



ANNUAL REPORT

July 2017 to 30 June 2018

Supporting Victoria's strawberry industry



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2 August 2018

The Hon. Jaala Pulford MP
Minister for Agriculture
1 Spring St,
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Dear Minister,

Annual Report of the Victorian Strawberry Industry Development Committee

In accordance with the provisions of Part 7 of the *Financial Management Act 1994*, the Committee submits to you a report of its operations for the year ending 30 June 2018.

Yours sincerely,



Tony Molluso
Chairperson
Victorian Strawberry Industry Development Committee

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Brief history of the Victorian Strawberry Industry Development Committee

The Victorian Strawberry Industry Development Committee (VSIDC) was established in July 1992 for a period of four years by an Order of the Victorian Government under the *Agricultural Industry Development Act 1990* (Vic).

This Order was titled '*The Victorian Strawberry Industry Development Order*' (Order).

The Order was extended in 1996 for an additional four-year period until 25 July 2000.

The Order was again extended for a period of four years (which was amended by the Minister to a period of 2 years, 4 months with a revised expiry date of 30 November 2002).

The Order was extended for an additional period of four years to 30 November 2006.

In May 2006 the Victorian Strawberry Growers Association (VSGA) petitioned the Minister seeking approval for an extension of the Order for a further period of four years. This was the fourth such request to the Victorian Minister. The Minister agreed to the VSGA request and a poll of Victorian strawberry growers was conducted in July 2006. The result of the Poll was an overwhelming endorsement of the remaking of the Order and the continuation of the VSIDC.

The Order was subsequently extended by the Minister for an additional four-year period from 1 December 2006 which concluded on 30 November 2010.

The VSGA again petitioned the Minister in December 2009 to remake the *Victorian Strawberry Industry Development Order* for a further period of four years and the Minister approved a poll of growers in June 2010. The poll was conducted in late July 2010 for a further four-year term concluding 30 November 2014.

The VSGA again petitioned the Minister in February 2014 to remake the *Victorian Strawberry Industry Development Order* for a further period of three years and seven months for the period 1 December 2014 to 30 June 2018 and the Minister approved a poll of growers in June 2014.

The poll was conducted shortly thereafter and the result was another endorsement of the remaking of the Order and continuation of the VSIDC.

The Minister approved the new Order in October 2014 and the committee members were duly appointed.

In February 2018 the VSGA petitioned the Minister to continue the Order without material alterations for a further four-year period. The Minister approved the poll and growers endorsed the VSIDC for a further four-year period (July 1 2018 – June 30 2022).

Victorian Strawberry Industry Development Committee Objectives and Functions

The objectives of the VSIDC are to:

- promote the best interests of the Victorian strawberry industry;
- improve the competitiveness of the Victorian strawberry industry; and
- provide the services of the committee efficiently, effectively and economically.

The VSIDC collects levies from all Victorian commercial strawberry growers when they purchase strawberry runner plants.

The VSIDC uses these funds to:

- carry out or fund research and development into the production, pest and disease control, post-harvest handling, plant breeding and variety evaluation of strawberries and advise growers about research findings; and
- carry out or fund domestic marketing and promotion of fresh strawberries grown in Victoria.

The responsible Minister/s for the reporting period (i.e. 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018).

- The Hon Jaala Pulford MP, Minister for Agriculture, for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.

The Organisational Structure and Committee as at 30 June 2018

The VSIDC comprises six members nominated by the Victorian Strawberry Growers Association (VSGA), and one State Government appointee.

The VSGA may nominate four grower representatives and two industry representatives (non-growers) with specialist expertise appropriate to the needs of the strawberry industry.

The current VSIDC membership is appointed to 30 June 2018.

Members throughout 2017- 2018 were:

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ▪ Mr John HASAN | Chairperson and grower representative |
| ▪ Mr Sam VIOLI | Treasurer and grower representative |
| ▪ Mr Mauro DE'IULIO | Grower representative |
| ▪ Mr Dominic MOLLUSO | Grower representative |
| ▪ Mr John FRISINA | Industry representative |
| ▪ Mr Matthew WOODS | Industry representative |
| ▪ Mr Tony FAY | Victorian Government representative |

All voting members have signed a declaration of pecuniary interests.

The VSIDC held eight meetings, plus the AGM, in 2017/18.

All correspondence should be addressed to:

Ms Miffy Gilbert

Executive Officer

Victorian Strawberry Industry Development Committee

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Chairperson's Report

Introduction

I am pleased to present the Victorian Strawberry Industry Development Committee's Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2017. This is the twenty-sixth Annual Report of the VSIDC and my first as Chair.

John Hasan served the Victorian strawberry industry as Chairperson of the VSIDC for 17 years and has reluctantly decided that the time is right for new growers to have input at this level for their industry.

The Season in Review

The 2017-18 growing season was challenging with early moist heat followed by a very warm dry autumn. The weather conditions once again threatened to impact fruit size and taste – drawing out the grower's skills to deliver the amazing quality strawberries Victorian customers expect from their locally grown produce.

Plantings for 2018/2019 are expected to be around 18 million runners.

Acknowledgements

The VSIDC relies heavily on support provided by strawberry runner growers, who grow and sell strawberry runner plants and collect levies on the committee's behalf. Without this assistance we would be unable to operate as efficiently as we do.

I wish to thank:

- George Weda of Toolangi Certified Strawberry Runner Growers Cooperative Ltd, Toolangi, Victoria, and his staff;
- Shane and Kerrie Perry of S A and K L Perry Certified Strawberry Runner Growers, Toolangi, Victoria;
- Wally and Leanne Sweet of Sweets Strawberry Runners Pty Ltd, Stanthorpe, Qld; and
- Ian Mungall of Red Jewel Nurseries Pty Ltd, Ballandean, Qld.

The VSIDC also thanks Horticulture Innovation Ltd for their continued project funding support.

Finally, I express my gratitude to my fellow committee members for their dedicated and committed voluntary efforts over the past 12 months. As we move from one Order to the new one coming into effect 1 July 2018 it is a natural time of transition in the makeup of committee members. Many thanks to Matthew Woods who has served as an industry representative for four years, and who has been a positive influence on decision-making within the committee. Tony Fay, our Victorian Government representative on the VSIDC, also makes way after 9 years for a new Victorian Government representative.

After 18 years as a valued VSIDC member Sam Violi has decided to step down from the committee. I acknowledge Sam's commitment to the committee and his diligent work as our Treasurer overseeing the VSIDC's financial affairs.

Your current committee will work as hard and as diligently to continue the good work of past representatives.

Conclusion

As a result of the research and development undertaken by the VSIDC we continue to grow in knowledge and experience. I wish all growers a successful and prosperous strawberry season in 2018/2019.



Tony Molluso
Chairperson, VSIDC

Executive Officer's Report

The VSIDC conducted another highly successful year, with several useful proposals for practical research and development projects taking effect following the annual ballot. It is pleasing to be able to report that the VSIDC has been able to deliver positive outcomes in several key areas as directed by our growers.

The second year of the Temperate Strawberry Industry Development Officer (IDO) project has been successfully completed. The IDO project is funded from national strawberry levies (Horticulture Innovation Ltd) and is managed by Dr Angela Atkinson.

In addition to the IDO project, VSIDC projects included:

- **Pests & diseases: *Charcoal Rot***
A natural progression project to build on the data collection from year one and to communicate results from the initial survey on charcoal rot to Victorian strawberry growers at regional roadshows and in resources for the VSIDC website. During the course of the roadshows we also conducted a targeted survey of growers to profile management practices that may suppress charcoal rot;
- **Pests & diseases: *Charcoal Rot***
Aimed at adding another piece of knowledge to the Charcoal Rot puzzle, this project aims to generate the scientific evidence around fumigants that can be proven to be lethal to Charcoal Rot.
- **Production Technology: *Hydroponic & Protected Cropping Trial Site***
This project is still in development phase and will move into implementation phase in the next 12 months. This project aims to establish an investigative and educational trial site for Victorian growers to be able to demonstrate selected elements of hydroponics growing systems and protected cropping with a view to aid decision-making in these key areas.
- **Business Development: *'Strawberry Academy'***
A positive project designed to build capacity in the strawberry industry. A practical set of workshops designed around identified and grower-nominated needs. Early days suggest this project will carve out a niche for capacity-building as well as grower networking.
- **Targeted market development and promotion:**
The objectives of the promotions campaign are to raise the profile of Victorian strawberries, increase sales and improve grower returns. For a modest investment of \$50,000, the local strawberry industry obtains valuable coverage in print media, radio, television and social media to an estimated value in excess of \$150,000.

The VSIDC remains a dynamic and industry focused organisation that encourages industry input into new research, development, extension or promotion activities. We continue to work towards a stronger and more resilient Victorian strawberry industry.

I thank all committee members for their knowledge, guidance and ongoing support.



Miffy Gilbert
Executive Officer, Secretary and Accountable Officer

Treasurer's Report

The VSIDC has managed its income carefully for the benefit of all Victorian strawberry growers. The VSIDC started the year with cash in the bank of **\$188,118** and finished the year with a bank balance of **\$205,265**. (*Please note that all financial figures in this report are exclusive of GST*).

Income

In 2017/18, the VSIDC received total income of **\$373,957** (\$373,907 in 2016/17). This income was received from the following sources:

- Levy receipts at the rate of \$12.00 per 1,000 plants from four certified strawberry runner growers totaled \$227,034 (\$222,423 in 2016/17);
- Payment from Horticulture Innovation Limited (formerly Horticulture Australia Limited), for the industry development officer project of \$140,000 (\$140,000 in 2016/17);
- Bank interest of \$1,222 (\$1,598 in 2017/18);
- Miscellaneous income of \$5,701 (\$9,886 in 2016/17).

Expenditure

VSIDC expenditure for the financial year was **\$382,467** (\$396,396 in 2016/17).

Key items of expenditure included:

- \$135,293 for all costs associated in delivery of the temperate IDO project.
- \$91,356 (\$72,685 in 2016/17) for all costs associated with administering and managing the VSIDC, including a consultancy fee paid to the contracted Executive Officer.
- **Research and Development** projects in 2017/18 included:
 - **Pests & diseases: Charcoal Rot** – \$100,000 was invested into a continuation of the comprehensive survey of the Victorian growing region on the impact and management of charcoal rot as well as effective fumigants aimed at reducing the soil population of the disease.
 - **Business Development: 'Strawberry Academy'** – \$11,000 was invested into building capacity of industry participants via practical training and hands-on activities.
 - **Strawberry Promotions** – The Marketing and Promotions Project represents a small component of the VSIDC's overall budget - \$48,079 in the year under review (\$45,250 in 2015/16).

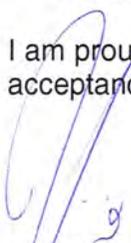
VSIDC Reserve

The *Agricultural Industry Development Act 1990* requires the VSIDC to report its reserve. The VSIDC maintains a reserve so that emerging pest or disease outbreaks can be addressed in a timely manner. At 30 June 2018, the VSIDC had a bank balance of **\$205,265** (\$188,118 at 30 June 2017). With grower approval of proposed future projects, it is the VSIDC's intention to reduce the reserve by delivering new initiatives in 2018/19.

Conclusion

The current charge for service of \$12.00 per 1,000 runner plants is very small for what is achieved. For this small investment, growers are obtaining excellent advantages over other produce items that do not have an industry-based marketing, promotional, administrative and R&D funding mechanism.

I am proud to be the current Treasurer of the VSIDC. I have no hesitation in recommending acceptance of the 2017/18 Financial Report and Statements.



John Frisina
Treasurer, VSIDC

Corporate Governance Statements

Employment and Conduct Principles

The VSIDC is committed to applying merit and equity principles when appointing staff. The selection processes ensure that applicants are assessed and evaluated fairly and equitably on the basis of the key selection criteria and other accountabilities without discrimination.

The VSIDC operates under the Code of Conduct for the Victorian Public Service which provides guidance addressing possible or perceived conflicts of interest. All employees are required to act with the utmost integrity and objectivity at all times in all dealings. Victorian Public Service guidelines for protecting merit and equity are observed.

Occupational Health and Safety

There were no OH&S incidents recorded during the reporting period.

Significant Changes in Financial Position

There were no significant changes to the financial position during the year.

Subsequent Events

There have been no quantifiable events subsequent to balance date.

Major Changes or Factors Affecting Performance

There have been no major changes or factors which have affected the achievement of the operational objectives for the year under review.

Statement of Pecuniary Interests

All members of the VSIDC have completed a statement of pecuniary interests, which is held by the accountable officer.

Freedom of Information Act 1982

Victoria's *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) gives members of the public the right to apply for access to documents held by ministers, Victorian Government departments, local councils, public hospitals, statutory authorities and most semi-government agencies.

The FOI Act allows people to apply for access to documents held by an agency. Documents include paper and electronic documents, maps, tapes and graphs. The majority of FOI requests are from individuals asking for their personal documents or requests for documents relating to the activities of government.

The FOI Act outlines general categories of information that are exempt from release. These include information relating to the personal affairs of third parties, information provided in confidence, information that if released might endanger the lives or physical safety of individuals, cabinet documents, information which would subject organisations to commercial disadvantage and internal working documents the release of which would be contrary to the public interest.

Making a freedom of information request

A request must be made in writing and accompanied by the application fee \$28.90 (as at 1 July 2018). The fee may be waived in cases where payment would cause an applicant financial hardship. Requests should be addressed to:

Ms Miffy Gilbert
Executive Officer
VSIDC
PO Box 145
Wandin North VIC 3139

An FOI request must be specific enough to allow an agency to identify documents considered relevant to a request. Where the terms of a request are not clear enough to undertake a search, assistance will be provided to applicants to help determine the type of documents sought.

No requests for access to VSIDC documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* were received by the VSIDC in 2017/18. No requests for access to VSIDC documents were received by the Manager Freedom of Information, Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources in 2017/18.

Protected Disclosure Act 2012

The *Protected Disclosure Act 2012* enables people to make disclosures about improper conduct within the public sector without fear of reprisal. It aims to ensure openness and accountability by encouraging people to make disclosures and protecting them when they do.

A protected disclosure is a complaint of corrupt or improper conduct by a public officer or a public body. The VSIDC is a public body for the purposes of the Act.

Improper or corrupt conduct involves substantial:

- mismanagement of public resources
- risk to public health or safety or the environment
- corruption.

The conduct must be criminal in nature or a matter for which an officer could be dismissed.

A person can make a protected disclosure about the VSIDC or its Committee members, officers or employees by contacting IBAC on the contact details provided below. Please note that the VSIDC is not able to receive protected disclosures.

Independent Broad-Based Anti-Corruption Commission (IBAC) Victoria

Address: Level 1, North Tower, 459 Collins Street, Melbourne Vic 3001

Website: www.ibac.vic.gov.au

Phone: 1300 735 135

Email: see the website above for the secure email disclosure process, which also provides for anonymous disclosures.

Multi-Cultural Statement

The VSIDC is committed to policies, programs and strategies aimed at delivering culturally appropriate services to all Victorians. No special initiatives were needed by the VSIDC to meet its statutory obligations and ensure that the outcomes of the VSIDC's deliberations were adequately communicated to the culturally and linguistically diverse participants in the Victorian strawberry industry.

Compliance with Building Act 1993

The VSIDC does not own or control any government buildings and consequently is exempt from notifying its compliance with the building and maintenance provisions of the *Building Act 1993*.

Disclosure of Major Contracts

The VSIDC did not award any major contracts (valued at \$10 million or more) during 2017/18.

Consultancy Expenditure

In 2017-18, there were five consultancies where the total fees payable to the consultants were \$10,000 or greater. The total expenditure incurred during 2017-18 in relation to these consultancies was \$208,916 (ex. GST).

Details of individual consultancies (valued at \$10,000 or greater) in 2017/ 2018:

- Horticolour Pty Ltd for VSIDC administration - \$55,166 as approved and expended.
- VSICA for pests and diseases research and development targeted farm survey for causes and triggers of charcoal rot in strawberries in Victorian growing region - \$40,000 as approved and expended.
- VSICA for pests & diseases research and development into lethal fumigants effective against Charcoal Rot in Victorian growing region - \$60,000 as approved and expended.
- Market Maker PR for strawberry promotions - \$42,750 as approved and expended.
- Dee Gee Consulting Pty Ltd for industry benchmarking R&D project - \$11,000 as approved and expended.

Details of individual consultancies (valued at \$9,999 or less) in 2017/ 2018:

- Genesis Horticultural Solutions – for delivery of ‘Strawberry Academy’ industry training - \$2,880 as approved and expended.
- Iguana Graphics – for website development - \$3,200 as approved and expended

Payment to Committee Members

As the Committee elected not to receive any financial payment or reimbursements, there were no payments made to committee members in the reporting period.

External Auditors

DFK Kidsons, Chartered Accountants of Level 6, 30 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria are agents for the Auditor General Victoria for the 2017/18 audit of accounts.

Victorian Competitive Neutrality Policy

Competitive neutrality seeks to enable fair competition between government and private sector businesses. Any advantages or disadvantages that government businesses may experience, simply as a result of government ownership, should be neutralised. The VSIDC continues to implement and apply this principle in its business undertakings.

Additional information

In compliance with the requirements of the Standing Directions of the Minister for Finance, details in respect of the items listed below have been retained by the VSIDC and are available (in full) on request, subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*:

- (a) details of publications produced by VSIDC about itself, and how these can be obtained;
- (b) details of any major external reviews carried out on the VSIDC;
- (c) details of major research and development activities undertaken by the VSIDC;
- (d) details of major promotional, public relations and marketing activities undertaken by the VSIDC to develop community awareness of the entity and its services; and
- (e) details of changes in prices, fees, charges, rates and levies charged.

The information is available on request from:

Miffy Gilbert
Executive Officer
VSIDC
Phone: 0421 668 007
Email: miffygilbert@gmail.com

Information that is not applicable

The following information is not relevant to the VSIDC for the reasons set out below:

A declaration of shares held by senior officers (no shares have ever been issued in the VSIDC).

Office-Based Environmental Impacts

There were no significant office-based environmental impacts during the reporting period.

Victorian Industry Participation Policy Disclosure

Victorian Industry Participation Policy (VIPP) aims to foster industry development, by encouraging Victorian government departments and public bodies to genuinely consider Victorian, Australian and New Zealand supply.

In 2017/18, no VSIDC contracts were commenced to which the VIPP applied.

Disclosure Index

An index identifying the VSIDC's compliance with statutory disclosure requirements is contained at the end of this report.

Financial Management Compliance Attestation Statement (SD 5.1.4)

We, on behalf of the Responsible Body, certify that the Victorian Strawberry Industry Development Committee has complied with the applicable Standing Directions of the Minister for Finance under the *Financial Management Act 1994* and Instructions.

We further state that, in our opinion, the information set out in the Comprehensive Operating Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, Cash Flow Statement and notes to and forming part of the financial statements, presents fairly the financial transactions during the year ended 30 June 2018 and the financial position of the Committee as at 30 June 2018.

We are not aware of any circumstance which would render any particulars included in the financial statements to be misleading or inaccurate.

We authorise the attached financial statements for issue on this day.



Tony Molluso
Chairperson

Date: 2 August 2018



John Frisina
Treasurer

Date: 2 August 2018



Miffy Gilbert
Secretary/Executive Officer and Accountable Officer

Date: 2 August 2018

Committee Meeting Attendance

Seven ordinary meetings and one extra-ordinary meeting of the VSIDC were held in 2017/18.

Committee Member	Meetings attended
John Hasan	8
Sam Violi	6
*Dominic Molluso	6
John Frisina	8
Tony Fay	8
Matthew Woods	7
Mauro De'lulio	6
Staff	
Miffy Gilbert	8
Angela Atkinson	6

* Co-opted onto committee October 2017, replacing Anna Hasan

Comparative Workforce Data

	2017/18	2016/17
Executive Officer	1	1
Industry Development Officer	1	1
Total	2	2

Employees have been correctly classified in workforce data collections.

Five Year Financial Summary

	2017-2018	2016-2017	2015/2016	2014/2015	2013/2014
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Operating Revenue	227,034	222,423	235,485	228,046	211,805
Government Contribution	140,000	140,000	119,869	142,415	137,400
Other Revenue	6,923	11,484	3,278	2,124	26,948
Total Revenue	373,957	373,907	358,632	372,585	376,153
Administration	11,624	16,018	11,084	15,084	19,141
Corporate Expenditure	79,732	85,601	43,847	60,678	58,054
Project Expenditure	291,110	294,777	214,404	272,346	339,784
Total Expenditure	382,467	396,396	269,335	348,108	416,979
Current Assets	355,120	338,140	379,751	267,651	242,205
Non-Current Assets	0	720	1,706	2,692	2,843
Total Assets	355,120	338,860	381,457	270,343	245,048
Current Liabilities	42,445	17,676	37,784	15,967	15,149
Non-Current Liabilities	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	nil
Total Liabilities	42,446	17,676	37,784	15,967	15,149
Retained Earnings at End of Year	107,401	115,910	138,399	254,376	229,899
Cash at End of Year	205,265	188,118	183,205	89,485	58,159

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(VSIDC)**

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**COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018**

	Notes	2018 \$	2017 \$
Revenue from Operations			
Levies		227,034	222,423
Grants and Contributions: Industry		140,000	140,000
Interest		1,222	1,598
Other Income		5,701	9,886
Total Revenue		<u>373,957</u>	<u>373,907</u>
Expenditure from Operations			
Administration		(11,625)	(16,018)
Audit Fees	8	(12,000)	(11,000)
Bank Fees		(92)	(73)
Committee Expenses		(661)	(857)
Depreciation	2.1	(720)	(986)
Industry Promotion		(48,079)	(45,162)
Research & Development		(243,031)	(249,615)
Secretarial Services		(66,259)	(72,685)
Total Expenditure		<u>(382,467)</u>	<u>(396,396)</u>
Net result for the year		<u>(8,510)</u>	<u>(22,489)</u>
Comprehensive result for the year		<u>(8,510)</u>	<u>(22,489)</u>

The above comprehensive operating statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

**BALANCE SHEET AS
AT 30 JUNE 2018**

	Notes	2018 \$	2017 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents		205,265	188,118
Receivables		142,411	150,022
Prepayments		7,444	-
Total Current Assets		<u>355,120</u>	<u>338,140</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Office Equipment	2	-	720
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>0</u>	<u>720</u>
Total Assets		<u>355,120</u>	<u>338,860</u>
Current Liabilities			
Payables		36,684	13,494
Employee Provisions		5,762	4,182
Total Liabilities		<u>42,446</u>	<u>17,676</u>
Net Assets		<u>312,674</u>	<u>321,184</u>
Equity			
Contributed Capital		205,274	205,274
Accumulated Surplus (Deficit)		107,400	115,910
Total Equity		<u>312,674</u>	<u>321,184</u>
Commitments	3		
Contingent Assets & Liabilities	4		

The above balance sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018**

	Notes	2018 \$	2017 \$
EQUITY			
Balance at beginning of the financial year		321,184	343,673
Net result for the year		<u>(8,510)</u>	<u>(22,489)</u>
Balance at end of the financial year		<u>312,674</u>	<u>321,184</u>
Represented by:			
Contributed Capital			
Balance at beginning of the financial year		205,274	205,274
Balance at end of the financial year		<u>205,274</u>	<u>205,274</u>
Accumulated Surplus/(Deficit)			
Balance at beginning of the financial year		115,910	138,399
Net result for the year		<u>(8,510)</u>	<u>(22,489)</u>
Balance at end of the financial year		<u>107,400</u>	<u>115,910</u>

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

**CASHFLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018**

	Notes	2018 \$	2017 \$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Receipts^(a)			
Levies		235,984	245,963
Contributions & Grant		154,000	154,000
Interest		1,222	1,598
Other		16,763	13,525
		407,969	415,086
Payments^(a)			
Operating Expenses		(390,822)	(410,173)
Net Cash (Outflow) / Inflow from Operating Activities	5	17,147	4,913
		17,147	4,913
Net (Decrease) / Increase in Cash Held		17,147	4,913
Cash at Beginning of Year		188,118	183,205
		205,265	188,118
Cash at End of Year		205,265	188,118

(a) Amounts presented are inclusive of applicable GST.

The above cash flow statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Statement of compliance

The financial report is a general purpose financial report which has been prepared on an accrual basis in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994* and applicable Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations (AASs). AASs include Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards.

The financial statements also comply with relevant Financial Reporting Directions (FRD) issued by the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF), and relevant Standing Directions (SD) authorised by the Minister for Finance.

In complying AASs, the entity has, where relevant, applied those paragraphs applicable to not-for-profit entities.

Going Concern:

The VSIDC was established by an Order of the Victorian Government under the Agricultural Industry Development Act 1990, whereby the Order may be extended on a four-year term basis, if every four years the Victorian Strawberry Growers Association (VSGA) seeks the Ministers approval and a ballot of strawberry growers is conducted.

The current and fifth new term of the Order commenced on 1 December 2014 and expires on 30 June 2018 (a period of 3 years and seven months) – so as to bring the period of the Order in line with the end of each financial year.

A ballot was undertaken in April 2018 to determine whether growers wanted the Committee to continue and sought Ministerial approval to continue the Order. The result was an endorsement of the VSIDC and the Minister signed the documentation for the continuation of the Order in June 2018 to conclude on 30 June 2022.

1 (a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for the revaluation of certain non-financial assets and financial instruments. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The accrual basis of accounting has been used with revenues and expenses being recognised as they are earned or incurred and are brought to account in the period to which they relate.

In the application of AASs, management is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstance, the results of which form the basis of making the judgments. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised and also in future periods that are affected by the revision. Judgements and assumptions made by management in the application of AASs that have significant effects on the financial statements and estimates relate to:

- the fair value of office equipment (refer to Note 1(b)); and
- assumptions for employee benefit provisions based on likely tenure of existing staff, patterns of leave claims, future salary movements and future discount rates (refer to Note 1(e)).

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1. Statement of Accounting Policies

These financial statements are presented in Australian dollars and prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention except for non-financial physical assets which, subsequent to acquisition, are measured at a revalued amount being their fair value at the date of the revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent impairment losses. Revaluations are made with sufficient regularity to ensure that the carrying amounts do not materially differ from their fair value.

Consistent with AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement, VSIDC determines the policies and procedures for both recurring fair value measurements such as plant and equipment, and financial instruments in accordance with the requirements of AASB 13 and the relevant Financial Reporting Directions.

Accounting policies are selected and applied in a manner which ensures that the resulting financial information satisfies the concepts of relevance and reliability, thereby ensuring that the substance of the underlying transactions or other events is reported.

The accounting policies set out below have been applied in preparing the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2018 and the comparative information presented for the year ended 30 June 2018.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1. Statement of Accounting Policies

(b) Assets

The Committee is not a body corporate and does not have power under its legislation to purchase, hold, or dispose of real and personal property.

The items reported as assets of the Committee are owned by the responsible State Government Department but are disclosed in these financial statements on the basis that the assets represent a significant resource controlled and utilised by the Committee.

Assets are recorded at cost on acquisition. The cost of acquisition includes the fair value of assets transferred in exchange and liabilities undertaken.

Office equipment assets are recognised initially at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Depreciated historical cost is generally a reasonable proxy for current replacement cost because of the short lives of the assets concerned.

(c) Depreciation

All office equipment have finite useful lives and are depreciated. The exceptions to this rule include items under operating leases.

Depreciation is generally calculated on a straight line basis, at rates that allocate the asset's value, less any estimated residual value, over its estimated useful life.

Depreciation rate: 20% p.a.

(d) Revenue

Levy income is recognised when the right to receive it has been established.

Grant income represents grants received from Horticulture Innovation Ltd. Revenue from non-reciprocal grants is recognised when the Committee obtains control of the funds.

Interest income is recognised as it accrues, using the effective interest method.

(e) Employee Benefits

Employee expenses include all costs related to employment including wages and salaries, fringe benefits tax, leave entitlements, termination payments and WorkCover premiums.

Wages and salaries are disclosed in the expenditure line item Research and Development. The total amount for the year was \$72,500 (2017: \$65,863).

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits annual leave and accumulating sick leave, are all recognised in the employee provisions as 'current liabilities', because the Committee does not have an unconditional right to defer settlements of these liabilities.

Depending on the expectation of the timing of settlement, liabilities for wages and salaries, and annual leave are measured at:

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1. Statement of Accounting Policies (Continued)

- undiscounted value - if the Committee expects to wholly settle within 12 months; or
- present value - if the Committee does not expect to wholly settle within 12 months.

As at reporting date, employees annual leave provision is as disclosed in the balance sheet. There are no long service leave liabilities at reporting date.

Superannuation contributions of \$6,887 (2017: \$5,800) have been made to complying superannuation funds and expensed as incurred.

(f) Receivables

Debtors are recognised at the amounts receivable as they are due for settlement at no more than 180 days from the date of recognition. Collectability of debtors is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectible are written off. A provision for doubtful debts is raised when some doubt as to collection exists.

(g) Prepayments

Prepayments include payments in advance of receipt of goods or services or that part of expenditure made in one accounting period covering a term extending beyond that period.

(h) Payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Committee prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

(i) Goods and services tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of GST except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable, in which case it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of an asset or part of an item of expense. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) is included as part of receivables or payables in the balance sheet. GST has been included in the cash flow statement.

(j) Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the cash flow statement, cash includes short-term deposits that are readily convertible to cash on hand and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, net of outstanding cheques yet to be presented by the Committee's suppliers and creditors.

(k) Taxation

The activities of the Committee are exempt from Income Tax under Section 50-25 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

(l) Leases

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense in the Comprehensive Operating Statement on a straight-line basis over the lease term. There are no finance leases.

(m) Comparatives

Where necessary the figures for the previous year have been reclassified to facilitate comparison.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1. Statement of Accounting Policies (Continued)

(n) Commitments

Commitments for future expenditure include operating and capital commitments arising from contracts. These commitments are disclosed by way of a note (refer to Note 3 *Commitments for expenditure*) at their nominal value and inclusive of the GST payable.

(o) Contingencies

Contingent assets and contingent liabilities are not recognised in the balance sheet but are disclosed by way of a note (refer to Note 4 *Contingent Assets & Liabilities*) and, if quantifiable, are measured at nominal value. Contingent assets and liabilities are presented inclusive of GST receivable or payable respectively.

(p) Rounding of amounts

Amounts in the financial report have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

(q) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

Certain new Australian accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for 30 June 2018 reporting period. As at 30 June 2018, the VSIDC has not and does not intend to adopt these standards for the 30 June reporting period.

The only new/revised standard expected to be relevant to VSIDC is as follows:

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
1. Statement of Accounting Policies (Continued)

<i>Standard/Interpretation</i>	<i>Summary</i>	<i>Applicable for annual reporting periods beginning on</i>	<i>Impact on public sector entity financial statements</i>
<i>AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers</i>	<p>The core principle of AASB 15 requires an entity to recognise revenue when the entity satisfies a performance obligation by transferring a promised good or service to a customer.</p> <p>Note that amending standard <i>AASB 2016-7 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Deferral of AASB 15 Not-for-Profit Entities</i> defers the mandatory effective date of AASB 15 for not-for – profit entities from 1 January 2018 to 1 January 2019.</p>	1 Jan 2019	Given the nature of revenue items, in the form of levies and grants, this accounting standard is determined to have no significant impact to VSIDC.
<i>AASB 16 Leases</i>	<p>The key changes introduced by AASB 16 included the recognition of most operating leases (which are currently not recognised) on the balance sheet.</p>	1 Jan 2019	The changes in recognition requirements in AASB 16 may result in changes to the timing and amount of expenses recorded in the financial statements.
<i>AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities</i>	<p>AASB 1058 standard will replace the majority of income recognition in relation to government grants and other types of contributions requirements relating to public sector not-for-profit entities, previously in AASB 1004 <i>Contributions</i>.</p> <p>The restructure of administrative arrangement will remain under AASB 1004 and will be restricted to government entities and contributions by owners in a public sector context,</p> <p>AASB 1058 establishes principles for transactions that are not within the scope of AASB 15, where the consideration to acquire an asset is significantly less than fair value to enable not-for-profit entities to further their objective</p>	1 Jan 2019	<p>Given the nature of revenue items, it is assessed that the majority of VSIDC’s revenue will be recognised under this standard, when applicable.</p> <p>The revenue recognition for operating grants will need to be analysed to establish whether the requirements under other applicable standards need to be considered for recognition of liabilities (which will have the effect of deferring the income associated with these grants). Only after that analysis would it be possible to conclude whether there are any changes to operating grants.</p> <p>There is assessed to be no significant impact on revenue recognition for levy revenue.</p>

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
2. Office Equipment		
Office Equipment	7,675	7,675
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(7,675)</u>	<u>(6,955)</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>720</u>

2.1 Reconciliation of Asset Movements

Office Equipment		
Opening Balance	720	1,706
Less: Depreciation	<u>(720)</u>	<u>(986)</u>
Closing Balance	<u>0</u>	<u>720</u>

2.2 Level 3 - Fair value determinations

Office equipment is held at fair value. When office equipment is specialised in use, such that it is rarely sold other than as part of a going concern, fair value is determined using the depreciated replacement cost method.

There were no changes in valuation techniques throughout the period to 30 June 2018.

3. Commitments

Operating Lease Commitments

Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements (inc GST):

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Payable:		
Not later than 12 months	0	26,708
Between 12 months and 5 years	<u>0</u>	<u>6,070</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>32,778</u>

4. Contingent Assets and Liabilities

At 30 June 2018, the Committee members were unaware of any liabilities of a contingent nature (Contingent liabilities at 30 June 2017 were nil).

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**5. Reconciliation of result for the year to net cash (outflow) / inflow from operating activities**

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Comprehensive result for the year	(8,510)	(22,489)
Non-Cash Movements		
Depreciation	720	986
Movements in assets & liabilities		
Increase/(decrease) in Payables	23,190	(24,290)
Increase/(decrease) in Provisions	1,580	4,182
(Increase)/decrease in Receivables	7,611	41,198
(Increase)/decrease in Prepayment	(7,444)	5,325
Net Cash (Outflow) / Inflow in Operating Activities	17,147	4,913

6. Key Management Personnel and Related Party Transactions**6.1 Responsible Persons**

In accordance with the Ministerial Directions issued by the Minister for Finance under the *Financial Management Act 1994*, the following disclosures are made regarding responsible persons for the reporting period.

Names

The names of persons who were responsible persons of the Committee at any time during the financial year are as follows:

Responsible Minister

The Hon Jaala Pulford MP, Minister for Agriculture for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

Committee Members

Mr John Hasan	- <i>Chairperson</i> (1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018)
Mr Sam Violi	(1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018)
Mr Dominic Molluso	(19 October 2017 – 30 June 2018)
Mr John Frisina	(1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018)
Mr Tony Fay	(1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018)
Mr Matthew Woods	(1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018)
Mr Mauro De'Iulio	(1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018)

Accountable Officer

Ms Miffy Gilbert (1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018)

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**Remuneration of Responsible Persons**

Remuneration received or receivable by the Accountable Officer in connection with the management of the VSIDC during the reporting period was in the range: \$60,000 - \$69,000 (\$70,000 - \$79,999 in 2016-17).

Remuneration band:	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
\$0 – 9999	7	7
\$60,000-\$69,999	1	-
\$70,000-\$79,999	-	1
Total number of responsible persons	8	8
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Total remuneration received or due and receivable By Responsible Persons for the financial year	\$66,259	\$72,685

The remuneration detailed above excludes the salaries and benefits the Portfolio Minister receives. The Ministers' remuneration and allowances is set by the *Parliamentary Salaries and Superannuation Act 1968* and is reported within the Department of Parliamentary Services Financial Report.

6.2 Remuneration of Executives

There were no other executive officers or contractors with key management responsibilities in the 2017-18 financial year (2017: nil).

6.3 Related Parties

The Committee is a wholly owned and controlled entity of the State of Victoria.

Related parties of the Committee include:

- All key management personnel and their close family members and personal business interests (controlled entities, joint ventures and entities they have a significant influence over);
- All cabinet members and their close family members;
- All departments and public-sector entities that are controlled and consolidated in the whole of state consolidated financial statements.

All related party transactions have been entered into on an arm's length basis.

Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel of the Committee include all Responsible persons as listed in Note 6.1.

The compensation detailed below excludes the salaries and benefits the Portfolio Minister receives. The Ministers' remuneration and allowances is set by the *Parliamentary Salaries and Superannuation Act 1968* and is reported within the Department of Parliamentary Services Financial Report.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**Compensation of KMPs**

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Short term employee benefits	66,259	72,685
Total	<u>66,259</u>	<u>72,685</u>

Transactions with government related entities

The Committee has not received any funding from any government related entity.

Transactions with key management personnel and other related parties

The following transactions with key management personnel and other related parties are noted:

- John Hasan Family Trust, (John Hasan being the outgoing Chairperson of the VSIDC) received \$29,798 (2017: \$21,070), as rent paid by the VSIDC for property rented at 6A Union Road, Wandin and classed as the Victorian Strawberry Centre. This office complex consists of offices, Boardroom, kitchen and other facilities made available for the use of the Victorian strawberry industry and its staff.
- Sam Violi (Director, Goldenvale Strawberries) received \$2,919 for strawberries as part of the PR project.

7. Events Subsequent to Balance Date

There are no subsequent events of which the Committee is aware that would affect the information provided within the financial report.

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
8. Audit Fees		
VAGO for Audit of Financial Statements:	<u>12,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>

9. Financial Instruments**(a) Significant accounting policies**

Details of the significant accounting policies and methods adopted, including the criteria for recognition, the basis of measurement, and the basis on which income and expenses are recognised, with respect to each class of financial asset, financial liability are disclosed in Note 1 to the financial statements.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**(b) Categorisation of financial instruments**

Financial assets	Category	Carrying amount 2018	Carrying amount 2017
Cash and cash equivalents	Receivables and cash	205,265	188,118
Receivables (non-Statutory)	Receivables and cash	142,411	150,022
Financial liabilities			
Payables (non-Statutory)	Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	27,977	13,494

(c) Credit risk

Credit risk represents the loss that would be recognised if counterparties failed to perform as contracted. The Committee's maximum exposure to credit risk at balance date in relation to each class of recognised financial asset is represented by the carrying amount of those assets as indicated in the balance sheet.

Currently the Committee does not hold any collateral as security nor credit enhancements relating to any of its financial assets.

As at the reporting date, there is no indication that the financial assets have been impaired.

There are no financial assets that have had their terms renegotiated so as to prevent them from being past due or impaired, and they are stated at the carrying amounts as indicated.

(d) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises when the Committee is unable to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Committee operates under the policy of settling financial obligations within 30 days and in the event of a dispute, makes payments within 30 days from the date of resolution. It also continuously manages risk through monitoring future cash flows and maturities planning to ensure adequate holding of high quality liquid assets and dealing in highly liquid markets.

The Committee's exposure to liquidity risk is deemed insignificant based on prior periods' data and current assessment of risk. Maximum exposure to liquidity risk is the carrying amounts of financial liabilities.

(e) Market risk

The Committee's exposure to market risk is primarily through interest rate risk with currently no exposure to other price risk or foreign currency risk.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
(f) Interest rate risk

Exposure to interest rate risk might arise primarily through the Committee's cash & deposits. Minimisation of risk is achieved by mainly undertaking fixed rate or non-interest bearing financial instruments.

The Committee's exposure to interest rate risk is set out in the tables below.

	<i>Weighted average</i>		<i>Interest Rate Exposure</i>		
	<i>Effective interest rate %</i>	<i>Carrying amount</i>	<i>Fixed interest rate</i>	<i>Variable interest rate</i>	<i>Non-interest bearing</i>
2018					
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.6	205,265		205,265	
Receivables		142,411			142,411
		347,676		205,265	
2017					
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.6	188,118		188,118	
Receivables		150,022			150,022
		338,140		188,118	150,022

	<i>Weighted average</i>		<i>Interest Rate Exposure</i>		
	<i>Effective interest rate %</i>	<i>Carrying amount</i>	<i>Fixed interest rate</i>	<i>Variable interest rate</i>	<i>Non-interest bearing</i>
2018					
Payables		27,977			27,977
2017					
Payables		13,494			13,494

(g) Sensitivity disclosure analysis

Taking into account past performance, future expectations, economic forecasts, and management's knowledge and experience of the financial markets, the Committee has assessed that movements in interest rates over the next 12 months will have insignificant impacts on net operating result and equity.

(h) Fair value

The Committee currently holds a range of financial instruments that are recorded in the financial statements where the carrying amounts approximate to fair value, due to their short-term nature or with the expectation that they will be paid in full by the end of the 2017-18 reporting period.

These financial instruments include:

<i>Financial assets</i>	<i>Financial liabilities</i>
Cash and cash equivalents	Payables
Receivables	

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Committee Members of the Victorian Strawberry Industry Development Committee

Opinion	<p>I have audited the financial report of the Victorian Strawberry Industry Development Committee (the committee) which comprises the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • balance sheet as at 30 June 2018 • comprehensive operating statement for the year then ended • statement of changes in equity for the year then ended • cash flow statement for the year then ended • notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies • financial management compliance attestation statement. <p>In my opinion the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the committee as at 30 June 2018 and their financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of Part 7 of the <i>Financial Management Act 1994</i> and applicable Australian Accounting Standards.</p>
Basis for Opinion	<p>I have conducted my audit in accordance with the <i>Audit Act 1994</i> which incorporates the Australian Auditing Standards. I further describe my responsibilities under that Act and those standards in the <i>Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report</i> section of my report.</p> <p>My independence is established by the <i>Constitution Act 1975</i>. My staff and I are independent of the committee in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 <i>Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants</i> (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Victoria. My staff and I have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.</p> <p>I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.</p>
Committee Members' responsibilities for the financial report	<p>The Committee Members are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the <i>Financial Management Act 1994</i>, and for such internal control as the Committee Members determine 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.</p> <p>In preparing the financial report, the Committee Members are responsible for assessing the committee's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless it is inappropriate to do so.</p>

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

As required by the *Audit Act 1994*, my responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on the audit. My objectives for the audit 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 my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I 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 my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the committee's internal control
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Committee Members
- conclude on the appropriateness of the Committee Members' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the committee's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the committee 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.

I communicate with the Committee Members regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

MELBOURNE
3 August 2018



Simone Bohan
as delegate for the Auditor-General of Victoria

Financial Management Compliance Attestation Statement

We, on behalf of the Responsible Body, certify that the Victorian Strawberry Industry Development Committee has complied with the applicable Standing Directions of the Minister for Finance under the *Financial Management Act 1994* and Instructions.

We further state that, in our opinion, the information set out in the Comprehensive Operating Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, Cash Flow Statement and notes to and forming part of the financial statements, presents fairly the financial transactions during the year ended 30 June 2018 and the financial position of the Committee as at 30 June 2018.

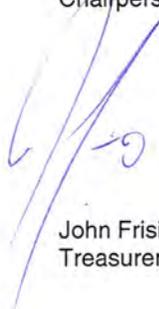
We are not aware of any circumstance which would render any particulars included in the financial statements to be misleading or inaccurate.

We authorise the attached financial statements for issue on this day.



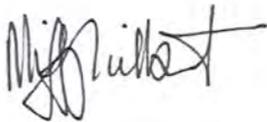
Tony Molluso
Chairperson

Date: 2 August 2018



John Frisina
Treasurer

Date: 2 August 2018



Miffy Gilbert
Secretary/Executive Officer and Accountable Officer

Date: 2 August 2018

Risk Management Attestation

I, Miffy Gilbert, certify that the VSIDC has complied with Ministerial Standing Direction 3.7.1 – Risk Management Framework and Processes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Miffy Gilbert', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Miffy Gilbert
Secretary / Executive Officer, and Accountable Officer

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The annual report of the Victorian Strawberry Industry Development Committee is prepared in accordance with all relevant Victorian legislations and pronouncements. This index has been prepared to facilitate identification of the Department's compliance with statutory disclosure requirements.

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Glossary

EO	Executive Officer
FMA	<i>Financial Management Act 1994</i>
HIAL	Horticulture Innovation Australia Ltd
HAL	Horticulture Australia Ltd
IDO	Industry Development Officer
IPM	Integrated Pest Management
OH&S	Occupational Health and Safety
Order	Victorian Strawberry Industry Development Order
QLD	Queensland
R&D	Research and Development
SAI	Strawberries Australia Inc.
VIC	Victoria
VIPP	Victorian Industry Participation Policy
VSGA	Victorian Strawberry Growers Association
VSIDC	Victorian Strawberry Industry Development Committee
