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# Annual **Report**

Blue Light Victoria Incorporated

**2021 / 2022**



Inspire, Engage and Equip Young People to be their best self.





In the spirit of reconciliation Blue Light Victoria acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to Elders past and present.



Blue Light Victoria has a conscious commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion and view these elements as essential to fulfilling our vision and mission. In keeping with our core values of connection, growth, innovation, and respect, BLV continues to listen to, learn from and embrace the differences and perspectives of the young people, partners and communities that we work with.

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# Message

## From the Chairperson and CEO

### What a difference a year makes!

Whilst we have continued to navigate the impacts of Covid and returning to our “new normal” we have truly seen, over the past 12 months, steady progress in our ability to reengage with young people and local communities for which we are incredibly proud. This is more important than ever with research showing that young people are now experiencing disconnection and isolation at far greater levels than ever before. We are pleased that the work undertaken by Blue Light Victoria is helping to inspire, engage and equip young people across the state to be their best self and to enhance connections to community during this critical time.

This report provides many examples of the programs and events that have happened across Victoria over the past year. Our branches have been able to recommence initiatives such as sporting and mentoring programs, skate days, creative arts and of course disco’s whilst our state office has increased delivery of our in schools programs. A particular highlight has been the design and successful funding application for the implementation of a new Year 5 and 6 program, DASH (Dynamic – Active – Safe-Healthy). Federal government funding, spanning over 27 months will enable us to provide DASH throughout five local government areas in regional Victoria: Ararat, North and

South Grampians, Golden Plains and Pyrenees. Over 2000 young people will now get to benefit from this initiative. Exciting times!

The year has not been without its challenges though. The pandemic has impacted our number of volunteers across the state, and we continue to consider ways to re-engage and strengthen our volunteer support base. Like a wide array of other not for profits, the pandemic has also had an impact on our ability to raise revenue. Opportunities to access philanthropic support and grant streams are now being more sought after than ever by charities. We continue to actively pursue funding possibilities but acknowledge the difficulty and complexity now being experienced. We are very grateful to Wheelton Philanthropy for their support this year and for partnering with us for the next two years.





The pandemic has also had an impact on increased insurance costs for our programs and for the delivery of programs and buildings at our Camp in Maldon. The Board of the Victorian Blue Light Youth Camp (VBLYC) worked hard to sustain the camp throughout the pandemic however were reliant on rent assistance from Blue Light Victoria and were unable to increase rental payments to cover significant increases in running costs, insurance, and maintenance. This led to the VBLYC Board giving notice to cease its lease of the property. After careful consideration and with a heavy heart, the BLV Board made the decision to sell the Maldon camp to ensure it can remain financially viable and continue to deliver programs to young people across the state. This year has seen changes to our Board of Directors with several new members joining. We now have a full Board with a mix of serving police members, previous serving members and community members with skills and expertise across domains such as finance, risk, communications and marketing. Directors on the current Board are: Commander Debra

Robertson (Chair), Acting Superintendent Lorna McCarthy (Deputy Chair), Michelle Arundel, Kevin Scott, David Broderick, Caitlin Mathews, Peter Leigh, Slavka Scott, Lucy Powell, Ian Lanyon, Superintendent Susan Thomas and Kelly Jensen. We would like to recognise Timothy Forster, a Life Member and long serving member of the Board who resigned from the Board this year. Tim has given so much to the Board over such a long period of time for which we are incredibly grateful. We wish him a well earned rest and look forward to him continuing to support Blue Light in different ways into the future. In February the Board and CEO engaged in a strategic planning process which has seen us develop a new vision, mission and strategic plan for 2022-2023. Our plan has six strategic pillars which centre around how we will strengthen and diversify our key partners, enhance, and embed youth “voice” across all that we do, a sustainable financial model, an operational model that ensures optimal service delivery and engagement, capturing and promoting our impact and a passionate, innovative, skilled

workforce. This plan assists us to move beyond what we have done in the past and to explore new ways of engaging with young people and a broader range of stakeholders, particularly those across emergency services and first responders. We are grateful for the assistance received from the Cube Group to undertake this work and we are excited about our future direction and the possibilities ahead for us.

Our major fundraising event “Back to the Disco”, after being postponed five times due to the pandemic was finally able to be held this year. As you will read in this report, it was a great night had by all and we raised over \$50,000!


We would like to thank the Board for their tireless work throughout the past 12 months in often challenging circumstances. We would also like to thank the Board Sub-committees who support the Board and the broader Blue Light Victoria operations in numerous ways. We would like to acknowledge and thank our hardworking staff for their adaptability, willingness to go above and beyond and tenacity. We have grown from a team of three full time staff to a complement of approximately 30 staff (full time and casual) which reflects the breadth and width of initiatives we are now offering across the state.




To our branch members, your dedication of time and commitment to Blue Light Victoria is inspiring and we are thankful and grateful for all that you offer to young people and your local communities.

To our Patron, Chief Commissioner Shane Patton, your in-kind support for Blue Light Victoria is much appreciated and we look forward to continuing to work with you into the future. To our sponsors and supporters, BankVic, Wheelton Philanthropy and Melbourne Victory, a huge thank you. Your generosity and support have enabled us to provide unique opportunities for young people to be inspired, engaged, and connected.



  
Debra Robertson  
Chair



  
Elissa Scott  
Chief Executive Officer

# Patron's Message

## Chief Commissioner Shane Patton APM

As Patron of Blue Light Victoria (BLV), I commend the team and the many volunteers for yet another productive year. BLV continues to make a significant difference to the lives of young people, particularly those at risk. BLV ran 150 programs and events in the past year, benefitting 5,000 young people. Whilst impressive, these numbers don't fully capture the impact that BLV makes on an individual level. Whether it be engaging a young person in a fitness or creative arts program, or positively impacting a young person's perspective on police through joint participation in an activity challenge, the experiences that BLV delivers can have lasting, even lifetime, benefits.

Victoria Police sees these benefits firsthand and that is why we are proud to be a major partner of BLV. In the past year, over 350 police have contributed to BLV programs and events across 22 branches. Our partnership with BLV also extends to the strategic level through Victoria Police's representation on the Board of Directors.

A significant achievement for BLV this year has been the launch of DASH (Dynamic, Active, Safe, Healthy); an eight week program for upper primary school children that aims to build a sense of belonging and connection to the local community. Victoria Police was proud to support BLV in securing Federal Government funding for DASH and it is pleasing to see the program being delivered across Western Victoria. BLV is also to be commended for the ongoing successful delivery of the Blue EDGE program, which provides physical training, mentoring and lifeskills education to secondary school students across the state. The Blue EDGE and DASH programs align



with Victoria Police's Schools Engagement Model (SEM). The SEM, launched in December 2021, supports positive engagement between police and schools and aims to ensure the engagement is planned, purposeful and tailored to local needs. BLV is one of the key organisations we have worked with in delivering the SEM and I acknowledge the role of BLV in ensuring the success of the program in its inaugural year.

Another notable achievement for BLV this year was the release of the organisation's Strategic Plan 2022-23. The plan identifies opportunities for BLV to work in new and different ways to ensure the organisation's sustainability, whilst staying true to the organisation's vision of inspiring, engaging and equipping young people to fulfil their potential.

I am confident that the coming year will be an exciting one for BLV. Congratulations on the year that was, and I wish BLV every success for 2022-23.



**Chief Commissioner Shane Patton APM**  
Victoria Police



## Vision

Inspire, Engage and Equip Young People to be their best self.



## Mission

Our Mission – to design, develop and deliver programs, activities, and initiatives for young people between the ages of 10 - 21 years that:

- enhance connection and positive engagement with their peers and their community
- equip young people with tools to support their mental and physical wellbeing
- strengthen relationships between young people and key Blue Light Victoria partners including Victoria Police, emergency services and other key stakeholders.

## Our Values

### Connection

We cultivate authentic relationships and champion partnerships across local communities. We focus on working together with young people, our branches, and our key partners to advance our mission and deepen our impact.

### Growth

We are passionate about training and development ensuring that young people, staff, volunteers, and our partner agencies have the tools and skills to maximise their full potential and to deliver high-quality outcomes.

### Innovation

We are innovative and actively seek to make a difference, differently. We ensure that our programs, activities, and initiatives are relevant to the changing needs of young people.

### Respect

We believe all people have inherent value, regardless of culture, belief, personal abilities, or sexual orientation. We treat everyone with empathy and dignity.



# Blue Light Victoria Strategic Plan 2022-23

*Inspire, Engage and Equip young people to be their best self.*



## POSITIVE YOUTH PARTICIPATION

We will explore new ways in which the strengths, diversity, voices and potential of young people are promoted, valued and celebrated.

We will be responsive to the changing needs of young people and work with young people to ensure that our programs, activities, and initiatives deliver outcomes that are empowering and build their capacity to make good decisions.



## A CONNECTED AND TRUSTED PARTNER

We will strengthen our connections with critical government stakeholders Victoria Police, emergency services, community service providers and business to establish Blue Light Victoria as a trusted and valued partner.

## A SUSTAINABLE FINANCIAL MODEL

We will develop a more mature funding model, where a blend of revenue sources strategically drives, supports, and delivers our work.

We will build financial sustainability through diversification and growth in income.



## AN OPERATIONAL MODEL THAT ENSURES OPTIMAL SERVICE DELIVERY AND ENGAGEMENT

Blue Light Victoria is committed to upholding the Victorian & National Child Safe Standards. We will ensure training, communication and risk management processes across the state office and branches enable high quality service provision.

## CAPTURING & PROMOTING OUR IMPACT; SHARING OUR STORIES

We will measure our programs through sound evaluation, capturing and seeking feedback from young people, stakeholders, and the broader community, and build capacity and capability for learning, testing, and evaluating our impact. We will ensure that our public identity and profile are clear and reflect the vast array of youth engagement approaches undertaken and agencies partnered with.



## AN INNOVATIVE, PASSIONATE AND SKILLED WORKFORCE

We will continue to attract and retain a diverse, talented, and passionate workforce and volunteer base, and invest in the health and wellbeing of our people. We will ensure this is supported by regular training and learning and development opportunities that inspire and resonate with our diverse teams.

# The Board

Thank you for your contribution

## Commander Debra Robertson APM GAICD - Chair



Debra Robertson is Commander in charge of Intel Covert Support Command at Victoria Police and has more than 39 years' experience across operational policing and strategic projects.

Debra is a recipient of the Australian Police Medal (2015), a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) and has completed the AICD Board Mastery Course in 2021. She is also a Member of the Registration Division of the Police Registration and Services Board (Victoria).

Debra holds an Advanced Diploma of Public Safety and Police Investigation, an Advanced Certificate in Management, and postgraduate qualifications in gender and policing. She served two years as the vice president of The Police Association Victoria, was director of the Police Federation Australia and received a Churchill Fellowship in 2017. Debra has held a non-executive board position on BankVic for the last 5 years. Debra is also the chair of Blue Light and has held that role for the past 10 years.

## Acting Superintendent Lorna McCarthy - Deputy Chair and Secretary



Lorna has been a member of Victoria Police since 1989. She has worked across a diverse range of policing areas specialising in Community Policing / SOCAU (now SOCIT), Family Violence Investigations & Crime Scene Examination.

Lorna has a strong commitment to community policing and is particularly passionate about supporting young people. Lorna was a founding member of the Darebin Blue Light Branch in 1994 and have been a member of the Blue Light Victoria Board since 2017.

## Caitlin Mathews - Treasurer



Caitlin is a Partner of the Tax & Advisory Team at The Gild Group. She has over a decade's experience in the accounting industry completing her degree in 2007 and her CPA in 2010. Caitlin brings with her skills including strategic planning, CFO activities, structure advice and managing compliance requirements. She's worked with all types and sizes of businesses, across a range of industries: from start-ups through to million-dollar established businesses.

Caitlin has been a member of the Blue Light Victoria Board since 2017 and has provided a high level of skill and expertise to assist Blue Light with strategies to ensure high quality service provision and financial sustainability.

## Michelle Arundel, GAICD



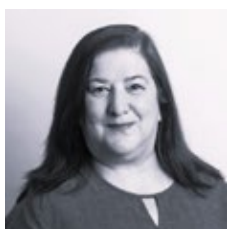
Michelle is the Chief People Officer at BankVic and has a demonstrated history of working in the financial services industry. She is a strong human resources professional skilled in Culture Change, Business Transformation, Management, Performance Management, and Competency Management. Michelle has been on the Board at Blue Light Victoria since 2020 and also Chairs the Board People and Culture Sub Committee.

## Dr David Broderick



Dave is employed as the Young People's Portfolio Manager with the Priority Communities Division at Victoria Police. His work supports the organisation to improve outcomes for young people coming into contact with police, as well as reducing the risk of further contact with the justice system. Prior to this, Dave held roles at the Centre for Adolescent Health at the Royal Children's Hospital and within the university sector conducting research on school exclusion, adolescent moral reasoning, outdoor youth programs, mental health and suicide. During this time, Dave completed a PhD examining experiences of school suspension and disengagement. Dave has been a member of the Blue Light Victoria Board since 2017.

## Slavka Scott



Slavka is an accomplished senior leader in strategic communications, stakeholder engagement, social marketing, media and crisis management. Currently holding the position of Director Communications and Engagement at Recycling Victoria she has also worked at VEOHRC, Victoria Legal Aid and the TAC. Slavka has extensive public sector experience across multiple portfolios together with previous experience as a Non Executive Director for Women's Health and Wellbeing, Barwon South West. Slavka commenced with the Blue Light Board in February 2022.

## Kelly Jensen



Kelly commenced on the Blue Light Victoria Board in September 2022. She is currently the Chief Marketing Officer at the Australian Sports Foundation having previously held roles at Tennis Australia, Cricket Australia and District Docklands. Originally from New Zealand, Kelly brings to the Board a wealth of skills and knowledge for marketing, corporate partnerships and fundraising.

## Kevin Scott



Kevin has had a distinguished professional career at Victoria Police with a focus on strategic management and leadership development that includes leading comprehensive reforms in Victoria Police. He was the Chief of Staff for Chief Commissioner Nixon and Commander and Assistant Commissioner at the Police Academy.

Kevin has extensive experience developing innovative solutions to organisational risks to enable transformational changes through training, especially in vocational skills. He has worked as a consultant and more recently oversaw the pandemic response at Moonee Valley Council. Kevin is technically "retired" however this sees him busier than ever. He has served on the Blue Light Victoria Board since 2018.

## Peter Leigh

Peter comes to the Board of Blue Light Victoria with extensive experience in finance and investment banking having most recently been a partner at JB Were for over 15 years. Peter is recently retired and now volunteers his time and expertise, sitting on several Boards. Peter commenced with Blue Light Victoria in February 2022.

## **Ian Lanyon**



Ian is the Director of Security and Emergency Management at the Department of Education and Training (DET). He joined the Board of Blue Light Victoria in February 2022. Prior to commencing at DET Ian held roles with the Department of Health and Human Services (Youth Justice) and was a serving member of Victoria Police for 25 years. Ian also was a Station Leader of Davis Antarctic research base: an amazing experience.

## **Superintendent Sue Thomas**



Sue joined the Blue Light Victoria Board in June 2022. Sue has been a member of Victoria Police for over 33 years and is currently a Superintendent within Western Region Operational Support. Sue has undertaken study at the Australian Institute of Police Management and more recently at the Australian Institute for Company Directors.

## **Lucy Powell**



Lucy is an experienced communications specialist with extensive knowledge of all elements of corporate communications, media relations, public relations, marketing communications, brand building, internal and employee communications, stakeholder engagement, issues and reputation management. She holds the position of Corporate Communications Manager at Dairy Australia and has previously worked at the University of Melbourne, Porter Novelli and Microsoft. Lucy has been on the Board since February 2022 and hails originally from New Zealand.



# Blue EDGE

Educate, Develop, Grow, Empower



### What is Blue EDGE?

Blue EDGE (Educate, Develop, Grow, Empower) is a 16 session, evidence based program designed to increase engagement, resilience and wellbeing through activity-based learning. The program targets 20 young people in Years 7 – 9, and focuses on key social and emotional capabilities such as self and emotional regulation, confidence building, safe decision making, and peer and community connections.



### Why Blue EDGE?

Research shows that young people who feel valued, who are provided with opportunities to participate, and who feel connected to community are less likely to experience disengagement. Conversely, when young people become disengaged, they are at greater risk of poor health and mental health difficulties which impacts their resilience and the wellbeing of local communities. (AIHW, Mental Health, 2021)



### How is Blue EDGE delivered?

Blue EDGE is led by specialist facilitators and actively supported by Victoria Police, emergency service members and community role models who create a safe, positive, and engaging environment for young people.

The program is delivered on school premises and can be facilitated across an 8 or 16 week period. Each session is 90-minutes and consists of three core components:

- A physical training session
- An evidence-informed module facilitating skill development and discussion around core social and emotional themes
- A shared meal

The program has been designed to align with the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) and can be tailored to meet the needs of your school community.

# Blue EDGE

Educate, Develop, Grow, Empower

During 2021 Blue EDGE was heavily impacted by Covid restrictions and lockdowns with all sessions being cancelled in September for the remainder of the year. This time was used to prepare for the implementation of new sites in 2022 and review the program with changes being made to both the content and structure. Facilitators were added to each site to take into account the ongoing challenges that Covid was likely to present for police resourcing and to ensure the highest level of Child Safe Standards were achieved. Content changes were made to strengthen the participants learning and to provide more structured engagement opportunities. Face to face training was designed for all facilitators which was very positively received.

Blue EDGE sessions recommenced in in Term 1, 2022 across the 6 schools: Bendigo, Broadmeadows, Cranbourne, Corio, Mildura and Richmond.

With the easing of COVID restrictions we were able to extend the number of programs to 10 schools in Term 2. This included: Bairnsdale, Bendigo, Craigieburn, Churchill, Cranbourne, Frankston, Maryborough, Portland, Richmond and Shepparton. A big thank you to Melbourne Victory for their assistance with fitness session delivery at some of our Blue EDGE sites.

## TERM 1

91 Sessions completed  
6 Longest Days  
118 Participants enrolled  
94 Participants graduated  
51 Police members  
14 School staff and 8  
Facilitators trained  
184.50 Program Contact hours

## TERM 2

150 Sessions completed  
9 Longest Days  
184 Participants enrolled  
141 Participants graduated  
80 Police members and 22  
school staff involved  
297 Program Contact hours



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**Department of Industry, Science,  
Energy and Resources**



## D-A-S-H

Dynamic activities, Active voices, Safe communities and Healthy engagement

DASH is an 8-week primary school program for grades 5 and 6 which is run across Metropolitan Melbourne and Regional Victoria.



### What's the need?

Community trauma over the last few years has seen widespread disconnect and social isolation amongst children and young people. Research indicates that collective responsibility, local partnerships, and youth voice continue to be important mechanisms for recovery and rebuild.



### Why DASH?

DASH facilitates meaningful and protective partnerships with Victoria Police, emergency services and other community experts to achieve a sense of belonging in, and connection to the local community. The program culminates in a student led project that harnesses the capacity of young people to generate solutions for real needs in their local community.



### How is DASH delivered?

DASH adopts an experiential and inquiry-based approach to learning. Weekly 90-minute sessions are facilitated in the classroom by specialist facilitators and supported by a range of community experts and agencies who act as learning partners alongside students. DASH aligns with the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) and can be tailored to meet the needs of your school community.



### How can parents be involved?

A one-hour online session is included, exploring key program themes, providing guidance on how to extend classroom discussions and inviting parents/carers to be part of the student project. Parents/carers will also receive a local services community map.

# D-A-S-H

## Dynamic, Active, Safe, Healthy

Blue Light Victoria has been awarded \$2.54M funding under the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program to deliver DASH into Primary Schools in bushfire effected areas. This grant program was awarded in FY 21 and will conclude 31st March 2024.

DASH will be delivered in approximately 44 primary schools, including one specialist school across five Bushfire affected Local Government Areas. Each program runs on a weekly basis for eight weeks, across Years 5 and 6. Sessions will be co-facilitated by Blue Light Victoria specialist staff and Victoria Police and Emergency Services for 90 minutes and incorporate one parent/caregiver education session. The program also includes the design and delivery of a special project by students that contributes to ongoing bushfire recovery and readiness. The projects will be co-created by students and local agencies, businesses, councils or sporting clubs to bring the community together and creating connections.

Prior to the commencement of this program Blue Light Victoria ran a pilot program in Hume where the DASH Program was delivered to 6 classes of Year 5 & 6 students at Gaayip-Yagila Primary School beginning in the first week of Term 2. Pilot learnings were then used to refine the program prior to expansion of the program into Western Victoria.



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# Branch

## Measuring Our Impact

**24**

Branches  
across Victoria



**304**

Branch led  
events



**2996**

Program  
hours



**122**

Volunteers



### Program Breakdown

Sport (89%)  
Camp (7%)  
Dance (2%)  
Motorcycle (1%)  
Other (1%)



**153**

Police  
Members  
involved



# Fundraising

## Back to the Blue Light Disco

On Saturday 14th May 2022, 320 people put on their dancing shoes for the Back to the Disco Gala. After five postponements due to the pandemic, we were finally able to come together and raise some much-needed funds for young people across Victoria.

The RACV City Club was a fabulous location, decked out with glitter balloons and disco lighting. Thanks to some wonderful donors and Gala Fundraising the room was filled with silent auction items including restaurant vouchers, signed footy Guernseys, beautiful artwork, and hampers as far as the eye could see. The wonderful Tim Campbell and his band entertained us, and the dance floor was pumping for DJ Eliza including a late-night dance-off!

Other highlights included Ian Mason's live auction and the generous donations on the night, the fun and frivolity at the photo booth and the delicious food provided by the venue.

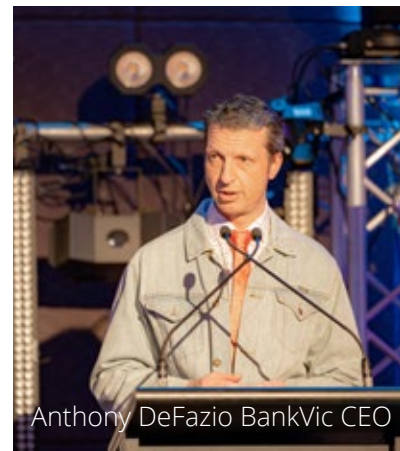
Thanks to our major sponsor BankVic, and the amazing prize donors and attendees we raised over \$56,000 from the event. This will enable Blue Light Victoria to continue the important work that we do throughout the state.



Debra Robertson BLV Chair



Elissa Scott BLV CEO



Anthony DeFazio BankVic CEO



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# Financials

2021/22

## **Blue Light Victoria Incorporated**

ABN: 57 722 960 386

**Financial Statements**

**For the Year Ended 30 June 2022**

# Blue Light Victoria Incorporated

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# Blue Light Victoria Incorporated

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## Committee's Report

30 June 2022

The Committee presents this report of the Blue Light Victoria Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2022.

Blue Light Victoria Incorporated is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission and is an Incorporated Association that is a Registered Charity.

In order to comply with the provisions of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act), the Committee reports as follows:

### 1. General information

#### Committee members

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Debra Robertson	Chair
Lorna McCarthy	Deputy Chair
Timothy Forster	Secretary (Resigned 4/05/2022)
Caitlin Mathews	Treasurer
Andrew Loader	Committee Member (Resigned 8/02/2022)
Stella Smith	Committee Member (Resigned 14/12/21)
David Broderick	Committee Member
Leanne Bright	Committee Member (Resigned 18/10/21)
Michelle Arundel	Committee Member
Kevin Scott	Committee Member
Peter Leigh	Committee Member (Appointed 25/02/2022)
Lucy Powell	Committee Member (Appointed 25/02/2022)
Slavka Scott	Committee Member (Appointed 25/02/2022)
Chrissie Maus	Committee Member (Appointed 25/02/2022, resigned 24/03/2022)
Sue Thomas	Committee Member (Appointed 25/02/2022)

The Committee members have been in office since the start of the financial year unless otherwise stated.

#### Principal activities

The Committee undertook a strategic planning process in January 2022 and developed revised vision, mission and values.

Our Vision – To Inspire, Engage and Equip young people to be their best self.

Our Mission – to design, develop and deliver programs, activities, and initiatives for young people between the ages of 10 - 21 years that:

- enhance connection and positive engagement with their peers and their community
- equip young people with tools to support their mental and physical wellbeing
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## Committee's Report

30 June 2022

### 1. General information

#### Significant changes

During 21/22 Blue Light Victoria has employed a Chief Executive Officer and received a significant grant which has resulted in an increase in staffing numbers.

Due to the Covid19 Virus pandemic many of Blue Light Victoria's activities have been reduced or suspended during the financial year. Employees were in receipt of JobKeeper Government Stimulus during the and the Association has received financial support from the Government in the form of business stimulus grants. With the exception of the above, there have been no significant changes in the nature of the activities undertaken by the Association.

#### Review of operations

During the year, Blue Light Victoria Incorporated continued to engage in its principal activity, the results of which are disclosed in the attached financial statements.

The net current year deficit for the year ended 30 June 2022 was -\$96,840 (2021: \$30,993 surplus).

#### Short-term and long-term objectives

The Association's short term objectives are to:

- be recognised for its inspiring and effective programs for young people that seek to connect, equip, and engage.
- have a sustainable financial model underpinned by a diversity of approaches including government grants, philanthropic support, corporate sponsorship, and fundraising initiatives.
- be valued by stakeholders and community due to the strong relationships built through the programs, activities and initiatives delivered.
- be seen as an organisation of choice to partner with because we can demonstrate our positive impact and how we make a difference.
- provide a workplace that our people will love working for and volunteering with because we provide fulfilling work that aligns with their values, nurtures growth and development, enables flexibility, encourages creativity and extends their skills.
- be inspiring, engaging and equipping young people because we have listened to them, ensured youth participation is deeply embedded across our organisation, co-designed initiatives, and have encouraged them to fulfil their potential.

# Blue Light Victoria Incorporated

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## Committee's Report

30 June 2022

### 1. General information

#### Commentary

Blue Light Victoria (BLV) is an independent, for-purpose organisation with a vision to Inspire, Engage and Equip Young People to be their best self. Working with young people primarily between the ages of 10-21 years, BLV provides youth engagement opportunities, building resilience and wellbeing through interactive programs across the State.

Blue Light Victoria was established in 1976. Police members at the outer eastern Melbourne suburb of Mooroolbark set about designing and delivering a drug and alcohol-free disco for young people that was safe, supervised, and encouraged positive engagement with police members. Popularity grew from this first disco, quickly spreading to multiple locations across the state with thousands of young people attending each year.

What started from humble beginnings soon became iconic; a rite of passage for many young people and cemented the 'Blue Light Disco' into Victorian history. The then Chief Commissioner of Police Mr Sinclair 'Mick' Miller AO LVO QPM strongly endorsed the value of this approach and the entity of 'Blue Light Victoria' was established as a not for profit organisation and registered charity. Victoria Police provided some financial resourcing for the organisation to support the continuation and expansion of this work and whilst the central focus continued to be discos, an expansion of youth engagement approaches also flourished.

Although Victoria Police remain an important partner, in 2014 Victoria Police discontinued financial support for Blue Light Victoria and no longer provide funding for the initiatives now delivered.

Today, Blue Light Victoria has an array of partners and community stakeholders with which we collaborate and deliver initiatives. Our activities include school-based programs, fitness, personal development and creative arts programs, social enterprises, and adventure challenges. Whilst we still run discos, they make up only a small percentage of our programming.

There are 22 Blue Light Victoria branches across the State, overseen by committees of dedicated volunteers and a centralised state office based in Melbourne CBD. Blue Light Victoria also owns a camp facility located in Maldon, with camp programs provided by Victorian Blue Light Youth Camps Inc.

Blue Light Victoria is currently funded via a variety of sources including federal and state Government grants, fundraising initiatives, sponsorship and donor support, and fee for service initiatives.

Blue Light Victoria has had a particular focus on in schools programs for this financial year, delivering Blue EDGE in secondary schools and designing and implementing a new and innovative program, DASH, for Primary Schools.

#### Environmental issues

The operations of the entity are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory.

#### Indemnifications of officers and auditors

During the financial year the Association paid a premium in respect of a contract insuring the committee members of the Association against a liability incurred as such a committee member. The contract of insurance prohibits disclosure of the nature of the cover and the amount of the premium.

The Association has not otherwise during or since the financial year, except to the extent permitted by law, indemnified or agreed to indemnify an officer or auditor of the Association against a liability incurred as such officer or auditor.

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## Committee's Report

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### 1. General information

#### Proceedings on behalf of the Association

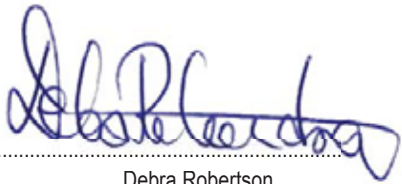
No person has applied for leave of the Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the Association, or to intervene in an proceedings to which the association is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Association for all or part of those proceedings.

The Association was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

#### Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 June 2022 has been received and can be found in the committee's report on page 5.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the Committee.



President: .....  
Debra Robertson

Dated 8/12/2022





## Blue Light Victoria Incorporated

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### Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Committee Members of Blue Light Victoria Incorporated

In accordance with the requirements of section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, as lead auditor for the audit of Blue Light Victoria Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2022, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2022, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Saward Dawson'.

**Saward Dawson**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jeffrey Tulk'.

Jeffrey Tulk  
Partner  
Blackburn, VIC

Dated: 8 December 2022

# Blue Light Victoria Incorporated

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## Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

		2022	2021
	Note	\$	\$
Operating revenue	4	699,924	368,617
Fundraising income	4	112,936	-
Conference income		-	8,000
Other income		84,600	157,485
Employment costs		(656,295)	(232,042)
Program expenses		(255,706)	(148,321)
Depreciation		(15,715)	(14,981)
Professional fees		(12,573)	(12,736)
Insurance		(41,410)	(46,925)
Repairs and maintenance		-	(10,920)
Conference expenses		-	(2,990)
Other expenses		(12,601)	(34,194)
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>		<b>(96,840)</b>	<b>30,993</b>

# Blue Light Victoria Incorporated

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## Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 June 2022

	2022	2021	
Note	\$	\$	
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	1,912,840	771,702
Financial assets	6	183,119	181,950
Trade and other receivables	7	44,932	62,204
Inventories		3,637	3,818
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>2,144,528</b>	<b>1,019,674</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant, and equipment	8	1,471,266	1,478,386
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>1,471,266</b>	<b>1,478,386</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>3,615,794</b>	<b>2,498,060</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	9	248,483	59,417
Employee provisions	10	44,008	18,604
Other liabilities	11	1,583,321	579,552
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>1,875,812</b>	<b>657,573</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Employee provisions	10	-	3,665
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>3,665</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>1,875,812</b>	<b>661,238</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>1,739,982</b>	<b>1,836,822</b>
Asset revaluation reserve		844,384	844,384
Retained surplus		895,598	992,438
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>		<b>1,739,982</b>	<b>1,836,822</b>

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## Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

### 2022

	Accumulated Surpluses	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2021	992,438	844,384	1,836,822
Deficit for the year	(96,840)	-	(96,840)
Balance at 30 June 2022	895,598	844,384	1,739,982

### 2021

	Accumulated Surpluses	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2020	961,445	844,384	1,805,829
Surplus for the year	30,993	-	30,993
Balance at 30 June 2021	992,438	844,384	1,836,822

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## Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	2022	2021
Note	\$	\$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Receipt from grants	1,745,701	861,039
Receipts from members	17,272	13,460
Receipts from other operating activities	134,357	87,386
Interest received	1,170	2,269
Payments to suppliers and employees	(747,596)	(389,016)
Net cash provided by/ (used in) operating activities	15 1,150,904	575,138
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Payments for plant and equipment	(8,597)	(1,497)
Placement of term deposits	(1,169)	-
Net cash provided by/ (used in) investing activities	(9,766)	(1,497)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	1,141,138	573,641
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	771,702	198,061
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	5 1,912,840	771,702

# Blue Light Victoria Incorporated

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

The financial statements cover Blue Light Victoria Incorporated as an individual entity. Blue Light Victoria Incorporated is a not-for-profit Association incorporated in Victoria under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 ('the Act').

The functional and presentation currency of Blue Light Victoria Incorporated is Australian dollars.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

### 1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements cover Blue Light Victoria Incorporated ("the Association") as an individual entity. Blue Light Victoria Incorporated is an Association incorporated in Victoria and operating pursuant to the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and is a registered charity with the Australian Charity and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC).

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

#### Financial reporting framework

The Committee of Management have prepared the financial statements on the basis that Blue Light Victoria Incorporated is a non-reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. These financial statements are therefore special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in order to meet the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

Blue Light Victoria Incorporated is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the mandatory Australian Accounting Standards applicable to entities reporting under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, and the significant accounting policies disclosed below, which the Board have determined are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. Such accounting policies are consistent with those of previous periods unless stated otherwise.

#### Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the mandatory Australian Accounting Standards applicable to entities reporting under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements, AASB 107: Cash Flow Statements, AASB 108: Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors, AASB 1031: Materiality and AASB 1054: Australian Additional Disclosures.

The Association has concluded that the requirements set out in AASB 10 and AASB 128 are not applicable as it does not have any subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures.

These special purpose financial statements do not comply with all the recognition and measurement requirements in Australian Accounting Standards. The recognition and measurement requirements that have not been complied with are those specified in AASB 119 Employee Benefits.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### (a) Revenue and other income

*Operating grants, donations and bequests.*

When the association receives operating grant revenue, donations or bequests, it assesses whether the contract is enforceable and has sufficiently specific performance obligations in accordance with AASB 15.

When both these conditions are satisfied, the Association:

- identifies each performance obligation relating to the grant
- recognises a contract liability for its obligations under the agreement
- recognises revenue as it satisfies its performance obligations.

The core principle of AASB 15 is that revenue is recognised on a basis that reflects the transfer of promised goods or services to customers at an amount that reflects the consideration the Association expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services. Revenue is recognised by applying a five-step model as follows:

Where the contract is not enforceable or does not have sufficiently specific performance obligations, the Association:

- recognises the asset received in accordance with the recognition requirements of other applicable accounting standards (for example AASB 9, AASB 16, AASB 116 and AASB 138);
- recognises related amounts (being contributions by owners, lease liability, financial instruments, provisions, revenue or contract liability arising from a contract with a customer); and
- recognises income immediately in profit or loss as the difference between the initial carrying amount of the asset and the related amount.

If a contract liability is recognised as a related amount above, the association recognises income in profit or loss when or as it satisfies its obligations under the contract.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

*Events and fundraising income*

Events and fundraising income are recognised as revenue in the period that the fundraising event is held.

*Membership income*

Membership income is recognised as revenue over the period to which they relate with portions remaining as unearned at period end recognised as prepaid income.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### (a) Revenue and other income

##### *Interest income*

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

##### *Other revenue*

Other revenue is recognised when the right to receive the payment is established.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

#### (b) Income Tax

Blue Light Victoria Incorporated is a registered charity and a deductible gift recipient and has no liability for Income Tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

#### (c) Property, plant and equipment

Land and buildings are carried at fair value.

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all PPE is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the Association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

#### (d) Impairment of assets

At the end of each reporting period, the committee reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in the income and expenditure statement.

#### (e) Employee provisions

Provision is made for the Association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee provisions have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.



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## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

**(f) Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the Association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

**(g) Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash on hand includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

**(h) Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors**

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from donors. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

**(i) Goods and services tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the assets and liabilities statement.

**(j) Accounts Payable and Other Payables**

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the Association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

### 3 Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The Committee members make estimates and judgements during the preparation of these financial statements regarding assumptions about current and future events affecting transactions and balances.

These estimates and judgements are based on the best information available at the time of preparing the financial statements, however as additional information is known then the actual results may differ from the estimates.

The significant estimates and judgements made have been described below.

#### **Key judgement - Performance obligations under AASB 15**

To identify a performance obligation under AASB 15, the promise must be sufficiently specific to be able to determine when the obligation is satisfied. Management exercises judgement to determine whether the promise is sufficiently specific by taking into account any conditions specified in the arrangement, explicit or implicit, regarding the promised goods or services. In making this assessment, management includes the nature/ type, cost/ value, quantity and the period of transfer related to the goods or services promised.

#### **Key estimates - property held at fair value**

The Committee members have reviewed this valuation and updated it based on valuation indexes for the area in which the property is located. The valuation is an estimation which would only be realised if the property is sold.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

### 4 Revenue and Other Income

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<b>Operating Revenue</b>		
- Government grants	585,214	342,312
- Non-Government grants	89,938	11,350
- Membership income	14,772	14,955
- Programs	10,000	-
	<u>699,924</u>	<u>368,617</u>
<b>Fundraising income</b>		
- Fundraising income	112,936	-
<b>Other income</b>		
- Job Keeper	-	55,800
- Business support fund	20,000	20,000
- Rental income	48,204	53,559
- Donations	7,667	22,011
- Interest income	1,170	2,269
- Other	7,559	3,846
	<u>84,600</u>	<u>157,485</u>

### 5 Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash at bank	<u>1,912,840</u>	<u>771,702</u>
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### 6 Financial Assets

Term deposits	<u>183,119</u>	<u>181,950</u>
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### 7 Trade and Other Receivables

Trade receivables	42,847	34,939
Prepayments	2,085	27,265
Total trade and other receivables	<u>44,932</u>	<u>62,204</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

### 8 Property, plant and equipment

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
LAND AND BUILDINGS		
Land and buildings		
At fair value	1,629,319	1,629,319
Accumulated depreciation	(169,253)	(155,692)
Total land and buildings	<u>1,460,066</u>	<u>1,473,627</u>
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Office equipment		
At cost	14,493	13,086
Accumulated depreciation	(10,715)	(9,745)
Total office equipment	<u>3,778</u>	<u>3,341</u>
Computer equipment		
At cost	8,687	1,497
Accumulated depreciation	(1,265)	(79)
Total computer equipment	<u>7,422</u>	<u>1,418</u>
Total plant and equipment	<u>11,200</u>	<u>4,759</u>
<b>Total property, plant and equipment</b>	<u><b>1,471,266</b></u>	<u><b>1,478,386</b></u>

#### (a) Movements in Carrying Amounts

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year:

	Land and Buildings	Office Equipment	Computer Equipment	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Year ended 30 June 2022</b>				
Balance at the beginning of year	1,473,627	3,341	1,418	1,478,386
Additions	-	1,407	7,190	8,597
Depreciation expense	(13,561)	(970)	(1,186)	(15,717)
<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>	<u><b>1,460,066</b></u>	<u><b>3,778</b></u>	<u><b>7,422</b></u>	<u><b>1,471,266</b></u>

# Blue Light Victoria Incorporated

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

### 9 Trade and Other Payables

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade creditors	21,826	7,570
Payroll related accruals	75,630	18,666
GST	151,027	(6,069)
	<u>248,483</u>	<u>20,167</u>

### 10 Provisions

CURRENT		
Annual leave provision	33,148	18,604
Long service leave provision	10,860	-
	<u>44,008</u>	<u>18,604</u>
NON-CURRENT		
Long service leave provision	-	3,665
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,665</u>

### 11 Other Liabilities

CURRENT		
Prepaid income- Memberships	30,546	12,727
Unearned grant income	1,552,775	566,825
	<u>1,583,321</u>	<u>579,552</u>

### 12 Auditors' Remuneration

Ryecrofts Pty Ltd- Auditing the financial statements	1,250	1,250
McCann Financial Group- Grant acquittal	-	2,966
Saward Dawson- Auditing the financial statements	7,800	-
Saward Dawson- Preparation of the financial statements	400	-
	<u>9,450</u>	<u>4,216</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

### 13 Contingencies

In the opinion of the Committee of Management, the Association did not have any contingencies at 30 June 2022 (30 June 2021: None).

### 14 Related Parties

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

The following transactions occurred with related parties:

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Victorian Blue Light Youth Camps Lease income	48,204	40,170

### 15 Cash Flow Information

Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities:

Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year	(96,840)	30,993
Depreciation	15,717	14,981
- (Increase)/decrease in receivables	17,272	(38,146)
- (Increase)/decrease in inventories	181	-
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	189,066	65,270
- increase/(decrease) in provisions	21,739	13,192
- increase/(decrease) in other liabilities	1,003,769	488,847
Cash flow from operations	<u>1,150,904</u>	<u>575,137</u>

### 16 Events after the end of the Reporting Period

The land and buildings at 16 Phoenix Street, Maldon, VIC 3463 have been offered for sale in October 2022. The sale campaign is still ongoing as at the date of signing the financial report.

Except for the above, no other matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or could significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

# Blue Light Victoria Incorporated

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

### 17 Statutory Information

The registered office and principal place of business of the Association is:  
Floor 24, 311 Spencer Street, Docklands, VIC 3008

# Blue Light Victoria Incorporated

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## Statement by Members of the Committee

The Committee Members of the Association declare that:

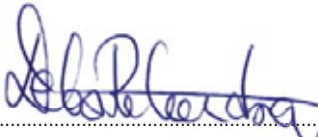
1. The financial statements and notes of Blue Light Victoria Incorporated as set out on pages 6 to 19 are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for Profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- a) Giving a true and fair view of its financial position as at 30 June 2022 of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- b) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Australian Charities and Non-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013;

2. In the Committee Members' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that Blue Light Victoria Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee and subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the Committee.

Committee member: 

Committee member: Caitlin Mathews  
Caitlin Mathews (Dec 8, 2022 09:52 GMT+11)





# Blue Light Victoria Incorporated

## Independent Audit Report to the members of Blue Light Victoria Incorporated

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

#### Qualified Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Blue Light Victoria Incorporated (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, the statement of profit or loss, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the statement by members of the committee.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the accompanying financial report of the Association for the year ended 30 June 2022 is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2022, and of its financial performance for the year ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

#### Basis for Qualified Opinion

##### Qualification on Opening balances

We were appointed auditors of Blue Light Victoria Incorporated during 2022 and have been unable to obtain sufficient and appropriate evidence on the year ended 30 June 2021 comparative figures of the statement of financial position, the statement of profit or loss, the statement of changes in equity, the statement of cash flows, and notes to the financial statements. Since opening balances affect the determination of the results of operations, we have been unable to determine whether adjustments to the results of operations and opening retained earnings might be necessary for 2022. Our opinion on the current period's financial report is modified because of the possible effect of this matter on the comparability of the current period's figures and the corresponding figures.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards) (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.



## Blue Light Victoria Incorporated

### Independent Audit Report to the members of Blue Light Victoria Incorporated

#### Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial reporting responsibilities under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the Association and should not be distributed to or used by parties other than the Association. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### Other matter

The financial report of Blue Light Victoria Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2021 was audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on that financial report on 22 November 2021.

#### Responsibilities of the Committee Members

The committee members are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the committee is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.



## Blue Light Victoria Incorporated

### Independent Audit Report to the members of Blue Light Victoria Incorporated

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial reporter, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

**Saward Dawson**

Jeffrey Tulk  
Partner  
Blackburn, VIC

Dated: 8 December 2022

# Life Members

Thank you for your contribution

Mick Miller (1985)\*

Ivan Ray (1987)

Chris Rigg (1992)

Vic Dunn (1995)

Mark Townsend (1995)

Wayne Churchill (1997)

Bill Jefferies (2000)

Ceryn Campbell (2001)

Cheryl Fensling (2006)

Graham Blair (2007)

Stephen Brand (2012)

Richenda Tomlinson (2013)

Timothy Forster (2018)

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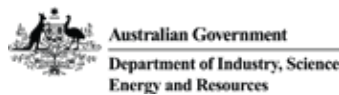


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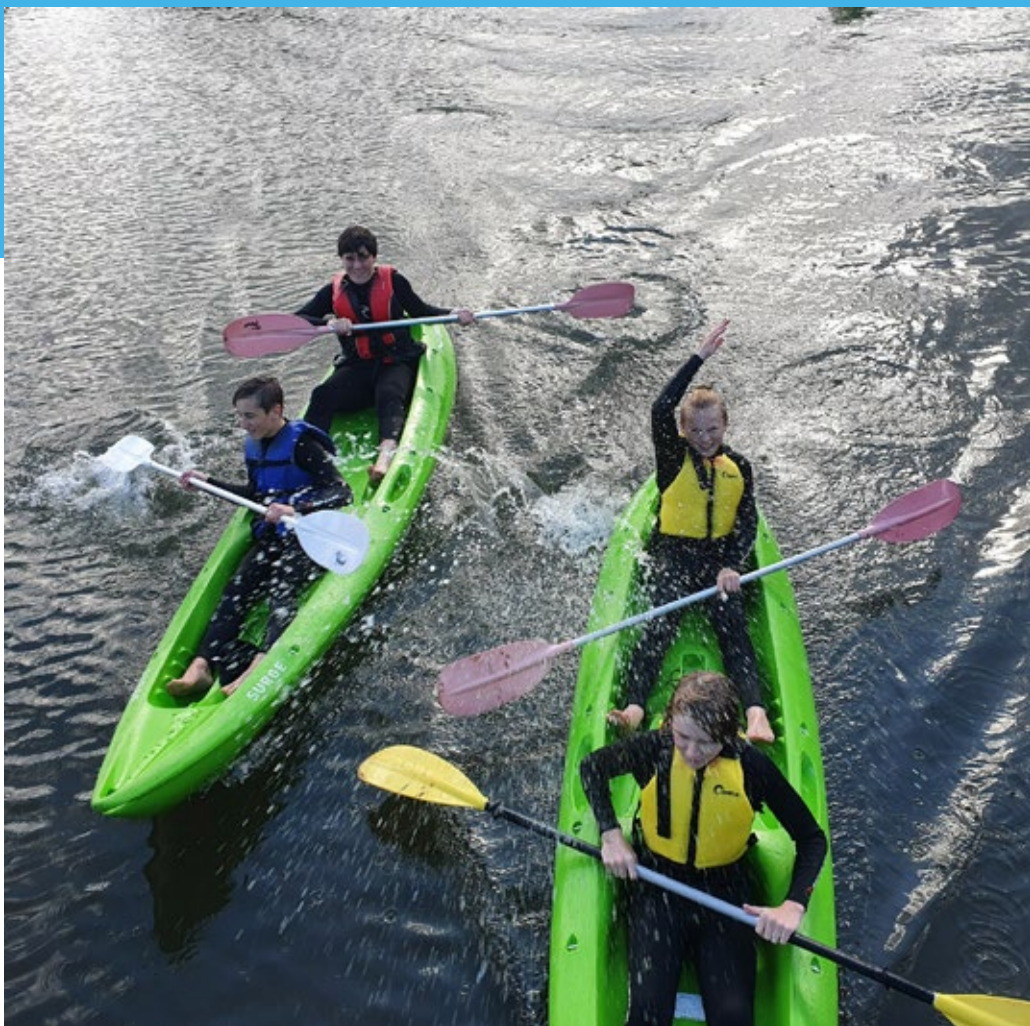
## BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY

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|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 3T fitness             | Country Fire Authority | Hume City Council      | Northland              | Steadfast Eastern   |
| ABC Specialty Metals   | Crimestoppers          | Joel Dinsdale          | PerFit Training Centre | Tegan Avery PT      |
| AJ Photography         | Crown Resorts          | Headspace              | Ballarat               | The Ranch           |
| Allambee Camp          | Cube Consulting        | K&L Gates              | RACV Club              | ThinkFit PT         |
| Amanda Smith           | Degani                 | Kinglake Forest        | Reclink                | Wheeldon            |
| Ambulance Victoria     | Dinsdale Coaching      | Adventures Camp        | Road Trauma Support    | Philanthropy        |
| Aquamoves Shepparton   | Emma Wadsworth         | Legacy Athletics       | Services (RTSSV)       | Wild Side Outdoors  |
| B.L.Fitzgerald Pty Ltd | ESTA 000               | LOD Promotions         | Roses Gap Recreation   | Woolworths          |
| Believe 2 Achieve      | FB Fitness             | Melbourne Victory      | Centre                 | YK Partners         |
| Brad Mathieson PT      | Fosterville Mine       | Melbourne Zoo          | Roundhouse             | YMCA Bass Coast     |
| Health and Fitness     | Funky Fitness          | Microsoft              | Entertainment          | YMCA Carlton Baths  |
| Bertocchi              | Geeta Kulkarni         | Mildura Council        | Saleforce              | YMCA Lady Northcote |
| Carolyn McSparran      | Glen Dimplex           | Murray Life Adventures | Sky Fitness            |                     |
| Coonawarra Resort      | Google                 | National Photos        | Spirit of Tasmania     |                     |

## OUR BRANCHES & BLUE EDGE SITES

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|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Alpine           | Broadmeadows       | Frankston       | Mildura            | Wellington     |
| Bacchus Marsh    | Castlemaine        | Geelong         | Mill Park (Epping) | Wimmera        |
| Bairnsdale       | Churchill          | Hastings        | Portland           | Wonthaggi      |
| Ballarat         | Copsnkids Ballarat | Hepburns Region | Preston (Darebin)  | YANG (Stawell) |
| Beaufort MC      | Corio              | Kinglake        | Richmond           | Yarra          |
| Bendigo          | Craigieburn        | Kyabram         | Shepparton         |                |
| Blue Light Youth | Cranbourne         | Latrobe         | Sunbury            |                |
| Camp             | Diamond Creek      | Maryborough     | Tatura             |                |

**ALL OF THE AMAZING VOLUNTEERS WHO COMMIT THEIR TIME TO BLUE LIGHT EVENTS, PROGRAMS, COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES. THANK YOU!**



As we continue to build Blue Light Victoria post pandemic, all support and help is appreciated. Volunteering is known to:

- Improve self-confidence
- Improve self-esteem
- Instil a sense a purpose
- Increase life satisfaction
- Create a sense of belonging
- Encourage social interaction
- Support local community

If you can donate time, skill, or ideas, please reach out. Getting involved in helping Blue Light Victoria will not only assist young people but will be a rewarding and enriching experience for you!

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