



# ONslow HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

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## Newsletter

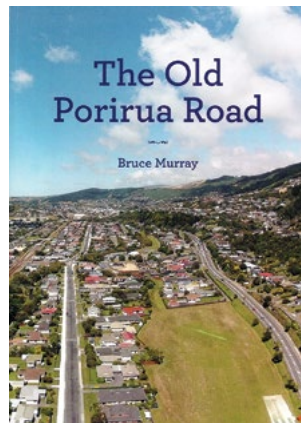
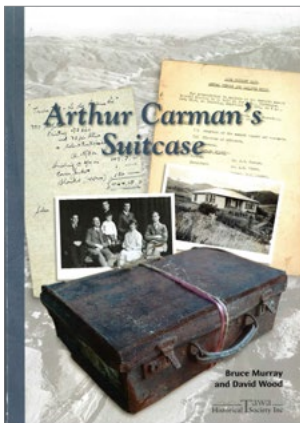
June 2021

### June greetings to everyone.

Thanks to those who attended the AGM on the night when many of you wanted to watch the night sky. Please understand that we had not factored that event into our schedule when we chose the date.

This year I have included the AGM papers into this Newsletter so we can be sure of full circulation of our past year's performance. The big hope for this year is for good health and no repeats of last year's meeting uncertainties.

Last month's event with guest speaker, Bruce Murray, was a fulsome presentation. Book sales were good. It's a great satisfaction that historical literary work is appreciated and in demand. Go to [www.tawahistory.org.nz](http://www.tawahistory.org.nz) and see the collection. We have purchased the following two books for our library *The old Porirua Road* by Bruce Murray, 2021; and *Arthur Carmen's Suitcase, The Life and Times of Arthur Herbert Carmen* by Bruce Murray and David Wood, 2010; you'll find hugely interesting content and a plethora of illustrations in both.



### OHS Events: July–December 2021

#### Sunday 4 July 2021

**Silent Movie Screening with piano accompaniment by David Beattie.** David has worked on the programme and your invitation is printed on page 3.

2pm–4.30pm ■ at David's home, Khandallah, seating is limited to 25.

#### Wednesday 11 August 2021

**An evening with Elizabeth Kay – historian and author of the book *Eddie Norman and 25 Battalion*.** Eddie Norman was Elizabeth's father. After the war he became the Anglican Bishop of Wellington. Many will remember Elizabeth and her long service as President of the Friends of Te Papa.

K.A.T.E. ■ 7.30pm for 7.45pm

#### Sunday 19 September 2021

Following the successful afternoon event held last month, and members' requests that we do this again here is:

**An afternoon with Wellington authors and historians Julia Millen and Anne Manchester.**

K.A.T.E. ■ 2.30pm–4.30pm

#### Wednesday 27 October 2021

**Launching *The Onslow Historian 2021* – Khandallah Park Stories.** A Wellington Heritage Week event.

K.A.T.E. ■ 7.30pm for 7.45pm

#### Christmas Party 2021

**Friday 3 December** at K.A.T.E. ■ 6pm–8pm

86 Khandallah Road, Wellington

email: [onslowhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:onslowhistorical@gmail.com)

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**Our Committee for the year 2021–2022 is:**

President: Judy Siers,  
Secretary: John Galloway,  
Treasurer: Lachman Prasad  
Committee: Helen Wilson, John Wilson,  
Chris Rabey and Heather Macfarlane.

We can co-opt members to the Committee and would welcome two more people to join us. Please contact me on the OHS email or at siersjudy@gmail.com or telephone me: 04 934 6334.

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Recalling our evening with Gabor Toth and the presentation of the building of the Motorway, and the discussion around the losses to the suburb of Thorndon and the Bolton Street cemetery – there was mention of the book *The last of unscarred Thorndon*. This was produced by artist Ron Burt who lived on Tinakori Road near the entrance to Premier House. He assembled a collection of his own drawings of properties that were scheduled to be demolished. This is now a rare book, undated, c.1965.

Soon after the meeting Trevor Mowbray, OHS member, visited KATE and brought in a copy of the book which he has donated to the Society. Above right is one of the illustrations: *Lednam*.



This two-storeyed building stood at 133 Tinakori Road and was the house the Katherine Mansfield family lived in for a time. This was not her birth place. That house is further north along the road.

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**From our archive:**

**Cures for the ‘flu**

*After the war we had eight men boarding in our house at Kaiwarra with granny McCallum, uncle, aunt and me. I was the only one who didn’t get the flu. I went to the Hall each day and had my throat sprayed with formalin. They thought uncle would die. He worked at Wairarapa Farmers and they sent him a bottle of champagne which Fred Hendle and Eli Plamer poured down his throat one evening. He recovered after that.*

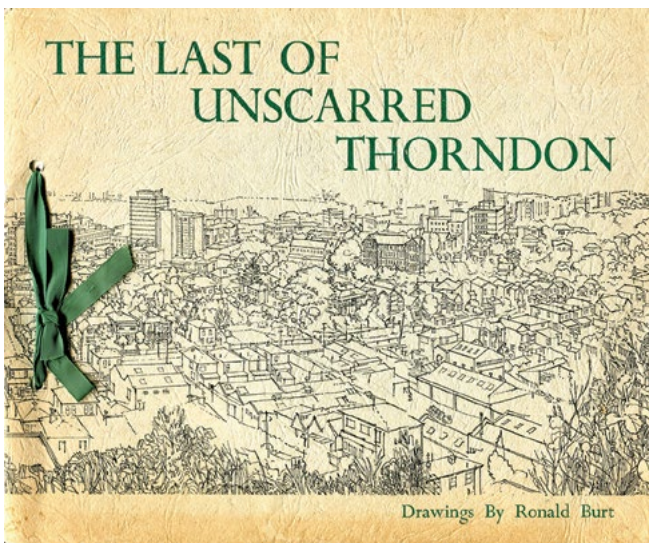
From Laurie Weir (nee McCallum) c.1920. A photograph of Laurie on one of the drover’s horses at Ngauranga, c.1930 is on the cover of *The Onslow Historian* Vol 13 , no 4, 1983.

Best wishes

**Judy Siers**

President

**PS. Thank you for the early birds who made a quick payment of subs for this new financial year – PLEASE can others follow and make the Treasurer a happy man!**





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# The Phantom of the Opera

## An invitation to a silent movie afternoon at home with David Beattie

Sunday 4 July 2021 at 31 Woodmancote Road, Khandallah, 2.30 – around 4.30 pm  
\$5 donation | Refreshments will be served



This event is a repeat of the very successful afternoon we had two years ago. But this time we are celebrating in the USA style for American Independence Day.

Our programme is made up of two shorts and the major feature film, all American films with a New Zealand connection. And there is historic significance – in the

USA the two short films were both thought to be lost, BUT surviving prints turned up here a few years ago, they are rare 100 year olds, and are not known to exist elsewhere. As for the famous feature film? – read on to find out more!

**Birth of a Hat: The Art and Mystery of Making Fur Felt Hats**, c.1920, 14 minutes long. It is in both documentary and advertising style for the Stetson Hat Company.

**Happy-Go-Luckies**, 1923, 7 minutes. An amusing animated cartoon of the antics of a dog and a cat joining forces to try and win a prize at a dog show. In a 98-year-old example of copyright infringement, the cat is clearly a copy of Felix the Cat, who had been in front of movie audiences since 1919.

**The Phantom of the Opera**, 1925, 92 minutes. This is one of the first, and still one of the best, films of the 1907 novel. It comes complete with use of 2-strip technicolor in the masked-ball scene and color-tinting in many other scenes. Be warned – the unmasking scene still packs a jolt, nearly a century later! While this is a very well-known Hollywood film, what is not well-known is that it was directed by a New Zealander, Rupert Julian, born Thomas Percival Hayes in Whangaroa in 1879. So, long before the Peter Jackson era, Kiwis were doing good work in Hollywood!

All three movies will be accompanied at the piano by David Beattie, following in the footsteps of his paternal grandmother, who played for the 'silents' when they were a new invention and highly fashionable.



We need to have RSVP to this event – there are only 25 seats available.

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# President's Report 2020–2021

*Welcome to our 53rd AGM May 2021*

When our financial year started on April 1 the country was in Covid lockdown so meetings were cancelled and our AGM for 2019–2020 was delayed until 27 July.

It was to be a strange and difficult year to organize our programme with a further series of lock-downs. It meant the our newly elected Committee: President, Judy Siers, Secretary, John Galloway, Treasurer Lachman Presad. Committee: Clare Gleeson, Helen Wilson, John Wilson, Heather Macfarlane and Chris Rabey did not meet in person until 24 September.

During this time and continuing throughout the financial year, as the uncertain approvals of restricted numbers attending public assembly were announced, our business proceeded with email decisions and ratifications in full Committee meetings as required. There were four Committee meetings in person held during the year, with good attendance.

## Events 2020–2021

**27 July AGM**

**14 October** Gabor Toth's talk on the Recollect Programme (after two cancellations!)

**28 October** the launch of the Onslow Historian – “*Cuttings From The Onslow Garden*” – by Clare Gleeson

**26 November** celebrating the arrival of the book *Heart of Flame, Katherine Mansfield's flowers and trees*, with author Beverley Randell – Price (after several changes to the date)

**7 December** Christmas Party with entertainment, Jillian Carpenter and Rebecca Shepherd

**8 February** Waitangi Day walk lead by Chris Horne

**18 March** evening with Heritage NZ

**28 March** afternoon with author Cristina Sanders

There has been an increase in attendance numbers this year.

## Newsletters and publicity

We published four Newsletters and many single page invitations and reminder notices.

The Newsletter is well received by members who say they like the style of presentation and the notice of the forthcoming events; they also enjoy reading the information, historical articles, photographs and commentary. Thanks for the feed back.

Contributions to the Newsletter from members would be welcomed.

## Sunday opening at KATE

The roster of four ‘minders’: myself, Claire Bibby, Clare Gleeson and John Galloway continues and we open and greet visitors as usual on Sundays from 1–4 pm.



A new minder will join us in the new year. Again – like the event attendance – the numbers of visitors for this year, when only operating fully for 8 months, brought a higher number of visitors than the previous year.

## OHS Archive

We have proceeded with our agreement to slowly move the OHS archive to WCC Archives. Our collection will remain the Onslow Historical Society Archive in name and will be scanned as it transfers to the new location. A date has not been set as this depends on the advice from WCC that they are ready to handle the collection. In the mean-time I will be working with Adrian Humphris, WCC Archive Manager, as the Collection's items are each examined and prepared for the transfer.

So business as usual continues and we respond to the steady demands around research work and archive enquiries.

## Membership

This is steady and we have 12 new members; and 5 resignations and deletions. We thank those who renew their membership with payment on receipt of our annual invoice without delay. This makes life so much easier for our Treasurer.

New members must always be on our mind and all of us can contribute by recommending local residents and those interested in our local history to join us.

## Finance

Our financials are in good order and we continue to place additional funds into the ANZ Bank savings accounts. A special thanks to those who have made donations and those who are considering bequests. This is much appreciated.

## Succession Plan

I would like to invite any member who would like to be part of the future for OHS to consider joining the Committee with a view to holding officer positions at some time. We can co-opt members during the year which is an ideal way for any of you to join us and see how you could fit in and contribute. OHS work is inspiring and enormously satisfying. To take part at Committee level is a fine opportunity to work for your community and you can help OHS maintain its culture as it grows and adapts to meet the needs of new members and a younger generation.

## Appreciation

My thanks to my Committee for their full support; and in particular to Helen Wilson for managing our supper arrangements and to those who help her; and to our Sunday minders. Special acknowledgement is due to our auditor Barry Howatson, and Viv Chapple for keeping us clean and tidy, and I have a small gift in appreciation for each of you.

And thanks to all of you, our members, for your continued interest in and support of OHS.

## Judy Siers

Wellington, May 2021



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# **Annual Financial Statements**

**for the year ended 31 March 2021**

# ONSLow HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

## ENTITY INFORMATION as at 31 March 2021

### Legal Name

Onslow Historical Society Incorporated.

### Address

86 Khandallah Road, Khandallah, Wellington 6035  
Email: onslowhistorical@gmail.com

### Website

### Type of Entity

The Society was registered as an Incorporated Society on 12 July 1968, reference number 217089.

### Registration

The Society was registered with the Charities Commission of New Zealand on 14 April 2010, reference number CC43997.

To foster and promote interest in and knowledge of the history of the Onslow area, being the Northern Suburbs of Wellington,  
To research, record and publish history of the Onslow area,  
To encourage the protection of the natural and built heritage of the Onslow area,  
To liaise and cooperate with groups or organisations having similar interests,  
To preserve records or artefacts of historical interest and to make these available for public access and display,  
To do all such things consistent with the charitable aims of the Society as may in the Society's view be incidental or conducive to carrying out the above aims.

### Structure

The officers of the Society comprise the President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Society's Committee includes those officers and between five and eight other members of the Society elected annually by Annual General Meeting.

If any office becomes vacant, the Committee may appoint a member of the Society to fill such vacancy until the following Annual General Meeting.

### The main sources of the entity's cash and resources

Membership subscriptions, Donations from members, Sales of publications, Interest and grants.

The Society operates from premises in Khandallah, under a nominal lease agreement with Chorus Ltd, who is the Society's principal sponsor.

### The main methods used by the entity to raise funds

Membership subscriptions, Donations from members, Sales of publications, Interest and grants.

### Use of/reliance on volunteers and donated services and products

For the main part, the Society's activities are run or coordinated by Committee Members, often using co-opted members who provide supplies and services gratis or at a discounted charge.

# ONSLow HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

## STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

### Description of the Entity's Outcomes:

In this twelve month period the Society continued to research and publish the history of the Onslow area, enabled members to deepen their knowledge and appreciation of a range of historical topics through our events programme, operated our centre, K.A.T.E., and continued work on the Society's archive.

The outputs summarised below should be read in conjunction with the President's Report.

	Actual 2020-2021	Actual 2019 - 2020
<b>Onslow Historian</b>		
Production and publication of the Society's magazine for issue to members and schools or held available for subsequent sales		
Number of issues	1	0
Number printed	270	0
Issues at various stages of production at end of year	1	2
<b>Newsletter</b>		
Number of issues	4	6
<b>Events and outings</b>		
Number of Events - Guest speaker evenings and outings	8	9
Numbers attending Events	223	200
<b>Membership</b>		
Members at end of year, including:	187	175
Life Members	4	5
Schools/Colleges/ (gratis)	31	27
New members during the year	12	10
Resignations / deceased	5	14
<b>K.A.T.E.</b>		
Numbers of days open	37	52
Numbers of visitors on Sunday afternoons	121	110
<b>Grants applied for and received</b>		
Grants applied for	0	0
Grants received	0	0
<b>Committee meetings</b>	4	5



## ONslow HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

		2021	2020
		\$	\$
<b>Income</b>	<b>Notes</b>		
Subscriptions		4666	4370
Donations		1415	501
Sales	1	409	191
Interest	2	648	1032
Events Programme	3	-	2746
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>7,138</b>	<b>8,841</b>
 <b>Expenditure</b>			
Administration	6	595	784
Archive Costs	5	39	89
Event Programme	3	291	2,588
<b>Historical Centre: K.A.T.E.</b>	<b>4</b>		
Insurance		525	525
Maintenance		359	7,667
Newsletter	7	702	983
Onslow Historian	7	1660	-
Website		-	159
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>4,171</b>	<b>12,477</b>
 <b>Net Surplus / (Deficit) for the year (transferred to accumulated funds)</b>		<b>2967</b>	<b>(3640)</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these Financial Statements

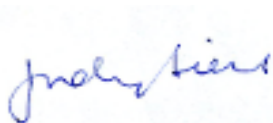
**ONslow HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
as at 31 March 2021**

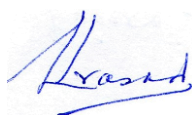
		2021	2020
<b>Assets</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Bank and Investments	8	42900	40054
Debtors		-	-
GST Refund		-	69
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>42,900</b>	<b>40,123</b>
<b>Less Liabilities</b>			
Creditors		92	-420
GST Payable		257	-
Subscriptions Paid In Advance		91	-210
<b>Total Current liabilities</b>		<b>440 -</b>	<b>630</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>42,460</b>	<b>39,493</b>
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>			
Balance at Start of Year		39493	43,133
Surplus/(Deficit) at end of year		2,967	(3640)
<b>Accumulated Funds at End of Year</b>		<b>42,460</b>	<b>39,493</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these Financial Statements

**Signed on behalf of the Committee**



Judy Siers  
President



Lachman Prasad  
Treasurer

**20th May 2021**

<b>ONSLOW HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.</b>
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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
<b>Cash was provided from:</b>		
Subscriptions	4574	4,558
Donations	1415	501
Hist Sales	409	191
Interest	648	1,032
Events programme - receipts	-	2,746
<b>Total Cash Received</b>	<b>7,046</b>	<b>9,029</b>
<b>Cash was applied to:</b>		
"Onslow Historian"	1660	-
Archiving Project	39	89
Events Programme	291	2,588
Administration	632	746
Historical Centre Maintenance	451	7,585
Newsletters	858	746
Insurance	525	525
Web Development	-	450
GST ( Net)	- 256	197
<b>Total Cash Paid</b>	<b>4,200</b>	<b>12,927</b>
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	<b>2,846</b>	<b>- 3,898</b>
Cash at start of year	<b>40,054</b>	<b>43,952</b>
<b>Cash at end of year</b>	<b>42,900</b>	<b>40,054</b>

**ONslow HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

**Basis of Preparation**

The Society has elected to apply Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting - Accrual (Not-For-Profit) on the basis that it does not have public accountability and has total annual expenses less than \$2,000,000.

All transactions in the Performance Report are reported using the accrual basis of accounting.

The Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.

**Goods and Services Tax**

All amounts are recorded exclusive of GST, except for Debtors and Creditors which include GST.

**Income Tax**

The Society is wholly exempt from New Zealand income tax, having fully complied with all statutory conditions for these exemptions.

**Fixed Assets**

The Society operates from premises in Khandallah, under a nominal lease agreement with Chorus.

A new lease for 5 years from 22/6/19 was signed during the year. There is a nominal annual rent of \$1.

Chorus is the Society's principal sponsor.

Assets with minor values are expensed as purchased.

**Magazine Stocks**

The Society usually prints a small surplus of *Onslow Historian* magazines, which are available for subsequent sale.

Due to the age of these stocks and the uncertainty as to the timing of sales, no value is placed on them in the financial statements.

**Changes in Accounting Policies**

There have been no changes in accounting policies in the reporting year.

**Reporting Entity**

These are the Financial Statements for the Onslow Historical Society Inc.

The Society is an Incorporated Society registered under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

		2021	2020
		\$	\$
<b>1. Sales</b>			
	"Onslow Historian", Books and Miscellaneous	409	191
		<u>409</u>	<u>191</u>
<b>2. Interest</b>			
	Cheque Account	3	6
	Call and Term Deposits	645	1026
		<u>648</u>	<u>1032</u>
<b>3. Events Programme</b>			
	<b>Receipts</b>		
	<b>Payments</b>		
	Centre Events	-	291
	Outside Events	-	-
		<u>291</u>	<u>158</u>
<b>4. Historic Centre: KATE</b>			
	Repairs and Maintenance	359	
	Refurbishment	-	7667
	Insurance	525	525
	<b>Total</b>	<u>884</u>	<u>8192</u>
<b>5. Archiving Projects</b>			
	Radiogram	39	89
	<b>Total</b>	<u>39</u>	<u>89</u>
<b>6. Administration</b>			
	Stationery/Printing/ Cartridge	364	196
	Postage	-	52
	Refreshments	-	121
	Presentation Gifts	56	94
	Subscriptions	39	43
	Shelving	135	70
	Miscellaneous	-	207
	<b>Total</b>	<u>594</u>	<u>784</u>
<b>7. Newsletters / Historian</b>			
<b>Newsletter</b>	Design and Layout	702	780
<b>Historian</b>	Design/Layout/Printing	1660	203
	<b>Total</b>	<u>2362</u>	<u>983</u>
<b>8. Bank and Investments</b>			
	Current Account - ANZ	6360	4399
	Centre Sales Float	50	50
	On Call Account	8868	8595
	<b>Term Deposits:</b>		
	Term Deposit - \$10968@ 0.85% due 5/7/21	10968	10780
	Term Depsit - \$16654@0.85% due 14/1/22	16654	16230
		<u>42900</u>	<u>40054</u>
<b>9. Commitments</b>			
	There were no commitments as at 31/3/21 (2020 Nil)		
<b>10. Contingent Liabilities</b>			
	There were no contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2021 (2020 NIL)		

<b>INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT</b>
<b>To the Members of Onslow Historical Society Inc</b>

**The Society's Committee's Responsibilities**

The Committee are responsible for :

- (a) Identifying outcomes and outputs, and quantifying the outputs to the extent practicable, that are relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable, to report in the statement of service performance;
- (b) the preparation and fair presentation of the performance report on behalf of the Onslow Historical Society Inc., which comprises:
  - the entity information;
  - the statement of service performance; and
  - the statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, statement of accounting policies and notes to the performance report in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting - Accrual (Not-For-Profit) issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board, and
- (c) such internal control as the Committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the performance report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

It is my responsibility to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand).

Those standards require me to comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my qualified opinion except for the following matter which sets out the limitations of my audit work, where I was unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence.

In common with other organisations of a similar nature control over revenues prior to being recorded is limited and there are no practical audit procedures to determine the effect of this limited control.

I am a current member of the Onslow Historical Society. I do not participate in any aspect of the Society's management.

Other than in my capacity as Auditor I have no other relationship apart from being a current member with or interest in the Onslow Historical Society.

I have audited the accompanying performance report of the Onslow Historical Society Inc. which comprises the entity information, the statement of service performance, the statement of financial performance and statement of cash flows for the year ended 31 March 2021, the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2021 and the statement of accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In my opinion except for adjustments and possible effects of the matters described in the Basis for the Qualified Opinion:

- (a) The reported outcomes and outputs, and quantification of the outputs to the extent practicable, in the statement of service performance are suitable;
- (b) The accompanying performance report presents fairly in all material respects:
  - the entity information for the year ended;
  - the service performance for the year ended; and
  - the financial position of the Onslow Historical Society Incorporated as at 31 March 2021, and of its financial performance, and cash flows for the year then ended 31 March 2021.

in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting - Accrual (Not-For-Profit) issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

B P Howatson C.A.

Wellington,