



ALHR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

28 March 2011

TREASURER'S REPORT

The last year has been a time of extraordinary dynamism in the work of ALHR, thanks to the stewardship of Stephen Keim and the efforts of Natasha Case as well as a remarkable collection of dynamic lawyers on the National and State Committees. Unfortunately, our financial situation is no match for this dynamism, despite some sterling efforts at fundraising and some extremely generous one-off donations.

Let me take a moment to paint the picture.

For clarity, let me start by saying that the ALHR financial year runs according to the calendar year.

This year we recorded a gross income of \$3,010.11, which does not include a further \$3,000 very generously donated from P & E Law that was received in the financial year but banked in 2011. By contrast our total expenditure for the year was \$1,701.88, leaving us with a closing bank balance of \$5,522.22. Factoring in the \$3,000 donation, this leaves us roughly \$5,000.00 ahead of where we were at the same time last year.

As our expenditure figure suggests, there are very few overheads for ALHR. Expenses for the year included national planning day travel and accommodation costs (\$471.46), Website maintenance (\$396.47), flowers and gift for outgoing President (\$159.00), Post Office Box fee (\$215.00), Internet domain name (\$69.90), and Human Rights Essay Prize raised in 2009 and paid in in 2010 (\$300.00). One of the main ongoing expenses is our website and related activity. A positive development for the year, is that we are in the advanced stages of launching a donations page on our website. Thanks are due to Natasha Case for her efforts in this regard.

The bulk of our income this year was through donations. In the first part of the year, we ran a fundraising drive to assist in covering the cost of administrative support. However, the \$825.00 raised was not sufficient for other than a passing contribution to the administrative support needed, and none of it has been expended in this way. Subject to any objection being raised, we would propose that the funds raised be remitted into the general pool of funds. In addition, the Queensland chapter held a very successful dinner on World Death Penalty Day in conjunction with Australians Against Capital Punishment, at which David Marr was the guest speaker. The dinner was a great success, and the ALHR share of the funds raised was \$1,880.00. The

financial management of the dinner was undertaken by AACP. Many thanks are due to Stephen Keim and the members of the ALHR Queensland chapter, in particular Riley Power and Jamie Nuich, who contributed significant time in preparation for the dinner.

As a final note, we were advised during the year by PriceWaterhouseCoopers that because of our low income, it is no longer a legal requirement for ALHR's books to be audited. Should the need arise again in future, we will need to reignite the very good relationship that we enjoyed with PWC's Townsville Office, in particular Laura Carcary. We are certainly very grateful for the assistance they have provided us in recent years.

In 2011, we will be looking to identify other longer term and more sustainable fundraising strategies in order to consolidate the work of ALHR as an important voice in human rights work in Australia. This may include the introduction of membership fees.

May I also record my regret that I am unable to provide a financial statement for the calendar year together with comparative figures for the previous year as there is critical information about the attribution of expenses and income that I need from the previous financial year that I do not currently have at my disposal. I will provide this statement as soon as possible and in any event by the next National Committee meeting, and will ensure that it is also posted on the ALHR website. Nevertheless, I can state that ALHR does not carry any liabilities that we are unable to acquit.

Eve Lester
Treasurer
25 March 2011