#### MOUNT TAMBORINE CONVENTION

# ANNUAL REPORT

2019

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INTRODUCTION PAGE 02

# WELCOME

Welcome to the Mount Tamborine Convention 2019 Annual Report

Dear Friends,

This report provides a comprehensive and transparent account of Mount Tamborine Convention's (MTC) performance and achievements for the past calendar year.

Each year, MTC produces an annual report. This is a legal requirement, but we also appreciate the opportunity to provide a report to our Membership, covering our ministry objectives, reports from conventions, activities and Audited Financial Reports.

The Annual Report is part of MTC's commitment to open and accountable governance throughout the ministry.

It informs Members and other Stakeholders of the achievements and challenges of the past year. MTC aims to make this Annual Report easy to read. We welcome your feedback and suggestions for improvement. If you have comments you wish to share, please direct them to ceo@mtcc.org.au or 07 5545 1419.

We hope you enjoy learning about the 2019 blessings for this vital ministry.

In Christ,

Bill Vine Chairman

MTC has a rich history of having brought significant spiritual impact to many, both at a corporate level and at an individual level, for over 60 years. It has truly been a beacon of light standing strong on the Word of God, encouraging experiential Christ-centred discipleship within many and demonstrating Christian unity and love.

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# 2019 STATISTICS

#### **Conventions & Events**

Ever wondered what happens during the year at MTCC?

33

Church groups

26

**School groups** 

24

Retreats

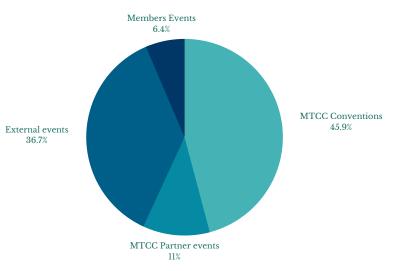
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Conventions/Conferences

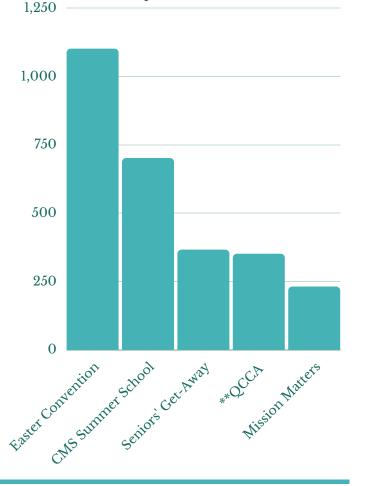
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PEOPLE IMPACTED BY MTCC'S MINISTRY

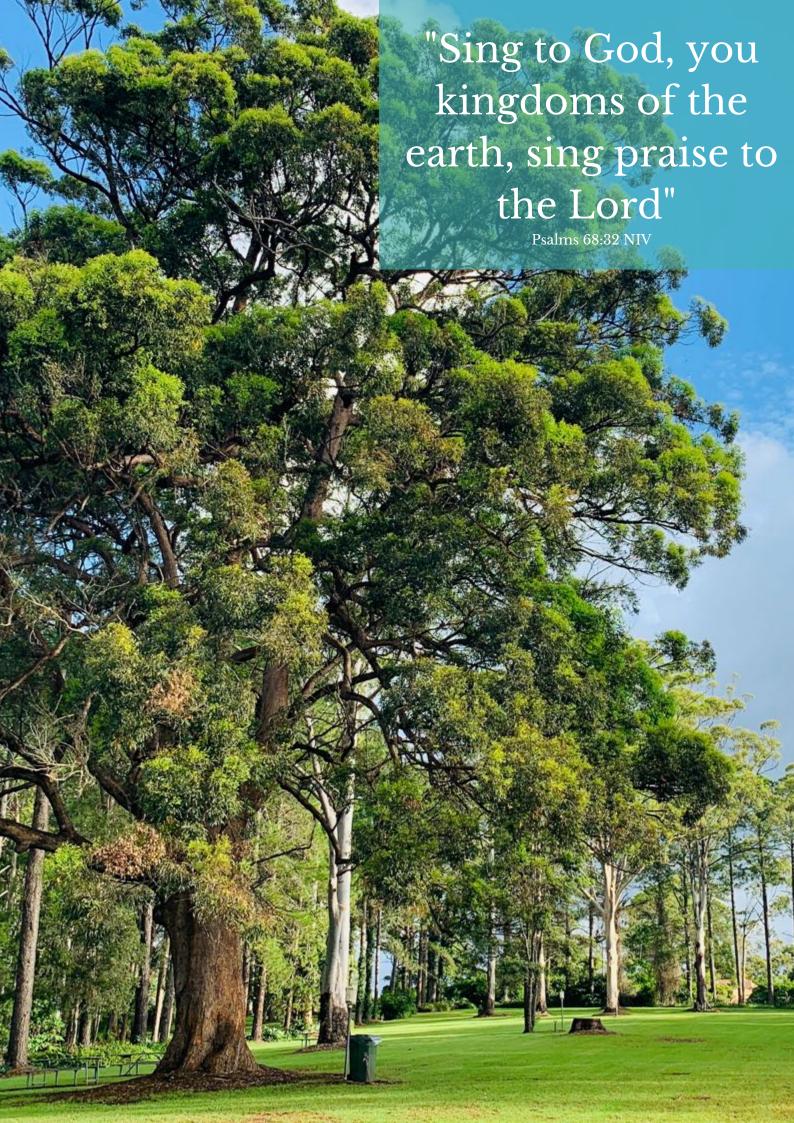
7,005 people attended a convention, retreat, camp, school camp or other church based activity in 2019



Top 5 conventions by attendees



\*\*QCCA - Queensland Christian Convention Association, events at MTCC = SPUR & Y Conference



#### CHAIRMANS MESSAGE

"I lift up my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."

Psalms 121:1-2NIV

2019 began with a change of CEO. After stretching Dave Allan's initial commitment of 1 year out to 5, finishing up as CEO at the end of 2018, John Sheen stepped into the role of Acting CEO from January 1st until Feb 24th when our newly appointed CEO Ross Dinnar began work with us. Thankyou to John for his willingness to step in at this critical time and support the team so skilfully.

Ross' ability to quickly pick up the 'DNA' of MTC has meant that even in his first months, there were critical and wise decisions being taken and the board is grateful that God has brought Ross to us at this time. Ross represents the first opportunity we have had to employ a full time CEO based on site and the benefits have been significant. Not the least of these has been that the MTC Board has been able to focus on its work in the knowledge that the management of MTC is in good hands and being overseen with diligence.

A generous donation from one family was received in January which was put to good use throughout the year. It was such a blessing to have some relief from the financial pressures that usually exist at MTC and we are truly thankful for this and so many other sacrificial gifts that come to MTC.

In March there was a precinct town planning gathering with Town Planner Noel Grummitt. Representatives from all Keswick Rd landowners were present or connected via technology. The purpose was to present a unified approach to Shire Council as they were deciding what kind of zoning we would be given. A satisfactory outcome was achieved and the whole Keswick Road precinct continues to be zoned as a unique area with consistent classification.



March also saw the formalisation of discussions regarding a future apologetics convention. Allan Morgan is heading this up most capably and we now look forward to the SALT Conference launching in 2021.

April brought Easter Convention where we were blessed once again with speakers Richard Gibson and Dave Fowler as well as special elective guest Patricia Weerakoon. The event was fully booked two weeks before commencing - an almighty answer to prayer.

The May AGM ran without a hitch and it was a pleasure to have Peter and Wendy Francis with us for the weekend. It was also a good time of fellowship with people staying for the weekend at Camp Panorama.

June included a small informal presentation expressing appreciation to CMS for 60 years of utilizing the MTCC site for the promotion of cross-cultural Missions.

The annual CMA (Christian Management Advancement) Conference is always a highlight with some 400 Christian not for profit charity representatives gathering for professional development – this time in Melbourne. John Sheen, Ross Dinnar and I attended and we not only enjoyed the conference but used the opportunity to connect with the leaders of other Keswick Rd property owners such as Pioneers, SIM and PCQ, not to mention Reference Council members such as Richard Gibson from Brisbane School of Theology.

Our visit to Melbourne would not have been complete without spending some time at our sister organisation, Belgrave Heights Convention and with their CEO Geoff Gawler.

#### CHAIRMANS MESSAGE

July brought the opportunity for the MTC Board and Reference Council to meet. A great time of conversation and vision casting was had.

After some negotiation and consideration, August brought the establishment of the MTCC/Vision Christian Media partnership. This has increased our reach into national media as well as giving Vision the scope for increased local influence in SE Queensland. The partnership is proving to be beneficial for both parties. Thank you to Ross, for commencing partnership opportunities with like minded organisations. Thanks too for Ben Farley's enthusiasm to see this partnership happen.

The August Board Retreat weekend went well although I had to leave it up to the team (as I was in hospital at this time). I'm told that John ran the event like clockwork.

In September, MTCC hosted staff from the newly formed Global Trust Partners. They are working closely with CMA and other governance organisations around the world to protect the reputation of Christian organisations against many of the common failures particularly around poor governance and finance. We always benefit from investing time with these great people.

Mission Matters (September) was once again a very successful time of prospective cross-cultural missionaries gathering for challenge, networking and training. The event was overseen by our good friends Tim and Sharon Lithgow from Wycliffe. Mission Matters also had a formal review carried out with the assistance of QTC's Rev Wes Redgen and Brian Allbutt. This review is a valuable resource for planning future events. Thanks to all the Mission Matters team and the review team for the use of their gifts and talents. Special thanks to Allan Morgan who headed up the review process.

October brought the initial planning for the MTCC Global Missions Walk – an onsite cross-cultural missions experience being built into the MTCC property. This work is ongoing but has increased momentum with an expected launch later in 2020.

November Seniors' Get-Away provided an ideal situation to continue the search for some outstanding vacancies on the MTC Board. Both Henk Woning and Lorraine Walker responded to this call and they have both been travelling with us as companions since then.

So once again, a full year with challenges and blessings. It continues to be a privilege to serve in the role of Board Chair and I am very grateful for the support of our membership in so many and varied forms.

Bill Vine Chairman

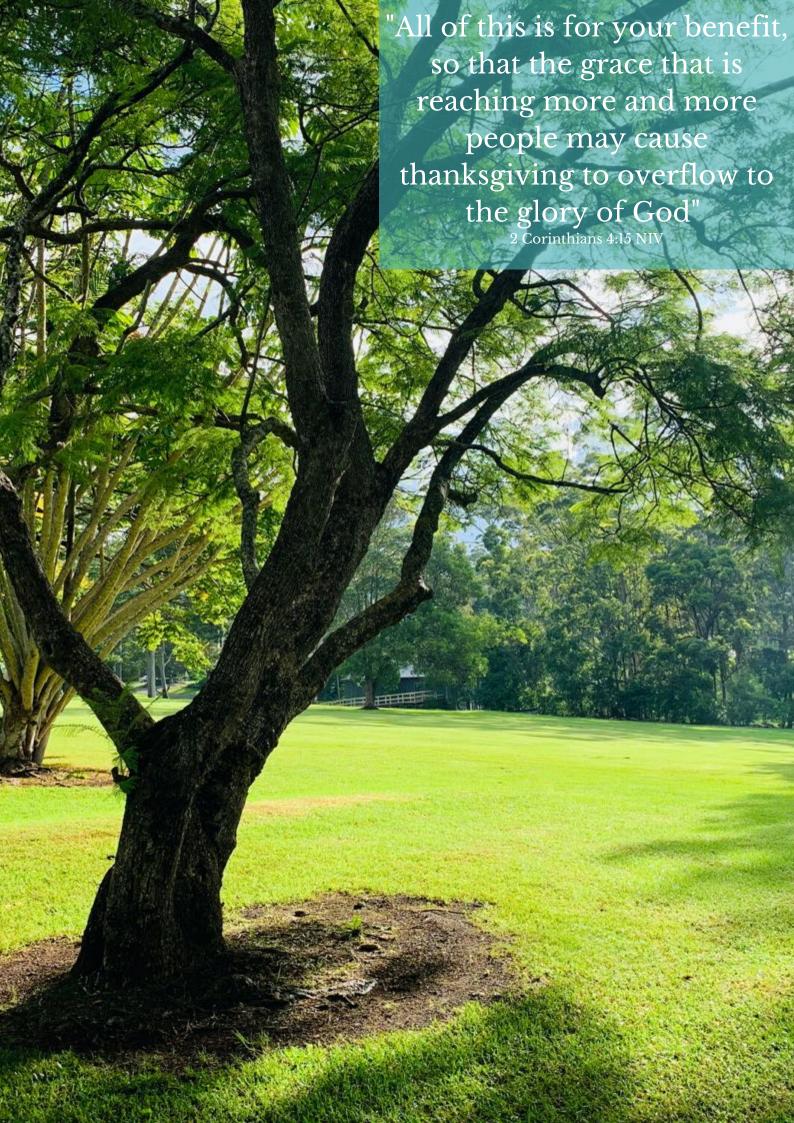
Personal Note: "I lift my eyes up to the mountains...."

2019 has been an extraordinary year for me as it was the first time that I have knowingly had a serious health issue. This resulted in a 2 week stay in hospital with 5 days in ICU while the experts sorted out the cause of my fever and infected organs. Sepsis can tend to take it out of anyone, and I was pretty weak for a good while afterwards.

Looking back, I can now say that it was an enriching time where I was supported by family and friends as well as held firmly in the knowledge that my eternity is secure. Psalm 121 became my daily prayer of thankfulness to God and I thank you all who prayed for my well-being as well as for Deb and the family. Family becomes extra precious at times like this. The MTC Board under the leadership of the executive and particularly John Sheen carried on in my absence and it seems nothing was left to chance, lost or forgotten during this time. And I thought I was essential – how wrong I was!

Thanks team





CEO'S MESSAGE PAGE 08

"Not to us, Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness."

Psalms 115:1NIV



2019 has been an important year for Mount Tamborine Convention. It is often said that we stand on the shoulders of giants who have gone before us, paving the way forward for a future, and for this we are truly grateful. In saying that, I especially thank Dave Allan for his support during the time of transition from one CEO to another and for John Sheen who stepped into the role till I arrived in February.

A little bit about me. As a proud Queenslander, our family lived on Brisbane's Southside with my formative years at St Bartholomew's Anglican Church at Mt Gravatt. Studying Accountancy took me into a world of transport, logistics, industrial, manufacturing, automotive and finally into Faith based not for profits where I could use my business skills to bring God's light into Ministry objectives. Married to Maree and with two young children, James (12) and Louise (7), my story with MTCC is relatively new.

Coming to attend a Renewal Retreat program in 2016, for the first time ever I turned right into Beacon Road, and it was like a revelation coming to MTC.

Everyone's story and journey is different, and that's what I love about MTC. I love to hear your stories and how you came to MTC, the difference it has brought into your lives.

I feel a real passion for the ministry of MTC and with God's help, will use my time here to shepherd and guide us into the next 60 years.

I am constantly reminded by three main tenets that shape the MTC ministry:

- 1. Remember the foundations
- 2. Cultivate the fruit
- 3. Focus on the future

#### Remembering the foundations:

We pay tribute to those who have gone before us who had the foresight to acquire and establish the land and create the vital ministry that developed.

#### **Cultivating the fruit:**

Our high standard of Bible teaching events which feature expository preaching have paved the way for MTC to be known as a place where the Bible is taught with clarity and application.

#### Focusing on the future:

This is an area that must now command our attention if we are to build upon 60 years of special events and allow this special place to be relevant into the future.

So how are we doing this? Prayer and supplication has guided our thinking in constructing the new MTC strategic plan. When this document is complete, it will be the beacon to help MTC continue to grow our convention ministry, with events such as the SALT Conference, an apologetics convention that will bring together world class speakers and thought-provoking topics to our site. Our planning includes other conventions, such as 'Men at the Mountain' and other specific events, which will bring together our friends, but also a new audience thirsting for God's Word.

Many changes and improvements are happening across the site. We live with an ageing asset that presents its own challenges and we need to improve it to keep relevancy for the future. I am reminded of that by the many plans that were presented in the past that for some reason or another, did not progress. This does not stop us looking for innovative ways to establish sustainable projects that will continue to develop the usefulness of this site.

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2019 brought with it many challenges and opportunities, here is a sample;

- Scenic Rim Council adopted a new Town Plan, which we lobbied hard to preserve the integrity of the precinct. It was a very large piece of work that means the precinct is preserved into the future
- Established Mount Tamborine *Christian*Convention (MTCC) name, the purpose of which is to enable some of our quality Bible teaching events to be held offsite
- Worked through and confirmed MTC's approach to the National Redress Scheme (NRS) which is part of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse
- Created MTCC's own SAFE program for Safe People, Places and Events. This policy goes beyond the previous Childsafe program and encapsulates specially all that MTCC does (details on our website)
- Commenced planning for an Apologetics Convention (now known as the SALT Conference)
- Provided feedback to the Federal Attorney
  General on the exposure draft of the Religious
  Discrimination Bill 2019 to protect MTC's
  interests and further drafts before legislation
  was enacted.
- Created strategic partnerships with Vision
   Christian Media and strengthened ties with
   Belgrave Heights Convention to better plan to
   share overseas speakers for events
- Refreshed, updated and created operational policies such as
  - Statement of Faith
  - Bushfire Management Plan
  - Sound & noise policy
  - Accommodation policy
- Created registration / reception area in main office and acquired a demountable 12x3m bookshop to operate year round
- Built a registration system to remove the administrative back-of-house burden for events such as Easter Convention and conventions into the future

- Stage upgrade, Chalet refurbishment, kitchen loading ramp at TLC, regular painting and other improvements across the site
- MTCC attended the CMA Conference and Board training events throughout the year
- Refreshed and renewed our marketing material creating a stronger brand to support MTCC's ministry objectives

Finally, it takes a wonderful team to keep the wheels turning at MTCC. A very big thank you to Vivien Barton, Deb Vine, Trish and Phil Montgomery and Lucy Howe for all you do. To our team of regular volunteers, Jim & Grace Vine, Bob Rogers, Peter Witten, Ken Cairns and the many others who come and help – thank you!

To the MTC Board, you are a blessing and enabling support to the role of CEO. Each of you have provided extraordinary welcoming support and guidance which I have benefited from. I'd like to especially thank Bill Vine for always being available to chat, listen to ideas and provide a comforting level of wisdom to each conversation. The best is yet to come!

Ross Dinnar Chief Executive Officer



MTCC Operations Team, L-R Jim & Grace Vine, Vivien Barton, Phil & Trish Montgomery, Ross Dinnar, Deb Vine (not pictured Lucy Howe)



# "May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope is in you."

Psalms 25:21NIV

During March 2019, I was appointed by the Board to the office of MTC Board Secretary following the resignation of Anna Roberts due to chronic illness health reasons. This appointment came back to back with my two-months' role as Interim CEO during the CEO selection process. In coming to grips with the constitutional and compliance responsibilities in an exceptionally busy and challenging year, I want to acknowledge the sound foundation established in secretarial areas and records left by Anna Roberts, upon which it has been my sacred privilege to build. I also acknowledge the support and encouragement given to me by all members of the Board including the CEO and Board Companions. Especially I give thanks to God for other members of the Executive Committee, Bill Vine and Rodney Logan and special guidance at times from Duncan Drew.

Almost every day there is something to do to keep up to the normal flow of MTC Board business managing the flow of developing agendas, minutes, Executive Committee meetings, involvement in compliance matters, core documents and the constant upkeep of the records of the Association including membership records. I also acknowledge with thanks, the assistance of the office staff in designated aspects of updating membership records as the need occurs.

MTC Membership stood at 214 at the time of writing this report (10 May 2020).

All compliance records including those specified in the Constitution such as Membership Register, Board Member Records, Board Meeting and Executive Committee Records are continuously maintained up-to-date, as are other compliance records such as the ACNC portal for MTC.



MTC Members will be aware of the great care that the Board has taken for MTC to become a foundation member of Christian Ministry Advancement (CMA) Standards Council and to maintain registration annually through a rigorous process, to date managed and coordinated by Duncan Drew. Contributors to information required for the comprehensive questionnaire are Chair, Treasurer, CEO and Secretary. A comprehensive compliance checklist has been developed for the Board Members to ensure all compliance is met for CMASC and ACNC.

In this report I wish to advise MTC Members more of why the MTC Board advances the Christian interests of the Association by ensuring transparency and high ethical and legal standards through accountability to the principles of CMASC. Christian integrity in ethical, legal, personnel and financial matters undergirds our efforts under God to honour our purposes of providing quality Bible Teaching, support of Missions and Christian Camping.



# About the Importance of MTC's Accreditation with CMA Standards Council

MTC aspires to be a Christian organisation that can be fully trusted in every aspect of its ministry by the Christian community as well as the rest of Australian society. This means that we need to function well both spiritually and organisationally. We thank God that there is a Christian organisation "Christian Ministry Advancement Ltd (incorporating Christian Management Australia), a not-for-profit organisation, that can provide other not-for-profit organisations like MTC and churches a distinctively Christian point of accountability through annual accreditation with the CMA Standards Council (CMASC). Compliance is in addition to ACNC and other legal obligations.

In practice, this means that the Christian community can be assured that MTC meets stringent standards and indicates that we are a God centred, prayerful organisation that is governed well, manages finances prudently, is diligent about its legal and civil obligations and treats staff both lovingly and professionally.

Not only does CMASC Accreditation provide assurances of trustworthiness, but opens up a door of opportunity to resources that are available through CMA such as: Governance; Fund-raising; Staff & volunteer management; Financial management; Leadership; Marketplace ministry; Mission and strategy; Legal & compliance; Risk management.

# "Is it worth it...? ...It's about TRUST"

MTC is listed among the 13 organisations (so far) that qualify on CMA's "Give Confidently" website page.

See http://cmasc-generosity.net.au/directory.php This is an important place for donors to look as part of their due-diligence, and we encourage our MTC Members to look there too to inform themselves. There are reports of enquiries to CMA about which charities may be trusted for consideration of donations. CMA's answer, "Any of those that are CMASC accredited."

There are two significant aspects to consider:

- 1. Our Association Members (MTC Members), Board, Staff and Volunteers, Attendees of Conventions and Conferences, may be confident that MTC is an organisation worthy of their TRUST.
- 2. That donors may confidently entrust their gift to an organisation that has submitted itself to professional external scrutiny as well as normal compliance required by law.

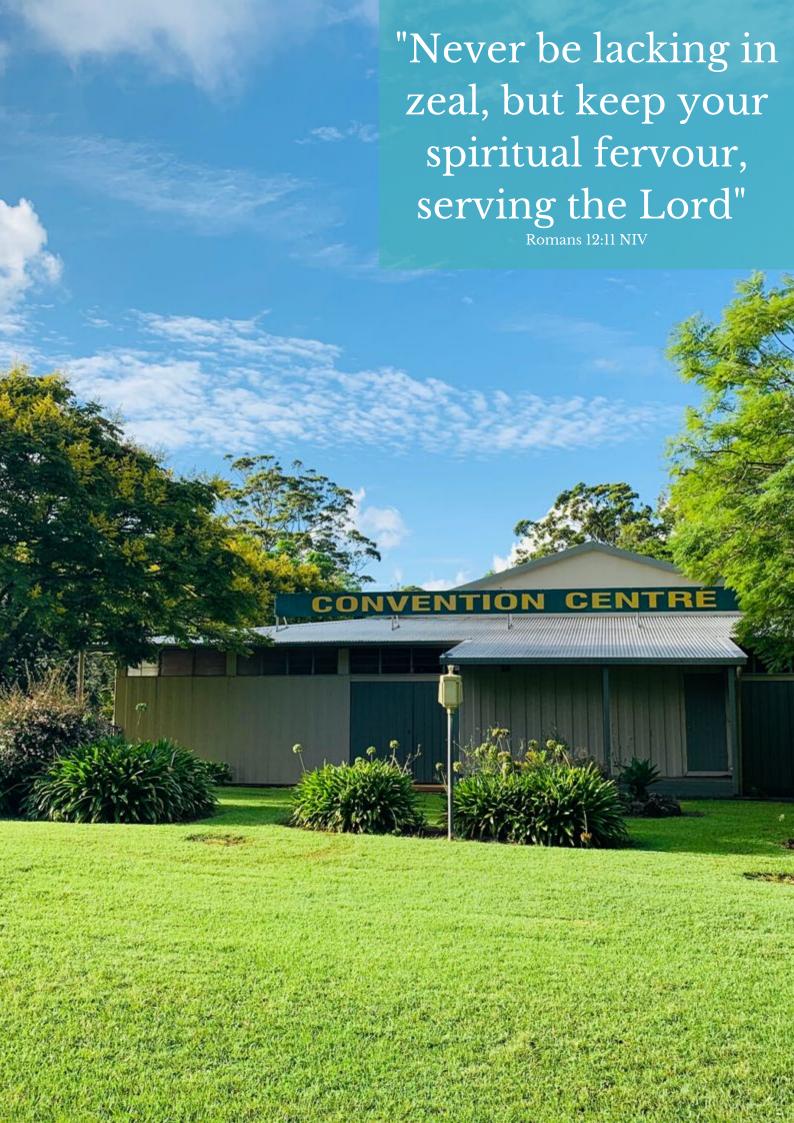
I commend this report to the Members of the Association.

John J Sheen Secretary

To learn more about CMASC Statement of Faith and nine principles of Ministry accountability, visit www.cmasc.net.au



Pictured L-R, John Sheen and Steve Kerr (Executive Director CMA Standards Council)



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William Donald Vine Chairman

Appointed: 25/06/2012

B.Ed., Grad. Cert. Human Behaviour.

Meetings Attended: 12/13

Cert. Piano Tuning and Technology



Rodney Alexander Logan Treasurer

Appointed: 18/05/2014

B.Bus., CPA.

Meetings Attended: 13/13



**Anna Victoria Roberts** 

Appointed: 18/05/2014 Resigned: 25/02/2019

Secretary

Meetings Attended: 2/3

LLB. B.Com

Rev John Jeffrey Sheen

Appointed: 27/05/2017

Secretary

Grad. Theol. (BTCO) Ordained Minister (Ret) Meetings Attended: 13/13



Ross Stephen Dinnar

Appointed: 25/02/2019 CEO (ex Officio Board)

FIPA. MIFA. JP (Qual)

Meetings Attended: 11/11



**Duncan Alexander Drew** 

Appointed: 25/06/2012

Policy Analysis & Development

Meetings Attended: 12/13

Appointed: 07/05/2016

B.Com, Dip.Fin.Man., AASA,

FCPA (Ret)



Graham John Stenton

Legal & Ethical

Meetings Attended: 12/13 LL.B.

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Suzanne Helen Nelson
Pastoral & Public Relations

Appointed: 18/05/2014
Resigned: 10/12/2019

B.A. Meetings Attended: 2/12



Dr Elizabeth Anne Cunningham Appointed: 01/06/2019 (Betsy)

Missions Meetings Attended: 6/7

BA English & Bible; MA Adult Education & TESL

PhD in International Education



Dr Allan Robert Morgan Appointed: 01/06/2019

Review & Evaluation

PhysEd 1&11 UQ, DipTeach KPTC, BEd GU, MEd PhD USQ



Kenneth George Grice

Resource Development Appointed: 06/05/2019

B.App.Sc. (App. Chem.), Grad. Dip. Quality., Grad. Dip. Bus. Admin., FAIFST.

Meetings Attended: 7/9

Meetings Attended: 5/7



**Lloyd Murrey Woodrow**Board Companion

Appointed: 27/05/2019 Concluded: 16/12/2019

Meetings Attended: 6/9



Lorraine Maude Walker

Board Companion/Assistant Secretary

B. Nurs'g, M.Nurs'g(Crit.Care), Dip.Th., JP (Qual)

Appointed: 16/12/2019

Meetings Attended: 0/1



Henk Woning
Audit & Compliance

B.Bus, Grad Dip M, M.F.M, M.Tax

Appointed: 16/12/2019

Meetings Attended: 1/1

#### REFERENCE COUNCIL

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MTC Reference Council and MTC

Board Members serve out of their

devotion to Christ and do not

expect or receive any stipend,

allowance, fee or any monetary

consideration from MTC or any

third party

#### **Brian Allbutt**

MTC Heritage Member; retired WEC Missionary

#### **Rev Mark Fairhurst**

General Secretary of Church Missionary Society Qld & Nth NSW

#### **Rev Dr Peter Francis**

Principal Malyon College

#### **Wendy Francis**

State Director of Australian Christian Lobby

#### **Rev Dr Richard Gibson**

Principal Brisbane School of Theology

#### Rev Dr Gary Millar

Principal Queensland Theological College

#### **David Pitt**

Director of Brisbane City Bible Forum; Co-Chair The Gospel Coalition Queensland

#### Gillean Smiley

CEO Langham's Partnership Australia

#### Jim & Grace Vine

MTC Heritage Members, retired OAC Ministries

#### **David Walter**

Director AFES (Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students) Qld

#### **Gary Williams**

CEO Christian Management Australia

#### **Rev Dr Bruce Winter**

Retired Principal QTC; retired warden Tyndale House Cambridge

The Foundational Object of MTC is to advance the Christian religion - to give teaching from the Bible for the deepening of the spiritual life of the believer leading to victorious living and an effective Christian witness.

Conventions or gatherings of Christians with the primary purpose to provide teaching from the Word of God for the purposes listed above.

Conduct evangelistic meetings for the teaching and conversion of non-Christians.

Promote interest and growth in the missionary enterprise

Provide accommodation for groups and individuals desiring to attend such conventions

Partner with, support, develop, extend, and assist the holding of Conventions in other places having the same or similar Statement of Faith and Objects as the Association.

While not carrying on its activities along the lines of any particular denomination, to co-operate heartily with all recognised evangelical Christian churches and Christian bodies for the deepening of the spiritual life of Christians.



#### **Easter Convention 2019**

#### Be Holy for I am Holy

God had a message for every one of the 1000 people who came to Easter Convention 2019. From the initial planning, through the change in speakers and the topics for electives, God's holiness shone through. Whilst we did have to don the gum boots and dash between showers for the first two days, the sun shone up on the mountain as we celebrated together the risen Son on Easter Sunday.

MTC's newly appointed CEO, Ross Dinnar made a very favourable impression on us all, as he and his family experienced their first Easter Convention. As always, the office staff with additional volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure we were all accommodated and well fed and knew what was on where and when. Countless volunteers all provided their own expertise in areas from grounds maintenance, through to teaching children, running house parties and making music to glorify God.

God spoke clearly through the plenary speakers: Dave Fowler, as he showed how the life of Samson, mirrored the life of Jesus and challenged how we live in the world today; and Rev Dr Richard Gibson who taught from the book of Ephesians on God's expectation of how we are to be Holy. These were complemented by our specialist Elective Speaker, Dr Patricia Weerakoon who provided entertaining, practical and Biblical teaching on sexuality. Cults, church history, mental health, diet, mission and ministry were other topics presented by our Elective Speakers and appreciated by many.

We are thankful to our sponsors and ministry partners who provide displays and information to encourage and inspire so many different types of mission and ministry.

We are thankful for those who cook, make coffee, run children's and youth programmes and most importantly pray for this significant ministry. Our mission offering for Australian Indigenous Ministries was \$6748 and we are looking forward to hearing how our brothers and sisters in Elliott have been blessed through Michael and Jorna Jones' ministry to them over the next year.

Below are just a few of the comments we received as feedback:

- I was challenged, inspired and convicted by the excellent preaching. The warmth of the Christian community upheld me and the 700+ voices singing to our great God was beautiful.
- I gained a greater and deeper understanding of the Bible; both my children learnt some memory verses; as a family, we want to read more of the Bible.
- Children's programme is fantastic
- We were greatly challenged by the teaching and encouraged to live a life of holiness in our society which so needs to know God's amazing rescue plan for our lives.
- We are all one in Christ Jesus. Living out the life of Christ is what all Christians need to embrace for a needy changing world that needs the Truth.

As we plan for future Easter Conventions, we continue to be reminded that our God is more Holy than we can imagine, yet gives us the opportunity to walk alongside Him as He guides, protects and uses us to minister to others.

Alison Donaldson for the Easter Planning Committee.

Visit www.mtcc.org.au for information on Easter Convention 2021



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#### Seniors' Get-Away

If you're over 60 and you weren't there – YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE at the 2019 MTCC Seniors' Get-Away Convention.

There were some who could not be with us because of the threatening bush-fires, and in spite of the uncertainty we had the largest number of attendees since the Get-Aways began 6 years ago, 350 including day visitors.

Again we had wonderful expository and profoundly relevant Bible teaching from Bishop Rick Lewers, and very appropriate messages on missions from Dr David Price. Both men ministered with a clear evangelical emphasis on the authority of the Scriptures, given in a sensitive, life-application way for seniors to identify with. The hymn singing sessions were greatly appreciated, as were the four electives sessions. However, we must say the very popular Saturday Night Concert was truly a night to remember.

For 2020 we've already booked the Baptist Lodge, the WEC Centre, the Presbyterian Camp Tamborine, and the TLC Centre. Of course, Panorama Homestead and our own Camp Ground – using every available lower bunk in the Keswick Road precinct. The dates for the 2020 Get-Away are November 12 - 15. Registrations open on August 1st, 2020.

The word is getting out, so if you are not yet on the MTCC Seniors' Get-Away mailing list, contact the Vines via email now: jim.v@mtcc.org.au

Jim & Grace Vine Seniors' Get-Away Coordinators

#### **Mission Matters**

2019's Mission Matters was thoughtfully structured to meet key stated purposes concerning "a place to pause, think, pray, and reflect" about "what God is doing in the world", and the question "what is God's next step for me"?

This purpose was met through a combination of challenge from speakers, physical environs conducive to conversation, and a relational approach to participants that permeated all proceedings.

Mission agencies staffed by experienced missionaries were well represented. The ratio of missionaries to conference participants, together with structured opportunities for participants to engage with people who have made cross-cultural mission their life's passion, provided ample opportunity for rich one on one conversations.

All electives were well designed and delivered and covered topics relevant to cross cultural mission. Intended purposes of the event were "to encourage, challenge and/or stimulate young adults who are already on their journey in crosscultural mission" and to "[bring] people across the line to commitment". Good attendance of a young and enthusiastic adult demographic was achieved.

Allan Morgan Mission Matters Review Team Leader



L-R Brian Allbutt (MTC Reference Council Member), Allan Morgan (MTC Board Member), Wes Redgen (Queensland Theological College), Bill Vine, Ross Dinnar



#### FOCUSING ON THE FUTURE

#### Strategic plan update

The purpose of strategic planning is to set overall goals and to develop a plan to achieve them. It involves stepping back from day-to-day operations and asking where our ministry is headed and what its priorities should be.

Strategic planning establishes a direction for our organisation to take, and helps to sharpen the focus in order to get there. Strategic planning helps MTCC develop the right goals and targets and helps everyone focus their efforts onto meeting them.

MTCC had developed a strategic plan for 2020-2022, however with emerging events and changes that have come about due to COVID, the Board has decided to revise the document again towards the end of 2020, with a view to having the 2021-2023 plan released early 2021.

This decision has not been taken lightly, but reflects the changing nature of the environment we find ourselves in.

God has changed *our* plans and we need to listen to what he is telling us.

When the Strategic Plan is available, we will let you know and it will be be available as a separate document and at www.mtcc.org.au

#### **Vision Statement**

Mt Tamborine Convention will be widely recognised as unrivalled in both location and delivery of Spiritually-enriching experiences, through:

- Seeking to present highquality evangelical bible teaching conventions and events encouraging greater engagement in ministries and missions.
- Purpose-built facilities and accommodation catering for a variety of church and community needs
- An engaging and welcoming MTC community throughout the precinct
- A focus on cross-cultural global mission
- A place of warm Christian fellowship cooperating heartily with all recognised Christian churches and organisations

#### MTCC Discovery Walks

Part of our focus to keep MTCC relevant and exciting is the introduction of a series of 'Discovery Walks' across the site. The aim of these walks is to focus on a particular subject and allow the user to experience both history and knowledge, backed up with sound theology, whilst enjoying the beauty of MTCC.

The first of these discovery walks is the 'Global Missions Discovery Walk'. The walks are available to Members, guests and our fellow Mission Agencies represented on the precinct. Contact the office for more information about how your Church or group can experience this unique feature of our wonderful site.

#### **New Conventions for 2021**

As a direct result of the Strategic Plan, two new conventions are in the planning pipeline. SALT Conference and Men at the Mountain were planned to commence 2020, however circumstances have meant they are now moved forward to 2021. Please visit www.mtcc.org.au for updates and more information.





#### FOCUSING ON THE FUTURE

#### MTCC SAFE Program

MTCC has implemented a new policy and program to protect people on our site called SAFE. It stands for:

- SAFE People
- SAFE Places
- SAFE Events

If you volunteer or help at our events, you will receive specific training to help you understand the new policy. You'll also notice new signage and the logo below which is across the site.

A safe place begins and ends with the knowledge that God's love is for all people. We are called to love all others, but God also has a special concern for the poor, the marginalised and the oppressed.

MTCC is committed to ensuring that Children and vulnerable people are safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect all Children and vulnerable people and have a zero tolerance of Child abuse.

- All Children and Vulnerable People who are involved in any MTCC activities, events or programs have the right to feel and be safe.
   MTCC is committed to providing safe environments where Children and Vulnerable People are cared for, respected, nurtured and listened to.
- Abuse thrives on secrecy. To prevent all forms of abuse across MTCC, we are committed to developing and maintaining an open and aware culture.
- MTCC clearly affirms its commitment to upholding the law. This includes the requirement to report abuse and allegation of abuse.

More information can be found at www.mtcc.org.au/safe



#### Volunteering with MTCC

Our volunteers are a valuable asset to the mission of MTCC.

Consider a volunteer role at an event – cook the BBQ, direct visitors or assist in the kitchens?

Volunteer on a regular basis – weekly, monthly or annually. Spend time in the beautiful surrounds cleaning, gardening or using your trade and skills where needed.

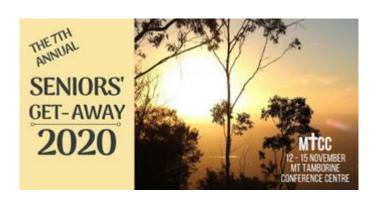
To begin the volunteer experience contact the MTCC office at bookings@mtcc.org.au or (07) 5545 1419

#### **Our Keswick Links**

From its earliest days, Christian mission has been a core ingredient in the annual Keswick Convention. It began very humbly in 1885 with a prayer meeting, but interest grew and, in 1887, the Convention held its first official missionary meeting at which Hudson Taylor of OMF was the speaker. Over the years, many hundreds of young people have responded on the world mission evenings, indicating their willingness to serve the Lord wherever He called them.

Today emphasis is now no longer exclusively on young people who want to serve in missions, but on believers of all ages and stages of their Christian lives. But our concern is that we should continue to play a significant role in promoting world mission. And our convictions about the uniqueness of Jesus Christ and his exclusive claims remain as strong as ever, as do our convictions about the centrality in mission of the proclamation of the gospel. At Keswick 2019, as God's Word was opened, we saw His heart for a lost and broken world.

It's our prayer that, by His Spirit, He will encourage, build up, and envision us. May we always head away from Keswick not just having heard His command but also knowing His power and longing to obey.





#### TREASURERS REPORT

"This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful."

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 NIV

2019 was a really good year for Mount Tamborine Convention. We were blessed as we started the year, with a large donation which helped replace the reserve funds from the TLC renovation. MTC held a number of well attended conventions and the usage of our facilities also increased. We continually thank our wonderful members and friends for their donations which are used to improve the site.

The total income for the year was \$531,907 which is well up on last year's total of \$446,603. All the Conventions held at MTC were well attended and brought in income of \$174,237. Our facility hire was \$221,757 which was higher than 2018. The drought conditions had impacted the avocado crop with the yield well down. MTC members and friends were once again generous as \$78,075 was received in donations.

Operating expenses for the year were \$491,328. Employment costs were \$232,249 which includes a full time CEO. Repairs, maintenance and annual compliance costs were slightly higher than last year at \$63,103.

This has resulted in an operating profit of \$40,579 for the year, compared to a profit of \$21,600 for 2018.

MTC has acquired \$45,857 of additional assets, which includes a bookshop, stage renovations, bore pump, mattresses for Camp Panorama and office renovations.

The bank balance as at the end of 2019 was \$56,147 compared to 2018's balance of \$19,690. It was good to increase our cash reserves.

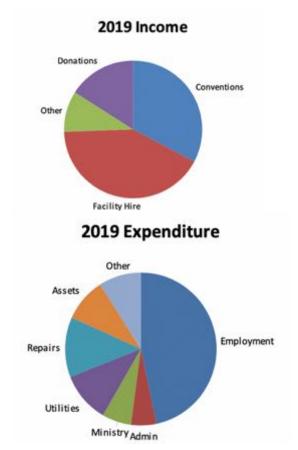


As at 31st December 2019 MTC's current assets were \$99,525 and the current liabilities were \$99,469. We also received a loan from a member to purchase the new bookshop building which is to be paid back in 2020.

Thank you to Mount Tamborine Convention members for your continued support.

We are looking forward to what God has in place for MTC this year.

Rodney Logan Treasurer



#### MOUNT TAMBORINE CONVENTION

#### **2019 FINANCIAL REPORT**



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# MOUNT TAMBORINE CONVENTION INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Note	2019	2018
		\$	\$
INCOME			
Convention		174,236.61	135,871.33
Donations		84,761.29	72,277.76
Facility Hire		221,757.27	189,425.30
Fees collected		213.50	0.00
General Property		14,915.82	16,820.79
Interest		387.90	104.74
QCCC Reimbursement		31,221.53	26,013.68
Sundry Income	_	4,413.24	6,089.24
	_	531,907.16	446,602.84
EXPENDITURE			
Advertising and Marketing		6,094.60	2,144.60
Catering Expense		14,779.38	16,896.47
Depreciation		39,882.72	36,235.97
Employment expenses		232,248.64	198,189.65
Facilities Hire		24,116.27	1,544.09
General and Administrative		26,794.02	28,770.20
Loss on Disposal of Assets		0.00	338.75
Ministry		31,037.91	33,043.06
Rates, Insurance and Services		53,272.17	44,747.64
Repairs and Maintenance	_	63,102.63	63,092.33
		491,328.34	425,002.76
Current year surplus / (deficit) before income tax		40,578.82	21,600.08
Income tax expense	200	0.00	0.00
Net current year surplus / (deficit) after income tax	200	40,578.82	21,600.08
RETAINED SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		515,530.51	493,930.43
RETAINED SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		556,109.33	515,530.51

# MOUNT TAMBORINE CONVENTION ASSETS AND LIABILITIES STATEMENT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
ASSETS		*	,
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash on hand	2	56,146.66	19,689.74
Accounts receivable and other debtors	3 _	43,377.88	38,893.12
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	_	99,524.54	58,582.86
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	4 _	2,652,053.85	2,646,078.78
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	_	2,652,053.85	2,646,078.78
TOTAL ASSETS	_	2,751,578.39	2,704,661.64
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and other payables	5a	19,468.87	24,651.39
Income in Advance	6	53,464.63	48,765.41
Employee provisions	7 _	26,535.56	10,714.33
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	_	99,469.06	84,131.13
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Long term liabilities	5b _	31,000.00	40,000.00
TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES	_	31,000.00	40,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	_	130,469.06	124,131.13
NET ASSETS	-	2,621,109.33	2,580,530.51
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Asset Revaluation Reserve		2,065,000.00	2,065,000.00
Retained surplus / (deficit)	_	556,109.33	515,530.51
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS	_	2,621,109.33	2,580,530.51

## MOUNT TAMBORINE CONVENTION NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

#### Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the entity's Constitution. The board of management has determined that the entity is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

#### a. Income Tax

This entity is exempt from income tax under the provisions of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

#### b. Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)

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 entity commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

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

#### c. 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.

#### d. Employee Provisions

Provision is made for the entity'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.

#### e. Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the entity 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.

#### f. Cash on Hand

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.

#### g. 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.

### MOUNT TAMBORINE CONVENTION NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

#### Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

#### h. Revenue and Other Income

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.

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

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the entity is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

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

#### 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 entity during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a currently liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

#### Note 2: Cash on Hand

2019	2018
1700.77	
•	\$
8,241.80	0.00
12,471.95	7,506.75
33,903.87	11,387.73
1,122.04	450.06
407.00	345.20
56,146.66	19,689.74
2019	2018
\$	\$
1,650.00	780.00
14,568.71	12,279.05
27,159.17	25,834.07
43,377.88	38,893.12
	12,471.95 33,903.87 1,122.04 407.00 56,146.66  2019 \$ 1,650.00 14,568.71 27,159.17

# MOUNT TAMBORINE CONVENTION NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

Note 4:	Property, Plant and Equipment		
		2019	2018
		\$	\$
Land (at	2014 revaluation)	2,065,000.00	2,065,000.00
		2,065,000.00	2,065,000.00
Building	s and improvements at cost	498,894.75	486,481.50
Less acc	cumulated depreciation	(165,402.57)	(149,396.41)
		333,492.18	337,085.09
Campgr	ound assets at cost	83,395.37	82,290.57
Less acc	cumulated depreciation	(23,348.81)	(21,029.81)
		60,046.56	61,260.76
Comput	er equipment at cost	50,689.31	43,812.03
Less acc	cumulated depreciation	(14,547.26)	(10,957.26)
		36,142.05	32,854.77
Drivewa	rys and works at cost	45,051.12	45,051.12
Less acc	cumulated depreciation	(10,115.00)	(9,215.00)
		34,936.12	35,836.12
Furnitur	e and fixtures at cost	82,862.66	75,097.29
Less acc	cumulated depreciation	(35,681.07)	(27,510.07)
		47,181.59	47,587.22
Machine	ery and equipment at cost	135,855.18	118,158.09
Less acc	tumulated depreciation	(60,599.83)	(51,703.27)
		75,255.35	66,454.82
		2,652,053.85	2,646,078.78
Note 5:	Accounts Payable and Other Payables		
		2019	2018
723	Current	\$	\$
a.			
	GST Collected (payable)	8,884.16	7,140.10
	GST Paid (receivable)	(6,418.61)	(3,245.95)
	PAYG payable Superannuation payable	2,696.00 4,400.28	9,026.00 4,405.22
	Trade Creditors	9,907.04	7,326.02
	20000 1000000	19,468.87	24,651.39
	Non Commet	1	
b.	Non-Current	MAGEN	5,855,000
	Loan - due Feb 2019	0.00	10,000.00
	Loan - due Feb 2019	0.00	10,000.00
	Loan - due Oct 2020	11,000.00	0.00
	Loan - due June 2023	20,000.00	20,000.00
		31,000.00	40,000.00

# MOUNT TAMBORINE CONVENTION NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

Note 6: Income in Advance

Provision for annual leave

Provision for personal leave

Provision for long service leave

#### 2019 2018 \$ \$ Accrued interest 300.00 400.00 Dessignated funds 9,069.87 7,696.50 Future service liabilities - accommodation and meal deposits 35,114.56 34,815.47 Project income not yet earned 8,980.20 5,853.44 48,765.41 53,464.63 Note 7: Employee Provisions 2019 2018 \$

8,494.23

7,729.67

10,311.66

26,535.56

2,392.33

4,219.52

4,102.48

10,714.33

# MOUNT TAMBORINE CONVENTION ANNUAL STATEMENTS GIVE TRUE AND FAIR VIEW OF FINANCIAL POSITION AND PERFORMANCE OF ENTITY

In accordance with a resolution of the board of management of Mount Tamborine Convention, the members of the board declare that the financial statements:

- present a true and fair view of the financial position of Mount Tamborine Convention as at 31 December 2019 and its
  performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial
  statements and the requirements of the entity's Constitution; and
- at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Mount Tamborine Convention will be able to pay
  its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is signed for and on behalf of the board of management by:

Name: Rodney Logar Title: Tresingles

Name:
Title: mTC Food Chris

Dated this 13th day of Moutch 2020



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# MOUNT TAMBORINE CONVENTION INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MOUNT TAMBORINE CONVENTION

We have audited the financial report of Mount Tamborine Convention, which comprises the assets and liabilities statement as at 31 December 2019, the income and expenditure statement for the year than ended, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the certification by members of the committee on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the association.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the association as at 31 December 2019 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the requirements of Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with the 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 ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110: Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (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 opinion.

#### 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 has been prepared to assist the association to meet the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### Responsibilities of the Committee for the Financial Report

The committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and for such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that 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 relating 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.

#### 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 the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with 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 of the effectiveness of the registered entity's internal control.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the committees' use of the going concern basis of accounting
  and, 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 registered entity'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 report or, 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
  registered entity 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.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express and opinion on the financial report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with committee 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.

Glen Klein CPA Director

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#### THE CHALETS

Come & Stay

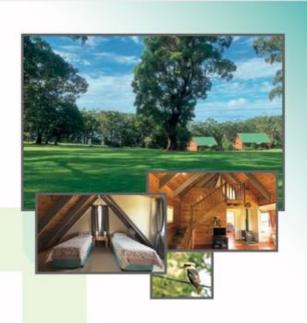
Our Chalet style accommodations sits perched above the escarpment, adjacent to the Tamborine National Park. Our self-contained units are designed for 4 guests (max 6). Perfect for a couples getaway, small group retreat or family holiday.

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3 night stay	\$445
4 night stay	\$580
5 - 7 night stay	\$850
Extra guests	\$25 pp per night

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