

**Annual Report**  
for the 170<sup>th</sup> year  
of the

**ROYAL SOCIETY OF  
NEW ZEALAND  
WELLINGTON BRANCH  
INCORPORATED**

Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August  
2021



**Report for the 170<sup>th</sup> year of  
ROYAL SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND  
WELLINGTON BRANCH INCORPORATED**

Founded July 1851 as the New Zealand Society.  
Reconstituted November 1867 and renamed the  
Wellington Philosophical Society

Incorporated in 1868 with the New Zealand Institute  
Act 1867.

Renamed in 1938 as the Wellington Branch of the  
Royal Society of New Zealand

Incorporated in 1939 under the Incorporated Societies  
Act 1908 as the Wellington Branch of the Royal  
Society of New Zealand Incorporated

The Society changed its name in 1995 to Science  
Wellington Incorporated and then changed in 2001 to  
Royal Society of New Zealand Wellington Branch  
Incorporated

The Branch was registered in 2009 as a Charitable  
Entity with the Charities Commission (registration  
number CC42176)

The Branch is a Regional Constituent Organisation of  
the Royal Society Of New Zealand under the Royal  
Society of New Zealand Act 1997, Section 14.

<https://wellington.rsnzbranch.org.nz>

**COUNCIL OFFICE BEARERS, AFFILIATES AND  
MEMBERS FOR 2020-21**

PRESIDENT	David Lillis
VICE-PRESIDENTS	vacant
SECRETARY	William Vandenberg Gracie (resigned February)
TREASURER	Brian Jones
FINANCIAL REVIEWER	Paul Jones
COUNCIL MEMBERS	Frank Andrews Lucy Forde Evan Brenton-Rule (resigned July) Jessica Cockburn (resigned July) James Bass
BRANCHES REPRESENTATIVE FOR RSNZ	David Lillis

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2021

### Public Lectures

This year the Branch began its activities by hosting the 2020 Hudson Lecture (deferred from 2020 because of COVID) - *The Case for Airborne Pollen Monitoring in New Zealand*, given on Wednesday 10 March by Professor Rewi Newnham of Victoria University of Wellington.

On Wednesday 21 April 2021 we hosted a lecture on workplace bullying - *Workplace Bullying in New Zealand: What are all these scandals telling us and what should be done?* Given by Dr Geoff Plimmer (VUW School of Management), this lecture attracted considerable interest.

On Wednesday 21 July 2021, we hosted our third lecture - *Building an Embryo*, given by Associate Professor Peter Pfeffer (VUW).

Unfortunately, COVID re-emerged in mid-year and two lectures were cancelled. Our fourth lecture, *The Foxton Moa Hunter Site, the ca 500 Year old Earthquake and Implications for Modern Settlement*, was to be given by Dr Bruce McFadgen. This lecture will be hosted in early 2022, if possible.

We cancelled our 2021 Hudson Lecture, scheduled for 27 October. This lecture will also be hosted in early 2021. It

will cover the ongoing controversy on folic acid - *Down the Rabbit Hole: The wonderland of New Zealand's folic acid saga*. It will be given by Professor Barry Borman of Massey University.

### **Ph.D Scholarships**

This year we awarded one Postgraduate Student Scholarship. It went to Ekaterina Isaac, currently completing her Ph.D at Victoria University under the supervision of Associate Professor Peter Pfeffer.

### **Wellington Science and Technology Fair**

The NIWA Wellington Science and Technology Fair was held again in spite of COVID. The Branch provides a prize for the Runner-Up Best Overall Exhibit. Students were asked to provide a slideshow and video presenting their project, in lieu of the usual poster board, and then had interviews with the judges about their work on judging day. The fair was a success, and the winning exhibits can be viewed on the Science Fair website ([www.sciencefair.org.nz](http://www.sciencefair.org.nz)).

David Lillis attended the prize-giving ceremony at Victoria University and awarded our prize.

### **Thanks to our Council Members**

Council member, Dr Evan Brenton-Rule, stepped down from Council because of both work commitments and the responsibilities of raising a family. I thank Evan for his considerable contributions to the Branch over his time on Council and we wish him and his family well. We note

that Frank Andrews has been unwell over the last two years and we wish him a full recovery very soon.

I have greatly enjoyed my time on Council this year and I thank my fellow councillors for their support: Brian Jones (Treasurer), Lucy Forde, John Bass, Evan Brenton-Rule and Frank Andrews.

David Lillis

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

For the year ended 31 August 2021

The style and format of the financial reporting conforms to the standards required by the Charities Commission. The tier under which a charity reports is determined by the annual expenses or operating payments of its previous two financial years. The RSNZ Wellington Branch falls under Tier 4.

Members have begun to use the website facility incorporating the ability to pay subscriptions by credit card online. The ANZ have announced that they will phase out cheques as a method to receive or make payments from 1 June 2021.

The September 2019 invoice sent to the Parent Body for the Membership Fees for the Fellows was not paid due to an oversight, and was not received until September 2020. Thus there was double income from the Fellows showing in the accounts for this (2021) financial year.

A major cause for concern is the ongoing failure to recruit and retain paying Ordinary Members. As it is, the Fellows make up the bulk of the Membership. Ironically, the Branch Newsletter is received by 146 people, but most pay nothing towards the Society. The lack of physical meeting activity by the Branch due to the ongoing Pandemic response has not helped the situation.

Finally, I would like to thank Paul Jones our Financial Reviewer, for his help this year.

Brian Jones (Treasurer)



**ENTITY INFORMATION:**  
**For the year ended 31 August 2021**

**Legal Name**

The Royal Society of New Zealand Wellington Branch Inc.

**Type of Entity**

The Royal Society of New Zealand Wellington Branch Inc. is an incorporated society and charitable trust registered with the New Zealand Companies Office and the Charities Commission. The society operates under a Constitution and is governed by the requirements by the Incorporated Society Act 1908 and the Charitable Trusts Act 1957.

**Date of Formation**

New Zealand Companies Office: 18 December 1939  
Charities Commission: 30 June 2008

**Registration Number**

New Zealand Companies Office Registration Number: 215762  
Charities Commission registration number: CC42176

**Purpose or Mission**

The objects of the Royal Society of New Zealand Wellington Branch Inc. are the promotion and advancement of science, technology and the humanities in the Wellington region.

**Structure**

Non-affiliated

## **Main Sources of Cash and Resources**

From membership subscriptions, donations and interest.

## **Main Methods to Raise Funds**

Subscriptions, donations and bequests

**Reliance on Volunteers and Donations** The society relies entirely on volunteer time and expertise to complete its work.

## **Registered Office**

11 Turnbull Street, Thorndon, Wellington 6011

## **Postal Address**

PO Box 3085, WELLINGTON 6140

## **Website**

<https://wellington.rsnzbranch.org.nz>

## **Emails**

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[treasurer.RSNZ.wellington@outlook.com](mailto:treasurer.RSNZ.wellington@outlook.com)

[secretary.RSNZ.wellington@outlook.com](mailto:secretary.RSNZ.wellington@outlook.com)

## **Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/RSNZWellington>

## **Twitter**

<https://twitter.com/RSNZWellington>

## **Council**

David Lillis, President

Brian Jones, Treasurer

William Vandenberg Gracie, Secretary (resigned February)

Jessica Cockburn (resigned July)

Frank Andrews

Lucy Forde,

Evan Brenton-Rule (resigned July)

James Bass

## **Banker**

ANZ Bank, 24 Willis Street Branch, Wellington

## **Financial Reviewer**

Paul Jones, Email: [jones00paul@gmail.com](mailto:jones00paul@gmail.com)

## Statement of Receipts and Payments

### For the year ended 31 August 2021

INCOME	Note	Actual 2020	Actual 2020	Actual 2019
Donation		50	0	10
Interest Income		199	392	437
2021 Member Subs Received		2524	769	2678
Late 2020 subs received		1748	0	0
<b>Total Income</b>		4521	<b>1167</b>	3125
 <b>EXPENSES</b>				
Accounting		0	0	94
Advertising		0	0	34
Administration		220	210	200
AGM Catering		0	0	101
Bank Fees		120	120	69
Cafe Scientifique		0	00	200
Event expenses		524	124	0
General expenses		0	0	0
Glean Media		250	250	250
Scholarships		2000	0	0
Science and Technology Fair		1000	500	500
Venue Hire		0	0	0
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>		4114	704	1449

<b>Operating Surplus (deficit)</b>	407	463	1676
<b>Opening Cash Balance in Bank</b>	15953		
<b>Cash Flow In Closing Cash Balance in Bank</b>	407		
	16360		

**Represented by:**

<b>ANZ Cheque Account</b>	3360
<b>ANZ Term Deposit</b>	13,000

Treasurer: Brian Jones  
Date 13 September 2021

## **Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 August 2021**

### **1 GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The entity is an incorporated Society established under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 and a charitable trust registered under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies stated below.

The measurement base adopted is cash basis record.

### **2 PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### **Investments**

Investments are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

### **Incomes and expenses**

Incomes are recognised upon receipt of monies.

Expenses are recognised upon transferred payment.

### **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

These financial statements have been prepared inclusive of GST. The Royal Society of New Zealand Wellington Branch Inc. is not registered for GST.

### **Differential Reporting**

The entity is a qualifying entity of differential reporting by virtue of the fact that is not large and is not publicly accountable. All available exemptions have been applied with the exception of FRS-19, “Goods and Services Tax”.

### **Income Taxation**

The entity is an incorporated Society and Charitable Trust that qualified for income tax deduction as a non-profit organisation. If net surplus is lower than \$1,000, an income tax return is not required by the IRD

**Membership Subscriptions and Donations** The RSNZ Wellington Branch is a membership charitable trust. The subscriptions and donations are non-taxable income.

**Contingent Liabilities and Capital Commitments** There are no contingent liabilities and capital commitments during 2020-21.

### 3 CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The entity now applies the accounting standards framework (ASFW) required by the External Reporting Board. This reporting is under Tier 4 of the ASFW requirements. Other than this, there is no change to the accounting policies.

### 4 RELATED PARTIES

There were no related party transactions during the year 20120-2021

### 5 MEMBERSHIP SUBS RECEIVED

	2021	2020	2019
Ordinary members 6 at rate \$40	240	230	560
*Ordinary members 3 at rate \$38.54	115	115	38
Retired members 6 at rate \$30	180	240	510
*Retired members 3 at rate \$28.83	86	28	0
Family members 4 at rate \$20 each	80	80	40
Student members 0 at rate 15	0	0	0
*Student members 3 at \$14.26	42	59	0
Emeritas members 18 exempt	0	0	0
Honorary members 4 exempt	0	0	0
Life members 3 exempt	0	0	0
Fellows 63 at bulk rate	1780	0	1530
One member paid \$25	0	25	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2523</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>2678</b>
2020 subs paid in 2021	1748		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4271</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>2678</b>

\* Payment on the website is subject to a % card fee.

**Reviewers Report**

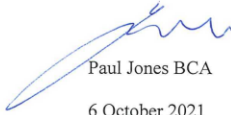
**To Members of The Royal Society of New Zealand Wellington Branch  
Incorporated**

**For the year ended 31 August 2021**

I have reviewed the financial records of The Royal Society of New Zealand Wellington Branch for the year ended 31 August 2021.

The Branch reports in accordance with Tier 4 of the Public Benefit Entity Accounting Standard XRBA1.

In my opinion, based upon the financial documents that I have reviewed the branch records have been kept in an appropriate manner and the accompanying financial reports provide a true and fair view of the financial position of the Royal Society of New Zealand Wellington Branch Incorporated for the year ended 31 August 2021.



Paul Jones BCA

6 October 2021



# MEMBERSHIP

## As at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021

Total 117 (133) Bracketed numbers are as of 31.8.2020  
 Ordinary, Family, Student and Retired members 29 (42)  
 Life 3 (3)  
 Emeritus 18 (21)  
 Honorary 4 (4)  
 Fellows 63 (63)

\* Indicates a family member

### Members

F P Andrews  
 R A Arnold  
 C. Boulton  
 E Brenton-Rule  
 D C Calhoun  
 P T Chester\*  
 R G Davies  
 B H Easton  
 M Forbes  
 L C Forde  
 M E Gordon  
 M Head  
 J B Jones  
 P Lester  
 G Lewis  
 D Lillis  
 G L Lyon  
 D S McDonald  
 A D McEwen\*  
 W M McEwen\*  
 I J Miller  
 S Moore  
 J Parr  
 P Pfeffer  
 J I Raine\*  
 C J R Robertson  
 N Stanton  
 M Tobin  
 N Yopp

### Emeritus members

K W Cory-Wright  
 J W Dawson  
 R R Dibble  
 G W Gibbs  
 J R Hulston  
 C E Ingham  
 F B Knox  
 D Lovatt  
 W J P MacDonald  
 A Malahoff

R J Munster  
 J J Reed  
 E I Robertson  
 L J Rollo  
 Ms M Sanson  
 T M Skerman  
 G R Stevens  
 L D Swindale  
 W A Watters

### Honorary Members

G G C Claridge  
 R B Miller  
 G L Jones  
 V R Moore

### Life Members

H R Hughes  
 B G McFadgen  
 D Spiller

### Fellows

S Bandyopadhyay  
 P Barrett  
 J Bass  
 R Beasley  
 A Beu  
 H Bibby  
 R Bowden  
 I Brown  
 R Buckley  
 J Burrows  
 D Carnegie  
 L Carter  
 A Cleland  
 M Cresswell  
 F Davey  
 R Downey  
 I Evans  
 G Fletcher  
 R Furneaux  
 P Gander  
 R Goldblatt

N Greenberg  
 J Grieve  
 B Halton  
 J Harper  
 G Hawke  
 J Holmes  
 P Howden-Chapman  
 J Johnston  
 A Kaiser  
 E Khmaladze  
 W Lamer  
 G Le Gros  
 K MacKenzie  
 B Manhire  
 K R Markham  
 D Martin  
 K McNatty  
 T Naish  
 W Nelson,  
 D Norton  
 J Pratt  
 M Reyners  
 M Savage  
 S. Schenk  
 R Smith  
 T Stern  
 G Stevens  
 R Sutherland  
 J Tallon  
 J Trodahl  
 P Tyler  
 S Upton  
 D Vere-Jones  
 M Visser  
 J Vowles  
 R Walcott  
 T Ward  
 C Ward  
 G Weir  
 G Whittle  
 C Wilson  
 M Zhang

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020**

The Annual General Meeting was held at 6pm on the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 at the Thistle Inn, Thorndon. A quorum being present, the minutes and Annual Reports previously circulated were accepted. The incoming council was elected. There was no general business. The AGM was followed by a Speaker, Chrissy Boulton, who was our representative on the Wellington Science Fair Committee. Her talk provided an interesting insight into the challenges of moving the 2020 Wellington Science Fair to a virtual format given the constraints of the Covid-19 pandemic public health rules.