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## Finance Director's Report – 2015 AGM

It is with some satisfaction that I present the attached 2014 Financial Statements for Fencing Victoria Inc. There were times when the completion of this task seemed very remote. However, here we are! And it is the absolute aim of this report to draw to a close the period of uncertainty and vulnerability to single points of failure that has been seen over recent years. It has not been easy – from the time of first gaining access to the bank accounts to simply pay the associations obligations to reconstructing the accounts from a fragmented and incomplete record and establishing some ongoing governance protocols that will ensure we don't go down this path again, some 300 hours have been expended in achieving the position where I am able to inform the members that Fencing Victoria is now in a strong, sustainable and most importantly transparent financial position.

There do remain challenges. These will be overcome but ONLY with the assistance of the membership to draw a line on the past and move forward. The membership must also recognise that the task of the Executive is a large one and that it cannot be done without drawing on the resources of the membership. Or rather, it CAN be done, but at significant impost to the financial resources that are currently in a favourable position. I urge those who are able, and have the skills necessary, to add to the capability of the association generally and the Executive in particular – otherwise there are very real risks of reversion to over reliance on “the few” while “the many” are simply spectators or worse. Fencing Victoria does not need any snipers or stone-throwers – it needs people who will make a positive contribution. There is much at stake. We currently are enjoying a financial position of envy to all other states. 2014 was a difficult period. 2015 is a consolidation period, and the stewardship of the resources outlined in the financial statements must be allowed to maintain those resources and grow them into the future.

When considering the association of Fencing Victoria and each members contribution to it, it is valuable to recall the words of JFK who said “if not us, who? If not now, when?” and really consider if that action that you may be contemplating is helping or hindering the aims of the association.

Many of the governance and operational changes made by the Executive have been highlighted in the Presidents report. I will not repeat them here. I will focus on the financial

statements themselves and the headline numbers that are relevant and outline associated events and activities that are in train.

**At the conclusion of 2014, and reflected in the statements attached, we can state that;**

1. Fencing Victoria has recognised and brought to account all prior year bank accounts that were not reconciled prior to 31 December 2013. What this means is that the cash we have stated in the report IS the cash we have in the bank – supported by accurate records
2. The association is current on all BAS reporting and has no fines or penalties pending
3. The movement of funds that were unexplained through the suspense account has been cleared. As previously indicated, the net result of the transactions for which an explanation is inexplicable is a net contribution of \$21,247.20 which has been recognised in the Income statement.
4. For purposes of reporting the 2014 results to Consumer Affairs, FV will show revenue of \$411,779, which is fairly in the Tier 2 category. CAV rules require an independent review of the accounts at this level of revenue. This has been provided by a different firm to the accountants and is attached.
5. An operating profit of \$205,897 has been recorded. This is inclusive of the donation made to clear the NAB loan.
6. Once depreciation etc is taken into account, Fencing Victoria has Net Assets of \$235,456

In presenting the statements for 2014, it was decided to NOT adjust the reports produced and submitted to CAV for 2013 and prior years. There is little to no value in going back to reconcile 2013 as it will incur substantial cost. Balances at 31 December 2014 are true and correct and measures are now put in place to ensure this will never happen again. A task that remains following this AGM will be to withdraw and re-submit the previously lodged 2012 and 2013 financial statements lodged with the CAV Registrar. The re-submitted returns will NOT include the auditors statement previously provided.

The notes attached prepared by the accountant go into more detail than the raw figures reported above and will not be repeated in this report to avoid duplication.

I submit this report to the members for consideration.



Geoff Webber

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