PHA VIC/TAS mini report for PHA AGM, 24 September 2022

This information is drawn from our collection of annual reports presented at our AGM in August.

Eight new members joined during 2021/22 year bring membership to 238 by July.

As of 30 June 2022, total funds equalled $66,533.43

Discounted membership fees of 25%, introduced during the pandemic, have reverted to full fees for the 2022/23 year.

Led by president Kimberley Meagher, the committee worked in last 12 months with four subcommittees: advocacy, employment and professional development, inclusivity and diversity, Pay it Forward (a fund contributed by members to assist others' payment of membership fees) and the 30th anniversary.

Events: this year's AGM was a hybrid event, online and in person at Young and Jackson's Hotel. Other annual events continued: the first two major in person events at the end of 2021 were our Emerging Historians lectures and Members Work, an annual favourite. Monthly talks hosted by the Allport Library in Hobart have been streamed online. We also presented monthly online skills sharing sessions (abbreviated to MOSS), an idea begun during the pandemic which has continued to bring members together online to share their work and skills around one theme each time. Other events were an Acknowledgement to Country online training session, media masterclass, a lands' records masterclass at Bendigo in regional Victoria.

Our VIC/TAS EPD notice in the last 12 months advertised 200 job vacancies and 105 PD opportunities.

PHAROS newsletter continued to be published bimonthly.

The harnessing of social media continued.

In between all of this, the committee met in separate sessions to develop a five-year strategic plan. We determined that administration, advocacy, finances, communication, and professional development are the five key strategic priorities. Within this, some goals include the appointment of an administrative assistant and creating a new website.

30th anniversary, postponed from 2021, will be celebrated in November 2022.