



# Annual Report 2021

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## BERG MT MARTHA PRESIDENT'S REPORT – AGM November 2021

It is a wonderful opportunity to look back on Berg's 2021 year in preparation of this report to our terrifically dedicated committee, members, volunteers, supporters, donors & business partners who continued to support BERG's Vision for the Balcombe Estuary, Bushland & Coastal reserves throughout another enormously challenging year for all.

### **Our Vision:**

*To preserve the Balcombe Estuary and surrounding natural environment through community engagement, passionate volunteerism, and best practice habitat management.*

### **Statement of Purpose (as expressed in BERG's application for Inc. updated 2020)**

*Recognising the valuable asset presented by the Balcombe Estuary Reserves, to assist in.*

- The rehabilitation of the Balcombe Creek & Reserves and local environs.*
- The regular update & application of the Balcombe Reserves Management Plan.*
- The provision & planting of flora Inc. passive areas to improve the health & public enjoyment of the area.*
- Providing such measures as may be necessary to maintain the quality of water and marine life in Balcombe Creek.*

## **OVERVIEW**

Sadly, we have all endured another difficult and challenging year as we all strive to keep safe from the COVID-19 pandemic which, for much of the year, prevented us from doing so many things that we treasure.

BERG Mt Martha continued to remain "at the ready" to re-commence our estuary bushland and coastal on-ground activities as soon as the governments health and safety advice allowed however these much loved activities were extremely limited.

It is with great pleasure, that as I write this report, restrictions are close to being relaxed sufficient to allow us to get back into our much needed regular on-ground activities, social gatherings and to continue our important funded projects albeit under strict operational guidelines for which BERG is well prepared to action for the safety of our community and visitors alike.

During the year your committee has continued to meet monthly via video conferencing ensuring that we are fully compliant with all statutory obligations relative to our "not for profit" organisation status.

The committee have also been engaged in a series of "on-line" planning workshops identifying ways in which we can better implement and achieve our vision of protecting, preserving and rehabilitating the beautiful estuary bushland and coastal reserves with the support of the community and all stakeholders.

Furthermore, the committee and our terrific team of support volunteers have been in constant contact with our partners including the Mornington Peninsula Shire, Naturelinks, Melbourne Water, SE Water, DELP and other local environmental organisations also via video conferencing.

As mentioned, despite the health restrictions imposed on our community in the latter half of the year it has been a year of intense activity for the committee and all of our dedicated support team volunteers.

## In Memory

I would also like to remember and recognise some very important, long-term members and supporters of BERG who sadly passed during the year, all of whom provided great support for our environment in their own special ways...

- ✚ Jenny Rolleston
- ✚ Barry Morris
- ✚ Bobbi Wilson
- ✚ Brendan Murphy
- ✚ Peter Dedrick
- ✚ Pat Hepburn

Our condolences go to the family and friends of these very special people.

## **The operational highlights of our year have been:**

- BERG's Environmental Significance Overlay submission and subsequent consultants' study was accepted by councillor's and released for public consultation. On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank the community for the outstanding response supporting the submission which will have a major positive effect on the final consultant's submission to councillors in early 2022.
- SE Water's commitment to work with BERG to supply and install water monitoring equipment in the estuary
- Advancing the MPS / Melbourne Water Balcombe Estuary "Long Term Sedimentation Action" plan urgently required to "Save the Estuary" from destructive sediment inflows.
- Finalising an agreement with MPS and MW to collectively approve expenditure and commence a ~\$300,000 project to install a sediment reduction Gross Pollutant Trap at Henley Avenue.
- Preparations for implementation of reserves Fauna Survey report.
- Flora Survey, Vegetation Mapping & Management Guidelines report.
- Ongoing implementation of our Bird Survey & Monitoring program – Thanks to Pam Hearne
- Successful completion of the Campground and Boardwalk Audio Trail "Communities Grant" Upgrade Project.
- Completion of the Campground and Boardwalk Signage Upgrade.
- Further development of our successful Business Partners program.

## **Key Statistics – F2021 Financial Reports**

Year	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-2020	2020-2021	2020-2021 % Change
<b>No. Members</b>	468	461	534	491	<b>485</b>	<b>+1%</b>
<b>No. Active Volunteers</b>	104	111	109	112	<b>105</b>	<b>-6%</b>
<b>Volunteer Hrs</b>	3,300	4,900	4,300	5,450	<b>4,850</b>	<b>-1%</b>
<b>No. Business Partners</b>		15	18	20	<b>24</b>	<b>+20%</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	\$200,000	\$165,000	\$113,000	\$107,000	<b>\$88,000</b>	<b>-18%</b>
<b>Donations</b>	\$83,000	\$22,000	\$16,000	\$15,000	<b>\$17,000</b>	<b>+8%</b>

**Note:** For further information please refer to the Treasurers report which includes audited financial statements and comments prepared by Julie Zammit which are included in the AGM documents pack.

## **OPERATIONS**

Our main activities are centred on the on-ground operations of the organisation which represent the most important work regularly undertaken by our activity groups of dedicated volunteers and supporters.

### **Regular Bushland & Coastal Activity Groups**

#### **Bushland Reserves – Balcombe Creek & Hopetoun Reserves**

As usual, until restrictions prevented, we successfully held our regular Friday (weekly) and Sunday (monthly) working bees organised by our fantastic Field Officer, Liz Barraclough, with great support from Sue Betheras, Tamara Keyte (Naturelinks) & the MPS Natural Systems team. Thanks also to Alison Hazeldene for organising the traditional, all important, tasty morning teas (when restrictions allowed).

#### **Coastal Area(s)**

Again, until restrictions prevented, we successfully held our regular Wednesday (fortnightly) field activities organised by our fantastic Coastal Group coordinator, Suzanne Ryan with great support from Cate Clark, Tamara Keyte & the MPS Natural Systems team.

#### **On-ground activities**

**Regular activity group activities include...**

- **Weeding** – a forever on-going process, but essential to retain, maintain and improve the native local vegetation and habitat.
- **Planting** – concentration on enhancement (**1,500+**) to improve the diversity of the indigenous vegetation with particular emphasis on increasing the depleted overstorey/tree species (**300+**) for long-term fauna habitat.
- **Additional projects undertaken included...**
  - 100m of Protective Barriers installed in the coastal reserve to protect the native vegetation and special areas of indigenous importance.
  - Storage and safety improvements to our two campground equipment storage areas (in progress)

We are very fortunate to have a highly skilled team of people who are constantly identifying and preparing professional **grant applications** to provide the funding to implement the necessary works to maintain the ecological integrity of the Balcombe Reserves Bushland and Coastal area. Our thanks go to this exceptional team of volunteers which includes Suzanne Ryan, Liz Barraclough, Cate Clark, Tamara Keyte and Angela Kirsner.

A very special thanks goes to our fantastic Naturelinks co-ordinator Tamara Keyte for her very special contribution and dedication over many years to our efforts to rehabilitate and restore the Balcombe Estuary Bushland and Coastal reserves. Tamara's highly professional and knowledgeable approach to the environmental works have been recognised with a promotion that will see her move into a new role on the Peninsula, however, she has agreed to continue to provide support to our social media presence at this time.

***Note: Please refer to our Field Officer's & Coastal Co-ordinator's reports for full details of all our on-ground activities***

#### **BERG - "Moving Forward" Planning Workshops**

During the year the committee and support team members have been participating in a series of planning workshops designed to ensure we are maximising our organisations time focussing in our key environmental and ecological objectives for the estuary, creek, bushland and coastal reserves.

Thanks goes to our coastal group co-ordinator, Suzanne Ryan for the successful grant funding and organisation of the excellent workshops that we have all been engaged in.

We look forward to updating our members, volunteers and supporters as the program progresses.

## **Sedimentation Action Group (SAG) – “Save the Estuary” Activities**

### **Sedimentation Reduction Planning**

Bruce Ferres our Vice-President and Estuary Watch co-ordinator has been very active negotiating urgent action to initially reduce the inflows of sediment and gross pollutants into the estuary whilst working with the shire’s engineers and Melbourne Water on an updated Long Term Sedimentation Action plan to apply to the creek and estuary system. We are pleased to report that we have received a draft plan to review and have submitted our preferred recommendations for action.

Bruce has held several meetings with BERG MM representatives and MPS Water Infrastructure team members, both at the Shire office and on-site at Balcombe Estuary, reinvigorated attempts to get Melbourne Water to accept responsibility for, and take action to address, the delivery of sediment and gross pollutants which have been identified by numerous specialist consultants’ studies and reports as a serious threat to the long-term health and existence of the estuary.

After feedback from stakeholders, it was agreed that Option 3, an offline Gross Pollutant Trap at Watson Rd with additional roadside treatment in Henley Avenue and extra catch pits on two other contributing streets should be actioned as soon as possible.

### **Water Monitoring**

The health of the water is the primary and most important guide to the ability of any Estuarine system to support the Flora, Fauna, ecology & amenity which depends on it.

Our ongoing water monitoring programs which have been providing important information to the Shire and Water authorities on the health of the Balcombe Estuary and Creek waterway has also been disrupted by restrictions since March 2020. However, we are grateful to our members and supporters for contacting us with any irregularities they notice as they enjoy their walks in the reserves.

BERG Mt Martha actively manages two particularly important water monitoring programs on a monthly (or as needs) basis, namely...

The **Waterwatch** program is led by Sue Milton who has engaged a dedicated team of volunteers to carry out the testing program and record/post the results in comparison database(s) for comparison and review. Sue has also established important relationships with relevant Melbourne Water departments and other environmental groups with which information is shared.

The **Estuary Watch program** led by Bruce Ferres, has been producing detailed water quality reports which have been supplemented by George Murley’s drone video footage and images. This assists with our understanding of the effects on the estuary following significant rain events & the opening / closing of the berm. Information gathered by Bruce and his support team, has provided significant support for Bruce’s negotiations with MPS and MW with sedimentation reduction planning.

### **South East Water Commitment**

SE Water have committed \$20,00 to supply & install a water quality sensor hub in the estuary to monitor contaminants, ammonia levels and general water quality parameters, in real time. SE Water will establish customised triggers for any damaging spills enabling a quick response to reduce detrimental effects in the creek and estuary system.

In announcing this partnership, South East Water released the following statement:

*“Balcombe Estuary is a place of high environmental sensitivity, so we’re thrilled to be working with the team at BERG to deploy technology that will generate shared data to help both organisations to protect the estuary and improve waterway health.”*

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

### **SCHOOLS PROGRAM**

The **Schools Program** coordinated by Debbie McMahon had to cancel some planned activities during the 2021 year due to the ongoing requirements to comply with government health restrictions and guidelines. However, contact was maintained with local schools regarding the status of future programs when they are able to resume.

### **NEWSLETTERS, PRINT, WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA**

Angela Kirsner continues to produce our highly informative and appealing bi-monthly newsletter, "*The Creek*" which is widely distributed. Angela is always on the lookout for new informative stories and images to include in this newsletter. Current and past copies of *The Creek* are available on our website & make great reading.

Di Lewis also distributes our "eNews" on a periodic basis to keep our members informed of important current news, activities and events.

Richard Kirsner provides website support to the organisation and is regularly updating & maintaining the site to ensure it is both informative & current.

Tamara Keyte and Suzanne Ryan have greatly assisted the committee in reaching out to a wider audience using her terrific skills in promoting awareness of our organisation through relevant social media channels. The response to their work has been exceptional, reaching and engaging audiences that we could not have considered possible in the past.

Anni Dowd continues to maintain and upgrade our impressive Information Board in the campground as well as assisting with signage upgrades within the reserves.

### **Business Partners program**

Our **Business Partner** program continues to develop with Julie Zammit providing a highly professional collaborative approach to engage with many Mt Martha businesses and organisations raising awareness of our work and offering our support for their businesses in return.

Our business partners are listed below and your support for them would be greatly appreciated.

#### **Major Partners:**

Bendigo Bank Mt Martha, Bonaccorde, Complete Colour and Rotary Club of Mt Martha.

#### **Partners:**

Bells Meats, Terry Bateman Pharmacy, Mt Martha Veterinary Clinic, Mt Martha Village Clinic, Mt Martha Yacht Club, Mornington Peninsula Gardening, Warlimont & Nutt, Mt Martha Optical, Danckert Real Estate, Mt Martha Chiropractic and Sports Injury, Volpino, Sea-Side Shacks, Complete Step, Roberts Beckwith Partners, Proscap Landscaping, Mr Curtis Wine Bar, Boomerang Bags and Bunnings.

## **MANY THANKS**

A huge thanks to our dedicated Committee and all our support team members who are our most passionate Active Volunteers. As you will see from the various AGM reports they continue to make enormous contributions to achieving great environmental outcomes for the Balcombe Estuary, Coast and surrounds.

Special thanks must go to Di Lewis, our secretary who continues to provide exceptional administrative support to the committee in the most professional manner.

There is much still to do, but we are making great strides towards achieving our vision. On behalf of the Committee, we look forward to your continued support and involvement, to protect and preserve the Balcombe Estuary Reserves, Coast and surrounds for future generations to appreciate and enjoy as we all do.

Best Wishes to all.

Peter McMahon  
President  
November 2021



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## **BALCOMBE ESTUARY RESERVES GROUP**

### **MT MARTHA INC.**

ABN: 50 224 628 623

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Period: 01 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

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**Balcombe Estuary Reserves Group Mt Martha Inc. (BERG MM)**

**ABN:50 224 628 623**

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS**

**for the period to 1st July 2020 to 30th June 2021**

		<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Opening Cash Balance</b>		<b>\$ 190,258.38</b>	<b>\$ 228,508.46</b>
<b>Receipts for year</b>	<i>notes</i>		
Project Income – Grants, Project Donations & Sponsorships	1	66,936.60	86,294.13
Memberships		3,995.00	3,610.00
Business Partners	2	1,563.49	1,200.00
General Donations	3	14,774.26	12,719.88
Other Donations & Fundraising Event Income	4	-	1,992.70
Bank Interest		731.79	1,392.31
<b>Total Receipts for the year</b>		<b>\$ 88,001.14</b>	<b>\$ 107,209.02</b>
		\$ 278,259.52	\$ 335,717.48
<b>Less expenses for year</b>			
Project Expenditure - Onground & Sponsorships		103,535.96	134,265.66
General Donation expenditure	5	3,987.56	11,045.12
Bank, Merchant & GiveNow Fees & Charges	6	319.55	135.33
Grant Acquittals - over/under reconciliations		53.80	12.99
<b>Total payments for the year</b>		<b>\$ 107,896.87</b>	<b>\$ 145,459.10</b>
<b>Cash at Bank &amp; On Hand at End of Year</b>		<b>\$ 170,362.65</b>	<b>\$ 190,258.38</b>

**Note 1: Reduced Grant/Project income** - A key focus was working to complete/acquit a number of projects that had to be deferred over 2020 & 2021 due to COVID restrictions. New project donor funding received in 20/21 from BERG Supporters and the BendigoBank (special COVID relief) totalling \$6,830 were put to targeted projects.

**Note 2: Business Partners** now total 24, including seven (7) In-kind members from a total of 21 last year. Ritchies IGA are a new Business Partner and contributed \$213 at 30 Jun21 and \$312 by the end of Sep21 - since our joining the Ritchies card program (Nov20). Thank you to our supporters who named BERG MM as the recipient of a % donation from their purchases

**Note 3:** General Donations have increased over the year and we continue to be thankful for the generosity of our supporters.

**Note 4:** No major events held during 2020/21 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

**Note 5:** General Expenditure reduced over the year along with other activity - primarily for R&M / Admin supplies (reduced by \$1.5k since 2019/20), Member System and Website updates (reduced by \$2.5k ) and the new projector purchased in 2019/20 (1.7k) plus the benefit in 20/21 of receiving a \$900 credit note from 19/20 invoices.

**Note 6:** GiveNow Platform fees were higher for the first part of the 2020/21 FY.



**Balcombe Estuary Reserves Group Mt Martha Inc. (BERG MM)**

**ABN:50 224 628 623**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

**for the period to 1st July 2020 to 30th June 2021**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Closing cash on hand	170,362.65	190,258.38
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 170,362.65</b>	<b>\$ 190,258.38</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Project Grants and On Ground donations unspent	81,861.68	98,663.13
	<b>\$ 81,861.68</b>	<b>\$ 98,663.13</b>
<b>NET ASSETS/ MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 88,500.97</b>	<b>\$ 91,595.25</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Bendigo Holding Account (633000 - 159 806 140)	107,939.37	127,241.21
Bendigo Donations Account (633000 - 159 803 337)	19,901.81	57,144.98
Bendigo Operating Account (633000 - 159 803 402)	42,471.47	5,822.19
Cash	50.00	50.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 170,362.65</b>	<b>\$ 190,258.38</b>
Less Income received in advance of grants unspent:		
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 81,861.68</b>	<b>\$ 98,663.13</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 88,500.97</b>	<b>\$ 91,595.25</b>

**BERG Treasurer's Report  
as at 30 June 2021**

**New or in progress from 01 July 2020**

Grant Date	Title [Report by date]	Code	Grant (\$) - PTD		Remaining (\$)
Jul18 - Dec 2021	<b>1. Philanthropy Project - MATCHING DONOR &amp; ONGROUND (\$72,650) + BERG MM FUNDING (\$4,353), to support FAUNA SURVEYS</b>	PHILAN	\$77,003.00	-\$69,887.74	\$7,115.26
01 Jun18 to 30 Apr21 <b>ACQUITTED</b>	<b>2. Coast Care Victoria Community Grant</b> (total incl 10% deposit) \$12,850	CVCG18	\$12,850.00	-\$12,850.00	\$0.00
1 Nov17 - 31 May21 <b>ACQUITTED</b>	<b>3. Sunshine Foundation Grant</b> (\$15,080 over 3 years - 2017 \$5,355; Oct2018 \$4,925, Bal Sep19 4,800)	SFG17	\$15,080.00	-\$15,080.00	\$0.00
01 May18 to 30 Nov20 <b>ACQUITTED</b>	<b>4. Port Phillip Bay Fund - YEAR 1 (DELWP)</b> Original Project end 30 Apr19 EXTENDED to 30 Nov20 Final Report EXTENDED to 21 Dec20	PPBF18-20	\$16,048.08	-\$16,048.08	\$0.00
Sep17 - 28 Feb21 <b>ACQUITTED</b>	<b>5. DELWP: BIODIVERSITY ONGROUND ACTION</b> Original Project end 31Mar20 EXTENDED to 31Dec20, then 28Feb21	BOA17/ BOA18/BOA19	\$45,762.90	-\$45,762.90	\$0.00
Event TBD 2021 - 2022	<b>6 Waste Wise MM (P Boag Donation \$1,050, 2017/18)</b> to support Event 2021/22 TBC, subject to COVID	WW	\$1,050.00	-\$379.62	\$670.38
2021 - 2022	<b>7. Bunurong Engagement Videos</b> PPECO funding received from Nov17 to Jun20	PPECO	\$4,500.00	-\$2,160.46	\$2,339.54
2021-2022	<b>8A&amp;B: Panel Artwork &amp; Water Quality Monitoring Station Yrs2 &amp; 3</b> TBC - subject to Grants in progress with MW, for Year 1 BBank \$2k Jan21 COVID Funding/ PenSchl \$4k received Oct18	TBA	\$6,209.46	-\$1,268.65	\$4,940.81
Feb 2019 to June 2021 <b>ACQUITTED</b>	<b>9A. Melbourne Water Grant 2019</b>	MW19S	\$1,100.00	-\$1,100.00	\$0.00
	<b>9B MW HOPETOUN CREEK Grant 2019 (MW19 H)</b> - Hopetoun Creek Riparian Biolink Restoration Project, Mt Martha 2019	MW19H	\$21,664.50	-\$21,664.50	\$0.00
	<b>9C. MW BALCOMBE CREEK Grant 2019 (MW19 B)</b> - Swamp Scrub/ Grassy Woodland Ecotone Improvement, Balcombe Creek, Stage 12	MW19B	\$19,101.50	-\$19,101.50	\$0.00
11 Jul19 to 30 Nov20 <b>ACQUITTED</b>	<b>10. Port Phillip Bay Fund - Round 3 (DELWP)</b> Original Project end 30 Jun20, EXTENDED to 30 Nov20, Final Report EXTENDED to 21 Dec20	PPBR3-20	\$15,730.00	-\$15,730.00	\$0.00
Jul19 to 30 Nov20 <b>ACQUITTED</b>	<b>11. Port Phillip Bay Fund - YEAR 2 (DELWP)</b> - Final Report Project end 14 May20, EXTENDED to 30 Nov20 EXTENDED to 21 Dec20	PPBF19-20	\$15,348.00	-\$15,348.00	\$0.00
31 Oct19-31 May21	<b>12. PPWCMA 2019/20 (Landcare Grant Program)</b> Project end 30 Nov20, EXTENDED to 31 May21	PPWCMALC 20	\$19,981.00	-\$19,981.00	\$0.00
31 Mar21 <b>ACQUITTED</b>	<b>13. Dept Infracst &amp; Transport - Stronger Communities Program</b> - Refurbish audio trails + includes BERG MM Fund Allocation (\$987)		\$5,986.91	-\$5,986.91	\$0.00
Feb20 - Feb21	<b>14. MM Community bank</b> - Sponsorship BERG MM Newsletters 2020 (\$2500) and 2021 (\$2500)		\$5,000.00	-\$3,743.49	\$1,256.51
Feb20 to Jun21 (tbc)	<b>15A. Melbourne Water Grant 2020</b>	MW20S	\$1,023.00	-\$644.57	\$378.43
	<b>15B MW HOPETOUN CREEK Grant 2020 (MW20 H)</b>	MW20H	\$18,274.50	-\$17,843.80	\$430.70
	<b>15C. MW BALCOMBE CREEK Grant 2020 (MW20 B)</b>	MW20B	\$17,267.63	-\$16,358.72	\$908.91

**BERG Treasurer's Report  
as at 30 June 2021**

**New or in progress from 01 July 2020**

Grant Date	Title [Report by date]	Code	Grant (\$) - PTD		Remaining (\$)
BERG MM FUNDED 2021-22	16. Hopetoun Flora Survey (up to \$11,000, incl GST) <i>BERG MM Fund Allocation</i>		\$11,000.00	\$0.00	\$11,000.00
BERG MM FUNDED Aug20-21	17. Nest Boxes Project - Maintenance (Reserves and Hopetoun) <i>BERG MM Fund Allocation - FULLY ACQUITTED</i>		\$1,958.00	-\$1,958.00	\$0.00
Nov20 - 30 Nov22	18. CoastCare Vic Community Grant - Moving Forward (DELWP) <i>(Full Grant allocation \$29,677.12 + \$1,500 BERG MM FUNDS = \$31,177.12) 21/22 Balance o/s 5935.52,20%)</i>	CVCG 20/21	\$25,241.60	-\$10,331.65	\$14,909.95
Dec20 to Dec21	19. SE Water (Good2Give) Grant - Healthy Waterway Project		\$5,500.00	-\$783.81	\$4,716.19
2021-2023	20. SouthBeach Banksia 100 Project		\$2,730.00	\$0.00	\$2,730.00
2021-2023	21. Vegetation Fencing Panel Project		\$2,100.00	\$0.00	\$2,100.00
22 Jun21-15 Sep22	22. DELWP PPBF21		\$19,971.00	\$0.00	\$19,971.00
23 Jun21-30 Jun22	23. MPS Biolinks: 2021-20		\$8,394.00	\$0.00	\$8,394.00
<b>BALANCE of Funds Unspent from Grants &amp; Allocated Projects</b>			\$395,875.08	-\$314,013.40	\$81,861.68
<b>BALANCE of BERG MM Funds Unspent from Member Fees, Donations &amp; Other Income</b>					<b>\$88,500.97</b>
					<b>\$ 170,362.65</b>



**BALCOMBE ESTUARY RESERVES GROUP MT MARTHA INC.**

**Independent examiner’s report to the members**

This report on the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2021

**Respective responsibilities of the members and the examiner**

The Members are responsible for the preparation of the financial report. It is my responsibility to issue this report on the financial report in accordance with the terms of my appointment as an independent examiner.

**Basis of this report**

My examination includes a review of the accounting records that are kept, and a comparison of those records with the financial report. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial report and seeking explanations from the members concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a statutory audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion, or a review opinion, on the financial report.

**Independent examiner’s statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - To keep proper accounting records; and
  - To prepare a financial report, which accords with the accounting records of Balcombe Estuary Reserves Group Mt Martha Inc. has not been complied with; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial report to be reached.

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**BALCOMBE ESTUARY RESERVES GROUP MT MARTHA  
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**STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

**Schedule 1, Regulation 15, Form 1**

*Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*

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

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**The 2020/21 Annual statements give a true and fair view of financial performance  
and position of the BERG Mt Martha incorporated association**

We the President and Treasurer, being members of the **BERG Mt Martha  
incorporated** committee, certify that –

“The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial  
performance and position of the above named association during and at the end of  
the financial year of the association ending 30 June 2021”

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee  
and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:

President:

Date: 9 October 2021



Peter McMahon

Treasurer:

Date: 9 October 2021



Julie Zammit