Report The Medallion Club 9.3.05 Quill Awards Dinner ZINC at Federation Square 10.03.05		
April	2005 Football Lunch The Medallion Club 12.04.05		Media Mums Morning Beetle Café 12.4.05
May			AGM RACV 11.05.04
June	Bruce Akhurst The Medallion Club 15.6.05		
July	George Brouwer RACV 20.7.05		
August		Journalism 2005 Conference RMIT 26.8.05	
September	William Baldwin Lunch Minter Ellison 2.9.05 Grand Final Lunch Medallion Club 22.9.05		
October			Trivia Night The Imperial Hotel 21.10.05
November	Amanda Vanstone Medallion Club 3.11.2005 Chris Patten Medallion Club 14.11.2005		Media Mums Gasworks Park Cafe Date TBC
December	Commonwealth Games Medallion Club 1.12.05		

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Melbourne Press Club Quill Awards 2005

The Tattersall's Gold Quill

Belinda Hawkins and the Australian Story Team ABC TV

The Graham Perkin Award for the Australian Journalist of the Year

Paul McGeough The Age and Sydney Morning Herald

Lifetime Achievement Award

Les Carlyon

Young Journalist of the Year Award

Nick McKenzie ABC

RACV Transport Quill

Joint Award

Jonathan Creek Channel 7 News

Craig Wood, Milanda Rout and Mandi Zonneveldt Herald Sun

Grant Hattam Quill Award for Investigative Journalism in any Medium

Nick McKenzie and Rafael Epstein ABC Radio

Best Columnist

Neil Mitchell Herald Sun

Best Sports Story in any Medium

Andrew Rule Good Weekend

Best Business Story in any Medium

Malcolm Maiden The Age

Best TV Camerawork in News and Current Affairs

Mark Dobbin Stateline, ABC TV

Best News Photograph

Jason South The Age

Best Sports Photograph

Ray Kennedy The Age

Best Features Photograph

Paul Harris The Age

Best Three Headlines in any Medium

Paul Stafford Herald Sun

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Best Page Layout

Katherine Alexander Law Institute Journal

Best Illustration in any Medium

Andrew Dyson The Age

Best Cartoon

Peter Nicholson The Australian

Best Deadline Report in any Medium

Paul Anderson and the Herald Sun News Team Herald Sun

Best On-line Report

Hugh J Martin, John Silvester, Simon Johanson & Matthew Absalom-Wong The Age

Best Suburban or Regional Report in any Medium

Richard Schmeiszl South Gippsland Sentinel Times

Best Rural Affairs Report in any Medium

Kerri Ritchie Stateline, ABC TV

Best TV News Report

Brett McLeod Channel Nine

Best Radio News Report

No Award

Best TV Current Affairs Report

Belinda Hawkins and the Australian Story Team Australian Story, ABC TV

Best Radio Current Affairs Report

John Silvester, Ross Stevenson & John Burns 3AW

Best News Report in Print

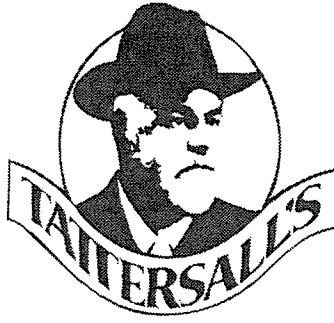
Lindsay Murdoch The Age

Best Feature in Print

Cameron Stewart and Christine Jackman The Australian

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MAJOR SPONSORS



CORPORATE SPONSORS



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**FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2005**

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Your committee members submit the financial statements of The Melbourne Press Club for the financial year ended 31 December 2005.

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

Ian Henderson (ABC TV): President
Peter Bartlett (Minter Ellison): Vice President
Bob Kearsley (Nine Network): Vice President
David Poulton (Minter Ellison): Treasurer
Sue Henderson: Secretary
Sophie Gaylard: Secretary

Bill Birnbauer (The Age)
Sylvia Bradshaw (Leader Community Newspapers)
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Principal Activities

The principal activities of the organisation during the financial year were:

- Annual Quill Awards for Excellence in Victorian journalism;
- Social functions for members;
- Journalism conferences;
- Regular club lunches with high-profile speakers; and
- Forums for debate on professional issues.

Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the financial year.

Operating Results

The surplus from ordinary activities for the year amounted to \$666 (2004: Deficit of \$70,443). The figure for 2004 reflects the fact that whilst during that year, the Melbourne Press Club continued to receive strong support in sponsorship and membership from the public, expenses were higher than in previous years largely due to the significant 'special' expense of the 2004 Journalists' Ball. In 2005 expenses were contained and the surplus of \$666 reflects that.

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Adoption of Australian Equivalents to IFRS

As a result of the introduction of Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), the association's financial report has been prepared in accordance with these standards.

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

Member



Mr David Poulton

Dated this 11th day of May 2006.

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A.B.N. 27 713 079 515**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE MELBOURNE PRESS CLUB INCORPORATED****Scope**

We have audited the financial report, being a special purpose financial report of The Melbourne Press Club Inc. for the year ended 31 December 2005. The committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used and described in the financial statements which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Victoria) and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of The Melbourne Press Club Inc. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

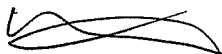
The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Association Incorporated Act (Victoria). We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Association's financial position, and performance as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents a true and fair view in accordance with the accounting policies described in the financial statements, the financial position of The Melbourne Press Club Inc. as at 31 December 2005 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

**BDO**
Chartered Accountants**JEFFREY F KNOTT**
PartnerMelbourne
Date: 11 May 2006

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STATEMENT BY COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of The Melbourne Press Club Inc. as at 31 December 2005 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that The Melbourne Press Club 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 committee and is signed for and on the behalf of the committee by:

Treasurer:



Mr David Poulton

Dated this 11th day of May 2006

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INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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	Note	2005 \$	2004 \$
Revenue from ordinary activities	2	304,694	335,768
Employee benefits expense		(118,749)	(112,618)
Sponsorship, conference and function expenses		(175,321)	(271,218)
Administration and office expenses		(1,586)	(1,987)
Other expenses from ordinary activities		(8,372)	(20,388)
Surplus/(Deficit) from ordinary activities	3 (b)	666	(70,443)
Total changes in members' funds		<u>666</u>	<u>(70,443)</u>

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**BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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	Note	2005 \$	2004 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	3 (a)	<u>26,418</u>	<u>23,825</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>26,418</u>	<u>23,825</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Plant & Equipment	4	<u>1,378</u>	<u>2,755</u>
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1,378</u>	<u>2,755</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>27,796</u>	<u>26,580</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	5	10,299	10,032
Short-term provisions	6	<u>12,312</u>	<u>12,029</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>22,611</u>	<u>22,061</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>22,611</u>	<u>22,061</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>5,185</u>	<u>4,519</u>
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Accumulated surplus	7	5,185	4,519
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		<u>5,185</u>	<u>4,519</u>

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
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	Note	Accumulated Funds \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 January 2005		74,962	74,962
Surplus/(Deficit) from ordinary activities		(70,443)	(70,443)
Balance at 31 December 2005		<u>74,962</u>	<u>74,962</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) from ordinary activities		666	666
Balance at 31 December 2005		<u><u>5,185</u></u>	<u><u>5,185</u></u>

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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT
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	Note	2005 \$	2004 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Receipts from grants, membership fees and other income		334,774	368,628
Payment to suppliers and employees		<u>(332,181)</u>	<u>(429,637)</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	3 (b)	2,593	(61,009)
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITY			
Payments for purchases of Assets		<u>-</u>	<u>(4,132)</u>
Net cash used in investing activity		-	(4,132)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		2,593	(65,141)
Cash at beginning of year		23,825	88,966
Cash at end of year	3 (a)	<u>26,418</u>	<u>23,825</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared to satisfy the financial report preparation requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Victoria). The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity

Basis of Preparation

The report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Victoria) and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 1031	Materiality
AASB 110	Events after the Balance Sheet Date
AASB 136	Impairment of Assets
AASB 117	Leases
AASB 107	Cash Flow Statements
AASB 119	Employee Benefits
AASB 101	Presentation of Financial Statements
AASB 116	Property, Plant and Equipment
AASB 1004	Contribution

Australian Accounting Standard AASB 108: Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors, has not been applied but certain provisions of this standard have been adopted.

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Boards have been applied.

Reporting Basis and Conventions

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs modified by the revaluation of selected non-current assets, and financial assets and financial liabilities for which the fair value basis of accounting has applied.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the association in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

Accounting Policies

(a) Income tax

The Association is exempt from income tax pursuant to Section 50-5 of Income Tax Assessment Act (1997).

(b) Plant and Equipment

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

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Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful lives to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

(c) Leases

Leases of fixed assets where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not the legal ownership, are transferred to the Association are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised by recording an asset and a liability at the lower of the amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property or the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the period.

Leased assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives where it is likely that the Association will obtain ownership of the asset or over the term of the lease.

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the period in which they are incurred.

(d) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the Association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on-costs. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits.

(e) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short-term borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

(f) Revenue

Revenue from membership fees and sponsorships are recognised upon receipt.

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

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

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Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

(g) Investments

Non-current investments are measured on the cost basis.

The carrying amount of investments is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount of these investments. The recoverable amount is assessed from the quoted market value for shares in listed companies. The expected net cash flows from investments have not been discounted to their present value in determining the recoverable amounts.

(h) Goods and Services Tax

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. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense.

Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the cash flow statement on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

(i) Comparative Figures

Comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year where required by accounting standards or as a result of changes in accounting policy.

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
Note 2: Profit from Ordinary Activities		
Operating Activities		
Subscriptions/Membership fees	16,147	17,700
Functions	29,804	36,407
Sponsorships and grants	200,000	199,256
Quill awards	51,737	29,736
Conference	6,124	15,831
Rebanking credit card errors	403	729
Bank interest	476	1,461
Other Income	3	3,225
Journalist's Ball	-	31,423
	304,694	335,768
Total Revenue from operating activities	304,694	335,768

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	2005	2004
	\$	\$
Note 6: Provisions		
Employee Benefits	12,312	12,029
	12,312	12,029
Note 7: Accumulated Surplus		
Accumulated surplus at the beginning of the year	4,519	74,962
Surplus/(Deficit) from ordinary activities	666	(70,443)
Accumulated surplus at the end of the year	5,185	4,519

Note 8: Economic Dependence

A significant portion of income is received by way of membership revenue and sponsorship.

Note 9: Related Party Transactions

Committee Members:

The names of the members of the committee who have held office during the financial year are:

Ian Henderson (ABC TV): President
Peter Bartlett (Minter Ellison): Vice President
Bob Kearsley (Nine Network): Vice President
David Poulton (Minter Ellison): Treasurer
Sue Henderson: Secretary
Sophie Gaylard: Secretary

Bill Birnbauer (The Age)
Sylvia Bradshaw (Leader Community Newspapers)
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Rob Curtain (3AW)
Sushi Das (The Age)
Michele Fonseca (ABC TV)
Richard Leder (Corrs Chambers Westgarth)
Kevin McQuillan (RMIT University)
Keith Moor (Herald Sun)
Justin Quill (Corrs Chambers Westgarth) (Appointed January 2004)
John Rees
Mike Smith (Inside PR)
Karalee Tilvern
John Trevorrow (Herald Sun)

Committee Member's Remuneration:

No income is paid or payable to members of the committee by the association and any related entity.

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Note 10: Segment Reporting

The organisation operates predominantly in one sector (media/journalism) and on geographic location (Australia)

Note 11: Explanation of Transition to Australian Equivalents to IFRS

The adoption of AIFRS has not resulted in any material adjustments to the balance sheet, income statement or cash flow statement.

There were no adjustments required to retrospectively amend balances as a result of new or amended accounting policies arising from the adoption of AIFRS.

Note 12: Association Details

The principal place of business of the association is:

Level 1
525 Collins Street
Melbourne VIC 3000



AUDITOR'S REPORT ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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To the Members

The additional information presented in the following page has not been subject to audit. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the additional information.

BDO
Chartered Accountants

JEFFREY F KNOTT
Partner

Melbourne
Date: 11 May 2006

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
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	Note	2005 \$	2004 \$
INCOME			
Subscriptions/Membership		16,147	17,700
Functions		29,804	36,407
Sponsorships and Grants		200,000	199,256
Quill Awards		51,737	29,736
Conference		6,124	15,831
Rebanking Credit Card Errors		403	729
Bank Interest		476	1,461
Other Income		3	3,225
Journalist's Ball		-	31,423
		<u>304,694</u>	<u>335,768</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Function Costs		52,444	63,250
Journalist's Ball Costs		(1,788)	73,776
Quill Award Costs		119,947	104,790
Conference Costs		4,718	29,011
Secretarial Fees and Expenses		81,537	91,006
Administrative Cost		888	1,308
Merchant Credit Card Fees		1,033	1,383
Audit Fee		(2,000)	1,000
Stationery		698	679
Insurance		5,110	6,987
Sponsor Expenses		-	390
Other Expenses		2,490	2,508
Travel		362	7,135
ATO PAYG Tax		31,906	21,611
Depreciation Expenses		1,377	1,377
		<u>304,028</u>	<u>406,211</u>
NET OPERATING GAIN/(LOSS)		666	(70,443)
Accumulated surplus at the beginning of the financial year		<u>4,519</u>	<u>74,962</u>
Accumulated surplus at the end of the financial year		<u>5,185</u>	<u>4,519</u>