



PETROLEUM EXPLORATION SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED
ABN 12 009 061 278

FINANCIAL REPORT - 31 DECEMBER 2023

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PETROLEUM EXPLORATION SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED**ABN 12 009 061 278****FINANCIAL REPORT - 31 DECEMBER 2023****DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The Directors of Petroleum Exploration Society of Australia Limited (the company) presents the financial report on the period ended 31 December 2023 and report as follows:

DIRECTORS

The names of the Directors in office during or since the end of the year are as follows:

NAME	QUALIFICATIONS	POSITION	APPOINTMENT
Bronwyn Camac	BAppSc, PhD	Past President	9 July 2020
Helen Debenham	MA, MSc	President	20 May 2021
Carissa Digance	BA, BSc (Hons)	Treasurer	17 January 2022 (<i>resigned 15 May 2023</i>)
Phil Cooney	MSc, MEd	Secretary NSW President	20 May 2021 (<i>retired as Secretary on 15 May 2023; reinstated as NSW President on 23 October 2023</i>)
Nathan Parker	BSc (Hons), MBA	Past President	2 August 2017 (<i>resigned 22 June 2023</i>)
Steve Mackie	BSc, MBA, PhD	Chairman	26 August 2019
Tim O'Brien	BSc, MSc	VIC / TAS	17 May 2015
Titus Murray	BSc (Hons), PhD	NSW / ACT	12 April 2022 (<i>resigned 23 October 2023</i>)
Sam Ware	BSc (Hons)	QLD	25 May 2020 (<i>resigned 15 May 2023</i>)
Adam Craig	BSc (Hons)	WA	1 January 2021
Iain Campbell	MA (Hons), MSc	SA / NT	27 May 2021 (<i>resigned 15 May 2023</i>)
Matt Quinn	BSc (Hons)	Secretary	15 May 2023
Chris Watts	BSc (Hons)	Treasurer	15 May 2023
Jantje Spilsbury-Schakel	Drs, MAICD	Vice President	15 May 2023
John Kaldi	BSc, MSc, PhD	SA / NT	15 May 2023
Sarah Harris	BAppSc, Bbus	QLD	15 May 2023

The Directors were in office for the entire period unless otherwise stated.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The company's principal activities in the course of the financial year were to provide a medium for the gathering of individuals interested in oil and gas exploration, and the petroleum industry in general; to provide a public educational forum for the discussion and consideration of technical aspects of oil and gas exploration and the petroleum industry and to foster and provide continuing education for the benefit of the members of the company.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STATE OF AFFAIRS

There were no significant changes to the state of affairs of the company during the financial year.

OPERATING RESULT

The net result of the company for the financial year after providing for income tax was a profit of \$68,808 (2022: \$6,569 loss).

The operating revenue of the Society for the year ended 31 December 2023 was \$555,910 (2022: \$502,399).

DIVIDENDS PAID OR RECOMMENDED

A fully franked dividend of \$Nil was declared during the year ended 31 December 2023 (2022: \$Nil).

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FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Likely developments in the operations of the company and the expected result of those operations in future financial years have not been included in this report as the inclusion of such information is likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the company.

INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Insurance premiums with respect to Directors have been paid during the current financial year. No other indemnities have been given or insurance premiums paid, during or since the end of the financial year, for any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the company.

ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

The company's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a state or territory.

MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

The number of meetings each Director was eligible to attend and actually attended during the financial year is summarised as follows:

	Eligible	Attended
Bronwyn Camac	6	5
Helen Debenham	6	6
Carissa Digance*	3	3
Phil Cooney	4	3
Nathan Parker*	3	3
Steve Mackie	6	5
Tim O'Brien	6	6
Titus Murray*	5	5
Sam Ware*	3	2
Adam Craig	6	5
Iain Campbell*	3	2
Matt Quinn	3	2
Chris Watts	3	3
Jantje Spilsbury-Schakel	3	3
John Kaldi	3	0
Sarah Harris	3	3

**resigned during the year*

INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

The auditor's independence declaration as required under s307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* for the year ended 31 December 2023 has been received and is on the following page, which forms part of the Directors' Report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:



Helen Debenham
President



Chris Watts
Treasurer

19 March 2024

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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
UNDER s307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001 TO THE
DIRECTORS OF PETROLEUM EXPLORATION SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 December 2023 there have been:

- (a) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- (b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



StewartBrown
Chartered Accountants



Justin Weiner
Partner

19 March 2024

PETROLEUM EXPLORATION SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED**ABN 12 009 061 278****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION****AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	1,375,312	1,286,345
Trade and other receivables	7	47,814	75,759
<i>Total current assets</i>		<u>1,423,126</u>	<u>1,362,104</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>1,423,126</u>	<u>1,362,104</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	9	63,315	71,101
<i>Total current liabilities</i>		<u>63,315</u>	<u>71,101</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>1,359,811</u>	<u>1,291,003</u>
FUNDS			
Retained Earnings		806,536	737,728
Reserves		553,275	553,275
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>1,359,811</u>	<u>1,291,003</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

PETROLEUM EXPLORATION SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Revenue	4	555,910	502,399
		<u>555,910</u>	<u>502,399</u>
Expenses			
Administration expenses		(99,964)	(117,582)
Depreciation and amortisation	5	-	(4,884)
Education expense		(18,052)	(20,142)
Finance costs	5	(7,076)	(6,556)
Function expense		(273,858)	(272,486)
Publication expense		(53,585)	(54,637)
Website and other expenses		(34,567)	(32,681)
		<u>(487,102)</u>	<u>(508,968)</u>
Surplus (deficit) before income tax		68,808	(6,569)
Income tax expense		-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		68,808	(6,569)
Other comprehensive income		-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the year		<u>68,808</u>	<u>(6,569)</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

PETROLEUM EXPLORATION SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Retained Earnings	Reserves	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2022	744,297	553,275	1,297,572
Comprehensive income			
Surplus (deficit) for the year	(6,569)	-	(6,569)
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the year	<u>(6,569)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,569)</u>
Balance at 31 December 2022	<u>737,728</u>	<u>553,275</u>	<u>1,291,003</u>
Balance at 1 January 2023	737,728	553,275	1,291,003
Comprehensive income			
Surplus (deficit) for the year	68,808	-	68,808
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the year	<u>68,808</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,808</u>
Balance at 31 December 2023	<u>806,536</u>	<u>553,275</u>	<u>1,359,811</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

PETROLEUM EXPLORATION SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers and government		601,038	547,417
Payments to suppliers and employees		(538,811)	(551,877)
Interest received		33,816	7,996
Interest paid		(7,076)	(6,556)
<i>Net cash flows from operating activities</i>		<u>88,967</u>	<u>(3,020)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		88,967	(3,020)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		<u>1,286,345</u>	<u>1,289,365</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	6	<u>1,375,312</u>	<u>1,286,345</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

PETROLEUM EXPLORATION SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**Note 1 - Corporate information**

The financial report includes the financial statements and notes of Petroleum Exploration Society of Australia Limited for the year ended 31 December 2023. Petroleum Exploration Society of Australia Limited is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee and domiciled in Australia.

The company provides a medium for the gathering of individuals interested in oil and gas exploration.

The registered address and principal place of business of the company is:

Unit 2, 25-41 Redwood Drive
Dingley Village VIC 3172

The financial statements were approved by the Directors on 19 March 2024.

Note 2 - Basis of preparation***Statement of compliance***

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in compliance with the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and *Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures*.

Basis of measurement

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Comparatives

Where required by Accounting Standards or to achieve consistency in financial statements presentation, the prior year financial comparatives have been adjusted to conform with current year disclosures and allow comparison with current financial year disclosures.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The Directors evaluate estimates and judgements incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the company.

Key estimates***Impairment***

The Directors assess impairment at the end of each reporting period by evaluation of conditions and events specific to the company that may be indicative of impairment triggers. Recoverable amounts of relevant assets are reassessed using value-in-use calculations which incorporate various key assumptions.

New and revised standards that are effective for these financial statements

Several amendments and clarifications to Australian Accounting Standards and interpretations are mandatory for the 31 December 2023 reporting period. These include:

- *AASB 2021-2: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure of Accounting Policies and Definition of Accounting Estimates*
- *AASB 2021-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure of Accounting Policies: Tier 2 and Other Australian Accounting Standards*

The application of these amendments and clarifications have not had a material impact on the carrying values of the company's asset, liability or equity balances; nor a material impact on the disclosures in the financial report nor the recognition and measurement of the company's revenue or expenses.

PETROLEUM EXPLORATION SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**Note 2 - Basis of preparation (continued)*****New standards and interpretations not yet adopted***

Certain new accounting standards, amendments and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for 31 December 2023 reporting periods and have not been early adopted by the company. These include:

- *AASB 2014-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture* (effective for the year ending 31 December 2025)
- *AASB 2022-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Non-current Liabilities with Covenants* (effective for the year ending 31 December 2024)
- *AASB 2023-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Supplier Finance Arrangements* (effective for the year ending 31 December 2024)

It is not expected that AASB 2014-10, AASB 2022-6 or AASB 2023-1 will have a material impact on the company in future reporting periods.

Note 3 - Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial report are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Income Tax

The company is a not-for-profit institution exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

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 statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

Revenue recognition

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST). Revenue is recognised for the major business activities as follows:

Interest

Interest revenue is recognised as it accrues using the effective interest method.

Sales revenue

Revenue from member subscriptions, seminars, training sessions, workshops and advertising is recognised when the amount of revenue can be measured reliably, and it is probable that it will be received by the company. Revenue in advance is accounted for when invoices are raised, or funds are received in respect of events occurring in the subsequent financial year.

Other revenue

Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

PETROLEUM EXPLORATION SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**Note 3 - Accounting policies (continued)*****Expenditure***

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of twelve months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value.

Trade receivables

Trade receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, less a provision for impairment. Collectability of trade receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectible are written off. A provision for impairment is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables.

Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the Company during the reporting period, which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability. The carrying amount of trade and other payables is deemed to reflect fair value.

Fair value of intangible assets

The estimated useful life of the database and related website is 2 years from the date on which the asset was first completed and ready for use. Should that useful life vary (up or down), then the resulting provision for amortisation might have a material impact on that intangible asset.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Note 4 - Revenue		
Operating revenue		
Membership subscriptions	103,556	99,660
Function revenue	388,994	369,507
Publications revenue	29,057	25,038
	<u>521,607</u>	<u>494,205</u>
Other revenue		
Interest income	33,816	7,996
Other revenue	487	198
	<u>34,303</u>	<u>8,194</u>
<i>Total revenue</i>	<u>555,910</u>	<u>502,399</u>
Note 5 - Expenses		
Depreciation and amortisation	-	4,884
Finance costs	7,076	6,556
Note 6 - Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash at bank and on hand	<u>1,375,312</u>	<u>1,286,345</u>
<i>Total cash and cash equivalents</i>	<u><u>1,375,312</u></u>	<u><u>1,286,345</u></u>
Note 7 - Trade and other receivables		
<u>Current</u>		
Trade receivables	33,660	60,867
Provision for impairment	(13,483)	(15,821)
Interest receivable	19,298	7,291
Other receivables	6,739	19,126
Prepayments	1,600	4,296
<i>Total current trade and other receivables</i>	<u><u>47,814</u></u>	<u><u>75,759</u></u>
Note 8 - Intangible assets		
Software		
Cost	25,530	25,530
Accumulated amortisation	(25,530)	(25,530)
<i>Net carrying amount</i>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>
Movements in carrying amounts		
Opening net carrying amount	-	4,884
Amortisation charge for the year	-	(4,884)
Closing net carrying amount	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>
Note 9 - Trade and other payables		
<u>Current</u>		
Trade payables	2,671	20,026
Income in advance	47,967	41,975
Other payables	12,677	9,100
<i>Total current trade and other payables</i>	<u><u>63,315</u></u>	<u><u>71,101</u></u>

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	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<u>Note 10 - Auditor's remuneration</u>		
Fees paid to StewartBrown, Chartered Accountants:		
Audit of the financial report	8,100	7,500
Preparation of the financial report	1,700	1,600
<i>Total auditor's remuneration</i>	<u>9,800</u>	<u>9,100</u>

Note 11 - Contingent liabilities

At balance date the Directors of the company are not aware of the existence of any contingent liability.

Note 12 - Related party transactions***Directors' remuneration***

In accordance with the company's constitution the Directors of the company hold that position in an honorary capacity and thus receive no remuneration or superannuation benefits for their services.

Note 13 - Limitation of members' liability

The company is registered as a company limited by guarantee, and in accordance with the Constitution the liability of members in the event of the company being wound up would not exceed \$50 per member. At 31 December 2023 the number of members of this company was 10 (2022: 10).

Note 14 - Events occurring after balance date

There were no significant events occurring after the balance sheet date.

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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The Directors of the Petroleum Exploration Society of Australia Limited declare that:

1. The financial statements, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in funds and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, a summary of accounting policies and other explanatory notes are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and:
 - (a) comply with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*; and
 - (b) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 December 2023 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the company.
2. In the opinion of the Directors, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



Helen Debenham
President



Chris Watts
Treasurer

19 March 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
PETROLEUM EXPLORATION SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Petroleum Exploration Society of Australia Limited which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in funds and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Directors' Declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Petroleum Exploration Society of Australia Limited is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and of its financial performance for the year then ended, and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

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 Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (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 confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001* which has been given to the Directors of the company, would be in the same terms if given to the Directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Directors are responsible for assessing the company'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 the Directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Directors are responsible for overseeing the company's financial reporting process.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

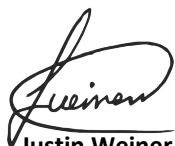
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at *The Auditing and Assurance Standards Board* and the website address is <http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>

We communicate with the Directors 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.



StewartBrown
Chartered Accountants



Justin Weiner
Partner

19 March 2024