



THE DRY STONE WALLS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
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Photo: Bruce Munday (DSWAA Committee Member)
Mt Pleasant, Dry Stone Workshop, South Australia

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The Association's Vision is

"That dry stone walls and dry stone structures are widely accepted for their unique place in the history, culture and economy of the nation and for the legacy they represent,

that governments and the wider community recognise the importance of significant dry stone structures built by indigenous peoples, European explorers, early settlers and modern craftspeople as valued artefacts of our national identity,

that this acceptance and recognition is manifested by appropriate statutory protection and landowner and community respect and celebration, and

that the craft of dry stone walling grows as a modern reinforcement of the contribution that dry stone walls and structures have made to the culture of Australia."

1. DSWAA MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

1.1 DSWAA EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President Jim Holdsworth	- Charmian Brent
Vice President Allan Willingham	- Sue Jones
Secretary Andrew Miller	- Bruce Munday
Treasurer Brad Purvis	- Simon Badway
	- Vacant

1.2 Model Rules

The DSWAA adopts the **Model Rules for an Incorporated Association** as set out by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs Business Services Division Compliance Services [Associations Incorporation Act (1981) schedule.5]

1.3 Statement of Purposes

The Committee and Members of the DSWAA organise and manage their activities and events in accordance with their **Statement of Purposes** adopted and passed on 26 Oct. 2002 as follows:

The Dry Stone Walls Association of Australia's aims to acknowledge promote and celebrate the historical and contemporary contribution of the construction of dry stone walls in the shaping of Australia's physical and cultural landscape.

Its purpose is to liaise with and influence relevant government bodies and special interest groups in regards to the ongoing protection, restoration, maintenance and promotion of Australia's dry stone walls and thereby to:

- promote and assist the statutory protection of dry stone walls of heritage significance (yet to be determined) at local, state and national levels of government.
- foster and assist the identification, recording and classifying of Australia's dry stone walls that are socially, culturally, architecturally or agriculturally important.
- value and promote the dry stone skills and early settlement endeavours of Australia's European migrants.
- promote the environmental values of dry stone walls which provide habitat and protection for indigenous flora and fauna.
- promote good management of stone walls and in particular encourage their continuing use by addressing the concerns, issues and needs of farmers and property owners.
- advocate and assist the development and maintenance of formal training, assessment and credentialing processes and procedures.
- influence relevant training institutions to introduce include and accredit the craft of dry stone walling as part of their formal curricula.
- influence and assist the establishment and maintenance of a database of dry stone wallers currently practicing the craft in Australia.
- affiliate, co-operate and exchange information with similar or 'related' interest groups both within Australia and overseas.

- acknowledge and promote the craft in the contemporary context as viable and practical options in rural and urban landscaping and structural situations.
- encourage, promote and facilitate opportunities for the commissioning of dry stone 'Sculptures' in private and public art applications.
- explore and influence the breadth of opportunities to promote dry stone walls within local, national and international cultural tourism industries.
- foster and cultivate the promotion of dry stone walls and the craft of dry stone walling as 'value adding' components of other educative and leisure industries.

2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS 2012 - 2013

2.1 PRESIDENT

It is with pleasure that I present my ninth President's Report.

A feature of membership of the Association has always been the opportunity to visit interesting places on field trips. The last year has been no exception, but there are other achievements that also deserve recognition.

In particular, it is pleasing to see an increased level of activity in New South Wales and South Australia, due directly to the initiatives of Committee members Simon Badway and Bruce Munday.

Simon arranged for the Association to have a stand at 'Brigadoon', the festival of all things Scottish at Bundanoon in the Southern Highlands of NSW in April. At the same time, Bruce arranged a workshop with professional waller Ian Carline to rebuilt a damaged wall in the Adelaide Hills.

The year's highlight in Victoria was the weekend in the area north of Port Fairy, expertly arranged and guided by Dr Timothy Hubbard and Roger Borrell.

These three activities are different, but all were successful in engaging either our members or the wider community in learning about the history and the techniques of dry stone walling as well as being very enjoyable social events.

I congratulate all those people who put in the time to make such events successful and, in their own ways, achieve the goals of the Association.

It is instructive to look back at the goals of the Association, which are set out in our Statement of Purposes and which were adopted by the Association in October 2002. Our activities and initiatives should be aimed at furthering the various parts of the Statement. I am pleased that they remain as relevant today as they were ten years ago.

Our website and the "*Flag Stone*" are our main means of communication among members and the public, and the Committee has considered making the "*Flag Stone*" more widely accessible so that its excellent articles can have the readership that they warrant.

Our website generates enquiries from both locally and overseas, occasionally from professional wallers in other countries looking for our assistance in finding work, often voluntary, as part of a visit to Australia.

As the Financial Report shows, we are in a healthy financial position and the Committee will be looking at ways to use some of these funds to further our goals. It is important that these funds are put to work rather than lying idly in the bank, given that they represent an investment by members and benefactors in achieving our goals.

As with any voluntary Association, it relies on the efforts of many and I express my thanks to our office bearers; Andrew as Secretary, Charmian as Newsletter Editor, Brad as accountant, Sue as Membership Secretary and Simon as Website coordinator.

Your Committee remains in office for another 12 months and we look forward to working effectively to further our Statement of Purposes and our Vision on your behalf.

I close on the very sad note. In early July, committee member Allan Willingham and his wife Jan were travelling in Europe. In Athens, Jan suffered a heart attack and died the next day. This shocking news has saddened many people who had Jan through her any interests. On 16 July, several hundred people gathered for a public tribute to Jan in the Great Hall at Montsalvat, Eltham. The Association was represented by your President and Secretary and by former DSWAA committee executive member Raelene Marshall. The Association extends its heartfelt sympathy to Allan at this time.

Jim Holdsworth
Port Melbourne
July 2013

2.2 SECRETARY

The Association has had an impressive level of activity over past twelve months and there has been many highlights.

We have seen the continued momentum of interest in New South Wales, South Australia and Tasmania. Thank you to our interstate members for their efforts and maintaining communication with the Committee.

The Flag Stone continues to be a highlight for all our membership. The editorship and the contributors to our newsletter have ensured the continued success of the highly respected publication. The Committee is currently considering options for making the past editions of the FlagStone available in electronic and bound hard copy mediums

The Committee and Working Group has experienced a full compliment on the Committee in 2012-13 and we thank the new participants for their commitment to the Association.

We must continue to work towards the finalisation of our 'work plan' to ensure our projects, priorities and actions are clearly articulated to our membership.

The identification of resources within our membership and wider interest groups will be essential in ensuring the sustainability of the Association and its executive committee.

Field Tours have returned as an important part of our calendar as they form an essential part of the learning and understanding of the significance of dry stone walls in our cultural heritage and is clearly imbedded in our 'reason for being' – our Statement of Purpose. The tours are also a critical part of the social interaction, valued by members and friends.

Our Field Tour highlights in 2012-13 have included:

- (a) Westgarthtown (old Germantown) as a pre-cursor to AGM 2012
- (b) Corangamite Dry Stone Wall Heritage Trail
- (c) 'In the Shadow of The Mount' exploring the Mt Elephant precinct built and cultural heritage
- (d) Bessiebelle/Tyrendarra area north of Port Fairy

The Association remains in a sound financial position and the Committee continues to be vigilant in maintaining that position and at the same time, deliver on our objectives and the wishes of members who have assisted us achieve this position.

Andrew Miller

Ballarat

June 2013

2.3 NEWSLETTER

Issues 26, 27, and 28 of the *Flag Stone* (each 12 pp) were published during the year and as usual their content covered a wide range of dry-stone-wall-associated topics and activities.

Field trips to Westgarthtown, the Corangamite Trail, Mount Elephant and surrounds and the Bessiebelle/Tyrendarra area north of Port Fairy were described in detail and illustrated with great photos taken by DSWAA members. The 2012 Annual Dinner at the North Fitzroy Star Hotel, with stunning entertainment provided by 'The Suns of Suction', rated an honourable mention.

News from interstate included: from South Australia, an account of a gathering at St Mary's Winery, Penola; battling the spread of rabbits in that State; the prestigious launch of Bruce Munday's book: *Those dry-stone walls: stories from South Australia's Stone Age*; and a DSWAA-sponsored dry-stone walling workshop at Rosebank, conducted by master-waller Ian (Wally) Carline. From Tasmania we heard of Nant Distillery at Bothwell, and from New South Wales there were several wall-building demonstrations run by Simon Badway – the most recent being at Brigadoon (Bundanoon, in the Southern Highlands).

Overseas news informed us about a wall-building holiday spent in the Aran Islands off the west coast of Ireland and the ancient cultures and stone structures to be found on Sardinia in the Mediterranean. Sadly we also marked the passing of two stalwart and valued members of the DSWAA – John Collier and Niel Black.

As recommended at the March Committee Meeting, Newsletter Editor, Charmian Brent contacted the National Library of Australia in Canberra and, as a result the *Flag Stone* is now to be archived there under the Sciences - Geology - Australian Internet sites. This will mean that our newsletter will reach a much wider audience and thereby generate a

greater interest in dry-stone walls and possibly an increase in the membership of the DSWAA.

Charmian has also embarked (about 30 pages to date) on the mammoth task of extracting all articles and material of interest from back issues of the newsletter with a view to publishing a book (probably of 200–300 pages) somewhere down the track. Once it has been roughly knocked into shape (that is, all text and photos assembled) it will be given to a book designer to give it a final polish ready for publication.

2.4 MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Association has continued to grow. End of year totals are summarized in the following table. Participation in DSWAA events appears the main avenue for new members, with the notable success of walling workshops held in New South Wales and South Australia and of field excursions where ever they are held.

DSWAA Membership Summary, 31 May, 2013

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	NSW	SA	TAS	VIC	TOTAL
1. Individual	58	14	5	37	114
2. Family	1	2	1	20	23
3. Corporate				2	2
4. Professional	2	2		1	5
Total all categories:	61	18	6	60	144

Membership categories

The four membership categories operate informally. Members self-select a category at joining and have an opportunity to review this when they pay their annual subscription. Professional wallers on our list include people with overseas and Australian certified walling qualifications. We are aware that a small number of other professional wallers have opted for individual or family memberships in the Association. It is anticipated that the professional category will expand as the Association becomes widely recognised and as more dry stone walling workshop participants seek paid work in this field.

Renewal of membership

Of our total of 144 members across all categories, 89 (62%) had renewed their membership for 2014 or beyond by 31 May 2013. Renewal reminders have been circulated.

New members

Twenty members have joined the DSWAA since February 2013, eleven of them as participants in the dry stone walling workshop held at Rosebank, South Australia in early May.

NEW MEMBERS FEBRUARY – MAY 2013	NSW	SA	VIC	TOTAL
1. Individual	3	11	5	19
2. Family	1			1
Total all categories:	4	11	5	20

Examples of dry stone wall interests identified by recent new members on their application forms show a broad range of appreciation of the craft and its heritage, DIY and professional elements.

These include:

- 'creative use of stone'
- 'Aboriginal & Indigenous heritage'
- 'early stone buildings & ruins'
- 'gain qualifications in DSW'
- 'restore & build walls on my own property'
- 'promoting dry stone walls in the rural sector'
- 'rockwalls & flagstone paving'
- 'out door activity with a healthy manual labour element'
- 'driving around searching for walls & buildings'
- 'events within a 2 hour drive from Sydney'
- 'practical hands-on walling'
- 'able to provide on-farm walling experience!'

I have enjoyed picking up the role of membership Secretary since February and appreciate the excellent work done by my predecessor, Sandra Fitzgerald, in establishing the membership list. My thanks also to fellow Committee Members / Interstate Conveners for their support.

Sue Jones, Membership Secretary, DSWAA

Email: membership@dswaa.org.au

2.4 TREASURER

The Treasurer submits the financial statements (contained in Appendix 1) for the year ending 31 May 2013.

3. STATE CONVENORS [Tasmania]

TASMANIA

Greetings from "under down under"!

Although plenty of walling work has been going on, there has been little to report in terms of Association activities.

Regular stalls have been held at Entally Gardenfest each November, combining business displays of drystone walls (and the equally traditional rural craft of hedgelaying), with DSWAA membership information, forms and card packs on display. A limited number of card packs have been sold, but the rest are starting to fade with exposure to the sun. Monies will be forwarded to the DSWAA bank account this month.

A number of historical walls have been located and examined by local members in the past year; some quite extensive in nature. Many of these are on marginal land that has been spared the widespread clearing practise of modern agriculture, while others have been reclaimed by regenerating bush.

Any information on age, original owners, dimensions etc have been collected and photos taken for posterity. Examples will be submitted in upcoming editions of the "Flagstone".

Enjoy the AGM and regards to all,

Andrew Garner and Eleanor Bjorksten

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (Bruce Munday, Adelaide, June 2010)

NEW SOUTH WALES (Convenor: Jim Vandore)

4. PORT FOLIO CO-ORDINATORS REPORTS

4.1 Electronic Media: Website www.dswaa.org.au

Co-ordinator: Vacant

4.2 Training and Accreditation

Co-ordinator: Jim Holdsworth

The Association supports training in dry stone walling. While we do not conduct courses, there are several courses available in different parts of the country for casual or professional people wishing to become skilled in the craft of dry stone walling. The website will provide information regarding these courses.

4.3 Meetings and Tours

Co-ordinator: Vacant

4.5 Archives and Records

The Association holds a small archive of books, magazines, articles and other memorabilia. A list of these publications will be available on the website and publications will be available for loan to members.

5. APPENDICES

DRY STONE WALLS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

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FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2013

DRY STONE WALLS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
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COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your committee members submit the financial report of Dry Stone Walls Association of Australia for the financial year ended 31 May 2013.

Committee Members

The names of the committee members in office at anytime during or since the end of the year are:

Jim Holdsworth
Andrew Miller
Brad Purvis
Charmian Brent
Bruce Munday
Allan Willingham
Simon Badway
Sue Jones

Significant Changes

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

Operating Result

The loss after providing for income tax amounted to \$563.

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

Dated:

DRY STONE WALLS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
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INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2013

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
Revenue		9,128.91	4,132.59
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		(18.00)	-
Other expenses		<u>(9,673.87)</u>	<u>(2,028.16)</u>
Profit (loss) before income tax expense		(562.96)	2,104.43
Income tax expense		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Profit (loss) for the year		<u><u>(562.96)</u></u>	<u><u>2,104.43</u></u>
Profit (loss) attributable to members of the entity		<u>(562.96)</u>	<u><u>2,104.43</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

DRY STONE WALLS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA**ABN 31 721 856 687****BALANCE SHEET****AS AT 31 MAY 2013**

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	<u>12,615.32</u>	<u>14,053.08</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>12,615.32</u>	<u>14,053.08</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	3	<u>466.00</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>466.00</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>13,081.32</u>	<u>14,053.08</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and other payables	4	<u>-</u>	<u>408.80</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>-</u>	<u>408.80</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>-</u>	<u>408.80</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>13,081.32</u>	<u>13,644.28</u>
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Retained profits		<u>13,081.32</u>	<u>13,644.28</u>
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		<u>13,081.32</u>	<u>13,644.28</u>

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STATEMENT OF RECOGNISED INCOME AND EXPENSE

AS AT 31 MAY 2013

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 June 2011	11,539.85	11,539.85
Profit attributable to members	<u>2,104.43</u>	<u>2,104.43</u>
Balance at 31 May 2012	13,644.28	13,644.28
Profit attributable to members	<u>(562.96)</u>	<u>(562.96)</u>
Balance at 31 May 2013	<u>13,081.32</u>	<u>13,081.32</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2013

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act 1981 Victoria. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements are prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

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

(a) 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 Tax 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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2013

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
Deposits with ANZ		5,859.76	5,609.65
Cash at bank		<u>6,755.56</u>	<u> </u>
		<u>8,443.43</u>	
		12,615.32	
		14,053.08	
 3. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT			
Plant and equipment		484.00	-
Less accumulated depreciation		<u>(18.00)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total property, plant and equipment		<u>466.00</u>	<u>-</u>
 4. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER PAYABLES			
CURRENT			
Sundry creditors		<u> </u>	<u>408.80</u>
		<u> </u>	

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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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 Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the
financial report

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Dry Stone Walls Association of Australia as at 31 May 2013 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that Dry Stone Walls Association of Australia 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 behalf of the Committee by:

President

Dated:

DRY STONE WALLS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
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PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2013

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
INCOME			
Interest received		250.11	180.59
Membership subscriptions		3,045.00	2,955.00
Field trip outing fees		1,516.00	335.00
Gifts & Donations		2,008.80	640.00
Raffle tickets & Greeting cards		149.00	22.00
Course fees		<u>2,160.00</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>9,128.91</u>	<u>4,132.59</u>
LESS EXPENDITURE			
Bank charges		196.80	190.82
Depreciation - plant and equipment		18.00	-
Filing fees		42.80	42.80
Hospitality & Conferences		2,936.00	366.00
Insurance- general		1,057.53	838.73
Postage		29.85	42.00
Printing and stationery		24.22	47.81
Software and computer expenses		200.00	500.00
Travelling expenses		470.17	-
Video presentation		400.00	-
Website expenses		1,672.50	-
Workshop expenses		<u>2,644.00</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>9,691.87</u>	<u>2,028.16</u>
NET OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS)		(562.96)	2,104.43
Retained profits at the beginning of the financial year		<u>13,644.28</u>	<u>11,539.85</u>
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION		<u>13,081.32</u>	<u>13,644.28</u>
RETAINED PROFITS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		<u><u>13,081.32</u></u>	<u><u>13,644.28</u></u>

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COMPILATION REPORT

TO DRY STONE WALLS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of Dry Stone Walls Association of Australia, as set out on pages 3 to 9. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is to provide financial information to the committee of management.

The Responsibility of the Committee of management

The committee of management is solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements and has determined that the basis of accounting adopted is appropriate to meet the needs of the committee of management for the purpose of complying with the association's constitution.

Our Responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the committee of management, we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting adopted and APES 315: Compilation of Financial Information.

Our procedures use accounting expertise to collect, classify and summarise the financial information, which the committee of management provided, in compiling the financial statements. Our procedures do not include verification or validation procedures. No audit or review has been performed and accordingly no assurance is expressed.

The special purpose financial statements were compiled exclusively for the benefit of the committee of management of Dry Stone Walls Association of Australia. We do not accept responsibility to any other person for the contents of the special purpose financial statements.

Duncan Dovico (Vic) Pty Ltd
70 Yarra Street,
Heidelberg, VIC, 3084



Director: Brad Purvis
Dated:

DRY STONE WALLS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
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CERTIFICATE BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

We, certify that:

- (a) We are members of the committee of the association.
- (b) We attended the annual general meeting of the association.
- (c) We are authorised by the attached resolution of the committee to sign this certificate.
- (d) The annual statement was submitted to the members of the association at its annual

Dated:

Committee Member

Committee Member

DRY STONE WALLS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
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