

Treasurer's Report

To the President, Councillors and Members for the 2023 financial year.

The 2023 accounts have been completed by myself and Debbie Fawcett (Business Base) and have been reviewed by Simon Danson (NMA Ltd). The full accounts are available on the website.

Income from both NZ and overseas subscriptions was up from the previous year. Income from adverts in Birds New Zealand magazine and data sales increased from the previous year.

Printing, postage and the EO contract continue to be the main expenditure for the Society. Printing should reduce with Notornis now only being published electronically. NZ Post have increased postage rates again so we expect these costs to remain fairly high,

There have been a few Projects Assistance Funds grants for the year as well as the funding of the Atlas project. The Toi Toi Wines funding for the Atlas field trips has allowed several trips to be completed (including some this year) and the majority of the funding has been used up.

The Birds NZ Research Fund has funded a large number of projects.

The funds for the Pacific Islands Bird Conservation and Research Fund were transferred to Birds NZ from Forest & Bird in December 2023. The funds have been placed in term deposits to accumulate interest to increase the funds available.

The finance sub-committee has developed a budget and continues to investigate the most appropriate sustainable business model for the Society. Improvements have been made to the way the Society operates and our online presence, but this has increased our expenditure. Several regions have provided funds to help with the operational costs of the Society for which Council is very grateful. We continue to investigate various funding options to ensure that we can continue to operate as a vibrant and viable Society. Michael Szabo has been working on a project to develop new strategies and activities to improve communications, membership promotions and fundraising activities. This has been funded by the T-Gear donation.

I would like to thank my fellow councillors, the EO, the membership secretary and the members for all the assistance and support that they have given me over the last year. Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries.

Paul Garner-Richards

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