

## ALHR 2016 Treasurer's Report

### Annual General Meeting - 18 April 2017

It is with great pleasure I present my first Treasurer's Report for ALHR.

In 2016, the fantastic growth in membership revenue continued following the implementation of paid membership in 2015. This growth has allowed ALHR to provide more financial support for Committee Members in their work on behalf of ALHR. The strong financial position also enabled ALHR to appoint a Media Manager on an initial six-month contract, which began in November 2016.

ALHR changed banks during 2016, moving from Westpac to Bank Australia after the Committee decided to choose the most ethical banking option available to them. This has also had a positive financial impact by increasing the interest earned on our operating account.

The 2016 Audited Financial Statements are attached and some highlights are:

#### Revenue

- Membership revenue for the full year was \$33,792
- Fundraising event revenue was lower than 2015 as an ALHR dinner was not held this year but there were still a number of great events held including screenings of Chasing Asylum in SA and Queensland, Refugee Policy Q&A event with LaTrobe Uni in Victoria, Abortion Law Reform event in NSW and a panel event on the Case for a Royal Commission into Immigration Detention in NSW.

#### Expenses

- Fundraising expenses were significantly lower than 2015 without the ALHR dinner as mentioned above.
- Travel costs were higher as a planning day was held in June 2016 for the National Committee, and more support was provided to Committee members attending events on behalf of ALHR.
- Two months of media manager costs of \$3,865 were included in the 2016 year.

#### Cash position

- ALHR finished 2016 with a cash balance of \$39,368, which is a fantastic achievement given the balance at the start of 2015 was only \$3,937. As the impact of paid membership continues to improve the cash position, some of this cash balance will be invested in a term deposit during 2017.

We are again very grateful for the pro bono auditing services provided by Pitcher Partners in Sydney, and I would like to thank partner Mark Godlewski for his assistance this year.

I would like to thank Benedict Coyne, Kerry Weste and all the Committee Members for their support during the year, but in particular Kerry for the significant time and effort she put in prior to my appointment and during my first few months in the role.

Katherine Hinton  
Treasurer  
18 April 2017