

Treasurer's Report

To the President, Councillors and Members for the 2024 financial year.

The 2024 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 down from the previous year. Income from adverts in Birds New Zealand magazine and data sales also decreased from the previous year.

Printing, postage and the EO contract continue to be the main expenditure for the Society. Printing costs have, however, halved from last year as Notornis is now online only.

There have been a few Projects Assistance Funds grants for the year including for the Youth Camp.

The Birds NZ Research Fund has funded a number of projects. The last of the funding from T Gear has been received. We continue to look for another sponsor so that we can continue the fund.

The Pacific Islands Bird Conservation and Research Fund has funded one project. The remaining funds have been placed in term deposits to accumulate interest to increase the funds available.

We have received a large bequest from the estate of Kerry-Jayne Wilson which will be used to establish a new scholarship for seabird research in the New Zealand region. These funds have been placed in term deposits to accumulate interest to increase the funds available. Other options for growing the fund are also being investigated.

The finance sub-committee continues to investigate the most appropriate sustainable business model for the Society. We continue to investigate various funding options to ensure that we can continue to operate as a vibrant and viable Society. Michael Szabo has continued the communications 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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